

**QLDC Council  
30 July 2015**

**Report for Agenda Item: 4**

**Department: Infrastructure**

**Naming of four proposed reserves and two coves within the Wakatipu Basin**

**Purpose**

- 1 To consider and approve the naming of the following reserve sites within the Wakatipu Basin;
  - Three reserves within the Shotover Country subdivision, Queenstown
  - Reserve located within the Lakes Edge Development, Queenstown
  - Two beach coves on Kelvin Peninsula, Queenstown

**Recommendation**

That Council:

1. **Approve** (provided the land is vested as recreation reserve) three reserves in the Shotover Country subdivision, Queenstown are named as follows:
  - a. **'Blackbird Hill'** reserve adjoining and to the north of Lots 244 to 248 of Shotover Country stage 6.
  - b. **'Richmond Park'** reserve being the land parcel to the east of the intersection of Jones Avenue and Risinghurst Terrace and adjoining both roads.
  - c. **'Marley Wood Track'** reserve legally described as Pt Lot 15 DP 38695; Pt Lot 16 DP 384954 and Pt Lot 503 DP 480834.
2. **Approve** (provided the land is vested as recreation reserve) that the reserve located within the Lakes Edge Development, Queenstown is named as follows:
  - a. **'Rees Homestead Park'** reserve within Lake's Edge Subdivision.
3. **Approve** that the two beach coves on esplanade reserve on Kelvin Peninsula, Queenstown are named as follows:
  - a. **'Terrys Cove'** on the south western extremity of Kelvin Peninsula
  - b. **'Wilson's Cove'** on the south western extremity of Kelvin Peninsula.
4. **Approve** the gazetting of all coves and reserves when vested.

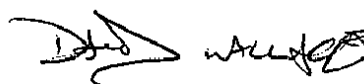
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## Background

### Shotover Country

- 2 Shotover Country has requested that Council formally name three proposed reserves in stage six of the Shotover Country subdivision shown in Attachment A. Stage six of the subdivision is adjacent to the Shotover Primary School on Jones Avenue.
- 3 These reserves have not been vested in Council however resource consent has been approved and they are proposed to be vested. The naming will allow for signage to be erected for the reserves following vesting with Council.
- 4 All the reserves are included as part of existing subdivision consents. The reserves in Shotover Country have been formed.
- 5 The original farm which is now Shotover Country was known as Islay Farm, and the nearby Shotover River takes its name from the English residence of Mr Gammie, a business partner of Queenstown's founder, William Rees. Mr 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 first 'hill' reserve is adjoining and to the north of Lots 244 to 248 of Shotover Country stage 6 as shown in Attachment B.
- 7 The proposed name is 'Blackbird Hill' requested by Sharyn Stalker of Shotover Country and the name was taken from 'Blackbird Leys Park'. This is an elevated area South East of Oxford and the proposed reserve is an elevated area joining Shotover Country to Lake Hayes Estate subdivisions.
- 8 The second reserve is the land parcel to the east of the intersection of Jones Avenue and Risinghurst Terrace and adjoining both roads as shown in Attachment C.
- 9 The proposed name is 'Richmond Park' named after Richmond Road, Oxford. Richmond Road has recreational facilities such as cricket ground and tennis court and is near Oxford University. The proposed reserve is to facilitate active recreation and is adjacent to the Shotover Primary School.

- 10 The third proposed walking track reserve is located to the west and adjoining Lot 154 and Lot 155 DP 480834 as shown in Attachment D.
- 11 The proposed name is 'Marley Wood Track' which mimics the name of a recreational area in Witham Park, west of Oxford.

### **Lakes Edge Development**

- 12 Lakes Edge Development is a subdivision to the east of Kawarau Falls Hotel complex and the reserve is located at the northern point of the Lakes Edge development (Lot 200) as shown in Attachment E.
- 13 The area known today as Kawarau Village was first settled by European explorer and founder of Queenstown, William Gilbert Rees in 1860. The site of the reserve is within the historic William Rees homestead area.
- 14 The proposed name is 'Rees Homestead Park' as it is sited within the original Rees homestead site.

