

Minutes of a Community & Services Committee Workshop

Thursday 8, August 2024 Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road 11.00am

Present:	Chair Craig Ferguson	Councillor Melissa White
	Councillor Barry Bruce	Councillor Lyal Cocks
	Councillor Whitehead	
	Councillor Cody Tucker	
	Councillor Lisa Guy	
In attendance:	Councillor Quentin Smith	Steven Peters
	Councillor Nikki Gladding	Briana Pringle
	Kat Banyard	Jeannie Galavazi
	Kenneth Bailey	Dave Winterburn
	Sue Gwilliam	Aoife McMahon
	No members of the public	No members of the media

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	Coronet Trail Network	
	In response to requests from the community the Coronet Forest recreational group was formed in 2020 and contains representatives from more than 10 community and volunteer groups. The Coronet Trail network plan was designed and reviewed by members of the Coronet Forest recreational group. The purpose of this workshop was to share the Coronet trail network plan with the Community & Services Committee (the Committee) members.	
	It was clarified that the fencing would be rabbit and deer proof fencing.	
	Staff outlined the potential of a combined cull with neighbouring landowners.	
	Discussion on proposed trails included location of mountain biking trails, walking tails and potential addition of shortcuts.	
	Staff outlined they have met with owner of the flight path and the paragliding group.	



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	Staff outlined that the Coronet Forest site will be a mixture of Skyline and Ben Lomond and will eventually be a different experience of mountain biking track with native tree canopy cover.	
	There was discussion on the funding and whether staff have looked at recreational charges such as user-pay models.	
	There was discussion of next steps and commercial activities.	
	Comments made on the need to take lessons learnt from previous trails and acknowledged staff for socialising this idea. There was a question on why the long term funding model was left out of the report.	
	Staff commented on the need to balance the expectations and letting the Coronet Forest build organically.	
	Discussion on the different forms of mountain biking and how Coronet Forest would be more family friendly and well-rounded.	
	Acknowledged the community and staff.	
	Staff responded to a question on types of native trees that will be planted stating majority of the land will be covered in Beech and Grey Shrubland. Estimated to take 20-30 years for canopy cover to grow.	
	Attachments: Attachment A: Draft Coronet Trail Network Plan (See workshop agenda) Attachment B: Workshop Presentation (See below)	
2.	Glenorchy Airstrip	Staff to add more
	The purpose of this workshop item was a) to provide the Committee with an update on the review process to date, including early feedback following notification of intent to review the Reserve Managaement Plan (RMP), and engagement with the Glenorchy Airstrip Consultative Governance Committee, and b) to confirm direction from the Community & Services Committee on the RMP Vision and Objective themes (see attached presentation).	detail to the report and present a new draft to the Committee at a later date.



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	There was discussion on the demand of the airstrip and the main users. Staff outlined that Glenorchy Airport has limited flights, they are continually managing the use of the airport and questioning if there is need for more flights. If there was a need this will go through the Committee decision-making process. Staff outlined that eventually Council will not have the ability to grant more flights as easily.	
	Staff outlined the need to continually review the plan.	
	There was discussion on the interference of flights to Milford Sound with Glenorchy flight paths. Staff commented that the system is working well currently.	
	There was a discussion on commercialisation and how this would impact other users. Comment was made on ensuring Council is not supporting anti-competitive markets.	
	Staff raised the feedback summary and the comprehensive questions asked in the consultation. Highlighting that Glenorchy town and High Country Farms responded positively to this. In the feedback summary Queenstown is included in the Other South Island.	
	Staff asked if members would like draft and submission progress updates or more detail and objectives and presentation of a new draft.	
	Attachments: Attachment A: Presentation Draft Glenorchy Airstrip Reserve Management Plan Vision and Objective themes (see workshop agenda)	
3.	<u>Libraries Update</u>	
	The General Manager Community & Services acknowledged the Library Staff and outlined that this is an update on how the libraries have evolved in the last four years.	
	Staff outlined that Queenstown Lakes Libraries have implemented a fine-free approach and highlighted that there has been positive public feedback on this.	
	There was discussion on how this has affected behaviours and use of the library. Staff outlined that 80% of New Zealand libraries are using this system.	



