

14. Item 4: Application for a memorial seat and a memorial plaque in Wānaka




PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MO TE PURONGO

The purpose of this report is to consider approving a memorial plaque for Alan Mackenzie by the Rhododendron Dell in Wānaka Station Park, as well as a memorial seat with plaque for Patty and Michael Barnett near Wānaka Station Park along the lakefront.

RECOMMENDATION | NGA TUTOHUNGA

That Wānaka Upper Clutha Community Board:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Approve** a memorial plaque on stone base in the Wānaka Station Park next to the Rhododendron Dell for Alan Mackenzie (ATTACHMENT A);
3. **Approve** a memorial plaque and seat in the Wānaka Station Park for Patty and Michael Barnett; the exact location within the reserve to be determined by the QLDC Parks Team in consultation with the Wānaka Upper Clutha Community Board.

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CONTEXT | HOROPAKI

1. QLDC received an application on 8 August 2022 for a memorial plaque in honor of Alan Mackenzie who helped to clear the vegetation at Wānaka Station Park to create the park space, and planted the Rhododendron Dell in 1981.
2. It was requested that the memorial for Alan Mackenzie be placed in the Wānaka Station Park adjacent to the Rhododendron Dell. A stone monument/base with a stainless steel plaque is proposed.
3. The plaque will read:

This Rhododendron Dell began with plantings by Alan Mackenzie in 1981.

Further planting took place in his memory by family and friends in 1983.

Erected by his sons, Alistair, Duncan and Malcolm.

4. QLDC also received an application on 3 August 2022 for a memorial seat and plaque in honour of Michael and Patty Barnett who were residents of the Wānaka community since the 1930s. Patty was an active Cancer Society Volunteer as well as part of the St Columba's Church Roster, Gardening Group, Art Group, and Golf Club; Michael was part of the Bowling Club, Gun Club, Golf Club and 4WD Club.

5. It was requested that a new seat be placed in the Wānaka Station Park area along the lakefront. A standard QLDC bench seat with bronze plaque is proposed.

6. The plaque will read:

*In memory of Michael Barnett 1932 – 2020
and Patty Barnett 1937 – 2019*

ANALYSIS AND ADVICE | TATARITANGA ME NGA TOHUTOHU

7. The Wānaka Station Park Reserve has been considered and the proposed memorial plaque for Alan Mackenzie is relevant to the site. A memorial plaque will highlight the unique history of the location and bring recognition to one of the Wānaka community members who helped create the park space.

8. The Wānaka Station Park Reserve has been considered and the proposed memorial plaque for Michael and Patty Barnett is somewhat less relevant to the site; however, a new seat in this location will enhance the reserve and provide an additional asset for the community to enjoy.

Option 1

9. Approve both the memorial plaque for Alan Mackenzie and the seat and memorial plaque for Michael and Patty Barnett in the Wānaka Station Park Reserve:

Advantages:

- a. Provides historical context on the development of the park space (Mackenzie)
- b. Provides additional furniture in the reserve, which can be enjoyed by all (Barnett)
- c. Commemorates individuals that are connected to the Wānaka community.

Disadvantages:

- a. Places new assets/structures upon the reserve.

Option 2

10. Decline both requests:

Advantages:

- a. No extra assets or structures are placed upon the reserve.

Disadvantages:

- a. Would not acknowledge the unique history of the park space.
- b. Would not provide an additional asset for the community to appreciate

Option 3

11. Approve one request but decline the other.

Advantages:

- a. Will limit the new assets or structures placed upon the reserve.

Disadvantages:

- b. Depending upon which memorial is not approved, either Would not acknowledge the unique history of the park space, or Would not provide an additional asset for the community to appreciate.

12. This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter because the plaque will celebrate Alan Mackenzie's contributions to the Wānaka Station Park Reserve; and the seat for Michael and Patty Barnett will also celebrate their life and increase the utilisation of the reserve.

CONSULTATION PROCESS | HATEPE MATAPAKI

13. This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as the land it relates to is not identified as a significant asset, and the proposal of a plaque as well as new seat will support community wellbeing.

14. The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the residents/ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District Community and the Wānaka Community.

RISK AND MITIGATIONS | NGA RARU TUPONO ME NGA WHAKAMAURUTANGA

15. This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK00009 within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a Low inherent risk rating.

16. The approval of the recommended option will support the Council by allowing us to retain the risk at its current level. This shall be achieved by providing assets for community wellbeing within the reserve.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS | NGA RITENGA A-PUTEA

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COUNCIL EFFECTS AND VIEWS | NGA WHAKAAWEAWE ME NGA TIROHANGA A TE KAUNIHERA

19. The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- a. *Plaques, Memorials and Monuments Policy 2015*
- b. *Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2021*

20. The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policies.

21. This matter is not included in the Ten Year Plan/Annual Plan and will not have any impact on it.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 PURPOSE PROVISIONS | TE WHAKATURETURE 2002 O TE KAWANATAKA A-KAIKA

22. Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 states the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of,

communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. It will help meet the current and future needs of the district by providing the community with additional parks assets. As such, the recommendation in this report is appropriate and within the ambit of Section 10 of the Act

23. The recommended option:

- a. Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- b. 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.

ATTACHMENTS | NGA TAPIRIHANGA

Number	Title of Attachment
1.	Wānaka Station Park Memorial locations

- ATTACHMENT 1: Wānaka Station Park Memorial locations –
 - *Proposed Alan Mackenzie memorial location shown with a red dot.*
 - *Proposed location for Barnett memorial seat along the lake*

Wanaka Station Park Memorial Locations

