

Notice is given that a Submissions Hearing meeting will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 9 July 2025
Time: 9.30am
Meeting Room: Tasman Council Chamber
Venue: 189 Queen Street, Richmond
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Draft Lakes Murchison & Baigents Bush Reserve Management Plan Hearing & Deliberations Submissions Hearing

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Councillor J Ellis
Members	Deputy Mayor S Bryant Councillor C Mackenzie
Matauranga Māori Experts	Ursula Passl (nominated by Ngāti Rārua). Renée Love (nominated by Te Ātiawa)

(Quorum 3)

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AGENDA

1 OPENING, WELCOME, KARAKIA

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Recommendation

That the apologies be accepted.

3 REPORTS

- 3.1 Submissions Hearing on Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and Draft Reserve Management Plan Section for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve Reviews 4
- 3.2 Deliberations on the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and Draft Reserve Management Plan Section for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve 124

4 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

6 CLOSING KARAKIA

3 REPORTS

3.1 SUBMISSIONS HEARING ON DRAFT LAKES-MURCHISON WARD RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND DRAFT RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN SECTION FOR BAIGENTS BUSH SCENIC RESERVE REVIEWS

Decision Required

Report To:	Submissions Hearing
Meeting Date:	9 July 2025
Report Author:	Anna Gerraty, Senior Community Policy Advisor
Report Authorisers:	Grant Reburn, Reserves and Facilities Manager; Richard Kirby, Group Manager - Community Infrastructure
Report Number:	RSH25-07-3

1. Purpose of the Report / Te Take mō te Pūrongo

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to accept and hear the [submissions received](#) on the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and the draft RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, Pigeon Valley.
- 1.2 The report does not include the staff deliberations report or an analysis of the submissions. This will be provided to the Hearings Panel in a separate deliberations report to the 9 July 2025 Hearing and Deliberations meeting.

2. Summary / Te Tuhinga Whakarāpoto

- 2.1 This report is to enable the Hearings Panel to accept and hear submissions on the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan (draft RMP) and the draft RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, Pigeon Valley (draft RMP section).
- 2.2 At the meeting on 3 April 2025, the Strategy and Policy Committee approved the release of both draft RMP documents for public consultation (**refer to Report RSPC25-04-3**).
- 2.3 Submissions were open between 11 April and 16 June 2025.
- 2.4 We received [107 submissions](#) via the Council's online submission database. We also received 'fast feedback' via Shape Tasman on two of the key consultation questions: (a) future options for Owen River Recreation Reserve (feedback received from 359 individuals); and (b) concept plan and proposed policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve (feedback received from 35 individuals). Personal contact information has been redacted from each submission.
- 2.5 We received one late submission on 20 June 2025, relating to the new Tapawera Community Hub (**refer to Attachment 5**). Staff recommend that the Hearing Panel accepts this late submission.
- 2.6 There are 10 submitters who wish to be heard.

2.7 The schedule of presenters for this meeting is outlined in **Table 1 below**. Subsequent changes to the schedule will be advised before the hearing commences.

Table 1: Hearing Schedule for Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward RMP and RMP section on Baigents Bush Reviews		
Start Time	Duration	Speaker (Submission ID)
Wednesday, July 9, 2025		via Zoom (2 Speakers)
9:35 AM	(5 mins)	Mrs Paula Donaldson and family (34825)
9:40 AM	(5 mins)	Roger Frost (35096)
Wednesday, July 9, 2025		Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond (6 Speakers)
9:45 AM	(5 mins)	Ms Gillian Pollock (34842) Nelson Tasman Forest and Bird
9:50 AM	(5 mins)	Mr Paul Baigent (35147) Previous Owners that vested the Bush in Council (Paul, Mary and Evan Baigent and Barbara Cameron)
09:55 AM	(5 mins)	Mr Philip CAIN (35133) self
10:00 AM	(5 mins)	Mrs Janine Leeden (34784) Tapawera Connect
10:05 AM	(5 mins)	Warwick Newman (35151)
10:10 AM	(5 mins)	Kim Siu (35081) Owen River Tavern & Motels
Wednesday, July 9, 2025		Via phone call (2 speakers)
10:15 AM	(5 mins)	Mr Ian Higgins (35154)
10:20 AM	(5 mins)	Mr Maurice Taylor (35157) Tapawera Connect Hub

2.8 Submission details are included within the five attachments to this report, as follows:

2.8.1 Attachment 1: “List of submitters on the Draft Lakes-Murchison RMP and draft RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, Pigeon Valley” provides a summary of submitter details, listed in the order they were received. Information on this sheet includes the submission ID, name, whether they asked to be heard, the organisation they represent, town they’re from and whether there is an associated attachment to read (these are highlighted yellow).

2.8.2 Attachment 2: “Submissions to be heard on 9 July 2025”. Submissions are listed in speaker order.

2.8.3 Attachment 3: “All submissions sorted by theme”. Submissions are grouped by subject. Note that only key points from submissions with detailed attachments are included in this document. The ‘fast feedback’ we received via Shape Tasman on Owen River and Baigents Bush are included within Attachment 3.

2.8.4 Attachment 4: “Detailed submissions and attachments”. Submissions are listed in order of their submission ID.

2.8.5 Attachment 5: “Late submission on Tapawera Hub”.

- 2.9 Staff will prepare an analysis of the submissions received on both draft RMP documents for the deliberations meeting (also scheduled for 9 July 2025).

3. Recommendation/s / Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Submissions Hearing

1. receives the Submissions Hearing on Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and Draft Reserve Management Plan Section for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve Reviews Report RSH25-07-3; and
2. receives and considers [all submissions](#) on the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and Draft Reserve Management Plan section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve; and
3. accepts and considers the late submission from Katherine Dewar, received at 8.00pm on 20 June 2025, Attachment 5 to the agenda report.

4. Background / Horopaki

- 4.1 At the 3 April 2025 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting, the Committee appointed a Hearing Panel comprising of Councillor Ellis (Chair), Bryant and Mackenzie, and up to two mātauranga Māori experts, to be appointed to the Mayor (refer to Report RSPC25-04-3). On 12 June 2025, the Mayor appointed Ursula Passl and Renée Love to the Panel.
- 4.2 The purpose of the Hearing Panel is to:
 - 4.2.1 consider the views of submitters (from this hearing and from the written submissions); and
 - 4.2.2 deliberate on changes that may need to be made to the draft RMP documents.
- 4.3 As part of the consultation process, submitters have the option of presenting their views to the Hearing Panel verbally.
- 4.4 There are 10 submitters who wish to be heard verbally at the hearing on 9 July 2025.
- 4.5 Staff have contacted all submitters that wish to be heard and have booked a time for each submitter to speak.

5. Analysis and Advice / Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu

The hearing process

- 5.1 The schedule of this hearing is provided in Table 1 (see paragraph 2.7 of this report).
- 5.2 Each submitter has been allowed a maximum of five minutes to speak to their submission. This time includes any points of clarification from the Hearing Panel.
- 5.3 Submitters will be present either in person or on Zoom. Two submitters requested to speak via phone call.

6. Financial or Budgetary Implications / Ngā Ritenga ā-Pūtea

- 6.1 The Strategic Policy budget includes funding for costs associated with hearings.

7. Options / Kōwhiringa

7.1 The options are outlined in the following table:

Option		Advantage	Disadvantage
1.	Receives and considers all submissions, including any late submissions up until the deliberations meeting on 9 July.	All submitters who wish to be heard can be heard.	Any late submissions may not be able to be incorporated into the deliberations report in time.
2.	Receives and considers all submissions received during the consultation period.	Submissions can be fully analysed for the deliberations report on 9 July.	Submitters wishing to place a late submission may not feel they have been heard by the Council.

7.2 Option 1 is recommended.

8. Legal / Ngā ture

- 8.1 At the meeting on 3 April 2025, the Strategy and Policy Committee resolved to publicly notify the two draft RMP documents and to hold a submission hearing so that the public can present their views verbally.
- 8.2 A [public notice](#) was published on the Council's website on 11 April 2025, inviting submissions on both draft RMP documents. Detailed information was also published on [Shape Tasman](#) during the submission period (i.e. between 11 April and 16 June 2025).
- 8.3 The consultation process is being carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 and the Local Government Act 2002.
- 8.4 The Minister of Conservation has delegated the power to adopt final Reserve Management Plans to local authorities, but this power cannot be further delegated. The role of the Hearing Panel is to consider and deliberate on all submissions, direct staff to amend the draft RMPs and recommend final versions of the RMPs to Full Council for adoption.
- 8.5 To ensure due process, it is important that the Hearing Panel receives and considers submissions with an open mind.

9. Iwi Engagement / Whakawhitiwhiti ā-Hapori Māori

- 9.1 Staff attended the in-house hui with iwi held early in 2023 to introduce the two reserves projects (i.e. proposals to classify existing reserves and review RMPs). At the same time, information about these projects was first published to the Council's online iwi engagement portal and emailed to each of the eight Te Tauihu iwi Trusts. Initial draft versions of the RMP were emailed to the nine iwi (including Ngāti Waewae, whose rohe includes part of Lakes-Murchison Ward) and uploaded to the portal in March and April 2025, so iwi could review the draft documents.
- 9.2 We offered to meet with each iwi kanohi-ki-te-kanohi (face to face) to talk through the draft RMPs and understand any concerns they may have had. Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Kuia and Te Ātiawa provided written feedback on earlier drafts, which were incorporated into the versions

that were publicly notified on 11 April 2025. Iwi could also choose to write a submission/ speak at a hearing on the draft RMPs; however, no submissions were received.

- 9.3 In April, the Mayor wrote to all nine iwi Trusts inviting nominations for mātauranga Māori experts on the Hearing Panel for these two draft RMPs. Two nominations were received: one from Te Ātiawa (Renēe Love) and one from Ngāti Rārua (Ursula Passl). Both nominees were appointed to the Panel on 12 June 2025.

10. Significance and Engagement / Hiranga me te Whakawhitiwhiti ā-Hapori Whānui

10.1 Overall, the significance of the decision is low, as outlined in the following table.

	Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
1.	Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Low	Low level of public interest and moderate/high interest for any late submissions that come in.
2.	Are there impacts on the social, economic, environmental or cultural aspects of well-being of the community in the present or future?	Low	This decision is to accept the submissions received. No decisions are sought on the substantive issues.
3.	Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	High	This is the only opportunity for any late submitters to be heard.
4.	Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	No	The decision does not relate to a strategic asset.
5.	Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	No	The decision does not change any level of service.
6.	Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	No	This decision is to accept submissions, which does not have any budgetary implications.
7.	Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	No	This decision does not have any impact on a CCO or CCTO.
8.	Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	No	This decision does not involve a private sector partnership or contract.
9.	Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	No	This decision does not involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities.

	Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
10.	Does the proposal require particular consideration of the obligations of Te Mana O Te Wai (TMOTW) relating to freshwater or particular consideration of current legislation relating to water supply, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and services?	No	This decision does not require consideration of Te Mana o te Wai

11. Communication / Whakawhitiwhiti Kōrero

- 11.1 All submitters have had the opportunity to indicate whether they would like to speak to their submission at a hearing. Those who indicated that they wished to speak have been contacted to arrange a time during the hearing.

12. Risks / Ngā Tūraru

- 12.1 There is a low level reputational risk if late submissions are not accepted, as submitters may not feel that they have been heard by the Council.

13. Climate Change Considerations / Whakaaro Whakaaweawe Āhuarangi

- 13.1 There are no climate change considerations associated with the decision to accept submissions.

14. Alignment with Policy and Strategic Plans / Te Hangai ki ngā aupapa Here me ngā Mahere Rautaki Tūraru

- 14.1 Not applicable.











15. Conclusion / Kupu Whakatepe

- 15.1 This report recommends that the Hearings Panel accepts the submissions received on the two draft RMP documents during the consultation period of 11 April to 16 June 2025.
- 15.2 The report provides details of all submissions received and the schedule of speakers to be heard at the hearing. Staff will provide a separate report to the Hearing Panel for the deliberations meeting on 9 July 2025.

16. Next Steps and Timeline / Ngā Mahi Whai Ake

- 16.1 Deliberations will also be held on 9 July 2025, after the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan hearing concludes.
- 16.2 Final versions of both draft RMP documents will be presented to the Tasman District Council 14 August 2025 meeting, along with recommendations from the Hearing Panel, for approval and adoption.

17. Attachments / Tuhinga tāpiri

1.	 	List of all submitters	11
2.	 	Submissions to be heard on 9 July 2025	16
3.	 	All submissions sorted by theme	27
4.	 	Detailed submission from Scott Burnett (F&B)	111
5.	 	Late submission on Tapawera hub	123

Attachment 1: Submitters on the Draft Lakes-Murchison RMP and draft RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, Pigeon Valley

The following table provides a summary of submitter details, listed in the order they were received. Information on this sheet includes the submission ID, name, whether they asked to be heard, the organisation they represent, town they're from and whether there is an associated attachment to read (highlighted yellow).

Submission ID	Full Name	Speak	Designation	Organisation	Town
34744	Mrs Jean Linda Gorman	No			Nelson
34745	Mrs Phoebe Quinlivan	No			Wakefield
34746	Ms SUSAN DUBOIS	No			Wakefield
34747	Ms Kelly Russell	No			Tapawera
34749	Mrs Kirsty Griffith	No			Tapawera
34750	Ms Alison McKee	No			Wakefield
34751	Ms Emily Evans	No			Tapawera
34753	Mr Leigh Davis	No			Tapawera
34754	Mrs Abby Fenemor	No		Tapawera community member / rural mums group	Tapawera
34755	Nicola Allan	No			Wakefield
34756	Mrs Emma Evans	No			Wakefield
34757	Ms Shaye Walker	No			Tapawera
34758	Ms Temika Amstad	No			Nelson
34759	Mr Scott Donaldson	No			Tapawera
34760	Mrs Jan Barker	No			Wakefield
34761	Mrs Jeanette Booth	No			Wakefield
34762	Ms India O'kane	No			Wakefield
34763	Mrs Catherine Ryvers Thomas	No			Wakefield
34764	Donna Luxford	No			Tasman District
34765	Ms Deborah Cumming	No	Support cares		Wakefield

34766	Ms Leanne Greep	No			Richmond
34767	Mrs Siobhan Hayes	No			Tapawera
34768	Mrs Jess Omlo	No			Wakefield
34769	Mrs Dyneta Hebbard	No	Teacher		Tasman
34770	Mrs Sophie England	No			Tasman
34771	Mr Geoff Miller	No	Manager	Gw Miller and La Wallace partnership	Otautau
34772	Ms Rhianna Cairns	No			Wakefield
34775	Mrs Morcant Mason	No			Wakefield
34776	Mrs Lucy Maxwell	No			Upper Moutere
34777	Ms Amanda Beer	No		Tapawera op shop	Wakefield
34778	Mrs Emelie Gobes	No			Tapawera
34784	Mrs Janine Leeden	Yes	Senior Wellbeing Co-Ordinator	Tapawera Connect	Wakefield
34789	Mr Wayne Leeden	No			Wakefield
34790	Hayley Warren	No			Tapawera
34791	Mrs Pam Irvine	No			Tapawera
34792	Ms Shania Daly	No			Tapawera
34797	Ms Sammy Batchelor	No			Tapawera
34799	Mr Garry Clarke	No			Wakefield
34805	Ms Kate Clearwater	No			Wakefield
34825	Mrs Paula Donaldson and family	Yes			Tapawera
34828	Ms kate mytton	No			tapawera
34835	Mrs Sharon Williams	No	4 square owner		Nelson
34837	Ms Ana Aceves	No			Wakefield
34838	Mrs Ann-Marie Gill	No			Wakefield
34839	Mr Mark Soper	No	Connector	Tapawera Connect	Tapawera

34842	Ms Gillian Pollock	Yes	Secretary	Nelson Tasman Forest and Bird	Nelson
34843	Ms Linley Barrett	No			Wakefield
34844	Mrs Melissa Craig	No			Wakefield
34847	Mrs Debbie Wagner	No			Nelson
34872	Michelle Vincent	No			Tapawera
34877	Ms Irene Minchin	No			Māpua
34879	Mr Grant Billett	No			Wakefield
34886	Ms Lily Perry	No			Wakefield
34895	Mr Roy Bensemman	No			Wakefield
34905	Ms Carolyn Ellis	No			Wakefield
34908	Ms Belinda Grice	No			Wakefield
34909	Mrs Lynda Carson	No			Nelson
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	No	Regional Manager	Forest & Bird (see detailed submission)	Nelson
34920	Mr Thomas Carson	No			Nelson
34921	Tim Leyland	No	Secretary	Tapawera and Districts Community Council	Wakefield
34923	Ms Hazel Ellis-Oldham	No			Wakefield
34965	Mr Wayne Jones	No			Wakefield
34967	Mr Bryce Porthouse	No			Wakefield
34986	Mrs charlene storrar	No			Wakefield
34987	Mr Peter Phillips	No			Wakefield
35043	Dinkie Phillips	No			Tapawera
35052	Sonny and Susan Grant	No			Nelson
35057	Mrs Karilyn Breed	No			Wakefield
35066	Ms Susan Creedy	No			Tasman district
35069	Ms Deborah Webb	No			Murchison
35073	Dr Nigel Newman	No	Previous resident	Personal	Hoon Hay, CHRISTCHURCH

35077	Mrs Barbara Carleton	No			Wakefield
35078	Mr Roger Carleton	No			Wakefield
35081	Kim Siu	Yes	owner	Owen River Tavern & Motels	Murchison
35083	Ms Della Webby	No			Wakefield
35085	Mr Danny Sugar	No			Wakefield
35096	Roger Frost	Yes			Murchison
35103	Heather Spence	No			Wakefield
35117	Ms Tania Higgins	No			Tapawera
35121	Mr MIKE BRYAN	No			Murchison
35124	Mrs Heather Coles	No			Wakefield
35129	Mr Evan Noel Baigent	No	Rate payer	Interested community member.	Wakefield
35130	Ms Sharon Rogers	No			Tapawera
35132	Mr Ian Walls	No			Wakefield
35133	Mr Philip CAIN	Yes			Wakefield
35134	Ms Mary Baigent	No			Wakefield
35135	Mrs Naralee Jelinek	No		Tapawera Connect	Tapawera
35136	Ms janet mclennan	No		private	Wakefield
35138	Mr david Bone	No			Tapawera
35141	Mrs Sue Wadsworth	No			Wakefield
35142	Mr Gary Inwood	No			Wakefield
35143	Mrs Rosemary Gage	No			Wakefield
35144	Mr Tony Gardner	No			Wakefield
35145	Mr Craig Barker	No			Wakefield
35146	Mrs Barbara Barker	No			Wakefield
35147	Mr Paul Baigent	Yes		Previous Owners that vested the Bush in Council (Paul, Mary and Evan Baigent and Barbara Cameron)	Wakefield
35148	Mr Warwick Hodgkinson	No			Wakefield

35149	Mrs Angela Miller	No	Tapawera Rate payer	Tapawera Resident	Tapawera
35150	Dr Anne Pirie	No			Upper Moutere
35151	Warwick Newman	Yes			St Arnaud
35152	Mrs Barbara Cameron	No			Richmond
35154	Mr Ian Higgins	Yes			Tapawera
35155	Mr Bruce Moffitt	No			Wakefield
35156	Mr John Ellis	No			Wakefield
35157	Mr Maurice Taylor	Yes		Tapawera Connect Hub	Wakefield
35160	Barbara Carleton	No	President	Tadmor Tennis Club	Wakefield
35161	Liz Firth	No			Upper Moutere

Attachment 2: Submissions to be heard on 3 July 2025

Submissions are listed in speaker order. The table contains the full contents of each submission. None of the speakers provided additional detailed attachments.

Start Time	Duration	Speaker (Submission ID)
9:35 AM	(5 mins)	Mrs Paula Donaldson and family (34825)
	02 Do you support or oppose the proposal to build the new Tapawera Community Hub at Tapawera Memorial Park and why?	Support: Tapawera is a hub for cyclists, tourists and residents, both from Tapawera itself and surrounding towns. The benefit of having this hub would benefit not just Tapawera residents but also would positively impact Dovedale, Motueka valley, Kohatu and even Korere. We all need a safe and healthy building to support activities for children, youth and our the elderly population.
	02a Which location at Tapawera Memorial Park would you prefer the new Tapawera Community Hub be constructed on and why? (Select the option you most prefer)	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.: What a wonderful location this would be! Close to a big playground and close to the 4 square shop and other amenities!
	02b Do you support or oppose the proposal for not-for-profit groups/ organisations (e.g. an Op Shop) to operate from the new Tapawera Community Hub and why?	Support: This would allow the community to provide activities and services themselves, thus empowering the community to work on their own development and foster relationships and synergies
9:40 AM	(5 mins)	Roger Frost (35096)
	00c Any other comments on either draft RMP?	The RMP is a most impressive document with its comprehensive descriptions of the Historic Landscape and the four sections of Interpretation of Objectives and Policies that set the context for the section dealing with specific reserves. This is most important context and it is good to have it all here in relations to reserves in the Lakes-Murchison Ward. Well researched and well written, most informative. Thank you!
	00a Any other comments on Lakes-Murchison reserves?	With respect to specific reserves I have confined my detailed attention to Riverview Scenic Reserve and aspects of Riverside Holiday Park and Riverview Recreation Reserve that compliment the values of the Scenic Reserve. At the outset I am very pleased that Council has chosen to include many of the suggestions I and others offered in our initial consultation submission and thank you for doing so. With regard to Riverside Holiday Park I endorse in particular policies 2 and 3. With regard to Riverview Recreation Reserve I endorse policies 1 to 6.

		<p>Turning to Riverview Scenic Reserve I naturally endorse all of the policies but with one exception, which I put down to poor communication in our original submission. The resulting policy 6 is exactly the opposite to what we were trying to convey! To make our suggested objective and policy recommendation clear I suggest that:</p> <p>1. An additional sentence be added to the first paragraph of the Issues and Options section thus: "The native vine Muehlenbeckia australis can have detrimental effects by smothering trees and shrubs on forest margins and during forest restoration.", and</p> <p>2. Amend Policy 6 to read: Control native Muehlenbeckia australis at forest margins and during forest restoration.</p>
	05 Do you support or oppose the proposal to sell the land and building known as Hampden Street Reserve, located at 5 Hampden Street in Murchison and why?	Oppose: This is a visually charming building as it stands and I can't help thinking there could be a very good use for it in public ownership in future years that is not apparent today! If Council can continue to find organisations willing to rent it for compatible uses that would be great. For me it will always be the Robert Muldoon Memorial Toilet but that is another story.
	04b Do you support or oppose the Council's proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over the three parcels of land that form Matakitaki Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve reverts back to the Crown and why?	Support:
	04a Do you support or oppose the Council's proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over the four parcels of land that form Lower Maruia Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve reverts back to the Crown and why?	Support:
	03 Which one of the three potential future management options for Owen River Recreation Reserve do you support and why? Please also tell us your reasons for opposing the other two options listed. (Select the option you most prefer)	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario. This would be my preferred option but I would be guided by the comments and views of the local residents and the owners of the Owen River Tavern.

Start Time	Duration	Speaker (Submission ID)
9:45 AM	(5 mins)	Ms Gillian Pollock (34842) Nelson Tasman Forest and Bird
	2 Do you support or oppose the proposed management policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?	<p>Support in part: Policies 1,2,3,4 We agree.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is scope to continue to enhance the forest remnant by undertaking further plantings of glades and other gaps. The open spaces in the southern half of the reserve could be fully filled in with trees. • The planting around the bush edges will help close the gaps between established trees but we think these strips of trees could be extended. There is plenty of space for widening the plantings. • We hope the Wakefield Bush Restoration Inc. will include the pernicious Jerusalem cherry within their weeding program. This tree is still a problem and needs a concerted effort to eradicate it. <p>Policy 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a Scenic reserve A and we consider it undesirable and a threat to native species to allow dogs to be exercised off the leash within the reserve. There are other reserves close by that are dog exercise areas. At the very least dogs exercised in this area must be kept on a leash. • If dogs are to be running free in the parking/picnic area this area should be fenced. Some owners and their dogs are not well-behaved in bush reserves, one large dog can do a lot of damage. Welfare of bush flora and fauna should be paramount as stated in Policy 1. • If mountain bikers want to see the reserve they can leave their bikes in the parking area and walk round. <p>Policy 6. We agree</p> <p>Policy 7.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the walking track goes through boggy areas we agree that a boardwalk is necessary to keep the track contained and unspoilt. • The GTT passes nearby and there is no need for it to pass right through the bush. The cycle trail could deviate to the car park and picnic area but no further into the bush. Cyclists can walk through if they wish to see it. • Why put the walking track so close to the perimeter? It may make more sense if the walking track follows the route marked out for cyclists. The bush area should be for walkers and walking family groups, no place for speeding cyclists. The idea of a bush walk is to notice what's happening there and cyclists don't or can't do this. Without cyclists there is no need for the track to be any wider than 3m. Any wider and the canopy cannot close over enough to stop weed incursion or offer a continuous safe

		<p>environment for forest creatures.</p> <p>Policy 8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a bike squeeze necessary to get to the picnic area or to continue along the established GTT.
	2 Do you support or oppose the proposed management policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?	Support in part: And oppose in part
	1 Do you support or oppose the 'future management options' concept plan for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?	We support in part and oppose some aspects. See above.
	2 Do you support or oppose the proposed management policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?	<p>Support in part: Policy 9.</p> <p>We agree</p> <p>Policy 10.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GTT should only reroute to the car park and no further. <p>Policies 11. 12.13.14.15.</p> <p>We agree</p> <p>Policies 16. 17. 18.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As much as possible interpretation information should be on boards within the parking area. The exceptions would be the naming of significant trees and site of the old water race. <p>Comment</p> <p>As the bush no longer belongs to the Baigent family it should be Baigent bush rather than Baigent's.</p>
	1 Do you support or oppose the 'future management options' concept plan for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?	Support: We support in part and oppose in part, see above.
9:50 AM	(5 mins)	Mr Paul Baigent (35147) Previous Owners that vested the Bush in Council (Paul, Mary and Evan Baigent and Barbara Cameron)
	00b Any other comments on Baigents Bush?	We thank Council for taking account of our wishes as recorded in the resource consent notice attached to the land. We are pleased that in general terms our wishes have been respected in the proposed policies and future management plan, however we consider that the proposed access for cycles and dogs is not consistent with the expectation in the Resource Consent Advice Note that "appropriate controls will be provided over activities that would conflict with the purpose of conserving the bush".

		<p>Dogs roaming off lease have the potential to disturb birdlife and birdsong, an important aspect of preservation and a significant aspect of enjoyment for people strolling through the bush. Furthermore, we have observed dogs racing through the bush and trampling important regeneration undergrowth. The potential for dog fights (and owner arguments!) as well as unwanted attention from uncontrolled dogs will detract from the enjoyment of those who seek to reflect and relax in the peace and tranquility of the bush.</p> <p>We also consider that access for bikes is not consistent with the conservation objectives and will also impact negatively on the public's enjoyment of the bush. As proposed the connection to the cycle track will create a perfect circuit for competitive kids on bikes and the temptation to go off track and make their own tracks puts the fringes of the bush at risk. Furthermore, pedestrians should be able to walk, listen to the birds and reflect without having to worry about approaching cyclists, particularly from behind. We believe that there is plenty of scope for biking on The Great Taste Trail and that the Bush should be reserved for the full enjoyment of the walking public.</p> <p>In summary we agree with most of the policy and plan proposals but want to see them amended (suggestions below) to exclude bike access and restrictions on free roaming dogs.</p>
	1 Do you support or oppose the 'future management options' concept plan for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?	<p>Oppose: We can support the plan with the following changes: The central gravel path is for walking only. The Rerouted section of TGTT is fenced so that bikes cannot enter the bush reserve. We would also like to see some seating for people to sit, reflect and listen to the birdsong in the clearing in the middle of the bush. In this regard our family would like to provide a seat in memory of our parents Noel and Joyce Baigent who loved and protected the Bush through much of last century. Perhaps there could be an opportunity for other families that have been associated with the bush for several generations to do the same (we know of at least one other family that would like to do this).</p>
	2 Do you support or oppose the proposed management policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?	<p>Support in part: We would like changes to limit off leash dog access and exclude bike access: Policy 5: Amend to restrict dog exercising to the large grassed area on the northeastern (Pigeon Valley Road/Wai-iti river) side. Dogs should be on a leash in all other parts of the Reserve. Policy 7: Bikes should not be permitted but walking access to TGTT retained. Bike racks at the TGTT end would also be a good idea to allow trail riders to walk through the bush from that end if they so wish. Policy 9: Rerouting TGTT is a good idea but it should be fenced to prevent bike access to the Reserve. Policy 10: Path should be pedestrian only.</p>

9:55 AM	(5 mins)	Mr Philip CAIN (35133) self
	05 Do you support or oppose the proposal to sell the land and building known as Hampden Street Reserve, located at 5 Hampden Street in Murchison and why?	Support: Take the cash
	04b Do you support or oppose the Council's proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over the three parcels of land that form Matakītaki Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve reverts back to the Crown and why?	Support: Same as 4a
	04a Do you support or oppose the Council's proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over the four parcels of land that form Lower Maruia Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve reverts back to the Crown and why?	Support: Rate payers don't need the hassle of small unused parcels of land. Encourage DOC to offer them to adjoining land owners at an attractive buyer price.
	03 Which one of the three potential future management options for Owen River Recreation Reserve do you support and why? Please also tell us your reasons for opposing the other two options listed. (Select the option you most prefer)	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario. : Try to get the new hotel owners to run it
	02b Do you support or oppose the proposal for not-for-profit groups/ organisations (e.g. an Op Shop) to operate from the new Tapawera Community Hub and why?	Oppose: Will use valuable space
	02a Which location at Tapawera Memorial Park would you prefer the new Tapawera Community Hub be constructed on and why? (Select the option you most prefer)	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms: See attached. A new build needs to be in a position that can be seen, and has room for future expansion and development. It needs to be North facing to capture as much winter sun as possible. I believe it would be a great entrance to the Domain that could be an office for caravan weekend etc and other events held there.!

