

**Wanaka Community Board
16 February 2016**

Report for Agenda Item: 1

Department: Property & Infrastructure

Reserve Management Plan for the Wanaka Recreation Reserve (A & P Showgrounds)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider the Reserve Management Plan for the Wanaka Recreation Reserve for adoption.

Recommendation

That the Wanaka Community Board:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Recommend** to Council that the Reserve Management Plan for the Wanaka Recreation Reserve be adopted.

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Background

- 1 The Reserve Management Plan (RMP) for the Wanaka Recreation Reserve (WRR) has been prepared as a high level document that outlines policy for the management of the reserve and guides Council on making decisions on leases and licences on the reserve. The detail of how the reserve will look and operate will be established through a subsequent development plan (subject to annual plan approval).
- 2 Public consultation on the draft RMP opened on 12 October 2016 and closed on 12 November 2016 (a one month period). Thirteen public submissions were received.

- 3 A public hearing was convened on 18 January 2017, the purpose being to consider submissions and listen to those submitters in attendance who sought to be heard. Deputy Mayor Calum MacLeod (Chairperson) and Councillor Ross McRobie were appointed to consider the submissions and determine any appropriate amendments to the draft RMP.
- 4 The minutes of that hearing are included with this report (Attachment A), with the outcome of deliberations being that aspects of the draft RMP be amended as deemed appropriate.

Comment

- 5 The RMP has been prepared in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977. Following the hearing, the penultimate step is for the Wanaka Community Board to consider the RMP, and if appropriate, recommend to Council that the RMP be adopted. The final step is for Council to adopt the RMP under delegation from the Minister of Conservation.
- 6 The hearings committee of Deputy Mayor Calum MacLeod and Councillor Ross McRobie recommend the plan for adoption, which has been amended following the submissions and the hearings process. The final version of the Reserve Management Plan is attached as Attachment B, with the recommended changes highlighted.
- 7 A summary of the submissions presented at the hearing and the changes made in response is included in the hearing minutes attached as Attachment A.
- 8 This plan has been prepared as a high level plan that outlines policy for the management of the reserve and guides Council on making decisions on leases and licences on reserves. The detail of how the areas will look and operate will be established through a subsequent development plan (subject to annual plan approval).

Options

- 9 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.

- 10 Option 1 Adopt the plan.

Advantages:

- 11 Objectives and policies will provide for efficient and quality decision making on activities on the reserve. This direction will be clear for all users, public and operators on the reserves.

Disadvantages:

- 12 None

13 Option 2 Don't adopt the plan

Advantages:

14 None

Disadvantages:

15 There will be no strategic management of the reserve to meet the future needs of the community.

16 Not having a management plan will contravene the Reserves Act 1977.

17 This report recommends Option 1 for addressing the matter.

Significance and Engagement

18 This matter is of low to medium significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy when taking into account the potentially high level of community interest against the 'low' assessments against of the other factors.

Risk

19 This matter relates to the strategic risk SR1 - Current and future development needs of the community (including environmental protection), as documented in the Council's risk register. The risk is classed as low. This matter relates to this risk because the Reserve Management Plan is a high level strategy that aims to improve the management, amenity, accessibility and public enjoyment of the Wanaka Recreation Reserve.

Financial Implications

20 There are no capital expenditure requirements at this stage. Operational costs for producing the development plan can be met through existing budgets.

Council Policies, Strategies and Bylaws

21 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- Proposed and Operative District Plan.

22 This matter is not included in the 10-Year Plan/Annual Plan

- A submission will be made to the 2017 Annual Plan to seek funding for the proposed Wanaka Recreation Reserve Development Plan.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

23 The recommended option:

- Will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses

by enabling sound management practices for the use of the Queenstown Bay foreshore reserves;

- Can be implemented through current funding under the 10-Year 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.

Consultation: Community Views and Preferences

24 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the residents and ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District Community, and visitors to the area.

25 The Council has publicly notified the RMP and a public hearing was held on 18 January 2017.

Legal Considerations and Statutory Responsibilities

26 The development of the RMP was completed under the Reserves Act 1977.

27 The Minister of Conservation has delegated decision-making powers for reserve management plans to local administering bodies.

Attachments

- A Hearing Minutes
- B Reserve Management Plan for the Wanaka Recreation Reserve (Amended)