

HĀWEA DOMAIN RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN – DRAFT 2020

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Reserve Management Plan (RMP) provides a vision for the current and future use of Hāwea Domain.

This RMP describes the general intentions for the use, maintenance, protection, preservation and development of Hāwea Domain, through a series of objectives and policies. These will assist with decision making regarding development and use of the reserve.

The Reserves Act 1977 requires QLDC to prepare Reserve Management Plans for all land classified as 'Recreation Reserves' under Council management or control.

The Domain was gazetted as Recreation Reserve in two portions in 1986 and 1998. It comprises three adjoining parcels which in this document will be referred to as the Domain.

I 2. RESERVE DESCRIPTION

Hāwea Domain

The Reserve comprises a combined area of approximately 44.35 hectares.

Hāwea Domain is situated on land legally described as Section 19 Block IV Lower Hawea Survey District and Section 33 Block IV Lower Hawea Survey District.

It is bounded by Domain Road and otherwise surrounded by rural land use and nearby Rural Lifestyle and Rural Residential zoned land uses, see Appendix. Primary vehicle access is via Domain Road.

The Hāwea School Track passes along the northeastern boundary of the Domain linking Lake Hāwea to Hāwea Flat. This route is used for walking, cycling and horse riding and generally provides a safe off-road active transport route, particularly for school students attending Hāwea Flat School.

The Domain contains a hedge of conifers, in addition to other mature tree species located in the north east corner of the site, near two decommissioned tennis courts. Two informal buildings, used by the Picnic Race Club, are located in this area as well as a composting toilet.

The Hāwea Domain Irrigation Company water race passes through the site entering from the eastern side and exits to the north. This is maintained by the Hāwea Irrigation Company which has an easement.

Electricity is available to the site. A consistent source of water is not currently available.

The Domain is otherwise sited on flat land with an agricultural/rural character. The location of the Domain between Hāwea Lake and Hāwea Flat is a 'central Hāwea meeting place', which 'unites the two communities'.



Hāwea Domain Food Forest 2020



Hāwea Domain 2020

3. DESCRIPTION OF PRIMARY USERS AND ACTIVITIES

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

The site is frequently used by residents and visitors for casual recreation, including walking, dog exercising and for large events that are in keeping with the rural setting such as the Hāwea Picnic Race Day and the Cavalcade.

A portion of the interior of the racetrack is leased to the Hāwea Wanaka Pony Club for training and competitions. The Hāwea Food Forest uses approximately one hectare located on the northern boundary for community food crops. The Hāwea Picnic Race Club uses the Domain for annual events. Large one-off or occasional events, such as Cavalcade have been a successful use of the Domain.

Approximately 22 hectares on the south and west boundaries is leased for rural use including grazing and baleage.

The Hāwea Domain Board incorporated in 2018 and adopted a Constitution. The Domain Board aims to support and facilitate community aspirations for the Domain. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement 2019 established with QLDC outlines the relationship between the two parties.



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4.1 Vision

Hāwea Domain is a large-scale open space rural character recreation reserve serving the wellbeing of the Hāwea communities, residents of the wider district and visitors.

4.2 Objectives

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

4.2.1 To accommodate appropriate activities in defined areas that enhance the community's use, access and enjoyment of the Domain. Appropriate activities include equine uses that require the large open space and uphold a rural character, such as race track events and pony club training and events.

4.2.2 To maintain and develop quality open space that provides enhanced recreation opportunities for use and enjoyment of the Domain by the community and visitors.

4.2.3 To develop buildings or structures that support the community use of the Domain, are in keeping with the rural character, and positively contribute to the amenity of the area.

4.3 Policies

4.3.1 Activities

- a. Support the existing types of activities, which include Pony Club, the racetrack, tennis, food forest, and passive recreation use of the Domain and appropriate community and recreation events.
- b. Continue the use of the Domain for agricultural purposes.

4.3.2 Buildings

- a. Encourage building designs, colours and materials that are of a high quality and do not detract from the character or amenity of the Domain and surrounds. Buildings shall be supported by appropriate landscaping to ensure that they enhance the character of the Domain.
- b. Permit public toilets and shelters to be constructed on the Domain to meet the needs of Domain users.
- c. Consider development of clubrooms and storage that support the function of clubs and groups.

4.3.3 Access

- a. Facilitate reasonable access to as many areas of the Domain as possible for persons with restricted mobility in accordance with QLDC's Disability Policy.
- b. Provide playgrounds, paths or fitness equipment that will give consideration to providing opportunities for people with limited mobility.
- c. 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 Domain.
- d. Consider the development of car and bike parking to the extent that they do not limit the capacity of the reserve as primarily a rural open space. This means there must be consideration to limit hard surfaces and maintain the rural vegetated nature of the reserve.

4.3.4 Events

- a. Permit the use of the Domain 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 Domain to enable recreation opportunities, and those events and activities have contingency plans to relocate should ground conditions not be suitable.

4.3.5 Hāwea Domain Board

- a. Support the Hāwea Domain Board for activities that uphold the Vision of the Hāwea Domain, in accordance with the Hāwea Domain Board MOU.
- b. Support the Hāwea Domain Board in their responsibilities to engage with Domain user groups and be active in representing and advocating on their behalf.

4.3.6 Leases and Licences

- a. Consider new recreational opportunities, permits and licences where they do not conflict with existing uses and are consistent with the character of the Domain.
- b. Support the existing licences where they support the ongoing recreational use of the Domain.

