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Mangakino Central Disc (Frisbee) Golf Proposal

We plan to open initially a 9 basket Disc (Frisbee) Golf within the community of Mangakino.

Who plays Disc Golf? Disc Golf can be played from school age through to old age, making it one of the greatest lifetime fitness sports available. Able and disabled can participate giving them the opportunity to take part in a mainstream activity. Because Disc Golf is so easy to learn, no one is excluded, players merely match their pace to their capabilities.

Why play Disc Golf? Disc Golf provides upper and lower body conditioning, aerobic exercise, and promotes a combination of physical and mental abilities that allow very little risk of physical injury. Concentration skills increase by mastering shots and negotiating obstacles. Players of limited fitness levels can start slowly and gradually increase their level of play as fitness improves. Scheduling is also flexible, a round takes 1 – 2 hours and may be played alone, eliminating the difficulty of scheduling tee times. As in traditional golf, Disc Golfers find themselves hooked; increasing the likelihood of frequent participation. Disc Golf offers year round fitness as it can be played in all weathers. Particularly relevant to Mangakino's low socioeconomic geographic, Disc Golf is free to play, as it can be played with any Frisbee available, although you can purchase professional quality discs as you improve.

We are fortunate to have a number of locations perfect for Disc Golf in Mangakino, all of which are currently maintained by the Taupo District Council and won't interfere with their current maintenance schedule. The only landscape alterations would be 1 rule board (example photo attached), and then 9 ground level starting plates, 9 information posts and 9 pole mounted basket's (photo attached) 1 of each per hole. We will detail below the options available and we have attached pictures to identify the locations:

Option 1 – Lake Front (between Golf Course and Lake, excluding Dog Island), this option is ideal as it offers a great variety of nature obstacles, with the potential of being fully wheelchair accessible.

Option 2 – Between Bowling Club and Golf Course (excluding grass reserve adjacent to Moana Crescent) and reserve area surrounding the water treatment plant, this option allows some wheelchair access, and has a higher natural obstacle skill level.

Option 3 – Between Bowling Club and Golf Course, including the grass reserve adjacent to Moana Crescent, this option has limited wheelchair access, but is feasible for a small 9 basket course.

Mangakino Central would take responsibility for up keeping the equipment, signage and the weed control at the base of all associated poles as required.

In the long term we envisage being able to utilise both area options 1 & 2 to increase the round size to 18 baskets enabling Mangakino to have the option of holding tournaments, subsequently increasing tourism.

Following some community consultation we anticipate the course will be used regularly by the following; 50+ Club, Mangakino Central Young Guns, Mangakino Area School, community members, holiday makers and in addition tourists traveling especially to utilise the course.