

**Community & Services Committee
23 February 2017**

Report for Agenda Item 2

Department: Property & Infrastructure

Naming of One Existing Reserve and Four Proposed Reserves within the Queenstown Lakes District

Purpose

- 1 To consider and approve the naming of one QLDC recreation reserve and four proposed reserves. Three proposed reserves are within the Shotover Country subdivision and one within The Views subdivision.

Recommendation

- 2 That the Community & Services Committee:
 1. **Note** the contents of this report and in particular;
 2. **Approve** the naming of the Harris Place recreation reserve on Main Road, Luggate as follows:
 - a. **'Geoff Taylor Park'** reserve legally described as Lot 401 DP 361422
 3. **Approve** the naming of the two reserves approved by Council to be vested and one already vested reserve within the Shotover Country subdivision, Queenstown as follows;
 - a. **'Pennywell Lane'** being the land parcel to the north of Lots 1001 and 1025 of Shotover Country stage 14.
 - b. **'Merton Park'** being the land parcel to the west of Toni's Terrace, Shotover Country stage 14.
 - c. **'Sunnymead Path'** being the land parcel to the north east of Lot 555 and legally described as Lot 1102 DP 501112 within the Shotover Country subdivision.
 4. **Approve** the naming of the land vested as neighbour reserve located within The Views subdivision, Queenstown as follows;
 - a. **'Jetty Creek Park'** reserve within The Views subdivision.
 5. **Approve** the gazetting of all reserves when vested.

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Background

Luggate Reserve

- 3 The Luggate Community Association has requested that Council formally name a recreation reserve off Main Road, Luggate. The reserve legally described as Lot 401 DP 361422 is informally known as 'Harris Place Reserve' Please refer to Attachment A for the location of this reserve.
- 4 The proposed name is 'Geoff Taylor Park'. Geoff Taylor passed away in February 2016 and was a highly respected and loved community stalwart and therefore the community association wish to honour him in this way.
- 5 Geoff was a lifelong friend of Sir Tim Wallis, who together began the Luggate Game Packers Co. in the 1960s and became well connected throughout the Upper Clutha. Geoff and his wife Jill bought the Belex Carding Co. in 1997, moving it to Luggate and he became deeply involved in local town affairs.
- 6 Geoff was the chairman of the Luggate Community Association for 10 years, a member of Rotary Wanaka and worked tirelessly for these groups. He was instrumental in many of the local Luggate projects including working bees, tree planting, the playground and tennis courts upgrade just to name a few.
- 7 Geoff's 'swan song' in his final years was the inspirational restoration of the old wagon and the horses that now stand in the park by the Main Road. This historical tribute to past Luggate days is dedicated to the Reid Family (fore-runners of Upper Clutha Transport) and stands on the area the Community Association wish to bear Geoff's name.

Shotover Country Reserves

- 8 Shotover Country has requested that Council formally name two proposed reserves agreed by Council to be vested in stage 14 and one vested reserve within the Shotover Country subdivision as shown in Attachment B.
- 9 Two reserves have not yet been vested in Council, but will be vested following the completion of the subdivision of the areas they are located in. Council agreed that they are to be vested as reserves at a meeting on 24 February 2016. The naming will allow for signage to be erected for the reserves following vesting with Council.

- 10 The original farm which is now Shotover Country was known as Islay Farm, and the nearby Shotover River takes its name from the English residence of Mr Gammie, a business partner of Queenstown's founder, William Rees. Gammie hailed from Shotover Park in Oxford in England. Shotover Country is maintaining the historic links with road and reserve names taken from the Oxford area, England.
- 11 The first of the reserves is a land parcel to the north of Lots 1001 and 1025 of Shotover Country stage 14 as shown in Attachment C.
- 12 The proposed name is 'Pennywell Lane' requested by Sharyn Stalker of Shotover Country where the name was taken from 'Pennywell Drive'. Pennywell Drive is a residential street in Oxford and has views over a local park and the proposed reserve is an elevated area between Ashenhurst Way and Peterley Road which overlooks the proposed 'Merton Park'.
- 13 The second proposed reserve described as Lot 2000 is to the west of Toni's Terrace as shown in Attachment C.
- 14 The proposed name is Merton Park and is named after Merton College, Oxford. Merton Park is a vibrant and diverse intellectual community and has been part of Oxford University since 1264. Merton College has a well-founded reputation for sports with its own extensive sports ground and recreational facilities. With Shotover Country's diverse community and proposed recreational facilities, Merton Park is a suitable name for this reserve.
- 15 The third reserve is the land parcel to the north east of Lot 555 and legally described as Lot 1102 DP 501112 of Shotover Country as shown in Attachment D.
- 16 The proposed name is 'Sunnymead Path' after Sunnymead, which is the elevated northern part of Oxford, England and adjoining the lower Ashenhurst Way to the elevated Marston Road.

