

# **WANAKA CENTRAL RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN 2019**

**FOR THE RECREATION RESERVES KNOWN AS:**

**LISMORE PARK, KELLY'S FLAT, ALLENBY PARK, FAULKS  
TERRACE, DOMINI PARK & KENNEDY CRESCENT**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This Reserve Management Plan (plan) provides a vision for the following Recreation Reserves (the reserves), subject to this plan:

1. Lismore Park
2. Allenby Park
3. Kelly's Flat
4. Faulks Terrace
5. Domini Park
6. Kennedy Crescent

At the time of writing this plan these reserves have been included as together they incorporate the most prominent or frequently used recreation reserves in Wanaka not covered by recent or current Reserve Management Plans, including the following plans:

- Pembroke Park and Bridgeman Green Reserve Management Plan
- Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan
- Wanaka Recreation Reserve (A&P Showgrounds) Management Plan

This Plan supersedes the Lismore Park, Kellys Flat and Allenby Park Reserve Management Plan 2008.

This Plan describes the general intentions for the use, maintenance, protection, preservation and development of the reserves, through a series of objectives and policies. The objectives and policies assist with decision making regarding development and use of the Reserves.

The Reserves Act 1977 requires the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC/Council) to prepare Reserve Management Plans for all land classified as 'Recreation Reserves' under Council management or control.

## 2. RESERVE DESCRIPTIONS

**Lismore Park Recreation Reserve** is upon land legally described as Part Section 90 Block IX TN of Wanaka, and comprises an area of approximately 18.5 hectares.

Its boundaries are clearly defined by Plantation Road, Beaumont Street, Lismore Street, Heddich Street and the boundaries of the Hill View Place houses.

Mount Aspiring College is located adjacent to Lismore Park on Plantation Road. The park is located a short walk from Ardmore Street and the Wanaka town centre.

The park contains a stand of Conifers, in addition to other tree species scattered throughout the reserve.

The eastern section of the reserve is the highest point, with the land falling away gently toward the lake. The glacial processes are obvious in the undulating landform, and such unmodified examples of glacial deposition are rare in an urban setting and provides a unique character.

The site is frequently used for casual recreation. A portion of the reserve is leased to Bike Wanaka for the establishment of bike jumps, trails and pump

tracks which are actively managed by the biking community. A frisbee disc golf course of 18 holes is established on the lower half of the site and is well used.

Formal and informal tracks run through the reserve and are well used for through access associated with school travel and people walking from the urban areas to the town centre, and for recreational use.

**Allenby Park Community Reserve** is upon land legally described as Lot 23 DP 303952, and comprises approximately 1.6 hectares.

The reserve was established in the early 2000s by Allenby Farms through the developments of the surrounding subdivision and had the dual purpose of a sports field reserve and some stormwater detention purpose that is evident by some exposed concrete drain caps.

The surface of the park is well established for sports turf with the small banks around the perimeter established with a variety of exotic street trees.

The reserve has been well used by formal and informal sports training and actively. Junior soccer, cricket and other codes have used the reserve for training with goal posts often in place on the park for soccer. The dimensions of the field are too small for senior soccer, rugby or cricket games.

The site is regularly used for informal fitness training and general recreation. It also is a regular route for

walkers and runners accessing Mt Iron from the urban subdivisions.

The reserve is located adjacent to Allenby Place and Rob Roy Lane, at the foot of Mount Iron.

The site is predominately mown grass, with trees along the road verges and park edges.

**Kelly's Flat Recreation Reserve** is upon land legally described as Section 93 Block XIV Lower Wanaka SD, and comprises approximately 3.5 hectares.

It fronts on to Aubrey Road and Kings Drive. The Holy Family Catholic School is located on the opposite side of Aubrey Road and Wanaka primary school adjoins the reserve directly to the South.

The entire site is grassed and mown and established as sports fields predominately for soccer with line markings and goal post often present. A small toilet block is located in the north west corner of the reserve.

Angle parking was established on Aubrey Road to support the use of the site. Students accessing the schools often walk through the reserve.

The Council has approved a lease area for the Wanaka Junior Football Club to install a changing and storage facility in the north west corner of the reserve near the existing toilets.