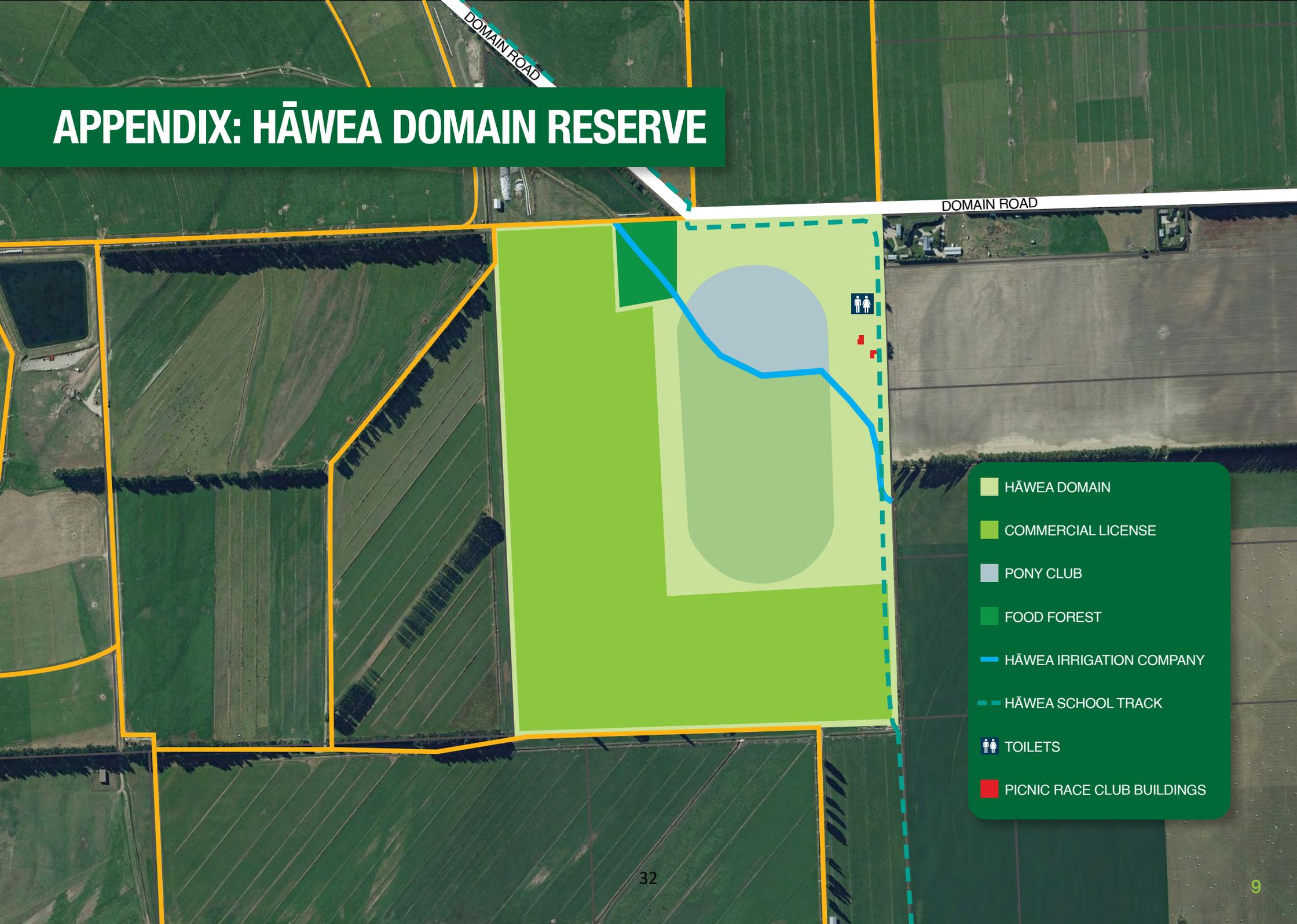
4.3.7 Services

- a. Provide for continued use and development of essential public services, including water, electricity and toilets.
- b. Permit the placement of QLDC utility services only where the Domain is not likely to be materially altered or permanently damaged, or the rights of the public using the Domain are permanently affected.
- c. Site underground services to avoid existing features, including trees, waterways.
- d. Support the establishment of an irrigation scheme for the Domain where there is a demonstrated need that irrigation is necessary for the ongoing use and development of the Domain and the associated community activities.
- e. Support the construction of a bore to support existing and potential future uses.

4.3.8 Trees, Landscaping and Ecology

- a. Retain the open space and rural landscape character of Hāwea Domain.
- b. Encourage the establishment of trees to provide shelter (as necessary), structure and form to the Domain.
- c. Encourage community engagement and involvement in selecting, planting and caring for Domain plantings for biodiversity and amenity that complements the development of the Domain.
- d. Consider planting improvements to the Domain that provide for long-term tree succession, shade for recreation and native resources.
- e. Enable the ecological values of the Domain to be enhanced through native revegetation.

APPENDIX: HĀWEA DOMAIN RESERVE



- HĀWEA DOMAIN
- COMMERCIAL LICENSE
- PONY CLUB
- FOOD FOREST
- HĀWEA IRRIGATION COMPANY
- - - HĀWEA SCHOOL TRACK
- 🚻 TOILETS
- PICNIC RACE CLUB BUILDINGS