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## WANAKA ASSOCIATED FOOTBALL CLUB

### 6 Other Comments

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#### Would you like to comment on any other aspect of this draft 10 Year Plan?

Please find attached a submission from the Wanaka Associated Football Club. Related to Community Services and Facilities: Parks and Reserves To build a small club room structure at Kellys Flat sports grounds to meet the needs of the Wanaka Junior Football club and any other users of the grounds.

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**Submission:**

QLDC 10 Year Plan. 2015-2025

Community Services and Facilities: Parks and Reserves

To build a small club room structure at Kellys Flat sports grounds to meet the needs of the Wanaka Junior Football club and any other users of the grounds.

**Background:**

The Wanaka Associated Football club organises and offers football training and competition to local junior players aged 5 years to 17 years of age. The club represents the wider Upper Clutha region with junior players from Hawea, Luggate, Albert Town and Wanaka all participating together. We currently use Kellys Flat Grounds in Wanaka for Junior football training, and to host regional games against other junior clubs from Alexandra, Cromwell and Queenstown.

We are affiliated with a national body. That being Football South which is one of the seven federations established by New Zealand Football. For further information about our club you can view our website.  
[www.wanakafootball.org.nz](http://www.wanakafootball.org.nz)

The Club is a non-profit organisation. The running of the club, from committee members, coaches and helpers on game days, relies heavily on the free time put in by parents, community members and volunteers. We have been an incorporated society since August 2005.

Junior football has become very popular in this region, and this season the number of kids that are playing for the club has increased from 175 children to 270 children. This is a 65% increase from last year. As a result we have had to purchase more football equipment to accommodate the extra players at training and on competition days.

**The Site:**

Kellys Flat is legally described as Kellys Flat Recreation Reserve - Section 93 Blk XIV Lower Wanaka SD (3.4067 ha).

In 2013 Kellys Flat reserve was upgraded by QLDC and landscaped to facilitate organised sport. This upgrade was all done as part of the QLDC Kellys Flat Management Plan 2008.

Since then the Wanaka Junior Football club has been using the Kelly flat sports Ground for training and competition days for junior football teams. The facility has proved to be very good and a much needed improvement from the old Mt Aspiring College grounds previously used. The availability of Kelly Flat Sports Ground last year was also very timely with the growth in junior player numbers in the club booming.

The use of Kelly Flat as a football sports field is growing in popularity. Not only is it being used by the Wanaka Junior football club, but other users include. Central Otago Football representative teams as a training facility. Recently there was a Masters football event held there. There is potential for further use of the sports ground.

Since the upgrade of the grounds there is also a noted increase in the number of recreational users like families and youths playing soccer on the grounds, especially on weekends when the football goals are in place.

### **Proposal:**

The popularity of junior football is growing rapidly in Wanaka. (Player numbers in 2015 has increased 65% from the previous year). We feel that there is now a need for a club house type building at Kelly Flat sports ground to facilitate the functions of the football club. Currently the sports grounds offer playing fields, car parking and a toilet. We propose building a small club rooms for the following purposes.

1. Storage of equipment.
2. Changing Areas.
3. Meeting facility
4. First aid Room
5. Kitchen.

The building would primarily be used by the Wanaka Football club for football purposes including hosting competition days, club meetings, training and storage of equipment. However the building would also be available for use by other groups that may like to utilise the Kellys Flat Sports ground for special events or other sports ground related purposes.

As a comparison to other junior football clubs in the region that are part of the same junior football competition.

Alexandra Junior Football Club. There is a large facility at Molyneux Park that includes changing rooms, toilets and club rooms space.

Cromwell Junior Football Club. They have a club house at the Alpha Street sports ground. This facility is very similar to what we are proposing. It includes changing rooms and toilet, and a club room with kitchen facilities.

Queenstown Junior Football Club. They have the use of all the facilities at the Queenstown Events Centre.

### **The Structure:**

The Club proposes to build a structure approximately 10.6m x 3.8m as shown on the accompanying Floor Plan, with a floor area of approximately 40m<sup>2</sup>. This building could be built in the same style and with similar materials as the existing toilet block at Kellys Flat, so it matches the existing architecture at the grounds. It would be built on piles, so could potentially be moved in the future. For example it could be relocated to the Wanaka Sports facility grounds if/when the fields get completed.

The preferred location of the building at Kellys Flat is shown on the accompanying Layout Plan.

### **Funding:**

The Club would be prepared to raise funds to build the structure. It would also be open to assistance from QLDC, at very least it would be hoped that the club would not have to pay any compliance costs to get the project approved.

### **The Proposed Wanaka Sports Facility at Three Parks.**

The plan for the Wanaka sports facility at Three Parks proposes the inclusion of two football fields. The Wanaka Junior football club is certainly in favour of including football fields in this proposal.

These proposed fields are not large enough to accommodate the entire club on competition days, but we would like to use these fields as a venue for competition games and potentially a training facility for the older junior players.

Unfortunately there is nowhere in Wanaka that is large enough to accommodate the entire club on competition days. Currently we use a combination of Kellys Flat Sports Ground, Mt Aspiring College playing fields and Pembroke Park. This is not ideal but hopefully when the Wanaka Sports facility is completed, we can also utilise this facility and reduce our competition day venues to two locations.