		<p>There is plenty of parking space for larger gatherings Flood events are less likely there than in the Berryfields suburb development However the possibility of flooding is there but if you take a good look at the falling land towards the main road any event will be brief and only at peak river flow. A raised foundation will cater for any such event All services are reasonably close Option 3 would see absolutely no sun in the winter and on the proposed angle very little in summer The land in front of option 3 is a very wet in winter and long periods of rain . Option 3 is a very bad idea!!!</p> <p>Talk is that an option behind the Four Square is also being considered ? In my view a nice new building with an outlook on to a cluttered service lane is ridiculous to say the least. Parking will also be a problem. That whole area is a wet hole. I have been stuck in it with a bus more than once !! You would need to dig out and re fill all of it. There is only one place for the hub and that is North facing on the hard ground North of the Rugby Club looking onto already established grass and trees To be safe from the odd water build up there, it would need raising a metre or twelve hundred. There is plenty of parking ,room for future expansion !! , and it would make a spectacular entrance to the Domain . It is rather tiring listening to all the debates on the Hub so it is time you all put on your practical thing caps and made a good choice!</p>
	02 Do you support or oppose the proposal to build the new Tapawera Community Hub at Tapawera Memorial Park and why?	<p>Support: See attached. Most facilities in Tapawera are ageing and this is an opportunity to address this fact with a new build.</p> <p>To TDC Mayor, Councillors and Tapawera Hub Planners, I read that at a council meeting that you have voted for 99 Main Road as your option for the New Hub . I am not clear on how large the building is and what its main purpose is ? If larger size gatherings are planned or multi purpose meetings coincide parking will be a big problem unless you intend to destroy some of the Village Green? Demolition costs sound outrages to me so I think you would be better to sell it for other purpose.</p>
	01 Which option do you support for the future management of Poplars Recreation Reserve and why? (Select the option you prefer)	<p>Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).: Tadmor was once a main hub in the district. Changing populations may one day see some redevelopment there. Local control would be in the best interests of the district!!</p>
10:00 AM	(5 mins)	Mrs Janine Leeden (34784) Tapawera Connect
	02 Do you support or oppose the proposal to build the new Tapawera Community Hub at Tapawera Memorial Park and why?	<p>Support: I am very actively involved in trying to facilitate events and regular weekly activities for the wellbeing of the Seniors in our Community. I have been working in this role for approximately 3 years. Due to the limitations of any suitable</p>

		<p>building that might currently exist in the Tapawera Village, I am extremely limited in what we can host. There are so many more things we could be doing IF there was a safe, warm, secure facility that catered for the needs of the ageing in our community and surrounding valleys. We currently don't even have</p> <p>ANY space for me to cater a meal where people can sit at a table and safely eat /drink hot foods /beverages without the risk of spills and burns. Many of the seniors that I provide services for have themselves been long-term volunteers in the community where they raised their families and provided many 100's of hours of community service. I believe they deserve a pleasant and safe facility where they can meet with friends and also have services come to Tapawera to save them the many hours of involved traveling into Richmond / Nelson. In the last January to March 2025 quarter I catered to just some of the needs of 186 individuals in our community - spreading activities between three separate not-quite-adequate facilities. I am frustrated by the objections of a few older, not long-term resident individuals who have no interest in attending local community events or activities, nor whom have tried to use any current facilities to organise anything, but who are vocally objecting and trying to prevent future opportunities for what is a growing demographic in our area. If we don't have anything suitable to cater effectively for our community now, what will we have in 5-10 years if we miss this opportunity to take advantage of the funding through DIA, as well as TDC. There are a lot of ratepayers out here who fund many other provisions in our region that have no advantage to us, while not having any of the 'accepted' opportunities of constituents living elsewhere. Also if Tapawera is to offer hospitality to the growing influx of cyclists, on both the Great Taste Trail and the Tour Aotearoa, it is painfully obvious that we cannot rely on the couple of privately owned businesses that should be providing basic amenities (reliable fuel, meals and social space). Please help us move into the 21st Century!</p>
	02a Which location at Tapawera Memorial Park would you prefer the new Tapawera Community Hub be constructed on and why? (Select the option you most prefer)	<p>Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms: This would provide easy access and be a more obvious position. I also would hope that we may be able to convince the TRC to collaborate with us in the future to provide further facilities for our community. We need to make the most of what money we can access, without cutting corners on the facilities we desperately need (including a commercial kitchen) and without paying extortionate amounts to contractors to just provide basic utilities.</p>
	02b Do you support or oppose the proposal for not-for-profit groups/ organisations (e.g. an Op Shop) to operate from the new Tapawera Community Hub and why?	<p>Support: The current (tired and wanting) Op Shop already has a large pull of visitors from outside our region, so it makes sense to improve this facility that will bring people and dollars into Tapawera. It would be so much better for the wonderful volunteers, as well as the visitors, to spend time in a clean, mould-free, vermin-free building. This is also a vital facility for our low-socio-economic community, regular RSE Workers, as well as a welcome drawcard to encourage visitors to stop and linger longer in our Village, to also learn about some of the rich history that is here.</p>

10:05 AM	(5 mins)	Warwick Newman (35151)
	03 Which one of the three potential future management options for Owen River Recreation Reserve do you support and why? Please also tell us your reasons for opposing the other two options listed. (Select the option you most prefer)	<p>Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario. : The original gifting family wish for the reserve to remain as was originally intended when gifted to the community by Len Newman for the purpose of sport, recreation and freedom of access.</p> <p>As the reserve has now not the same close tie with the hotel as at the time Len was owner there is a need for the reserve to maintain its independent health and hygiene services e.g. toilet and water supply. However, these need only be basic and functional. This must surely be a core function of Council's community interest and need not become onerous.</p> <p>As for the grass management, pulse grazing with sheep is an option in reducing the need for excess mowing. This grazing has a value and could contribute to income toward running costs.</p> <p>The existing trees, although predominantly exotic, serve well for shade and shelter. A sign reminding people not to camp under them will be all that is required.</p> <p>The reserve is good for present purpose as is, so please do not over capitilise or alter, increasing costs all round.</p> <p>Affordable public space is rapidly becoming ever more precious, so let's maintain the status quo availing people today the simple pleasures of an earlier time.</p>
10:10 AM	(5 mins)	Kim Siu (35081) Owen River Tavern & Motels
	03 Which one of the three potential future management options for Owen River Recreation Reserve do you support and why? Please also tell us your reasons for opposing the other two options listed. (Select the option you most prefer)	<p>Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.</p> <p>We appreciate the opportunity to manage the Owen River Recreation Reserve Campground and strongly support retaining the current local management structure. This system ensures direct community involvement, and supports local businesses.</p> <p>Local Management Works Well The existing framework provides effective oversight, allowing us to uphold the campground's quality while fostering community engagement.</p> <p>Funding Review & Operational Needs We request a review of funding levels to better support essential maintenance and facility upkeep. Key areas for improvement include:</p>

		<p>Facility Upgrades: Enhancing toilets, road access, and waste management to improve visitor experiences.</p> <p>Community Engagement: Ensuring local managers continue to be involved in long-term planning decisions.</p> <p>- **Supporting Local Tradespeople: To reduce costs and strengthen local businesses, we advocate for the use of local plumbers, electricians, and lawn care services, rather than sourcing tradespeople from Nelson.</p> <p>Request for Council Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain the **current local management system to preserve community involvement. - Review funding levels to ensure sustainable operational costs. - Continue **consulting campground managers in future discussions about improvements. - Prioritize **local tradespeople** for maintenance and services, supporting cost efficiency and economic benefits within Owen River. <p>We value the council's partnership and look forward to contributing to the campground's ongoing success. Please let us know if further input is required.</p>
10:15 AM	(5 mins)	Mr Ian Higgins (35154)
	01 Which option do you support for the future management of Poplars Recreation Reserve and why? (Select the option you prefer)	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes):
	02a Which location at Tapawera Memorial Park would you prefer the new Tapawera Community Hub be constructed on and why? (Select the option you most prefer)	Option 1: near the shearing stand.: Built out of flood zone. Can be seen from Main Road. To be built so could have additions in the future to include club rooms, sports courts.
10:20 AM	(5 mins)	Mr Maurice Taylor (35157) Tapawera Connect Hub
	02 Do you support or oppose the proposal to build the new Tapawera Community Hub at Tapawera Memorial Park and why?	Oppose: Connect might mean well but I don't think this village needs a hub anywhere. squandering rate payers \$ like they did with the useless hoon park stunt. TDC are very good at wasting money and are over staffed with useless minions like the "three ducks in a row" squandered on the road being lowered to suit the Hoon park folly. The Community Council opposed it but where ignored by that Kempthorne. I was there and told him what I thought about him. I was then Councilor for the village & main Road. And all this waffle about Earthquake risk to the Trek house (Op Shop /Council Chamber) is unproven whoway.

	02a Which location at Tapawera Memorial Park would you prefer the new Tapawera Community Hub be constructed on and why? (Select the option you most prefer)	Nowhere don't need it this is a village not new Richmond.
	02b Do you support or oppose the proposal for not-for-profit groups/ organisations (e.g. an Op Shop) to operate from the new Tapawera Community Hub and why?	Oppose:
	03 Which one of the three potential future management options for Owen River Recreation Reserve do you support and why? Please also tell us your reasons for opposing the other two options listed. (Select the option you most prefer)	Owen River? no idea its miles away not knowing the situation I can't comment Won't that affect Quinneys Bush. Don't DOC have enough on their plate?
	04a Do you support or oppose the Council's proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over the four parcels of land that form Lower Maruia Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve reverts back to the Crown and why?	Can't comment unaware of any issue
	04b Do you support or oppose the Council's proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over the three parcels of land that form Matakītaki Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve reverts back to the Crown and why?	Can't comment same reason
	1 Do you support or oppose the 'future management options' concept plan for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?	That's Wakefield's problem I can't comment
	2 Do you support or oppose the proposed management policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?	Ditto

Attachment 3: All submissions sorted by theme

This table contains the full contents of each submission, with the exception of the submission from Scott Burnett (his detailed submission is provided in Attachment 4). Feedback received via Shape Tasman on Owen River and Baigents Bush has been included within the table.

SUBMISSIONS ON DRAFT LAKES-MURCHISON WARD RMP:

01 Which option do you support for the future management of Poplars Recreation Reserve and why? (Select the option you prefer)			
34746	Ms SUSAN DUBOIS	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	
34754	Mrs Abby Fenemor	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	
34756	Mrs Emma Evans	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	
34763	Mrs Catherine Ryvers Thomas	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	
34765	Ms Deborah Cumming	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	

34768	Mrs Jess Omlo	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	
34797	Ms Sammy Batchelor	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	
34843	Ms Linley Barrett	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	
34847	Mrs Debbie Wagner	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	
34895	Mr Roy Bensemann	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	DOC are not the right fit for maintaining this reserve for local people.
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	See attached. While we understand the technical responsibility currently lies with DOC, Council management, if adequately resourced, can provide more localised attention. Relinquishing management to DOC, given their current resource constraints, may lead to a decline in the reserve's condition or a loss of recreational and (potentially) ecological values. Formalising Council management provides certainty. However, this must be accompanied by a commitment to manage the reserve for its ecological values, including weed and pest control, and enhancement of any native remnants, not just recreational facilities. If

			"established trees and shrubs surround the grassed area", these should be assessed for native content and potential for ecological restoration.
35077	Mrs Barbara Carleton	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	
35078	Mr Roger Carleton	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	
35103	Heather Spence	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	<p>Reasons</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TDC has a local presence and is in a better position to maintain the reserve. 2. I believe DOC is underfunded and unlikely to put resources into upgrading the reserve to a standard that makes the area attractive and used. 3. I've not been able to find anyone in our community who still uses the tennis courts. Tapawera players who used to use the Tadmor courts now 'go to town'. 4. One local resident suggested that if DOC took over management they might create a camping ground. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A campground would be unwelcome amongst the farming community, because campers may take dogs (sheep risk) and campers leave mess. b. Cyclists regularly bike down the Tadmor/Tui valleys and Tadmor is attractively located on this route. c. This would be an unpopular proposition for immediate neighbours mess, noise, etc. d. A camp would need regular monitoring and upkeep. I visited the reserve yesterday, my observations are: e. Current maintenance appears to be limited to lawn mowing. Toilets (I presume) are locked, there's no point in maintaining toilets if they're locked all the time. f. The building appears from the outside to be in good condition. g. Tennis courts are in poor condition due to extensive patches of lichen that covers much of the surface. No potholes, however. h. There are signs of wheelies on the courts, presumably these from bicycles not

			motor vehicles. An adjacent neighbour said vandalism is a problem but all I noted was the wheel marks on the courts, ripped nets, and a gap in the netting surrounding the courts. One local suggested that the land be sold.
35117	Ms Tania Higgins	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	Tennis courts are a asset to our community. Railway history is important to preserve.
35124	Mrs Heather Coles	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	* The tennis courts are seriously deteriorated and the netting and buildings damaged by vandals. * The only persons who use the reserve are low level freedom campers and drinking parties, so fire is a constant concern. * There is no water or toilets available in the area. A no camping sign would be helpful. * The mowing the Council does at present is all that is required at present unless there should be a need in the future to upgrade the area. Adjoining property owners keep the access track mown up to and including the historical railway platform and free of the encroaching blackberry, old mans beard and honeysuckle.
35130	Ms Sharon Rogers	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	
35133	Mr Philip CAIN	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	Tadmor was once a main hub in the district. Changing populations may one day see some redevelopment there. Local control would be in the best interests of the district !!
35136	Ms janet mclennan	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally	

		vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	
35148	Mr Warwick Hodgkinson	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	I feel the council is best suited to maintain the reserve as they already have contractors out doing mowing and Maintenance in our area. To spend some rate payer's money on ensuring this reserve is maintained for the future is the best option
35154	Mr Ian Higgins	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	
35155	Mr Bruce Moffitt	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	Retain by TDC for future developments.
35156	Mr John Ellis	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	Community asses and should remain as such
35160	Barbara Carleton	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).	The Tadmor Tennis Club appreciates that the Tasman District Council has maintained the Poplars Recreation Reserve grounds and tennis court area and wishes that the ongoing management of the Reserve be by the Council. The Club intends to encourage more community members to play tennis here and also to set up pickleball courts if there is community interest for Pickleball to be played at the Tadmor courts.

02 Do you support or oppose the proposal to build the new Tapawera Community Hub at Tapawera Memorial Park and why?			
35057	Mrs Karilyn Breed	N/A	<p>Neither/Nor</p> <p>A lady called Trish Palmer whom I have not met, outlined her thoughts and observations with a number of questions that had not been answered at the time of publication in the June Informer. I have felt the same frustration trying to get answers to some of the same questions that she has raised.</p> <p>I hope Council don't rush into their decision for this reason and look really closely at exactly who in the community will benefit and what groups would use the building as it seems a little unclear.</p> <p>I like the area around the present community site/Op Shop because its so central to the main street. Its already starting to feel like a 'Hub' with the historical significance of the old Kiwi Station and the coffee and food caravans that attract locals and visitors alike.</p> <p>Cost is a major factor. I would like to see the Council think smart when it comes to spending ratepayer money and not see the finances that come in from ratepayers as an endless bucket for cost overruns and over expenditure.</p>
34761	Mrs Jeanette Booth	Oppose	I feel the money would be better spent upgrading the facilities we already have in tapawera to increase their use
34764	Donna Luxford	Oppose	<p>I am Opposed to the New Tapawera Community Hub full stop. As usual the questions are only "geared" in a way to support building a new hub and not for being in opposition to it. With the way things are with the Tasman District Council and its Debt Levels and the rates the ratepayers have to pay, there should be a HOLD put on anything that is not necessary. I deem this to NOT be a necessity. We will not suffer or die as a result of not having a new hub. End of the day the money comes from US, the ratepayer or taxpayer or from a loan, no matter how you want to word it. It is from our pockets or will impact our "pockets". Every community seems to have "their hands out" and it needs to be stopped until the council can curb spending. Even with some community fundraising it is not enough. The current Hub/Op Shop is more than suitable. It is earthquake sound as is the Wakefield Community hall and if it was deemed not to be then nearly every other building in Tapawera is the same! The current hub could be refurbished with its current footprint kept the same. Some people that are for the new hub are not ratepayers so do not care of the impact on rates that this has. I know of many people in the community who are opposed to this and will not support it.</p>

34767	Mrs Siobhan Hayes	Oppose	I genuinely think the community would get more out of buying the local pub and turning into a community hub and cafe..great venue spot..and could potentially bring in alot more revenue for the community. Place is already built ready to go. With the price of building materials etc I think it would be a smarter move buying already built. Either way I will support any decisions ♡
34805	Ms Kate Clearwater	Oppose	There are enough buildings that cost could be put towards renovating original buildings. Make no sense disturbing the community putting buildings directly behind residents houses.
34844	Mrs Melissa Craig	Oppose	Think existing community centre is in the best spot and should be refurbished
34886	Ms Lily Perry	Oppose	What's the point? If your going to spend all this money on a couple of meeting rooms why don't you buy a house in the village? Why not build something similar to Moutere hills community centre or the Murchison club rooms. Something more functional with more use to the community. We don't even have a full sized indoor netball or basketball court here. Imagine how much use a facility like that would have.
34895	Mr Roy Bensemann	Oppose	I oppose the building of a new Hub. We already buildings suitable for meetings and as the TDC has no money, this comes under a " nice to have" and with ratepayers facing a 8.8% rate rise and the present cost of living crisis this sort of spending needs to stop.
34905	Ms Carolyn Ellis	Oppose	I have selected oppose but I donot neccessarily oppose a new facility for Tapawera. I oppose the current proposal for one as it it muddled without a clear intention. There would be a much wider scope for the use of anew building ifit was more along the lines of what other communities have such as the lake and Murchison. There it can-be used for sports and has been combined in murch with the rugby club ensuring a ling term future. I also have concerns about the feasibility study's implementation as it isnt a true reflection of the community's wants and needs. I do not believe there are 10 plus meetings happening in our community per week to justify a building to house that. We have several buildings that need preservation and that should be cared for. Those involved in the push for the hub have demonstrated that they will push ahead without listening and then be rude and aggressive when there is the chance to meet about it to talk about it. I have heard members of this group completely dismiss community elders who worked tirelessly to support community projects in the past. What i believe our community needs money spent on are things for our young people such as a skate park and play ground upgrade as well as safe areas for our young people to meet. Our community has a high level of poverty and issues with drugs and homelessness which should be the councils priority. Or a facility built to fit the role of an emergency hub for disasters. Not another building with no clear purpose for a group who have created their own importance. The council dont seem to be noticing that there is a

			clear separation within the Tapawera community around this issue and instead of bringing the community together this is dividing it.
34908	Ms Belinda Grice	Oppose	I strongly oppose the Community Hub completely. I think it is grossly irresponsible to be looking at a financial undertaking this large, in our current financial climate and especially in our low socio-economic area. We do not need this. I am part of more than one community group/club and we will continue to have our meetings where we currently have them - as it is sufficient!! There is NO need for a commercial kitchen - currently there is an empty cafe, an empty pub with a kitchen, a rugby club with a kitchen and a Home Ec room available for community groups to use at the school. Lets be real - who is going to be using the HUB - a couple of groups associated with Tapawera Connect. Certainly not the volunteers involved in sports clubs and other community groups. If there is funds available - put them to restoring/renovating the current community centre - it is said its not fit for purpose - make it so! The idea of this is just ridiculous - look at our needs - a large number of our school kids need support, there is a huge need for financial support in paying sports fees, camp fees, etc. Lets focus on our school community and make that the HUB of our community. This is from someone who does not have children but can see this is actually where the need is in our community.
34909	Mrs Lynda Carson	Oppose	There are at least five public places where people can meet already and they are all under utilised. I don't think there is a big enough population to warrant a new building. The money would be better spent maintaining what we already have.
34920	Mr Thomas Carson	Oppose	I feel there are already good venues available for people to use, no more are needed
34923	Ms Hazel Ellis-Oldham	Oppose	there is no actual reason to have the hub, there are a lot of other things in the community that should be prioritized over a fancy new building like an upgrade to our skate park or the playground for the tamariki in our community, most of the people that live in tapawera have been here for a long long time, and for good reason and that is that they don't want to be near town they don't want to have fancy buildings and stupid know it alls controlling their home town, and may i mention they are all self appointed people running the tapawera connect and that can cause a lot of friction between the community and that is not what we need, and we definitely don't need a stupid hub for them to sit in and look pretty, it's actually ridiculous and if you ask the actual proper locals that have lived here for a long time you may start to see that the hub is absolutely not what they want.
34986	Mrs charlene storar	Oppose	I believe the existing building should be renovated to a very high standard.
35043	Dinkie Phillips	Oppose	

35066	Ms Susan Creedy	Oppose	<p>There has been insufficient and incorrect information available for residents to make an informed choice for this proposal. Questions have been asked about a wide variety of concerns and have fallen on dismissals by supporters and officials overseeing this project and presenting it now as though there are choices either for it's actual development or preferred site. Such presentations have confused the issue to the extent that there is little trust in the small group of folk who have pushed for this facility.</p> <p>The expensive feasibility study now presents as a very flawed document as so much has been revealed about the strong feelings and thoughts within this tiny community that should have been explored and documented in it.</p> <p>Tapawera has not demonstrated strong growth at all and appears to be in decline with the lack of employment and a diminishing ability to support a cafe, pub and school that is undergoing a shrinking roll with class rooms being removed.</p> <p>Data taken from a survey, without accompanying verification of the status and details of signatories, has been touted endlessly as claiming overwhelming support for a community building. That claim is totally erroneous. An expenditure of the magnitude touted is a burden on the part of ratepayers who painfully know rates are rising beyond their means and the TDC debt is part of that concern. Serious questions remain unanswered and to ask for submissions without information demonstrates a very serious lack of regard for citizens who wish to give informed and intelligent input to this business.</p> <p>Where is the information that demonstrates a sound reasoning and plan to make this proposal successful and not end up as an embarrassment of the dream of a few who have intentionally obfuscated and manipulated throughout this expensive development.</p> <p>Please answer the questions before a decision can be considered and show the professionalism and responsibility required. As to the siting of this building how can anyone answer such a choice without a thorough presentation of the facts. Without a demonstration of due diligence and time left to correct this fact I can only say that I seriously oppose this proposal.</p>
35132	Mr Ian Walls	Oppose	Dont want a hub built anywhere in Tapawera.
35138	Mr david Bone	Oppose	This is a totally unviable project in a tiny village. There are currently adequate facilities available. It is an unnecessary burden on an already stressed rate base. Also in spite of an expensive document there has been no proof of feasibility.
35142	Mr Gary Inwood	Oppose	our rates and dog registration have already uncreased with no additional benefit to myself or members of my family, we don't have amenities access but we pay for and this is another cost for a facility that we will not use especially when we have other buildings that can be used.

35143	Mrs Rosemary Gage	Oppose	Tapawera does not need a hub. Reasons sit around a small and declining population and the already satisfactory housing of current activities, such as those listed on the back page of the Informer, egMenzshed and Creative Fibre. With a declining school role there is also scope for additional usage of the schools unused rooms and land. With reference to questions raised in the Informer (June, 2025, p.5) the most basic of these type of questions have never been fully answered in a written and satisfactory manner. At times we have been given incorrect and misleading information, particularly about the current building. A written response to all questions posed in the Informer would help support council accountability. With renovation, there is already a building that offers the potential for something that is safe, aesthetically appealing, historical and purposeful. While a Hub may help secure paid employment to a-few people, the cost to people who dont want or need a hub increases costs, such as rates to many (over and above the current rate hikes).
35144	Mr Tony Gardner	Oppose	There is plenty of parking and plenty of room for parking and building near the shearing stand andwould appear to be the best option
35145	Mr Craig Barker	Oppose	I think it's a huge waste of rate payers money on a building in a community that already has alot of unused buildings. It would be much cheaper to upgrade an existing building. The council is in huge debt and this is an unnecessary cost which can save council alot of money. Rates have already risen alot and this is likely to cause increase which is not good for people in already hard times. I think the funds are much better spent on the upkeep of existing hubs and services rather than adding the expense of building the new building plus the running costs ontop of an already in debt council. Roadside mowing has been cut which in my opinion is far more important. Not mowing the grass increases the fire risk immensely
35146	Mrs Barbara Barker	Oppose	I do not consider any of the sites suitable for the Tapawera Hub and am totally against it going ahead at all. With council debt so high 6 million plus it is absolutely absurd to be building a new hub in Tapawera, especially when it is well serviced with halls, meeting places etc as the feasibility document showed. The benefits of building the hub create higher rate increases, higher net debt levels, meaning there is less capacity to borrow for other essential purposes. Council needs to be mindful of all rate increases and debt levels in these economic times and concentrate on the must haves not the I wants. You claim to be prudent managers of our assets and environment. You claim a common sense approach which aims to ensure safety, resilience and responsiveness to the needs of the growing region. How does building a new hub in Tapawera fit this statement, when the area is decreasing i.e. school role depleted-low economic area-school lunches provided. Businesses closed, hotel limited opening hours, bus service shelved due to lack of users. Tim King said there were massive challenges heading into the annual plan. "We are going to have to look at every potential saving". I urge all councilors to think seriously about the Tapawera Hub, save the costings, rate risers

			and shelve this unnecessary project. Wakefield needs a new building and it will have multiple uses and has other investors. Tapawera Hub has minimal uses and very little means of supporting its running costs. The Tapawera Hub is envisioned as a better place to access Health and Well being services for residents while providing a place to connect and find information. All the information is available electronically and we already have a Health clinic for services needed. Despite trying to get information of running costs beyond the build these have not been made available. Do the right thing and shelve this project now as all sites have multiple costs to be suitable.
35149	Mrs Angela Miller	Oppose	The projected cost of building the Hub makes me very concerned as a rate payer that in the future we will be faced with rate increases to try to recover what will be a huge debt. Also the ongoing costs of manning the Hub and maintenance of the Hub, just leaves me feeling very worried as there are already rate increases on the horizon that far exceed the national rate of inflation. Anyone with any financial sense will realize that continuing to increase spending that requires repayment above inflation will break many rate payers who have no hope of ever earning the money to continue to afford their rates. This is living far beyond our means and puts an unfair burden on our community. There are already numerous buildings available for the community to use. Tapawera has no substantial or secure employment growth in the projected future which will limit the growth of our community so pushing ahead with this very costly project is just absurd.
35157	Mr Maurice Taylor	Oppose	Connect might mean well but I don't think this village needs a hub anywhere. squandering rate payers \$ like they did with the useless hoon park stunt . TDC are very good at wasting money and are over staffed with useless minions .like the" three ducks in a row" squandered on the road being lowered to suit the Hoon park folly .The Community Council apposed it but where ignored by that Kempthorne .I was there and told him what I thought about him. I was then Councilor for the village & main Road .And all this waffle about Earth quake risk to the Trek house (Op Shop /Council Chamber) is unprouven whoway . Maurice Taylor
34745	Mrs Phoebe Quinlivan	Support	It aligns with our shared community vision of being a caring and resilient community, especially pertinent now as the cost of living and petrol prices rise making access to services even more challenging and often unattainable for our isolated rural community. Improving access to services rated as the highest priority in our recent community plan consultation, and knowing our community very well, we know there really is a huge need for support and connection to ensure our tamariki are raised in secure and safe home environments. It really does take a village to raise a child, and the hub will consolidate connection and resilience for our village (and the surrounding valleys, which are even more isolated). The hub will also reduce our carbon emissions as people will not need to drive in to Richmond or

			Nelson as often. This will also decrease the load and wait times at our already stretched well being support services further afield.
34747	Ms Kelly Russell	Support	Tapawera badly needs a new hub. We have so many different groups and needs within our community and no central repository for it.
34749	Mrs Kirsty Griffith	Support	Great to have a common space for the community- but would also like to see a sporting venue included- great location proposed to include a veranda out towards the rugby field, an indoor stadium would be amazing! A decent kitchen for catering too. At least a good sized meeting area.
34750	Ms Alison McKee	Support	Most buildings here are old, cold and not up to code.
34751	Ms Emily Evans	Support	This will be a great asset to the community and bring everyone together and give us a place we can go and do things as a community
34753	Mr Leigh Davis	Support	It would be great for our community
34754	Mrs Abby Fenemor	Support	Support! We really need a space for Tapawera Connect to operate from along with other services such as local midwives etc. This would be amazing for our local community to have a space where all are welcome and cared for. Please please consider us. We are a local family that have been in the community for years, we are really hopeful to have a space that can provide for our community. That is warm and purpose build.
34755	Nicola Allan	Support	
34756	Mrs Emma Evans	Support	
34757	Ms Shaye Walker	Support	A new community hub would be an asset to the community
34758	Ms Temika Amstad	Support	
34759	Mr Scott Donaldson	Support	
34760	Mrs Jan Barker	Support	I'm not concerned about location, just whatever is the best option.
34762	Ms India O'kane	Support	Tapawera community needs and deserves a common place to come together to support whanau elderly youth and individuals that make up our community. Creating a place of support and connection.
34763	Mrs Catherine Ryvers Thomas	Support	Great for all community members will bring more services to area. More private for meetings eg personal issues
34765	Ms Deborah Cumming	Support	

34766	Mrs Leanne Greep	Support	A Hub would be a place for the community to come together and used for multiple purposes. Community gatherings would create opportunities for people to come together in a rural remote area to support each other. The centre of Tapawera needs a face-lift and this would give the community pride to have a facility where everyone is welcome. Rural and village people would gather and support and strengthen each other. This is an opportunity for mana whenua to be part of the design and build.
34768	Mrs Jess Omlo	Support	Tapawera needs somewhere to be proud of, somewhere where the collective clubs and groups could use and for the youth to be part of.
34769	Mrs Dyneta Hebbard	Support	
34770	Mrs Sophie England	Support	It sounds like a great option for having a healthy space everyone in the community can use.
34771	Mr Geoff Miller	Support	
34772	Ms Rhianna Cairns	Support	I do support the need for a new hub but I think it would be faaaaaar more cost effective to utilize the buildings we already have and upgrade/extend them.
34775	Mrs Morcant Mason	Support	
34776	Mrs Lucy Maxwell	Support	
34777	Ms Amanda Beer	Support	Fantastic opportunity to have anew safe clean space for all our community to gather
34778	Mrs Emelie Gobes	Support	
34784	Mrs Janine Leeden	Support	I am very actively involved in trying to facilitate events and regular weekly activities for the wellbeing of the Seniors in our Community. I have been working in this role for approximately 3 years. Due to the limitations of any suitable building that might currently exist in the Tapawera Village, I am extremely limited in what we can host. There are so many more things we could be doing IF there was a safe, warm, secure facility that catered for the needs of the ageing in our community and surrounding valleys. We currently don't even have ANY space for me to cater a meal where people can sit at a table and safely eat /drink hot foods /beverages without the risk of spills and burns. Many of the seniors that I provide services for have themselves been long-term volunteers in the community where they raised their families and provided many 100's of hours of community service. I believe they deserve a pleasant and safe facility where they can meet with friends and also have services come to Tapawera to save them the many hours of involved traveling into Richmond / Nelson. In the last January to March 2025 quarter I catered to just

			some of the needs of 186 individuals in our community - spreading activities between three separate not-quite-adequate facilities. I am frustrated by the objections of a few older, not long-term resident individuals who have no interest in attending local community events or activities, nor whom have tried to use any current facilities to organise anything, but who are vocally objecting and trying to prevent future opportunities for what is a growing demographic in our area. If we don't have anything suitable to cater effectively for our community now, what will we have in 5-10 years if we miss this opportunity to take advantage of the funding through DIA, as well as TDC. There are a lot of ratepayers out here who fund many other provisions in our region that have no advantage to us, while not having any of the 'accepted' opportunities of constituents living elsewhere. Also if Tapawera is to offer hospitality to the growing influx of cyclists, on both the Great Taste Trail and the Tour Aotearoa, it is painfully obvious that we cannot rely on the couple of privately owned businesses that should be providing basic amenities (reliable fuel, meals and social space). Please help us move into the 21st Century!
34789	Mr Wayne Leeden	Support	The Tapawera Community is in desperate need of a fit-for-purpose, modern, dry, warm facility for community groups, individuals and agencies to utilize. If we can't have it located at the site of the current old, decrepit Community Centre, then we need to get serious about another location ASAP.
34790	Hayley Warren	Support	
34791	Mrs Pam Irvine	Support	
34792	Ms Shania Daly	Support	
34797	Ms Sammy Batchelor	Support	
34799	Mr Garry Clarke	Support	As residents in Tapawera, we SUPPORT the proposal to building the new Tapawera Community Hub at the Tapawera Memorial Park. We need a hub which provides a clean, warm, inviting space suitable for community use, community functions and meetings. We have a wide range of generations living in the area for which some require health services, the working residents, and help for the younger generations. The hub would provide informal gathering spaces for youth and the elderly. Several support services come to the area ie Cancer Society, Wellbeing café, and require private spaces for them to support us. A commercial kitchen would help to provide the ability to ensure our Food Bank has sufficient products for those who require help through bad health and the inability to purchase what they need. A reception centre providing guidance to visitors to the area to enable them to explore and to learn about our history including gold workings, Army hut displays, accommodation etc. A source of income for the community is our Op Shop which is very popular with locals and out of

			towners. This shop requires a reasonable size area for display and seasonal storage to keep products clean.
34825	Mrs Paula Donaldson and family	Support	Tapawera is a hub for cyclists, tourists and residents, both from Tapawera itself and surrounding towns. The benefit of having this hub would benefit not just Tapawera residents but also would positively impact Dovedale, Motueka valley, Kohatu and even Korere. We all need a safe and healthy building to support activities for children, youth and our the elderly population.
34828	Ms kate mytton	Support	be good for the communtiy.
34835	Mrs Sharon Williams	Support	Tapawera is long overdue for something positive to happen in the community. A new community hub would be beneficial for years to come. However, it needs to be front and center. It needs to replace the old run down, cold building the community currently have. To leave this building as is and build something new on nothing more than a back section, never to be visible for anyone passing thru is a waste. Yes, you may have to move the Kiwi hut over a bit and put power wires under ground but a far better community situation for all. Unless you purchase the 2 sections between the 4 square and the public toilets from Nigel Warnes. Very front and center.. has all the services required..
34837	Ms Ana Aceves	Support	
34838	Mrs Ann-Marie Gill	Support	The land is there and no further funding is required
34839	Mr Mark Soper	Support	
34843	Ms Linley Barrett	Support	
34847	Mrs Debbie Wagner	Support	
34872	Michelle Vincent	Support	Support because Tapawera needs a fit for purpose and functional meeting place for now and in the future.
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	Support	
34921	Tim Leyland	Support	The Tapawera and Districts Community Council (TDCC) supports the proposal to construct a new Tapawera Community Hub. TDCC owns the current Community Centre in Tapawera, which houses the Tapawera Op Shop and serves as a venue for community gatherings and meetings. One room in the building is reserved for use by community groups. The income generated by the Op Shop is a valued funding source for local community initiatives. These include travel support for school sports teams, assistance with school publications, equipment purchases for local groups, and contributions to the volunteer fire service and rescue helicopter.

