

Full Council

27 August 2026

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [4]

Department: Chief Executive

Title | Taitara : Chief Executive's Report

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko

The purpose of this report is to report on items of general interest that do not require a full officer report and to summarise items from recent Standing Committee and Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board (WUCCB) meetings.

Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka

That the Council:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;

Wānaka Airport Liaison Committee Terms of Reference

2. **Approve** the amendments to the Wānaka Airport Liaison Committee (WALC) Terms of Reference as recommended by the Committee Chair and adopted by the Committee at its meeting on 20 July 2026;
3. **Approve** the additional appointments to WALC of Councillor Tucker as well as a technical expert with experience in airport operations and master planning (to be determined by WALC) for a 12-month period to facilitate WALC's acting as the Steering Group for phase two of the Wānaka Airport Master Plan; and

Adoption of the Kawarau Riverside Reserve Management Plan

4. **Adopt** the Kawarau Riverside Reserve Management Plan pursuant to Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Prepared by:



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Title: Interim Chief Executive

7 August 2026

Wānaka Airport Liaison Committee – Terms of Reference

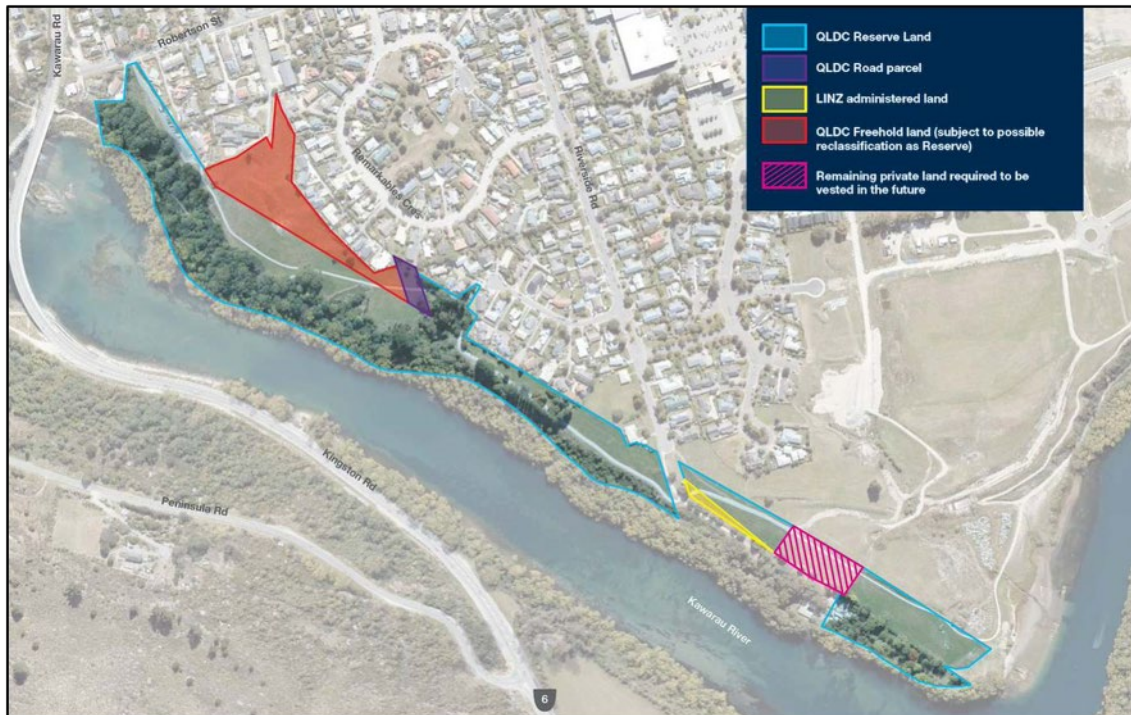
1. The Wānaka Airport Liaison Committee is a committee formed in accordance with conditions 10 and 11 of Designation #64 in the Queenstown Lakes District Council Proposed District Plan. The Chair of the Committee, Mr Rob Phillips, is an independent member (initially appointed by Council in 2023) with the remainder of the Committee defined by the District Plan Designation. Council reappointed Mr Phillips as Chair at its 24 July 2026 meeting.
2. At its 20 July 2026 meeting WALC recommended to amend its Terms of Reference to reflect recent changes to its core membership. The WALC Terms of Reference require that any amendments to it are recommended by the Chair and approved by Council resolution. The amended version of the Terms of Reference is included in **Attachment A**.
3. One of WALC's key projects under its Terms of Reference is to "Review progress on airport development and the master plan." Consistent with this, at its 20 July 2026 meeting, WALC recommended that it act as the Steering Group for phase two of the Wānaka Airport Master Plan, which is expected to be completed within the next 12 months. At this meeting, WALC also recommended that two additional members be appointed for this period to facilitate its acting as the Steering Group: Councillor Tucker (Wānaka ward councillor and member of the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board) and a technical expert with experience in airport operations and master planning (to be determined by WALC).
4. WALC's Terms of Reference specify that additional appointments are temporary and "can only be made by the Requiring Authority on receipt of a recommendation of the Committee. Recommendations must include the reason for the appointment and the proposed term of office /duration of the appointment." Accordingly, WALC's recommendation for these two additional temporary appointments is being brought to Council for its consideration.

