

QLDC Council**27 August 2015****Report for Agenda Item: 8****Department: Operations****Notification of intention to prepare a Reserve Management Plan for the Wanaka Recreational Reserve ('Wanaka Showgrounds')****Purpose**

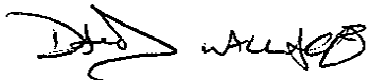
The purpose of this report is to request that Council resolve to notify its intention to prepare a Reserve Management Plan for the Wanaka Recreational Reserve (Wanaka Showgrounds).

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Agree to notify its intention to prepare a Reserve Management Plan for the Wanaka Recreational Reserve (Wanaka Showgrounds site) legally described as Section 12 Blk XV TN of Wanaka.

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Background

- 1 Under section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 all recreation reserves under Council's administration are required to have Reserve Management Plans.
- 2 The Wanaka Recreational Reserve is under Council's administration and the Wanaka Community Board resolved the following in April 2015:

On the motion of Mr O'Connor and Councillor Cocks it was resolved that the Wanaka Community Board:

1. **Note the contents of this report;**
2. **Resolve that granting a new lease to the Upper Clutha A & P Society over the Wanaka Showgrounds, being part section 12 Block XV, Town of Wanaka be deferred and that a report on**

this matter be brought back to the Board by August 2015;

- 3. Recommend to Council that a Reserve Management Plan for the Wanaka Recreational Reserve be undertaken in the 2015/16 year.**
(Emphasis added)

- 3 This report is to commence the statutory process requested by the Wanaka Community board at item 3 of their resolution.

Comment

- 4 There is currently no reserve management plan relating to the Wanaka Recreational Reserve and this report is simply to resolve to notify the commencement of that process under the provisions of Section 41 of the Reserve Act 1977.
- 5 The notification of the intention to prepare the plan will allow the public to provide informal written feedback to Council in relation to the community's aspirations for how the reserve should be managed.

Options

- 6 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:
- 7 Option 1 Resolve to notify the intention to prepare a reserve management plan
 - 8 Advantages:
 - 9 This will support Councils obligation under the Reserves Act 1977 to prepare a reserve management plan for the Wanaka Recreational Reserve.
 - 10 Disadvantages:
 - 11 No disadvantages have been identified.
- 12 Option 2 Do not resolve to notify the intention to prepare a reserve management plan
 - 13 Advantages:
 - 14 No advantages have been identified.
 - 15 Disadvantages:
 - 16 This will not support Councils obligation under the Reserves Act 1977 to prepare a reserve management plan for the Wanaka Recreational Reserve.
- 17 This report recommends Option 1 for addressing the matter.

Significance and Engagement

- 18 This matter is of medium significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because the report does not relate to a significant asset as defined by the Significance and engagement policy however the future management of the centrally located well used reserve may be of interest to the Wanaka Community.

Risk

- 19 This matter relates to the strategic risk SR3 – Working within legislation, as documented in the Council's risk register. The risk is classed as moderate. This matter relates to this risk because Council has an obligation to comply with statutory requirements.
- 20 The risk is mitigated by Council following due process and commencing the process of the plan development in accordance with Section 41 of the Reserve Act 1977.

Financial Implications

- 21 Apart from general operational costs there are no financial implications for Council in making this decision.

Council Policies, Strategies and Bylaws

- 22 This matter is included in the 10-Year Plan.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

- 23 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;
 - Can be implemented through current funding under the 10-Year 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

- 24 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the community of the Queenstown Lakes District and particularly the Wanaka community.
- 25 This decision represents the commencement of consultation to prepare a reserve management plan for the reserve.