



Order Paper for a meeting

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS:

on the

Draft Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan

to be held on

Thursday, 22 April 2021

commencing at 10.00am

in the

Supper Room,

Lake Hāwea Community Centre,

Myra Street, Hāwea

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A meeting may deal with an item of business that is not on the agenda where the meeting resolves to deal with the item and the Chairperson provides the following information during the public part of the meeting:

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REFERENCE:

Queenstown Lakes District Council Standing Orders adopted on 12 December 2019.

QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON:

DRAFT HĀWEA DOMAIN RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

PANEL MEMBERS

Ms J Battson

Mr B Bruce

Councillor Q Smith

Chair of hearing panel to be determined at beginning of hearing.

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS:

Draft Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan

Agenda for a hearing of submissions on the draft Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan to be held in the Supper Room, Lake Hāwea Community Centre, Myra Street, Hāwea on Thursday 22 April 2021 beginning at 10.00am

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**Hearing: Submissions on the Draft Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan
22 April 2021**

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take : 1

Department: Community Services

Title | Taitara Hearing of Submissions on the draft Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO

The purpose of this report is to present information for the hearings panel about the submissions received on the draft Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan.

RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA

That the Hearings Panel:

1. Either
 - i. **Accept** for consideration the late submission.
or
 - ii. **Decline** for consideration the late submission.
2. **Consider** the submissions to the Draft Reserve Management Plan, together with advice from officers;
3. **Recommend** to the Wānaka Community Board the final form of the Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan following consideration of public feedback from submissions.

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CONTEXT | HOROPAKI

- 1 Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 (the Reserves Act) states recreation reserves under Council's administration are required to have reserve management plans, prepared in accordance with the Act.
- 2 The Draft Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan (Draft RMP) was approved for public consultation by the Wānaka Community Board on 20 February 2020.
- 3 Public consultation on the Draft RMP (refer **ATTACHMENT A**) opened on 11 January 2021 and closed on 7 March 2021. The hearings panel has been appointed to hear submissions.
- 6 The Draft RMP describes the general intentions for the use, maintenance, protection, preservation and development of Hāwea Domain, through a series of objectives and policies. These will assist with decision-making regarding development and use of the reserve.

ANALYSIS AND ADVICE | TATĀRITANGA ME NGĀ TOHUTOHU

Submissions

- 4 Eleven submissions (refer **ATTACHMENT B**) were received. Three submitters have asked to be heard.
- 5 One submission was received after the submission period closed. It is at the discretion of the hearings panel to receive this submission.
- 6 The points raised by the submitters and officer comment on each point are set out in the Summary of Submissions (refer **ATTACHMENT C**).
- 7 The hearings panel must give full consideration to the submissions received and determine the extent to which the submissions are accepted or not accepted.

Comment

- 8 Submissions can be grouped into 'themes' and these are detailed in paragraphs 9-11.
- 9 Support for the Vision, Policies and Objectives of the Draft RMP, including support for the existing activities and uses and acknowledgement of the reserve as a valuable strategic community asset for future recreation needs.
- 10 A need for a modernised toilet and shelter facility to improve the usability of the Domain for existing recreational uses.
- 11 Suggestions to realign the existing irrigation channel away from the central area of the Domain, allow short-term event-related camping and allow for formal sports uses.

CONSULTATION PROCESS | HĀTEPE MATAPAKI:

> SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT | TE WHAKAMAHI I KĀ WHAKAARO HIRAKA

- 12 This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because of the demonstrated community interest and potential impacts on the Council's Ten Year Plan.
- 13 The persons who are affected by, or interested in this matter, are the residents/ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District and visitors to and users of the Hāwea Domain.
- 14 The Council has consulted sought public feedback and will publicly notify the Draft RMP in accordance with Section 119 of the Reserves Act.

RISK AND MITIGATIONS | NGĀ RARU TŪPONO ME NGĀ WHAKAMAURUTANGA

- 15 This matter relates to the Regulatory/Legal/Compliance risk category. It is associated with OR11 within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a low inherent risk rating.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS | NGĀ RITENGA Ā-PŪTEA

- 16 The cost of hearing public submissions on the Draft RMP is covered by operational budgets.

COUNCIL EFFECTS AND VIEWS | NGĀ WHAKAAWEAWE ME NGĀ TIROHANGA A TE KAUNIHERA

- 17 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:
- The Draft RMP aligns with the principles of the Vision Beyond 2050: <https://www.qldc.govt.nz/vision-beyond-2050/>
 - Is in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.
 - Local Government Act 2002.
 - Parks & Open Spaces Strategy 2017.
 - Proposed and Operative District Plan.