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	Staff explained the 1,000 Books Before School program for preschoolers to encourage children to have library cards.	
	Staff outlined that Queenstown Lakes Libraries have a separate library. However, Central Otago are Queenstown Lakes Libraries partners and share collections.	
	Staff clarified that an update would go to the September Community & Services Committee Meeting to discuss the Annual Library Survey Results.	
	Staff highlighted Hāwea Library has installed fire doors, increasing capacity to 95 from 29 for this growing community, as well as Luggate and Hanley's Farm scholastic story boards, Library Digital Sources, and collections, specifically the sustainability and Te Reo Māori collection (due to demand of 28% of the country learning Te Reo Māori).	
	There was discussion on the rotation of collections.	
	Staff outlined the Rainbow LGBTQIA+ books have been hidden or taken due to discrimination. Libraries are tracking this in an incident tracker and have cameras and CCTV. There have recently been two Local Government Official Information Requests on drag events. Queenstown Lakes Libraries remains inclusive.	
	There was a comment on the need for more space and larger libraries for collections.	
	Staff outlined limiting tourist access to WIFI. In Queenstown you have to pay for wifi.	
	A question was asked on whether there an opportunity for members of the public to gift board games and books to libraries.	
	Staff clarified that there are returns bins at Sports and Recreation Centres in Wānaka and Queenstown.	
	Members acknowledged staff for the PowerPoint slides and presentation.	



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	The Chair commented on the work that the Libraries Team have been doing, acknowledged the Library Drop-in sessions in Arrowtown and senior activities in Wānaka, further congratulating the team on Fine Free and how this positively impacts neurodiversity in the district. Discussion clarifying that if a book is not returned the borrower is charged the cost of replacing the book. Attachment A: QLDC Library Services Update (see below)	

The workshop concluded at 12.36pm

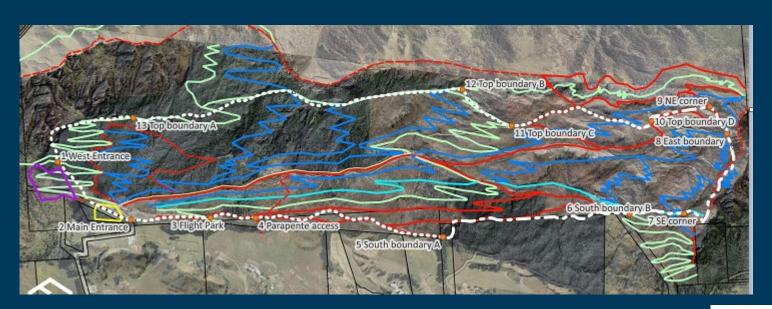
CORONET TRAIL NETWORK





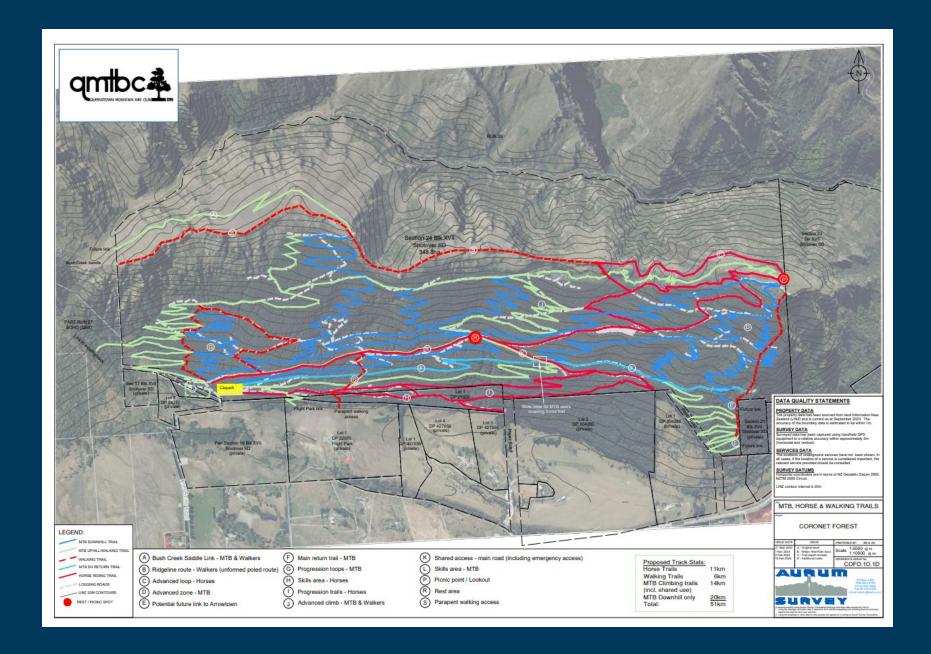
REVEGETATION OF THE SITE

- Planting Manager E3 Scientific
- Planting Contractor Te Tapu o Tāne
- The deer fence construction began in July 2024
- Native planting will occur from 2025 -2027
- Maintenance and plant care till 2030