			<p>TDCC supports the development of a purpose-built Community Hub to provide upgraded services and facilities for the Tapawera community. The existing Community Centre was originally constructed as a bakery and retail shop and was not designed for its current use. It has received an initial seismic assessment score of no more than 25%. In response, TDCC has recently committed to undertaking a detailed seismic assessment of the building.</p> <p>TDCC has agreed that they would not support renovating the existing community centre to become the new hub.</p>
34965	Mr Wayne Jones	Support	
34967	Mr Bryce Porthouse	Support	The best option would be to rebuild where the existing is now however option 3 below is also another good option.
34987	Mr Peter Phillips	Support	<p>I strongly support the new hub as proposed. Having lived in the area for 77 yrs, I have used the current building for all that time in it's various guises and witnessed its slow decline in usability for modern times.</p> <p>A new purpose built building would spring Tapawera into the 21st century and show vision for the future, encouraging outside agencies such as health, age care, finance and business to use a modern warm and inviting and convenient premises and saving travel to cities .</p> <p>The current proposal presents a golden opportunity for a large block of funding with the \$450K commitment courtesy of the previous goats spending policy and will not be available if this opportunity is missed.</p>
35052	Sonny and Susan Grant	Support	It is way past time for a new building for our community, so we can flourish and be proud to host others in many events.
35077	Mrs Barbara Carleton	Support	
35078	Mr Roger Carleton	Support	
35083	Ms Della Webby	Support	I support using reserve land, but ideally, I would have liked the existing site to be used with a demolish and new building. One less building to manage, central location and good visibility to the public.
35085	Mr Danny Sugar	Support	It'd be great to have a fit for purpose, modern meeting place for the community.
35121	Mr MIKE BRYAN	Support	
35129	Mr Evan Noel Baigent	Support	The Memorial Park is the only sites offered

35130	Ms Sharon Rogers	Support	
35133	Mr Philip CAIN	Support	<p>See attached. Most facilities in Tapawera are ageing and this is an opportunity to address this fact with a new build.</p> <p>To TDC Mayor, Councillors and Tapawera Hub Planners, I read that at a council meeting that you have voted for 99 Main Road as your option for the New Hub . I am not clear on how large the building is and what its main purpose is ? If larger size gatherings are planned or multi purpose meetings coincide parking will be a big problem unless you intend to destroy some of the Village Green? Demolition costs sound outrages to me so I think you would be better to sell it for other purpose.</p>
35135	Mrs Naralee Jelinek	Support	<p>I wholeheartedly support the proposal to build the new Tapawera Community Hub at Tapawera Memorial Park for several compelling reasons. Firstly, the location is ideal, centrally positioned within the community, making it accessible for residents of all ages and backgrounds. The park itself is a cherished gathering place, steeped in local history and significance, and establishing the hub there would enhance its role as a focal point for community activities.</p> <p>Moreover, integrating the hub with the existing park facilities promotes efficient use of land and resources, fostering a sense of continuity and cohesion. It could serve as a catalyst for increased community engagement, offering a shared space for events, workshops, and recreational activities that bring people together. The hub could host everything from cultural events to educational programs, enriching the lives of residents and fostering a spirit of inclusivity and collaboration.</p> <p>Additionally, the development of the hub at this location aligns with sustainable practices by revitalizing an existing space rather than disrupting new land. It presents an opportunity to incorporate environmentally friendly designs and technologies, setting an example for future community projects.</p> <p>Furthermore, the presence of the hub could bolster local businesses by attracting visitors and increasing foot traffic, thereby supporting the local economy. It would also provide a platform for local artisans, entrepreneurs, and community groups to showcase their talents and services.</p> <p>Ultimately, building the Tapawera Community Hub at Tapawera Memorial Park represents a strategic investment in the community's future, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. It embodies the values of unity, sustainability, and progress, making it a project that I am proud to support.</p>

35136	Ms Janet McLennan	Support	Put all money into one area and condense all groups, A great hub for civil defence ,community groups and building hire.
35141	Mrs Sue Wadsworth	Support	All the public buildings in Tapawera are old and cold. It would be great for community groups to use and would benefit a wide range of people.
35155	Mr Bruce Moffitt	Support	
35156	Mr John Ellis	Support	

02a Which location at Tapawera Memorial Park would you prefer the new Tapawera Community Hub be constructed on and why? (Select the option you most prefer)			
34764	Donna Luxford	N/A	None. Again see my response in question 02:
34805	Ms Kate Clearwater	N/A	None of these areas
34835	Mrs Sharon Williams	N/A	As explained above, none of them. 1 . Shearing stand - already subject to vandals 2. Possibly, but not visual and connected to the center of the community. 3. Personally I feel this would take a space from the public that actually gets used in the community. People park and picnic there while their kids are at the skate park... and to look into the back of all the shops. Not ideal and definitely a back section.
34844	Mrs Melissa Craig	N/A	None, new facility is not necessary
34895	Mr Roy Bensemann	N/A	I oppose the building of a new Hub
34909	Mrs Lynda Carson	N/A	I don't support any.
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	N/A	
34921	Tim Leyland	N/A	TDCC strongly prefers Option 3. This site offers a number of advantages in terms of access and cost, proximity to shop, pub, public toilets, playground, skate park and the reserve, plus visibility and potentially wonderful views of the mountains.
34923	Ms Hazel Ellis-Oldham	N/A	they're all on flood plains
35066	Ms Susan Creedy	N/A	Where are the costings and altered plans for these sites? Does a decision about one of these alternative sites give protection to the existing community centre? How does the future look if there are two centres? How can anyone make an informed decision for this question? Ticking boxes is an insult to common sense if folk do it without information.

35132	Mr Ian Walls	N/A	None of the above. Tapawera can not support this sort of expence for a chat room that is heated/cooled with all mod cons.
35138	Mr david Bone	N/A	There is no need for the proposed community hub at all.
35157	Mr Maurice Taylor	N/A	No where dont need it this is a village not new Richmond
34749	Mrs Kirsty Griffith	Option 1: near the shearing stand.	
34755	Nicola Allan	Option 1: near the shearing stand.	
34770	Mrs Sophie England	Option 1: near the shearing stand.	
34828	Ms kate mytton	Option 1: near the shearing stand.	
34905	Ms Carolyn Ellis	Option 1: near the shearing stand.	If a new building had to be built because the gang involved keep pushing then the old shearing shed is the best option.
35057	Mrs Karilyn Breed	Option 1: near the shearing stand.	My first preference is not listed here but I would like the council to re-consider upgrading and extending the existing building (Op Shop) to meet the needs of the community. Option 1 is my second preference of the choices given because no trees will be removed and the site is elevated in case of flood. I would like the council to re-consider the existing building the Op Shop is in and look at extending it to meet the needs of the community, once its been established who will be using the building.
35078	Mr Roger Carleton	Option 1: near the shearing stand.	
35144	Mr Tony Gardner	Option 1: near the shearing stand.	
35154	Mr Ian Higgins	Option 1: near the shearing stand.	Built out of flood zone. Can be seen from Main Road. To be built so could have additions in the future to include club rooms, sports courts.
35155	Mr Bruce Moffitt	Option 1: near the shearing stand.	To be built in a way it can be added to in the future. Community hall could be added.

35156	Mr John Ellis	Option 1: near the shearing stand.	very high flood risk for all other sites making them useless
34747	Ms Kelly Russell	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	
34753	Mr Leigh Davis	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	Best place in my opinion
34754	Mrs Abby Fenemor	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	Option 2 is good. Close to the township and shops. Parking available.
34756	Mrs Emma Evans	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	
34757	Ms Shaye Walker	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	Close to the school and village would be good
34758	Ms Temika Amstad	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	I would support any location due to the need for a community hub, the option i have selected is in my opinion the best location for it.

34759	Mr Scott Donaldson	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	
34761	Mrs Jeanette Booth	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	If it did go ahead then this would be my preferred place
34762	Ms India O'kane	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	Accessibility on foot and by vehicle. Less intrusive to the existing facilities in the community and good way to utilize currently vacant area.
34765	Ms Deborah Cumming	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	
34766	Ms Leanne Greep	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	This site has services and could serve as a multipurpose facility for rugby, gym, yoga, community groups and gatherings. The rugby club should be pulled down as it is beyond repair.
34768	Mrs Jess Omlo	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	This makes sense as it is close to the rugby club rooms.
34771	Mr Geoff Miller	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the	

		existing rugby clubrooms	
34772	Ms Rhianna Cairns	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	Very strongly oppose near the shearing stand as this is directly behind my property. As it is we sometimes have trouble with the noise from the clubroom events and noisy people sticking their heads over the back fence without inviting more traffic.
34775	Mrs Morcant Mason	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	
34777	Ms Amanda Beer	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	
34784	Mrs Janine Leeden	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	This would provide easy access and be a more obvious position. I also would hope that we may be able to convince the TRC to collaborate with us in the future to provide further facilities for our community. We need to make the most of what money we can access, without cutting corners on the facilities we desperately need (including a commercial kitchen) and without paying extortionate amounts to contractors to just provide basic utilities.
34789	Mr Wayne Leeden	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	Ease of access and more of an opportunity to build the size of the building with facilities that we desperately need.
34791	Mrs Pam Irvine	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	Option 1 near the shearing shed wouldn't work as all that area is needed for the truck and trailer to be able to get the sheep to the shed and turn around easily, the new hub would be right in the way of the loading ramp

34792	Ms Shania Daly	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	
34797	Ms Sammy Batchelor	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	
34847	Mrs Debbie Wagner	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	
34872	Michelle Vincent	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	Near the shearing shed is not a good option. I don't have a preference except for I would comment to put it where the least trees were disturbed to make way for the building. I would also like to say that my preferred location option infact still remains as the current community centre site. This is the most central, has parking, and it would be a shame to see that building left behind.
34886	Ms Lily Perry	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	
34987	Mr Peter Phillips	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	This site would be attractive, easily found, inviting, and proud with the entrance facing the sun. Other sites are definitely second best, especially behind the shops with the associated waste bins, pallets etc like it s hiding away almost apologetically. The current community building is also unsuitable to be modernised being over 100 yrs old and probably holds multiple building issues with potential for price overruns and can never be made into a warm, sunny and inviting premises. It's most appropriate use is for a vegetable or fruit chiller.

35052	Sonny and Susan Grant	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	I am opposed to option 1 because our property backs onto this site and my husband and I are constantly addressing issues with youths being out of order at the shearing stand ie throwing stones, slamming the doors, playing loud music ,leaving rubbish around and vandalising the property.
35069	Ms Deborah Webb	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	
35077	Mrs Barbara Carleton	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	
35133	Mr Philip CAIN	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	<p>See attached. A new build needs to be in a position that can be seen, and has room for future expansion and development.</p> <p>It needs to be North facing to capture as much winter sun as possible.</p> <p>I believe it would be a great entrance to the Domain that could be an office for caravan weekend etc and other events held there.!</p> <p>There is plenty of parking space for larger gatherings</p> <p>Flood events are less likely there than in the Berryfields suburb development</p> <p>However the possibility of flooding is there but if you take a good look at the falling land towards the main road any event will be brief and only at peak river flow. A raised foundation will cater for any such event</p> <p>All services are reasonably close</p> <p>Option 3 would see absolutely no sun in the winter and on the proposed angle very little in summer</p> <p>The land in front of option 3 is a very wet in winter and long periods of rain .</p> <p>Option 3 is a very bad idea !!!</p> <p>Talk is that an option behind the Four Square is also being considered ? In my view a nice new building with an outlook on to a cluttered service lane is ridiculous to say the least.</p> <p>Parking will also be a problem. That whole area is a wet hole. I have been stuck in it with a</p>

			bus more than once !! You would need to dig out and re fill all of it. There is only one place for the hub and that is North facing on the hard ground North of the Rugby Club looking onto already established grass and trees To be safe from the odd water build up there, it would need raising a metre or twelve hundred. There is plenty of parking ,room for future expansion !! , and it would make a spectacular entrance to the Domain . It is rather tiring listening to all the debates on the Hub so it is time you all put on your practical thing caps and made a good choice!
35135	Mrs Naralee Jelinek	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	
35136	Ms Janet McLennan	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	This is a good place to see from the road but at the same time lots of space with the fields around it. Good sun and views.
35141	Mrs Sue Wadsworth	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	Shearing shed is a bit far away. I strongly oppose having the hub in option 3. This is the business part of Tapawera and the views will be of the back of the 4 square and near a commercial bus operator.
34745	Mrs Phoebe Quinlivan	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	Although this site has drawbacks (an unpleasant outlook to the public toilets and 4Square loading zone and rubbish bins and may not be hugely visible from the main road), it's central location and cost effectiveness (access to services) makes it a good option if these drawbacks can be mitigated through clever design
34750	Ms Alison McKee	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	
34751	Ms Emily Evans	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	Option 2 and 3 are both great locations but I choose 3 due to the park being right there it would make it great spot for family's to go and hang out and know your kids have a playground/skatepark right there also

34763	Mrs Catherine Ryvers Thomas	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	More central
34769	Mrs Dyneta Hebbard	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	
34776	Mrs Lucy Maxwell	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	Option 2 or 3 seem best if the design can be got right on 3.
34778	Mrs Emelie Gobes	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	
34790	Hayley Warren	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	
34799	Mr Garry Clarke	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	At option 3 it will be centralised to the existing businesses, parks and toilets.
34825	Mrs Paula Donaldson and family	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	What a wonderful location this would be! Close to a big playground and close to the 4 square shop and other amenities!
34837	Ms Ana Aceves	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	I believe this location is the most appropriate option, as it is closer to the shops and offers greater visibility from the main road. Additionally, it allows for the protection of existing trees and ensures that the designated reserve areas are respected. It is also important that the location has appropriate parking spaces available. In this case, there is ample parking both opposite the shops and behind the hotel, making it convenient for visitors.
34838	Mrs Ann-Marie Gill	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	The site is close to the Tapawera shops so parking is available and can be found easily. Access for disabled people would also be easily sorted

34839	Mr Mark Soper	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	
34965	Mr Wayne Jones	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	
34967	Mr Bryce Porthouse	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	<p>Option 3 seems the most logical. It is near the skate park, has good area for parking and isn't in a flood prone area.</p> <p>Option 2 will have to be built up too much with it being a flood prone area.</p> <p>Option 1&2 are too close to residential properties, also option 1 doesn't look like it is placed very well to be able to still keep using the shearing sheds.</p> <p>It's a shame it's not an option to join with the Rugby club and create a combined hub with similar uses like Moutere community centre and also the Murchison centre.</p>
35083	Ms Della Webby	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	This is not my preference due to being tucked behind the shop and not having a great outlook or street visibility; however it is my understanding that the other sites have higher infrastructure costs or do not allow commercial activities. We need the best value for money.
35085	Mr Danny Sugar	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	Options 1 and 2 reduce clear greenspace in the village, being used for sports/events/dogwalking - Option 3 would upgrade an area currently unused
35129	Mr Evan Noel Baigent	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	<p>It will be central to the business area of Tapawera.</p> <p>Option 3 is more visible and accessible to all the community and passing through visitors than options 1 @ 2.</p>
35130	Ms Sharon Rogers	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	I am concerned both options 2& 3 could be at risk in a major flood

02b Do you support or oppose the proposal for not-for-profit groups/ organisations (e.g. an Op Shop) to operate from the new Tapawera Community Hub and why?			
34835	Mrs Sharon Williams	N/A	This is entirely dependant on if the old run down building is not being replaced. If it stays then the Op Shop needs to stay there otherwise who will use it.. it will become nothing more than a building to digress even further and possibly be a target for vandals.
34895	Mr Roy Bensemman	N/A	I oppose the building of a new Hub
35136	Ms Janet McLennan	N/A	un sure
35143	Mrs Rosemary Gage	N/A	I dont think location of the Op Shop matters. The Op shop should be able to run anywhere. Its how the finances to renovate the old building are managed that matters. What also matters is the current state of the old building. Its looking shabby and dirty. The gardens up against the house look terrible and the inside needs a paid weekly cleaner. The kitchen is shameful and overall the building needs better care and maintenance. It would seem that those who currently use it, or those who simply want a new Hub, want to see its deterioration as another reason to support their goal. Do not let it deteriorate because you want to see it replaced.
34764	Donna Luxford	Oppose	Again see my response in question 02: The Op Shop has not been the same since it was drastically downsized. The current Hub has a fire which keeps the area the Op Shop in very warm.
34768	Mrs Jess Omlo	Oppose	The op shop have their space that's works well.
34778	Mrs Emelie Gobes	Oppose	I think the op shop should stay where it is.
34805	Ms Kate Clearwater	Oppose	The original building where op shop is should be renovated.
34844	Mrs Melissa Craig	Oppose	
34847	Mrs Debbie Wagner	Oppose	If not for profit groups use, who's paying for the utilities while they're using the hub?
34886	Ms Lily Perry	Oppose	
34923	Ms Hazel Ellis-Oldham	Oppose	the op shop is badly organized and is rarely open so that won't change even if they get a fancy new building to put it in if it's the same idiots running it
35043	Dinkie Phillips	Oppose	They have been in the Tapawera Community Center since the beginning, it is a central site and easily seen, good parking.
35052	Sonny and Susan Grant	Oppose	I see it as a great space for all to use when there is a need and not having to deal with clutter.

35066	Ms Susan Creedy	Oppose	The op shop presently has a venue to operate and that building is a valued part of the history of the district. Upgrading it would be substantially more economical than investing in a new building. The idea of an op shop in a hugely expensive building is unbelievable. Totally daft comes to mind. Also, the op shops in the wider district serve Tapawera residents very well and everyone from the Golden Downs area shops regularly elsewhere. A demonstration of responsibility and intelligence is essential if questions such as this are put to ratepayers who pay the salaries of those who write them.
35130	Ms Sharon Rogers	Oppose	Not clear cut, any not for profit that competes with those trying to earn a living should not be given access ie a food caravan owner wishing to prep food in commercial kitchen all good but not to sell food directly from kitchen. Gym could be set up in hub but if competition arrives then it is less clear. The Op shop should remain in old shop, current location, rental should be spent on upgrading facilities, if op shop to be in hub some innovative thought about layout should be considered thoroughly
35132	Mr Ian Walls	Oppose	A 3million dollar op shop, dont be ridiculous.
35133	Mr Philip CAIN	Oppose	Will use valuable space
35141	Mrs Sue Wadsworth	Oppose	Leave the op shop where it is at present. It's in an old building selling old/second had stuff so they both go hand in hand.
35144	Mr Tony Gardner	Oppose	The best site for the Op shop is where it is now and could be seperate from the hub
35156	Mr John Ellis	Oppose	
35157	Mr Maurice Taylor	Oppose	
34745	Mrs Phoebe Quinlivan	Support	The Community Centre will be staffed by our existing Tapawera Connect employees and open regularly as a drop in space even when user groups are not there. Information will be available regarding access to support and we'll ring services and the Op Shop will be an integral part of drawing people in in a non threatening way, and in a way that they can uphold their mana.
34746	Ms SUSAN DUBOIS	Support	
34747	Ms Kelly Russell	Support	
34749	Mrs Kirsty Griffith	Support	That's exactly what I thought the hub was for- but would also like to see a sports stadium included
34750	Ms Alison McKee	Support	They not only bring people into our community but it helps our local people that don't drive
34751	Ms Emily Evans	Support	The op shop is a great resource for the community

34753	Mr Leigh Davis	Support	
34754	Mrs Abby Fenemor	Support	Support - creating a new and exciting space for all community activities and events to take place. Close to township.
34755	Nicola Allan	Support	
34756	Mrs Emma Evans	Support	
34757	Ms Shaye Walker	Support	I love the tapawera community feel and I think these organisations are a big part of it
34758	Ms Temika Amstad	Support	I support as it is beneficial for the community to have these groups & organisations.
34759	Mr Scott Donaldson	Support	
34760	Mrs Jan Barker	Support	Good to have as much use for the hub as possible.
34761	Mrs Jeanette Booth	Support	
34762	Ms India O'kane	Support	
34763	Mrs Catherine Ryvers Thomas	Support	Great resource to bring the community together
34765	Ms Deborah Cumming	Support	
34766	Ms Leanne Greep	Support	All community groups should be able to utilise a community hub. In order for this to work, a good strong committee is needed to keep the hub running smoothly. The old op shop is full of history as a building and could be turned into an art gallery and museum.
34767	Mrs Siobhan Hayes	Support	
34769	Mrs Dyneta Hebbard	Support	
34770	Mrs Sophie England	Support	
34771	Mr Geoff Miller	Support	
34772	Ms Rhianna Cairns	Support	Support but again believe that there are existing suitable options.
34776	Mrs Lucy Maxwell	Support	Why would you not support it?
34777	Ms Amanda Beer	Support	I run the op shop and we have fantastic customers that spend time looking for a treasure we take pride in what we do as volunteers and would be fantastic to have a new more safe space

34784	Mrs Janine Leeden	Support	The current (tired and wanting) Op Shop already has a large pull of visitors from outside our region, so it makes sense to improve this facility that will bring people and dollars into Tapawera. It would be so much better for the wonderful volunteers, as well as the visitors, to spend time in a clean, mould-free, vermin-free building. This is also a vital facility for our low-socio-economic community, regular RSE Workers, as well as a welcome drawcard to encourage visitors to stop and linger longer in our Village, to also learn about some of the rich history that is here.
34789	Mr Wayne Leeden	Support	The Op Shop is well known in the region and how much better it will be for both locals and visitors in a clean, dry, vermin proof building. Locals need this outlet for both affordability, ease of disposing of excess clothes etc as well as providing a community income to benefit all.
34790	Hayley Warren	Support	
34791	Mrs Pam Irvine	Support	
34792	Ms Shania Daly	Support	
34797	Ms Sammy Batchelor	Support	
34799	Mr Garry Clarke	Support	The not-for-profit groups and organisations are prepared to come up to provide the community with services, that we need and will have confirmed premises.
34825	Mrs Paula Donaldson and family	Support	This would allow the community to provide activities and services themselves, thus empowering the community to work on their own development and foster relationships and synergies
34838	Mrs Ann-Marie Gill	Support	The hub is the centre of our community, so yes, other not-for-profit organisations would benefit from being close to or a part of our hub.
34839	Mr Mark Soper	Support	
34872	Michelle Vincent	Support	
34905	Ms Carolyn Ellis	Support	The opshop used to be amazing in the old building until the connect people got in on it. The new building will need something to go into it otherwise it will struggle to justify its existence
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	Support	We support the inclusion of not-for-profit community services.
34921	Tim Leyland	Support	TDCC strongly supports the inclusion of not-for-profit organisations in the new Hub. Their presence will help to activate the space, promote community engagement, and establish the Hub as a vibrant meeting place for all. This includes the current Tapawera Op Shop, which is operated by volunteers and continues to be an essential source of funding for local initiatives and community groups. We thank the Council for considering our submission and remain available to provide further input or

			clarification as required.
34965	Mr Wayne Jones	Support	
34967	Mr Bryce Porthouse	Support	
34986	Mrs charlene storar	Support	
34987	Mr Peter Phillips	Support	An op shop of a good standard ncourages people in and helps make it a true community centre rather than an old style hall only used for functions.
35057	Mrs Karilyn Breed	Support	<p>The Op Shop and the little stand outside the Op Shop giving away vegies etc. are meeting needs of people in the community.</p> <p>What's needed is some vision to upgrade, insulate and extend the present building to make it even more of a hub. A commercial kitchen and gathering space is essential. The Op Shop may need to downsize a little.</p> <p>Not sure about medical services being a part of the Hub though. The little house around the corner presently used by Wakefield doctors is perfectly fine to continue where it is and is more private. People say the walls are thin and they can hear everything said. One doctor solves this problem by playing music in the reception room. Simple and effective.</p>
35078	Mr Roger Carleton	Support	
35083	Ms Della Webby	Support	It will bring more people into the new hub and provide an income for running costs
35085	Mr Danny Sugar	Support	It would be good for these types of groups to have a warm safe space to operate.
35129	Mr Evan Noel Baigent	Support	<p>The Hub is for the benefit of all community members and ratepayers.</p> <p>There is quite a number of beneficiarys in the community. The opshop earning has provided financial help to many community projects in recent years.</p> <p>At times there is a need for a private safe facility to hold a family conference by a charitable agency. The Hub needs to be able to facilitate this need.</p>
35135	Mrs Naralee Jelinek	Support	

03 Which one of the three potential future management options for Owen River Recreation Reserve do you support and why? Please also tell us your reasons for opposing the other two options listed. (Select the option you most prefer)			
34753	Mr Leigh Davis	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	
34757	Ms Shaye Walker	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	I think self contained only can be a real let down to the land and area if not managed properly and to take the camping possibilities away would be a shame
34765	Ms Deborah Cumming	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	
34767	Mrs Siobhan Hayes	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	As long as this doesn't give council an excuse to put up our rates and or charge locals to camp
34768	Mrs Jess Omlo	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	

34770	Mrs Sophie England	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	It's such a lovely spot, seems a shame not to be used by more people.
34797	Ms Sammy Batchelor	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	
34847	Mrs Debbie Wagner	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	<p>See attached. Forest & Bird supports Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g., by engaging a manager and installing signage), but with strong caveats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reasons for supporting Option 1 (with caveats): This option maintains recreational access and amenities. However, any increase in use must be accompanied by good environmental management. This includes addressing weed control, ensuring sustainable wastewater management, and providing potable water. Nature-based solutions should be prioritised for any infrastructure upgrades. ▪ Reasons for opposing Option 2 (self-contained campers only, services removed): While this reduces some management burden, it could lead to a decline in overall site care and potentially negative environmental

			<p>impacts if unmanaged. It also reduces accessibility for some campers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reasons for opposing Option 3 (return to DOC management): DOC has indicated that, due to resource constraints, they would likely close the campground and potentially issue a grazing license. This would be a loss of public recreational access to the river and the reserve.
35069	Ms Deborah Webb	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	i have already made a submission on this in another place.
35081	Kim Siu	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	<p>We appreciate the opportunity to manage the Owen River Recreation Reserve Campground and strongly support retaining the current local management structure. This system ensures direct community involvement, and supports local businesses.</p> <p>Local Management Works Well The existing framework provides effective oversight, allowing us to uphold the campground's quality while fostering community engagement.</p> <p>Funding Review & Operational Needs We request a review of funding levels to better support essential maintenance and facility upkeep. Key areas for improvement include:</p> <p>Facility Upgrades: Enhancing toilets, road access, and waste management to improve visitor experiences. Community Engagement: Ensuring local managers continue to be involved in long-term planning decisions.</p> <p>- **Supporting Local Tradespeople: To reduce costs and strengthen local businesses, we advocate for the use of local plumbers, electricians, and lawn care services, rather than sourcing tradespeople from Nelson.</p> <p>Request for Council Action</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain the current local management system to preserve community involvement. - Review funding levels to ensure sustainable operational costs. - Continue consulting campground managers in future discussions about improvements. - Prioritize local tradespeople for maintenance and services, supporting cost efficiency and economic benefits within Owen River. <p>We value the council's partnership and look forward to contributing to the campground's ongoing success. Please let us know if further input is required.</p>
35096	Roger Frost	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	This would be my preferred option but I would be guided by the comments and views of the local residents and the owners of the Owen River Tavern.
35133	Mr Philip CAIN	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	Try to get the new hotel owners to run it
35136	Ms Janet McLennan	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	good connection between pub and campground
35151	Warwick Newman	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All	The original gifting family wish for the reserve to remain as was originally intended when gifted to the community by Len Newman for the purpose of sport, recreation and freedom of access. As the reserve has now not the same close tie with the hotel as at the

		services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	<p>time Len was owner there is a need for the reserve to maintain its independent health and hygiene services e.g. toilet and water supply. However, these need only be basic and functional. This must surely be a core function of Council's community interest and need not become onerous.</p> <p>As for the grass management, pulse grazing with sheep is an option in reducing the need for excess mowing. This grazing has a value and could contribute to income toward running costs.</p> <p>The existing trees, although predominantly exotic, serve well for shade and shelter. A sign reminding people not to camp under them will be all that is required.</p> <p>The reserve is good for present purpose as is, so please do not over capitalise or alter, increasing costs all round.</p> <p>Affordable public space is rapidly becoming ever more precious, so let's maintain the status quo availing people today the simple pleasures of an earlier time.</p>
35157	Mr Maurice Taylor	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	Owen River ? no idea its miles away not knowing the situation I cant comment Wont that affect Quinneys Bush . Don't DOC have enough on their plate?
34746	Ms SUSAN DUBOIS	Option 2: Council manages the reserve as a campsite for self-contained campers only with no services provided (similar to the current situation at Wai-iti Recreation Reserve). The ablution block would be removed under this scenario, and toilets, showers and potable water would no longer be provided.	
35073	Dr Nigel Newman	Option 2: Council manages the reserve as a campsite for self-contained campers only with no services provided (similar to the current situation at Wai-iti Recreation Reserve). The ablution block would be removed under this	The site was previously used by both locals for picnics and sport and the general public as a camping/stopover area. Since it has reverted to scrub and rough vegetation, this has discouraged use. In days past my father held a lease enabling mowing for hay which kept the site clear. I'm sure that such an arrangement could be made. I personally mowed the

		scenario, and toilets, showers and potable water would no longer be provided.	site many times and removed fallen branches as required. I believe that if the site were cleared, it would again become popular. Note that the Owen district is now increasing in population with many smallholdings. In future, some consideration should be given to vehicle access, which is now hazardous because of an increase in traffic.
35121	Mr MIKE BRYAN	Option 2: Council manages the reserve as a campsite for self-contained campers only with no services provided (similar to the current situation at Wai-iti Recreation Reserve). The ablution block would be removed under this scenario, and toilets, showers and potable water would no longer be provided.	
35156	Mr John Ellis	Option 2: Council manages the reserve as a campsite for self-contained campers only with no services provided (similar to the current situation at Wai-iti Recreation Reserve). The ablution block would be removed under this scenario, and toilets, showers and potable water would no longer be provided.	

Shape Tasman feedback on future options for Owen River Recreation Reserve

We asked: Which one of the three potential future management options for Owen River Recreation Reserve do you support and why?