- 18 This matter is included in the Ten Year Plan.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS AND STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES | KA TURE WHAIWHAKAARO, ME KĀ TAKOHAKA WAETURE

- 19 The Draft RMP has been prepared in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 PURPOSE PROVISIONS | TE WHAKATURETURE 2002 O TE KĀWANATAKA Ā-KĀIKA

- 20 This RMP process, hearing the submissions:

- 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 setting out a vision for the character and use of the Domain;
- Can be implemented through current funding under the Ten 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.

ATTACHMENTS | NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA

A	Draft Reserve Management Plan
B	All submissions
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HĀWEA DOMAIN RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN – DRAFT 2020

50 DOMAIN ROAD, HĀWEA

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Reserve Management Plan (RMP) provides a vision for the current and future use of Hāwea Domain.

This RMP describes the general intentions for the use, maintenance, protection, preservation and development of Hāwea Domain, through a series of objectives and policies. These will assist with decision making regarding development and use of the reserve.

The Reserves Act 1977 requires QLDC to prepare Reserve Management Plans for all land classified as 'Recreation Reserves' under Council management or control.

The Domain was gazetted as Recreation Reserve in two portions in 1986 and 1998. It comprises three adjoining parcels which in this document will be referred to as the Domain.

I 2. RESERVE DESCRIPTION

Hāwea Domain

The Reserve comprises a combined area of approximately 44.35 hectares.

Hāwea Domain is situated on land legally described as Section 19 Block IV Lower Hawea Survey District and Section 33 Block IV Lower Hawea Survey District.

It is bounded by Domain Road and otherwise surrounded by rural land use and nearby Rural Lifestyle and Rural Residential zoned land uses, see Appendix. Primary vehicle access is via Domain Road.

The Hāwea School Track passes along the northeastern boundary of the Domain linking Lake Hāwea to Hāwea Flat. This route is used for walking, cycling and horse riding and generally provides a safe off-road active transport route, particularly for school students attending Hāwea Flat School.

The Domain contains a hedge of conifers, in addition to other mature tree species located in the north east corner of the site, near two decommissioned tennis courts. Two informal buildings, used by the Picnic Race Club, are located in this area as well as a composting toilet.

The Hāwea Domain Irrigation Company water race passes through the site entering from the eastern side and exits to the north. This is maintained by the Hāwea Irrigation Company which has an easement.

Electricity is available to the site. A consistent source of water is not currently available.

The Domain is otherwise sited on flat land with an agricultural/rural character. The location of the Domain between Hāwea Lake and Hāwea Flat is a 'central Hāwea meeting place', which 'unites the two communities'.



Hāwea Domain Food Forest 2020



Hāwea Domain 2020

3. DESCRIPTION OF PRIMARY USERS AND ACTIVITIES


The following descriptions are a general overview and are not exhaustive.

The site is frequently used by residents and visitors for casual recreation, including walking, dog exercising and for large events that are in keeping with the rural setting such as the Hāwea Picnic Race Day and the Cavalcade.

A portion of the interior of the racetrack is leased to the Hāwea Wanaka Pony Club for training and competitions. The Hāwea Food Forest uses approximately one hectare located on the northern boundary for community food crops. The Hāwea Picnic Race Club uses the Domain for annual events. Large one-off or occasional events, such as Cavalcade have been a successful use of the Domain.

Approximately 22 hectares on the south and west boundaries is leased for rural use including grazing and baleage.

The Hāwea Domain Board incorporated in 2018 and adopted a Constitution. The Domain Board aims to support and facilitate community aspirations for the Domain. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement 2019 established with QLDC outlines the relationship between the two parties.

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape, likely a farm or agricultural area. The terrain is divided into various fields and pastures, some of which are green, suggesting grass or crops. A prominent yellow rectangular highlight is drawn over a large, open field in the center-right of the image. In the background, there are some buildings and structures, possibly a farmstead or a small village. The overall scene is a mix of natural and developed land.

4. VISION, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

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4.1 Vision

Hāwea Domain is a large-scale open space rural character recreation reserve serving the wellbeing of the Hāwea communities, residents of the wider district and visitors.

4.2 Objectives

The following objectives and policies will guide the management of the Domain:

4.2.1 To accommodate appropriate activities in defined areas that enhance the community's use, access and enjoyment of the Domain. Appropriate activities include equine uses that require the large open space and uphold a rural character, such as race track events and pony club training and events.

4.2.2 To maintain and develop quality open space that provides enhanced recreation opportunities for use and enjoyment of the Domain by the community and visitors.

4.2.3 To develop buildings or structures that support the community use of the Domain, are in keeping with the rural character, and positively contribute to the amenity of the area.

4.3 Policies

4.3.1 Activities

- a. Support the existing types of activities, which include Pony Club, the racetrack, tennis, food forest, and passive recreation use of the Domain and appropriate community and recreation events.
- b. Continue the use of the Domain for agricultural purposes.

