

LHESCB RMP DRAFT FEEDBACK

Summary of feedback and QLDC responses

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1. Reserves Context:

Total area size of usable recreation and local purpose reserve is approximately 50ha, see image 1.

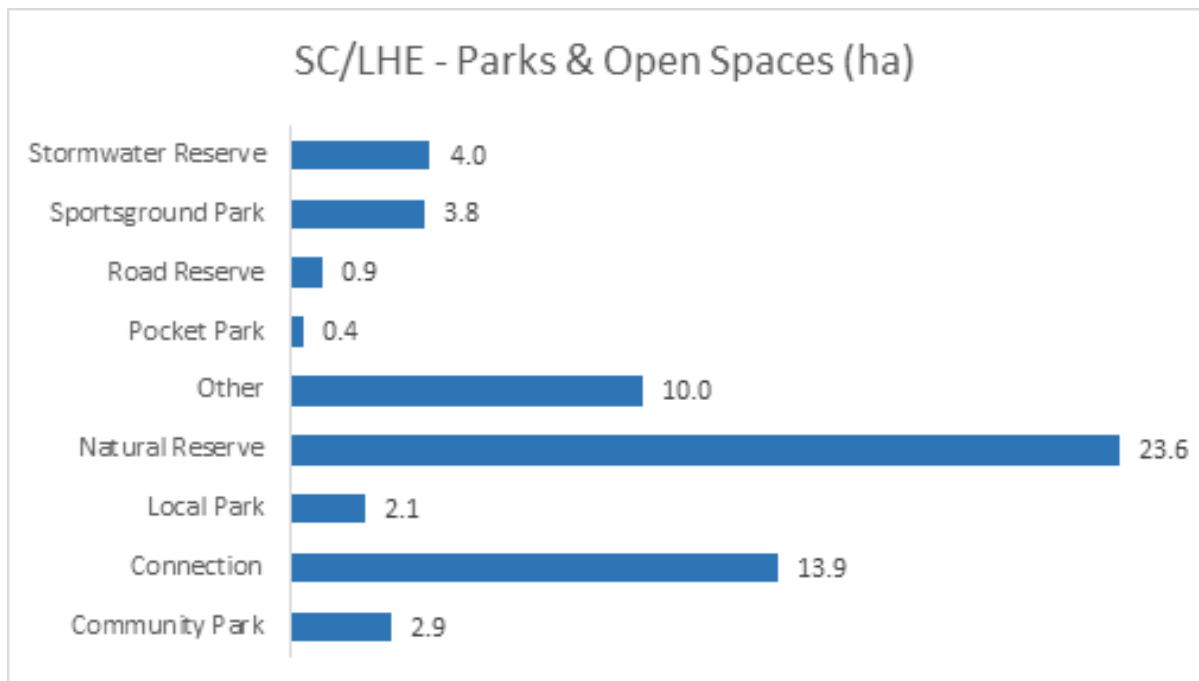


Image 1 Total recreation area ~50ha

Some of the LHESCB reserve areas fall within the Queenstown Airport Outer Control Boundary zone and others under the high voltage transmission power line corridor, see image 2, that traverses about 2.7km of the LHESCB area and are therefore subject to building and activity constraints.



Image 2 High voltage transmission power line ~2.7km

2. Values & character:

- **Incredible access to natural environment**
- **Trails connect the communities**
- **Family place (including young children, elderly, disabilities)**
- **Appreciation of established areas, such as Walnut Grove and desire to create and establish the next layer of local character, values and experiences**

The reserves of LHESCB are located next to and within outstanding natural landscape, which offers natural, open and wild qualities valued by the community especially for its support for wildlife, water cycle processes and creative active recreation. Throughout the LHESCB residential area streams, wetlands and ponds are valued for the native wildlife they support and there is desire to further develop native revegetation particularly in these areas.

Located alongside, and at the confluence of, the Shotover and Kawarau Rivers, much of the reserve land is flood prone. This is a natural parameter for development in this area, and therefore these

reserves are more likely to be retained for the natural character and experiences of the water that changes the landscape with the seasons.