Option 1 – Improve and promote the campground. Council works to increase the profile and use of the reserve by engaging a campground manager and adding highway signage. The current services (ablution block, potable water, shelter, etc.) would remain.

Option 2 – Self-contained campers only, no services. Council manages the reserve as a no-frills stopover for self-contained vehicles only. The ablution block would be removed, and toilets, showers, and drinking water would no longer be provided (similar to Wai-iti Recreation Reserve).

Option 3 – DOC takes back management. Council applies to DOC to remove its management responsibilities. If DOC takes over, it is likely the campground would be closed and camping prohibited. Vehicle access to the river for kayakers and rafters would remain.

A total of 359 individuals participated in the quick poll: 80% chose Option 1, 17% chose Option 2, and 3% chose Option 3.

We received comments from 221 individuals about their preferred option and thoughts on the other two:

Preferred option	Tell us which option you prefer and why — and your thoughts on the other two.
1	This site is underutilized due to being lack of promotion. Places like this are getting scarce especially in Tasman. I'm in favor to promote the site. Getting rid of the toilets would be a backwards step as once it's gone it will NEVER be returned due to its remoteness, regulatory hurdles and future costs. Giving it to D.O.C is only an option if they do in fact wish to retain it in their portfolio of campsites. Being both a fisherman and a member of the Motorhome association Option 1 is by far my preferred option. The Motorhome association also have many, many leases around the country, some with onsite managers, perhaps they may be approached beforehand if your only option is to close it down. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
1 or 2	Handing it back to Doc and loosing the option to camp there would be such a shame. If the tdc can't afford to maintain it as it is then the only option is to remove services and keep it open for self contained camping. It's getting harder to find camping places as it is, don't remove a great place. Thanks Simon Busbridge.
1	It is an amazing place to camp and have access to the river for whitewater kayakers, + a great place to take the family. It has been a spot that has helped me grow and develop over the years in outdoor skills, and now passing those on to the younger generation. Hopefully who ever takes over the management can keep these values, similar to how they are currently. Thanks for reading Paul Skerten ' Outdoor Teacher Golden Bay High School '
Other	None of the options. Leave it as it is. Don't improve the campground if it means increased cost to maintain. Keep it simple. Allow people to walk their dogs there on long journeys. These spots are being lost. Don't let DOC take it and ban everyone from going there.
1	Myself and friends have camped here when we have visited New Zealand it's on our list to visit when we travel over from Ireland. We're avid kayakers and this is known internationally.
1	This option makes it most usable for all. If it was self contained only, then it's mostly only available to kiwis with more money and tourists. It would exclude the everyday kiwi and the people that enjoy a simpler style of accomodation (tents), which are commonly kayakers and trampers which enjoy the river and national park close by. Also if it went to Doc and we were unable to access the land anymore, then it could make it more difficult access the river safely (as it becomes overgrown), and lead to more vechial damage (and getting stuck) if kayakers were to try and access the river from Owen pub

1	<p>Preference for option 1 as kayaking trips there have been an excellent memory of my time at university. The campground serves large groups of kayakers well, who in some small part probably do drive up consumer spending in Murchison at the four square, pub and tea rooms.</p> <p>Maybe if someone was willing to drive down to the campground to do a move-out inspection when big groups of kayakers were leaving that would improve the littering concerns. My kayaking groups from memory have been excellent in clearing rubbish from the campground but there may have been room to improve.</p> <p>Also, improving the facilities at the campground such as a proper toilet block, basic kitchen improvements, water pressure, would make it a more comfortable place to camp, and therefore make people staying there behave in a more civil manner.</p>
1	<p>This is a great cheap campground for both tourists and NZ locals to use. Better promotion would result in higher influx of visitors. It is a key area for social connection within the outdoor industry. Many people rely on this location to stay here in summer for the kayaking/rafting/boating season, and removing this campsite would result in a huge hit to the local business economy. It is a beautiful spot, and a very unique old fashioned campsite. It would cost little to the council to run, as many campers don't see the need for further development or improvements.</p>
1	<p>It would be used more if people knew it was there.</p> <p>An awesome asset for weekend camping for tasman locals.</p>
2	<p>Self contained camping with a maximum of 3 nights stay only. Genuine river access sites are rapidly disappearing for fishing folks. Thanks</p>
1	<p>Self-contained camping only effectively excludes many kiwis. It is reasonable for tourists to rent a camper instead of a car. It is unreasonable for many kiwis to rent an additional vehicle to the one they already own.</p> <p>The campground is quiet and spacious. It is a fantastic place for a low stress camp.</p>
Other	<p>Unable to support any of the Options. Preferable would be an Option between 1 and 2. Self contained camping and picnicking, with a toilet and tap, but no showers.</p> <p>This area should remain as a quiet, nice area with minimal man made structures, basic mowing and a toilet to prevent bowling by humans.</p> <p>Also an important area for dogowners to rest with their dogs to break long journeys and for swimming to prevent heat stress in summer.</p>
2	<p>Prefer option 2, Option one would require wages for a manager and continued costs. Option 2 could include an honesty box with a sign for \$5 per night per vehicle. These would need to be cleared on as regular basis to ensure vandals didn't target it.</p> <p>This charge could go towards mowing the grass and emptying rubbish bin</p>

1	First option, but don't price it out side of bounds of reality. It's not the most prime location to camp so keep the pricing down. The recent rises in the prices at Mackee memorial reserve is a prime example. The past price of \$6 dollars a night used to fill the camp ground with families. Now at \$16.. it's too pricey for the average family. At that price they can go to quinneys bush and get better entertainment for the kids.
1 or 2	Option 1, or mix with option 2, please keep as camping, basic facilities, suggestion is a kiosk with electronic booking at entrance, basic map with available sites, click on site, enter amount of people to camp, swipe credit card for fee payment, barrier arm / chain drops to allow entry. Facilities can be a weekly clean.
1	We don't have enough of these areas, and having it well managed would be gold
1	Great campsite - facilities can definitely be improved. Might bring in more people and take stress off the riverside campground nearby. Would be a shame to see it go
Other	A good option would be to signpost it on the main road for 12 months and then assess what people want. I drive past at least twice a month and several times a year with a caravan in tow and never knew it existed until I saw this article. I expect there are many more like me. It may be best to simply leave as is until the pub is sold (which may be some time) and see whether the new owners want to take over management. Most country pubs want any income they can get.
1	It's a great low cost camp. We often use it as a family It's great that it's not over developed and affordable. We also use it as a picnic spot when kayaking. The ablutions do need some improvement. Thanks
2 or 3	My preference is to still be able to access to the domain for picnics and travel breaks - essentially as a good size "rest area". Whether that's for self-contained campers as well (option 2), or simply noted as a "rest area" and river access (option 3) is over to the TDC and DOC.
2	Number 2 but keep the toilets there for I've seen what it like with no toilet shit and toilet paper everywhere by the river not nice at all.not all self containment van use there toilet .eg oversea stayers.this is a beautiful spot for NZ family's to go camping why shut it down cause of others .
2	Doc are too restrictive, toilets maybe a nice to have but not necessary if self contained vehicles only. Showers not required. Some promotion could be useful as I've driven past on many occasions as I've never been sure if it's for public use or not. It's in a nice spot would be a shame to lose it. Perhaps the NZMCA would help with management.

Other	<p>Hi The Owen River Recreation reserve is used by Cavers from NZ and overseas when planning to head up to Mt Owen to go caving. When arriving after dark Camping at the Owen Valley road end is not permitted. The existing facilities are basic but practical. This area would also suit a DOC camp area that are very common south of the island, this presently cost \$10 a night per person, basic toilet, a water tap and often a basic shelter. This is all that is required.</p>
1	<p>I definitely support Option 1 - improve and promote the campground as a campsite available to all campers. (Including tent sleepers). Please continue to provide toilet facilities to enable traditional tent camping to continue to exist. Tent campsites are very valuable for people who enjoy tent camping. Many so-called campsites these days have no provision at all for tents, they are often gravel, and frequently demand 'self-contained vehicles' (sometimes even if toilet facilities are provided) making it sometimes impossible to find a place to pitch a tent.</p> <p>Options for management of the reserve as a campground could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Contract a local organisation, (eg school or community organisation) to roster volunteers to manage maintenance and check payments each evening. (The Ahaura domain south of Reefton on the West Coast operates like this. It's a great wee spot with very simple facilities; showers, toilets, a tiny kitchen, and picnic tables with shelters). It functions as a fundraiser for the local school, which also provides an incentive for the locals to check regularly that payment is made each night by whoever is staying). An honesty box is used to collect payments - this presumably speeds up the process for volunteers; they can quickly verify who has already paid on arrival, then collect fees from any sites that haven't yet paid. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Find volunteers who want to live onsite long-term (eg occupants of a mobile tiny house) to manage the maintenance and payments. Eg operate as a one-year lease or longer, rent-free in return for management and maintenance roles. * Use composting toilets to minimise needs relating to water supply & waste water infrastructure. * Lease the land at a nominal rate for a few sheep to graze the camping area; they do a great job at keeping lawns trimmed. Sheep poop isn't a major problem around a camping area. <p>You also asked for our thoughts on the other options:</p> <p>My thoughts re: Option 2 "Self-contained campers only, no services"</p> <p>Please differentiate tent camping from sleeper parking.</p> <p>It would make more sense to call the places which only allow people to sleep in 'self-contained' vehicles 'overnight sleeper parking' rather than 'campgrounds'. Since these places do not allow camping in tents, effectively they are not campgrounds in the true sense of the word.</p> <p>It would also be helpful if TDC would clearly differentiate spaces that allow tent camping and overnight sleeper parking on your website and in related publications.</p> <p>CAMPING = sleeping on the ground, in a tent or bivvy bag, or under a tarpaulin.</p> <p>OVERNIGHT SLEEPER PARKING = places where tents are excluded, but vehicles propelled by an engine, such as MOTOR HOMES / CAMPERVANS / TOURIST VANS / 'CAMPER' CARS / and CARAVANS can legitimately park overnight with the occupant sleeping inside.</p>

	<p>It would also be helpful to use appropriate icons (tent icon for tent campgrounds, and a campervan icon for sleeper vehicles). Why differentiate?</p> <p>If these concepts were differentiated, it would be easier for people to know in advance where it is permitted to set up a tent; currently there are “campgrounds” listed on maps or in publications, however many do not allow tents - they only allow vehicle parking (often on gravel or asphalt).</p> <p>Many people use active transport (walking, bicycles, horseback) for multi-day travel in New Zealand, especially biker-packers and cycle tourists (including local families who go bicycle camping with their children), and we should encourage low-emission transport. Slow travellers often carry a tent, and therefore need camping options that are relatively close together.</p> <p>It is very disappointing to arrive with your tent at a “campground” to discover that it doesn’t allow tent camping. It’s especially a problem for people who arrive by bicycle or on foot, to learn at the end of their day’s travel, when it’s getting dark and they have no more energy to go further, that they don’t have a place to stay.</p> <p>This disappointment in turn makes people feel unwelcome.</p> <p>Where toilet facilities are present and sleeper parking is permitted, it seems non-sensical and unfair to exclude people from camping in a tent simply because they are not carrying a camping toilet.</p> <p>Two examples in Tasman District are the Wai-iti Domain, and the Port Motueka Beach Reserve; both these sites are on the Great Taste Trail, yet they do not welcome cyclists carrying tents!</p> <p>Such exclusions can contribute to problems associated with ‘free camping’ if people attempt to find alternative places to camp which are not designated campgrounds.</p> <p>Providing more tent camping options at reserves that have toilets throughout Tasman District would improve the experience for slow travellers as well as increase camping options for everyone.</p>
1	<p>I think if you make it Self Contained Only you need to enforce it which would require a manager or custodian. So why not tidy up the facilities and promote it.</p>
1	<p>We have more users looking for such sites and we need to preserve what we have and selectively add to them.</p>
1 or 2	<p>Full campground costs for manager and infrastructure. But can be kept clean and safe. Toilets also used by non campers. Self contained is least cost option. But hard to stop itinerant pooing etc and making it unpleasant for genuine campers. Doc can’t manage its present areas and always looking for reasons to close. Can’t do attitude!</p>
1	<p>The campground is a quiet alternative to Riverside campground in Murchison. It has the advantage of no dogs permitted, though twice I have seen dogs there last summer. 1 refused to pick up the dog’s droppings after I provided them with a plastic bag. I support it remaining as a tenting campground, that’s what camping is all about.</p> <p>The current facilities are fine, a water tank with a tap and a toilet are all that is needed.</p> <p>It’s a great place for a lunch stop as well, the lack of buildings and open space is appreciated.</p> <p>The trees provide shade, please leave them.</p> <p>My only suggestion is a bigger sign advising dogs not permitted.</p> <p>Thanks, Simon Garton</p>

2	Not enough travellers in winter for option 1. There are not enough overnight places in that area now create more problems with freedom camping so option 2 is a good one.
1	Improve and promote, NZ is promoting tourism, Manage it from Murchison leave Richmond staff well out of it to SAVE COSTS Definitely DONT GIVE TO DOC !! they can't manage what they have.
1	Camping areas are becoming less and smaller right through New Zealand. A camping trip is the kiwi family holiday. Don't deprive the next generation of it.
1	Option 1 . This meets the need of kiwi families most of whom have no self contained campers- just tents. Just keep it as it is and have an honesty box system or free space for a volunteer warden.
1	Option 1. I support this option as the reserve is well known, and long established. It is currently consistently utilised by many recreationalists for short stays in the Buller area, to access the recreational activities and thereby contribute to the local economy. It offers an affordable options for families and those on lower incomes to access the outdoors.
2	Option 2. Self management,no extra costs to ratepayers, but still available to kayakers and fisher folk. Tends to be used by long long stayers who pay no rates. Limit self containment stay to 3 nights.
1 or 2	does the decision have to be made before the new owners intentions are known . it would be a shame to see the camping option gone . how much would camping fees be if the council used option 1 in my experience in golden bay DOC is very happy to close off public access to save money
Other	I've stayed at this camp-site many times, often with guided parties twenty years ago. None of the options represent my thoughts on what best option might be. I like the fact that the place is not overwhelmed by so-called 'self-contained campers'. That must reflect the existing low-key promotion of the site, as it's not evident that there is accommodation there. I think it should stay pretty much as is with true campers provided for, access for river users (I pack-raft) and income for the new hotel owners if that's what they choose.
1	This option gives the opportunity for all levels of socio-economic groups to be able to enjoy our beautiful environment it also means locals can camp and teach the children about the outdoors
1	Do NOT hand it back to DOC! Such a valuable space that many groups have enjoyed over the years and more to come

1	Having toured around Australia a few times in our landcruiser (with a roof top tent) we were always impressed with how many and how varied Australia's campsites are. They are everywhere...in remote places, or on the outskirts of towns or in prime natural spots. They vary from council owned to privately run (a paddock on a rural block) to parks and wildlife camping. So I can't imagine why anyone would even suggest a downgrading with any camp spot like this anywhere in NZ. Are we going backwards or forwards as a country. Wild camping is here to stay. Toilets are key. We found plenty of toilets in Oz....many in the middle of nowhere. Perfect.
2	Lowest cost and simplest for ongoing maintenance. Potential to partner with NZMCA for volunteer wardens or similar
1	Kia Ora. I'm a kayaker that has camped at the Owen campground. It's a great spot for paddlers, most of whom aren't self-contained and couldn't stay there under option 2. It'd be a real shame to lose the camping access. I'd also be happy with the current campground staying as is.
1	It's a great asset to the area, keep it open and let people know it exists and more people will use it. If it had showers it would be a great Xmas campground. Swimming in the river, fishing up the Owen and not too far to go to Nelson or Murchison
1	Do not in any way shape or form give this to doc. As kiwi's we need to keep these camps as there is less and less of them. Let's keep it and let family's continue to enjoy camping ❤️
1	Improve and promote the campground, keeping all current services. Such a great place for kids to experience and learn about our environment, not too far from home, can just be a weekend trip.
1	I would like it stay open to public, get some basic servicing. And not be flooded with campers, I think this will take business away from local entities such as Murchison or Saint Arnaud regions
1 or 2	I think it is a valuable asset to retain. Although I think option 2 is preferable I don't have any confidence that only self contained camping would happen therefore piles of toilet waste and rubbish will litter the area and bush.
1	Option one Please also allow dogs in this campground. It needs to be more widely advertised too as it's a great halfway point for those campers who want a quiet and cheap stop off point.
1	I use this campground as a put-in for kayaking, my partner and I often camp here on a Friday night to paddle early on Saturday to get the most time on the water as we can. it would be awesome if the facilities were improved or at least maintained as they are. We have run into university clubs camping here in the past - Vic, UC and Otago
1	As someone who has used and enjoyed this campground I would like it to remain open! I think it's really valuable to keep the services there (toilets and running water) to allow bike-packers and other light-travelling people to use it, and to prevent people using the river and bushes as a rubbish dump or toilet. I think closing it off to campers would be a real loss, it's a beautiful and tranquil place to camp on a budget and should be preserved!

1	Having the ablution block is important as otherwise kayak groups getting out will either have to use the bushes. If the pub stayed open less of a problem but that cannot be guaranteed. Peter Fuller
1	Important for the community and people visiting
1	Option 1 is preferred. The available sites for non self-contained campers are limited and it would be sad to lose yet another site. This site next to the river is a special place and camping access should be maintained with toilets and water as an affordable site that families can access as not all can afford to be certified self contained. Option 2 is OK if for economic or other reasons, option 1 is not feasible: the site will be available for CSC vehicles. Option 3 is not preferred: we grew up camping by rivers and lakes in tents and so did our children. We took care of our waste appropriately. We are saddened that low cost rural holidays are less and less available to our grandchildren largely due to the actions of a relatively low number of irresponsible campers.
Other	Camping with just toilet would be a good option with either council or doc
1	Either Option 1 or Option 3 - but my first choice would be 1. It is popular and needs to remain cared for. It is a community asset that was historically gifted by an individual owner to the community. It is gets turned into no frills freedom camping the risk is too high for pollution into the river and abuse. The more areas like this are cared for and maintained, the better they get cared for by the public / users. We do not want to see the standard of care dropped. We have very few places like this in our Murchison district, and it is incredibly important to river recreation users (kayakers / rafters).
1	Option 1 because that is all it needs improve the toilet and shower facilities and a lovely place to visit camp and fish or kayak! Just don't like the other options as option 2 with no facilities isn't good at all and Option 3 it would be lost to us all to enjoy!
1	Option 1 - Improve and promote the campground "Council works to increase the profile and use of the reserve by engaging a campground manager and adding highway signage. The current services (ablution block, potable water, shelter, etc.) would remain." - Adding highway signage, word-of-mouth and NZMCA support, will increase revenue for TDC. - Maybe it only requires a part-time Manager initially? - Retaining current services is vital. - Introduce 'Payment by App' [as NZMCA have for their sites] is simple, efficient and effective. - The location is a welcome stopover for Northbound/Southbound traffic. - Local businesses will benefit from travellers stopping overnight.
1	Access to the outdoors is what makes this region special. Self contained restricts those that can access this wee gem and returning it to DOC could see the end of access altogether.

2	Make it a freedom camping area, remove the toilets and keep the water supply. This will cut down on maintenance and risk of vandalism. It is a great little spot and it would be a shame to lose it.
1	This is a great safe paddle entry and exit point.
1	People will come and use the area if it has good amenities in place.
1	The Owen River camp ground is one of the most idyllic and affordable places to stay in the Murchison region. Having even basic toilet facilities really helps, if the site was better advertised it might save on the amount of freedom campers staying elsewhere (the gravel pit just up the road is disgusting for human waste as is the Mangles site). For this reason options 2 and 3 are less than ideal in my opinion.
1	Keep it community owned, as it was gifted to the community to enjoy. It is a great quiet, out of the way place for all to gather.
1	Have used this on and off for 35 years. The toilet is really important to maintain please.
1	Owen River Reserve and Campground is a popular space for both campers and river users. Having camped there myself for many years, it would be super sad to see the accessibility (particularly for camping) be reduced as it would be in options 2 and 3. Option 1 keeps the reserve running close to what it is like now - which seems to work fine, and is great for campers and kayakers alike!
Other	How about take it as is as an option
1	Like many other folk, didn't know the camp existed, have driven through past Owen River Would prefer to see the facilities improved rather than a camp site lost.
1	Option 1 is the best outcome for recreational users of the site and buller river. Having camping and access to the buller river is an amazing resource for the kayaking and whitewater community and it would be a terrible loss to see that stopped. That section is one of the best for teaching beginners in a safe and fun way - and one of my favourite runs in the murchison area!
1	This would be amazing to have a camp manager (ppl living in buses would love this job) & keep the price down so it's affordable for everyone. Too many campgrounds getting too expensive. Keep the nz traditional camping going.
1	Keep it camping As someone who goes tent camping often. Self contained will just exclude it from a lot of people
1	Option 1, doc can't manage themselves
1	Kayakers don't travel with self contained vehicles so camping sites are valued highly It would be a shame to lose this facility it's a great location to start and finish river trips.

1	Option 1 - The Owen Recreation Reserve is an important site for the whitewater community both recreationally and educationally! Please keep it and improve it!
1	It is a great campsite and the toilets mean that people can camp/tent there. Please keep and maintain it!
1	There are few enough basic places for families to camp at affordable rates. Please keep option one - even just a maintained long drop, and a sink with cold water. It's an adventure to 'rough' it nowadays. And now I know about it, I will definately make use of the facility next summer!
1	Option one is the best for the moment by far. Option 2 would bring littering and vandalism as it would not be looked after correctly Option 3 would see it returned to gores and over stub and the use of a cool spot would be lost
1	It is a nice camping area that I feel like would be a large value loser if it was to no longer be a camping area for all
1	Good to have these types of camping grounds around. The council should spend a minimum amount of money on the facilities . People are using this site as a basic campground and aren't expecting too much. I don't support it becoming a self contained camping site or being returned to doc
1	Basic camping sites are increasingly disappearing. But there is a cohort of nz community that seek and prefer accessible basic camping sites over more developed and crowded facilities. Promotion of these facilities will result in greater use. It is on my list of places to camp enroute to the west coast.
1	Campground and keep the toilets
1	Option 1 as it needs to remain open for lower income families that can't afford self contained, a camp manager is crucial to keeping it clean, tidy & safe for all camp users. Option 2 would see it go down hill as we all know not all self contained vehicles are actually self contained. Option 3 We all lose
1	So few people even know this exists.. promotion would help
1	Needs to be updated and promoted as it's a lovely place
1	Such an incredible recreational resource - would be terrible to see it go away/ deteriorate
1	I'm a kayaker, bikepackers (not both at the same time) and tent camper. Don't think it needs improving but maintain and promote. Would be a shame to see it close. Could plant more trees. Better shelter and less grass to mow.

1	We need out small basic camping options open to the no frills adventures that struggle to find affordable places to get away to. The camper van option would move focus from NZ users to tourists as that is their preferred mode of travel, and NZ users have cars more suitable to everyday life and business not permanent holidaying. Closing it down all together would just be a massive loose and a shame. Access to affordable outdoor activity needs to be preserved for the health of the nation
1	Encourages camping to happen where camping should happen. Used by lots of kayakers, reasonable pricing, great location.
1	I use the facility annually and like the way it is. I would be dissapointed if tent camping is reduced as there are limited areas for this now. The facilities are basic, and this is somewhat appealing. I access the river for both fishing and kayaking there and have done for over 35yrs The Buller river is an absolute gem.
1	I travel mainly by car with the aim of tramping, I don't have a campervan. this campsite gives me easy access to the whole of the Mount Owen area enabling an early start or somewhere to stay at the end of a long day without having to do too much driving. Camping is a tradition for most New Zealand families. The tourists and retired couples are the ones with camper vans the average family is getting squeezed out of places to stay
Other	Prefer the existing use of the site which is not one of the options given. More simple non flush/water toilets can be added as is provide at other DoC and road side sites. Even if it becomes a self contained camper site (Option 2) day use would warrant some kind of toilet. I am against making this a self container only camping site as takes another camping site as it needlessly takes away another camping for non-self container. I doubt improving and promoting the campground (Option 1) would not be economically viable.
1	It is a great campsite. Just needs a few signs and a few more amenities. Pub is handy. It is a very good venue for kayakers and similar because it is right at the start of one of the best beginner/intermediate runs on the mainstem Buller River.
2	Option 2 is the best as this will have a lower impact on council rates Option 1 is a burden on rate payers Option 3 leaves no Option for anyone to camp
1	The camping ground here is an essential asset for cavers who are planning to go caving up on Mount Owen. It allows roadend camping before and after caving trips into the national park. The camping ground is also essential for Kayakers using the Buller River and is an essential asset for the community. 90% of Cavers and Kayakers do not have self contained vehicles. Please keep this asset.

1	Owen campsite is a great campsite for school groups. Nayland College outdoor education stays here every year and we run our whitewater kayak program from the campsite. It would be awesome if it gets used more by others too as it's next to the river, beautiful camping, great fishing and the put in for a beautiful grade 2 kayaking trip. It would be a shame to not have facilities like water and a toilet anymore. An affordable campsite that is well known is still attractive to freedom campers. Loosing access and camping would be a loss to many whitewater kayakers and school groups.
1	To many areas have become restrictive either removing access for all or allowing only the well off. Camping is an affordable option for the majority. Let people enjoy being outside.
1	Would be a big loss if no longer managed. It's used by kayakers and local schools.
1 or 2	Please keep as either option 1 or 2 as we are losing too many river camping stops around NZ. I'm happy either way but I'm an option 2 camper.
1	Keeping for anyone wanting to camp is a great idea. Upgrading toilets etc means freedom campers have a nice safe place as well. There could be a small charge to help cover costs
1	Very important asset for the community. Maintain and upgrade and it will no doubt see more use.
1	This area was a popular kayak community camping spot in the 90s when the hotel was more "inviting". It's also an excellent place to access the river. It could get used by the kayak community again if it was upgraded. Thanks for the survey and communication in the comments. It's much appreciated. Thanks Wayne.
1	I have camped there for many summers. Making it self contained vehicles only with no toilet would mean it is elitist only and families and others can't camp. Please keep it open to all.
1	Option 1 , had many picnics there over the last 10 years. Everyone I have taken there loved it but didn't know it existed .
1	It's a beautiful quiet place to stop and stay, away from the highway. The NZCMA would possibly manage it paying fees to camp there on line if it becomes a self contained only camping site. If the toilets are retained however please keep it as it is an ideal place for families to camp with heaps of room for family games and river access. A low cost place for families and retirees to camp makes a holiday possible for many who are struggling with the rising cost of living.
1	There is a lack of camping options in Tasman so please keep this one. Basic is good. Dedicated manager is not necessary; oversight by Owen Hotel seems suitable.
1	PLEASE SAVE THE CAMPGROUND Otago Uni Canoe Club as so many amazing memories there and are loyal owen river campers every year. It's a hidden gem and with more promotion we reckon others will feel the same!!

1	<p>I support option 1, as there are very few campsites like this in this region, and I use such campsites, although I was not aware of this one. The cost, to the ratepayer, of Option 1 will probably be quite small compared to the cost of other recreational facilities currently provided by the council.</p> <p>I don't support Option 2, as I believe that many self-contained campers don't actually use their self-contained facilities as it's much easier to use external facilities.</p> <p>I don't support Option 3, since DOC will probably ban camping, as they don't have sufficient financial income to maintain their current estate.</p> <p>Keith McQuoid 5 June, 2025.</p>
1	<p>I've stayed here several times. it is used by the local community for fun gatherings, search and rescue, social activities. etc. Under no circumstances should it be closed.</p>
1	<p>Keep camping options available for everyone.</p> <p>This campsite is commonly used by rivers users. It makes a great quick overnight stop for those travelling from Nelson to go kayaking/rafting or using the rivers around Murchison. It is also a take out, and a put in to popular kayaking runs on the Buller river making it an ideal camping location.</p> <p>Please keep camping available for all.</p>
1	<p>Please retain the camping facility.</p> <p>Option 1 is preferable.</p> <p>Option 2 is acceptable.</p> <p>Option 3 is a loss for the community. Highly undesirable if camping is lost.</p>
1	<p>Critical site for civil defence.</p>
1	<p>I have camped at the campground in a tent and used the ablution block. It is a good place to stay with not many other options in the area for non self contained campers. The area is popular with a lot of outdoor activities, so a lot of people wanting to camp in the area won't necessarily be tourists in camper vans (e.g. trampers carrying a tent in their car).</p>
1	<p>Its a great place to stay for a variety of users. Kayakers, cyclists, 4wders, trampers and just normal car campers. Making it self contained only excludes most of these groups. DoC are under funded and may not have the capacity to maintain it.</p>
1	<p>It's an awesome spot for kayakers to stay</p>
1	<p>I think you should approach the kiwi camp (penny) people they are doing a great job at getting alongside to help manage and improve these areas</p>
1	<p>Would prefer option 1</p>

1 or 2	It's a great spot but ok with option 2 as well definitely not option 3
1	With on site manager and improved services etc a better class of travelers would use facilities and camp site in a safer environment. Obviously a higher cost to stay would be needed but with these services and better promotion hopefully more travelers will make use. Hopefully the new Tavern owners could play a part in this.
1	I have stayed at this site on many occasions for many reasons. It's a wonderful spot and a great asset to the community. While it is unlikely that I will stay there again I would hate to think it wasn't there for future generations to experience. I think self contained is predominantly tourist focussed and tourism has cost Kiwi campers too many cool camp sites already. DOC camp sites are also a wonderful asset but if their intention is to close it then it is not a valid option.
1	I think it would be great to improve it and increase awareness. I only learnt in the last year that there was even a campsite down there as there really is no signage or anything. Feel like this is the case for most. Now we know and aware of it we are hoping to go back next summer with our children for some camping. I do hope you keep it and just increase visibility of it as I have heard it is a great little camping spot.
1	Keep it simple and low cost, new owners are sure to continue don't panic But don't over invest its simple needs toilet, no potable water, easy
1	Very few big campgrounds available. Very handy position, especially with pub nearby. Even as a self contained camper, I appreciate having a toilet and shower option. We are losing camps like this all over the country. Let's save this one.
1 or 2	This has been a hidden secret. Any publicity would mean more use. We have been motorhoming and camping round the district for 18 years and didn't know of its existence. Option two would suit us too but will require some level of supervision or there will be toilet paper everywhere as we have observed recently near Kaikoura. Do not give it to DOC or it will become inaccessible.
1	With the cost of living all going up, we need these places for people.
1	Option 1. Need to keep camping spots and promote it for the use. Families need to be out in nature and enjoy New Zealand's beautiful flora and fauna.
1	I have enjoyed camping there because of the quietness having a full campground there would change it. And I wouldn't like to see no camping there.
3	Campgrounds in Murchison will suffer with option 1. Nzmca campers would be no better than freedom campers as they dump their greywater and waste if no toilets are available for option 2 Only sensible option is option 3

1	Option 1. We stayed at this spot 25 years ago on our first ever trip to the South Island, which we did on a shoe string. 5 years later we were ratepayers in Tasman District, having fallen in love with the region. This spot is a perfect stopover for travellers between Tasman & Buller but also for locals wanting to get away from the 'rat race' and have a technology free, low cost holiday while enjoying the river and bush nearby. If the camp is promoted (I actually thought it had closed years ago) with signage on the SH, this would potentially bring in extra revenue for the Tavern. I know hubby & I would purchase a meal or something at the Tavern if we stayed at the reserve. Which we will be revisiting as soon as the weather warms up, now I know it is still operational.
1	Option 1 - keep it a reasonably simple campground. This is a fabulous resource alongside the Buller River for recreational paddlers. Packrafters and kayakers don't travel in self contained campers, they just need a low key campground with toilets and water. A regional resource worth keeping
1	If you do number 2 there will be poop and toilet roll everywhere. It's the reality. In today's financial climate giving families a low cost local companies site option is essential to having a healthy community. Look to canterbury's Cors ford. Limited services, free, very well used.
1	option 1 it should be kept for future generations to enjoy
1	Option 1 I feel camping areas like this are popular with people who like to get away from urban life occasionally and should have kept open
1	This is a beautiful campsite and a great location. It has the potential to be a popular campsite suitable for all sorts of people. Losing a resource like this would be disappointing. Moving towards self-contained vehicles only is cost prohibitive for many New Zealanders who may be able to scrounge together enough finances to camp or car camp but not to get the expensive self contained certification. Additionally, many paddlers just passing through this campsite are likely to be using the currently installed bathrooms, remove these and you will find they still need to go but it will no longer be contained to one location.
1	New Zealand has a lack of low cost, low facility camp sites (Toilets, drinking water, flat bit of ground). While Option 2 is attractive from a direct cost management perspective, we encourage tourists and have a large number traveling in cars with tents or cheap vans. We should be providing places for them to stay rather the demonizing them when they cannot find suitable locations. Central Government and Tourist industry make a lot on money off these tourists, The facilities should be funded from central government initiatives, with overnight costs keep reasonable enough for a lowcost tourists to use. Concerns come with Option 1 that increased nightly charging becomes an excuse to 'gold plate' the upgrades, rather than install fit for purpose facilities. Consider a partnership with Kiwicamp, install pay per use facilities (showers, laundry) and keep overnight costs low (or none).