4.3.2 Buildings

- a. Encourage building designs, colours and materials that are of a high quality and do not detract from the character or amenity of the Domain and surrounds. Buildings shall be supported by appropriate landscaping to ensure that they enhance the character of the Domain.
- b. Permit public toilets and shelters to be constructed on the Domain to meet the needs of Domain users.
- c. Consider development of clubrooms and storage that support the function of clubs and groups.

4.3.3 Access

- a. Facilitate reasonable access to as many areas of the Domain as possible for persons with restricted mobility in accordance with QLDC's Disability Policy.
- b. Provide playgrounds, paths or fitness equipment that will give consideration to providing opportunities for people with limited mobility.
- c. Consider the development of cycle and pedestrian trails that are demonstrated as necessary to facilitate greater active transport connectivity networks, only where the development of such will not conflict with, or detract from the recreational purpose of the Domain.
- d. Consider the development of car and bike parking to the extent that they do not limit the capacity of the reserve as primarily a rural open space. This means there must be consideration to limit hard surfaces and maintain the rural vegetated nature of the reserve.

4.3.4 Events

- a. Permit the use of the Domain for sporting, cultural, community and recreational events and activities, including associated parking if ground conditions allow.
- b. Ensure that events and activities do not compromise the primary functions of the Domain to enable recreation opportunities, and those events and activities have contingency plans to relocate should ground conditions not be suitable.

4.3.5 Hāwea Domain Board

- a. Support the Hāwea Domain Board for activities that uphold the Vision of the Hāwea Domain, in accordance with the Hāwea Domain Board MOU.
- b. Support the Hāwea Domain Board in their responsibilities to engage with Domain user groups and be active in representing and advocating on their behalf.

4.3.6 Leases and Licences

- a. Consider new recreational opportunities, permits and licences where they do not conflict with existing uses and are consistent with the character of the Domain.
- b. Support the existing licences where they support the ongoing recreational use of the Domain.

