

**Wānaka Community Board
13 May 2021**

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take : 2

Department: Community Services

Title | Taitara Hāwea Domain Draft Reserve Management Plan 2021 Adoption

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO

The purpose of this report is to consider the Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan 2021 for adoption, in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.

RECOMMENDATION | NGA TŪTOHUNGA

That the Wānaka Community Board

1. **Note** the contents of this report; and
2. **Recommend to Council** that the Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan 2021 be adopted.

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CONTEXT | HOROPAKI

- 1 Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 ('the Act') states recreation reserves under Council's administration are required to have reserve management plans, prepared in accordance with the Act.
- 2 In 2018 QLDC agreed to work with the Hāwea Domain Board to develop and implement a Reserve Management Plan, prepared in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.
- 3 The Draft Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan (Draft RMP) was approved for public consultation by the Wānaka Community Board (WCB) on 3 December 2020.
- 4 Public consultation on the Draft RMP opened on 11 January 2021 and closed on 7 March 2021.
- 5 There were 10 submissions received within the advertised notice period and one late submission.
- 7 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

- 6 The Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan 2021 (refer **ATTACHMENT A**) has been prepared in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977. Following the hearing the final step is for Council to adopt the plan under delegation from the Minister of Conservation.
- 7 There was a hearing of submissions on 22 April 2021 at the Hāwea Community Centre before a hearings panel consisting of WCB members Councillor Quentin Smith (Chair), Jude Batson and Barry Bruce.
- 8 One late submission was accepted by the hearings panel.
- 9 The Summary of Submissions and Amendments (refer **ATTACHMENT B**) summarises all submissions, the officer comment for the hearing and the changes made following deliberations.
- 10 The submissions have been grouped into themes below with comment on the changes.

New Activities

- 11 Sport Otago, the Central Otago Motorcycle Club and the late submitter suggested the Draft RMP favoured existing users at the expense of new recreational activities and users. Therefore after deliberations, activities policies were amended and created to address new and existing activities separately.
- 12 The text has been amended to read:

4.3.1 Activities

- a. Continue to support ~~Support~~ existing types of activities, which include Pony Club, the horse racing track, food forest, passive recreation use of the Domain and appropriate community and recreation events.
- b. Support new activities that are appropriate and compatible with the rural character of the Domain.

Development of Facilities

- 13 Multiple submissions suggested the recreation value of the Domain could be enhanced by prioritising the development of toilets and multi-use club/storage rooms. After deliberations, and recognising that there are multiple recreational users, this resulted in the inclusion of a Development Plan Policy.
- 14 The text has been amended to read:

4.3.10 Development Plan

- a. Prepare a Development Plan for the Domain in consultation with the community and the Hāwea Domain Board that reflects the reserve-specific policies set out in this reserve management plan.

Camping

- 15 Several submissions sought for the RMP to allow short-term event-related camping on the Domain. Freedom camping was not supported by several submitters, noting the NZMCA submitted it should be allowed. After deliberations, this resulted in an additional Events policy, permitting camping only when it is associated with QLDC approved short-term or one-off events.
- 16 The text has been amended to read:

4.3.4 Events

- c. Permit camping only when it is associated with QLDC approved short-term or one-off events.

Smoking

- 17 The Southern District Health Board submitted supporting a smoke free Domain, the development of accessible facilities and active use trails. After deliberations a smoke free policy was added and an amendment was made to an access policy in order to better ensure alignment with the QLDC Disability Policy.
- 18 The text has been amended to read:

4.3.9 Smoke Free

a. Ensure that Hāwea Domain is smokefree to promote health for all users and minimise fire risk.

4.3.3 Access

b. Ensure accessibility is aligned with the QLDC Disability Policy when facilities are upgraded and new facilities are provided. ~~Provide playgrounds, paths or fitness equipment that will give consideration to providing opportunities for people with limited mobility.~~

19 Option 1 Recommend to Council to approve the Hāwea Domain RMP for adoption

Advantages:

20 Approving the Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan 2021 will enable the community to have a shared vision for the use and management of the reserve.

21 This will support Council’s obligation under the Reserves Act to prepare reserve management plans for recreation reserves.

Disadvantages:

22 None.

23 Option 2 Do not recommend to Council to approve the Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan 2021 for adoption.

Advantages:

24 None.

Disadvantages:

25 There will be no Reserve Management Plan for Hāwea Domain.

26 This will not support Council’s obligation under the Reserves Act to prepare reserve management plans for recreation reserves and will be inconsistent with the MOU agreement with the Hāwea Domain Board.

27 This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter.

CONSULTATION PROCESS | HĀTEPE MATAPAKI:

> SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT | TE WHAKAMAHI I KĀ WHAKAARO HIRAKA

28 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.

29 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.

30 The Council has consulted and heard submissions on the Draft Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan 2021 under s119 of the Reserves Act.

RISK AND MITIGATIONS | NGĀ RARU TŪPONO ME NGĀ WHAKAMAURUTANGA

31 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.

32 The approval of the recommended option will support the Council by allowing implementation of additional controls for this risk. This shall be achieved by approving the Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan 2021 which sets out the vision, character and uses of the Domain.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS | NGĀ RITENGA Ā-PŪTEA

33 There are no capital expenditure requirements at this stage.

34 There is a budget of \$50,000 in the draft Ten Year Plan for construction and development of the Hāwea Domain bore.

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

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

- The Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan 2021 aligns with the principles of the QLDC 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 and Draft Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2021.
- Proposed and Operative District Plan.

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

37 This matter is included in the Ten Year Plan.

- There is funding in year one (2021/22) of the draft Ten Year Plan of \$50,000 for Hāwea bore construction and development works. This project would be also be supported financially or in kind by the Hāwea Domain Board via applications to funding agencies.

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

38 The Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan 2021 has been prepared in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.

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

39 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 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	Hāwea Domain Reserve Management Plan 2021
B	Summary of Submissions and Amendments