

**Wanaka Community Board**  
**13 October 2014**

**Report for Agenda Item: 1**

**Department:**  
**Operations**

**Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan**

**Purpose**

- 1 To consider the final draft Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan for recommendation to Council for adoption.

**Executive Summary**

- 2 A management plan was prepared in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 for all Council administered reserves comprising the Wanaka lakefront, extending from Glendhu Bay to the Outlet Reserve.
- 3 The hearings committee comprising Rachel Brown, Bryan Lloyd and Councillor Calum Macleod proposes that the Wanaka Community Board recommend the plan for adoption by Council, which has been amended following the submissions and hearing process.

**Recommendation**

- 4 *That the Wanaka Community Board:*
  - a. **Recommend to Council** that the draft Wanaka Lakefront Management Plan dated October 2014 be adopted to guide decision-making on the reserves contained in the plan.
  - b. **Note** the substantial commitment made by the Wanaka community in submitting and presenting on the draft Wanaka Lakefront Management plan.

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## **Background**

- 5 The Reserves Act 1977 requires administering bodies to keep management plans for reserves held under the act under constant review to ensure relevance. The reserves comprising the Wanaka lakefront were covered under a number of policies and with an increasing number of community requests for the use or changes to some of the reserves, a review and consolidation into a single document, the Wanaka Lakefront Management Plan (WLMP) were considered the best option to manage the impacts holistically.
- 6 The purpose of the WLMP is to identify the objectives and policies for the management, including protection and development of the Wanaka lakefront reserves. It provides consistent policy over a wide range of reserve management matters and in particular provides policies on:
  - a. Recognising the unique character in design, maintenance and management
  - b. Supporting formal recreation opportunities
  - c. Managing the impact of buildings and structures
  - d. Retaining unrestricted access to the reserves and formal access to the lake
  - e. Sustaining the natural biodiversity of the reserves and the lake

## **Comment**

- 7 The WLMP has been prepared in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 and following the hearing the final step is for Council to adopt the plan under delegation from the Minister of Conservation.
- 8 A number of amendments were made to the draft plan following the hearing of submissions. A summary of the key points of the submissions and the changes made in response is attached at Appendix 1. These included:
  - a. Re-structuring the plan to introduce the lakefront environments and reserves in the first section; describing the management challenges and opportunities in the second; with the third consolidating the vision, objectives and policies with key implementation actions.
  - b. Recognising seven distinct activity zones within Roys Bay running west to east, in particular:
    - i. Supporting infrastructure to support non-motorised water sports including a leased area for a watersports building in zone 2;
    - ii. Supporting commercial leases and licences for existing buildings such as the log cabin and other sites and event infrastructure in zone 4;
    - iii. Accommodating commercial use and powered/motorised water sports including an extended leased area for the Wanaka Yacht and Power Boat Club in zone 6;
  - c. Supporting the construction or redevelopment of public boat launch facilities and parking at Eely Point, Outlet reserve and Glendhu Bay.
- 9 The WLMP identifies key implementation actions over the next three years including:

- a. The development of a concept plan and detailed design for the seven activity zones within Roys Bay for public engagement and project prioritisation. This is likely to begin in the new calendar year.

### **Issues**

- 10 The development of the WLMP has enabled consolidation and prioritisation of key community concerns with numerous proposals for the use and development of the lakefront reserves, and has highlighted a particular focus on Roys Bay with the potential development of a Water Sports building, integration of the lakefront with Pembroke Park and the town centre and the log cabin lease.
- 11 The adoption of the WLMP will provide a clear platform for further engagement with the community on these and other issues.

### **Options**

- 12 The options available to the community board are to recommend the draft WLMP for adoption to Council or to refer the plan back to the committee for reconsideration.
- 13 Given the substantial involvement of the hearings committee in the revision and extensive consideration of all suggestions, submissions and hearing presentations, the hearings committee recommends that the community board endorse the draft WLMP to Council for adoption. Community input on individual projects will be sought post adoption, through the development plans and Annual Plan proposals.

### **Financial Implications**

- 14 The key implementation actions will be funded from existing operational budgets. Additional projects prioritised by the community will be considered as part of the annual planning process.

### **Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions**

- 15 The adoption of a management plan is consistent with Section 10 of the Local Government Act as it supports local involvement in decisions on the administration of local infrastructure. The management plan also improves the efficiency and effectiveness of the Council's spend on the reserves.

### **Council Policies**

- 16 The following Council Policies were considered:
  - Policy on Significance to determine whether or not the decision is significant. The adoption of a management plan is the delegation of Council and is not considered significant.
  - Annual Plan to determine available funding for priority implementation actions.

### **Consultation**

- 17 The development of the WLMP was completed under the Reserves Act 1977 and formal public consultation was part of this process.

**Attachments (all circulated separately)**

- A Draft Wanaka Lakefront Management Plan
- B Summary of submissions
- C Minutes of hearings