

Community & Services Committee

16 May 2024

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [1]

Department: Community Services

Title | Taitara: New Seat and Memorial Plaque Request in honour of Ian Flanagan along the Frankton/Kelvin Peninsula Track within the Kelvin Heights Lakeside Reserve

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko

The purpose of this report is to consider approving the installation of a new seat located along the Frankton/Kelvin Peninsula Track within the Kelvin Heights Lakeside Reserve, followed by placement of a memorial plaque on the seat for Ian Flanagan.

Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka

That the Community & Services Committee:

1. **Note** the contents of this report and;
2. **Approve** the seat and memorial plaque installation for Ian Flanagan. The seat would be located along the Frankton/Kelvin Peninsula Track within the Kelvin Heights Lakeside Reserve, adjacent to the requestor's private property at 291 Peninsula Road, Kawarau Falls, Queenstown 9300 (**Attachment A**).

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Context | Horopaki

1. Council received an application for a memorial seat and plaque on 28 February 2024 from Warren Skerrett to honour his late son-in-law, Ian Flanagan. Mr. Skerrett has provided the following information about Mr. Flanagan for consideration, *“The memoriam is to my late son-in-law whom we lost 2 years ago. He had a business (greenwood trade) that he [ran] and owned in the community for 10 years. My daughter and her husband had been living with us for five years, saving for a house when he succumbed to business pressure. The local Irish community were so affected by his passing that the local hurling team created a memorial cup (Ian Flanagan Memorial Cup) played annually between Christchurch and Queenstown, in honour of his commitment to the community and the Irish. I have...been a resident for over 40 years, and happy for you to contact the Mayor or Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) CEO if needed, as a credibility referee for my behalf.”*
2. Mr. Skerrett has requested that the new seat be installed within the Kelvin Heights Lakeside Reserve along the Frankton/Kelvin Peninsula Track, which is adjacent to his private property located at 291 Peninsula Road, Kawarau Falls, Queenstown 9300.
3. In consideration of the QLDC Plaques, Memorials and Monuments Policy assessment guidelines, the Parks team supports this request based on the following criteria: *“2.5 – Subjects for Category 4, personalised memorial plaques on a seat, bench or picnic table will be considered by the Council on a case by case basis... Subjects will be limited to: Individuals who have lived in or have a special association with the District.”*
4. The proposed plaque will read:

“Donated by the Skerrett Family in memory of Ian”

Analysis and Advice | Tatāritaka me kā Tohutohu

5. 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.
6. The Frankton/Kelvin Peninsula Track within the Kelvin Heights Lakeside Reserve has been considered and the addition of a seat at this location, with no seats currently situated nearby, will enhance the reserve and improve this asset for the community to enjoy.
7. Option 1 Approve the new memorial plaque and seat installation along the Frankton/Kelvin Peninsula Track within the Kelvin Heights Lakeside Reserve for Ian Flanagan.

Advantages:

- Provides improvement via the addition of an available furniture asset in the reserve which can then be enjoyed by all.
- Commemorates individuals that are closely connected to the Queenstown Lakes District.

Disadvantages:

- Additional ongoing maintenance costs associated with adding a new asset to the reserve.

8. Option 2 Decline the request for the new memorial plaque and seat installation.

Advantages:

- Avoids additional ongoing maintenance costs associated with adding a new asset to the reserve.

Disadvantages:

- There are currently no seats available within the vicinity of the requested location, and the memorial requestor would not be afforded the opportunity to positively contribute to the improvement of the Kelvin Heights and wider Queenstown communities.

9. This report recommends Option 1 for addressing the matter because this will provide improvements to the reserve via the addition of a seat asset. It will also honour the life of Ian Flanagan while increasing the utilisation and enjoyment of the reserve by the community.

Consultation Process | Hātepe Matapaki

Significance and Engagement | Te Whakamahi I kā Whakaaro Hiraka

10. This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because the land it relates to is not identified as a significant asset, and the proposal of a new seat will support community wellbeing.
11. The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the residents/ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District Community and the Kelvin Heights Community.
12. Council note that the Parks Planning Manager and Parks Manager are in support of this request.

Risk and Mitigations | Kā Raru Tūpono me kā Whakamaurutaka

13. This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK10022 Ineffective operations and maintenance of community services or facilities within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a high residual risk rating.
14. The approval of the recommended option will support the Council by allowing Council to retain the risk at its current level. This shall be achieved by improving assets for community wellbeing within the reserve.

Financial Implications | Kā Riteka ā-Pūtea

15. The new asset and installation costs will be met by the applicant. The ongoing maintenance costs will be funded through existing QLDC budgets.

Council Effects and Views | Kā Whakaaweawe me kā Tirohaka a te Kaunihera

16. The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- Plaques, Memorials and Monuments Policy 2010;
- Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2021; and
- Proposal is in alignment with the principles of the Vision Beyond 2050.

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

18. This matter is not included in the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan and will not have any impact on it.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions | Te Whakatureture 2002 o te Kāwanataka ā-Kiaka

19. Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 states the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. As such, the recommendation in this report is appropriate and within the ambit of Section 10 of the Act as it 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 support for a community activity;

20. The recommended option:

- Can be implemented through current funding under the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not significantly 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.

Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka

A	Map of proposed seat location along the Frankton/Kelvin Peninsula Track within the Kelvin Heights Lakeside Reserve
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