1	Option 1, with greater advertisement of the camp would be beneficial. Unfortunately while the camp is in a lovely area, and camping in a more rural area provides a greater back-to-nature experience, compared to more touristy locations, many people are unaware the camp exists. While I was aware it existed, I was unaware amenities were provided, so have not stayed there.
1	It's a great resource for whitewater enthusiasts as it is right next to a popular put-in/takeout. It's also great for campers as it is a nice quiet spot, while still being near Murchison. The toilets and water supply are a valuable asset as it opens the door for all sorts of campers, not just self-contained.
1	No 1. It means other type of campers can also enjoy our beautiful environment. Affordability. Like us good Ole tent folk. The future could become permanent lease blocks for caravans or tiny homes like the Tahunanui Camp ground. could allow a permanent residence for maintaining and managing. No 2 restricts options for those that travel with restricted finances. There are plenty of freedom camp sites catering to those that can afford. No 3 if it returns to DOC, they may possibly close. Unless they run it like Lyell Campground.
1	I prefer option one because, even tho personally we are self contained, a lot of young families aren't and places to camp along there are becoming more scarce. Once freedom camping will no longer be an option unless they are self contained, we need more places where families with limited assets can camp with their children, swim in the river and have toilet and shower facilities to use if they are tenting. Similar facilities to Totaranui. They can have concrete BBQ pits to cook and toast marshmallows and can also use them to burn their burnable rubbish. Carry in, carry out for all other rubbish. I didn't even realise there was a camping spot there so also have some hard gravel standings for M/Hs. Maybe offer a discounted meal at the hotel as part of their camp fees, most of us M/H'ers would have a meal there. Let's not lose another camping spot for families. I'm
1	I would like to see the camping ground remain and be promoted. It is a lovely spot, I have personally camped there many times. Losing another perfect spot is not an option. Giving it to TDC is not a good idea, they barely know where Murchison is now. Freedom campers do not abide by the self contained rules
1 or 2	I am open to 1 or 2 but to hell with DOC they have ruined enough of our country already.
2	Keeping it available for self contained vehicles keeps it accessible to over 100,000 vehicles most of which are Kiwis and many tourists in rental vehicles. It reduces the maintenance burden. Having a QR code link for donations to be paid is a suggestion to raise a small amount of revenue.

1	<p>The campground has been poorly promoted and almost actively discouraged by the current management. There is no signage from the road. It presents as private property given the narrow, gated accessway from the hotel carpark and we never observe any campers there.</p> <p>Please give it a chance as a community friendly destination ... domain and campsite. Many years ago there was an old hall there and it hosted many community picnics. It will need to have basic toilets there, maybe modern long drops will suffice if that keeps costs down. Removing toilets will invite human waste from day trippers as well as some irresponsible overnigheters due to the remote location.</p> <p>It would be a shame to see doc manage it into overgrowth and weeds.</p>
1	Don't trust DOC. And why should it be only for self-contained campers - that's usually only the foreigners. Let's keep option 1 so that it's open for Kiwi campers and promoted as such.
1	It's an excellent campground and stop over site. Perfect campsite for river users, kayaking the Granity section above and the Owen section below.
1	I prefer option one because it is a waste to pull out infrastructure, it gives a broader range of potential camping users and there are very few such sites between Murchison and Richmond. Re the other two DOC will not maintain it at all well, and freedom campers have enough places to camp between here and there already.
1	So it can be used also for families who dont have a self contained vehicle
1	<p>I have been using the Owen River Reserve for camping for over 40 years. I highly value it for being accessable, it's quiet location away from Murchison township, it's 'old school camping' minimalism, and it's sensible price.</p> <p>Option one is the best of the three options you propose.</p> <p>Option 2 is a terrible idea. It effectively excludes young kayaking New Zealanders (who have been the reserves traditional users for decades) as they are exactly the demographic who do not yet own self contained campers. It changes the user group to overseas freedom campers (who we should be encouraging to stay in and supporting Murchison village services). The caravan club already owns land in Murchison for its self contained membership, so making this self-contained only is of not practical benefit to them.</p> <p>However I am disappointed that there is no option to keep it as it is. The Owen River Reserve doesn't need improving nor promotion.</p>
1	it is great to get back to basics, keep it simple, under no circumstances hand it back to DOC,
1	I think it should be upgraded, it is utilized by university kayaking clubs, and keeps the "riff raff" out of town. Lovely spot, awesome facility
1	This is a great option for tent camping near the river for those that prefer the freedom of not being at a private caravan park
1	A great place to camp by the river
2	Option 2W

1	Option 1, it is getting extremely hard to find affordable campgrounds for non self contained people who are looking to camp legally. Spent three nights here in February and was a truly special trip. Not much would be needed to improve it In my opinion my only thing would be having the shelter cleaned as was full of sheep poo so we never used it and I can imagine most people wouldn't especially for cooking/eating. Please don't make it self contained only, those spots are only making it harder for most people to travel and then leads to illegal camping. I can understand the importance of self contained but with all the new rules it's almost impossible to make your vehicle safe contained on an affordable budget, I'm a kiwi and on kiwi wages it's just not doable for the average person so please keep it open to anyone to camp. Or come up with something for locals vs tourists as most locals are extremely respectful and responsible when it comes to Camping in our beautiful country. Handing back to doc means we loose one more spot to camp.
1	Improving and promoting means that it is open to more people and more activities. As a cyclist tourer, I have stayed here. The toilets welcome and the picnic tables a bonus. Option two, means only those with vehicles that are SC can stay. Which is very limiting and restrictive. Option three, is good, if DOC can also improve facilities and keep it open to a wide range of users. This survey fails to say, what DOC would do. Also, option three, means those tourists travelling in cars, have a safe place to break for lunch / etc and also toilet break. In NZ, these are becoming few and far between, which just encourages bush toileting. And most don't do this properly.
1	As part of the Packrafting community it would be great to continue the tradition of camping and paddling from this spot.
1	I have camped there before while cycle touring. Places where cyclists or anyone without a self-contained vehicle can camp and use a toilet, are really important. I have been cycle-touring around NZ for 25 years and places like this are harder and harder to find. Without them, i have to find a place to hide and camp, while people increasing their carbon footprint get to stay legitimately in more "camp" sites for vehicles only.
1	Have stayed here with our caravan. Great undercover shelter and the loos and showers although basic were fine. Plenty of room for other campers to set up tents or whatever. The fact that there are toilets is an added bonus especially for those freedom campers. A suitable camp fee should be charged though. I think we paid maybe \$ 15 At that stage the grounds were being mowed by Fulton Hogan using a Murchison employee . Also good to have a go at trout fishing. The other 2 options are ok as well. I just think it's great to have the option of toilets especially as it discourages people from using bushes and this is tourists and Kiwis as well. The only downside it the Sandflies. But with copious repellent they too are managed. Please keep it Cheers. Maria
1	Option 1 it doesn't need anything more than a toilet. It's a great spot and we use it when travelling south for kayaking and packrafting. There's a nice paddling section below it so it's a great base for summer visits. But keep it low key as there are other posh campgrounds within an hour or two. DOC would just abandon it.
1	This area is one of the many great rivers for kayakers and pack rafters so should be promoted to bring more people into the area.

1	Campground is a wonderful and necessary place to camp when paddling the Buller from source to sea. I have stayed several times. It is one of NZ's special rivers and a great place for large groups of paddlers. I have met groups from Packrafting NZ, Victoria Uni Canoe Club and Otago Uni staying there. It is a good day to paddle from there to the camping area in Murchison. It doesn't need improved facilities but keep it open with simple toilets. Packrafters and kayakers paddling downstream can't be self-contained. This site attracts paddlers to the district from around NZ (including me) who then spend money in the pub and Murchison.
1	Those of us with a lot of adventure gear like paddlers and cyclists don't have self contained vehicles. Options for non self contained campers are increasingly limited, particularly basic low cost camping. Losing this camping reserve would be a real loss. If it was promoted more I'm sure more people would use it
3	As a rate payer facing more and more rate increases with a reduction in services then i /we shouldn't be subsidising campers and likely freedom campers who contribute nothing but cost to our district.
2	Make an approach to NCMCA to see if they would be interested. DOC are a waste of time as they only seem interested in their head office comforts.
3	Give it back to DOC so the ratepayers don't have to pay for freedom campers
1	It's great to have this camping ground available to all public
1	Set up cameras to catch the offenders that are destroying places like this and fine them an amount that will hurt their pockets. (not the tiny amount handed out these days)
1	Would be good to also allow dog access.
1	I personally never knew there was even a campground there, but if it was promoted I think people would be likely to utilize the area
Other	This land was owned by the Newman family that owned land on both sides of the river .They donated the domain .So instead of you lot ,It should go back to them .
1	Option 1, don't let Dic have it, once they have it there's no turning back, they will take everything return it to bush and there will be no where for campers or hikers to camp. With ablution blocks and water resources. Like taupo point once the owner dies they rip it down, not fair when it could've gone down the family line, but no, doc took it and it all back in scrub. They are taking away our history of the country. Option 1 please
1	River access is important. As is maintaining a range of camping options in the region. This campsite allows for those who want to be wilder and further from civilisation with access to the river for recreation
1	A properly cared for camp with toilets etc and a small fee to stay is better than a no ablution no fee camp, as people who stay will respect it more. Also it means people with tents can stay, as not everyone can afford a van, also families love tents. 1 is by far the better choice

1 or 2	Probably prefer option 2 however it excludes lower income people without a self contained camper and some with self containment hire vehicles may still not use them and result in a mess. Id also be comfortable with option 1 unless the idea is to upgrade the facilities significantly as we need to retain the few basic camping sites that still exist.
1	I chose Option 1 – Improve and promote the campground because it is an amazing camp site. Changing it to option 2 Self-contained campers only, no services is a sad decision for those who want to camp and enjoy the site and services. Changing it to Option 3 – DOC takes back management will only be a good decision if the same services and facilities remain with regular upkeep/cleaning/maintenance and fees are kept to a minimum. Aswell as the site being available to campers/tents and self-contained vehicles. The 3rd option raises many questions in regard to maintenance, future upgrades, limitations on campers ect
1	Great little "half-way" spot and if you promote it more then more locals might use. Don't give it to DOC instead install and honesty/donation box to encourage more people to help with the costs.
2	We are self contained NZMCA members and often drive past the grounds but was unsure if we were able to use it. If it was made to be official Self Contained Vehicals only , I'm sure it would be used more by our members .
1 or 2	Did not realize camp was there ticked option 1 but also ok with option 2.Definitely not option 3 as no faith in DOC running anything.
1	I think we have to retain the plots of land that have been set aside for these purposes , even at some cost to society and users . To hand it back to DOC would be totally contrary to what our country is about ie : the freedom and giving people a chance to go back to old styles of enjoyment in the open air . If the first option doesn't work maybe Option 2 is still better than giving it away (Option 3)
1	Making it self contained will led to it becoming a dumping ground
1	I think it is important to maintain this camping and recreation areas so much of this is being lost to Nz. With an increase of older nz'ers caravanning/ motor homes we need these area's.
1	It's a fantastic location and is used extensively by kayakers and rafters. It would be used more widely by others if the facilities were slightly upgraded (keep it simple!!!!!!)...
1	We have only camped there once, it was gorg, but far too expensive. Don't need facilities. Would love to go back, hopefully at a better price!
1	Prefer Option 1..... Hopefully usage/payment would support upkeep of present facilities. If not happy to go with Option 2 as we are fully self-contained. Option 3.... Not happy at prospect of losing the site. 2 of us (motorhomes intending to stay the night there this month) Rgds Peter Pennell

1	The Owen campground is an under utilised camping ground . I visit on a regular basis on my motorcycle . I have camped there once for two nights . Usually it is stop for lunch or morning tea , when I cannot be bothered with the flesh pots of Murchison Please keep Option 1 . Thanks, Gerry T
1	I would like to see this site remain as it is .It will allow campers with the older caravans to camp there and a small fee must be paid to maintain the grounds not a freedom camp. I am anti freedom camping it is too much of a cost on the rate payer
2	It's the cheaper option and still allows some camping
2	Option 2 , keep the reserve open for camping and make it easy care with self contained camping. remove toilets and showers so very little maintenance.
1	Promote and grow. May start making money. Just freedom camping or losing all together us stupid.
1 or 2	I chose Option 2 because that is the least cost to ratepayers without losing the camping ground. However, in an ideal world, I would prefer option 1 if it was sustainable. I.e. the income from campers paid for the servicing (unlikely, I expect). Do not do improvements using general rates. Do not give it to DOC. The camping option needs to be kept available. It is a brilliant spot.
Other	Local horse riders have expressed interest in gently using this too, to which Council said no. Sheep currently grazing too.
1	1 but with toilet only not showers & for different levels of self contained. Important to maintain a toilet but forget about showers.
1	This would be the best option of the three options given above. there needs to be places where people can go and enjoy camping and does require services. Doc do NOT deserve to acquire more land to mismanage
1	I am the motel and domain cleaner at the Owen river, and have been for some 25 yrs on and off. The adulation block is in very bad disrepair , new ones are paramount if we remain the same. Kayaker, rafters ,campers and just Joe public use these facilities at no charge [except the paying campers] that is a lot of people daily especially summertime. I find they disrespect the units and leave a great mess . A gold coin donation should people's use these facilities , this would help to fund upkeep. I don't know how it could be policed but this is what needs to happen. Also think about using local peoples for all trade work eg mowing lawns etc we don't need to wait for someone from Nelson/Richmond etc thank you
1	Ot to doc it eill be covered in broome and gorse eithin two years
1	A camping ground without facilities will result in people using the bush for toileting purposes. This is a public health risk.

1	Yes, please retain and make it easy to book. It would be a good place to stop on the way from Nelson to Christchurch when I drive down starting after work on Friday. But it is hard to book at the last minute, an online option would be great. Maybe look at a partnership with Doc could it go on their campsite booking system?
1	An asset to Murchison in general bringing people, especially water sports, to the area. Also good for the Owen River Hotel from a business perspective
2	We would like to see the same as Wai-iti is right now.. Meaning- TDC control, lawns mowed, BUT- Leave the Toilets and water ONLY. No showers or other facilities Keep it simple. I actually thought this camp closed years ago.. Thanks
Other	Add a public gold fossicking area much like the Louis. Fossickers need new and additional areas.
Other	Definetly keep it open but what numbers of visitors require a manager? What about the other reserve at the lakes turnoff? Could that be utilized more as its more visible and a crossroads point? You need more options on your choices
1	option 1 .doc is useless.if option 2 it will turn into a mess with no toilets. i see option 1 as the only viable option
1 or 2	Option 1 or 2. Please don't ever give land back to DOC. Their management is stressed and it will end up being closed to the public all together. Camping is part of kiwi life and should never be taken away. Maybe the new owners of the pub will be keen? You don't know this until it sells.
2	Number 2,but it was used as a picnic area in past years until a closed gate put people off. There should be an entrance from the road side not private land. I'm wondering if there is such a thing as a pay toilet. Then there would still be a facility for picnic and kayaking people. As far as I know this land was donated to the people of the area to use by a local family.as for 3 Doc have enough trouble managing the land they have now, so, no to that.
1	I believe it's important it is kept but not just for 'self contained campers' as it would likely lead to people who aren't truly self contained staying there and ruining it.

1	Option one. BUT the old ablution block needs to be knocked down and fully replaced as it is disgusting. Perhaps buying a token from the Owen River Tavern that gives access to the toilets and showers as currently any old person can drive through the unlocked gate and use the toilets etc. Not fair that campers are paying the \$10 fee to use these things and kayakers/rafters get to use the river for access for their sport but also use the loo/Shower for free.
1	Definitely option one, as if you go for option two by removing all the services the area will eventually be littered with human faeces and toilet paper as we all know freedom campers and their self-contained vehicles are not really all that self-contained for a significant percentage
1	It is a great spot and is under-utilized and under advertised. More places that are affordable and basic to allow all families to camp more and enjoy the outdoors. The Owen is in a prime location close to Murchison for Tourists, far enough away from Nelson for Locals. and there are other activities nearby for campers to enjoy.
1	I chose option 1 as I believe that smaller campgrounds like Owen offer a nicer environment for families to bond. Places like Quinneys are often over crowded and full of unsupervised children who create issues for other families. Option 2 is worth considering if Option 1 meets any brick walls. It would be better to see the land kept available for camping, rather than losing it altogether with DOC's funding outlook.
1	Why remove what we have, bits a great wee spot and with advertising I bet it would get used a lot more
1	I have used this spot many times in recent years on trips to the west coast and chch especially when I don't feel like driving it all in one day. It's an awesome spot tucked away. However yes the toilets need to be upgraded. I also feel the shelter there needs the sheep to be kept out of it unless that's their shelter I've never used it because it's always full of sheep poo. I'd like to see it stay a camping spot for people if it is managed better than it has been because it can get quite popular especially when there's events happening in the area and Murchison accommodation is full
Other	I don't like the three options, I would like a fourth. Maintain the campground without hiring a manager. Why can't there be toilets there without a full time job?
Other	Option 4 Give it back to the family who donated the land.
Other	OPTION 4 Give back to family who donated the land DOC does not need any more land
2	Self-contained and very cheap or better free to stay.
1	I think it should have at least toilets there. This is a very popular run for Kayakers and rafters. It probably needs a limit of two nights for overnight stayers.

1	Option 1. We need these all round the country. Suitable for families and young traveller's, not just the wealthier who can afford a campervan. Our district is for all people.
1	Keep as camping ground, with toilet and water. Why employ a manager, just put it on the job list of council workers driving between Richmond and Murchison. Can there not be some kind of pay system set up. Just a basic camping site for families to take kids to, fish in the river, explore the area, make memories. Don't give it to Doc, I'd rather see some of my rates go to keeping this for ratepayers to use.
1	The Owen pub who seems to run it or at least say they are uncharged aren't very inviting, get rid of the gate at the top. Many people don't even know it exists and it's a great place to camp, and enjoy the river. Definitely needs the toilets still.
1	Option 1 definitely- we have camped here multiple times growing up & now take our kids there, my parents also went camping as children at the same location. Would be shame to lose it, but better promotion of it may be helpful as many people we talk to don't know you can camp there! Option 2 takes away the ability for families to camp in tents etc Option 3 is just a no.
1	Option 1, mainly due to needing more of these types of Facilities not less, this is what living in the Top of the South is all about. handing anything to DOC is a major backward step as they already have plenty to manage.
1	promote and up grade we have enough freedom camping spots around now and they are causing trouble with waste .people in the lower bracket need somewhere they can go camping and enjoy what this country has to offer them .
2	Would love for it to become a self contained freedom camp sight I have traveled around nz alot using these sights and have found top of the south harder to find good spots would be sad to loose the option of staying over after a day out kayaking

04a Do you support or oppose the Council's proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over the four parcels of land that form Lower Maruia Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve reverts back to the Crown and why?			
35157	Mr Maurice Taylor	N/A	Cant comment unaware of any issue
34765	Ms Deborah Cumming	Oppose	
34767	Mrs Siobhan Hayes	Oppose	
34768	Mrs Jess Omlo	Oppose	
35069	Ms Deborah Webb	Oppose	TDC is easier to contact than government in relation to future developments of this reserve. Part A is valuable as a native regeneration area, part b and c can bring in revenue to TDC by leasing the land to the current user.
34746	Ms SUSAN DUBOIS	Support	
34847	Mrs Debbie Wagner	Support	
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	Support	See attached. If the reserves genuinely provide no recreational or significant ecological value, and Council resources could be better focused elsewhere, returning it to the Crown for a determination of its future (e.g., potential disposal, lease, or addition to conservation estate if any remnant values exist) is pragmatic.
35096	Roger Frost	Support	
35133	Mr Philip CAIN	Support	Rate payers don't need the hassle of small unused parcels of land. Encourage DOC to offer them to adjoining land owners at an attractive buyer price.
35136	Ms janet mclennan	Support	

04b Do you support or oppose the Council's proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over the three parcels of land that form Matakaitaki Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve reverts back to the Crown and why?			
35157	Mr Maurice Taylor	N/A	Cant comment same reason
34767	Mrs Siobhan Hayes	Oppose	
34843	Ms Linley Barrett	Oppose	
35069	Ms Deborah Webb	Oppose	TDC is easier to contact than the government in relation to future developments on this reserve, whilst it is not currently in use by public it may be in the future in the meantime the TDC can get grazing income from it and assumedly whilst it is being grazed the person with the grazing lease is maintaining it so no additional cost to TDC for upkeep.
34746	Ms SUSAN DUBOIS	Support	
34847	Mrs Debbie Wagner	Support	
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	Support	See attached. If the reserves genuinely provide no recreational or significant ecological value, and Council resources could be better focused elsewhere, returning it to the Crown for a determination of its future (e.g., potential disposal, lease, or addition to conservation estate if any remnant values exist) is pragmatic.
35096	Roger Frost	Support	
35133	Mr Philip CAIN	Support	Same as 4a
35136	Ms janet mclennan	Support	

05 Do you support or oppose the proposal to sell the land and building known as Hampden Street Reserve, located at 5 Hampden Street in Murchison and why?			
34746	Ms SUSAN DUBOIS	Oppose	
34767	Mrs Siobhan Hayes	Oppose	
34805	Ms Kate Clearwater	Oppose	
34843	Ms Linley Barrett	Oppose	
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	Oppose	See attached. Forest & Bird generally advocates for retaining public land in public ownership where it can provide community benefit or future strategic opportunities (including potential for green space enhancement if buildings are removed). We would support retaining the property if there is potential for it to be used. Otherwise, if sold, a condition should be that any funds are reinvested into the Lakes-Murchison Ward reserves network, prioritising ecological restoration and protection projects.
35069	Ms Deborah Webb	Oppose	This site is an asset to the Murchison community and there will always be a use for it, it can be leased or rented by TDC to bring in revenue for it's upkeep.
35096	Roger Frost	Oppose	This is a visually charming building as it stands and I can't help thinking there could be a very good use for it in public ownership in future years that is not apparent today! If Council can continue to find organisations willing to rent it for compatible uses that would be great. For me it will always be the Robert Muldoon Memorial Toilet but that is another story.
35121	Mr MIKE BRYAN	Oppose	For the reasons outlined in my submission. I would like to state that any sale of an asset in MURCHISON, specifically referring to the proposed sale of the present building at 5 HAMPDEN ST, and used as a community gymnasium / fitness training room, be retained for this use until new facilities are included in the proposed Stage 2 of the MSRCC extension planned during 2027-28. Once the new gyms are built, then the building at 5 HAMPDEN ST, could be sold, however, the funds gained from the sale of this Community asset, must be retained in the Murchison Community and I would suggest that these funds are returned to the MSRCC Stage 2 development.
34765	Ms Deborah Cumming	Support	

34847	Mrs Debbie Wagner	Support	
35133	Mr Philip CAIN	Support	Take the cash
35136	Ms Janet McLennan	Support	not needed

00a Any other comments on Lakes-Murchison reserves?			
34877	Ms Irene Minchin	N/A	Minimal development and no maintenance is planned for equestrian usage of Wai-iti Domain or any other recreational facilities in this area.
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	N/A	<p>See attached. Section 1: Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan</p> <p>Forest & Bird acknowledges the vision, objectives, and policies outlined in the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward RMP. We are pleased to see the stated commitment to "Te Oranga o te Taiao" and "Te Mana o te Wai" as guiding principles for improving environmental wellbeing.</p> <p>1.1 General Comments</p> <p>The plan's emphasis on revegetation with eco-sourced indigenous species, weed and pest control, protection from incompatible activities, and enhancing ecological corridors (ki uta ki tai) aligns with Forest & Bird's objectives. We support the recognition of climate change impacts and the proposal for ecological retreat opportunities.</p> <p>Building strong partnerships with iwi/Māori is crucial for effective conservation, and we support the plan's commitment in this regard.</p> <p>1.2 Comments on Key Changes Proposed by the Draft Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving environmental wellbeing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o We strongly support the proposals for maintaining, restoring, protecting, and enhancing the natural environment, particularly for Significant Native Habitats. The alignment with Te Mana o te Wai for reserves adjoining waterways is critical. Riparian plantings are essential for water quality and native biomass. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The commitment to minimising sprays and using alternative weed control methods is commended, as is considering ecological domains for eco-sourcing. o The recognition of reserves as part of wider ecological corridors is fundamental to landscape-scale conservation. • Responding to climate change impacts:

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Strategic purchase of reserve land for ecological retreat is a necessary adaptive measure. We urge Council to proactively identify and secure such areas, particularly those that can facilitate the inland migration of coastal or flood-prone ecosystems. • Building partnerships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o We endorse strengthening relationships with iwi/Māori and incorporating mātauranga Māori into reserve management. • Increasing benefits of parks and reserves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Planting an appropriate mixture of native and exotic species requires careful consideration. While we understand the desire for amenity, shelter, and food, the primary focus in reserves with significant or potential indigenous biodiversity value should be on indigenous species. The provision for rongoā and raranga planting is supported. o The emphasis on bicultural values, including Te Reo Māori names and pouwhenua, is positive. o Enhancing pedestrian access to mahinga kai sites and extending walkw
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	N/A	<p>See attached. Comments on Specific Reserves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverview Scenic Reserve, Murchison: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o This reserve contains a precious remnant of lowland alluvial podocarp forest. Its protection and enhancement should be of the highest priority. We strongly support policies aimed at its protection, including weed and pest control, and restoration efforts. o The issue of the drainage swale and the need to restore the water table to increase resilience to climate change (drought) is critical for kahikatea health. We urge Council to actively trial initiatives to restore the water table. • Alpine Forest Scenic Reserve, Tophouse: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o This reserve, containing mature beech forest adjoining Nelson Lakes National Park, is significant. We support active management to protect its ecological values, including policies for pest plant and animal control. Addressing ungulate impacts (pigs, deer) is crucial. Encouraging hunting by locals is one tool, but unlikely to reduce numbers sufficiently for vegetation recovery. Council should consider professional control to protect forest understorey and sensitive wetland areas. • Owen River Recreation Reserve: (Also covered in Key Questions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The presence of large Lawson's cypress, Eucalypts, crack willow, and poplar trees is noted. While some are exotic, their value for amenity, shade, and (in the case of cypress) potential bird habitat should be considered. However, invasive species like crack willow should be managed and progressively replaced with natives. Revegetation of reserve borders should prioritise eco-sourced indigenous species.

35043	Dinkie Phillips	N/A	Tadmor tennis grounds has been maintained over the years by locals. The Tadmor tennis club hasn't existed for many years. I think the time has come for something else for the land, not sure what. If the property is sold the money should go back into the community - but not on the hub, perhaps the Tadmor church?
35096	Roger Frost	N/A	<p>With respect to specific reserves I have confined my detailed attention to Riverview Scenic Reserve and aspects of Riverside Holiday Park and Riverview Recreation Reserve that compliment the values of the Scenic Reserve. At the outset I am very pleased that Council has chosen to include many of the suggestions I and others offered in our initial consultation submission and thank you for doing so. With regard to Riverside Holiday Park I endorse in particular policies 2 and 3. With regard to Riverview Recreation Reserve I endorse policies 1 to 6.</p> <p>Turning to Riverview Scenic Reserve I naturally endorse all of the policies but with one exception, which I put down to poor communication in our original submission. The resulting policy 6 is exactly the opposite to what we were trying to convey! To make our suggested objective and policy recommendation clear I suggest that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An additional sentence be added to the first paragraph of the Issues and Options section thus: "The native vine Muehlenbeckia australis can have detrimental effects by smothering trees and shrubs on forest margins and during forest restoration.", and 2. Amend Policy 6 to read: Control native Muehlenbeckia australis at forest margins and during forest restoration.

00c Any other comments on either draft RMP?			
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	N/A	<p>See attached. Forest & Bird is New Zealand's leading independent conservation organisation, dedicated to protecting and restoring Aotearoa's unique indigenous biodiversity and natural habitats. We welcome the opportunity to provide this submission on the Draft Reserve Management Plans (RMPs) for the Lakes-Murchison Ward, the Moutere-Waimea Ward (specifically the section pertaining to Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve), and the Richmond Ward.</p> <p>We acknowledge the significant effort by Tasman District Council, in collaboration with Ngā Iwi ō Te Tai o Aorere/Te Taihū Iwi and community stakeholders, in developing these draft plans. Reserves play a crucial role in safeguarding our natural heritage, providing ecosystem services, and connecting people with nature.</p> <p>Forest & Bird generally supports measures within the draft RMPs that genuinely seek to enhance indigenous biodiversity, protect and restore habitats across terrestrial, freshwater, and marine domains, address climate change impacts, and foster a deeper connection between people and nature. Our submission will focus on ensuring these intentions are translated into robust, evidence based, and prioritised actions.</p> <p>We have assessed the draft plans against key conservation principles, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Precautionary Approach: Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation. • Avoidance of Adverse Effects: Prioritising the avoidance of adverse effects on biodiversity and natural character over mitigation, remedy, or offsetting. • Nature-Based Solutions: Promoting the use of natural processes and ecosystems to address environmental challenges, such as climate change adaptation and flood management. • Integrated Ecosystem Management (Ki Uta Ki Tai): Recognising the interconnectedness of ecosystems from the mountains to the sea and managing them holistically. • Protection of Indigenous Biodiversity: Upholding the requirements of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB) and other relevant legislation like the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), Conservation Act 1977, and Reserves Act 1977. <p>We have structured our submission to address each draft plan individually, followed by concluding remarks.</p>
35096	Roger Frost	N/A	<p>The RMP is a most impressive document with its comprehensive descriptions of the Historic Landscape and the four sections of Interpretation of Objectives and Policies that set the context for the section dealing with specific reserves. This is most important context and it is good to have it all here in relations to reserves in the Lakes-Murchison Ward. Well researched and well written, most informative. Thank you!</p>

SUBMISSIONS ON DRAFT RMP SECTION ON BAIGENTS BUSH SCENIC RESERVE, PIGEON VALLEY:

1 Do you support or oppose the 'future management options' concept plan for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?			
34842	Ms Gillian Pollock	N/A	We support in part and oppose some aspects. See below.
35157	Mr Maurice Taylor	N/A	Thats Wakefields problem I cant comment
34767	Mrs Siobhan Hayes	Oppose	
34805	Ms Kate Clearwater	Oppose	
34879	Mr Grant Billett	Oppose	Adding more paths to the baigents reserve is a ridiculous idea. You can't keep up with the maintenance of the paths we already have in Wakefield. Nearly every path needs stone added. Every time it rains the paths turn to streams as the path level is lower than the surrounding grass. Gunboats are required to get through the puddles. This includes all the paths between the Faulkner's reserve and the lookout and also from the pump track to the baigents reserve on the main road. Surely the material needed for new paths would be better used to repair these ones. As for adding more cycling tracks why. There is already a cycle path beside the reserve. Add a couple of picnic tables beside the existing path. There isn't enough parking space in the car park now as so joining the cycle path to the car park is only going to cause more problems. People parking their cars and going for a 3 hour bike ride to spooners tunnel for example isn't going to benefit the locals who need to drive to the reserve. Your supposed to be saving money so leave it as it is and maintain the paths we already have
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	Oppose	See attached. Forest & Bird opposes the dog and cycling aspects of the plan as detailed above and in the policies section below.
35147	Mr Paul Baigent	Oppose	We can support the plan with the following changes: The central gravel path is for walking only. The Rerouted section of TGTT is fenced so that bikes cannot enter the bush reserve. We would also like to see some seating for people to sit, reflect and listen to the birdsong in the clearing in the middle of the bush. In this regard our family would like to provide a seat in memory of our parents Noel and Joyce Baigent who loved and protected the Bush through much of last century. Perhaps there could be an opportunity for other families that have been associated with the bush for several generations to do the same (we know of at least one other family that would like to do this).

