South Bay Domain

The South Bay Domain is a significant reserve within the Kaikōura Township, hosting a number of events throughout the year, including the A&P Show and Marlborough Anniversary Horse Races. The South Bay Domain covers an extensive area from South Bay Parade and up the hill to the current public swimming pool, the whole area covering approximately 24.15 hectares.

There are a number of stakeholders involved in the reserve including the Trotting Club, Kaikōura Cricket Club and Little Oaks Preschool.

The slope on the northern portion of the site was covered in Pine Forest/vegetation which was harvested in 2023 and has not been revegetated since. The north-eastern part of the reserve is the current public swimming pool and associated carpark.



Council property maps showing the extent of the subject reserve

The reserve is made up of two (2) parcels, one of which is the southern boundary along South Bay Pde. This parcel is described as Section 30 Block X Mt Fyffe Survey District, being approximately 8417m², and was notified in the New Zealand Gazette for recreation purposes in 1951 page 323 and confirmed in 1982 page 36 S.O. Plan 4027. The other parcel was initially placed under gazette notice in 1936 as there were a number of sections that were bound as Part Section 9 Block X Mt Fyffe Survey District.

The inner grassed area of the racecourse is identified as a HAIL (Hazardous Activities and Industries List) due to the historic persistent pesticide bulk storage or use.

Due to the size of the reserve, there are a number of different uses associated with the area already. A Reserve Management Plan will assist Council in the current and potential future uses of the site, and Council is interested in hearing what you would like to see more of, less of or continue.