



**I give notice that  
a Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee Meeting will be held  
on:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, 20 March 2018</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Council Chamber 107 Heuheu Street Taupō</b>

# **AGENDA**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Chairperson** Cr Barry Hickling  
**Deputy Chairperson** Cr John Williamson

**Members** Cr John Boddy  
Cr Anna Park  
Mayor David Trewavas  
Cr Maggie Stewart

**Quorum** 3

**Gareth Green**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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Nil

**3.1 FENCES, ROADING, RESERVES & DOGS COMMITTEE MEETING - 5 DECEMBER 2017**

**Author:** Tina Jakes, Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues

**Authorised by:** Gareth Green, Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the minutes of the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 December 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee Meeting Minutes - 5 December 2017 

**4.1 KINLOCH TOY LIBRARY**

**Author:** Nathan Mourie, Senior Reserves Planner

**Authorised by:** Kevin Strongman, Head of Operations

**PURPOSE**

To determine the suitability of placing the Kinloch Toy Shed and Beach Library on Council reserve land at Kinloch.

**DISCUSSION**

Late last year the Kinloch Community Association (KCA) placed a toy shed on the Kinloch Foreshore Reserve. Following contact with Council's Chief Executive and his subsequent support, the association asked for official permission to locate this structure on Council administered reserve land.

Council's legal advisor indicated that the most suitable process is to secure a licence to occupy for the structure on reserve land.

The KCA indicated that they would like the opportunity to move the toy shed around the community and identified three different locations that they considered suitable. These locations are:

- Kinloch Domain, between Mata Place & Kinloch Rd
- Kinloch lakefront, access off Mata Place, between the playground and Whangamata Stream Track access point
- Eastern Beach Reserve

The KCA provided the following information in response to a request for information from Council officers:

- Kinloch Community Association is responsible for the library
- The library was constructed for no charge by a local builder following a model used on Papamoa beach where there is such a library open to the public
- The toys and books are borrowed on trust and returned after use. KCA members check their condition regularly
- Safeguards - it is very visible, community watchdogs monitor its use, parental supervision is expected
- Property is used at the users risk and a disclaimer is in place
- It is not a fixed structure and can be moved to other areas in the community e.g. eastern beach

The structure appears to have a level of community support and has caused no known issues over the busy summer period. It is well built and appears to have adequate supervision and oversight. It is not permanently fixed to the ground and can easily be removed or moved to another location.

Council's insurers have advised that there is a very low risk associated with the occupation and agree that it is not necessary to require public liability insurance in association with any licence to occupy.

It is proposed that the licence fee for the occupation be a peppercorn rental, e.g. \$1 per annum if demanded.

As the structure is mobile – it is proposed that instead of identifying specific restricted locations on the reserves, that the shed may be located in any suitable position on Kinloch domain or Kinloch Foreshore Reserve, dependent on development, use, and best location within a reserve for the shed at any given time. The KCA should contact Council operational staff prior to moving the structure to ensure that it is being moved to an acceptable location however.

The licence term proposed by Council is three (3) years.

Sole obligation for the structure and its contents will lie with the KCA and Council will accept no accountability or any other obligations in respect of the structure, contents and their use.

Images below show the toy shed in its current location on Kinloch lakefront.



**CONCLUSION**

Given the minimal impact on reserve users, the potential community benefit and the low impact of the structure; it is considered appropriate to offer a licence to occupy to the KCA for the purposes of locating and administering the toy shed on the Council administered reserves identified by the KCA (Kinloch Domain and Kinloch Foreshore reserve).

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves the granting of a licence to occupy for three (3) years to the Kinloch Residents Association for the purposes of administering a toy shed and beach library structure as identified and described in this report, on Taupō District Council administered reserve land at Kinloch Domain and Kinloch Foreshore reserve for a peppercorn rental of \$1 per annum.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**4.2 MANGAKINO DISC GOLF**

**Author:** Nathan Mourie, Senior Reserves Planner

**Authorised by:** Kevin Strongman, Head of Operations

To determine the suitability of a licence to occupy for the purposes of constructing a disc golf course on Council administered reserve land at Mangakino.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Mangakino Central Charitable Trust (MCCT) have approached Council to propose installation of a disc golf course on Council administered reserve land in Mangakino. The Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group (MPRG) have responded positively to this proposal.