**Faulks Terrace Recreation Reserve** is upon land legally described as Section 7 Block XLIX Town of Wanaka, and comprises an area of approximately 4.26 hectares. The site contains undulating terrain remnant of the terminal moraine and is established with mown grass and established trees. The site affords good views to the west over Lake Wanaka.

There is limited active recreation on the site but is used informally for casual walks and dog exercise. The community surrounding value the open space amenity the site offers.

**Domini Park Recreation Reserve** is upon land legally described as, Section 100 Block XIV Lower Wanaka SD, Section 106 Block XIV Lower Wanaka SD and Lot 111 DP 347413.

The reserve is the southern end of a linear parcel of reserve land that traverses the ridge line between Anderson Road and Scurr Heights. Mature conifers are established on part of the site and a walking track extends from Aubrey Road at the northern end to Domini Park at the southern end.

Domini Park has an established playground, toilets, BBQs and shelters that are well used by families for gatherings and children's parties. The playground includes a flying fox and in addition to the formal playground there is a large open area of grass surrounded by extensive plantings, which is used for informal recreation.

**Kennedy Crescent Recreation Reserve** is upon land legally described as Lot 1 DP 9499, and comprises an area of 1.69 hectares.

The reserve is rectangular in shape and bordered to the south by Stone Street, and east by Cardrona Valley Road. The west and north boundaries adjoin a variety of residential properties. A pedestrian/cycle linkage at the northwest corner connects with Kennedy Crescent.

The land is reasonably flat mown grass, with a small number of mature trees.

The site has very limited activity, typically comprising informal recreation by the close residents.

### **3. DESCRIPTION OF PRIMARY USERS AND ACTIVITIES**

The following descriptions are a general overview and are not exhaustive:

- 3.1 Lismore Park: Disc Golf, Mount Aspiring College, bike park, dog exercise, walking.
- 3.2 Allenby Park: Junior sport, exercise, dog exercise, running, soccer training
- 3.3 Kellys Flat: Wanaka Junior Football Club, touch rugby, running, athletics, through access.
- 3.4 Faulks Terrace: Walking, exercise, dog walking, picnics.

3.5 Domini Park: Playground, walking, dog exercise, petanque, social gatherings, BBQs, through access

3.6 Kennedy Crescent: Dog exercise, through access.

## 4. VISION, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

### 4.1 Vision

The Reserves are for the enjoyment and benefit of the community and visitors, to facilitate recreation, sport, community wellbeing and green belt amenity.

### 4.2 Objectives

The following objectives and policies will guide the management of the Reserves:

4.2.1 The reserves accommodate appropriate activities in defined areas that enhance the communities use, access and enjoyment of the Reserves.

4.2.2 The reserves are maintained and developed in a planned manner to achieve quality open space that provides enhanced opportunities for the use and enjoyment of the community and visitors.

4.2.3 The reserves positively contribute to the character and ecology of the green belt and

include specimens to enhance the distinctive autumn colours of the Wanaka area.

4.2.4 Any buildings shall support the uses of the reserve and community use of the reserve, and positively contribute to the amenity of the area.

4.2.5 The reserves are Smokefree areas.

### 4.3 General Policies

#### 4.3.1 Development Plan

a) Prepare a Development Plan for each reserve, in consultation with the community that reflects the reserve specific policies set out in this management plan.

#### 4.3.2 Signage

a) Allow for signage on the reserves to identify the reserve, facilities available, and additional interpretive information.

b) Allow for signage to convey a Smokefree message.

c) Prohibit advertising billboards and other commercial signs (as defined in the District Plan), unless approved by Council in conjunction with a specific temporary event occurring on the same site.

d) Support the establishment of a community Information hoarding associated with Kennedy Crescent Recreation Reserve.

#### 4.3.3 Trees and Landscaping

a) Ensure that trees are retained where they benefit the use and amenity of the reserves.

b) Produce a tree management and succession plan for each reserve in conjunction with any Development Plan.

c) Encourage the establishment of specimen trees to provide shelter (as necessary), structure and form to the reserves. Consideration can include trees that exhibit seasonal colour and flowers, or provide fruits and nuts for gathering.

d) Only remove mature trees where they unduly impede the use of the reserve for recreation or sporting uses, create physical damage to infrastructure, or constitute an accepted hazard.

e) Monitor and control as necessary, noxious and wilding species where the establishment and proliferation of such can have a materially detrimental effect on the use and enjoyment of the reserve or on the surrounding landscape.

f) Ensure that reserves are mown and maintained to a level necessary to assure the health of the turf and the ability to support the recreational and sporting uses of the reserves.

