

Monitoring of Implementation of the Heritage Strategy

March 2011

1. Introduction

Section 12.6 of the Heritage Strategy, which was adopted in March 2010, states that the implementation of the strategy will be monitored annually. Action 6.6 of the Strategy states that the progress on actions will be reported to the Strategy Committee every year.

This is the first annual monitoring report on the implementation of the strategy.

2. Background

The development of a heritage strategy was identified in the 10 Year Plan 2006-2016 under the Community Leadership and Strategic Direction section. A working party was appointed, by the Strategy Committee in May 2008, to develop the heritage strategy. The members of the working party were Councillors Lyal Cocks and John R Wilson, Eimear O'Connell, Brian Bayley and David Clarke. The Department of Conservation were invited to nominate a staff member but declined due to lack of capacity.

In June 2008 a meeting of heritage stakeholders agreed that a heritage strategy was necessary and confirmed the scope of the strategy. A discussion document was released for comment in July 2008. The working party then prepared a draft Heritage Strategy. The Strategy Committee approved the draft strategy for consultation with the community at their May 2009 meeting.

A total of 9 submissions were received on the draft Heritage Strategy. Following the close of submissions further meetings to clarify submission points or to seek feedback from stakeholders who hadn't submitted were held with the following:

- NZ Historic Places Trust
- The Queenstown District Historical Society
- KTKO Ltd
- Te Ao Marama inc
- The Department of Conservation
- Destination Queenstown
- Historic Cemeteries Conservation Trust of New Zealand
- Upper Clutha Historic Records Society

The Working Party considered the submissions and comments from the meetings while revising and finalising the strategy. The final strategy was adopted by the Council in March 2010.

Section 11 of the Strategy outlines the priorities for implementation of actions. Actions 6.5 and 6.6 are to monitor the progress on actions in the strategy every year and to report this progress annually to the Strategy Committee.

3. Implementation of the Strategy

The following table shows the progress of implementation of actions in the strategy for the 2010/2011 financial year.

Action number	Action	Timing	Costs	Progress
Issue 1 - The district's heritage values, places and items are identified and documented.				
1.3	Scope and undertake a Tangata Whenua Heritage Study, the Queenstown Lakes District Resource Inventory Project. The study will include mapping of sites and recording the associations etc that are relevant as well as recommending appropriate mechanisms to protect such sites and areas.	2010/2011-scoping 2011/2013-undertake study	Low-scoping Medium - study	Scoping completed Funding allocated in draft annual plan 2011-12 for phase 1 of study.
1.6	Consider purchasing the NZ Archaeological Association online digital site recording scheme which will allow archaeological sites and information about them to be shown on the Council GIS system. Other features include automatic regular updating.	2010/2011	Low	Not progressed yet
Issue 2 - Heritage values, places and items are protected.				
2.1	<p>Convene a group including representatives from NZ Historic Places Trust, the Lakes District Museum, the Queenstown and District Historical Society and the Historic Cemeteries Conservation Trust of NZ. to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify the threats to heritage buildings and structures; • identify and assess mechanisms for the protection of heritage buildings and structures from the threats identified. <p>Ensure that a suite of methods is identified and that incentives are used as well as regulation. This group should ensure that mechanisms are indentified for the protection of interiors and curtilage where required. A combination of both regulatory and non</p>	2012/2013	Low	<p>Monitoring of the effectiveness of the heritage chapter of the District Plan has commenced.</p> <p>Action to be undertaken as part of the review of the heritage chapter of the district plan, as part of the district plan review project.</p>

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	regulatory mechanisms including incentives will be identified. Mechanisms to encourage adaptive reuse will also be identified by this group.			
2.20	Annual training day for all those involved in the planning process from QLDC, Lakes Environmental and representatives from community heritage groups.	2011/2012.	Low	No Progress
Issue 3 - Robust processes and enforcement to ensure that heritage values, places and items are protected.				
3.1	Investigate processes available to Lakes Environmental to use for processing resource and buildings consents to ensure that they take into account heritage and Ngāi Tahu values. If required work with Lakes Environmental to amend these processes to ensure that they are efficient and effective for protecting heritage values of places and items.	2011/2012	Low	Te Ao Marama Inc working directly with Lakes Environmental Ltd. Need to ensure that KTKO Ltd also engages with Lakes Environmental.
3.2	Identify what heritage expertise and information (including Māori values) is required and available to Lakes Environmental.	2011/2012	Low	No progress
Issue 4 - Heritage agencies and groups have a strong relationship and work together to protect heritage values, places and items.				
4.7	Put heritage sites on the Council GIS and make them available to the public and all departments of the Council including Council Controlled Organisations.	2012/2013	Low	Work has commenced on the creation of inventory sheets for all heritage features in the district plan. These will then be made available to the public through the QLDC website.
4.9	Provide opportunities for Ngāi Tahu to provide training and guidance to QLDC & Lakes Environmental staff and Councillors regarding Ngāi Tahu culture, values and heritage.	2010/2011 and ongoing	Low	This is occurring with monthly visits from Te Ao Marama Inc. Need to ensure funding is available in 2011 to allow KTKO Ltd to provide training in conjunction with Te Ao Marama Inc.

