

**Community & Services Committee
31 May 2018**

Report for Agenda Item 4

Department: Community Services

Naming of one existing reserve and one proposed reserve within the Queenstown Lakes District.

Purpose

To consider and approve the naming of an existing Queenstown Lakes District Council Recreation Reserve in Arrowtown and one proposed reserve within the Shotover Country subdivision, Queenstown.

Recommendation

That the Community & Services Committee:

1. **Note** the contents of this report and in particular;
2. **Approve** that the Recreation Reserve off Merioneth St, Arrowtown is named as follows;
 - a. **'Hansen Park'** reserve legally described as SECS 6 BLK X Arrowtown TN.
3. **Approve** that the reserve approved by Council to be vested as Recreational Reserve within the Shotover Country subdivision, Queenstown is named as follows;
 - a. **'Shotover Country Recreational Ground'** Lot 1205, Headley Road of Shotover Country Stage 15A.
4. **Approve** the gazetting of all reserves when vested.

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Background

Hansen Reserve

- 1 Members of the Arrowtown community have requested that Council formally name a multi-use recreational reserve off Merioneth Street, Arrowtown. The reserve legally described as SECS 6 BLK X Arrowtown TN is informally known as an overflow park to the 'Hansen Place Car Park'. It is a grassed area between the Arrow River and bordered by Ramshaw Lane, Romans Lane and Merioneth St, Arrowtown. Refer to **Attachment A** for the location of this reserve.
- 2 The reserves grassed area is also used as an informal over flow car park to the adjacent Hansen Place car park when the town is experiencing an influx of visitors at certain periods of the year. The formal naming of this reserve will not change or affect its multiuse function as a car park when required.
- 3 The request to formally name this reserve is to better identify the space as a recreational park and to acknowledge the late George Hansen whom the area is named after. George Hansen, 1888 – 1945 was a World War I veteran and the recipient of a military medal. Hansen returned home to Arrowtown following the war and contributed to the community as an Arrowtown Borough Councillor and Arrowtown School Committee member. His name can be found engraved on the foundation stone of the Arrowtown Athenaeum Hall.

Shotover Country Reserve

- 4 Shotover Country Ltd has requested that Council formally name the proposed reserve agreed by Council to be vested in Stage 15A. The reserve will be vested in Council following the completion of the subdivision and the area it is located in. Council agreed that the reserve will be vested at a meeting on 26 January 2018. The reserve is illustrated in **Attachments B & C**.
- 5 The original farm which is now Shotover Country was known as Islay Farm, and the nearby Shotover River takes its name from the historic English residence of the late Mr Gammie, a business partner of Queenstown's founder, William Rees. Gammie hailed from Shotover Park in Oxford in England. Shotover Country is maintaining the historic links with road and reserve names taken from the Oxford area, England.
- 6 The proposed name is 'Shotover Country Recreational Ground', a reserve to be used as a multi-use sport ground facility. The reserve will receive a high amount of use, especially by the Shotover Primary School and Wakatipu Community. Due to its location and future amenity, this reserve will host various sports events, tournaments, games and school activities.

Comment

- 7 The Parks and Reserves Naming Policy outlines the criteria to assess suggested names.
- 8 The proposed name for the reserve off Merioneth St, Arrowtown meets the following criteria contained within the naming Policy - 2. Historical Person or Event

as George Hansen was a notable person with local association. Also, 6. Associated name.

- 9 The proposed name for the reserve in Shotover Country meets the following criteria contained within the naming Policy – 1. Local Usage and 6. Associated name. The name proposed is associated with Shotover and the Oxford locale.

Options

- 10 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:

- 11 Option 1 Formally adopt names for reserves

Advantages:

- 12 Relevant names formally adopted will provide the reserves a 'sense of place' and geographic reference and recognises significant contributions of an individual.

Disadvantages:

- 13 It may cause potential conflict as names have not been consulted on with the community.

- 14 Option 2 Seek alternative name options

Advantages:

- 15 Allow for other name applications for the reserves and assess the best option as per the Parks and Reserves Naming Policy.

Disadvantages:

- 16 Alternative name applications may not be received
17 Costs associated with further consultation.

- 18 Option 3 Do not formally name the reserves

Advantages:

- 19 Avoid any conflict or disagreement with other interested parties wanting to apply for an appropriate name.

Disadvantages:

- 20 The reserves are left with no name, 'sense of place', geographic reference and nor will it recognise significant contributions of an individual.

- 21 This report recommends Option 1 for addressing the matter.

Significance and Engagement

22 This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because the reserves are not considered strategic assets.

Risk

23 The matter does not have significant risk. The risk is noted as OR26 as documented in the Council's risk register. The risk is classed as low. Risk of judicial review can arise if Council fail to name reserves in accordance with the Naming of Parks & Reserves Policy. The recommended option considered above mitigates the risk by recommending names that are in accordance with Councils policy.

Financial Implications

24 There are no financial implications to formally name the reserves.

Council Policies, Strategies and Bylaws

25 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- Significance Policy – this decision does not meet any of the significance thresholds.
- Parks & Reserves Naming Policy - to determine the process for naming these reserves.

26 The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policy/policies.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

27 The recommended option:

- 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 a sense of place and geographic reference for each reserve which is formally named.
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not 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.

Consultation: Community Views and Preferences

28 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are residents and ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District Community and local Iwi.

- 29 The community has not been consulted because the matter is not considered to be of such significance to require wider consultation.
- 30 As per the naming policy requirements, the Parks & Reserves Officer has consulted with local Iwi to determine whether the open space or surrounding area is of significance to Maori in accordance with the processes and protocols developed with the relevant Papatipu Reanna o Ngai Tahu. Please refer to **Attachment D** for the approval letter from Aukahua.
- 31 Aukaha has advised that there is no objection to the proposed names.

Attachments

- A Hansen Reserve, Arrowtown
- B Shotover Country Recreational Ground
- C Shotover Country Stage 15A Developments
- D Approval letter from Local Iwi, Akahua