

QLDC Council

24 October 2024

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [9]

Department: Chief Executive

Title | Taitara : Chief Executive's Report

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko

The purpose of this report is to report on items of general interest that do not require a full officer report and to summarise recent meetings of Standing Committees and the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board.

Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka

That the Council:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Direct** the Chief Executive to complete the instrument appointing the Mayor as a proxy to exercise the Council's voting rights, noting the Mayor may only vote as directed by the Council, at the 2024 QAC Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 30 October 2024; and
3. **Appoint** the Mayor as the Queenstown Lakes District Council representative on the Three Lakes Cultural Trust.

Recommendations from Community & Services Committee

Rippled Earth Application for Licence to Occupy Scenic Reserve

4. **Approve** a new licence and exercise Minister's consent for a licence to occupy Pigeon and Pig Island Scenic Reserves, legally described as Section 2-3 Block X Glenorchy Survey District, to the applicant under section 56(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977 on the following terms and conditions:

Commencement	1 December 2023
Term	Five (5) years
Annual Rent	The greater of \$2,500 + GST or 7.5% of the Licensee's Gross Revenue
Renewal	One (1) right of renewal of five (5) years
Renewal Date	1 December 2028
Final Expiry	30 November 2033
Rent Review	On renewal
5. **Delegate** signing authority to the General Manager Community Services.

Queenstown Gardens Reserve Management Plan Amendment

6. **Recommend** to Council to adopt the following minor amendment under section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977, that the Queenstown Gardens Reserve Management Plan 2011 include a new policy that permits the LUMA Light Festival event within the Queenstown Gardens, specifically the inclusion of the following clauses:

8.8 Permit the LUMA Light Festival Trust to run a light festival event for up to 5 consecutive days each year. The festival may occupy part of the reserve for up to 20 total consecutive days to facilitate festival operations. Disruption to other users of the Reserve must be minimised during occupation. Subject to implementation conditions below.

Explanation

The Luma light festival is an established event operating in the Queenstown Gardens since 2016. It is recognised that this annual event benefits the community and the district. The event shall be permitted recognising the need to minimise the impact on the gardens and on other users of the Reserve.

Implementation

LUMA Light Festival: Ensure recognised stakeholder groups are consulted during the licence process whenever a new licence is considered for this event. Ensure QLDC and Friends of the Wakatipu Gardens and Reserves (or successors) have the opportunity to review and consult on the festival plan annually

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Title: Chief Executive

4 October 2024

Context | Horopaki

Proxy Vote, Queenstown Airport Corporation ('QAC) Board of Directors

1. For reasons of practicality and efficiency, QLDC appoints a proxy to attend Shareholder meetings/ AGMs and exercise its voting rights in accordance with the section 14.3 of the QAC Constitution.
2. The 2024 QAC Annual General Meeting is being held on 30 October 2024 and an instrument appointing the Mayor as a proxy has been prepared to be signed by the Chief Executive and delivered to QAC in advance of the minimum 48 hours as required by the QAC Constitution.
3. The matters that require a resolution at the 2024 QAC Annual General Meeting are the appointment of auditors, receiving the annual accounts and the appointment of directors. Final details will be circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting so that they may direct the Mayor in voting.

Appointment of a Council Representative to the Three Lakes Cultural Trust

4. The Three Lakes Cultural Trust is a Regional Arts Organisation (RAO) for the Queenstown Lakes District. Its vision is to ensure that culture plays a stronger role in supporting social and economic vitality and resilience in the region. It was established to address the lack of a cohesive, district-wide presence for the arts and is guided by its cultural masterplan. It is funded by philanthropy and donations from the community.
5. The Trust has approached the Council seeking representation from an elected member as an appointed trustee. The Mayor has proposed that he is appointed given the Trust's relevance to Council's activities relating to social and cultural wellbeing and the recent endorsement of the Council and Three Lakes Cultural Trust-led Creativity and Culture Strategy.
6. The appointment of trustees is defined by Council's 'Policy on the Appointment and Remuneration of Directors' (this policy being a requirement of section 57 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA)), as under section 6 of the LGA a Trust is considered a "Council Organisation" (CO). Appointments to Trusts / COs under that policy are made by resolution of Council.