The Views Subdivision Reserve

- 17 Queenstown Joint Venture has requested that Council formally name a vested 'neighbourhood reserve' located within The Views subdivision.
- 18 The proposed name is 'Jetty Creek Park' because immediately east of the site is a deep incised gully and stream known as 'Jetty Creek'. The catchment of the creek runs from the summit of Queenstown Hill down to the Frankton Arm and shown in Attachment E.

Comment

- 19 The Parks and Reserves Naming Policy outlines the criteria to assess suggested names.
- 20 The proposed name for the reserve on Main Road, Luggate meets the following criteria contained within the naming policy - 2. Historical Person or Event as Geoff Taylor was a notable person with local association.

- 21 The proposed names for the reserves in Shotover Country meet the following criteria contained within the naming policy - 6. Associated name. The names proposed are associated with Shotover and Oxford locale.
- 22 The proposed reserve within The Views subdivision meets the following criteria contained within the naming policy - 3. Significant geographical feature, landscape, flora or fauna. The name proposed is associated with the geographical feature, 'Jetty Creek'.
- 23 In regards to all proposed reserves, as per the criteria outlined in the policy, local Iwi have been consulted to determine whether the open space or surrounding areas is of significance to Maori. Local Iwi advised each proposed reserve site were of no significance and the proposed names were acceptable.

Options

- 24 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:

25 Option 1 Formally adopt names for reserves

Advantages:

- 26 Relevant names formally adopted to provide the reserves a 'sense of place' and geographic reference and recognises significant contributions of an individual.

Disadvantages:

- 27 It may cause potential conflict as names have not been consulted on with the community.

28 Option 2 Seek alternative name options

Advantages:

- 29 Allow for other name applications for the reserves and measure the best option as per the parks and reserves naming policy.

Disadvantages:

- 30 Alternative name applications may not be received

- 31 Costs associated with further consultation.

32 Option 3 Do not formally name the reserves

Advantages:

- 33 Avoid any conflict or disagreement with other interested parties wanting to apply for an appropriate name.

Disadvantages:

- 34 The reserves are left with no name, 'sense of place', geographic reference and nor will it recognise significant contributions of an individual.
- 35 This report recommends Option 1 for addressing the matter.

Significance and Engagement

- 36 This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because the reserves are not considered strategic assets.

Risk

- 37 The matter does not have significant risk. The risk is noted as OR26 as documented in the Council's risk register. The risk is classed as low. Risk of judicial review can arise if Council fail to name reserves in accordance with the Naming of Parks & Reserves Policy. The recommended option considered above mitigates the risk by recommending names that are in accordance with Councils policy.

Financial Implications

- 38 There are no financial implications to formally name the reserves.

Council Policies, Strategies and Bylaws

- 39 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:
- Significance Policy – this decision does not meet any of the significance thresholds.
 - Parks & Reserves Naming Policy - to determine the process for naming these reserves.
- 40 The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policy/policies

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

- 41 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 providing a sense of place and geographic reference for each reserve which is formally named.
 - Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and

- Would not alter 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

- 42 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are residents and ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District Community and local Iwi.
- 43 The community has not been consulted because the matter is not considered to be of such significance to require wider consultation.
- 44 As per the naming policy requirements, the Parks & Reserves Officer has consulted with local Iwi to determine whether the open space or surrounding area is of significance to Maori in accordance with the processes and protocols developed with the relevant Papatipu Runanga o Ngai Tahu.
- 45 Kai Tahu Ki Otago (KTKO) Ltd has advised that there is no objection to the proposed names.

Attachments

- A Harris Place Reserve, Luggate aerial map
- B Shotover Country overview map
- C Proposed 'Pennywell Lane' and 'Merton Park' aerial map
- D Proposed 'Sunnymead Path' aerial map
- E The Views Development & proposed 'Jetty Creek park' aerial map