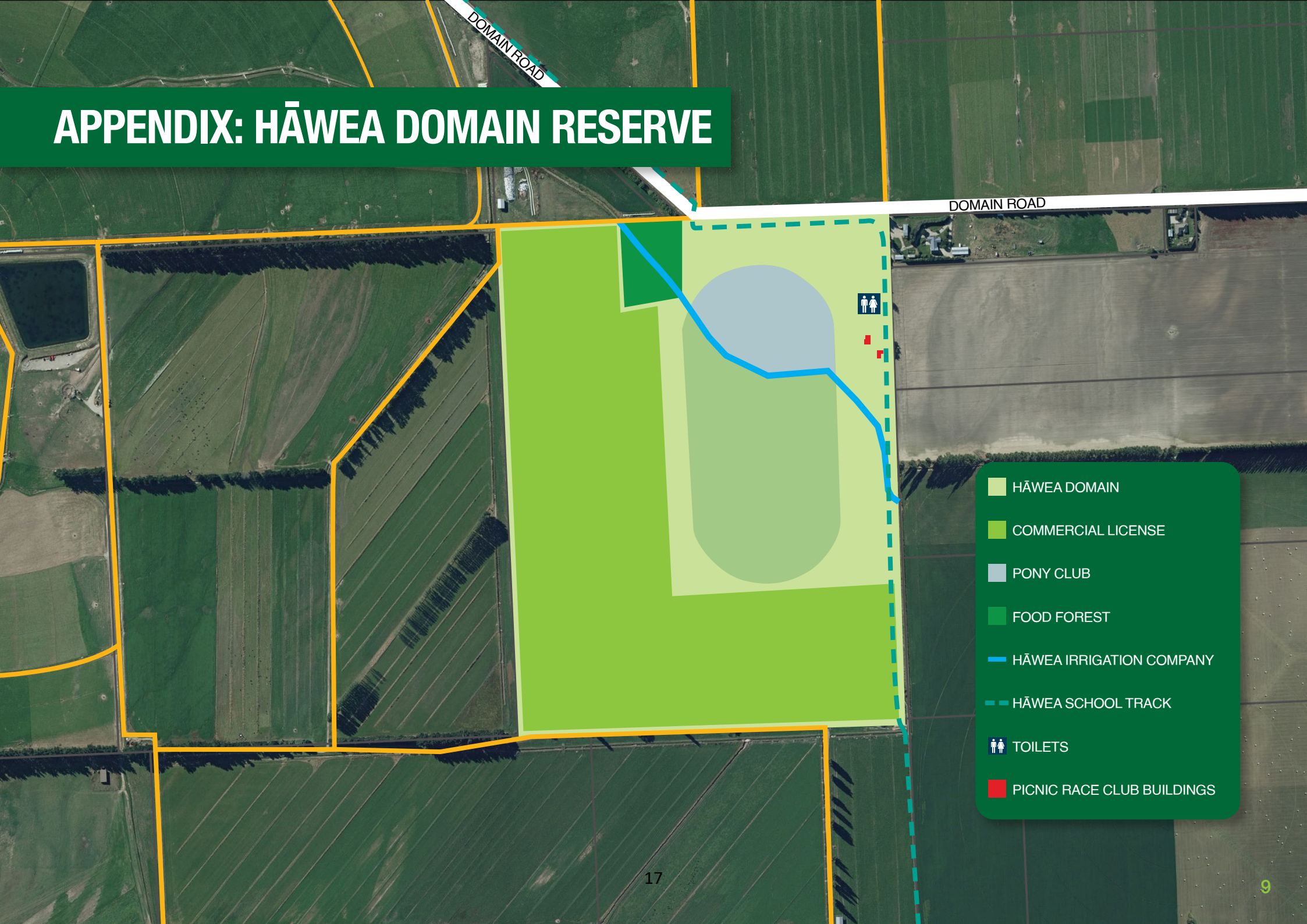
4.3.7 Services

- a. Provide for continued use and development of essential public services, including water, electricity and toilets.
- b. Permit the placement of QLDC utility services only where the Domain is not likely to be materially altered or permanently damaged, or the rights of the public using the Domain are permanently affected.
- c. Site underground services to avoid existing features, including trees, waterways.
- d. Support the establishment of an irrigation scheme for the Domain where there is a demonstrated need that irrigation is necessary for the ongoing use and development of the Domain and the associated community activities.
- e. Support the construction of a bore to support existing and potential future uses.

4.3.8 Trees, Landscaping and Ecology

- a. Retain the open space and rural landscape character of Hāwea Domain.
- b. Encourage the establishment of trees to provide shelter (as necessary), structure and form to the Domain.
- c. Encourage community engagement and involvement in selecting, planting and caring for Domain plantings for biodiversity and amenity that complements the development of the Domain.
- d. Consider planting improvements to the Domain that provide for long-term tree succession, shade for recreation and native resources.
- e. Enable the ecological values of the Domain to be enhanced through native revegetation.

APPENDIX: HĀWEA DOMAIN RESERVE



- HĀWEA DOMAIN
- COMMERCIAL LICENSE
- PONY CLUB
- FOOD FOREST
- HĀWEA IRRIGATION COMPANY
- - HĀWEA SCHOOL TRACK
- 🚻 TOILETS
- PICNIC RACE CLUB BUILDINGS