- g) Encourage community engagement and involvement in selecting, planting and caring for reserve plantings.

#### **4.3.4 Irrigation**

- a) Allow for in-ground and/or external irrigation for the grassed areas of formal sports fields in the relevant reserves. Any irrigation shall be to support sports field use where there is a demonstrated need that irrigation is necessary to meet the sporting needs of the community and to support the establishment of and care of amenity and community planting.

#### **4.3.5 Buildings**

- a) Allow the development of buildings, as appropriate and necessary to provide for the function and support of formal sport and recreation activities undertaken upon the reserves, or as anticipated by reserve specific policies. Any such buildings shall first be covered by a relevant lease.
- b) Encourage a collaborative and non-exclusive use of buildings, so that they are available for community and sporting groups.
- c) Encourage building designs, colours and materials that are of a high quality and do not detract from the character or amenity of the reserve and surrounds. The input of the Wanaka Urban Design Panel will be required for any new building or redevelopment. Buildings shall be

supported by landscaping to ensure that they enhance the character of the reserve.

- d) Where buildings are no longer being well utilised, an alternative use consistent with the objectives of the reserve should be found, or the building removed.
- e) Public toilets and shelters may be constructed on the reserves to meet the needs of reserve users.

#### **4.3.6 Sports Fields**

- a) Minimise the impact of organised sport and events on playing surfaces by defining and enforcing maintenance requirements and recovery periods.
- b) Maintain formalised sports fields to a premier level of service, equivalent to other comparably used sports fields in the District. This shall be incorporated into any Development Plan.
- c) Encourage a collaborative and non-exclusive use of sports fields, to ensure they are available for a variety of community and sporting groups. This is providing that no overuse occurs that might otherwise compromise the ground surface.

#### **4.3.7 Lighting**

- a) Provide adequate lighting of car parks, toilets and paths from streets to facilities to enable safe night time use where required.

- b) Ensure any lighting is installed in accordance with the Council's lighting policy, to reduce light glare and light spill beyond the reserve, improve the comfort and safety of reserve users, and limit night pollution of the night sky.

#### **4.3.8 Events & Activities**

- a) Permit the use of the reserves for sporting, cultural, community and recreational events and activities, including associated parking if ground conditions allow.
- b) Ensure that events and activities do not compromise the primary functions of the reserves to enable recreation and sporting opportunities, and those events and activities have contingency plans to relocate should ground conditions not be suitable.
- c) Prohibit the use of glass on reserve areas used for sporting activities.

#### **4.3.9 Dogs**

- a) Manage dogs in accordance with Council's current policy on dogs and dog control bylaws.

#### **4.3.10 Model Aircraft and UAVs**

- a) Prohibit the operation and take off/landing of UAV/Drones and model aircraft on (or from) the Reserves, unless otherwise specifically enabled by relevant Council policies and permissions.

#### 4.3.11 Bookings

- a) Direct bookings for the reserves through the QLDC's Event Booking Coordinator.

#### 4.3.12 Smokefree

- a) Ensure that the reserves are Smokefree, to encourage a Smokefree lifestyle, and send a positive message to the community.

#### 4.3.13 Utility Services

- a) Permit utility services necessary for servicing the Reserve, its buildings and other buildings within it.
- b) Permit the placement of Council utility services where the reserve is not likely to be materially altered or permanently damaged, or the rights of the public using the reserve are permanently affected. Any areas of works will be reinstated.
- c) All utility services are to be placed underground unless it is impractical due to exceptional circumstances.
- d) Underground services shall be carefully sited with existing features, including trees, waterways and paved surfaces.

#### 4.3.14 Furniture

- a) Provide park furniture such as seats, rubbish bins, barbeques, drinking fountains, fitness

equipment and bicycle stands for the use, comfort and convenience of park users. The Wanaka Community Board shall be consulted and guidance sought, for any such establishment of new furniture.

- b) Promote park furniture that is of a localised consistent design and style within each reserve and is suitable for purpose.