THE DRAFT TRAIL PLAN



FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- Sustainable track development which considers the topography, landforms, ground conditions, future vegetation cover
- Staging of the plan opportunities for trails to be constructed before planting
- Future maintenance of the trails
- Arrival nodes carpark/toilets facilities
- Consideration of wildfire

NEXT STEPS

- Investigate funding opportunities
- Formal adoption of the plan



QUESTIONS/PATAI.....







Te whakapuāwai i kā hinengaro me kā hapori. Enriching minds and communities.





Fine Free

Implemented a fine-free policy as part of our library strategy to increase accessibility and reduce barriers to library use.



New Website

Launched a new website to improve user experience and access to our resources.



Increased Capacity

Installed fire doors at Hāwea Library, increasing capacity and enhancing safety for patrons.

1000 Books Before School

Expanded our literacy strategy with the "1000 Books Before School" programme, introducing a "1000 Books At School" initiative and providing a library card for every child.



Annual Library Survey

Conducted the annual library survey, and the results will be presented at the workshop on September 24 to review and gather feedback for future improvements.

Improved Platforms & Purchasing via DIA

- Simplified our purchasing process.
- Aligned with our financial year.
- Consortia discount for better value.

eResources

- Niche Academy
 - Online tutorials for library resources.
- Creative Bug
 - Creative classes for arts and crafts.

- Mango Languages
 - Language learning made easy.
- Road to IELTS
 - Comprehensive exam preparation.
- Haynes Manuals
 - Detailed automotive repair manuals.

Film Streaming

- Beamafilm
 - Curated collection of documentaries and independent films.
- Medici TV
 - Classical music performances and operas.

Physical Items
Borrowed



460,408

+4.4% from 22/23

Branches: 8 QLDC Library branches

122,387

+31.5% from 22/23

Branches: 15 Central Otago Queenstown Lakes Libraries (shared ownership)



Online Items Borrowed



Literacy & Language

Connected and Vibrant Communities

- Live Music with Local Migrant Musicians
- Spanish Language Courses
- Digital Classes



- Microplastic Talk & Film Night
- Beach Clean
- Waitangi, Matariki and Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Events
- Meaningful Conversations



Wellbeing and Equity

- Meditation in the Library
- Meditative Art Session
- Knitting Club



Learning for Life

- Adult ADHD Workshops
- Pilot Programme with Department of Corrections
- Financial Literacy with ASB Bank

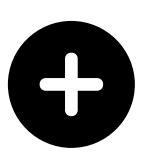


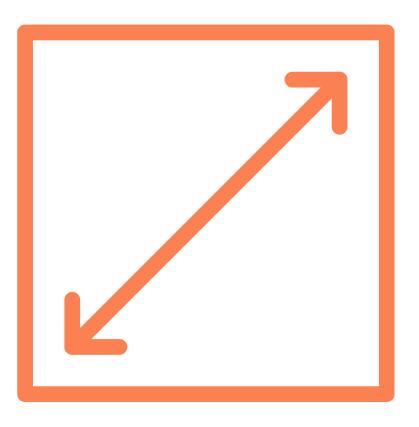
Collections Hub-Frankton Library Sustainability Collections

Te Reo Māori Resources

World Languages Rural Services







Rainbow

Collections & Events

Space Overflowing

GOINGFORWARD

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Library Strategy

Conduct a comprehensive review of the library strategy to ensure alignment with community needs and future growth.

Door Counters

Implement door counters at
Arrowtown and Hāwea Libraries to
accurately track visitor numbers and
improve service planning

Library of Things

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Introduce a variety of non-traditional items such as 3D printers, sewing machines, power tools, projector equipment, healthy home kits, and gardening equipment for community borrowing.

Returns Bin

Organize the returns bin outlets at Paetara

Library Shelving

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Install new shelving at Glenorchy
Library to enhance the organisation and
accessibility of materials for patrons.