Attachment B

First name:	Last name:	Organisation:	You have the right to be heard in person before the Council in support of your submission. Do you wish to speak at a hearing?	Regarding the draft Reserve Management Plan for Hāwea Domain:	Please explain your stance on the draft Reserve Management Plan for Hāwea Domain:	Provide your comment here:
Stu	Rooney	Hawe Domain Board Inc	Yes	I am in favour of this	<p>The Hawea Domain is correctly identified in the Draft RMP as being a central Hawea meeting place that unites the two communities of Hawea Flat and Lake Hawea township.</p> <p>The Hawea Domain Board Inc ("HDB") has been formed to provide Hawea community input and support for the development of the Hawea Domain, in cooperation with the QLDC. A Memorandum of Understanding has been entered into between the HDB and the QLDC to set out how this cooperation will occur.</p> <p>The HDB has been registered with the Companies Office as an Incorporated Society; has been registered by the Charities Commission as having Charitable Status; and has been registered with the Inland Revenue Department as being a tax-exempt entity.</p> <p>Consequently, the HDB is well placed to be able to seek funding support from those groups in NZ that provide grant moneys for the purposes of community wellbeing and benefit – groups such as the Central Lakes Trust, Otago Community Trust and so on ...</p> <p>There is a well-established need for capital funds to support the development of infrastructure and facilities at the Hawea Domain, which is likely to be beyond the budget resources of the QLDC to fund in the short to medium term. The charitable and tax-exempt status of the HDB will enable it to seek funding support by way of grants from trust fund providers to support the QLDC in funding the development of structures and facilities for the benefit of the Hawea community users of the domain, in the coming years.</p> <p>The HDB therefore looks forward to working closely and cooperatively with the QLDC in achieving the objectives of the QLDC as set out in the draft RMP; in the objectives of the HDB as set out in its Constitution; and in the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding entered into between the QLDC and the HDB.</p> <p>In this context the HDB intends to submit to the annual and long-term financial planning processes of the QLDC to ensure that appropriate budget provisions are included in the financial budgets of the QLDC, to ensure that capital funds are available when required to support the developments that are necessary for the Hawea Domain in the short to medium term. The HDB will seek grant and other financial support to assist in the funding of these projects.</p> <p>Reserves are the precious jewels in this regions crown and thinking about how we want them to provide for the community now and into the future is paramount.</p> <p>My involvement with the Domain has been with Pony Club and attending the xmas races. I believe the plan has done a good job of highlighting the importance of retaining the open space as a community reserve for activities that sit well within it, eg equestrian. It also highlights the benefit, for the wider community, as to what is possible for further recreational activities, which may be yet un tapped, due to limitations with water, storage etc.</p> <p>With the exponential growth of the Wanaka and most recently Hawea and Hawea Flat areas, it is so important that reserves are retained for recreational activities and what buildings are put there, are carefully thought out.</p> <p>I strongly oppose the ideas of a tiny house community, or a freedom camping hub, as a recreational reserve should not house homes, as these two points would restrict how the community and the domain would continue to 'enable recreation opportunities'</p> <p>The area has more than enough camping grounds and holiday parks to negate the need of a freedom camping hub.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>The Hawea Domain Board Inc committee, however, wishes to submit also on the following additional matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •We would like to see the QLDC take a longer-term view in its relationship with local farmers expressing interest in using the reserve land for grazing and other agricultural purposes. Negotiations with such persons needs to be conducted on a timely and commercial basis by the QLDC so that longer term arrangements with local farmers could be entered into with some security and on reasonable commercial terms. •We consider that there needs to be consideration given to allowing short term 'camping' at the Hawea Domain when such an activity is in conjunction with uses like gymkhana, picnic races, use by school or religious groups and the like. In all cases this activity would still be at the discretion of the QLDC who could impose reasonable rules associated with this camping activity. •We consider that the development of a block of modern toilet facilities should be a high priority in the short-term developments planned for the Hawea Domain. The existing single 'portaloo' is inadequate and inappropriate for the existing users of the domain and will be quite inadequate for the future as the use of the domain by the Hawea community steadily increases. Electricity is now available at the domain and, we hope, a water supply bore will be established over the coming twelve months. With these utilities in place there should be no obstacles to the construction of modern toilet facilities at the domain, to meet the needs of present and future users. •As a subsequent development we would like to see QLDC support for the development of a multi-purpose sporting complex - with club room, meeting room, changing room, shower and toilet facilities - which would be suitable and available for all users of the Hawea Domain. •We would like to see some consultation between the QLDC, the HDB and the Hawea Irrigation Company about a possible re-routing of the irrigation water course that presently runs through the domain on an easement granted to the irrigation company. At present the irrigation channel runs diagonally through the central and most actively used part of the domain. This presents an obstacle / barrier to many of the contemplated domain users and also creates a significant health and safety risk to domain users (particularly children). Consideration needs to be given as to whether the irrigation channel can be relocated to the boundary of the domain, or alternately channeled underground. We do not consider that fencing of the irrigation channel, even in the short term, is an appropriate method of managing the H & S risk. •With the rapid growth of housing and therefore population occurring in the Lake Hawea township, we consider that the QLDC needs to budget for sealing of Domain Road which is the best road linkage between the township and the domain.
Andrea	Kendrick		No	I am in favour of this	<p>Requires an open mind to any community recreation activities proposed. Seem a little closed minded currently.</p>	<p>COMCC would be extremely keen to establish a community motocross track at the Hawea Domain. We would be happy to work in with all of the current activities operating. We would also want to make sure that the track was positioned, landscaped and watered to prevent minimal effected on other users. Motocross tracks and equestrian activities have worked successfully together in other Provinces.</p>
Daniel	Labes	Central Otago Motorcycle Club	Yes	I am in favour of this	<p>1)This is an under-utilised asset and there is an opportunity to utilise more for the benefit of the community. The draft plan is welcome step in this respect</p> <p>2) Re the map of the domain: the key shows three shades of green yet the map has 4 shades. It is unclear the status of the land immediately south of the irrigation channel.???</p> <p>3) adding further to the confusion the key has one shade of green which is labelled "Hawe Domain" but isnt the entire area (including the L shaped leased area) the Domain?</p> <p>4) issues 2) and 3) make it difficult to comment on the future utilisation but i am left wondering if the existing arrangements (e.g leases) will hinder/compromise the development of a wide range fo activities.</p> <p>5) Following on from point 4) the commercial lease of the L shaped portion (50% of the area) is essentially cutting off the development of alternative activities which are precluded in the centre area. Thus leaving no where else to go. While i appreciate the need to control the grass and leasing affords such an opportunity the lease agreement should be short-term so as to allow future consideration of alternative activities- else it would detract from the recreational purpose of the Domain.</p> <p>6) i support the development of a landscape plan which focuses of plants that are endemic to the area. This should greatly enhance the appeal of the area. Clearly a water supply will be necessary to establish the plantings.</p> <p>7) One difficulty with developing a landscape plan is: what area are we talking about? If one precludes the L shaped leased area one is effectively reinforcing the notion that in practice the Domain is only 22 hectares for recreation use.</p>	
John	Langley		No	I am in favour of this		
Libby	Paulin		No	I am in favour of this	<p>The RMP honours the rural and open space nature of the Domain and supports organisations thatt currently use the Domain. It also allows for other uses in keeping with the vision for the Domain.</p>	
McLaren	Kelly	Hawe Domain Board Inc	Yes	I am in favour of this	<p>On behalf of the Hawea Wanaka Pony Club, would like to put forward the following matters of interest on behalf of our members;</p> <p>Common club room, which can be utilised by other common interest like minded groups</p> <p>Gear storage facility</p> <p>Small yards and paddocks to accomodate horses for events such as picnic races and calvacade, with adequate water supply, wash bay and manure deposit area (can be used for the adjacent food forest as compost)</p> <p>Camping facility allowing for overnight stays for such groups</p> <p>A more secure gate latch on entry and exit to the domain and a warning sign to cyclists approaching these entry points, as foreseeable increase in traffic</p> <p>These points will be of great added value to the community, and to a thriving equine community which is supporting our youth's passions, and adult riders that utilise this peaceful and safe environment.</p>	
Ross	Sinclair		No	I am in favour of this	<p>The domain is an important asset for the community, and having such a large area for future development as a public amenity is great for the area. I support the general tenets of the draft management plan.</p>	