This committee is being asked to consider a licence to occupy for the desired use.

It is recommended that this licence is granted to MCCT for the purpose of establishing a disc golf course.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves the granting of a licence to occupy to the Mangakino Central Charitable Trust for the purposes of establishing a disc golf course on Council administered reserve land in Mangakino as identified in this report for a term of five (5) years at a peppercorn rental of \$1 per annum.

**BACKGROUND**

The proposal has not been presented previously.

In June 2017 the Mangakino Central Charitable Trust (MCCT) approached officers to propose a Disc (Frisbee) Golf course in Mangakino.

Council officers advised that some of the options were not feasible as the land was not Council owned and the administration was still being determined due to interests from parties such as the local power company and Treaty of Waitangi claims. Officers thanked the MCCT for their idea and their obvious enthusiasm for trying to make improvements to Mangakino's community open spaces. Officers however did not believe that the proposal was the most suitable use of the reserve and preferred that the MCCT look to contribute in other ways to the improvement of Mangakino's open spaces and offered to talk to the MCCT about these opportunities.

The MCCT subsequently presented the proposal to the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group (MPRG), and in August 2017. The MPRG passed the following resolution:

**MP201708/13 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group:

1. Supports the Disc (Frisbee) Golf proposal in principle;
2. Requests that officers look into licence to occupy arrangements to facilitate the Disc (Frisbee) Golf request;
3. Thanks the representatives from Mangakino Central Charitable Trust for their presentation.

**CARRIED**

Officers advised that the MPRG did not have the required delegations to approve any licence to occupy (LTO). This means that this (FRRReD) committee needs to approve any LTO.

Officers also advised that they required more detail on the proposal to progress the LTO process, as no information was provided to council officers following the presentation. This information was provided to officers on 15 February (attachment 1).



## DISCUSSION

The MCCT proposed three location options, with the preferred option being to use the land identified below.



There is a small issue with the land outlined in blue, in that it is currently owned by LINZ and is part of the land involved in an ongoing Treaty of Waitangi claim process. Although Council maintain the area and have some infrastructure on the land – it will need to be considered if it is prudent to offer a new licence while the process of determining land ownership and responsibilities is ongoing. It is considered that with the existing major infrastructure on the land (playground, toilets etc.) that the minor amount of equipment likely to be placed in this area for the disc golf activity is unlikely to have any significant impact on the land; and if required would be relatively easy to remove and relocate. It would be recommended to the MCCT that this area has minimal equipment placed on it where possible however.

The proposal indicates nine baskets initially, with a longer term goal of installing a full 18 basket course. In addition the course would also require some signage (one rule board and nine information posts) and nine tee boxes/starting plates. Any LTO would specifically make provision for these items. A typical disc golf basket and tee are pictured below. Although these are not necessarily representative of what may be installed at Mangakino – they do indicate the general requirements for the activity.





MCCT would be responsible for maintaining all associated infrastructure.

MCCT require further Council approval to enable them to seek funding for the project as they do not consider that the resolution by the MPRG gives sufficient security to go to funders with the proposal.

Given the support of the MPRG (with the motion seconded by the current FRRcD committee chair) it appears that there is a level of community support for the proposal.

If the layout and location of equipment is well thought out the ongoing maintenance, reserve impacts and potential conflict with other reserve users should be able to be minimised. Council officers are happy to work with the MCCT to help determine the most suitable layout for the activity in this location.

Based on this information it is considered that there are two options.