34744	Mrs Jean Linda Gorman	Support	
34746	Ms SUSAN DUBOIS	Support	
34765	Ms Deborah Cumming	Support	
34842	Ms Gillian Pollock	Support	We support in part and oppose in part, see above.
34843	Ms Linley Barrett	Support	
34847	Mrs Debbie Wagner	Support	
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	Support	<p>See attached. Forest & Bird support other aspects of the concept plan, with the following modifications and comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Prioritise Ecological Restoration: While the plan shows proposed revegetation areas, the extent and priority of active ecological restoration (weed control, pest control, infill planting with eco-sourced species) should be the dominant feature of the management approach. We think the bush edge plantings should be extended over time to protect the tall trees. o Track Network: Any walking-only tracks should be designed with minimal footprint to avoid damage to tree roots and sensitive ground vegetation. Boardwalks over boggy sections are supported. Track surfaces should be permeable where possible. o Picnic Areas: These amenities should be located on the periphery of the core forest area to minimise disturbance.

2 Do you support or oppose the proposed management policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?			
35157	Mr Maurice Taylor	N/A	Ditto
34767	Mrs Siobhan Hayes	Oppose	
34746	Ms SUSAN DUBOIS	Support in full	
34765	Ms Deborah Cumming	Support in full	
34744	Mrs Jean Linda Gorman	Support in part	
34842	Ms Gillian Pollock	Support in part	And oppose in part
34842	Ms Gillian Pollock	Support in part	<p>Policies 1,2,3,4 We agree.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is scope to continue to enhance the forest remnant by undertaking further plantings of glades and other gaps. The open spaces in the southern half of the reserve could be fully filled in with trees. • The planting around the bush edges will help close the gaps between established trees but we think these strips of trees could be extended. There is plenty of space for widening the plantings. • We hope the Wakefield Bush Restoration Inc. will include the pernicious Jerusalem cherry within their weeding program. This tree is still a problem and needs a concerted effort to eradicate it. <p>Policy 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a Scenic reserve A and we consider it undesirable and a threat to native species to allow dogs to be exercised off the leash within the reserve. There are other reserves close by that are dog exercise areas. At the very least dogs exercised in this area must be kept on a leash. • If dogs are to be running free in the parking/picnic area this area should be fenced. Some owners and their dogs are not well-behaved in bush reserves, one large dog can do a lot of damage. Welfare of bush flora and fauna should be paramount as stated in Policy 1. • If mountain bikers want to see the reserve they can leave their bikes in the parking area and walk round. <p>Policy 6.</p>

			<p>We agree</p> <p>Policy 7.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the walking track goes through boggy areas we agree that a boardwalk is necessary to keep the track contained and unspoilt. • The GTT passes nearby and there is no need for it to pass right through the bush. The cycle trail could deviate to the car park and picnic area but no further into the bush. Cyclists can walk through if they wish to see it. • Why put the walking track so close to the perimeter? It may make more sense if the walking track follows the route marked out for cyclists. The bush area should be for walkers and walking family groups, no place for speeding cyclists. The idea of a bush walk is to notice what's happening there and cyclists don'tor can't do this. Without cyclists there is no need for the track to be any wider than 3m. Any wider and the canopy cannot close over enough to stop weed incursion or offer a continuous safe environment for forest creatures. <p>Policy 8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a bike squeeze necessary to get to the picnic area or to continue along the established GTT.
34842	Ms Gillian Pollock	Support in part	<p>Policy 9.</p> <p>We agree</p> <p>Policy 10.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GTT should only reroute to the car park and no further. <p>Policies 11. 12.13.14.15.</p> <p>We agree</p> <p>Policies 16. 17. 18.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As much as possible interpretation information should be on boards within the parking area. The exceptions would be the naming of significant trees and site of the old water race. <p>Comment</p> <p>As the bush no longer belongs to the Baigent family it should be Baigent bush rather than Baigent's.</p>
34843	Ms Linley Barrett	Support in part	<p>Please ensure that there is no bike access. Leave for walking or people walking with dogs</p>

34847	Mrs Debbie Wagner	Support in part	
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	Support in part	<p>See attached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Policy 1 (Primary Purpose): Strongly support. o Policy 2 (Restoration with Community Groups): Support. Ensure strict adherence to using only eco-sourced indigenous species appropriate to alluvial podocarp forest ecosystems. o Policy 3 (Pest Plant and Animal Control): Strongly support. This needs to be a high priority and adequately resourced. Specific targets and monitoring for key weed species and animal pests (possums) should be established. o Policy 4 (Camping Prohibited): Strongly support. This aligns with the landowner's wishes and the primary purpose of the Scenic Reserve. o Policy 5 (Retain Open Areas for Informal Recreation): Support with caution. "Informal recreation" should not include activities that could damage the forest remnant. The primary recreational experience should be appreciating the native forest. o Policy 6 (walking track) Support. With emphasis on minimal impact design, and boardwalks for wet areas. o Policies 7, 8, 9, 10 (Cycle access) Oppose. We believe that the reserves ecological values and small size make it inappropriate for cycling. We would like to encourage cyclists to visit the reserve (on foot, after parking their bikes) but believe the reserve should be no-cycling. We are supportive an entry for cyclists to access bike racks on the grassy northern end of the reserve. o Policy 11 (Interpretive Signs - Tree Species): Support. Also include interpretation about the forest ecosystem and its inhabitants. o Policy 12 (Picnic Tables): Support. o Policy 13 (Bike Racks): Support. See policies 7-10 above. o Policy 14 (Consider Expanding Car Park): Not keen on carpark expansion unless a necessity. o Policy 15 (Remove Old Fencing): Support, where it doesn't define current stock boundaries with neighbours. o Policy 16 (Protect Historic Water Race): Strongly support. o Policies 17 & 18 (Interpretation - Family & Iwi History): Strongly support but preference for interpretation signage to be located at the parking lot, aside from tree names and the water race. <p>Additional Policy Recommended - Monitoring: "Implement an ecological monitoring programme to track the effectiveness of restoration efforts, weed and pest control, and the overall health of the forest remnant."</p>

35134	Ms Mary Baigent	Support in part	<p>As a boundary holder along a portion of Baigent's Bush I have the good fortune to enjoy the tranquil environment the bush and native birdlife provide. This was the reason I chose to purchase this property to begin my early years of retirement.</p> <p>Mostly I support the draft RMP with the following exceptions and concerns;</p> <p>Restrictions on Dog Control- there needs to be defined areas where dogs are kept on Leads. Since the bush has been open to the public I have observed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dogs running freely through the bush, posing a threat to regenerating bush and disturbing the birds. • dog fights, with fierce verbal arguments between owners around who is at fault. • declining picnicking numbers on the flat area at the end of working vehicle access. This is a spacious, private area where members of the public can experience family picnics, play cricket/games, or just sit/wander and enjoy the environment. Exercising dogs and allowing them to roam freely spoils this. <p>.</p> <p>Bike Track;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as there is already a bike track running alongside the property I do not see the need to have bikers in the bush. Speaking from experience where I previously lived in Fiordland, this will spoil the area for walking. Bikers move at speed and walkers often don't hear them approaching. Many walkers will stop using the track due to safety concerns. • younger riders will be tempted to create Challenge Courses using the large flat and some of the tracks through the bush where they can't be seen. Again I speak from experience, where it was found to be too difficult to police before damage was done. <p>I trust you will give these issues I have raised your full consideration.</p>
35147	Mr Paul Baigent	Support in part	<p>We would like changes to limit off leash dog access and exclude bike access:</p> <p>Policy 5: Amend to restrict dog exercising to the large grassed area on the northeastern (Pigeon Valley Road/Wai-iti river) side. Dogs should be on a leash in all other parts of the Reserve.</p> <p>Policy 7: Bikes should not be permitted but walking access to TGTT retained. Bike racks at the TGTT end would also be a good idea to allow trail riders to walk through the bush from that end if they so wish.</p> <p>Policy 9: Rerouting TGTT is a good idea but it should be fenced to prevent bike access to the</p>

			Reserve. Policy 10: Path should be pedestrian only.
35150	Dr Anne Pirie	Support in part	<p>I support much of the draft plan, especially around preserving and enhancing the ecological and scenic values of the reserve. I love this reserve and value its peace and quiet, and really wonderful trees. I sometimes bring my artists' group here for outdoor sketching.</p> <p>I do have some concern about the shared path through the forest and linking to the Great Taste Trail. I am myself a cyclist, but worry that making a cycle path right through the forest will damage the quiet and real magic of this reserve.</p> <p>I think that putting in that link from the car park down to the river/cycle trail (through the pasture along the road) would provide a good link from the Trail to the Scenic Reserve and give good access to the reserve for cyclists who want to enjoy the quiet, picnic, etc. Bike racks in the car park would allow cyclists to dismount and lock up their bikes and to walk through the Scenic Reserve before coming back to their bikes and continuing on their cycle ride by returning down that link cycle path through the pasture by the road to the Trail/river.</p> <p>I also note that there is a very real risk that a shared path would make it more difficult for older people, parents with very small children, and disabled people to walk safely and easily in the forest (as well as dog walkers). There are so few spaces that are easily accessible (and give a real taste of the bush) for these groups. This small reserve with its level path and easy access from the car park should be kept cycle free.</p> <p>This would presumably also save money, as well as future proofing against the kind of situation seen in Easby Park where additional paths are now being considered to reduce conflict between walkers and cyclists.</p> <p>Overall, I am against cycle access through the forest part of this very special environment.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my views.</p>
35152	Mrs Barbara Cameron	Support in part	<p>I wish to address the following two concerns I have for Baigent's Bush</p> <p>* Dogs wandering unleashed damages the undergrowth of bush areas and disrupts bird life.</p>

			<p>* Currently dogs are exercised in all open spaces making it unpleasant for those who wish to enjoy the tranquility and peaceful environment.</p> <p>A shared cycleway is dangerous and unpleasant for those who wish to walk the tracks and enjoy the bush. Younger cyclists will be tempted to ride off track which would be difficult to control.</p>
35161	Liz Firth	Support in part	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft reserve management plan as it relates to Baigents Bush. This is a very special place and I fully support most aspects of the plan.</p> <p>My only concern is about the level of cycle access proposed. As a cyclist myself, I welcome the proposed direct link from the reserve car park through the pasture to pick up the Great Taste Trail. This creates a much easier and safer access point for cyclists who want to join the Trail at this point. But I am worried that offering a second route for cyclists along the shared path running directly through the forest risks spoiling the special nature of the reserve and of making it less accessible to other users. Baigents Bush is small, peaceful and level.</p> <p>Full of beautiful native trees and the sound of birds, it is a perfect environment and size for exploring on foot or in a wheelchair. And - with this one exception - the proposed improvements will help to make it an easy and safe place for everyone in the community to access and enjoy. By providing bike racks in the car park, the plan makes it easy for cyclists who want to explore the forest to safely leave their bikes.</p> <p>And those who are just passing through still to have the benefit of a direct link to or from the cycle trail through the pasture.</p> <p>For these reasons, I support the plan overall but oppose introducing cycle access through the forest part of the reserve.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my feedback.</p>

00b Any other comments on Baigents Bush?

34744	Mrs Jean Linda Gorman	N/A	<p>I am delighted that the TDC is taking on responsibility for this lovely bush area. While controlled dogs off-leash may be little problem in the grassed area, at the moment, I question if their presence may interfere with ground nesting birds, skinks and invertebrates as the bush attracts more species. Perhaps a notice about leashing dogs in the forest should be considered.</p> <p>I suggest this be re-visited in a few years as native ground nesting birds etc. may be found here as the environment develops.</p>
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34746	Ms SUSAN DUBOIS	N/A	Please continue to maintain Baigents Bush, as it is very well loved by the locals, children and dogs alike and well used.
34843	Ms Linley Barrett	N/A	Please keep to walking only. No bikes. General walking with dogs.
34911	Mr Scott Burnett	N/A	<p>See attached. Forest & Bird strongly supports the protection and enhancement of Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve.</p> <p>This site represents a rare and significant remnant of lowland tōtara-(matai) forest, which is a critically underrepresented ecosystem in the Motueka Ecological District.</p> <p>2.1 General Comments</p> <p>The classification of this land as Scenic Reserve is appropriate given its high ecological values. We commend the wishes of the Baigent family to see the native bush and its birdlife preserved and enhanced for future generations and for public benefit. The commitment by Council to prepare a management plan in consultation with the community and to ensure the primary purpose of retention and preservation of native bush is achieved, is noted and supported.</p> <p>2.2 Comments on Values</p> <p>The ecological assessment by Michael North (2010) clearly identifies the significance of this 7ha remnant. The diversity of native plant species (49 recorded), including locally rare species, and the presence of native birds like tūī, korimako/bellbird, pīwakawaka/fantail, and kererū, underscores its importance. Representing almost one-fifth of what remains of alluvial podocarp forest in the Motueka Ecological District makes this site a high priority for conservation.</p> <p>The historical values, including remnants of the water race that powered early mills, add another layer of significance to the reserve, and we support their preservation as requested by the former landowners.</p> <p>2.3 Comments on Issues and Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecological Condition and Threats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The "moderate condition" of the forest, water stress impacting regeneration, death of mature kahikatea, and stock damage to trees and understorey (prior to vesting) are serious concerns. o Ongoing weed and possum pest control is required. o We support the restoration plantings undertaken since Council acquisition and the intent to undertake further plantings in glades and gaps to improve connectivity. All such plantings must use eco-sourced indigenous species appropriate to this specific forest type. • Landowner Wishes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o We strongly support the reserve not be used for any form of camping, as this is incompatible with the primary purpose of a Scenic Reserve focused on preserving native bush. This should be a firm

			<p>policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The desire to preserve heritage values (water race) is supported. o As the Baigent family no longer own the property our recommendation is for the name to be "Baigent Bush Scenic Reserve". o Collaboration on interpretation regarding family association and Māori history is important. • Cycling access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Given the ecological values and small size of the reserve, we don't support the creation of a shared path or bike access. We are supportive of encouraging cyclists to visit the reserve (on foot) and support the provision of bike racks and an access off the cycle trail to avoid having to ride up the shoulder of the road to the carpark. • Dog Access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Forest & Bird supports Tasman Council identifying off-leash dog exercise areas away from the coast. However, we don't believe that an off leash designation for Baigents Bush is appropriate, given it's high ecological values and sensitive understory regeneration. Our preference would be for the reserve to have no dogs.
35147	Mr Paul Baigent	N/A	<p>We thank Council for taking account of our wishes as recorded in the resource consent notice attached to the land. We are pleased that in general terms our wishes have been respected in the proposed policies and future management plan, however we consider that the proposed access for cycles and dogs is not consistent with the expectation in the Resource Consent Advice Note that "appropriate controls will be provided over activities that would conflict with the purpose of conserving the bush".</p> <p>Dogs roaming off lease have the potential to disturb birdlife and birdsong, an important aspect of preservation and a significant aspect of enjoyment for people strolling through the bush. Furthermore, we have observed dogs racing through the bush and trampling important regeneration undergrowth.</p> <p>The potential for dog fights (and owner arguments!) as well as unwanted attention from uncontrolled dogs will detract from the enjoyment of those who seek to reflect and relax in the peace and tranquility of the bush.</p> <p>We also consider that access for bikes is not consistent with the conservation objectives and will also impact negatively on the public's enjoyment of the bush. As proposed the connection to the cycle track will create a perfect circuit for competitive kids on bikes and the temptation to go off track and make their own tracks puts the fringes of the bush at risk. Furthermore, pedestrians should be able to</p>

			<p>walk, listen to the birds and reflect without having to worry about approaching cyclists, particularly from behind. We believe that there is plenty of scope for biking on The Great Taste Trail and that the Bush should be reserved for the full enjoyment of the walking public.</p> <p>In summary we agree with most of the policy and plan proposals but want to see them amended (suggestions below) to exclude bike access and restrictions on free roaming dogs.</p>
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Shape Tasman feedback on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve

We created two quick polls for Baigents Bush:

35 individuals responded to the poll on: **Do you support the proposed concept plan for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve?**

- 63% support in full
- 23% support in part
- 14% oppose

29 individuals responded to the poll on: **Do you support the proposed management policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve?**

- 62% support in full
- 21% support in part
- 17% oppose

We received responses from 29 individuals to the request for feedback **Please tell us why you support or oppose the concept plan or policies — or share any ideas for the future of the reserve:**

<p>Overall the concept for concept for Baigent's Bush is good. I would like to see more seating/ picnic tables, especially in the large open area at the top of the race that borders the closest house.</p> <p>In order to protect and promote bird life I would prefer to see dogs kept on leash.</p>
<p>A valuable gifted asset to the area, still natural.</p> <p>Basic extras only please plus maybe a couple of "self cleaning" composting toilets</p>

It's very important that people living in this populated area, have access to dog walking facilities without having to travel far in a car. Instead of piecemeal management plans, why doesn't TDC consider making a pledge to dog owners that they will work to ensure that in built up residential areas, they will ensure good dog walking areas. This will alleviate the stress that dog owners are facing, and improve relations between TDC and dog owners who are facing on-going threats to the health and wellbeing of themselves and their dogs.
No space made available for camping.
I support having a bush reserve but would recommend reverting the name back to the original Māori name for the area, before colonisation. I recommend inviting mana whenua to the table to discuss the history of this area and having that information on a bill board at the reserve. Ngā mihi
It would be great if there was a gate that connected through to the Greta taste trail!
I don't think the reserve should be for cyclists. It should only be for walkers. Youth cyclists will undoubtedly go off track causing damage to the reserve and it could become a race track endangering walkers. It should be a calm place which will attract birds and allow nearby residents to enjoy the tranquility they currently have.
Please ensure the Reserve remains a Controlled Dog Walking area into the future. An important quiet area for owners and dogs to recreate in together away from children's playgrounds, housing etc.
Great idea, but carpark is very small at present and if bike racks are going in, needs to be enlarged. Can the bush walk not be a circular walk please, rather than there and back.
A great asset to our community! Good to have connections to TGTT. Also great to have informal walking options within the bush. One thing that would be great to have, however, is more recreation options (eg. picnic tables, tracks) in the large green spaces between the carpark and the bridge.
More important things to spend my rate money on
I think leave as is. It's nice to have some where that is natural. It's easy enough to walk around already I don't think a pathway is needed. A couple of picnic tables will be nice though and a rubbish bin. but if dogs are allowed in a picnic area it could cause some drama. There is plenty of other picnic areas around Wakefield but it's nice to have an off leash area for dogs
It's a great reserve. Support the proposal.
Natural regeneration is much better than planted regeneration. If you must plant, plant with room left for nature ie plant with first generation succession plants and don't densely plant. Pest plant control is super important - otherwise we will loose what we are trying to protect. Ditto pest control. It's a better use of funds than planting.

Lovely, simple, easy to maintain running forward for locals / council workers! Car park is very small when a few cars are in there walking etc. Would look to expanding it down the track if needed. Picnic tables a great idea and maybe a few more into the bush for children's parties (larger long tables) that could be donated by local business or fund raising done locally to supply these.
I would like to see some seating though the bush on the side of the tracks.
I like the changes to TGTT access, and other proposals for development of the reserve, but would like to see a dedicated dog exercise area so that families can have picnics in non dog access areas without worrying about standing or placing picnic blankets were dogs have pooped. In the long grass it's often hard for dog owner's to find all poo to pick-up. Maybe a dedicated and fenced off oneway dog walking track around the outside of the reserve would work.
I do not support creating shared pathways for walking and cycling and rerouting the great taste trail. This is a relatively small reserve and allowing cyclists on the pathways will detract from the amenity of the reserve for the community to use for relaxing recreation. I support all proposed changes to the reserve except for access to cyclists. 2 or 3 park benches located in open grass areas away would be an improvement to the plan.
More picnic tables/ seating,/ basic benches. on the route for accessibility for people with different needs. ie, disabled, elderly and children and parents.
it's actually nice. to go somewhere. that's not had humans mucking around too much.. leave it alone.
Are you going to ban dogs from this park as well?
The pathways in Wakefield need some work done on them most are in disrepair, more stones are needed and weeded, some flood as they haven't been maintained, so I think money spent should be on the pathways we already have instead of more pathways to not be maintained
At this present point in time I am OPPOSED to this unnecessary spending. First you wanted to remove some rubbish bins and other things. You had to back track due to unhappy people in the district. This was supposed to be a minute portion of your so called "reigning in the spending" (my words). Less spending is what the council is supposed to be doing due to the massive debt TDC have racked up and getting loans to cover just the interest every year, yet here we are AGAIN with the spending never stops. That is NOT a necessity. Quite with spending the money on these trivial things and start reducing our rates instead of increasing.
Walk tracks dog park in take my dogs there all the time
It makes good sense having access directly between the taste trail and the reserve. An idea is to spread the picnic tables and have one closer to the taste trail rather than both by the carpark end.
I would like to see a concept in the plan that caters to everyone, at all ages and includes more than just a nice place to walk or ride a bicycle as not everyone does that, especially with small kids and dogs. An area for kids, an area for dogs - doesn't have to be nothing top dollar, just something where they're safe, and small area catering for that, not infringing on anyone else. Something a little out of the square, but simple.

I don't think there needs to be a shared path through the centre. Bikes can use the bike path or Faulkner bush paths. Our dogs are reactive to bikes and we would like somewhere to take them safely.

It's perfect as it is

As long as there is plenty of areas for parking and people to sit and eat its a good idea



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Submission on Draft Reserve Management Plans: Lakes-Murchison Ward, Moutere-Waimea Ward (Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve), and Richmond Ward

Introduction

Forest & Bird is New Zealand's leading independent conservation organisation, dedicated to protecting and restoring Aotearoa's unique indigenous biodiversity and natural habitats. We welcome the opportunity to provide this submission on the Draft Reserve Management Plans (RMPs) for the Lakes-Murchison Ward, the Moutere-Waimea Ward (specifically the section pertaining to Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve), and the Richmond Ward.

We acknowledge the significant effort by Tasman District Council, in collaboration with Ngā Iwi ō Te Tai o Aorere/Te Taihu Iwi and community stakeholders, in developing these draft plans. Reserves play a crucial role in safeguarding our natural heritage, providing ecosystem services, and connecting people with nature.

Forest & Bird generally supports measures within the draft RMPs that genuinely seek to enhance indigenous biodiversity, protect and restore habitats across terrestrial, freshwater, and marine domains, address climate change impacts, and foster a deeper connection between people and nature. Our submission will focus on ensuring these intentions are translated into robust, evidence-based, and prioritised actions.

We have assessed the draft plans against key conservation principles, including:

- **The Precautionary Approach:** Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation.
- **Avoidance of Adverse Effects:** Prioritising the avoidance of adverse effects on biodiversity and natural character over mitigation, remedy, or offsetting.
- **Nature-Based Solutions:** Promoting the use of natural processes and ecosystems to address environmental challenges, such as climate change adaptation and flood management.
- **Integrated Ecosystem Management (Ki Uta Ki Tai):** Recognising the interconnectedness of ecosystems from the mountains to the sea and managing them holistically.
- **Protection of Indigenous Biodiversity:** Upholding the requirements of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB) and other relevant legislation like the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), Conservation Act 1977, and Reserves Act 1977.

We have structured our submission to address each draft plan individually, followed by concluding remarks.

Section 1: Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan

Forest & Bird acknowledges the vision, objectives, and policies outlined in the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward RMP. We are pleased to see the stated commitment to "Te Oranga o te Taiao" and "Te Mana o te Wai" as guiding principles for improving environmental wellbeing.

1.1 General Comments

The plan's emphasis on revegetation with eco-sourced indigenous species, weed and pest control, protection from incompatible activities, and enhancing ecological corridors (ki uta ki tai) aligns with Forest & Bird's objectives. We support the recognition of climate change impacts and the proposal for ecological retreat opportunities.

Building strong partnerships with iwi/Māori is crucial for effective conservation, and we support the plan's commitment in this regard.

1.2 Comments on Key Changes Proposed by the Draft Plan

- **Improving environmental wellbeing:**
 - We strongly support the proposals for maintaining, restoring, protecting, and enhancing the natural environment, particularly for Significant Native Habitats. The alignment with Te Mana o te Wai for reserves adjoining waterways is critical. Riparian plantings are essential for water quality and native biomass.
 - The commitment to minimising sprays and using alternative weed control methods is commended, as is considering ecological domains for eco-sourcing.
 - The recognition of reserves as part of wider ecological corridors is fundamental to landscape-scale conservation.
- **Responding to climate change impacts:**

- Strategic purchase of reserve land for ecological retreat is a necessary adaptive measure. We urge Council to proactively identify and secure such areas, particularly those that can facilitate the inland migration of coastal or flood-prone ecosystems.
- **Building partnerships:**
 - We endorse strengthening relationships with iwi/Māori and incorporating mātauranga Māori into reserve management.
- **Increasing benefits of parks and reserves:**
 - Planting an appropriate mixture of native and exotic species requires careful consideration. While we understand the desire for amenity, shelter, and food, the primary focus in reserves with significant or potential indigenous biodiversity value should be on indigenous species. The provision for rongoā and raranga planting is supported.
 - The emphasis on bicultural values, including Te Reo Māori names and pouwhenua, is positive.
 - Enhancing pedestrian access to mahinga kai sites and extending walkway/cycleway linkages should be done in a way that avoids adverse effects on sensitive habitats.
 - Adherence to 'Dark Sky' principles in rural reserves is supported for protecting nocturnal biodiversity and natural sky-scapes.

1.3 Responses to Key Questions

- **Q1: Poplars Recreation Reserve (Tadmor) Forest & Bird** recommends that Council **supports Option 1: Ongoing management by Council**, by requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes.
 - **Reasons:** While we understand the technical responsibility currently lies with DOC, Council management, if adequately resourced, can provide more localised attention. Relinquishing management to DOC, given their current resource constraints, may lead to a decline in the reserve's condition or a loss of recreational and (potentially) ecological values. Formalising Council management provides certainty. However, this must be accompanied by a commitment to manage the reserve for its ecological values, including weed and pest control, and enhancement of any native remnants, not just recreational facilities. If "established trees and shrubs surround the grassed area", these should be assessed for native content and potential for ecological restoration.
- **Q2: Tapawera Community Hub at Tapawera Memorial Park Recreation Reserve**
 - **Response to Q2:** We **support** building the new hub.
 - **Response to Q2(a) Preferred Location (if proceeding on the park):** We have no preference re the location.
 - **Response to Q2(b) Not-for-profit groups operating from the hub:** We **support** the inclusion of not-for-profit community services.
- **Q3: Owen River Recreation Reserve**

- **Forest & Bird supports Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g., by engaging a manager and installing signage), but with strong caveats.**
 - **Reasons for supporting Option 1 (with caveats):** This option maintains recreational access and amenities. However, any increase in use must be accompanied by good environmental management. This includes addressing weed control, ensuring sustainable wastewater management, and providing potable water. Nature-based solutions should be prioritised for any infrastructure upgrades.
 - **Reasons for opposing Option 2 (self-contained campers only, services removed):** While this reduces some management burden, it could lead to a decline in overall site care and potentially negative environmental impacts if unmanaged. It also reduces accessibility for some campers.
 - **Reasons for opposing Option 3 (return to DOC management):** DOC has indicated that, due to resource constraints, they would likely close the campground and potentially issue a grazing license. This would be a loss of public recreational access to the river and the reserve.
- **Q4: Hampden Street, Murchison (sell or retain)** This property is not subject to the Reserves Act. The building is currently a community gym, with a long-term plan to relocate this to an extended MSRCC. The document states Murchison is well-served by community meeting rooms, and this land no longer plays a key role in the Council's parks and reserves network.
 - Forest & Bird generally advocates for retaining public land in public ownership where it can provide community benefit or future strategic opportunities (including potential for green space enhancement if buildings are removed). We would support retaining the property if there is potential for it to be used. Otherwise, if sold, a condition should be that any funds are reinvested into the Lakes-Murchison Ward reserves network, prioritising ecological restoration and protection projects.
- **Q5: Lower Maruia Memorial Recreation Reserve and Q6: Matakitaki Recreation Reserve**
 - Forest & Bird **supports** the Council's proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust so that management reverts to the Crown.
 - **Reasons:** If the reserves genuinely provide no recreational or significant ecological value, and Council resources could be better focused elsewhere, returning it to the Crown for a determination of its future (e.g., potential disposal, lease, or addition to conservation estate if any remnant values exist) is pragmatic.

1.4 Comments on Specific Reserves

- **Riverview Scenic Reserve, Murchison:**
 - This reserve contains a precious remnant of lowland alluvial podocarp forest. Its protection and enhancement should be of the highest priority. We strongly support policies aimed at its protection, including weed and pest control, and restoration efforts.
 - The issue of the drainage swale and the need to restore the water table to increase resilience to climate change (drought) is critical for kahikatea health. We urge Council to actively trial initiatives to restore the water table.

- **Alpine Forest Scenic Reserve, Tophouse:**
 - This reserve, containing mature beech forest adjoining Nelson Lakes National Park, is significant. We support active management to protect its ecological values, including policies for pest plant and animal control. Addressing ungulate impacts (pigs, deer) is crucial. Encouraging hunting by locals is one tool, but unlikely to reduce numbers sufficiently for vegetation recovery. Council should consider professional control to protect forest understorey and sensitive wetland areas.
- **Owen River Recreation Reserve:** (Also covered in Key Questions)
 - The presence of large Lawson's cypress, Eucalypts, crack willow, and poplar trees is noted. While some are exotic, their value for amenity, shade, and (in the case of cypress) potential bird habitat should be considered. However, invasive species like crack willow should be managed and progressively replaced with natives. Revegetation of reserve borders should prioritise eco-sourced indigenous species.

Section 2: Draft Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan - Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve Section

Forest & Bird strongly supports the protection and enhancement of Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve. This site represents a rare and significant remnant of lowland tōtara-(matai) forest, which is a critically underrepresented ecosystem in the Motueka Ecological District.

2.1 General Comments

The classification of this land as Scenic Reserve is appropriate given its high ecological values. We commend the wishes of the Baigent family to see the native bush and its birdlife preserved and enhanced for future generations and for public benefit. The commitment by Council to prepare a management plan in consultation with the community and to ensure the primary purpose of retention and preservation of native bush is achieved, is noted and supported.

