

Esplanade Reserve

The location of the Kaikōura Esplanade Pool site was included in the New Zealand Gazette January 1992, page 36 and listed as – 4249 square meters, more or less, Section 468, Town of Kaikoura reserve for recreation purposes by all Gazette Notice 48425, S.O. Plan 4665 in January 1982, and furthermore, designated as D13 in the old district plan, although now referred to as KDC-5 under the rehoused district plan.



The site is zoned as General Rural, however, is located, as the site name suggests, along the Esplanade area, in front of the Medium-density Residential Zone.

Council records show a letter from 1976 stating: *The swimming pool on the Esplanade has been in use now for six years. Paid for and constructed by the Lions Club, the complex utilized existing bathing shed and toilets formerly used by sea bathers. The filtration plan of modern design has proved efficient over the years.*

In 2016, the pool was damaged by the Kaikōura Earthquake and not repaired. The site is identified previously as a contaminated site due to previous storage of chemicals for the former pools. The site is also home to what is known as Gooches beach playground which is very well used by locals and visitors alike.