Late submission

-----Original Message-----

From: Pat Sped

Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:38 AM

To: Let's Talk <letstalk@qldc.govt.nz>

Subject: Submissions Plan Hawea Domain

The reserve needs to be more defined to meet the health /fitness needs of the community Fitness trails, netball courts. Are there tennis courts? Fields defined for multiple sport.

A rugby field. Football field.

A running track.

The present plan seems to meet the needs of particular groups rather than the community.

Patricia Spedding

Submission directly to staff member

Kia ora Christine,

I am a Health Promotion Advisor for Public Health South, the public health service of the Southern District Health Board. Part of our role is to improve and protect the health of our community through promoting environmental changes that have a positive impact on our health.

Hāwea Domain has the potential to encourage social connectedness and physical activity, which can positively impact the physical and mental health of Hāwea township and Hāwea Flats residents. Public health support the promotion of access for all users, prioritizing for users with mobility limitations, especially if new parking space is provisioned.

We also support the development of cycle and pedestrian trails, as this encourages active transport and recreational physical activity which promote good health. It is important that residents of Hāwea Flats and Hāwea Township can also access the Domain by foot and bicycle. Sealing Domain Road would promote cycling to the Domain and to school via the Domain.

We can recommend the PARCs evaluation tool (attached), developed by the University of Otago's Centre for Health, Activity, and Rehabilitation Research for assessing the accessibility and usability of community parks and playgrounds as a guiding tool in the planning and development process.

Public health encourages the Hāwea Domain to promote a smoke-free policy. This would protect all users from the harmful health effects of smoking and second-hand smoke, which is especially crucial to protect children who use the Domain. This policy also supports good air quality and reduces litter, adding benefit to the environment.

We thank you taking the time to discuss the reserve plan with the community and please let me know if we can be of any assistance moving forward.

Ngā mihi,
Sierra Alef-Defoe

[Sierra Alef-Defoe \(she/her\) | Health Promotion Advisor | Southern DHB](#)

Submission directly to staff member

Kia ora Christine,

Thank you for the email.

Last April I provided the following feedback on behalf of the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.

The RMP should include explicit policies that allow for responsible camping in certified self-contained vehicles, e.g. freedom camping or low-cost overnight parking.

This type of camping activity is consistent with the purpose of recreation reserves under the Reserves Act 1977. The domain is not a prohibited area under the current Freedom Camping Bylaw 2019. The provision of responsible camping on the domain is also consistent with the goals set out in the councils Responsible Camping Strategy 2018.

As with other RMP's in the district, freedom camping on site could be restricted to certified self-contained vehicles only for a maximum number of nights, consistent with the bylaw. If the council prefers to create a low-cost parking site with limited basic facilities, e.g. a dump station and access to fresh water, it does not have to apply the same restrictions set out in the bylaw. While the Camping-grounds Regulations 1985 will apply to any site the charges a fee to camp, the council can (as it has done elsewhere with other basic campsites) issue itself an exemption from complying with the full suite of physical requirements to establish a campground.

The draft RMP appears to be silent on responsible camping even though part of the reserve would make an ideal site for certified self-contained motorhomes and caravans. Can you please advise to what extent the above feedback was considered in the development of the draft RMP and for what reason(s) the activity was not included in the plan?

Ngā mihi,

James Imlach

National Manager – Property and Policy

New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.

QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL - HĀWEA DOMAIN PLAN SUBMISSION

4.1 Vision

Sport Otago supports the vision that: *Hāwea Domain is a large-scale open space rural character recreation reserve serving the wellbeing of the Hāwea communities, residents of the wider district and visitors.*

We draw to the attention of Council that in the long term the Hāwea township will develop in such a way it will grow out to meet Hāwea Flat. This could make the definition of a *rural character recreation reserve* somewhat unclear in future. We encourage Council to retain the flexibility to include different uses of the Domain in future

4.2 Objectives

4.2.1 Sport Otago supports the use of the Domain for appropriate outdoor recreation and encourage Council to support equine sports with the development of the Domain.

A user group not specifically identified in the draft plan are model aero enthusiasts who fly their machines in this area. We would encourage Council to include this group as recreational users and consider them when planning how to use spaces, and when planning tree planting.

4.2.2 Sport Otago supports the maintenance and development of open spaces for outdoor recreation by residents and visitors.

4.2.3 Sport Otago encourages appropriate development of structures that support the use of the Domain. Adding to the one composting toilet on site would be a high priority. The re-connection of electricity to the Domain would also be desirable. Both of these would add to the amenity and versatility of the Domain.

4.3 Policies

4.3.1 Activities

A) Sport Otago supports retaining the Domain for a combination of structured and unstructured sport and recreation. It is important future developments do not lock up large sections of the area for a limited number of users. There is the potential for developing up to four marked fields for sports such as football or rugby which would increase the utility of the area and be a benefit to the growing population of young people in Hāwea, who would then have less travel requirements to play sport.

B) While the use of the Domain for agricultural use is outside the brief of Sport Otago we do encourage Council to consider the implications of expanding this use on the recreational users of the Domain. Any proposed changes to the agricultural area should involve consultation with the equine users of the Domain.

4.3.2 Buildings

- A) Sport Otago supports the proposal that buildings should enhance the character and amenity of the Domain.
- B) We strongly support the building of appropriate public toilets with associated hygiene facilities, and the development of shelters that allow use of the Domain in a variety of weather conditions. We note that if this is to be done by the development of planting that structures may also be required while these trees grow.
- C) We believe it is practical to develop site appropriate storage that regular users could benefit from. The development of club rooms would need careful cost/benefit examination due to the irregular use and costs of maintenance. We would encourage Council to consider multi-purpose structures that combine shelter, storage, and connection to power. The casual use nature of the Domain could favour buildings that offer exterior shelter over enclosed structures.

4.3.3 Access

- A) Sport Otago supports the development of access for people of all abilities.
- B) While supporting the development of play structures in principle, we encourage Council to balance this with opportunities for children to play in the natural environment. We support the principle that any structures should be accessible for people of all abilities.
- C) We support the development of cycling and pedestrian trails where these do not detract from the existing use of the Domain, or the ability for existing use to be improved and expanded.
- D) Sport Otago supports the provision of carparking suitable to support the existing use of the Domain. Equestrian users will frequently need to park horse trailers and will be using sizeable vehicles to move their equipment. This would prioritise an area of sufficient size, and that maintains its integrity in a variety of weather conditions. Such an area may not need to be sealed if there was sufficient drainage and we believe that such parking can be provided without detracting from the rural nature of the Domain.

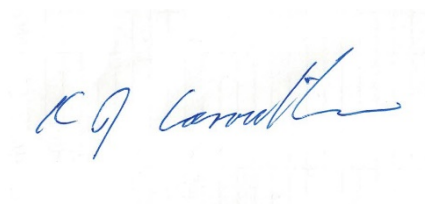
With the likely continued growth across the Queenstown Lakes District, and the pressure that will place on recreational land use, we encourage Council to landbank this reserve for future development for recreational purposes. It provides, at no cost to Council, land that can be held for future generations and meet the need of the Upper Clutha and wider QLDC population. On that basis we believe Council should treat it as a strategic asset.

As there is a lack of hard surface space in the Hāwea area for sport and recreation activities such as basketball, tennis, and skateboarding, (which are very popular with young people), this need should be considered alongside the proposal to potentially provide hard surface parking. We believe Council could consider gradually decreasing the size of the commercial lease as the opportunity arises to open up space to add these hard surfaces. This would be consistent with a long-term approach of gradually developing the Domain to meet the expanding needs of population growth in the Hāwea area.

In summary, Sport Otago supports the development of the Hāwea Domain to facilitate recreational and sporting use and encourages Council to undertake improvements that support them without detracting from the rural nature of the Domain. We encourage Council to bring an electrical connection to the site, add to the existing toilet facilities, and to examine creative ways to minimise the impact of the water race on the recreational utility of the Domain.

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John Brimble
CEO Sport Otago

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kelvin Carruthers', written in a cursive style.

