

QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL**FOR MEETING OF 31 OCTOBER 2008****REPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM: 2****SUBMITTED BY: Chief Executive, Duncan Field****REPORT DATED: 13 October 2008****CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT****PURPOSE**

To update Councillors and the public with a short précis of projects and matters of interest which do not warrant a full agenda report.

IESANZ Awards

The recent lighting installation on the Wanaka Waterfront features the QLDC designed timber poles and new "full-cut off" lantern specifically designed by We-ef in conjunction with QLDC for use in our town centres. The lanterns match our earlier style of pendant lanterns, but have significantly improved energy efficiency, glare control and they protect the night sky from unwanted light spill. At the recent New Zealand and Australian Lighting Society awards held in Queenstown, Paul Wilson and Andy Wray (Modus Lighting) were awarded a highly commended for best luminaire design and the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand Dark Sky Lighting Design Award of Excellence for the Wanaka Playground installation.

Runway End Safety Area (RESA) QAC decision

The recommendation on the application of the Queenstown Airport Corporation for an extension to their current designation to construct the RESA was issued by Commissioners Shiels and Kelly on 3 October 2008. As the requiring authority, QAC has accepted the majority of the recommendations from the Commissioners. The principal areas where they disagreed are:

1. The regard to be had for residents in Glenda Drive industrial area. The Commissioners proposed a level of noise protection for the residents in the units that is not contemplated in the District Plan and have amended the proposed conditions to reflect the underlying industrial zoning of the area; and
2. The removal of a condition requiring a sediment and dust management plan to be lodged and approved prior to construction. Sediment management control has been added to another condition that deals with associated matters.

The decision of the QAC was circulated to submitters on 10 October 2008.

My Noodle Limited

Justice French has granted leave to My Noodle Limited and Others to appeal to the Court of Appeal in respect of the liquor policy. The decision states that the appellants have raised valid questions of law relating to the interpretation of Section 22 of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 (criteria for renewal) and the consideration of reports filed by the reporting agencies pursuant to Section 20. (This is the section relating to reports from Police, the DLA inspector and the Medical Officer of Health).

Her Honour goes on to say at Paragraph 21 and 22 of the decision that the legal issues raised are of general and public importance as they affect other licensees in Queenstown and are of importance to other local authorities around New Zealand. She

also mentions the fact that the issues raised do not appear to have been considered by the Court of Appeal in the past.

Five Mile

Hanover Finance, the financiers who appointed the receivers to Five Mile have confirmed that the land swap agreement has been completed and Council now has the executed document. They have also confirmed that the landscaping strip alongside SH6 is to be maintained and have contracted a local company to undertake this work and to remove the sign.

They have also confirmed that the proposed realignment of Grants Road is likely to proceed and will confirm this within the next month.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.