

**Community & Services Committee  
23 May 2019**

**Report for Agenda Item 1**

**Department: Corporate Services**

**Heritage Incentive Grant Application – W F Barrow**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to review a request for Heritage Incentive Grant for reimbursement for maintenance costs for Protected Features 596, two Oak trees located at Mr WF Barrow's property at 7 McLellan Place, Albert Town.

**Recommendation**

That the Community & Services Committee:

1. **Note** the contents of this report and in particular;
2. **Approve** the Heritage Incentive Grant of \$2,300 for reimbursement of maintenance costs for two oak trees, located at 7 McLellan Place, Albert Town.

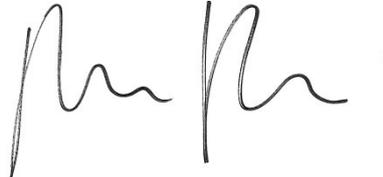
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## Background

- 1 The oak trees situated on Mr Barrow's property are listed as protected feature 596 which is a Category Two Protected Feature in the Partially Operative District Plan.
- 2 The arborist states that the trees are overdue remedial maintenance and that the branches are encroaching on the residence of Mr Barrows. The proposal is for routine maintenance work to remove dead wood and remove weight from the branches. This work will provide a more balanced tree canopy and will ensure these heritage trees are maintained.

## Options

- 3 This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for assessing the matter as required by section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002:

Option 1 Approve the maintenance costs to the value of \$2,300 for work on the Heritage trees 596 situated 7 McLellan Place, Albert Town.

Advantages:

The Heritage Incentive grant will be used appropriately to provide for this heritage project and allow this resident to undertake this maintenance work.

Disadvantages:

- 4 The available total fund for the year would be diminished by \$2,300.

- 5 Option 2 Decline the reimbursement of the maintenance costs to the value of \$2,300 for work on the Heritage trees 596 situated 7 McLellan Place, Albert Town.

Advantages:

- 6 The Heritage Incentive grant will not be spent on this occasion, ensuring on-going provision of funds for future projects.

Disadvantages:

- 7 The Heritage Incentive grant will arguably not be used for the purposes for which it was created and Mr Barrow will fully fund this work personally.

- 8 Failing to utilise this grant for the purpose for which it was established may be perceived to be disadvantaging residents that own land where historically significant trees exist requiring on-going preventative and maintenance work. This could be considered to place the ability for future generations to appreciate these trees at risk.

- 9 It is the recommendation of this report to address the matter with Option 1 and approve utilisation of the Heritage Incentive Grant and reimburse Mr Barrow.

## Significance and Engagement

10 This matter is of [low] significance, as determined by reference to the [Council's Significance and Engagement Policy](#) because it is of interest to the public, the extent to which individuals, organisations, groups and sectors in the community are affected by the Council's decisions.

## Risk

11 This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK00034 Ineffective Management of Culturally Significant Heritage Assets within the QLDC Risk Register.

12 This matter will support the Council by allowing us to implement additional controls for this risk. This shall be achieved by providing financial and regulatory support for the maintenance of the oak trees at 7 McLellan Place, Albert Town.

## Financial Implications

13 The Heritage Incentive Grant budget of \$25,582 per annum was approved through the Ten Year Plan. QLDC has currently committed to five projects in this financial year to the value \$19,000 of which leaves a remaining budget of \$6,582.

## Council Policies, Strategies and Bylaws

14 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- Heritage Strategy – the Council provides a Heritage Incentive grant to assist with the financial costs borne by owners of listed heritage items including natural and built heritage items in the Queenstown Lakes District
- The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policy/policies.
- This matter is included in the 10-Year Plan/Annual Plan as a budget line under the Grants and Levies Budget cost centre with a budget of \$25,582.

## Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

15 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 aiding owners of heritage protected features and trees within the Queenstown Lakes District
- Will help with the costs of maintaining and protecting the District's important historic features, ensuring preservation and enjoyment for both current and future generations;

- Can be implemented through current funding under the 10-Year Plan and Annual Plan;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- 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.

**Consultation: Community Views and Preferences**

16 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are Heritage NZ, Council Arborist Tim Errington and the residents/ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District community.

**Attachments**

A Quotes – Wanaka Tree Care Ltd

B Site Map

C Image of Oak Trees at 7 McLellan Place, Albert Town