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Issue 5 - Residents and visitors are aware of, appreciate and protect heritage values, places and items.				
5.1	<p>Formulate a heritage education/awareness group to identify what heritage promotion is currently occurring and identify what needs to be done. The group should write a public awareness plan for heritage and should consider the following ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage trails; • Heritage talks; • Exhibitions and displays; • Heritage tours; • Plaques on buildings and footpaths; • Information panels and audio visual/listening posts; • An outpost of the museum in Queenstown and Wanaka; • Promotion through DVDs, website, brochures and booklets and using existing booklets; • Involving accommodation providers; • working with Destination Queenstown and Lake Wanaka Tourism; • a heritage week/festival; • recording of oral history • opening heritage buildings to the public at certain times of the year; • education packages for schools; • working with trusts; • distributing information on heritage values, places and items to owners; and • ensure that real estate salespeople have access to information on heritage values of places they are selling. 	<p>Form group and have initial meetings 2010/2011.</p> <p>Consultant to assist plan writing 2011/2012</p>	<p>Low – meetings</p> <p>Medium - consultant to write public awareness plan</p>	<p>May be able to progress through the Heritage Trust. Key participants to meet in May/June 2011.</p>

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5.3	Hold all inventory sheets on heritage places, sites and items in one place that is accessible to all including through the website and linked to the Council's GIS system.	2012/2013	Medium	Work has commenced on the creation of inventory sheets for all heritage features in the district plan. These will then be made available to the public through the QLDC website.
<i>Issue 6 - Accurate up to date information on the extent and condition of heritage values, places and items in the district.</i>				
6.5	Create a small focus group with stakeholder representation to monitor the effectiveness of the strategy by monitoring progress on actions every year.	2010/2011	Low	This year monitoring undertaken by Council staff.
6.6	Report the result of the progress on actions to the Strategy Committee and heritage agencies and groups every year.	2011/2012 and then ongoing.	Low	This report outlines the progress of actions to the Strategy Committee. The report will also be distributed to heritage agencies and groups.

4. Progress this year

Relationship with Ngāi Tahu

Regular meetings, through the Charter of Understanding signed in September 2009, are held with staff from Te Ao Marama Inc when they are in Queenstown. Te Ao Marama Inc staff have also met with Lakes Environmental and Infrastructure Services staff. Meetings with KTKO Ltd staff have occurred but have related to specific projects and been less frequent due to budgetary issues.

Heritage Trust concept

The Department of Conservation approached the Council about the idea of establishing a Heritage Trust. The purpose of the trust would be to prioritise and then restore/conservate historic sites in the district. A series of meetings have occurred to discuss how this trust could work and what it could do. The funding of such a Heritage trust will be considered through the annual plan 2011/2012.

Tangata Whenua Heritage Study

Meetings have been held with staff from KTKO Ltd and Te Ao Marama Inc to scope the Tangata Whenua Heritage Study. The scoping document is complete. Funding is allocated through the draft Annual Plan 2011/12. Once funding has been secured work will begin on phase 1 of this study.

Inventory Sheets for heritage features

An inventory sheet template has been designed. Currently information is being compiled on each heritage feature. Funding will be required in future years for a consultant to compile the heritage significance section of the inventory sheets. Discussions are being held with IT staff to scope the project to make the inventory sheets accessible through the QLDC website.

Monitoring the effectiveness of the heritage chapter of the District Plan.

Work has commenced on monitoring the effectiveness of the heritage chapter of the district plan. This information will inform the changes that will be proposed for the heritage chapter of the district plan through the review project.

5. Priority projects for July 2011 to June 2012

The priority projects for the next financial year, July 2011 to June 2012, are:

- Completion of phase 1 of the Tangata Whenua Heritage Study.
- Assessment of usefulness of the NZ Archaeological Association online digital site recording scheme to council departments. Analysis of the cost of the programme against its benefits. Decision on whether to purchase.
- Seek funding to ensure that KTKO Ltd, and other organisations are able to travel to and present at the annual training day. Organise the annual training day.
- Arrange a meeting with Lakes Environmental Ltd. to discuss what heritage expertise and information is required by them and whether any changes need to be made to their processes for assessing resource consents for heritage features.
- Continue discussions with KTKO Ltd about how to ensure more regular meetings with them.
- Once we know if heritage education/awareness work can be progressed through the Heritage Trust progress the creation of an interagency heritage education/awareness group. Then employ a consultant to prepare a public awareness plan for heritage.

- Continue work on filling in inventory sheets for each heritage feature and making them available through the QLDC website.
- Secure funding for a consultant to compile the heritage significance section of the inventory sheets.
- Ensure projects are budgeted for in the next Long Term Plan.
- Create a small focus group to prepare a monitoring report for 2011/2012 year.
- Report progress on actions to the Strategy Committee.