**OPTIONS**

Analysis of Options

Option 1. Grant a licence to occupy

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community representative group desires are met</li> <li>An additional recreational activity will become available on reserve land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council may ultimately end up with responsibility for infrastructure that was not planned for and would not have otherwise been installed</li> <li>Potential conflict with other reserve users</li> </ul>

Option 2. Decline to grant a licence to occupy

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No potential future maintenance or ownership issues with the infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community representative group desires are not met</li> </ul>

Analysis Conclusion:

Given the apparent political support for the idea at a community level, and the minor foreseeable impacts of the activity the proposal is an acceptable use in this location.

There is no verifiable information to support the claims of the MCCT about the expected user groups and benefits. However, the minimal investment required and the minor impacts make this an acceptable risk.

The preferred option is to grant a licence to occupy.

## CONSIDERATIONS

### Financial Considerations

The MCCT have indicated that they will be responsible for the associated installation, ownership and maintenance costs.

The revenue and financing policy indicates a community rental rate of \$2.13 per square metre for land outside of Taupō. Without knowing the specific set-up or space taken up, if we assume an area of 5m<sup>2</sup> per hole for a basket, sign and tee, that is 45m<sup>2</sup> for nine baskets. This would equate to around \$96 per annum for just the equipment space taken up. This would of course be much higher if the entire course layout were considered.

It is proposed that depending on the desires of the committee and the perceived public recreational benefit that there is a pepper corn rental charged for the activity in the first term of \$1 per annum if demanded.

The financial impact of the proposal is expected to be minimal if these proposals are carried through.

### Legal Considerations

#### Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. The matter will enable the Council to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality performance of Council's regulatory functions. (i.e. efficient, effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances).

The proposal has been evaluated with regards to a range of legislation. The key legislation applicable to the proposal has been reviewed and the proposal is consistent with their requirements.

The following authorisations are required for the proposal:

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Consent | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Consent  | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquor Licencing | <input type="checkbox"/> Licence to occupy |   |

Authorisations are not required from external parties.

### Policy Implications

There are no known policy implications.

### Risks

There are minimal risks associated with conflict with other reserve users, particularly due to the nature of the activity with thrown discs. Suitable management should minimise any potential conflicts.

## SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL

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- a. The level of financial consequences of the proposal or decision;
- b. Whether the proposal or decision will affect a large portion of the community or community of interest;
- c. The likely impact on present and future interests of the community, recognising Maori cultural values and their relationship to land and water;
- d. Whether the proposal affects the level of service of an activity identified in the Long Term Plan;
- e. Whether community interest is high; and
- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

Officers have undertaken a rounded assessment of the matters in clause 11 of the Significance and Engagement Policy (2016), and are of the opinion that **Choose an item**.

### **ENGAGEMENT**

Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the decision is of a low degree of significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision.

### **COMMUNICATION/MEDIA**

No communication/media is required.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. MCCT Disc Golf Proposal 

**4.3 TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS TONGARIRO DOMAIN**

**Author:** Nathan Mourie, Senior Reserves Planner

**Authorised by:** Kevin Strongman, Head of Operations

**PURPOSE**

To consider two requests for the removal of trees on Tongariro Domain between Redoubt Street and the Tennis courts by the Taupō Tennis Club; and between the tennis courts and Tongariro North Domain open space by Ironman NZ.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Taupō Tennis Club have requested that Silver Birches adjacent to the club's courts be removed and replaced with a more suitable species. The trees are claimed to affect the safety and club infrastructure. The club have committed to supplying semi-mature replacement trees if the existing trees are removed. Council operational staff would remove the existing trees and replant with trees supplied by the Club. Silver Birches are no longer considered a suitable species for planting and replacing them with more suitable trees is an acceptable outcome in this situation.

