

Community & Services Committee

2 November 2023

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [1]

Department: Community Services

Title | Taitara : Notice of Intent to prepare a Reserve Management Plan for the Riverside Road Reserves in Frankton, Queenstown

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko

The purpose of this report is to recommend that a Notice of Intent is published advising that a Reserve Management Plan for the Riverside Road Reserves is to be prepared in accordance with s41(5) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka

That Community & Services Committee:

1. **Note** the contents of this report and;
2. **Recommend to Council** that a Notice of Intent is published advising that a Reserve Management Plan for the Riverside Road Reserves is to be prepared in accordance with s41(5) of the Reserves Act 1977.

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Context | Horopaki

1. The Riverside Road Reserves comprises of eight parcels totalling 7.144 hectares in area. The reserve locations are identified in **ATTACHMENT A**.
2. The largest parcel, the 4,500 meters squared Ivan Young Zoological Gardens, was vested as Recreation Reserve in 1981. Ivan and Daphne Young were granted a lease over the reserve from 1 April 1983 for 33 years for “the purpose of a parkland for zoological purposes with associated buildings”. Ivan Young passed away in 2013 and Council named the reserve in his honour in 2014.
3. A section of the Queenstown Trails runs through the eight parcels, making it a popular link for commuters and recreation users.

Analysis and Advice | Tatāritaka me kā Tohutohu

4. Section 41 of the Reserves Act requires that all Recreation Reserves have a Reserve Management Plan (RMP) prepared.
5. A RMP sets out how Council intends to provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation of a reserve. It details all the rules and regulations to act as a guide for Council officers in making both day-to-day and long-term decisions about how reserves and open spaces under its control are to be used, managed, or developed. The community’s wishes on how the reserves are to be managed are provided through extensive consultation.
6. The Reserves Act process for developing RMPs requires that the Council first declares its intention to prepare a management plan, and this must be notified, and suggestions called for to inform the development of the draft plan. The Community & Services Committee has delegation to recommend to full Council as the administering body to exercise the Minister’s delegation.
7. This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for assessing the matter as required by section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002.
8. Option 1 Notify the intent to prepare a RMP for the Riverside Road Reserves.

Advantages:

- The drafting of a RMP for the Riverside Road Reserves will ensure that a clear and consistent plan is developed for managing the reserves and its future developments.
- The public will be made aware of the Council’s intent to prepare a RMP and will have the opportunity to input into the draft.

- Council will be acting in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.

Disadvantages:

- None

9. Option 2 Do not notify the intent to prepare a RMP for the Riverside Road Reserves.

Advantages:

- No Council time or resources required.

Disadvantages:

- Council will not be acting in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.
- There will be no clear plan for how the reserves are managed and developed in the future.
- Council will not meet the community's expectation that a RMP for the reserves will be undertaken.

10. This report recommends Option 1 for addressing the matter to ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation of the Riverside Road Reserves for the community, visitors and future generations.

Consultation Process | Hātepe Matapaki

Significance and Engagement | Te Whakamahi I kā Whakaaro Hiraka

11. This matter is of medium significance, as determined by reference to the [Council's Significance and Engagement Policy](#) because it involves a potentially high level of community interest as users of the reserves.
12. The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the residents/ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District community, users of the reserves, and the immediately adjoining neighbours, including the Young family and Remarkables Park Limited.

Māori Consultation | Iwi Rūnaka

13. The Council will undertake consultation with Iwi as Treaty Partners and work alongside Aukaha throughout the RMP process.

Risk and Mitigations | Kā Raru Tūpono me kā Whakamaurutaka

14. This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK10005 Ineffective planning for community services or facilities within the [QLDC Risk Register](#). This risk has been assessed as having a high residual risk rating.
15. The approval of the recommended option will support the Council by allowing us to avoid the risk. This shall be achieved by creating a clear plan for how Council intends to provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation of the reserves.

Financial Implications | Kā Riteka ā-Pūtea

16. Preparing the RMP is planned for within existing operational budgets.

Council Effects and Views | Kā Whakaaweawe me kā Tirohaka a te Kaunihera

17. The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- The Reserves Act 1977
- Significance and Engagement Policy, 2021
- Parks and Open Space Strategy 2021
- Proposed and Operative District Plan.

Refer to online documents here: <http://www.qldc.govt.nz/policies>

18. The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the Reserves Act 1977, which require Reserve Management Plans to be in place for recreation reserves.
19. This matter is included in the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions | Te Whakatureture 2002 o te Kāwanataka ā-Kiaka

20. The recommended option:

- Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 states the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. As such, the recommendation in this report is appropriate and within the ambit of Section 10 of the Act;
- Can be implemented through current funding under the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and

- Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka

A	Riverside Road Reserves Map
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