

QLDC Council
28 August 2014

Report for Agenda Item: 10

10. Mayor's and Chairpersons' report

Purpose

- 1 To summarise the Mayor's activities since the date of the last report and to raise other items of democratic and general interest, including a summary of actions taken in response to the decisions made at previous Council meetings.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a. **Note** the report.

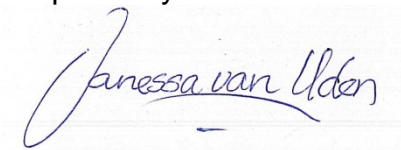
New Licence – Hole in One (Golf) Challenge, St Omer Park, Queenstown

- b. **Decline** the request made by Queenstown Hole in One Challenge to grant a new Licence to Occupy, St Omer Park Recreation Reserve.

Pisa Alpine Charitable Trust

- c. **Agree** to vest as a recreation reserve under the Reserves Act 1977, the land being described as Lot 5 Deposited Plan 460313 Certificate of Title 603225.
- d. **Agree** to gazette (under delegation from the Minister) the resolution to declare as recreation reserve under the Reserves Act 1977, the land described as Lot 5 Deposited Plan 460313 Certificate of Title 603225.

Prepared by:



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Mayor

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Mayor's Activities

- 1 The following is a summary of the principal functions and meetings attended by the Mayor over the period 25 July – 25 August 2014.
 - Citizenship Ceremony (2)
 - Opening of New Zealand Resuscitation Council Conference
 - Wilding Tree Trust meeting
 - Meeting with new CEO of Ngai Tahu Tourism
 - Meeting with Todd Barclay (National Party Candidate, Clutha Southland) and Pania Tyson-Nathan (NZ Maori Tourism CEO)
 - Attendance at Health and Safety Legislation Briefing
 - Attendance at QE II National Trust and Soho Property celebration of significant covenant proposal
 - Launch of Visiting Drivers' Group and meeting of Visitor Drivers' Governance Group
 - Handover of sister city activities to Queenstown Chamber of Commerce
 - Opening of 'Shadows of Shoah' exhibition at Lakes District Museum
 - Meeting with new editor of *Mountain Scene*
 - Meeting with Gun Club representatives
 - Queenstown Convention Centre Business Forum
 - Attendance at meeting of Otago Mayoral Forum (Dunedin)
 - Meeting with RSA representatives re WWI commemorations
 - Meeting with Organising Committee Chair of Queenstown Research Week
 - Meeting with Hon Bill English, Hon David Cunliffe, Hon Steven Joyce and Hon Paula Bennett
 - Attendance at Queenstown Airport Strategy meeting

Recent Meetings

2 Property Subcommittee confirmed minutes (24 July 2014)

- 1 Licence to Occupy Road Reserve – Gibbston Vines Limited, Birchwood Road, Queenstown Rural

3 Resource Consent Commissioner Appointment Committee draft minutes (24 July 2014)

- 1 Commissioner Appointments:
 - Mylore Family Trust (RM140297)
 - Mount Creighton Station (RM140269)
 - J and A Coleman (RM140254)
 - Remarkables Park Ltd (RM140471)

4 Property Subcommittee draft minutes (14 August 2014)

- 1 New Licence – Hole in One (Golf) Challenge (recommendation to Council)
- 2 New Public Sculpture – Kelvin Peninsula Loop track (public excluded)

5 Resource Consent Commissioner Appointment Committee draft minutes (14 August 2014)

- 1 Commissioner Appointments:
 - P Nolet (RM130884)
 - Quail Rise Estate Ltd (RM140324)

6 Wanaka Community Board meeting draft minutes (26 August 2014)

- 1 Chair's report

Pisa Alpine Charitable Trust Lease

- 7 Staff have met with representatives of the Pisa Alpine Charitable Trust to discuss next steps in respect of the lease, confirmation of reserve status, development of a management plan and Council assistance with the supporting the operation. To support this, Council is required, as the Administering Body of recreation reserves, to pass a resolution to approve gazetting of the land. The reason is that the Property Subcommittee, at the time of considering the item only had a power of recommendation to Council (and this is still the case) and the purchase was considered by the Community Services Committee. As Council cannot delegate this decision, to finalise the process, it is recommended that the Council resolve to support this.

Preparations for 2016 Council Election

- 8 The next Council triennial election will take place on Saturday 8 October 2016 and the Council should be aware that there are some statutory deadlines approaching in relation to it.
- 9 Section 27 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 provides the option for the Council to change the electoral system under which it is elected. The relevant section is as follows:

Section 27 Local authority may resolve to change electoral systems

(1) Any local authority may, not later than 12 September in the year that is 2 years before the year in which the next triennial general election is to be held, resolve that the next 2 triennial general elections of the local authority and its community boards (if any), and any associated election, will be held using a specified electoral system other than that used for the previous triennial general election.

- 10 The choice is between the First Past the Post (FPP) and the Single Transferable Vote (STV) electoral systems. Members will be aware that the FPP electoral system is currently used to elect the Queenstown Lakes District Council and Wanaka Community Board.

- 11 The Act does not require the Council to make such a resolution, but it does require notice to be given advising that the public may demand a poll on the electoral system:

Section 28 Public notice of right to demand poll on electoral system

(2) Every local authority must, not later than 19 September in the year that is 2 years before the year in which the next triennial general election is to be held, give public notice of the right to demand, under section 29, a poll on the electoral system to be used for the elections of the local authority and its community boards (if any).

- 12 Section 30 sets out the requirements for a valid demand which are summarised as follows:

A valid demand for a poll must be:

- Made in writing, with every elector who signs the demand also required to set out his or her full name and the address for which he or she is qualified as an elector of the Queenstown Lakes District Council.
- Signed by at least 5 percent of eligible electors of the Queenstown Lakes District Council. This will require a minimum of 923 elector signatures.
- Delivered to the office of the Queenstown Lakes District Council, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown by 5pm on Tuesday, 28 February 2015.

- 13 These details are provided for Councillors' information as a resolution is optional, although the public notice is mandatory.

Attachments

- A Summary of actions from previous Council meeting (24 July 2014)
- B Summary of actions (earlier Council meetings)
- C Minutes of Property Subcommittee meeting of 24 July 2014
- D Minutes of Resource Consent Commissioner Appointment Committee of 24 July 2014
- E Draft minutes of Property Subcommittee meeting of 14 August 2014
- F Draft minutes of Resource Consent Commissioner Appointment Committee of 14 August 2014
- G Draft minutes of Wanaka Community Board meeting of 26 August 2014 (to follow)