Ironman NZ have requested that Cedar trees along the boundary of the tennis courts and the open lawn space be removed. The trees are claimed to encroach into the space too much and inhibit the growth of the event. Ironman NZ have committed to supplying semi-mature replacement trees if the existing trees are removed. Council operational staff would remove the existing trees and replant with trees supplied by Ironman NZ.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves the request from the Taupō Tennis Club for Council to remove the eight silver birches on Tongariro Domain between the club and Redoubt Street, to be replaced with semi-mature trees of a more suitable species to be supplied by the Taupō Tennis Club to be agreed upon between the Taupō Tennis Club and Taupō District Council parks staff.
2. That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves the request from the Ironman NZ for Council to remove up to six cedars on Tongariro Domain between the tennis club and Tongariro North Domain lawn area, to be replaced with suitable semi-mature trees to be supplied by Ironman NZ of a species and in a location acceptable to both Taupō District Council parks staff and Ironman NZ.

**BACKGROUND**

The proposal has not been presented previously.

Council officers have been regularly approached to remove vegetation which is considered to be in the way of the events, particularly on Tongariro Domain North and Riverside Park.

Taupō Tennis Club recently wrote to Council requesting that several Silver Birches adjacent to the tennis club courts on Tongariro Domain be removed (attachment 1).

Ironman NZ also recently wrote to Council requesting that several Cedars next to the open lawn area on Tongariro Domain (north) be removed (attachment 2).

The subject trees are identified in the image below.



The problems that the Tennis Club perceive to be caused by the trees are:

- Interference with phone landline
- Root systems interfere with the power connection into the club building
- Trees drop debris that block gutters
- Trees drop seeds and leaves onto the courts causing some safety issues as well as potential management issues with the courts if and when they are replaced with a sand based artificial turf

In addition, the trees are very close to the existing overhead power lines which is not an ideal situation.

Operational staff have been on site to talk with club representatives to discuss options to mitigate the tree problems. Unfortunately there are no real 'management' options which would result in a long term solution to the problems.

The club acknowledge the benefits of the trees in this location and do enjoy the aspects of wind protection and aesthetic amenity that they provide. The club however would prefer that if the trees can't be managed to address their issues, that they be replaced with more suitable species.

The Tennis Club have suggested some alternative species, and would be prepared to provide appropriate semi-mature replacement trees for replanting.

The current layout of the Ironman (and Taupō Cycle Challenge) uses the area next to the identified trees for a transition space. It has been suggested that by removing the cedars that there would be the opportunity for an additional 2-3 rows of bike racks.

Council officers have met on site with the primary Ironman NZ organiser and suggested that the tree removal request could be more acceptable if replacement trees of a suitable species in another location on the reserve were planted, so that there was no net loss of overall vegetation. Ironman NZ have committed to supplying suitable semi-mature replacements for Council to plant on the Domain if the request is approved.





Silver Birches on Redoubt Road

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Tennis Club**

Silver Birches are a common tree in Taupō. Unfortunately in some circumstances they do cause issues due largely to their prolific self-seeding. Council no longer considers Silver Birches to be a suitable tree for amenity planting in public open spaces or road corridors.

The club have suggested a solution which would enable replacement of less suitable trees with more suitable varieties which they are prepared to contribute to.

While Council does not consider trees which drop debris to be adequate reason for removal, the mitigation options and the other associated issues mean that Council staff consider that this is one acceptable solution to the issue. In addition it is likely that the maintenance costs for these trees will continue to increase as they grow and have further potential for proximity issues with the power lines. A longer term solution of planting trees more suitable for the site seems like a good overall outcome.

Council staff have looked at the proposed options for replacement trees suggested by the club, and do not consider that in this location that they would be suitable in the long term due to their ultimate size and form. While staff would prefer that a native option is considered for replacement, but accept that there are few native species which would address all of the issues. The most suitable would likely be a Kowhai which has varieties which do not grow large enough to cause major issues, but does tend to drop a certain amount of debris, being semi-deciduous and relatively heavy seeding. Another option is a smaller species of *Acer* (maple) which can be kept to a relatively small size (for a tree).

### **Ironman NZ**

The trees are not an especially attractive amenity species, and are likely planted too densely to really achieve an attractive specimen tree form; but they do provide interest and diversity to the park and help to impart a more organic boundary with the tennis courts rather than a straight line hedge or fence.

