

Community & Services Committee

8 August 2024

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [5]

Title | Taitara : Chair's Report

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko

The purpose of this report is to provide the Community & Services Committee with an update on projects of interest.

Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka

That the Community & Services Committee:

1. **Note** the contents of this report.

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16 September 2024

Context | Horopaki

Parks

Jardine Park Development Plan

1. The Jardine Park Draft Development Plan is open for public consultation until 30 September 2024 through Queenstown Lakes District Council's (QLDC's) Let's Talk webpage. The draft development plan details the proposed activity use for Jardine Park. It focuses on creating a community space that has a range of passive and active recreation facilities for people of all ages and abilities, increasing biodiversity with restoration planting, protecting open space, and improving parking and access. Feedback received through the consultation will be reviewed and used to inform changes to the development plan. The final development plan will be presented to the Community & Services Committee for adoption in November 2024.

Parks Maintenance Contracts Renewal

2. The current Parks maintenance contracts (Open Spaces, Tracks and Trails and High Profile Turf) that have been in place since 2017-2018 will expire at the end of June 2025. A procurement plan for the new maintenance contracts is being developed and has been informed by a review of learnings to ensure the new contracts continue to deliver value and meet agreed levels of service. The procurement plan will be considered at a Council meeting in 24 October 2024 at Arrowtown Community Centre due to the anticipated all of life spend of the new contracts.

Glenorchy Marina Carpark

3. An upgrade to the Glenorchy Marina carpark is currently underway and will be complete by the end of November 2024. The upgrade will improve the layout of the area, helping to reduce congestion during peak periods.

Ben Lomond Trails

4. A new partnership has been agreed between QLDC and the Queenstown Mountain Bike Club (QMTBC). The trails will be jointly managed with QLDC continuing to fund maintenance costs as part of the ongoing commitment to improving the District's trail networks. The Queenstown Bike Park is also being rebranded to Ben Lomond Trails to acknowledge the wider trail network within the reserve. Skyline Queenstown will continue to provide the uplift service for the lower trails and offer financial support for the park's maintenance.

Community Partnerships

Welcoming Plan

5. Community Partnerships is scheduled to present the adopted Welcoming Plan to the Wānaka Upper Clutha Community Board on 26 September 2024. The Community & Services Committee is being asked to adopt the Welcoming Plan at its meeting on 24 September.

Sport and Recreation

Paetara Aspiring Central

6. Basketball hoops will be installed at Paetara Aspiring Central during the September school holidays (28 September to 13 October). The indoor courts will be closed for two weeks to enable the installation of the hoops. This will enable Wānaka Basketball Club to extend its offering to the community across two sites.

Queenstown Events Centre (QEC) Sports Floodlights

7. A tender for the replacement of the Queenstown Events Centre (QEC) Flood lights on QEC 1a and b sports fields will be going out pending Long Term Plan approval in September/October with works expected to be completed before the winter season 2025. The works will involve installation of trenching for electrical connections, four new poles and installation of new LED lights on all poles. This will enable a more even light coverage across these two fields. Queenstown Airport have been notified and agreed to the design and installation. The lights will be checked for any potential glare issues affecting the airport once installed and configured.

QEC Outdoor Courts Surface Replacement

9. A tender for the replacement of the six existing asphalt courts at the Queenstown Events Centre will be going out pending Long Term Plan approval, in September/October. A number of courts have been identified as having health and safety issues due to bubbling of the surface due to water damage. It is proposed to resurface the courts with a multi-use surface and discussions have been had with both netball, tennis and skateboarding regarding the surface. As the courts sit on Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) land that Council leases, the project has the approval of QAC, and the lease conditions have been varied to reflect the uses of the courts.

Libraries

10. Queenstown Lakes District Libraries (Libraries) continue to provide a range of community initiatives, which can be found on their updated website.
 11. Move into two months of Fine Free across Libraries. The initiative has been positively received by the community. Librarians continue to receive comments from patrons who have expressed real appreciation that they can borrow items without the threat of an overdue fine.
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