Recommendations from Community & Services Committee

Application from Rippled Earth Ltd for a Licence to Occupy Scenic Reserve

7. Rippled Earth Ltd has been running kayak tours to Pigeon and Pig islands since December 2007.
8. Rippled Earth Ltd is seeking a new five-year licence with a five-year renewal to enable it to continue taking kayak tours to Pigeon and Pig Islands.
9. Rippled Earth holds a resource consent, RM070879, to undertake this activity. The licence will be conditional on the resource consent being maintained in accordance with section 56(3)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977.

10. Consultation with the Harbourmaster has confirmed there are no issues with Rippled Earth. A five-year licence is appropriate in this case due to the good track record of the licensee and the low impact nature of this activity.
11. The Community & Services Committee considered the application at its meeting held on 24 September 2024 and recommended that the Council approve the issue of a new licence of five years duration.

Queenstown Gardens Reserve Management Plan Amendment

12. The Queenstown Gardens Reserve Management Plan (RMP) was adopted in 2011. The RMP is a plan that sets out policies and objectives for the management and protection of Queenstown Gardens under the Reserves Act 1977. Within the RMP there are specific policies relating to events that can be permitted within Queenstown Gardens.
13. LUMA has established itself as a premier event which attracts visitors to the district. The event has numerous community benefits including establishing an emerging artist's programme and creating a programme for local schools to be involved in the LUMA event. In 2024 the event ran special guided tours to cater for all abilities, making the event accessible to everyone.
14. Since 2023 the LUMA event has been run over five days during King's Birthday weekend. Additional days are required for pack in prior to the event and pack out after the event, bringing the total days of occupation in Queenstown Gardens up to a maximum of 20. Five days is the preferred length for the event to ease congestion and reduce the impact on the gardens.
15. The proposed amendment to the RMP recognises the event within the RMP, permits the event to run over a five day period and also permit partial occupation of the Queenstown Gardens for up to a total of 20 days to enable pack in and pack out. This change, if adopted, would reduce the level of consultation required under the Reserves Act 1977 to issue new licences to occupy.
16. The Community & Services Committee considered this at its meeting held on 24 September 2024 and recommended that the Council approve the amendment to the RMP.

Recommendation from Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board: 101 Ballantyne Road Remediation Agreement

17. At the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board meeting held on 10 October 2024 the Board recommended that the Council agree to remediate the contaminated areas and undertake earthworks to create a flat 20 hectare grassed site at 101 Ballantyne Road, the future intended purpose being the development of the Ballantyne Road Sports Hub for the Wānaka Upper Clutha community. Because of the significance of the issue and also because it is contingent on the outcome of the capital works October 2024 reforecast (item 4), remediation of 101 Ballantyne Road is the topic of a separate report on the agenda (item 1).

Committee Meetings of the Previous Round

Community & Services Committee – Councillor Ferguson (Chair) (24 September 2024)
Information:

1. Queenstown Lakes District Welcoming Plan 2024-2027

- 4. Draft Coronet Trail Network Plan
- 5. Chair’s Report

Recommendation

- 2. Application from Rippled Earth Limited for License to Occupy Scenic Reserve
- 3. Queenstown Gardens Reserve Management Plan Amendment

Governance Subcommittee* – Mayor Glyn Lewers (Chair) (15 October 2024)

Recommendation:

- 1. Recommendation to Appoint Director and Reappoint Existing Director for the Queenstown Airport Corporation Board of Directors **

Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board – Mr Simon Telfer (Chair) (10 October 2024)

Information:

- 1. Options for turning movements at the Ardmore Street and State Highway 84 intersection
- 2. Temporary Road Closure Application: New Year’s Eve, Wānaka
- 3. Chair’s Report

Recommendation:

- 4. 101 Ballantyne Road Remediation Agreement**(partially public excluded)

*Public excluded items or meetings

**This is the subject of a separate report on this agenda.

Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka

A	Instrument appointing a proxy
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