

**Wanaka Community Board
21 February 2019**

Report for Agenda Item: 2

Department: Community Services

Reserve Management Plan for the following reserves:

1. **Lismore Park**
2. **Allenby Park**
3. **Kelly's Flat**
4. **Faulks Terrace Recreation Reserve**
5. **Domini Park**
6. **Kennedy Crescent Recreation Reserve**

Purpose

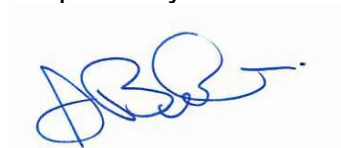
To consider for adoption, the Reserve Management Plan for the identified reserves.

Recommendation

That the Wanaka Community Board:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Recommend to Council**, that the Reserve Management Plan (RMP) for the identified reserves be adopted;
3. **Agree** to the title 'Wanaka Central Reserves Management Plan 2019' as a practical title for the Reserves Management Plan.
4. **Note** that the RMP will be ultimately reformatted to a professional standard and will include additional and updated images.

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Background

- 1 The Reserves Act 1977 requires administering bodies to keep management plans for reserves held under the act under constant review to ensure relevance.
- 2 Public consultation on the draft RMP opened on 1 February 2018 and closed on 3 April 2018. Twenty-three public submissions were received.
- 3 A public hearing was convened on 5 December 2018, the purpose being to consider submissions and listen to those submitters in attendance who sought to be heard. Mr Ed Taylor (Chairperson), Ms Ruth Harrison and Ms Jude Battson, were appointed to consider the submissions and determine any appropriate amendments to the draft RMP.
- 4 Seven submitters spoke at the hearing.
- 5 The minutes of that hearing are included with this report (Attachment A), with the outcome of deliberations being that aspects of the proposed RMP be amended as deemed appropriate.

Comment

- 6 The RMP has been prepared in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977. Following the hearing, the penultimate step is for the Wanaka Community Board to consider the RMP, and if appropriate, recommend to Council that the RMP be adopted.
- 7 The final step is for Council to adopt the RMP under delegation from the Minister of Conservation.
- 8 The hearings panel recommend the plan for adoption, which has been amended following the submissions and the hearings process. The final version of the RMP is attached as Attachment B, with the recommended changes highlighted.
- 9 In summary the key changes are:
 - a) Enabling active transport linkages provided they do not conflict with recreational use of reserves.
 - b) Recognising that community youth groups can sometimes require buildings, and providing for this in the Reserve Specific Policies for Lismore Park.
- 10 The RMP for the identified reserves has been prepared as a high level document that outlines policy for the management of the reserves, and guides Council on making decisions on leases and licences on the reserves. The detail of how the reserves will look and operate will be established through subsequent development plans (subject to annual plan approval).
- 11 The six reserves included in the RMP are all located generally within central Wanaka. Other large reserves within the Wanaka town centre such as Pembroke Park have separate management plans. It is suggested that a practical title for the RMP for ease of reference is Wanaka Central Reserves Management Plan 2019.

Options

12 Option 1 Adopt the plan.

Advantages:

13 Objectives and policies will provide for efficient and quality decision making on activities on the reserves. This direction will be clear for all users, public and operators on the reserves.

Disadvantages:

14 None

15 Option 2 Don't adopt the plan

Advantages:

16 None

Disadvantages:

17 There will be no strategic management of the reserves to meet the future needs of the community.

18 Not having a management plan will contravene the Reserves Act 1977.

19 This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter.

Significance and Engagement

20 This matter is of low to medium significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy when taking into account the potentially high level of community interest against the 'low' assessments against of the other factors.

Risk

21 This matter relates to the strategic risk SR1 - Current and future development needs of the community (including environmental protection), as documented in the Council's risk register. The risk is classed as low. This matter relates to this risk because the Reserve Management Plan is a high level strategy that aims to improve the management, amenity, accessibility and public enjoyment of the reserves.

Financial Implications

22 There are no capital expenditure requirements at this stage. Operational costs for producing the development plan can be met through existing budgets.

Council Policies, Strategies and Bylaws

- 23 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:
- Proposed and Operative District Plan.
- 24 This matter is not included in the 10-Year Plan/Annual Plan
- Submissions can be made to the Annual Plan to seek funding for any proposed Reserve Development Plan.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

- 25 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 enabling sound management practices for the use of the reserves;
 - 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

- 26 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the residents and ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District Community, and visitors to the area.
- 27 The Council publicly notified the RMP and a public hearing was held on 5 December 2018.

Legal Considerations and Statutory Responsibilities

- 28 The development of the RMP was completed under the Reserves Act 1977.
- 29 The Conservation Minister has delegated decision making powers for reserve management plans to local administering bodies.

Attachments

- A Hearing Minutes
- B Reserve Management Plan (Amended)