

Community & Services Committee
12 November 2024
Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [4]

Department: Community Services

Title | Taitara: New Picnic Table and Memorial Plaque Request in honour of Gouke (Bob) Leek within the Sunshine Bay Reserve

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko

The purpose of this report is to consider approving the installation of a new picnic table located along Sunshine Bay Beach, followed by placement of a memorial plaque on the table for Gouke (Bob) Leek.

Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka

That the Community & Services Committee:

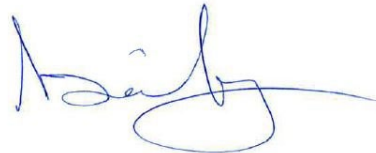
1. **Note** the contents of this report; and
2. **Approve** the table and memorial plaque installation for Gouke (Bob) Leek. The table would be located along the beach within the Sunshine Bay Reserve.

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Context | Horopaki

1. Council received an application for a picnic table and memorial plaque on 27 September 2024 from Britta Taylor to honour her late father Gouke (Bob) Leek. Mrs. Taylor provided the following information about Mr. Leek for consideration, “Gouke has lived in Sunshine Bay for many years. He learnt to ski at Coronet Peak in the 1950’s. He had a close association with Paradise and the Snow Farm. Gouke was a passionate promoter of Queenstown Trails. He has a daughter, son, grandson, and great-grandson living in the Wakatipu Basin. Our family has donated a seat for community use which is situated at Sunshine Bay beach and would now like to donate a picnic table.”
2. Mrs. Taylor has requested that a new picnic table be installed within the Sunshine Bay Reserve which is near to their family’s current home and has a multi-generational association for their family.
3. In consideration of the QLDC Plaques, Memorials and Monuments Policy assessment guidelines, the Parks team supports this request based on the following criteria: “2.5 – Subjects for Category 4, personalised memorial plaques on a seat, bench or picnic table will be considered by the Council on a case by case basis... Subjects will be limited to: Individuals who have lived in or have a special association with the District.”
4. The proposed plaque will read: *“In loving memory of Gouke (Bob) Leek”*

Analysis and Advice | Tatāritaka me kā Tohutohu

5. 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.
6. The Sunshine Bay Reserve has been considered and the addition of a picnic table at this location, with tables and only a seat currently situated nearby, will enhance the reserve and improve this asset for the community to enjoy.
7. Option 1 Approve the new table and memorial plaque installation along the beach within the Sunshine Bay Reserve.

Advantages:

- Provides improvement via the addition of an available furniture asset in the reserve which can then be enjoyed by all.
- Commemorates individuals that are closely connected to the Queenstown Lakes District.

Disadvantages:

- Additional ongoing maintenance costs associated with adding a new asset to the reserve.

8. Option 2 Decline the request for the new table and memorial plaque installation.

Advantages:

- Avoids additional ongoing maintenance costs associated with adding a new asset to the reserve.

Disadvantages:

- There are currently no tables (and only one seat) available within the vicinity of the requested location, and the memorial requestor would not be afforded the opportunity to positively contribute to the improvement of the Sunshine Bay and wider Queenstown communities.

9. This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter because this will provide improvements to the reserve via the addition of a picnic table asset. It will also honour the life of Gouke (Bob) Leek while increasing the utilisation and enjoyment of the reserve by the community.

Consultation Process | Hātepe Matapaki

Significance and Engagement | Te Whakamahi I kā Whakaaro Hiraka

10. This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy 2024 because the land it relates to is not identified as a significant asset, and the proposal of a new table will support community wellbeing.
11. The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the residents/ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District Community and the Sunshine Bay Community.
12. The Parks Planning Manager and Parks Manager are in support of this request.

Risk and Mitigations | Kā Raru Tūpono me kā Whakamaurutaka

13. This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK10022 Ineffective operations and maintenance of community services or facilities within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a high residual risk rating.
14. The approval of the recommended option will allow Council to retain the risk at its current level. This will be achieved by improving assets for community wellbeing within the reserve.

Financial Implications | Kā Riteka ā-Pūtea

15. The new asset purchase and installation costs will be met by the applicant. The Parks Contracts team has reviewed the potential increase to maintenance costs and level of service regarding the

addition of this new asset within the reserve and has determined that this impact is minimal and can be absorbed by existing budgets.

Council Effects and Views | Kā Whakaaweawe me kā Tirohaka a te Kaunihera

16. The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- Plaques, Memorials and Monuments Policy 2010
- Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2021
- Proposal is in alignment with the principles of the Vision Beyond 2050

17. The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policies.

18. This matter is not included in the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan and will not have any impact on it.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions | Te Whakatureture 2002 o te Kāwanataka ā-Kiaka

19. Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 states the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. As such, the recommendation in this report is appropriate and within the ambit of Section 10 of the Act as it 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 support for a community activity.

20. The recommended option:

- Can be implemented through current funding under the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not significantly 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.

Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka

A	Map of proposed table location along the beach within the Sunshine Bay Reserve
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Attachment A: Map of proposed table location along the beach within the Sunshine Bay Reserve

Attachment A