On the surface it would appear that there is ample space on Tongariro domain for the activity; but if we assume that the organisers have set up the activity on the reserve in the optimal layout then there may be an argument to remove healthy mature trees to accommodate growth of the activity if it is considered that the event and benefits derived from a possibly expanded event outweigh the benefits of these particular trees in this specific location.

It is not known if Ironman NZ have investigated alternate layouts which would accommodate the existing constraints of the park layout and vegetation without the need to remove existing mature trees.

Council staff are happy to talk to the organisations to decide on the most suitable species for replanting if the committee chooses to approve the tree removal request.

Trees to be planted should be given adequate site preparation and planted to ensure that they have the best chance for long term survival with minimal impacts on adjacent infrastructure. This can include root guards, species selection, appropriate placement etc.

The drawback to this approach of supplying replacements instead of protecting the existing trees is that the current trees are relatively mature with many years of growth leading to their current appearance and overall impact on the park and environment. Replacement trees, even semi-mature ones, will take many years (possibly a few decades depending on the species chosen) to reach a similar size and to have an equivalent impact on the park environment.

Any benefits of removing the Silver Birches would be realised immediately by the Tennis Club and would be evident all year round as the club is in use throughout the year.

Any benefits of removing the Cedars would be realised at most three times a year by Ironman NZ and possibly by the Cycle Challenge. However the benefits of the mature trees are realised at all other times that these events are not occurring. Three weekends out of the year equates to approximately 1.6% of the year. There may be unanticipated benefits to other events which could occur on the park which are not apparent at this time.

The benefits to these infrequent events needs to be balanced against the permanent amenity benefits created by mature vegetation.

Based on this information it is considered that there are three options.

## OPTIONS

### Analysis of Options

Option 1 – Remove the Silver Birches and Cedars and replace with a species more suited to the location

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsuitable trees would be replaced with a more suitable variety</li> <li>• Customer issues would be addressed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of mature specimen trees and loss of amenity until new specimens grow to maturity</li> <li>• Incurs moderate operational costs</li> </ul>

Option 2 – Do not remove the existing trees

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintains attractive mature trees in a reasonably high profile location</li> <li>• Incurs no immediate costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None of the customers issues are addressed</li> </ul>

Option 3 – Carry out arboricultural work to thin and top the existing Silver Birches

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short term solution to debris and power line proximity issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not address other issues such as invasive roots</li> <li>• Encourages poor tree form</li> <li>• Stimulates tree growth</li> <li>• Weakens overall tree structure</li> <li>• Topping is not an industry accepted best practice</li> </ul>

### Analysis Conclusion:

The preferred option is to remove the existing Silver Birches and replant in the same location with a more suitable species acceptable to both parties. It is also preferred to remove the Cedars and replant in another location on Tongariro Domain with a suitable amenity tree species.



## CONSIDERATIONS

### Financial Considerations

The financial impact of the proposal is estimated to be \$3,500 for operational costs of Council staff removing the existing trees and replanting with a more suitable species if replacement trees are supplied by the Tennis Club and Ironman NZ.

#### Long-term Plan/Annual Plan

The expenditure outlined could be covered by existing operational budgets.

### Legal Considerations

#### Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. The matter will enable the Council to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality performance of Council's regulatory functions. (i.e. efficient, effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances).

The proposal has been evaluated with regards to a range of legislation. The key legislation applicable to the proposal has been reviewed and is not inconsistent with these.

Authorisations are not required from external parties.

### Policy Implications

The removal of these trees is in parts inconsistent with the Taupō District Council Tree and Vegetation Policy 2014.

### Risks

There are no known significant risks.

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- d. Whether the proposal affects the level of service of an activity identified in the Long Term Plan;
- e. Whether community interest is high; and
- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

Officers have undertaken a rounded assessment of the matters in clause 11 of the Significance and Engagement Policy (2016), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of low importance.



