

Community & Services Committee 25 February 2021

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take 2

Department: Community Services

Title | Taitara Draft Lake Hayes Estate, Shotover Country and Bridesdale Reserve **Management Plan**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO

1 The purpose of this report is to present the Draft Omnibus Lake Hayes Estate, Shotover Country and Bridesdale Reserve Management Plan to the Community & Services Committee with the request that it recommends to Council to approve the draft plan for public notification.

RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA

- 2 That the Community & Services Committee:
 - 1. **Note** the contents of this report.
 - 2. Recommend to Council to approve the Draft Lake Hayes Estate, Shotover Country, Bridesdale Reserve Management Plan for public notification in accordance with section 41(6) of the Reserves Act 1977.
 - 3. Subject to the Draft Lake Hayes Estate, Shotover Country, Bridesdale Reserve Management Plan being approved for public notification, recommend Council to approve three Councillors (to be named) to be appointed to a panel to hear and consider submissions received.

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CONTEXT | HOROPAKI

- 3 Under Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 (the Act) all recreation reserves under Council's administration are required to have reserve management plans, prepared in accordance with the Act.
- 4 The Community & Services Committee approved the intention to notify the preparation of a Draft Omnibus Reserve Management Plan (Draft RMP) (refer ATTACHMENT A) for Lake Hayes Estate, Shotover Country and Bridesdale (LHESCB) on 27 February 2020. Notification of the intent to prepare a Draft RMP was posted in local print media and on QLDC social media platforms. Three public drop-in sessions were hosted by council. Further feedback was gathered via the QLDC Let's Talk web page. This feedback, along with a Community & Services Committee workshop held on 20 August 2020 informed the preparation of the draft RMP.
- 5 A summary of public feedback with officer responses is included (refer ATTACHMENT B).
- The Draft RMP describes the general intentions for the use, maintenance, protection, preservation and development of LHESCB Reserves, through a vision and a series of objectives and policies. These will assist with decision making regarding development and use of the reserves.

ANALYSIS AND ADVICE | TATĀRITANGA ME NGĀ TOHUTOHU

- 7 The Draft RMP (refer **ATTACHMENT A)** is the first RMP for the LHESCB reserves. It captures the vision, character and intended uses of the recreation reserves through objectives and policies.
- 8 LHESCB reserves comprise a total of 45 hectares within the Lake Hayes Estate, Shotover Country and Bridesdale subdivisions. This combined residential area has a growing community with a population larger than Arrowtown. The reserves provide a range of park types allowing for passive recreation, informal sports and access to the natural environment and the wider network of Queenstown tracks and trails.
- 9 The notification of the Draft RMP will allow the public to provide submissions to Council and be heard if requested in relation to how the reserves should be managed.

Next steps

- 10 The draft plan will be publicly notified for two months and a hearing held if there are submissions received by submitters who wish to be heard. It is recommended the Community & Services Committee nominate a hearings panel, to consider submissions and to finalise the plan for endorsement by Full Council.
- 11 Option 1 Recommend to Council to approve the Draft LHESCB RMP for public notification.

Advantages:

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- 12 Approving the Draft RMP will enable the process to continue by allowing the public to view and formally submit on the draft.
- 13 This will support Council's obligation under the Reserves Act to prepare reserve management plans for recreation reserves.

Disadvantages:

- 14 None.
- 15 Option 2 Do not recommend to Council to approve the Draft RMP for public notification.

Advantages:

16 None.

Disadvantages:

- 17 There will be no RMP for the LHESCB reserves.
- 18 This will not support Council's obligation under the Reserves Act to prepare reserve management plans for recreation reserves.
- 19 This report recommends Option 1 for addressing the matter because the Draft RMP acknowledges public feedback and has been workshopped with governance.

CONSULTATION PROCESS | HĀTEPE MATAPAKI:

> SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT | TE WHAKAMAHI I KĀ WHAKAARO HIRAKA

- 20 This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because of the demonstrated community interest and potential impacts on the Council's Ten Year Plan.
- 21 The persons who are affected by, or interested in, this matter are the residents/ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District as well as visitors to, and users of, the LHESCB reserves.
- 22 The Council has consulted, sought public feedback, and will publicly notify the Draft RMP under s119 of the Reserves Act.

RISK AND MITIGATIONS | NGĀ RARU TŪPONO ME NGĀ WHAKAMAURUTANGA

- 23 This matter relates to the Regulatory/Legal/Compliance risk category. It is associated with OR11 within the <u>QLDC Risk Register</u>. This risk has been assessed as having a low inherent risk rating.
- 24 The approval of the recommended option will support the Council by allowing us to implement additional controls for this risk. This shall be achieved by approving the Draft

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RMP which will allow for firmly setting the vision, character and ensuring a range of recreation uses for the reserves.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS | NGĀ RITENGA Ā-PŪTEA

- 25 There are no financial implications of the Draft RMP, other than internal resources to prepare it, which are already accounted for.
- 26 There are the following proposed budgets for the LHSCB in the draft Ten Year Plan:
 - \$80,000 for Recreation Improvements for Widgeon Place Reserve (Lake Hayes Estate).
 - \$276,000 for Sports field and Irrigation Improvements for McBride Park (Lake Hayes Estate).
 - \$120,000 for renewal work on the Lake Hayes Estate Countryside Commuter Trail.

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

- 27 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:
 - Vision Beyond 2050: https://www.qldc.govt.nz/vision-beyond-2050/
 - The Reserves Act 1977.
 - Local Government Act 2002.
 - Parks & Open Spaces Strategy 2017.
- 28 The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policy/policies.
- 29 Three reserve projects relating to this RMP are included in the Ten Year Plan.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS AND STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES | KA TURE WHAIWHAKAARO, ME KĀ TAKOHAKA WAETURE

30 The draft RMP has been prepared in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 PURPOSE PROVISIONS | TE WHAKATURETURE 2002 0 TE KĀWANATAKA Ā-KĀIKA

- 31 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 setting out a vision for the character and use of the Domain;
 - Can be implemented through current funding under the Ten Year Plan and Annual Plan:
 - Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and





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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 | NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA

Α	LHESCB Draft Reserve Management Plan (Draft RMP)
В	Public informal feedback summary with QLDC responses