2.2 Comments on Values

The ecological assessment by Michael North (2010) clearly identifies the significance of this 7ha remnant. The diversity of native plant species (49 recorded), including locally rare species, and the presence of native birds like tūī, korimako/bellbird, piwakawaka/fantail, and kererū, underscores its importance. Representing almost one-fifth of what remains of alluvial podocarp forest in the Motueka Ecological District makes this site a high priority for conservation.

The historical values, including remnants of the water race that powered early mills, add another layer of significance to the reserve, and we support their preservation as requested by the former landowners.

2.3 Comments on Issues and Options

- **Ecological Condition and Threats:**
 - The "moderate condition" of the forest, water stress impacting regeneration, death of mature kahikatea, and stock damage to trees and understorey (prior to vesting) are serious concerns.
 - Ongoing weed and possum pest control is required.

- We support the restoration plantings undertaken since Council acquisition and the intent to undertake further plantings in glades and gaps to improve connectivity. All such plantings must use eco-sourced indigenous species appropriate to this specific forest type.
- **Landowner Wishes:**
 - We strongly support the reserve **not be used for any form of camping**, as this is incompatible with the primary purpose of a Scenic Reserve focused on preserving native bush. This should be a firm policy.
 - The desire to preserve heritage values (water race) is supported.
 - As the Baigent family no longer own the property our recommendation is for the name to be "Baigent Bush Scenic Reserve".
 - Collaboration on interpretation regarding family association and Māori history is important.
- **Cycling access:**
 - Given the ecological values and small size of the reserve, we don't support the creation of a shared path or bike access. We are supportive of encouraging cyclists to visit the reserve (on foot) and support the provision of bike racks and an access off the cycle trail to avoid having to ride up the shoulder of the road to the carpark.
- **Dog Access:**
 - Forest & Bird supports Tasman Council identifying off-leash dog exercise areas away from the coast. However, we don't believe that an off leash designation for Baigents Bush is appropriate, given it's high ecological values and sensitive understory regeneration. Our preference would be for the reserve to have no dogs.

2.4 Responses to Key Questions for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve

- **Question 1: Do you support or oppose the 'future management options' concept plan for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve?** Forest & Bird opposes the dog and cycling aspects of the plan as detailed above and in the policies section below. We support other aspects of the concept plan, with the following modifications and comments:
 - **Prioritise Ecological Restoration:** While the plan shows proposed revegetation areas, the extent and priority of active ecological restoration (weed control, pest control, infill planting with eco-sourced species) should be the dominant feature of the management approach. We think the bush edge plantings should be extended over time to protect the tall trees.
 - **Track Network:** Any *walking-only* tracks should be designed with minimal footprint to avoid damage to tree roots and sensitive ground vegetation. Boardwalks over boggy sections are supported. Track surfaces should be permeable where possible.
 - **Picnic Areas:** These amenities should be located on the periphery of the core forest area to minimise disturbance.
- **Question 2: Do you support or oppose the proposed management policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve?**
 - **Policy 1 (Primary Purpose):** Strongly support.

- **Policy 2 (Restoration with Community Groups):** Support. Ensure strict adherence to using only eco-sourced indigenous species appropriate to alluvial podocarp forest ecosystems.
 - **Policy 3 (Pest Plant and Animal Control):** Strongly support. This needs to be a high priority and adequately resourced. Specific targets and monitoring for key weed species and animal pests (possums) should be established.
 - **Policy 4 (Camping Prohibited):** Strongly support. This aligns with the landowner's wishes and the primary purpose of the Scenic Reserve.
 - **Policy 5 (Retain Open Areas for Informal Recreation):** Support with caution. "Informal recreation" should not include activities that could damage the forest remnant. The primary recreational experience should be appreciating the native forest.
 - **Policy 6 (walking track)** Support. With emphasis on minimal impact design, and boardwalks for wet areas.
 - **Policies 7, 8, 9, 10 (Cycle access)** Oppose. We believe that the reserves ecological values and small size make it inappropriate for cycling. We would like to encourage cyclists to visit the reserve (on foot, after parking their bikes) but believe the reserve should be no-cycling. We are supportive an entry for cyclists to access bike racks on the grassy northern end of the reserve.
 - **Policy 11 (Interpretive Signs - Tree Species):** Support. Also include interpretation about the forest ecosystem and its inhabitants.
 - **Policy 12 (Picnic Tables):** Support.
 - **Policy 13 (Bike Racks):** Support. See policies 7-10 above.
 - **Policy 14 (Consider Expanding Car Park):** Not keen on carpark expansion unless a necessity.
 - **Policy 15 (Remove Old Fencing):** Support, where it doesn't define current stock boundaries with neighbours.
 - **Policy 16 (Protect Historic Water Race):** Strongly support.
 - **Policies 17 & 18 (Interpretation - Family & Iwi History):** Strongly support but preference for interpretation signage to be located at the parking lot, aside from tree names and the water race.
- Additional Policy Recommended - Monitoring:** "Implement an ecological monitoring programme to track the effectiveness of restoration efforts, weed and pest control, and the overall health of the forest remnant."

Section 3: Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan

Forest & Bird acknowledges the comprehensive nature of the Draft Richmond Ward RMP, covering a large number of reserves with diverse values and functions. We support the plan's overarching aspirations for environmental wellbeing, climate change response, partnership building, and increasing the benefits of parks and reserves for the community.

3.1 General Comments

The Richmond Ward encompasses significant coastal margins along the Waimea/Waimeha Inlet, important river systems (Waimea, Wairoa, Lee, Roding), and urban watercourses like Borck Creek and Reservoir Creek. These provide critical habitats and ecological linkages. The plan's focus on "Te Oranga o te Taiao" and "Te Mana o te Wai", and creating ecological corridors "ki uta ki tai" is therefore highly pertinent and strongly supported.

We particularly commend the explicit recognition of sea-level rise and coastal inundation impacts and the proposed "managed retreat" approach. This is a vital and forward-thinking strategy for coastal reserves.

3.2 Comments on Key Changes Proposed by the Draft Plan

- **Improving environmental wellbeing:**
 - Proposals for revegetation with eco-sourced indigenous species, weed/pest control, and protection of Significant Native Habitats are strongly supported. The five Significant Native Habitats mentioned (Sandeman Reserve saltmarsh, Borck Creek inanga spawning, Jimmy Lee Creek forest, Reservoir Creek gully forest, Meads Bridge forest remnant) require dedicated and prioritised management actions within their respective reserve sections.
 - The alignment of management with Te Mana o te Wai for reserves adjoining waterways and the coastline is crucial. Riparian and coastal margin plantings are essential.
 - Minimising spray use and considering ecological domains for eco-sourcing are positive.
- **Responding to climate change impacts:**
 - We strongly support the proposals for ecological retreat, accepting the inevitability of sea-level rise impacts on coastal reserves, and implementing sustainable natural solutions and managed retreat. The reference to the 'Coastal erosion protection structures on Council reserve land Policy' is noted.
- **Building partnerships:**
 - Strengthening relationships with Te Taihū Iwi and incorporating mātauranga Māori is essential.
- **Increasing benefits of parks and reserves:**
 - The planting of appropriate mixtures of indigenous and exotic species needs careful site-specific assessment. In areas with existing or potential high indigenous biodiversity value, indigenous species must be prioritised. Support for rongoā, raranga, and sustainable food harvesting is positive.
 - Enhancing pedestrian access to the coastal environment and extending walkway/cycleway linkages must be designed to avoid sensitive ecological areas (e.g., shorebird nesting sites, saltmarsh).
 - The list of proposed new or upgraded amenities should ensure that any development avoids adverse effects on biodiversity, prioritises permeable surfaces, incorporates native planting, and uses low-impact design.

3.3 Responses to Key Questions

- **Central Park Playground (Richmond West):**
 - Forest & Bird generally supports the provision of playgrounds.
- **Camberley Reserve Concept Plan:**
 - We support the "village green" concept with a central lawn, pathway, playground, shade sail, fruit trees, and natural play features. Prioritise native species for feature trees and soft landscaping.
- **Lampton Reserve Concept Plan:**
 - The concept for active play (basketball, cinema wall, accessible playground) is supported. Again, prioritise native species for feature and fruit trees.
- **Chertsey Reserve Concept Plan:**
 - The layout with lawns, playground, pathway, and trees is supported. Native species should be used for feature trees.
- **Themes for Camberley, Lampton, Chertsey Reserves:**
 - The proposed theming (Lampton - active; Camberley/Chertsey - quieter/gathering) appears reasonable from an amenity perspective. The key environmental consideration is that all developments incorporate biodiversity enhancements through native planting.
- **Pukeko Park Renaming:**
 - Forest & Bird supports renaming to avoid confusion. We recommend Council consult with Te Taihū Iwi for an appropriate Te Reo Māori name that reflects the site's location and values (e.g., proximity to Waimea/Waimeha Inlet).
- **Jubilee Park - Declaration as Reserve:**
 - Forest & Bird **strongly supports** declaring Jubilee Park a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977. This would ensure its long-term protection as an important open space and recreational hub for Richmond. Retaining it as unencumbered fee-simple land for potential future development (e.g., social housing, retail) would be a significant loss of accessible green space.
- **Cambridge Street Playground - Declaration as Reserve:**
 - Forest & Bird **strongly supports** declaring Cambridge Street Playground a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977. This popular playground provides important recreational and social value in the CBD. Retaining flexibility for future community facilities at the expense of protected open space is not supported.
- **Hope Reserve - Maitai Lodge (ex-Druids Hall):**
 - If the Maitai Lodge is historic and can be feasibly upgraded and repurposed for community use, retaining it is preferable to demolition and new build, from a waste minimisation and embodied carbon perspective. Any upgrades should use sustainable materials and improve energy efficiency. If retention is not feasible or desired by the community, careful deconstruction and material salvage should occur.

- **Chelsea Avenue & Harriet Court Reserves - Pump Track:**
 - Forest & Bird supports the provision of recreational facilities like pump tracks if they are sited and designed appropriately. A beginner-friendly pump track around the perimeter could be acceptable if it does not impact significant trees or require extensive earthworks on existing green space. Design should incorporate drainage and native planting.
- **Easby Park - Playground Relocation:**
 - Given the flooding issues, relocating play equipment to a more flood-resilient part of the reserve is sensible.
- **Easby Park - Separate Walking-Only Track:**
 - Forest & Bird **supports** creating a separate walking-only track to reduce conflict between walkers and bikers and improve safety. The new track should be designed to minimise ecological impact.
- **Easby Park - Pump Track:**
 - Similar to Chelsea Ave, a pump track in the southern part of Easby Park could be acceptable if designed to avoid sensitive areas, minimise earthworks, and integrate with the surrounding landscape using native planting.
- **Paton Reserve - Concept Plan:**
 - The vision for Paton Reserve as a destination reserve with orchards, picnic areas, and potential for an amphitheatre and café is ambitious. Forest & Bird supports the inclusion of extensive native planting, enhancement of the ephemeral stream with wetland ponds, and accessible loop tracks.
 - Any development of a café or food carts should adhere to strict environmental standards, manage waste effectively, and avoid privatisation of public space. The amphitheatre should be designed to minimise noise spill and ecological disturbance. Car parking should be minimised. Prioritise ecological restoration and enhancement of existing vegetation.

3.4 Comments on Specific Reserves and Themes

- **Coastal Reserves (Section 5.1 of Richmond Draft RMP):**
 - We strongly support the policies outlined for all coastal reserves adjoining Waimea/Waimeha Inlet. Engagement with iwi (Policy 1, 2, 3, 5), considering dog prohibition for wildlife protection (Policy 6), and working to protect and link significant native habitats (Policy 7) are all critical.
- **Sandeman Reserve (Section 5.2.2 of Richmond Draft RMP):**
 - The ecological significance of the saltmarsh habitat and its importance for banded rail is high. We support policies for ecological retreat, restoration with saltmarsh species, pest control, and rerouting TGTT inland as the inlet encroaches. Reducing the car park size to discourage illegal dumping and freedom camping is also supported.
- **Kingsland Forest Park (Section 5.2.36 of Richmond Draft RMP):**

- This is a key reserve for both recreation and ecological restoration. We strongly support the objective to cease commercial plantation forestry and transition to a permanent, mixed-species forest with enhanced biodiversity.
- The protection and enhancement of native forest remnants in gullies (Reservoir Creek, Jimmy Lee Creek) is paramount. We support policies for active weed and pest control, and ecological restoration with community involvement (e.g., Wills Gully Group).
- The Development Plan (2020) actions, particularly regarding harvesting practices to protect native areas, replanting streamsides, and creating biodiversity corridors, should be fully implemented and resourced.
- Dog walking rules (Policy 61, 62) should be carefully managed to prevent impacts on regenerating native areas and wildlife. Consideration should be given to on-leash requirements in ecologically sensitive zones.
- We support the proposal to declare the 16 unclassified parcels as Reserve.
- **Borck Creek (Inanga Spawning):**
 - The Inanga spawning habitat at Borck Creek near Headingly Lane is significant. All management activities in and around Borck Creek, including within the Estuary Place (Esplanade & Utility) Reserve and Headingly Lane Esplanade Reserve, must prioritise the protection and enhancement of this spawning habitat. This includes careful management of water quality, riparian vegetation (using appropriate native species), and any in-stream works.
- **Walkway Network (Section 5.5 of Richmond Draft RMP):**
 - We support the enhancement of the walkway network for recreation and active transport. However, all new walkway development and upgrades must prioritise ecological values. This includes using permeable surfaces where appropriate, minimising vegetation removal (especially mature native trees), controlling weeds, and undertaking native planting along walkway edges to create ecological corridors and enhance amenity. Route 4 (Hill Street to Reservoir Creek to Waimea Inlet) and other routes following stream corridors offer significant opportunities for integrated ecological restoration.

Conclusion

Forest & Bird appreciates the work undertaken by Tasman District Council in preparing these Draft Reserve Management Plans. The plans contain many positive provisions for enhancing indigenous biodiversity, responding to climate change, and connecting people with nature.

Our key recommendations across all plans include:

1. **Prioritise and adequately resource actions that protect and enhance indigenous biodiversity**, particularly within Significant Native Habitats and along waterways and coastal margins. This includes robust weed and pest management, and eco-sourced native planting.
2. **Strengthen policies to ensure the avoidance of adverse effects** on ecological values from any new developments or activities within reserves.
3. **Fully implement the precautionary approach**, especially concerning developments in sensitive environments or where ecological information is incomplete.

4. **Actively pursue nature-based solutions** for climate change adaptation (e.g., wetland restoration for flood control, allowing natural coastal retreat) and ensure new infrastructure is resilient and low-impact.
5. **Ensure all walkway and cycleway developments are designed and managed to enhance ecological connectivity** and minimise impacts on natural values.
6. **Continue to strengthen partnerships with iwi/Māori** to ensure their values and mātauranga are meaningfully incorporated into reserve management.
7. **Support the formal protection of reserves like Jubilee Park and Cambridge Street Playground** under the Reserves Act 1977 to secure their long-term public and recreational values.

Forest & Bird is committed to working constructively with Council, iwi, and the community to ensure Tasman District's reserves are managed to the highest environmental standards for the benefit of present and future generations.

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Subject: Submission Tapawera Community Hub consultation

Kia ora

Please accept my submission on the Draft Lakes Murchison Ward RMP and RMP section on Baigents Bush relating to the proposed Tapawera Community Hub

I support the Hub

My preferred location for the Hub is Option 3 on the ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent

I believe this is the most central location for our community to access, the safest and has the potential for the most use. It is already a developed site which will avoid putting more built structures on green spaces giving reduced stormwater impacts

I would also like to see the Community Hub include provision of services for:

1) Local Community conservation Hub services in line with those proposed under the Kōtahitange mo te Taio strategy in which Tasman DC is a participant and to support our local predator control efforts and Shedwood Bush Betterers work, Tasman Bay Guardians participation, as well as any future initiatives.

2) As a publicly promoted civil defence centre gathering place in which community members and emergency management can provide drop in services such as recharging devices, accessing internet, hot shower, hot drink, simple meal, connection with others in time of emergency, where homes do need to be evacuated, and ideally for emergency marae-style sleeping. And as a central pātaka/food store for drinking water and basic foods and health supplies for evacuated householders.

I was a Piha resident who helped out in the aftermath of cyclone gabrielle where we had five days of taking care of our own homeless residents (30 families) before emergency management Auckland had the capacity to take over. As a spontaneously organised community volunteers we co-opted the surf club, thanks to the manager, and ran food kitchen, social support, donations hub etc from the surf club. Individual household preparedness is fine but when evacuations kick in we need community readiness too.

I'm sorry this submission is late as I am overseas this week.

Ngā mihi nui

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3.2 DELIBERATIONS ON THE DRAFT LAKES-MURCHISON WARD RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND DRAFT RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN SECTION FOR BAIGENTS BUSH SCENIC RESERVE

Decision Required

Report To:	Submissions Hearing
Meeting Date:	9 July 2025
Report Author:	Anna Gerraty, Senior Community Policy Advisor
Report Authorisers:	Grant Reburn, Reserves and Facilities Manager; Richard Kirby, Group Manager - Community Infrastructure
Report Number:	RSH25-07-4

1. Purpose of the Report / Te Take mō te Pūrongo

- 1.1 This report provides the Hearing Panel with a summary of the submissions received and discusses a range of matters raised in the submissions on the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan (RMP) and draft RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, Pigeon Valley. Staff seek direction on any changes and amendments for inclusion in the final Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and the RMP section on Baigents Bush. Both documents are scheduled to be presented to the Tasman District Council for its consideration and approval on 14 August 2025.

2. Summary / Te Tuhinga Whakarāpoto

- 2.1 This report has been prepared to assist the Hearing Panel to deliberate on the submissions received on the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan (Draft RMP) and draft RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, Pigeon Valley (draft RMP section), prior to the Panel making its recommendations to Tasman District Council on what the final wording of both RMPs should be.
- 2.2 Both draft RMP documents were publicly notified on 11 May 2025 and submissions closed on 16 June 2025.
- 2.3 We received [107 submissions](#) via the Council's online submission database. We also received 'fast feedback' via Shape Tasman on two of the key consultation questions: (a) future options for Owen River Recreation Reserve (feedback received from 359 individuals); and (b) concept plan and proposed policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve (feedback received from 35 individuals).
- 2.4 A separate draft report was circulated to the Hearing Panel on 18 June 2025, for the hearing on 9 July 2025. A copy of all submissions received was included in the report.
- 2.5 Ten submitters asked to speak to their submissions at the hearing on 9 July 2025. Deliberations will also take place on 9 July 2025 and are the focus of this report.
- 2.6 **Attachment 1** to this report provides the Hearing Panel with a summary of all the submissions received on the Draft RMP and draft RMP section, organised by subject. It

discusses a range of themes and matters raised in the submissions and includes staff comments to assist deliberations.

- 2.7 Staff seek direction on any changes for inclusion in the final Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and final RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, Pigeon Valley (for inclusion in the Moutere-Waimea Ward RMP), which will be presented to Tasman District Council on 14 August 2025.
- 2.8 The Council will then need to decide:
 - 2.8.1 whether to adopt the recommendations of the Hearing Panel; and
 - 2.8.2 whether to adopt the final RMPs.

3. Recommendation/s / Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Reserve Management Plan review Hearing and Deliberations Panel:

- 1. receives the Deliberations on the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and Draft Reserve Management Plan Section for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve Report RSH25-07-4; and**
- 2. in response to matters raised in the submissions received on the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan, notes the points and requests staff amend the Draft Reserve Management Plan, set out in Attachment 2 of the agenda report, to present to the Tasman District Council for its consideration when making its decision on final Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan; and**
- 3. agrees that staff give effect to the recommendations referred to in clause 2 above when preparing the amended Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan; and**
- 4. in response to matters raised in the submissions received on the Draft Reserve Management Plan section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, notes the points and requests staff amend the Draft Reserve Management Plan section, set out in Attachment 3 of the agenda report, to present to the Tasman District Council for its consideration when making its decision on the final Reserve Management Plan section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, Pigeon Valley (for inclusion in the Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan); and**
- 5. agrees that staff give effect to the recommendations referred to in clause 4 above when preparing the amended Reserve Management Plan section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve; and**
- 6. agrees that the Hearing Panel report that includes the recommended final versions of both the Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and the Reserve Management Plan section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve be presented to the Tasman District Council for consideration and adoption at the 14 August 2025 meeting.**

4. Background / Horopaki

- 4.1 The background to the draft Lakes Murchison Ward RMP and draft RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, including an overview of the plan review process under the Reserves Act 1977 and a copy of both draft documents, were provided in [Report RSPC25-04-3](#) at the 3 April 2025 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting.

- 4.2 At that meeting, the Committee resolved, pursuant to Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977, to release both draft RMP documents for public notification, with submissions closing on 16 June 2025. Detailed information about both draft RMP documents that were publicly notified on 11 April 2025 is available on Council’s website at: <https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/rmp-reviews>.
- 4.3 Councillors Ellis, Bryant and Mackenzie were appointed to the Hearing Panel to hear the submissions on the Draft RMPs. The Committee also resolved that up to two Mātauranga Māori experts be appointed to the Hearing Panel by the Mayor: Renée Love and Ursula Passl were subsequently appointed to the panel.
- 4.4 We received [107 submissions](#) via the Council’s online submission database. We also received ‘fast feedback’ via Shape Tasman on two of the key consultation questions: (a) future options for Owen River Recreation Reserve (feedback received from 359 individuals); and (b) concept plan and proposed policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve (feedback received from 35 individuals).
- 4.5 A separate draft report was circulated to the Hearing Panel on 18 June 2025, for the hearing on 9 July 2025. A copy of all submissions received was included in that report.
- 4.6 The hearing will be held on 9 July 2025, with 10 submitters requesting to speak in support of their submission.
- 4.7 After all speakers have been heard, the deliberations will also take place on 9 July 2025. The Hearing Panel will deliberate on all submissions received.

5. Role of the Hearing Panel

- 5.1 The role of the Hearing Panel is to consider all submissions received and recommend to Council the extent to which each submission point should be allowed or disallowed (i.e., accepted, accepted in part, or rejected).
- 5.2 A summary of the submissions with staff comments is provided in **Attachment 1**, organised by subject. The staff comments provide an indication of the views of the staff on each of the topic areas, to assist deliberations.
- 5.3 The broad themes in **Attachment 1** include the five key questions proposed by the Draft RMP, two key questions on the draft RMP section, and other themes. For those topics where only one or a small number of submitters commented, these have been grouped under the heading ‘Other Comments’.
- 5.4 Subsequently, the two amended RMP documents will be emailed to the Hearing Panel for their review. Once the Panel has agreed to the amended wording of both documents (either via email or an additional meeting), the Panel will then recommend the RMP documents to the Tasman District Council for final adoption.

6. Overview of submissions on the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward RMP

- 6.1 A high-level overview of submission themes is provided in this section. A more detailed analysis is provided in **Attachment 1** to this report.

Poplars Recreation Reserve in Tadmor (ownership/management)

- 6.2 All 24 submitters supported **Option 1** – Council retaining management and having the land vested in it for recreation. This was seen as:

- A pragmatic solution that reflects current use.
- Preferable to Department of Conservation (DOC) control, as Council is considered more accessible and community-connected.
- A way to ensure consistent upkeep and future improvements to the site.

6.3 No support was expressed for Option 2 (DOC manages the reserve).

6.4 One submitter suggested consideration of alternative community uses if the site is no longer needed for tennis.

Tapawera Community Hub – Support or Opposition

6.5 Feedback on the Hub proposal was divided, with a majority supporting the proposal:

- **Supporters** (71%): Saw the Hub as a vital investment in community cohesion, resilience, and access to services. Many highlighted the benefits for youth, seniors, and local groups, and expressed enthusiasm for the potential to host events, deliver social services, and enable a broader vision for Tapawera.
- **Opponents** (28%): Questioned the need for a new facility given existing venues, and were concerned about affordability, rates, and duplication. Some opposed the process, citing a lack of clarity or community mandate.

Tapawera Community Hub – Site Preference

- 6.6 Of those who supported a new Hub, **Option 2 (between Matai Crescent and rugby clubrooms)** was the most popular site, attracting support from 43% of all respondents. Supporters highlighted its central park setting, accessibility, proximity to existing clubrooms and parking, and potential to create a cohesive community precinct. Some noted the benefit of clustering community facilities together and the opportunity for future expansion. A few raised concerns about potential infrastructure costs but generally considered the benefits outweighed these.
- 6.7 **Option 3 (north of Matai Crescent)** was supported by 25% of respondents. This site was preferred for its proximity to the village centre, shops, public toilets, playground, and skate park, as well as its high street visibility and minimal flood risk. Some submitters felt it would be cost-effective to service. Concerns included the site's lack of visual appeal and its somewhat hidden location behind commercial buildings, but these were often acknowledged as trade-offs.
- 6.8 **Option 1 (near shearing stand)** was the least preferred (15%) with submitters citing its remoteness, flood risk, poor visibility, functionality and existing issues with vandalism as major drawbacks.
- 6.9 Those not supporting any option (17%) were either opposed to a new hub altogether (citing cost or lack of need), neutral, or requested more information or alternative locations.

Tapawera Community Hub – Inclusion of Not-for-Profit Groups (e.g. Op Shop)

6.10 This topic attracted strong views on both sides:

- **Supporters:** Argued that not-for-profit groups like the Op Shop are central to the Hub's purpose. The Op Shop was widely praised for its community value, volunteer contributions, and regional drawcard status. Submitters said a clean, safe space would improve community pride and enable greater use.

- **Opponents:** Believed the Op Shop should remain in its existing building, citing cost concerns, heritage value, and space priorities in the new facility. Others felt not-for-profit use should not displace commercial or community use, and queried who would cover operational costs.

Owen River Recreation Reserve (future management)

6.11 Submitters strongly supported **Option 1** – retaining Council management and improving the site's profile through signage or light-touch on-site management. Support was based on:

- Appreciation for freedom camping and passive recreation opportunities.
- A desire to maintain community control and prevent over-commercialisation or restrictions.
- Suggestions to clarify signage, protect riparian areas, and support tent-based camping.

6.12 Fast feedback from 359 individuals showed 80% support for Option 1, 17% for Option 2 (removing facilities and limiting camping to self-contained vehicles only), and 3% for Option 3 (handing back to DOC to manage), aligning with submission data.

Lower Maruia Recreation Reserve – Proposal to Revert Management to the Crown

6.13 Council proposed applying to DOC to remove the vesting in trust over four parcels of land that form the Lower Maruia Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve would revert to the Crown.

6.14 Support for the proposal slightly outweighed opposition, with six in support, four opposed and one neutral:

- Supporters generally viewed the land as low-value or surplus to Council's requirements.
- Opponents emphasised ecological value and the importance of maintaining local rather than centralised control.

Matakitaki Recreation Reserve – Proposal to Revert Management to the Crown

6.15 Council proposed to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over three parcels of land that form the Matakitaki Recreation Reserve, so that management and control would revert to the Crown.

6.16 There was more support (six) than opposition (three) for reverting the reserve to Crown control, plus one neutral submission:

- Supporters framed the proposal as a cost-saving and pragmatic measure for underutilised land.
- Opponents focused on the potential long-term value of retaining local control and minor income from existing land use.

Hampden Street Reserve – Proposal to Sell the Land and Building

6.17 Council proposed to sell the property at 5 Hampden Street, Murchison – known as Hampden Street Reserve – which currently contains a building used by some community groups.

6.18 Eight submitters opposed the sale while four submitters supported the sale:

- Opposition focused on current use, future potential, community benefit, and a desire to retain local control of assets.
- Supporters framed the site as redundant or a potential source of capital for reinvestment.

Other Themes Raised in Submissions

6.19 A range of other topics were raised by four submitters, including:

- 6.19.1 **Ecological and Climate Resilience:** There was support for recognising the impacts of climate change and building ecological corridors. One submission specifically requested rehydration measures to support kahikatea forest health.
- 6.19.2 **Weed and Pest Control:** Strong support for ecological restoration and pest control across key reserves, especially Riverview Scenic Reserve and Alpine Forest Scenic Reserve. Some sought more detailed targets and monitoring commitments.
- 6.19.3 **Support for Cultural Interpretation:** Requests for stronger representation of iwi history, pouwhenua, and te reo Māori signage.
- 6.19.4 **Equestrian Access:** One submission raised concern that no provision had been made for equestrian users at Wai-iti Domain or elsewhere in the Ward,
- 6.19.5 Several suggestions relating to specific reserves.

7. Overview of submissions on the Draft RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve

7.1 A high-level overview of submission themes is provided in this section. A more detailed analysis is provided in **Attachment 1** to this report.

Overall Support for the Concept Plan and Management Policies

7.2 Two community polls on the draft proposals indicated:

- **63%** support the concept plan in full, 23% in part, 14% oppose.
- **62%** support the policies in full, 21% in part, 17% oppose.

Key Themes and Concerns

7.3 Support for Conservation Focus

- Widespread support for the Scenic Reserve classification and the emphasis on protecting native bush.
- Submitters valued the forest as a peaceful, local treasure and recognised its ecological and cultural significance.

7.4 Opposition to Bike Access

- Most opposed proposals for shared cycle/walk tracks through the forest.
- Concerns included ecological damage, track widening, and reduced enjoyment of tranquility and birdsong.
- Many supported bike access to the carpark with racks provided, but not entry into the bush itself.

7.5 Dog Control

- Significant feedback opposing off-leash dog access due to potential impacts on birdlife, forest regeneration, and visitor experience.
- A few suggested a compromise with dogs on-lead in open areas only.

7.6 Camping

- Submitters supported the proposed ban on camping, reinforcing that it would undermine the reserve’s purpose.

7.7 Interpretation and Naming

7.7.1 Requests were made to:

- Restore the Māori name of the site.
- Collaborate with iwi on cultural and ecological signage.
- Preserve and interpret historical features like the old water race.
- Rename the site “Baigent Bush” rather than “Baigents Bush” to reflect current ownership.

7.8 Other feedback

7.8.1 Suggested additions included:

- More seating, especially in glades.
- Self-cleaning composting toilets.
- Commemorative benches funded by families with historical connections to the reserve.

8. Analysis and Advice / Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu

- 8.1 **Attachment 1** to this report provides an in-depth summary of submissions, accompanied by staff recommendations, to assist the Hearing Panel with deliberations. The details in Attachment 1 provide the rationale for the proposed recommendations in Section 2 of this report.

9. Financial or Budgetary Implications / Ngā Ritenga ā-Pūtea

- 9.1 The costs associated with hearing submissions and deliberations are absorbed within the Strategic Policy budget.
- 9.2 Adoption of the final Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and the final RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, Pigeon Valley, will advise future planning and development processes, where costs will be assessed on an ongoing basis and built into the Council’s future Long Term Plan processes.

10. Options / Kōwhiringa

- 10.1 The obligation is now on the Hearing Panel to deliberate and make decisions on the submissions received. Two options exist as a consequence of the public consultation process that has been undertaken. These options are outlined in the following table:

Option		Advantage	Disadvantage
1.	Proceed with the Draft RMPs as advertised.	No change to the documents would be seen as a failure to listen and will not lead to the most appropriate outcome. This is not the option recommended by staff.	Submitters have raised a number of valid points, which staff agree with.
2.	Recommend to the Council changes for the final Lakes-Murchison Ward RMP and the final RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, based on the comments made by submitters (i.e. those accepted in full or part) which the Hearing Panel agrees with.	This option will satisfy those submitters whose points have been accepted. This is the option recommended by staff.	It may not satisfy submitters whose views have not been incorporated into the amended document

10.2 Option 2 is recommended.

11. Legal / Ngā ture

11.1 This process has been carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 and the Local Government Act 2002.

12. Iwi Engagement / Whakawhitiwhiti ā-Hapori Māori

12.1 Staff attended the in-house hui with iwi held early in 2023 to introduce the two reserves projects (i.e. proposals to classify existing reserves and review RMPs). At the same time, information about these projects was first published to the Council's online iwi engagement portal and emailed to each of the eight Te Taihū iwi Trusts. Initial draft versions of the RMP were emailed to the nine iwi (including Ngāti Waewae, whose rohe includes part of Lakes-Murchison Ward) and uploaded to the portal in March and April 2025, so iwi could review the draft documents.