## ENGAGEMENT

Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the decision is of a low degree of significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision.

## COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

No communication/media is required.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Taupo Tennis Tree Removal Request 
2. Ironman NZ Tree Removal Request 

**4.4 LAKE TERRACE PARKING SPACES TRIAL EVALUATION**

**Author:** Claire Sharland, Asset Manager Transportation

**Authorised by:** Kevin Strongman, Head of Operations

**PURPOSE**

To provide an update on the three month trial undertaken along Lake Terrace to restrict truck parking.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

While some of the community oppose the trucks using Lake Terrace, from the responses we have received to date, there is an economic benefit to accommodation providers. With Taupō being the central hub for driver change there is a real need to accommodate truck operators with the option of staying overnight and deliveries still need to be made to town.

Based on the responses we have received to date, the preferred option is Option 3, leave the signs as they currently stand until we can undertake further investigation. This will allow us to identify some spaces where truck operators can park near to accommodation and restaurant providers but not necessarily impact on residential areas. Once this is completed we can report back to the next committee meeting to approve any new signage.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That the Fences, Roding, Reserves & Dogs Committee receives this report as the update of the three month trial period of parking on Lake Terrace.
2. That the Fences, Roding, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves further investigation of signage along Lake Terrace.

**BACKGROUND**

The proposal has been before Council at a prior meeting 5 December 2017 refer item number 4.10 and the following resolutions were made:

**FRD201712/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling  
Seconded: Cr John Boddy

1. That the Fences, Roding, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves the installation of 4 x P180 minute time restriction signs on the western side of Lake Terrace from Rifle Range Road south to No 88 Lake Terrace between the times of 6pm to 8am, for a trial period of three months.
2. That a report be brought back to the 20 March 2018 Fences, Roding, Reserves & Dogs Committee meeting providing an update on Lake Terrace parking over the parking restriction trial period.

The signs were installed 20 December 2017 and the trial period ends 20 March 2018.

**DISCUSSION**

There were concerns raised due to the Heavy vehicles parking on Lake Terrace mainly due to vehicles obstructing the view of the lake and the noise of the vehicles starting up in the early hours of the morning. It was decided at the last FRR&D committee meeting in December to install some parking restriction signs as a three month trial ending in March.

This report is to provide an update on the trial and the responses we have received.

Consultation was undertaken with those affected by the proposal and with the Road Transport Association. From 30 letters sent out, a total of nine responses were received from the affected residents with mixed responses. Initial contact with the Road Transport Association (RTA) was they were keen to work with

Council to find a balance between truck operator needs and residents concerns. No further feedback has been received at the time of writing this report from RTA.

From these responses, two were in support although one believes they are legally not allowed to be parked there since the bypass was done, as they are not delivering in Taupō. One of these also was concerned the parking restriction on Lake Terrace will mean trucks would use Tui Street which is already heavily utilised due to people visiting Jolly Good Fellows in the evening and makes Tui Street narrow. A suggestion was made to direct trucks to the old Council carpark, which we were promoting although the space now has been reduced due to demolition works. We acknowledge that the building demolition is only over a short period however it is unknown what will end up on this site long term so possibly unlikely to be appropriate as a long term solution.

There were six responses not in support and the issues/concerns ranged from there being no residential properties opposite these parking spaces so unclear why they would complain, to have actual noise levels been taken of the trucks starting up in comparison to the heavy traffic on Lake Terrace. All of these are from accommodation providers or owners of units who wish to record their objections to the proposal unless these issues can be shown to have sufficient evidence to justify the economic impact it will have on their business investment in Taupō. A number of the motels have insufficient parking space off road for large vehicles and/or truck and trailer units so rely on-street parking adjacent to these properties.

One response was requesting an extension of the parking restrictions to cover the parking spaces in front of 88 Lake Terrace.

