



APPLICATION FOR RECREATION USE OF RESERVE LAND

Applicant

Name of Club, Community Group or Organisation making the application:

Transition Valley 473 <http://www.transitiontowns.org.nz/dunedinnorth>

Legal Status -

- Company
 Trust
 Incorporated Society

Number n/a community group

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Proposed Site

Name of Reserve:**Chingford Park**

- Attach a plan or an aerial photograph showing location.
- What is the status of the land (e.g. recreation reserve, local purpose reserve, etc)

n/a

Applicant Details

Include:

- a description of the club or organisation
- relevant information relating to your ability to carry out the proposed activity
- a copy of your constitution or rules
- number of members
- the criteria for club membership
 - Who can join your club?
 - Who will be able to use the land/facilities that the club leases?

Transition Valley 473 are a group of residents from the North East Valley, Mt Mera, Opoho, Dalmore and Pine Hill area, who regularly get together to help our local community on our transition journey - preparing for the climate, energy and economic changes that are coming.

Over the last five years, we have held regular meetings and events in our area that focus on skill-sharing; improving self-sufficiency; reducing use of fossil fuels; and getting to know both our natural environment and our neighbours. For example, volunteers in our community get together to plant and care for fruit and nut trees in our growing community orchard plots, on public land in NEV and Pine Hill, to improve local food resilience. We ‘recruit’ experienced mentors to share their skills at pruning, seed saving, fruit tree grafting, vegetable growing, and bicycle repair workshops. Members of our ‘Energy’ sub-group advocate for and help people improve the efficiency of their energy use and make their homes warmer and healthier to live in. Members of our ‘Biodiversity group’ are focused on the biodiversity aspects of our community - from the waterway health of Lindsay Creek to the surrounding hills. They explore what is here in our community and how healthy it is; and develop ways that we as a community can protect our local biodiversity as well as benefit from it.

All of our initiatives, and working with other groups with similar priorities, help to strengthen cohesion in our neighbourhood in ways that are also socially and environmentally responsible. We also take time to provide feedback and suggestions to the DCC on their strategies by writing submissions and attending fora. There are about 200 people on our email list.

Description of the proposed activity and/or agreement being sought

- Provide a description of the proposed activity.
- Include reasons why the activity needs to be located on reserve land.
- How many people will benefit from the activity?
- Will new buildings or infrastructure be required?
- How will the site be managed?
- How is carparking to be managed?
- What are the proposed operating hours for the club’s activities?
- Does the activity fit with the status of the reserve, and the Reserve Management Plan (where appropriate).

Transition Valley 473 (TV473) propose that:

- 1. The DCC and members of TV473 work together to plant 5 fruit trees – a quince, 2 pears, an apple and a***

plum tree in the flat raised grassy area between the children's fort/playground and the old swimming pool at Chingford Park (area 4). This is an amendment to the planting proposal approved by the DCC on 6 November, 2014. This proposal involves planting fruit trees rather than hazelnuts and a plum, in the same area.

2. The pears, apples and quince would be moved from the area across the creek from the soccer field (area 1), previously planted by TV473, which is damp and shady. TV473 planted these trees in 2010; it was not an ideal site, but this was the public land offered to us at this time. We believe the trees will do much better in the new site (area 4); they are still relatively small and should be able to be moved without too much difficulty.
3. The trees are planted to leave a clear pathway on the west side of the pool, behind the houses, for foot traffic and the mower.
4. The trees are mulched as a group to facilitate mowing and reduce accidental damage to trees.
5. Nitrogen fixing shrubs such as kaka beak and dragon kowhai are planted among the fruit trees. The DCC provides these shrubs from their normal budget for amenity plantings.
6. TV473 may do further underplanting of companion plants in the mulched area in the future.
7. Area 2 is also mulched in a strip to make it easier for the mower.
8. Nitrogen fixing shrubs (2-3) such as kaka beak and dragon kowhai are also planted among the fruit trees in area 2. The DCC provides these shrubs from their normal budget for amenity plantings.
9. The DCC provides mulch for these plantings and stakes if required.
10. The DCC consider planting other fruit and nut trees when doing routine planting at Chingford and other public land, for example, a walnut at Chingford;
11. TV473 members continue to prune the community orchard trees for fruiting, and help with the ongoing care of the trees.

These trees would complement other edible plantings made by Transition Valley 473 since 2010, in Chingford Park and other public land in NEV and Pine Hill, in consultation with the DCC and the local community. TV473 have taken responsibility for purchasing, planting, mulching and pruning fruit and nut trees on public land as part of our efforts to improve local food resilience, share skills and strengthen community. In this proposal, TV473 ask that the DCC purchase the shrubs out of the DCC's amenity tree budget as 'business as usual' and, if possible, the plum tree. However, this proposal mainly involves shifting fruit trees previously purchased by TV473, so the cost should not be significant. TV473 will provide volunteers to help plant.



Consideration of Alternative Sites

- Provide a description of alternative sites that have been investigated and why these options cannot be used.
- Has sharing an existing facility with another group been investigated?
- Is the activity provided for at other locations in the city?

n/a

Environmental Impact Assessment

- Identify the positive and negative impacts the activity will have on the natural environment of the surrounding park/open space.

The trees proposed are deciduous and will be smaller than existing amenity tree plantings in the area so will not increase shading. TV473 members will prune and shape the trees to keep them small (under 3m) so it is easy to harvest fruit. There are adjacent open areas for picnicking and playing. In our view, it should be as straight forward for the DCC/TV473 to plant these trees as any other 'amenity' trees in the Park.

Neighbours and Consultation

- Provide an assessment of what positive and negative impacts the activity will have on neighbouring properties.
- Provide a description and results of any public consultation undertaken.

Consultation: We have consulted with our local community about previous plantings at Chingford Park, using our local newsletter, the Valley Voice; The Star; flyer drops and door knocking; and there has been strong support for planting edible crops on public land for the community's use.

We are happy to do further consultation about the specific proposal, particularly with residents from the nearest houses. However, we do not want to over-complicate or draw out the approval process unnecessarily. We do not see these plantings as in any way exceptional; they will not impinge on other uses in the area of the playground or concrete pad from the old swimming pool.

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Financial Information

- Provide proof that you are able to meet the financial obligations of a lease, including:
 - A current financial statement
 - A current membership list

n/a

Other Requirements

Are any consents required under the Resource Management Act or Building Act?

- Yes
- No

NOTE: Separate applications are required for Resource or Building Consents. (for further information, ring 4774000 or visit www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/planning/need)

Declaration

I certify that the information provided on this application form and attached additional information is to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

I agree to pay all the cost relating to the processing this application whether it is granted or not. **N/a**

Applicant

Signature:

Kristen Bracey.....

Date:1/6/15

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Witness

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