Established areas of planted walnut and chestnut trees are recognised for their shade, food and cultural heritage values. There is appetite to speed up the sense of establishment across the LHESCB communities through planting and strategically located community facilities. With a balanced approach to access to services and facilities available across the LHESCB residential area and within the wider community.

Tracks and trails linking the LHESCB communities and the wider area are seen as uniting.

Ultimately, the LHESCB reserves lie within a large, recently established, residential community that needs its reserves to serve a range of ages, from infants to elderly, and a range of experiences, from natural and wild to urban and developed.

3. Activities, Facilities & Services:

Survey responses from informal feedback, see image 3.

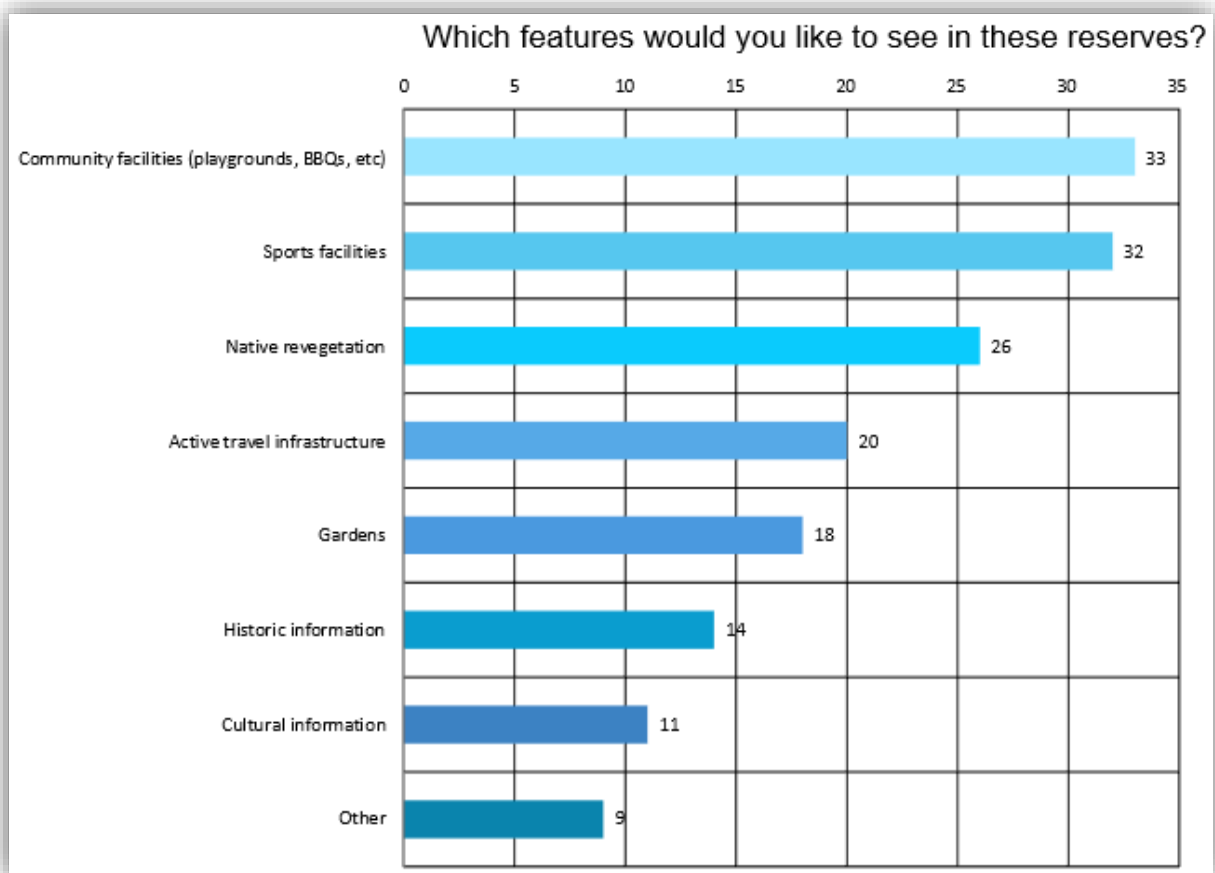


Image 3 Informal public feedback on QLDC Let's Talk

Activities

- Art / culture – theatre, sculpture, LUMA
- Events including Halloween and Carols
- Markets, music, festival space
- Natural amphitheatre, natural events space
- Cultural / historic information
- Planting groups
- Native revegetation, countering effects of climate change and managing / filtering storm water. Particularly opportunities in riparian areas next to streams, river and wetlands.