The Kelly Flat sports ground is the perfect facility for the younger junior players, particularly for training because of its location close to the schools.

The younger junior players represent the majority of players in the club. Their training and competition is held at Kellys Flat, this is why Kellys Flat is a preferred location for a small club rooms.

### **In Closing:**

The Wanaka Junior Football believe that this proposed submission to build a club rooms on the Kellys Flat Sports ground meets the objectives of the QLDC Management Plan for Kelly Flat as follows..

#### *LISMORE PARK, KELLYS FLAT AND ALLENBY PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN*

##### *Clause 5.0 Management Objectives*

*Management objectives describe how the Council will manage each reserve, in accordance with its classification as recreation reserve.*

*The Council will:*

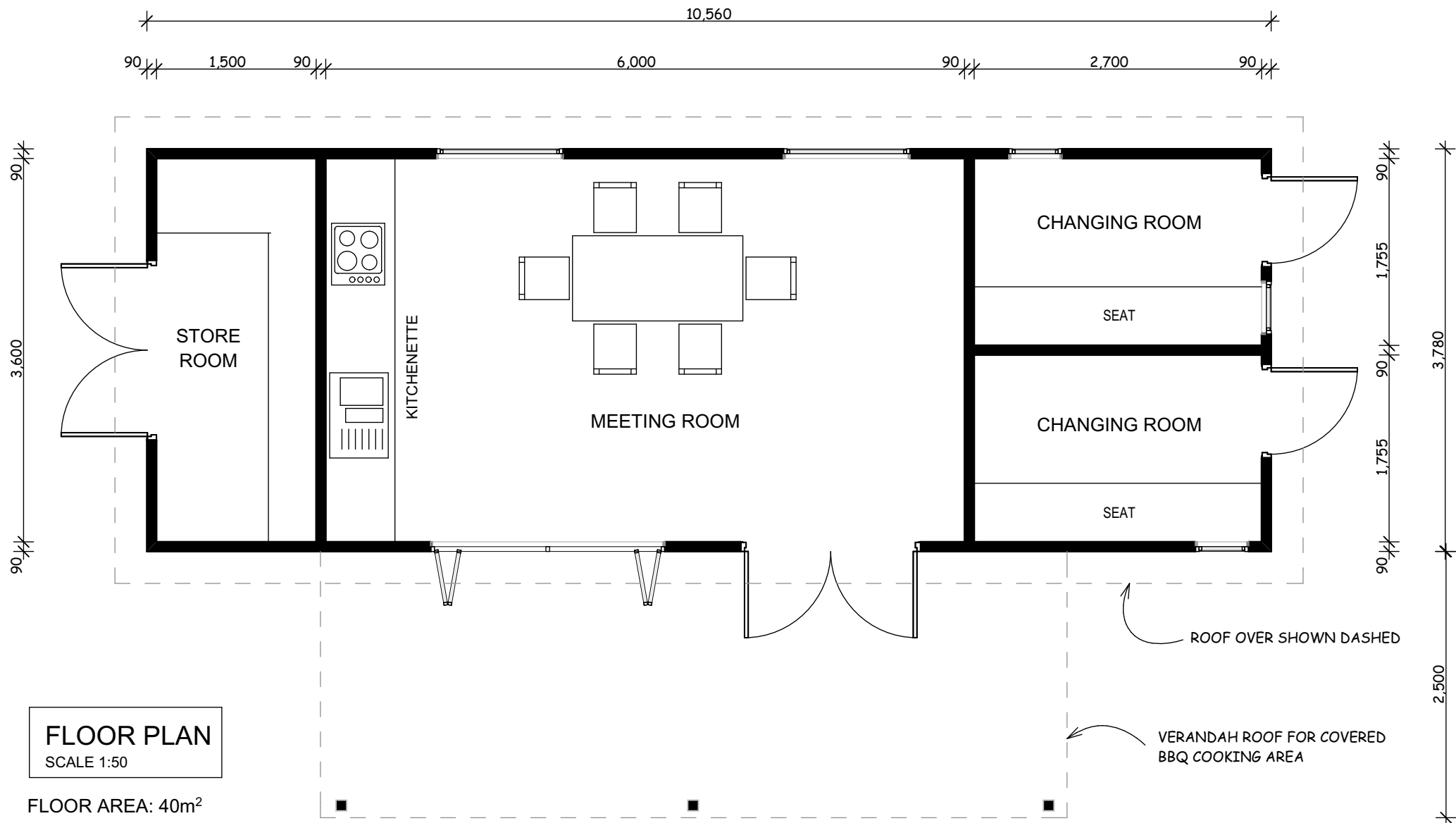
*Preserve in perpetuity Lismore Park, Kellys Flat and Allenby Park as recreational areas for the enjoyment of Wanaka residents and visitors.*

*Encourage and facilitate the use of the reserves for active and passive recreational pursuits.*

*Permit the development of an aquatic facility on Kellys Flat Reserve if the land is required for this purpose.*

*Provide for other public use and events, to the extent that the above objectives are not compromised.*

The proposal will provide a functional facility at Kellys Flat that will promote and preserve the use of the grounds for the purpose of recreation and enjoyment of the grounds for Wanaka residents and visitors. The improved facility will further encourage use of Kellys Flat by the football club and potentially be an asset for other user groups that require a facility to run events in Wanaka.



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