While some of the community oppose to the trucks using Lake Terrace, there is an economic benefit to accommodation providers. With Taupō being the central hub for driver change there is a real need to accommodate truck operators with the option of staying overnight and deliveries still need to be made to town.

## OPTIONS

### Analysis of Options

Option 1. Remove P180 signs Mon to Sun between the times of 6pm and 8am

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All vehicles can park unrestricted</li> <li>No sign pollution along the Lakefront</li> <li>Improves economic benefit to accommodation and restaurant providers.</li> <li>Truck operators can park close to their preferred accommodation providers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trucks will park along the Lakefront blocking views and creating noise.</li> </ul>

Option 2. Retain P180 signs Mon to Sun between the times of 6pm to 8am

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does not impact vehicles visiting and accessing the Lake front during the day.</li> <li>Restricts all vehicles to parking only 3 hours (including campervans).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Negative impact on the owners of motel units and motel businesses.</li> <li>Trucks will need to find other locations to park and possibly use other residential roads.</li> <li>Enforcement of the times as outside normal office hours.</li> </ul>

Option 3. Investigate restrictions of truck parking on Lake Terrace adjacent to residential property and at intersections.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restrict parking across intersections to avoid obstruction to the views of each side</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enforcement of the times as outside normal office hours.</li> </ul>

<p>road, which will also improve safety at each intersection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fair to all those businesses on Lake Terrace and doesn't target only one or two.</li> <li>• Some parking for trucks may be provided but without having a major impact on residential properties.</li> <li>• Parking of trucks is limited to directly outside business that provide accommodation for truck operators.</li> <li>• Economic benefit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some further signage may be required.</li> </ul>
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#### Analysis Conclusion:

Based on the responses we have received, it would be prudent to leave the signs as they currently stand until we can undertake further investigation. Any of the above options, would require further consultation with the affected parties and Road Transport Association.

Thus the preferred option is Option 3, as this will allow Council to identify some truck parking spaces which truck operators can use while being near to their accommodation and restaurant providers, but not necessarily impact on residential areas. However this will need to be further investigated to see what extent and/or numbers of parking spaces can be provided for and report back to the committee in May.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Financial Considerations**

The financial impact of maintenance to the Register does not change and any sign installation can be met within the current budgets.

#### Long-term Plan/Annual Plan

The expenditure outlined is currently budgeted for under new signs budget.

### **Legal Considerations**

#### Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. The matter will enable the Council to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality performance of Council's regulatory functions. (i.e. efficient, effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances).

### **Policy Implications**

There are no known policy implications associated with this report.

### **Risks**

There are no known risks associated with this report.

## **SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL**

Council's Significance and Engagement policy identifies the following matters that are to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions:

- a. The level of financial consequences of the proposal or decision;
- b. Whether the proposal or decision will affect a large portion of the community or community of interest;
- c. The likely impact on present and future interests of the community, recognising Maori cultural values and their relationship to land and water;
- d. Whether the proposal affects the level of service of an activity identified in the Long Term Plan;
- e. Whether community interest is high; and

- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

Officers have undertaken a rounded assessment of the matters in clause 11 of the Significance and Engagement Policy (2016), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of low importance.

#### **ENGAGEMENT**

Consultation was undertaken with the affected parties on Lake Terrace and the Road Transport Association prior to the signs being installed and responses have been received. Further consultation would be required with all affected and key stakeholders.


#### **COMMUNICATION/MEDIA**

Any decision made from this meeting will need to have further discussion with those affected parties. The most affected parties such as Jolly Good Fellow/Twin Peaks (both managers and owners of units) are not in support of the current trial as it impacts on their business and/or investments.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the responses we have received, it would be prudent to leave the signs as they currently stand until we can undertake further investigation and provide a better balance for those accommodation providers and reduces the impact on their business.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Lake Terrace Parking Spaces Time Restriction 