Broadly, there is support for these cultural activities and ecological spaces. Development of new facilities and increased level of service supporting existing services or facilities requires appropriate planning that upholds both the overall vision of the LHESCB reserves and the specific vision and purpose of key reserves, while supporting community wellbeing.

Active Travel / Access

- Active travel and paths – especially path improvements in low lying /wet areas to make more enticing to use at all times of the year.
- Path improvement connecting sports field to bike trail
- Safe road crossing / underpass access to Lake Hayes

Active travel and vehicle separated paths are supported to promote commuting to employment by active means, and also to facilitate circulating comfortably and safely within the LHESCB residential areas and to adjoining residential areas and natural features, such as lakes and rivers.

Facilities & Services

- Playground – particularly for Shotover Country
- Flying fox – offering more risk
- Youth facilities and bike park – offering greater challenge and risk than currently available
- Community gardens
- Community orchard
- Community hub - combining services and facilities to make them more usable
- Water fountains
- BBQs – particularly in Shotover Country
- Solar powered charging stations and free wifi – potentially for ebikes?
- Off leash dog area
- Dog bins, particularly at entrance and exits to reserves
- Exercise equipment stations
- Beautification
- Shade

Broadly, there is support for these facilities and services. Development of new facilities or increased level of service supporting existing activities requires appropriate planning that upholds both the overall vision of the LHESCB reserves and the specific vision and purpose of key reserves, while supporting community wellbeing.

There is opportunity for community gardens and orchards based on access to water, the community's needs and the community demonstrating sound management.

Expanding the locations of play areas and diversifying the play experiences available, including flying foxes, youth size bike sports areas and outdoor exercise equipment is supported.

Off-leash dog areas are supported if meeting best practice dog exercise area design principles, such as protecting wildlife, providing for human and animal safety and appropriate dog waste management.

There is support to find an appropriate solution to dog waste management across the wider network of trails, whether by education, and/or community-led or Council-led waste management solutions.

Sport

- Additional hardcourts
- Netball hoops
- Tennis club
- Wind mitigation to allow maximum use of hardcourts in all conditions
- Disc golf
- Long jump x2
- Running water, toilets and car parks at the sports field in Shotover Country
- Turf improvement at McBride Park

Broadly, there is support for these sports facilities. Development of new facilities and increased level of service supporting existing services or facilities requires appropriate planning that upholds both the overall vision of the LHESCB reserves and the specific vision and purpose of key reserves, while supporting community wellbeing.

4. Specific Reserves:

McBride Park

- Excellent playground for young children
- Adequate number of bbqs
- More shade options required
- Turf improvement desired

Merten Park

- Playground requested

Nerin Square

- Confusion about purpose and design
- Redesign requested

Richmond Park

- Primary school students are the main patrons
- Support for skate ramp

Shotover Wetlands

- Boardwalks and information boards requested
- Pest control and willow management and weeds, gorse, broom requested
- Dog control and dog waste bins requested
- Maori heritage and local histories requested

Widgeon Place

- Valued for large open space
- Wild space allows for tree climbing, hut making, bike jumps etc.
- Limit construction and over development requested

5. Summary:

In summary, the community appreciates the existing natural qualities of many of the reserve areas that support wildlife habitat, ecological processes and scenic experiences. Community groups and individuals alike wish to expand and enhance the quality and knowledge of these areas. At the same time, the community requires built facilities including community hubs, formal sports surfaces and active play areas typical of an urban community of this population size.

The Omnibus RMP will acknowledge this in a Vision that establishes the character and values of the LHESCB reserves. In order to achieve holistic outcomes for the entire LHESCB residential area a more specific vision and purpose is required for key reserves. The general and specific visions combined will guide the decisions on development and future uses, rather than prescribing an exhaustive list of activities, uses and development.