### **Wakatipu Coves**

- 15 The Queenstown Trails Trust (QTT) has requested that Council formally name two beach coves on the south western extremity of Kelvin Peninsula. The coves are both accessed from the Kelvin Peninsula loop trail which is part of the Queenstown Trail network. The location of each cove is presented in Attachment F.
- 16 With Council permission the QTT has recently funded an upgrade to the loop track. This work was funded with assistance from a Government grant and fundraising. The purpose of the upgrade was to improve access to allow for prams, users with minor physical disabilities and the elderly. Work included widening the track, improving the surface in some areas, removing trees, grinding tree roots and removing obstructing rocks.
- 17 Through the work of the upgrade, the QTT has also improved access to two beach coves which were once not obvious and did not have any easily usable land access. Now there are steps leading to the coves providing access down to the beach.
- 18 The proposed name for the first cove is 'Terrys Cove' and a photo of the cove is shown in Attachment G. From 2009 through to 2013 Terry Stevens was the Chairman of the QTT and chaired the Trustees during the crucial three years when the QTT funded and developed the 110kms of Queenstown Trail which opened in 2013.
- 19 The proposed name for the second cove is 'Wilsons Cove' refer to the photo in Attachment H. John Wilson was the first Chairman of the then, Wakatipu Trails Trust from 2006 - 2009. John facilitated co-funding, working and planting programs of the Lake Hayes trail development and Seven Mile recreation reserve. Mr Wilson was also involved in the Jardine Park to Jacks Point trail development and other initiatives of the QTT.

## Comment

- 20 The New Zealand Geographic Board (NZGB) and Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) have advised that it is appropriate to name coves on public land and they can then be identified through the New Zealand Gazette as a GPS coordinate.
- 21 The Parks and Reserves Naming Policy outlines the criteria to assess suggested names.
- 22 The proposed names for the reserves in Shotover Country meet the criteria contained within the Parks and Reserves Naming Policy under condition 6 - locale / name association.
- 23 The proposed name for the reserve at the Lake's Edge Development meets the criteria contained within the Parks and Reserves Naming Policy under condition 2 - historical person or event.
- 24 The proposed names for the coves off the Kelvin Peninsula loop trail meets the criteria contained within the Parks and Reserves Naming Policy under condition 4 - personal name for a special service.
- 25 As per the criteria outlined in the policy, local Iwi have been consulted to determine whether the open space or surrounding areas associated with all of these sites is of significance to Maori. Local Iwi advised each proposed reserve site and the two beach coves were of no significance and the proposed names were acceptable.

## ***Options***

- 26 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:
- 27 Option 1 Formally adopt proposed names for reserves and beach coves

### *Advantages:*

- 28 Relevant names formally adopted to provide the reserves and coves a 'sense of place' and geographic reference and cove naming recognises significant contributions of individuals.

### *Disadvantages:*

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

- 30 Option 2 Seek alternative name options

### *Advantages:*

- 31 Allow for other name applications for the reserves and measure the best option as per the parks and reserves naming policy.

*Disadvantages:*

- 32 Alternative name applications may not be received.
- 33 Costs associated with further consultation.
- 34 Option 3 Do not formally name the reserves

*Advantages:*

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

*Disadvantages:*

- 36 The reserves and coves are left with no name and the people proposed to be acknowledged will not be.
- 37 This report recommends Option 1 for addressing the matter.

**Significance and Engagement**

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

**Risk**

- 39 This 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 and Reserves Policy. The recommended option considered above mitigates the risk by recommending names that are in accordance with Councils policy.

**Financial Implications**

- 40 There are no financial implications to formally name the reserves and beach coves.

**Council Policies, Strategies and Bylaws**

- 41 The following Council Policies were considered:
  - Significance Policy – this decision does not meet any of the significance thresholds.
  - Parks and Reserves Naming Policy - to determine the process for naming these reserves.

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

## Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

42 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 and beach cove 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

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

44 The community has not been consulted because the matter is not considered to be of such significance to require wider consultation.

45 As per the naming policy requirements, the Parks and 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 Runanga o Ngai Tahu.

