

Public Barbeque Design Guidelines

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Responsible Officer: Parks Officer

BBQs on Reserve Land

QLDC aims to provide public BBQs in high-use recreation areas for the enjoyment and safety of residents and visitors. Provision of BBQs must be balanced with the intended amount of use and their long-term servicing and maintenance costs. It is important to maintain consistency in the type of BBQ supplied to the public for ease of use and servicing.

Purpose of the guidelines

The purpose of the guideline is to provide structured advice to help select suitable BBQs for the areas in which they will be placed and for the demand they will receive. The aim of this document is to help select a BBQ to propose to a QLDC Parks Officer. This will facilitate the search for an appropriate BBQ and streamline the approval process with QLDC.

Aiming for consistency across the district

Historically, there has been a range of public BBQs available for community use, including wood burning, gas and electric. While community-led construction of wood burning BBQs have created nice features, their bespoke nature makes them more difficult to manage and maintain, and they can be a fire safety hazard during fire season. QLDC has gradually moved away from these structures, as well as gas BBQs, towards providing electric BBQs only.

Existing suitable examples:



Fernhill Park



Peter Fraser Park



McMurdo Park

Guidelines and design checklist

The following criteria have been developed as a guide to help with the process of choosing public BBQs in the Queenstown Lakes District.

SITING AND LOCATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At logical resting spot • No other existing BBQs in close proximity • Away from residential properties to minimise nuisance to residents • Vehicle access for regular service and maintenance • Available connection to a power source • Co-located with other available amenities and structures e.g. water fountains, taps, toilets and picnic tables • Reduce exposure to high levels of wind, frost and sun. Under a shelter may be suitable
SAFETY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) requirements e.g. visibility of the BBQ, site lines maintained • Area of high activity to encourage informal surveillance • Space for signage on safe BBQ operation and etiquette • People can move easily near and around the BBQ
MAINTENANCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water source is accessible for plumbing • Ability to be winterised if required • Insulated wiring (<i>district-wide requirement</i>)
ACCESSIBILITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible to all user abilities and wheelchair friendly
MATERIALS AND AESTHETICS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durable materials that are easy to maintain and replace • Materials and colours are sympathetic to the local landscape, cultural heritage and reserve character • In context of other structures within the vicinity • Potential for vandal deterrent coating treatments
MANUFACTURER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Zealand or Australian designed and made e.g. meet AUSNZ Standards

(Other manufacturers may be considered if they meet all other guideline criteria and there is sound justification, such as economies of scale when purchasing)

PARTS AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Parts are manufactured in New Zealand or Australia and easy to source
- Model is planned for future manufacturing and not being discontinued
- The BBQ occupies only as much space in the reserve as is functionally necessary.