#### 4.3.15 Access

- a) Facilitate reasonable access to as many areas of the reserves as possible for persons with restricted mobility.
- b) All structures such as toilets, sports clubs and shelters shall be constructed to be accessible in accordance with the relevant New Zealand Standard.
- c) Any playgrounds, paths or fitness equipment shall give consideration to providing opportunities for people with limited mobility.
- d) Consider the development of cycle and pedestrian trails that are demonstrated as necessary to facilitate greater active transport connectivity networks, only where the development of such will not conflict with, or detract from the recreational purpose of the reserve.

#### 4.3.16 Encroachment

- a) Monitor and enforce reserve boundaries that adjoin residential properties, to ensure that adjacent residential properties are not encroaching into the reserve by extending their landscaping, lawn areas, structures, or using the reserve for the storage of property.

### 4.4 Reserve Specific Policies

#### 4.4.1 Lismore Park

- a) Retain the open space and landscape character of Lismore Park, whilst enhancing the reserve's ecological values.
- b) Provide for the continued use and development of the bike park in the eastern area of the reserve. Input from Council's arborist will be necessary where potential effects on trees are likely.
- c) Support the development of the bike park in a manner that seeks to enhance the experience of users.
- d) Consider a family friendly bike loop around the perimeter of the park, and ensure that cycle use areas are located and designed so that landscaping, pathways and furniture can mitigate potential conflicts with pedestrians and other park users. This can be considered under the Development Plan.

- e) Provide for the use and enhancement of the Disc Golf course. This can include the upgrade and development of associated furniture, including signage, facilities, seating and landscaping.
- f) Consider improvements to the reserve that encourage recreational and sporting use by local schools, provided that the open space and character of the reserve is retained.
- g) Retain the largely passive nature of the park with the exception of biking activities, disc golf, and its use by local schools for low impact recreational use.
- h) Consider new recreational opportunities, permits and licenses where they don't conflict with existing uses and are consistent with the character of the site.
- i) Support the development of parking areas in road reserve areas and their connection with reserve areas i.e. fencing and accessible pathways.
- j) Support the presence and establishment of buildings and related leases, associated with community youth groups, recreational and sporting uses, if a community need is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the QLDC. The location and scale of any proposed built form and associated parking, landscaping or infrastructure shall require the endorsement of the Wanaka Community Board.

- k) Enable the ecological values of the reserve to be enhanced through native revegetation in areas to be considered by the Development Plan.

#### **4.4.2 Kelly's Flat**

- a) Provide for organised sport to be played at Kelly's Flat, with preference given to junior soccer.
- b) Enable options to expand the availability of usable areas for sporting use, including earthworks necessary to modify the topography to create level playing areas.
- c) Enable training lighting for sports fields, if required to meet the sporting needs of the community. Lighting design should minimise light spill or glare on adjoining residential areas.
- d) Support the creation of parking areas if they are necessary to support users of the reserve and do not materially diminish the recreational opportunities available on the reserve.
- e) Enable the establishment of soccer training aids in appropriate areas.

#### **4.4.3 Allenby Community Park**

- a) Support the presence and establishment of playground equipment, fitness circuit, walking and biking paths and tracks, BBQ equipment and seating and picnic shelter.

- b) Support improvements to the park surface as necessary to facilitate sporting and recreation uses.

- c) Ensure that the Development Plan considers areas to contain a playscape, various bike training stations, half court, fitness stations, pedestrian and cycle paths.

#### **4.4.4 Faulks Terrace**

- a) Retain the open space and landscape character of the reserve.
- b) Seek improved facilities to encourage further use and enjoyment of the reserve, including seating, pathways, play areas and a community barbeque area.

#### **4.4.5 Domini Park**

- a) Consider options to incorporate a bike track into any Development Plan.

**APPENDIX ONE – RECREATION RESERVES (NOT TO SCALE OR PROPORTION)**



**LISMORE PARK RECREATION RESERVE**



**KELLY'S FLAT RECREATION RESERVE**



**ALLENBY PARK RECREATION RESERVE**



**FAULKS TERRACE RECREATION RESERVE**



**DOMINI PARK RECREATION RESERVE**



**KENNEDY CRESCENT RECREATION RESERVE**