Kelvin Carruthers
Sport Central Community Sport Advisor

ATTACHMENT C

Summary of submissions on the Draft Reserve Management Plan for Hāwea Domain – March 2021

Abbreviations:

- Draft Reserve Management Plan (DRMP)
- Reserve Management Plan (RMP)
- Recreation Reserve (reserve)

#	Submitter Name	Key Points	Officer Comment
1	<p>Stu Rooney</p> <p>On behalf of: Hāwea Domain Board Inc (HDB)</p> <p>Seeks to be heard</p>	<p>Highlights that the HDB was formed to provide local community input into the development of the Hāwea Domain and that the Board may be able to access supporting funds for development from funding agencies.</p> <p>Specifically, the Board recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timely commercial negotiations between QLDC and local farmers for the grazing lease. • Consideration of short term 'camping' only in conjunction with a permitted event. • High prioritisation of modern toilet facilities in the short term and a multipurpose shelter structure suitable for all users of the Domain. • Re-routing the irrigation water course • Sealing Domain Rd 	<p>Sealing Domain Rd is out of scope of the RMP.</p>
2	<p>Andrea Kendrick</p>	<p>Supports the DRMP's emphasis on the importance of open space and its value now, and into the future, specifically for recreation, rather than for tiny homes or freedom camping.</p>	<p>Reserves Act does not allow for any form of permanent dwelling on reserves.</p> <p>QLDC Camping Strategy and Bylaw determines freedom camping locations.</p>

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3	Daniel Labes On behalf of: Central Otago Motorcycle Club (COMCC) Seeks to be heard	Suggests the DRMP needs to be more open minded to community recreation activities. Specifically, COMCC would like to establish a motocross track, while working with existing user groups to reach a suitable design and outcome.	The DRMP does not exclude diverse community recreation activities if rural character can be maintained.
4	John Langley	Suggests the DRMP could provide for more community use and highlights some confusion with the map provided. Specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lease area and its long-term nature limits the breadth of recreational uses of the Domain. • A landscape plan focusing on endemic plant species would enhance the Domain. 	Map could be updated for clarity on race track and Domain extent. The DRMP does not prevent leases and licenses to be renewed with modified area size, location and duration.
5	Libby Paulin	Supports the DRMP's position on the rural and open space nature of the Domain, which allows for continued current uses and potential future recreation uses.	No changes to the DRMP.
6	McLaren Kelly On behalf of: Hāwea Wanaka Pony Club (HWPC) Seeks to be heard	Suggests community recreation value of the Domain would be enhanced by adding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-use club rooms and storage facility • Small yards and wash bay for events • Allowance for event-related camping • A more secure gate latch at the entry • Warning sign about the road access for cyclists using the trail 	QLDC Camping Strategy and Bylaw allows for event camping. Latches and signage can be addressed through regular operations.

#	Submitter Name	Key Points	Officer Comment
7	Ross Sinclair	Supports the general nature of the DRMP and highlights it is a very important amenity area for the local community.	No changes to the DRMP.
8	John Brimble & Kelvin Carruthers On behalf of: Sport Central - A regional office of Sport Otago	Supports the vision, objectives and policies, and highlights that this is a very strategic QLDC land asset. Sport Central suggests that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equine uses should continue to be supported. • Model aero enthusiasts are not specifically identified but should be included when planning improvements and tree planting. • Toilet facility improvements is a high priority. • Formal sports fields, up to 4, would improve Domain utility. • Any changes to agricultural lease area require consultation and lease area should decrease gradually as community needs increase. • Multi-use structures for site appropriate uses and storage are practical additions. • Play opportunities in the natural environment are important to maintain. • Parking development would need to accommodate large vehicles for horse trailers and could be unsealed to retain rural character provided adequate drainage. • Hard surface courts need to be considered for the local communities 	The DRMP does not exclude these activities if rural character can be maintained. Model aircraft are covered by the CAA Rules & Regulations which require land owner approval for operation. Any specific provision for model aircraft must consider existing and potential recreation uses.

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9	Sierra Alef-Defoe On behalf of: Southern District Health Board (DHB)	Supports access for all users, including accessible parking, development of cycle and pedestrian trails and that the Domain remain smoke free.	QLDC Smoke Free Policy applies to play grounds and sports fields.
10	Patricia Spedding (Late submission)	Suggests DRMP accommodates needs of groups, rather than community. Specifically that the community needs sports fields, hard courts and fitness tracks.	Policy 4.3.1 a Supports existing activities, including tennis. This could be amended to 'hard court sports'.
11	James Imlach On behalf of: New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc. (NZMCA)	Suggests that the DRMP needs to state its position on a responsible camping site for certified self-contained motorhomes and caravans within part of the Domain.	QLDC Camping Strategy and Bylaw determines camping locations.