

**GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BYLAW**

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## **SECTION 14**

### **PARKS AND RESERVES**

#### **14.1 SCOPE**

This section covers the provision of parks and reserves within subdivisions.

#### **14.2 OBJECTIVE**

The practices specified or advised in this section are intended to provide parks and reserves that meet the needs of people and communities, in particular by providing safe playing and recreational areas

#### **14.3 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

Where a developed or partially developed park is provided by a Developer, the park shall be in conformity with this Bylaw and associated Standard Drawings and shall:

- (a) Comply with NZS 5828 Playground Equipment and Surfacing and the relevant legislation applicable to that specific category of park or reserve.
- (b) Complement the strategy for parks development in the area and physically link to the greater network if applicable.
- (c) Have a layout and contain structures that emphasise user enjoyment and safety.
- (d) Include at least one street frontage of more than 10 metres and preferably at least 20 metres.
- (e) Contain good sightlines for users, particularly children, with no re-entrant corners.
- (f) Be easily maintained.

Dispensation may only be permitted subject to approval of Council (see Section 15).

#### **14.4 LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS**

Landscape plantings shall be to Council's approval and shall:

- (a) Be of an appropriate height and species for the location.
- (b) Prevent unwanted shading.
- (c) Avoid blockages to stormwater and/or other drainage systems through root growth and leaf fall.
- (d) Avoid interference with both underground and overhead power supplies and telephone lines.
- (e) Maintain clear sightlines of at least 10 metres and "escape routes" to open areas especially in isolated locations or in areas of low visitor use.

- (f) Maintain a clear sightline from the last junction in the path in the case of dead end pathways.
- (g) As a general rule avoid the selection of trees (as distinct from shrubs) with a dense growth form down to ground level.
- (h) Avoid any increased maintenance costs or damage to equipment resulting from species such as flax or cabbage trees in grassed areas that require regular mowing because of the fibrous nature of their leaves which when caught up in machinery cause damage.

#### **14.5 GRASS**

Grassed areas shall be of a shape and contour suitable for easy mowing. New grassed areas shall be sown with seed mixes which produce hardwearing, low maintenance turfs. Unless agreed otherwise the seed mix shall be:

- 70% Turf ryegrass.
- 25% Fine fescue.
- 5% New Zealand browntop.

Sowing rate shall be at least 30 gm/m<sup>2</sup> fertilised with Nitrophoska 12:10:10 or equivalent at a rate of 20 gm/ m<sup>2</sup>.

#### **14.6 WALKWAYS**

Walkways through reserves shall be constructed to the same standard as set out for street footpaths.

#### **14.7 CYCLEWAYS**

Cycleways shall have a minimum width of 1.4 metres and joint walkways/cycleways shall be a minimum width of 2.5 metres.

#### **14.8 LIGHTING**

Lighting for walkways shall be bollard type with louver covers to limit glare at eye level.

The illumination level shall be sufficient to enable safe navigation of walkways with bollards placed at changes in walkway direction and at no more than 70 metre centres on straight sections.

#### **14.9 UTILITIES**

No overhead utility services, for example, power or telephone lines, shall pass through or over parks or reserves held under the Reserves Act 1977.

Underground services may be installed within parks and reserves, including pumping stations associated with sewerage lines, provided that such services do not preclude the planting of trees or detract from the purpose of the reserve.

#### **14.10 SIGNAGE**

Parks and reserves shall contain relevant signage identifying the name of the park or reserve.

Where playgrounds are provided then signage "No Dogs" signage shall be installed.

Directional signage associated with walkways and any facilities on the park or reserve shall be erected.

Any signage shall be approved by Council prior to its erection.

Unless otherwise provided for by a reserve management plan or resource consent no signage of a commercial or advertising nature shall be erected in any park or reserve.