

WILLIAMS PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

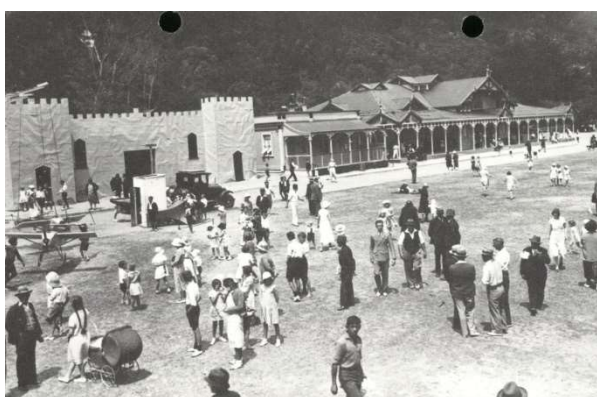
INFORMATION SHEET



WILLIAMS PARK

Williams Park is a regional destination with amenities catering to all age groups and for many leisure activities. On a fine day Williams Park can attract hundreds of visitors from the Wellington region all coming to enjoy the open space, closeness to nature, and Days Bay beach. Originally developed as a regional destination and commercial venture by Mr. J. H. Williams, Williams Park continues to provide important recreation opportunities and open space.

A report on Wellington Scenic Reserves- Day's Bay by E. Phillips Turner published in the Department of Land and Survey: Scenery-Preservation 1 June, 1914 notes that Williams Park was purchased by Mr. J. H. Williams approximately 25 years prior to the 1914 report. Mr. Turner highlighted the natural beauty of the reserve and its pristine flora noting that there was not another city in New Zealand with "a reserve like Day's Bay Bush- a specimen of the forest almost the same as it was a thousand years ago." Williams Park's namesake is Mrs. W. R. Williams, mother of Mr. Williams, who made a generous donation to protect the park from becoming a residential subdivision in 1914.



WHAT IS A RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN?

A management plan, at its core, is a set of policies, rules, and regulations that identifies the type of activities that can take place on the park. It can also establish a framework for proposed development. Management plans are required and regulated under the Reserves Act 1977.

Currently, Williams Park is managed under the Sportsground Reserves Management Plan which is a part of the 'omnibus' of management plans that sets a policy framework for how Hutt City Council manages all types of reserves. The Sportsground Reserves Management Plan applies to all sportsgrounds without an individual management plan. Because Williams Park has multiple uses beyond sporting, council officers proposed the idea that it receives its own management plan, which has been accepted by the Eastbourne Community Board and Council.



For questions, concerns, thoughts & ideas please contact-

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