46 Kai Tahu Ki Otago (KTKO) Ltd has advised that there is no objection to the proposed names.

## Attachments

- A Shotover Country subdivision aerial map
- B Proposed 'Blackbird Hill' aerial map
- C Proposed 'Richmond Park' aerial map
- D Proposed 'Marley Wood Track' aerial map
- E Lake Edge Development and proposed 'Rees Homestead Park' aerial map
- F Kelvin Peninsula aerial map of coves
- G Proposed 'Terry's Cove' image
- H Proposed 'Wilson's Cove' image



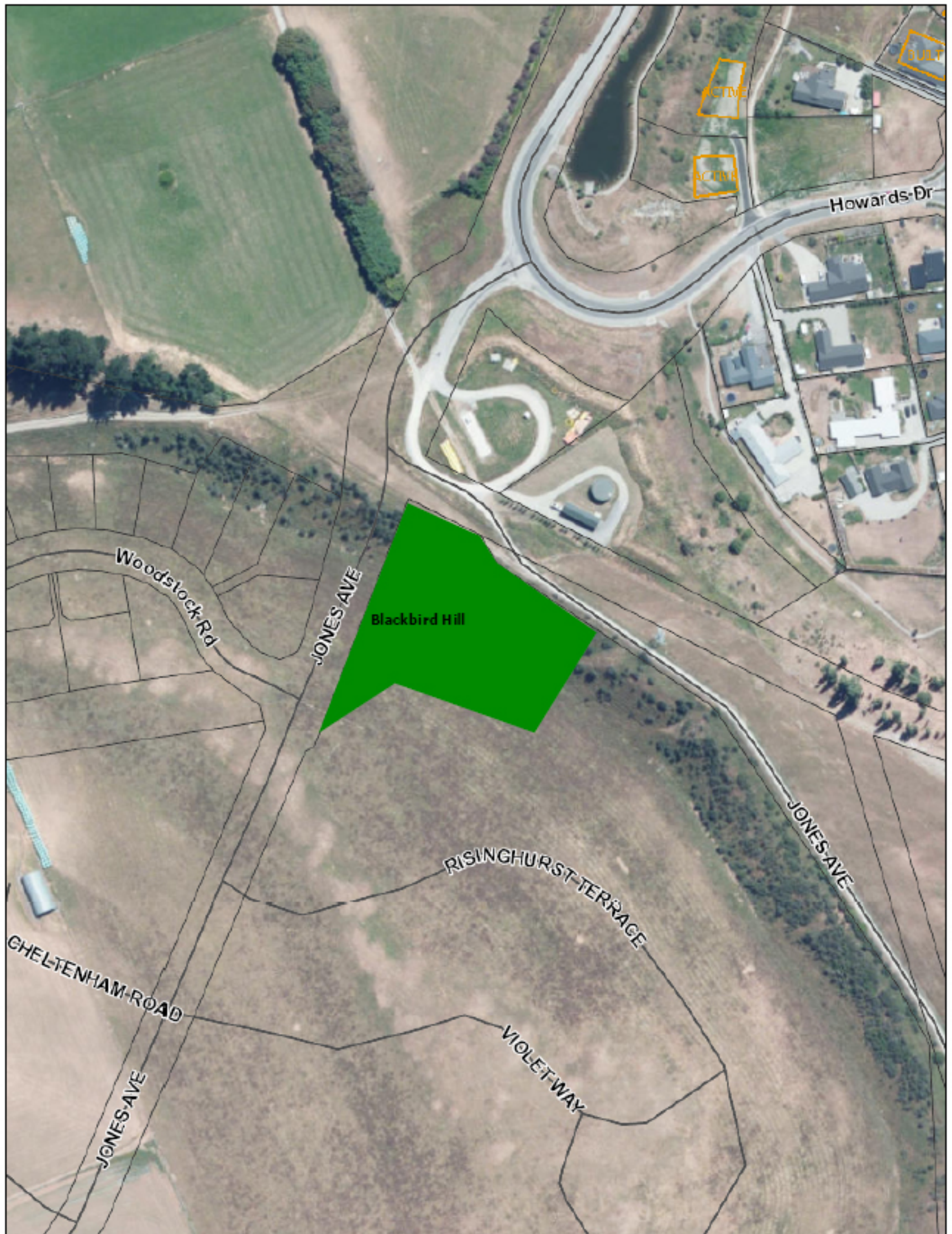
# Attachment A - Shotover Country Sub Division



