

**QLDC Council
30 October 2014**

Report for Agenda Item: 1

Department:

Operations

1. Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan

Purpose

- 1 To consider the Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan for adoption.

Executive Summary

- 2 A management plan was prepared in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 for all Council administered reserves adjacent to the Wanaka lakefront, extending from Glendhu Bay to the Outlet reserve.
- 3 A hearings committee comprising Rachel Brown, Bryan Lloyd and Councillor Calum Macleod proposed that the Wanaka Community Board recommend the plan for adoption by Council. The plan had been amended following the submissions and hearing process.
- 4 At the Wanaka Community Board meeting held on 13 October 2014 consideration was given to the final draft Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan which was presented for recommendation to Council for adoption. The following resolution was passed:

On the motion of Mr Lloyd and Councillor MacLeod it was resolved that the Wanaka Community Board:

- a. **Recommend to Council that the draft Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan dated October 2014 be adopted subject to editorial corrections and substance corrections as agreed to guide decision-making on the reserves contained in the plan.**
- b. **Note the substantial commitment made by the Wanaka Community in submitting and presenting on the draft Wanaka Lakefront Management Plan.**

Recommendation

5 *That Council:*

- a. **Approve** the adoption of the Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan dated October 2014 to guide decision-making on the reserves contained within the plan.

- b. **Note** the substantial commitment made by the Wanaka community in submitting and presenting on the draft Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management plan.
- c. **Approve** the exercise of the Minister's prior consent (under delegation from the Minister of Conservation) to approve the adoption of the Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan dated October 2014.

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Background

- 6 The Reserves Act 1977 requires Administering Bodies to keep management plans for reserves held under the act under constant review to ensure relevance. The reserves comprising the Wanaka lakefront were covered under a number of policies and with an increasing number of community requests for the use or changes to some of the reserves, a review and consolidation into a single document, the Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan (WLRMP) was considered the best option to manage the impacts holistically.
- 7 The purpose of the WLRMP is to identify the objectives and policies for the management, including protection and development of the Wanaka lakefront reserves. It provides consistent policy over a wide range of reserve management matters and in particular provides policies on:
 - a. Recognising the unique character in design, maintenance and management
 - b. Supporting formal recreation opportunities
 - c. Managing the impact of buildings and structures
 - d. Retaining unrestricted access to the reserves and formal access to the lake
 - e. Sustaining the natural biodiversity of the reserves and the lake

Comment

- 8 The WLRMP has been prepared in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 and following the hearing the final step is for Council to adopt the plan under delegation from the Minister of Conservation.
- 9 A number of amendments were made to the draft plan following the hearing of submissions. A summary of the key points of the submissions and the changes made in response is attached at Appendix 1. These included:

- a. Re-structuring the plan to introduce the lakefront environments and reserves in the first section; describing the management challenges and opportunities in the second; with the third consolidating the vision, objectives and policies with key implementation actions.
 - b. Recognising seven distinct activity zones within Roys Bay running west to east, in particular:
 - i. Supporting infrastructure to support non-motorised water sports including a leased area for a watersports building in zone 2
 - ii. Supporting commercial leases and licences for existing buildings such as the log cabin and other sites and event infrastructure in zone 4
 - iii. Accommodating commercial use and powered/motorised water sports including an extended leased area for the Wanaka Yacht and Power Boat Club in zone 6
 - c. Supporting the construction or redevelopment of public boat launch facilities and parking at Eely Point, Outlet Reserve and Glendhu Bay.
- 10 The WLRMP identifies key implementation actions over the next three years including:
- a. The development of a concept plan and detailed design for the seven activity zones within Roys Bay for public engagement and project prioritisation. This is likely to begin in the new calendar year.
- 11 Following the Wanaka Community Board meeting held on 13 October 2014 further editorial corrections and substance corrections have been made to guide decision-making on the reserves contained in the plan.

Issues

- 12 The development of the WLRMP has enabled the consolidation and prioritisation of key community concerns with numerous proposals for the use and development of the lakefront reserves, and has highlighted a particular focus on Roys Bay with the potential development of a Water Sports building, integration of the lakefront with Pembroke Park and the town centre and the log cabin lease.
- 13 The adoption of the WLRMP will provide a clear platform for further engagement with the community on these and other issues.

Options

- 14 The options available to Council are to approve the WLRMP for adoption or to refer the plan back to the Committee for reconsideration.
- 15 Given the substantial involvement of the committee in the revision and extensive consideration to all suggestions, submissions and hearing presentations, the Wanaka Community Board recommends that Council approve the adoption of the WLRMP.

16 Community input on individual projects will be sought post adoption through the development plans and Annual Plan proposals.

Financial Implications

17 The key implementation actions will be funded from existing operational budgets. Additional projects prioritised by the community will be considered as part of the annual planning process.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

18 The adoption of a management plan is consistent with ss10 of the Local Government Act as it supports local involvement in decisions on the administration of local infrastructure. The management plan also improves the efficiency and effectiveness of Council spend on the reserves.

Council Policies

19 The following Council Policies were considered:

- Policy on Significance to determine whether or not the decision is significant. The adoption of a management plan is the delegation of Council and is not considered significant.
- Annual Plan to determine available funding for priority implementation actions.

Consultation

20 The development of the WLRMP was completed under the Reserves Act 1977 and formal public consultation was part of this process.

Attachments

- A Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan
- B Summary of submissions