

QLDC Council  
11 August 2022

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take : 8

Department: Chief Executive's Office

Title | Taitara: Chief Executive's Report

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO**

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The purpose of this report is to report on items of general interest and to summarise items from recent meetings of the Wānaka Community Board and standing committees.

**RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA**

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That Council:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Agree** that the John Davies Oval becomes formally known as the Sir John Davies Oval;  
Recommendations from Community & Services Committee
3. **Approve** the Responsible Camping Strategy 2022; and
4. **Adopt** the Queenstown Lakes District Council Tree Policy 2022

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**Proposed Name Change to the John Davies Oval**

1. On the recommendation of Councillor Ferguson (QLDC Community Services Chairman), Council is asked to support changing the name of the John Davies Oval at the Queenstown Events Centre to the Sir John Davies Oval.
2. On behalf of Council, Mayor Boulton sought the blessing of Sir John to make the name change. Sir John considered it appropriate.
3. Sir John Davies was Mayor of the inaugural Queenstown Lakes District Council until 1989 and is well known for his services to Business and Tourism in the Queenstown Lakes

District. He was also a lead funder for the Queenstown Events Centre and his name was bestowed on the Cricket Oval as recognition of his investment in the facility and the wider community.

4. This name change is to correctly reflect the honour bestowed upon Sir John Davies in 2013 and to acknowledge his title.

### **Adoption of the Responsible Camping Strategy 2022**

5. On 7 July 2022 the Community and Services Committee recommended to Council that it adopt the Queenstown Lakes Responsible Camping Strategy 2022. The Responsible Camping Strategy was developed to “promote the sustainable use of our environment for visitor and community experience through well managed, co-ordinated and responsible camping in the district”. The review of the inaugural strategy (2018) utilised and has referenced the data gathered to date (such as Campermate, Council data, and camper trends) to support informed strategic decision-making about the regulation and management of responsible camping, and to align with relevant legislation and other Council strategies (including the Climate and Biodiversity Plan).
6. The updated Strategy balances the current trends in local and international tourism as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and has anticipated changes in visitor demands with the reopening of international borders. Initial actions proposed in the Strategy are to explore a financially sustainable model for managing the negative effects of camping in the district. The advantages of adopting the updated Strategy are:
  - The Strategy will be an updated, relevant and enhanced tool to assist Council manage issues associated with freedom camping in our district.
  - Community values for the district and open spaces will be protected.
  - The international reputation of the district as a premier place to camp responsibly will be protected.
  - The protection of the environment will be enhanced.
  - The opportunities for promotion and education regarding responsible camping will be enhanced.
  - There will be continuity in the work done to date and updating the Strategy shows Council continues to respond to community feedback and the changing wider context.

### **Adoption of the 2022 QLDC Tree Policy**

7. The Tree Policy was last updated in 2022. The revised version was considered and approved for Council recommendation at the QLDC Community Services Committee meeting 30 June 2022. Given the express sensitivity in relation to tree removals the new policy has a set of robust criteria to ensure that trees are not unnecessarily removed. Notably QLDC will not remove trees for the following reasons:
  - To minimise obstruction of views
  - To minimise obstruction of commercial or advertising signage
  - To reduce leaf or fruit litter and other debris

- To reduce shading
  - For contributing to allergenic or irritant responses
  - When the risk posed by the tree meets the requirements of the Tree Risk Management.
8. Most significantly the policy now specifies that for any tree removed in the district, it must be replaced with two trees. This acknowledges both climate change and the need to preserve ecology in the district

### **Committee Meetings of the Previous Round**

#### Planning & Strategy Committee – Councillor Clark (10.00am, 28 June 2022)

##### Information:

- 1 Update on Appeals relating to Proposed District Plan Decisions
- 2 Topic 36 – Three Parks Zoning appeals – Potential S293 application

*This meeting was held with the public excluded.*

#### Community & Services Committee – Councillor Ferguson (10.00am, 7 July 2022)

##### Recommendation:

- 1 Adoption of the Responsible Camping Strategy 2022 – Please refer to commentary above
- 2 Adoption of the Queenstown Lakes District Council Tree Policy 2022

#### Chief Executive Performance Committee – Mayor Boulton (11.00am, 13 July 2022)

##### Information:

- 1 CE Performance Review

*This meeting was held with the public excluded.*

#### Planning & Strategy Committee – Councillor Clark (10.00am, 28 July 2022)

##### Information:

- 1 Update on Appeals relating to Proposed District Plan Decisions
- 2 Update on Appeals relating to Resource Consent Decisions
- 3 Update on Appeals relating to General Industrial and Service Zone for the Cardrona Cattle Company
- 4 Update on Appeals relating to Glen Dene Stage 3 Mediation

*This meeting was held with the public excluded.*

#### Wānaka Community Board – Mr Barry Bruce (4 August 2022)

##### Information:

- 1 Road Naming Application – Orion Place
- 2 Chair's Report