

Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board

14 March 2024

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [3]

Department: Community Services

Title | Taitara: New Seat and Memorial Plaque Request for Brian and Margaret Hall in the Eely Point Recreation 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 (to replace an existing seat) within the Eely Point Recreation Reserve followed by placement of a memorial plaque on the seat for Brian and Margaret Hall.

Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka

That the Wanaka-Upper Clutha Community Board:

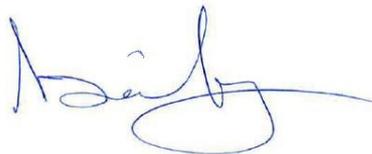
1. **Note** the contents of this report; and
2. **Approve** the seat and memorial plaque installation for Brian and Margaret Hall, noting that the seat is located at the northern end of the Eely Point Recreation Reserve along the Outlet Track.

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Context | Horopaki

1. Council received an application for a memorial seat and plaque on 14 August 2023 from Christopher Hall, son of the deceased, for Brian and Margaret Hall. As per the biographical information provided on the submitted application, “Brian and Margaret were residents of Wānaka, long time visitors to the region (since the 1930s) and very active members of the Wānaka community including U3A, Probus, Scouts and Cubs, Patchworks, Presbyterian Church [etc.]”
2. Mr Hall indicated that they would prefer a memorial seat be located in the Eely Point Recreation Reserve. The Parks Team has identified a seat (asset ID: FRN-164) along the Outlet Track within the Eely Point Recreation Reserve that had reached its end of life and is in need of replacement. The existing seat is older and not the same model as new seats that are currently installed, so updating the seat would bring it into alignment with our current Open Spaces reserves furniture.
3. Both the *Parks and Open Spaces Planning Manager* (Briana Pringle) and the *Parks Contracts Manager* (Adrian Hoddinott) support this approach, which allows for the Hall family to contribute to improving community assets while memorialising their family members. It is also a cost-effective renewal of an existing parks asset.
4. In consideration of the Queenstown Lakes District Council (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.” The contributions made to the Wānaka community by both Brian and Margaret Hall, as well as the prior interest expressed by the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board to consider more memorial requests in the future, were both taken into consideration.
5. The proposed plaque will read:

*“This seat donated for quiet reflection
Brian and Margaret Hall”*

Analysis and Advice | Tatāritaka me kā Tohutohu

6. 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.
7. The Eely Point Recreation Reserve has been considered and the proposed replacement of the existing seat in this location, which is situated near the lake front, trails, and the children’s bike park, will enhance the reserve and provide for an improved asset for the community to enjoy.
8. Option 1 Approve the new memorial plaque and seat replacement in the Eely Point Recreation Reserve for Brian and Margaret Hall.

Advantages:

- Provides economical and efficient continued use, but also improvement to furniture in the reserve, which can be enjoyed by all.
- Commemorates individuals who are closely connected to Wānaka.

Disadvantages:

- None, as the existing seat structure is already in place on the reserve.

9. Option 2 Decline the request.

Advantages:

- None, as there is already a structure in place upon the reserve.

Disadvantages:

- Asset replacement costs would be at the expense of Council, and the memorial requestor would not be afforded the opportunity to positively contribute to the improvement of the Wānaka community.

10. This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter because this will provide improvements to an existing seat asset, and which will also honour the lives of Brian and Margaret Hall while increasing the use and enjoyment of the reserve by the community.

Consultation Process | Hātepe Matapaki

Significance and Engagement | Te Whakamahi I kā Whakaaro Hiraka

11. 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.
12. The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the residents/ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District community and the Wānaka community.
13. The Council has noted that both the Parks Planning Manager and Parks Contracts Manager are in support of this proposed approach (i.e., existing seat replacement followed by plaque installation).

Risk and Mitigations | Kā Raru Tūpono me kā Whakamaurutaka

14. This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK1005 within the QLDC Risk Register: Ineffective planning for community services of facilities. This risk has been assessed as having a high inherent risk rating.

The approval of the recommended option will support the Council by allowing the risk to be avoided. This shall be achieved by improving assets for community wellbeing within the reserve.

Financial Implications | Kā Riteka ā-Pūtea

15. There are no financial implications as all costs will be met by the applicant.

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-Kīaka

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 in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.

20. The recommended option:

- 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 Eely Point Recreation Reserve Seat Location
B	Photographs of seat to be replaced

Attachment A: Map of Eely Point Recreation Reserve Seat Location



Attachment B: Photographs of seat to be replaced

