

Draft Nelson Plan – Frequently asked questions

Open space and recreation zones

What are the main changes proposed for the Open space and recreation zone from the Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP)?

In the NRMP - the Open space and recreation zone is a single zone, with a variety of different activities being provided for in various ways, including by reference to Reserve Management Plans. The Draft Nelson Plan proposes to divide the current zone into three zones:

- a Natural open space zone,
- an Open space zone, and
- a Sports and active recreation zone.

This allows each zone to be more specific about which activities are provided for in each zone.

The Draft Plan proposes that these three zones would be further divided into precincts which would provide for the variety of purposes and values that are located within each zone. These are:

- The Natural Open space zone:
 - Hillside reserves precinct;
 - Foreshore and esplanade precinct; and
 - Conservation precinct (the Conservation zone under the NRMP);
- The Open space zone:
 - Public gardens precinct;
 - Neighbourhood parks precinct;
 - City parks precinct; and
 - Cemetery Precinct;
- The Sports and active recreation zone:
 - Sports ground precinct;
 - Camping ground precinct; and
 - Wakefield Quay precinct.

Reserve Management Plans are still relevant and are taken into consideration when assessing resource consent applications.

What is the reason for the proposed changes?

The feedback that we have received to date on the NRMP is that it is sometimes difficult to understand which activities are permitted and which would need consent, especially concerning the reference to Reserve Management Plans.

The Draft Nelson Plan also meets the requirements of the National Planning Standards, which are standardising planning documents across the country, and allows for better alignment with the parks management categories used by the Council's Parks Team.

What sort of activities would the zones provide for?

The exact list depends on each precinct of each zone, but generally speaking, the following activities would be provided for:

- Recreation activities;
- Food and coffee carts;
- Some other limited commercial activities (depending on the precinct);
- Buildings up to a certain size (depending on the precinct);
- Community activities (like advocacy groups, community gardens etc);
- Park management activities;
- Public art.

Note that although these activities would be permitted under the Draft Nelson Plan, a concession may still be needed from Nelson City Council (Parks Team) as the landowner.

What about events in Nelson's parks?

Temporary events like markets, concerts and community events are provided for in the Temporary activities chapter of the Draft Nelson Plan. Those provisions also provide for a certain number of events on the major parks, including the upper noise limits and the hours that they can operate within. Refer to the Key information sheet and FAQ on Temporary activities for further information.

Links to the Draft Nelson Plan

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