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## Attachment B: Blackbird Hill

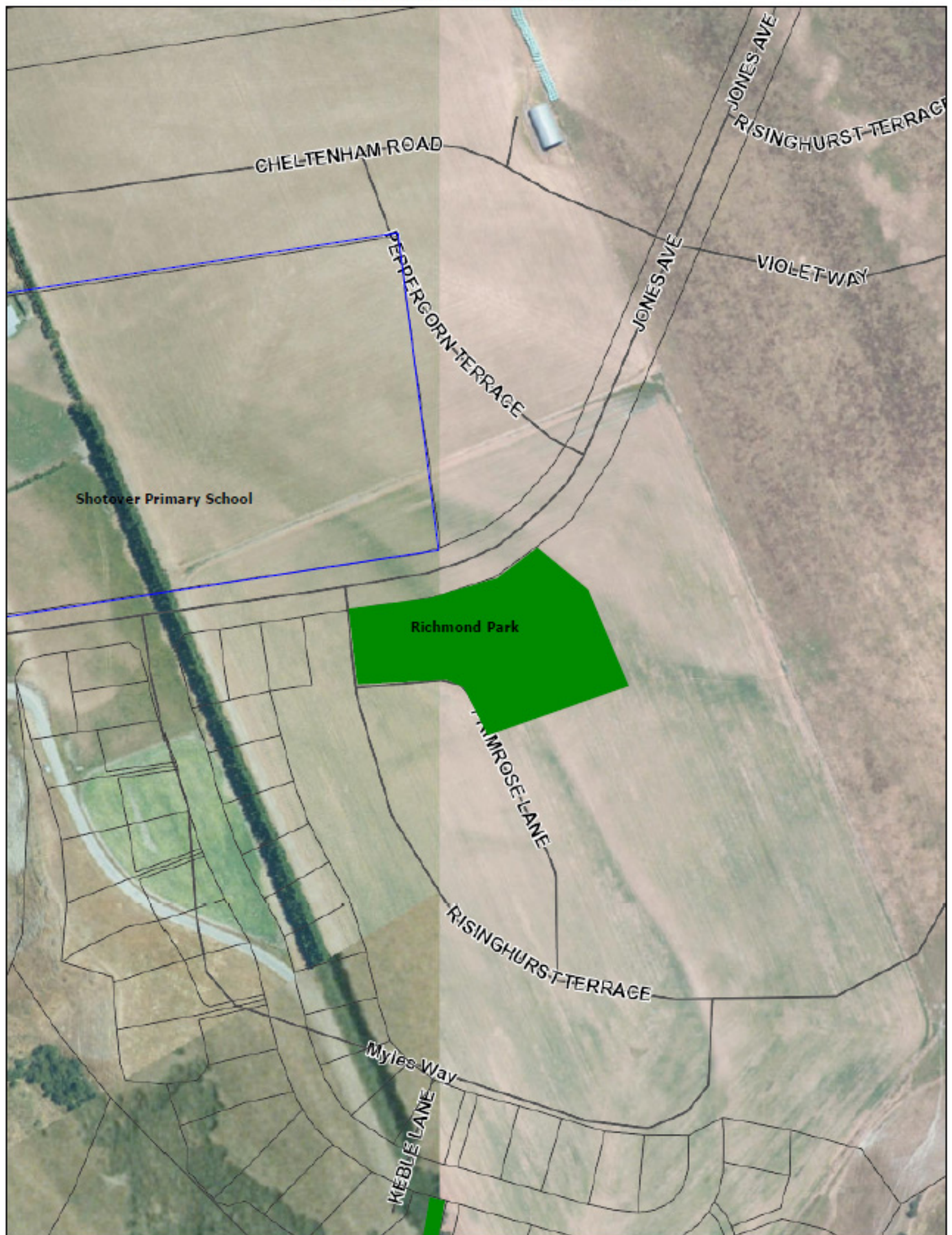


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# Attachment C : Richmond Park