Recommendations from Standing Committees

Recommendation from Community & Environment Committee: Adoption of the Kawarau Riverside Reserve Management Plan

5. Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) administers a collection of recreation reserves alongside the Kawarau River with a combined area of approximately 7.1 hectares. Under Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 (the Act) all recreation reserves under Council's administration are required to have reserve management plans.
6. The Kawarau Riverside Reserves Management Plan (RMP) includes three primary areas referred to as:
 - Kawarau Falls Reserve
 - Unnamed Reserve (Riverside Road Reserve)
 - Ivan Young Zoological Reserve

7. The RMP identifies several other parcels of land that currently function as part of the open space network, including road reserve, Land Information New Zealand administered land and QLDC freehold land. The reserve land and the other parcels are shown in the illustration below:



8. The Kāi Tahu Riverside draft RMP (**Attachment B**) sets out the vision and intended use and management of the Reserves through the objectives and policies. It has been informed by community and stakeholder engagement and engagement with the Kāi Tahu rūnaka.
9. A hearing was held on 22 April 2026 with two submitters speaking and the panel considered all submissions received, deliberated on the matters raised and directed changes to the draft RMP.
10. The main changes following the submissions and deliberations processes include:
- Mana Whenua section amended as recommended by iwi, adding more cultural context;
 - History section amended to include reference to historic ferry reserve located at the south-western end of the reserves;
 - Policy 6.1.2 (f) added to prohibit freedom camping;
 - Two ecological policies added, 6.1.5(d) and 6.1.5(e), to support the planting of both native and non-invasive exotic vegetation to enhance reserve amenity, and to ensure planting and other activities consider and give effect to Kāi Tahu values; and
 - Policy 6.2.3(d) added to ensure pedestrian priority areas are considered within the Ivan Young Zoological Reserve.

11. If approved, the RMP will only apply to the QLDC reserve land identified in the illustration above. For the remaining land parcels that are not QLDC reserve (as identified in the illustration above), the RMP will provide guidance, based on the community's vision, for how these parcels could be managed to assist an integrated approach to the management of the open space network.

Meetings of the Previous Round

Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on 21 July 2026

Information

2. Access easement over Lot 3 DP 345184 in favour of Canterbury Westland Kindergartens Charitable Trust

Recommendation

1. Kawarau Riverside Reserve Management Plan

Smart Growth Committee Meeting held on 11 August 2026

Information

1. Update on Progress on the Proposed District Plan and Other Key Projects
2. Update of Proposed District Plan Appeals

Item 2 was considered with the public excluded.

Wanaka-Upper Clutha Community Board Meeting held on 20 August 2026

Information

1. Memorial Request for Dame Alison & Dr Jim Roxburgh in Roy's Bay Recreation Reserve
2. Change in Permitted Use – Oranga Puawai Family Trust, Clutha Outlet Recreation Reserve
3. Notification of Right of Way Easement Across Reserve at 17 Plantation Road, Wānaka
4. Chair's Report

Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka

A	Amended version of WALC Terms of Reference (track changes)
B	Final version of the Kawarau Riverside Reserve Management Plan