**4.5 UPDATES TO TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL TRAFFIC CONTROLS**

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**PURPOSE**

To update the Taupō District Council traffic controls or prohibitions on roads or public spaces, in accordance with the Taupō District Council Traffic Bylaw 2014.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Taupō District Council Traffic controls may be updated from time to time with new controls or prohibitions.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That, pursuant to the Taupō District Council Traffic Bylaw, Council imposes the following traffic controls and/or prohibitions on roads and/or public spaces in the Taupō District:

Sign/Marking	Why	Where
1. Two (2) P15 minutes parking restriction signs. (8-9am, 3-5pm, Mon-Fri)	To provide nine (9) P15 minutes, 8-9 am, 3-5pm, Mon-Fri time restricted parking spaces for safe kids pick up and drop off.	Southern kerbline of Waikato Street outside No.20

**BACKGROUND**

Council must make a resolution whenever a sign or marking on the road is recommended or recommended to be changed, and as a consequence controls or prohibits the use of a road or public space. Council has delegated its statutory regulatory functions under the Land Transport Act 1998 to the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee.

The Taupō District Council Traffic Control Device Register (the Register) sets out all the signs and markings which control and prohibit the use of a road or public space in the Taupō District.

**OPTIONS**

The two options before the Committee are:

- 1) Accept the recommendation to amend and update the controls or;
- 2) Not accept the recommendation to amend and update the controls.

It is recommended that Committee accepts the recommendation to update and amend the controls.

**CONSIDERATIONS**

The controls require updating to incorporate the following new signs and markings:

Sign/Marking	Why	Where
1. Two (2) P15 minutes parking restriction signs, (8-9am, 3-5pm, Mon-Fri)	To provide nine (9) P15 minutes, 8-9 am, 3-5pm, Mon-Fri time restricted parking spaces for safe kids pick up and drop off.	Southern kerbline of Waikato Street outside No.20

In February 2018, Council was approached by Taupō Kids Community at property number 20 Waikato Street for consideration to set up P15 minutes parking time restrictions. Parents have difficulty finding safe car

parks to drop off and pick up kids in the morning and afternoon. Installing restrictions will mean there will be spaces available adjacent to their property, and avoids parents having to cross the road with small children.

### **Financial Considerations**

The financial impact of maintenance to the Register does not change and is met within current budgets.

### **Legal Considerations**

#### Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. The matter will enable the Council to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality performance of Council's regulatory functions. (i.e. efficient, effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances).

The proposal has been evaluated with regard to the Traffic Bylaw 2014, the Land Transport Act 1998 and the associated Rules. Prescribed signs need to be installed in order to be enforceable by our compliance officers.

### **Policy Implications**

There are no policy implications associated with this report.

### **Risks**

There are no risks associated with this report except not having prescribed signs installed.

### **SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL**

Council's Significance and Engagement policy identifies the following matters that are to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions:

- a. The level of financial consequences of the proposal or decision;
- b. Whether the proposal or decision will affect a large portion of the community or community of interest;
- c. The likely impact on present and future interests of the community, recognising Maori cultural values and their relationship to land and water;
- d. Whether the proposal affects the level of service of an activity identified in the Long Term Plan;
- e. Whether community interest is high; and
- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

Officers have undertaken a rounded assessment of the matters in clause 11 of the Significance and Engagement Policy (2016), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of low importance.

### **ENGAGEMENT**

Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the decision is of a low degree of significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision. The transportation team have consulted with key stakeholders including compliance team and received feedback as follows:

The Compliance team and manager of Taupō Kids Community have been consulted. All parties are in support of the proposal although the Taupō Kids Community would have liked to have 2 to 3 spaces for staff, but to avoid confusion with these parking spaces we are restricting all. Taupō Kids Community are considering installing off street parking adjacent to their property for their staff in the future.

### **COMMUNICATION/MEDIA**

No communication/media is required.



**CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that Council imposes the traffic controls and prohibitions detailed in the report. Staff will then update the Traffic Control Device Register in accordance with the resolution.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed P15, 8-9am, 3-5pm, Mon-Fri Restricted Parking 