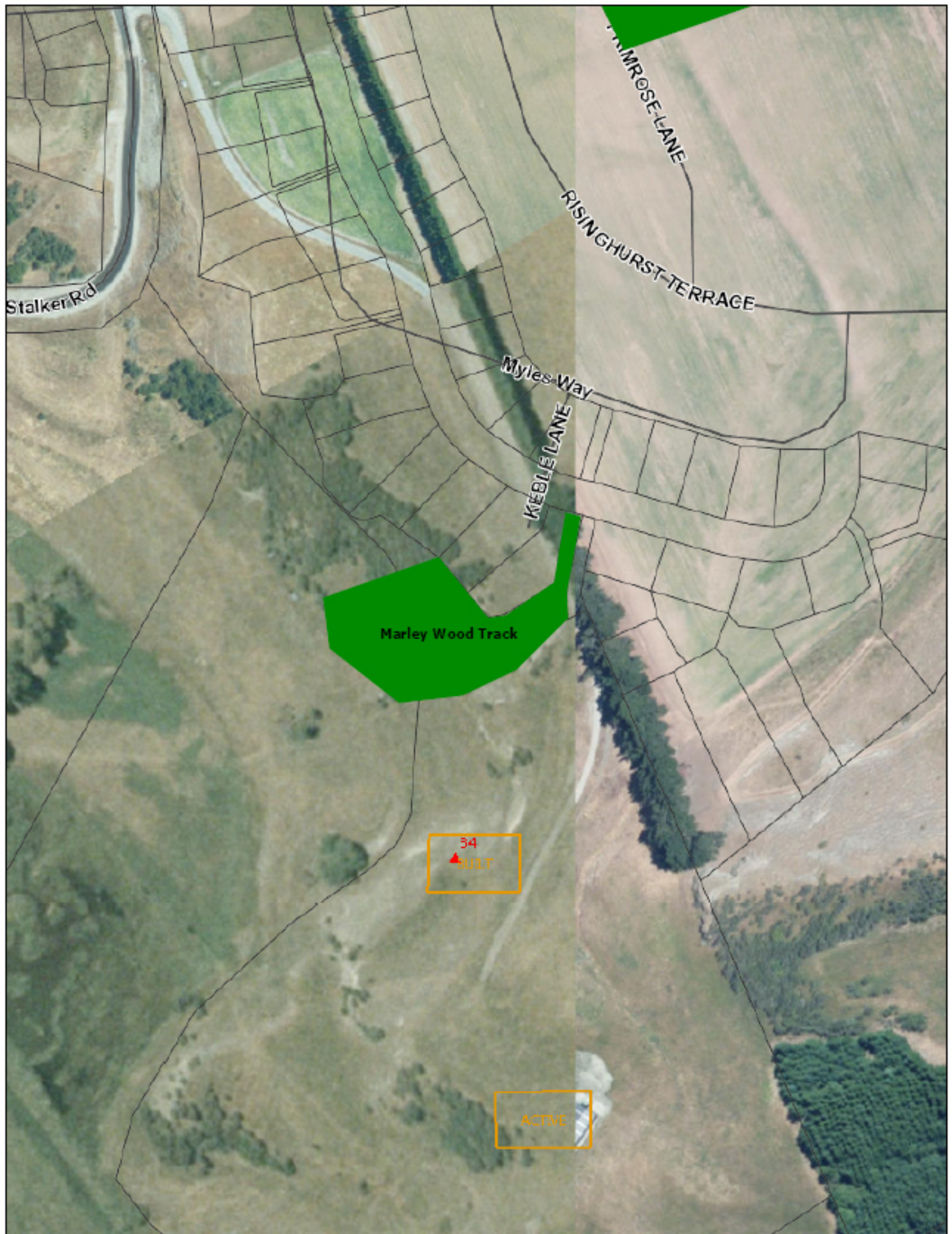


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# Attachment D : Marley Wood Track



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Attachment E : Rees Homestead Park



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