12.2 We offered to meet with each iwi kanohi-ki-te-kanohi (face to face) to talk through the draft RMPs and understand any concerns they may have had. Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Kuia and Te Ātiawa provided written feedback on earlier drafts, which were incorporated into the versions that were publicly notified on 11 April 2025. Iwi could also choose to write a submission/speak at a hearing on the draft RMPs; however, no submissions were received.

12.3 In April 2025, the Mayor wrote to all nine iwi Trusts inviting nominations for mātauranga Māori experts on the Hearing Panel for these two draft RMPs. Two nominations were received: one from Te Ātiawa (Renēe Love) and one from Ngāti Rārua (Ursula Passl). Both nominees were appointed to the Panel.

13. Significance and Engagement / Hiranga me te Whakawhitiwhiti ā-Hapori Whānui

13.1 As outlined in the following table, we consider that the Lakes-Murchison Ward RMP and RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve are of low significance to most residents of Tasman District. The consultation process we have followed has provided the public with the opportunity to outline their views about the appropriateness or otherwise of the proposals contained in the Draft RMP and draft RMP section. The Hearing Panel can make the recommended changes to both RMP documents without undertaking further consultation.

	Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
1.	Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Medium-High	<p>The draft RMPs are of interest to iwi, nearby residents, community groups and other parties/organisations because they set policies for the use and management of 58 park and reserve areas. Lakes-Murchison Ward and Wakefield residents are more interested than those in other parts of the District. Some iwi/Māori have a high level of interest in the future management of these reserves.</p> <p>There was particularly high interest in the new Tapawera Community Hub and future management options for Owen River Recreation Reserve, with almost all submissions relating to either of these issues.</p>
2.	Are there impacts on the social, economic, environmental or cultural aspects of well-being of the community in the present or future?	Medium	The draft RMPs set out objectives and policies for of future management of parks and reserves and their use and enjoyment by current and future generations.
3.	Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	Medium	The decisions made through the RMP review process will be of a medium duration, as the final RMPs are likely to be in place for 10 years. The overall impact is likely to be positive. The final Plan can be amended at any time, if required.

	Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
4.	Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	N/A	
5.	Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	Low	Implementation of the final Plan is likely to result in a slight increase to the existing high levels of service provided at many of the parks and reserves in the Ward. However, there is no need to change the levels of service in the Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) 2024-2034.
6.	Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	Low	Reserve management plans provide policy guidance only. Decisions on when funding is allocated to implement the policies are made via the relevant activity management plans and LTPs of the Council.
7.	Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	N/A	
8.	Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	N/A	
9.	Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	N/A	
10.	Does the proposal require particular consideration of the obligations of Te Mana O Te Wai (TMOTW) relating to freshwater or particular consideration of current legislation relating to water supply, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and services?	Low	One of the reserves included in the draft RMP (the Tapawera-Tadmor Road Walkway) has been classified as a Local Purpose (Walkway and Utility) Reserve as it currently contains the water supply for Tapawera. This infrastructure is proposed to be moved to another site across the road within the next 10 years.

14. Communication / Whakawhitiwhiti Kōrero

- 14.1 Staff engaged with the nine iwi and the four Reserve Management Committees during the preparation of the Draft RMP and draft RMP section. Feedback received from the public during the initial 'seeking ideas' consultation round (held over the summer of 2023/24) was also incorporated into both draft documents
- 14.2 A public notice was published on the Council's website on 11 April 2025 and an article about this consultation opportunity published in the 18 April 2025 edition of Newsline. The submission period was 11 April to 16 June 2025.
- 14.3 Both draft RMP documents and information about how to make a submission were published online at <https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/rmp-reviews> and hard copies were made available at the Council offices and libraries in Murchison, Motueka and Richmond.
- 14.4 We prepared two 'quick guide to the draft RMP' leaflets, which listed the key questions and suggested development proposals for public consultation, provided details on where to view the full documents and included a submission form. These were published on Shape Tasman and hard copies of these leaflets were made available at the Council's offices and libraries.
- 14.5 In mid-April we emailed iwi, DOC, the four reserve management committees, and those who provided feedback during the 'seeking ideas for RMPs' initial consultation round held over the summer of 2023/2024, to notify them of the opportunity to make a written submission on the draft RMP documents and speak at a hearing.
- 14.6 Towards the end of the submission period we noted that few submissions had been received on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve or Owen River Recreation Reserve. We published posts on the Council's social media channels with a link through to a '[Fast feedback](#)' subpage on Shape Tasman, where people could have their say on these issues via a quick poll and by providing a brief written comment. This method elicited responses from 35 individuals on Baigents Bush and 359 individuals on Owen River Scenic Reserve.

15. Risks / Ngā Tūraru

- 15.1 The main risk associated with undertaking hearings and deliberations on the draft RMP documents is reputational. If the final plans are perceived to disregard key themes raised in submissions, there is a medium risk of public dissatisfaction and loss of trust in the consultation process. There is also a low to medium risk that the final plans may not fully align with the intent of the Reserves Act 1977 or specific legal commitments, particularly in relation to the primary purpose of each reserve.
- 15.2 These risks can be mitigated by recommended changes to RMP text where there is strong community support or statutory alignment, clearly explaining decisions where views differ, and retaining flexibility for future operational decisions. Where increased infrastructure or management effort is recommended, phased or conditional implementation can help manage financial impacts. Overall, the hearings and deliberations process provides the Panel with a key opportunity to address these risks through balanced and well-reasoned recommendations.

16. Climate Change Considerations / Whakaaro Whakaaweawe Āhuarangi

- 16.1 The draft RMP documents contain policies relating to climate change issues that align with the Tasman Climate Response and Resilience Strategy and Action Plan 2024-2035.

17. Alignment with Policy and Strategic Plans / Te Hangai ki ngā aupapa Here me ngā Mahere Rautaki Tūraru

- 17.1 Hearing of all submissions on the draft RMP and draft RMP section, and deliberations on these, will be undertaken by the Hearing Panel in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977, exercising delegated authority from the Strategy and Policy Committee.
- 17.2 The Hearing Panel can made recommendations to Tasman District Council on how RMP text should be amended in response to submissions. However, the delegation from the Minister of Conservation to adopt RMPs is to the full Council, not to subcommittees, therefore Tasman District Council must make the final decision on whether or not to adopt RMPs.




18. Conclusion / Kupu Whakatepe

- 18.1 Hearing, deliberating, and making recommendations on the submissions received is a critical part of the process and must be completed in order to successfully adopt the final Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and final RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and to meet the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977.

19. Next Steps and Timeline / Ngā Mahi Whai Ake

- 19.1 Following the hearing and deliberations staff will:
- make the necessary wording changes to the Draft RMP and draft RMP section, to give effect to the recommendations of the Hearing Panel; and
 - circulate the amended documents to the Hearing Panel for approval; and
 - provide the proposed final Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and final RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve (for inclusion in the Moutere-Waimea Ward RMP) to Tasman District Council for formal adoption on 14 August 2025, along with a Hearing Panel report.

20. Attachments / Tuhinga tāpiri

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Submission Summary and Staff Comments to Assist Deliberation

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

The Draft Plan was publicly notified on 11 May 2025 and open for submissions for a two-month period, closing on 16 June 2025. A total of 107 written submissions were received via Council's online submissions database during this time period. A further 359 individuals provided feedback on future options for Owen River Recreation Reserve and another 35 individuals provided feedback on the draft RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, via a 'Fast Feedback' option we provided on Shape Tasman.

Most submitters focused their comments on one or more of the main themes listed in the two tables below.

Both tables below also provides a summary of the number of submitters supporting, opposing or neutral on each theme (where relevant), along with the total number of submissions received on each theme.

Submissions received on draft RMP section for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, Pigeon Valley:

#	Submission theme	Number of submitters				
1	Do you support or oppose the 'future management options' concept plan for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?	Support in full	Support in part	Oppose	Neither	Total
	Submissions database	7	-	5	2	14
	Shape Tasman quick poll	22	8	5	-	35
	Total	29	8	10	2	49
2	Do you support or oppose the proposed management policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?	Support in full	Support in part	Oppose	Neither	Total
	Submissions database	2	12	1	1	16
	Shape Tasman quick poll	18	6	5	-	29
	Total	20	18	6	1	45
3	Any other comments on Baigents Bush?	A total of 35 submitters made additional comments: 5 via the submissions database and 30 via Shape Tasman.				

Submissions received on draft Lakes-Murchison Ward RMP:

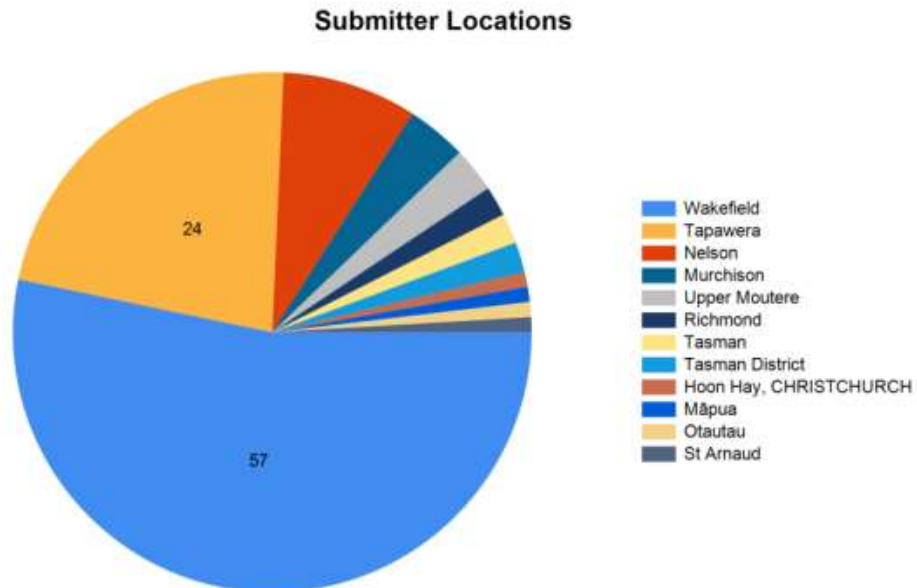
#	Submission theme	Number of submitters			
1	Which option do you support for the future management of Poplars Recreation Reserve and why?	Option 1: Ongoing management by Council.	Option 2: Notify DOC that Council no longer intends to manage the reserve.	Total	
		24	0	24	
2	Do you support or oppose the proposal to build the new Tapawera Community Hub at Tapawera Memorial Park and why?	Support	Oppose	Neither	Total
		61	24	1	86

#	Submission theme	Number of submitters				
2a	Which location at Tapawera Memorial Park would you prefer the new Tapawera Community Hub be constructed on and why?	Option 1: near the shearing stand.	Option 2: on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms	Option 3: on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.	None of these	Total
		11	32	19	13	75
2b	Do you support or oppose the proposal for not-forprofit groups/ organisations (e.g. an Op Shop) to operate from the new Tapawera Community Hub and why?	Support	Oppose	Neither		Total
		50	18	4		72
3	Which one of the three potential future management options for Owen River Recreation Reserve do you support and why?	Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.	Option 2: Council manages the reserve as a campsite for self-contained campers only with no services provided (similar to the current situation at Wai-iti Recreation Reserve). The ablution block would be removed under this scenario, and toilets, showers and potable water would no longer be provided.	Option 3: Council requests reversal of the vesting and that DOC take over management responsibility for this Crown-owned reserve. Camping will most likely no longer be permitted under this scenario, but vehicle access between the highway and river would remain in place.		Total
	Submissions database	16	4	0		20
	Shape Tasman quick poll	298 (80%)	64 (17%)	10 (3%)		372 (359 individuals)
	Total	314	68	10		392 (379 individuals)
4a	Do you support or oppose the Council's proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over the four parcels of land that form Lower Maruia	Support	Oppose	Neither		Total
		6	4	1		11

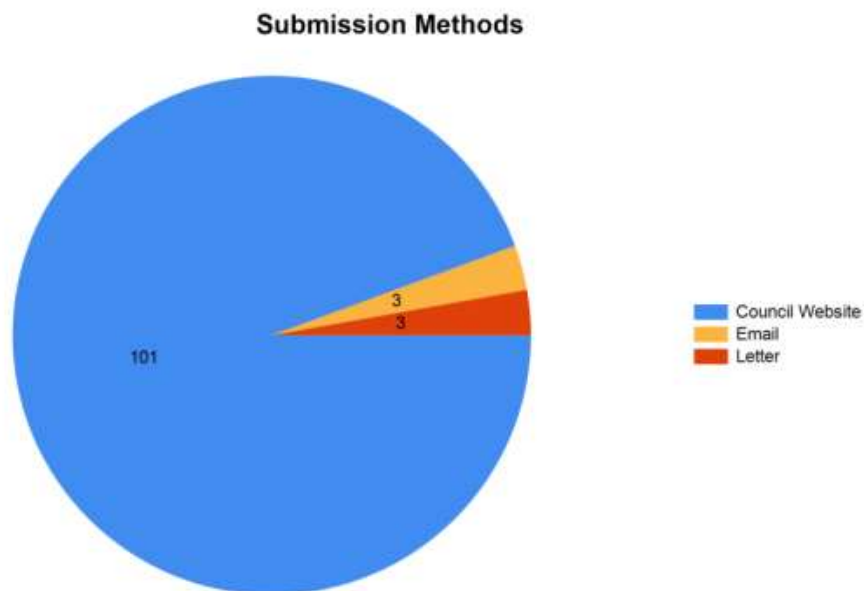
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	Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve reverts back to the Crown and why?				
4b	Do you support or oppose the Council's proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over the four parcels of land that form Matakitaki Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve reverts back to the Crown and why?	Support 6	Oppose 3	Neither 1	Total 10
5	Do you support or oppose the proposal to sell the land and building known as Hampden Street Reserve, located at 5 Hampden Street in Murchison and why?	Support 4	Oppose 8	Neither 0	Total 12
6	Any other comments on Lakes-Murchison reserves?	Four submitters made comments relating to other reserves.			

The 'Submissions Received – Sorted by Theme' document distributed to Hearing Panel members contains submission points sorted by the themes listed in the two tables above. No information in that document has been summarised.

Locations of the 107 submitters who provided details of the town they live in are shown on the following pie chart.



The next graph shows that, of these 107 submitters, most people submitted via Council's online submission database. We also received online feedback via Shape Tasman from another 394 individuals.



STAFF COMMENTS

Page references to the Submissions by Theme (SbT) document are provided for each theme.

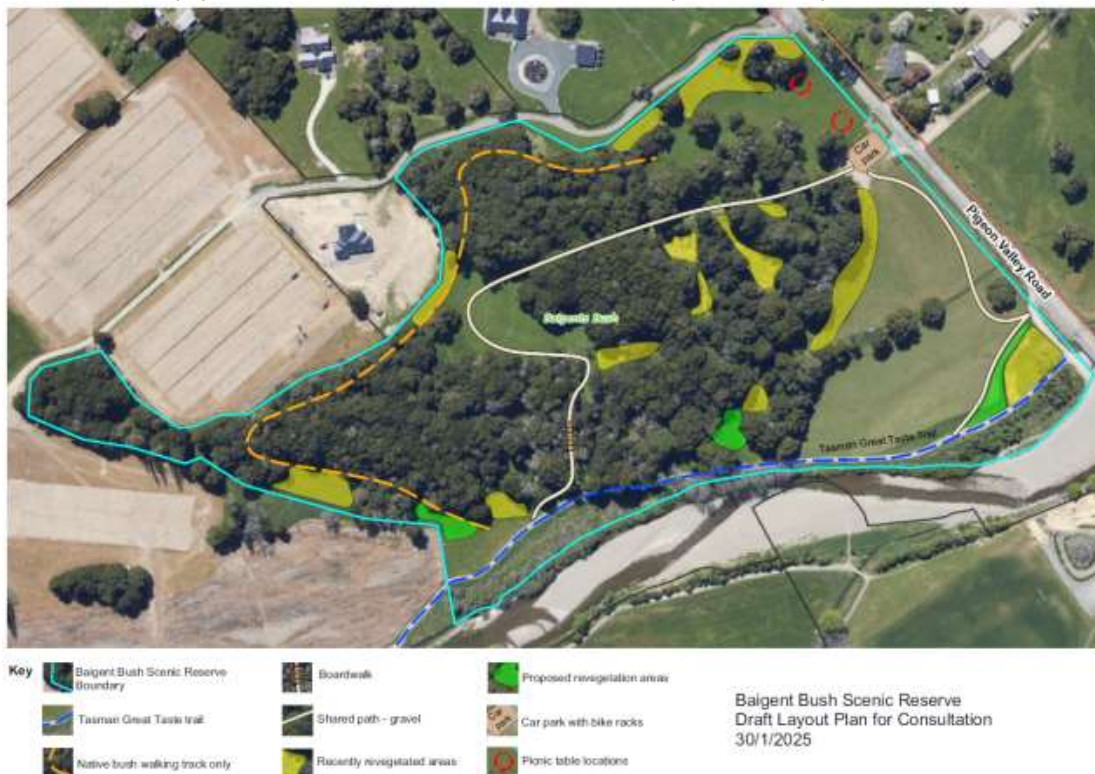
A. STAFF COMMENTS ON THE KEY QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE DRAFT RMP SECTION ON BAIGENTS BUSH SCENIC RESERVE (pp 71-84 SbT)

Staff advice and recommendations are noted in italicised text, with recommended edits to RMP wording shown in red text.

We asked: “Do you support or oppose the ‘future management options’ concept plan for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?” and “Do you support or oppose the proposed management policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve and why?” Note to hearing panel members: both questions were included the draft RMP section and brochure circulated during public consultation.

Towards the end of the submission period, we set up a ‘Fast feedback’ quick poll on Shape Tasman on these two questions and posted a link to this on a post on Council’s Facebook page, to encourage more people to respond to these questions. In total, 49 submitters provided feedback on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve.

The draft concept plan included in the draft RMP section and on Shape Tasman is copied below.



Overview of public feedback

Concept plan support	Management policies support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 63% support in full 23% support in part 14% oppose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 62% support in full 21% support in part 17% oppose

Total submitters: 49 individuals (Shape Tasman and written submissions)

General consensus: Strong support for ecological preservation and maintaining the reserve’s natural character, with contested issues around dog access and cycling.

Key themes from submissions

Ecological preservation

- Majority of submitters emphasised protecting and enhancing the native forest remnant as the reserve’s primary purpose.
- Strong support for pest and weed control, restoration with eco-sourced indigenous species, and ecological monitoring.
- Requests to prioritise control of invasive species (e.g., Jerusalem cherry, old man’s beard).

Dogs in the reserve

- Concerns about off-leash dogs disturbing wildlife, trampling undergrowth, dog fights, and hygiene.
- Requests for dogs to be restricted to on-leash only or designated open areas near the car park.
- Suggestions for fencing or clear separation between dog areas and family recreation and picnicking spaces.

Cycling access

- Many oppose the proposed shared walking/cycling track through the forest remnant due to safety, ecological, and tranquillity concerns. The strong preference is for this track to be for walkers only.
- Requests to clearly define and discourage cycling within the forest interior.
- Majority support for proposed shared path connection between TGTT and car park (through the open space area adjoining Pigeon Valley Road), with cyclists encouraged to dismount at the car park and walk through the forest remnant.

Recreation facilities

- Support for additional basic amenities such as picnic tables and seating, especially in open grassed areas near the car park and in the large open area near the centre of the reserve.
- Interest in memorial seating and benches for rest and reflection.
- Cautious support for rubbish bins and toilets, emphasising minimal infrastructure.

Tranquillity and character

- Strong desire to maintain the reserve’s peaceful, reflective nature without high-traffic or intrusive activities.
- Opposition to wide tracks that might encourage intensive use or degrade the forest.

Interpretation and historical values

- Widespread support for interpretive signage about Māori and settler history, including the Baigent family and the historic water race.
- Preference for signage at the car park or picnic area to reduce visual clutter within the bush.
- Requests for archaeological assessment and preservation of water race remnants.

Naming and cultural considerations

- Some questioned the continued use of “Baigents Bush” as the land is no longer owned by the family.
- Suggestions for future discussions with iwi regarding traditional Māori names and potential dual naming or inclusion on signage.

Council spending and maintenance concerns

- A minority expressed concerns about cost, maintenance, and Council priorities.
- Requests to focus on existing path maintenance in other Wakefield reserves before expanding facilities at Baigents Bush.

Staff recommendations and detailed policy amendment wording

*Staff recommend updating the RMP policies, as shown in **italicised red text** and ~~striketrough~~ below, and updating the concept plan to reflect these changes.*

Amend Policy 2 to reference the finalised concept plan correctly:

- 2 Work together with community groups to restore the forest understorey and revegetate the shaded blue areas in the ~~'future management options' concept~~ **layout** plan included within the 'Issues and Options' section above. Only eco-sourced indigenous species should be used for restoration plantings.

Ecological restoration and pest control

There was strong support from submitters for ongoing weed and pest control and ecological restoration using eco-sourced indigenous species. Several submissions requested that specific weed species (such as Jerusalem cherry and old man's beard) be prioritised for control and suggested that an ecological monitoring programme be established to track the success of these efforts over time. Staff recommend amending Policy 3 to provide greater clarity and direction for restoration, pest control, and monitoring.

- 3 Eradicate or control pest plants and animals to the extent required to protect ecological values. **Prioritise control of pest plants such as Jerusalem cherry and old man's beard. Establish a monitoring programme to assess pest control and track ecological health indicators over time. Adjust management practices based on monitoring results.**

Dogs in the reserve

During 2024, the Council undertook public consultation on the Dog Control Bylaw for Tasman District, which was subsequently adopted and took effect on 31 March 2025. Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve was one of the reserves in Wakefield highlighted within the draft by-law consultation document. The entire reserve was designated as a Controlled Exercise Area (meaning dogs can be exercised off-leash, if under control, but are prohibited within 10 m of picnic tables). The RMP text needs to align with the current bylaw. However, the bylaw only has a five-year lifespan and will be due for review before the Moutere-Waimea Ward RMP is due for review. It is therefore appropriate to include policy wording that provides direction for considering appropriate dog access when the next Dog Control By-law review is conducted. Given the feedback received on the draft RMP text, staff recommend amending Policy 5 by adding a new sub-policy as follows:

5. Retain much of the open (non-forest) part of the reserve as mown lawn areas available for informal recreation, picnicking and dog exercise.
As part of the next review of Tasman District Council's Dog Control Bylaw, consider amending the current designation by reducing the area covered by the Controlled Exercise Area to the open grassed area in the western corner (i.e. between the carpark and Wai-iti River) only, and Leash Control Area for the remainder of the reserve area. This would separate off-lead dog exercise areas from picnic areas, and requiring dogs to be on-leash within the forest remnant would protect vulnerable native wildlife.

Cycling access

Feedback on the draft RMP highlighted widespread opposition to shared walking and cycling tracks within the forested area of the reserve. Submitters raised concerns about safety—particularly for children, elderly, and disabled visitors—as well as the potential for ecological damage, off-track biking, and loss of tranquillity. Many supported the idea of providing for cycling only through the open grassed area in the eastern corner of the reserve, with clear encouragement for cyclists to dismount and explore the bush on foot. Staff recommend amending the relevant policies to reflect these preferences and to provide clear direction for future management.

Add new policy, between existing policies 5 and 6 (and renumber policies accordingly) and amend existing policies 7, 10 and 13 as follows:

(New) ***Cycling is prohibited within the forest interior to protect ecological values and visitor safety.***

- 7 Construct a gravelled ~~shared path (walkway/cycleway)~~ from the car park, along the old vehicle access track, through the clearing and the forest to Tasman's Great Taste Trail (TGTT). Install a short boardwalk through the boggy section of this path. ~~and a bike squeeze~~ ***Install 'no cycling' signage at both ends of the path (i.e. at the car park and where the path meets TGTT).***

- 10 Link the rerouted section of TGTT with the bike squeeze at the car park by constructing a *gravelled* shared path near the eastern reserve boundary. *Ensure the new shared path is clearly defined to discourage unintended cycling within the bush remnant. Provide bike racks and signage at the carpark to encourage cyclists to park and explore the reserve on foot.*

~~13 Install bike racks near the bike squeeze at the car park.~~

Track design and path maintenance

Submitters strongly supported a walking-only track network in the forest, provided it is narrow, uses permeable surfaces, and avoids root damage or wet areas. Boardwalks were supported in boggy areas. There was opposition to wide paths that might encourage cyclists or intrude on the forest canopy. Staff recommend amending Policy 6 to provide clear direction on track design and maintenance to minimise ecological disturbance.

- 6 Construct a walking-only track through forested area in the south-western corner of the reserve, with gates at either end to prevent bikes from using this track. *Design walking-only tracks to minimise ecological disturbance, using permeable surfaces and keep paths narrow to maintain canopy integrity and forest floor shading.*

Picnic and seating facilities

There was strong support for picnic tables, particularly near the car park, and some interest in additional seating throughout the reserve, including at the forest edge and in clearings. Suggestions included long tables for group gatherings, benches for rest and reflection, and that families be offered the opportunity to donate memorial seating. Submitters also requested that any new facilities be limited to "basic extras only," such as composting toilets and rubbish bins. Staff recommend amending Policy 12 to reflect most of these preferences and to clarify the types and locations of facilities to be provided, to read:

- 12 Install picnic tables near the car park *and in clearings*, providing options for sun and shade. *Provide opportunities for community and family donations of memorial seating or benches in clearings or at the forest edge to support rest and reflection.*

Interpretation and historical values

Submitters expressed widespread support for interpretation of both Māori and settler history, including the Baigent family's role, as well as information about native forest species and the historic water race. Many requested that interpretive signage be limited to the car park or picnic area to minimise visual clutter within the bush. Some also suggested that an archaeological assessment of the water race route be undertaken. Staff recommend amending the relevant policies to reflect these preferences.

Move Policy 11 down the list (between existing policies 16 and 17), so all three policies about interpretation are collocated together, and amend as follows:

- 11 ~~Install interpretive signs identifying various tree species along the track network.~~ *Provide interpretive signage about the reserve's natural and cultural values. Locate interpretation signage (other than tree labels and historical markers) primarily at the car park and picnic area to minimise visual clutter within the forest. Interpretive content should include Māori cultural values, settler history including the Baigent family, native forest species, and the historic water race.*

Amend Policy 16 to read:

- 16 Identify and record the location of the historic water race, *undertake a detailed archaeological assessment of the water race route*, and actively protect ~~its~~ *visible* remnants.

Naming and cultural considerations

Some submitters questioned the continued use of the name “Baigents Bush” given the land is no longer owned by the family, and suggested future consideration of a traditional Māori name. Staff recommend retaining the name “Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve” throughout the RMP section, to honour the family’s wishes, as outlined in the consent notice, but to include a future action to discuss with iwi original names for this landscape and the potential for dual naming or inclusion on signage.

- 18 Work together with Te Taihū iwi to provide interpretation information about Māori history and cultural values of the reserve and surrounds, *and to discuss original names for this landscape and potential dual naming or inclusion on signage, where appropriate.*

Summary

The submissions reveal strong community support for preserving Baigents Bush’s ecological values and tranquil character, with clear preferences for limited, low-impact recreational use. The most divisive issues concern dog access and cycling within the reserve, with many advocating for restrictions to protect wildlife and visitor experience. There is also broad endorsement for interpretive signage highlighting cultural and historical values, provided it is sensitively located.

The staff recommendations and proposed policy amendments aim to balance these views by refining policies to protect ecological integrity, clarify dog and cycling access, enhance visitor facilities modestly, and respect cultural heritage and naming considerations. These amendments will help ensure Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve remains a valued natural and cultural asset.

B. STAFF COMMENTS ON EACH OF THE FIVE KEY QUESTIONS POSED BY DRAFT LAKES-MURCHISON WARD RMP

Note to hearing panel members: each of these five questions were included in text boxes throughout the Draft RMP and also listed in the brochure circulated during public consultation.

*Staff advice and recommendations are noted in italicised text, with **recommended edits to Plan wording shown in red text**. Page references to the Submissions by Theme (SbT) document are provided for each theme.*

1. Which option do you support for the future management of Poplars Recreation Reserve and why? (pp 1-5 SbT)

- **Option 1:** Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes).
- **Option 2:** Notify DOC that Council no longer intends to manage the reserve or maintain its facilities (DOC would therefore need to start actively managing this reserve).

All 24 submissions on Poplars Recreation Reserve supported Option 1.

Submitters consistently stated that Option 1 would best protect the reserve’s natural character, maintain its current low-key recreational use, and avoid overdevelopment. Several noted that Option 1 aligns with the original intent for the reserve and reflects the community’s wishes. No submitters requested additional facilities or changes beyond those provided for in Option 1, and there was no support for Option 2.

Staff recommendations:

*Given the unanimous support, staff recommend that the Hearing Panel note this strong community preference and amend the RMP wording to **provide for Option 1 - Ongoing management by Council (this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes)** – as the adopted management approach for Poplars Recreation Reserve.*

2. Do you support or oppose the proposal to build the new Tapawera Community Hub at Tapawera Memorial Park and why? (pp 6-18 SBT)

In total, 86 submitters responded to this question, with 61 in support (71%), 24 opposed (28%) and one (1%) neutral.

Key themes from supporters:

- Strong community need for a warm, fit-for-purpose, multi-use facility.
- Current buildings are inadequate: cold, outdated, and poorly maintained.
- New hub would support youth, elderly, wellbeing services, Tapawera Connect, Op Shop, and community events.
- Improved access to services would reduce travel to Richmond/Nelson and support a more connected, resilient community.
- Opportunities for iwi involvement in design, environmental efficiency, and local economic development.

Several submitters expressed strong opposition to the Hub proposal. Key themes from opponents included:

- Perception of unnecessary spending during a cost-of-living crisis.
- Concern about division in the community and process transparency.
- Perceived financial imprudence, inequity in benefit distribution and lack of clarity over intended use.
- Consultation fatigue.
- Distrust in the feasibility study.
- Suggestions for alternative approaches (e.g. purchase an existing building or community pub).
- Several submitters argued for investment in youth, mental health, or maintaining/refurbishing existing facilities instead.

Staff recommend that the Panel note the majority support (71%) for development of a community hub at Tapawera Memorial Park, but with the following qualifications:

- i. *Note there is a contingent of the community (28% of submitters) who oppose the proposal.*
- ii. *Acknowledge the community's financial concerns and opposition views.*
- iii. *Commit to an inclusive design and governance process that rebuilds trust.*
- iv. *Emphasise the need for external funding, partnerships, and detailed cost-benefit analysis before construction begins.*
- v. *Include flexibility in location selection.*

Staff recommend retaining text relating to the community hub in the final RMP section on Tapawera Memorial Park.

Q2a Which location at Tapawera Memorial Park would you prefer the new Tapawera Community Hub be constructed on? (pp 19-28 SBT)

- **Option 1:** near the shearing stand; or
- **Option 2:** on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms; or
- **Option 3:** on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent.

A total of 75 submitters responded to the question about the preferred location for the new Tapawera Community Hub:

- **Option 1:** 11 submitters (15%)
- **Option 2:** 32 submitters (43%)
- **Option 3:** 19 submitters (25%)
- None of the above/neutral/opposed: 13 submitters (17%)

Summary of submissions

Option 2 was the most popular location, with supporters highlighting its central park setting, accessibility, proximity to existing clubrooms and parking, and potential to create a cohesive community precinct. Some noted

the benefit of clustering community facilities together and the opportunity for future expansion. A few raised concerns about potential infrastructure costs but generally considered the benefits outweighed these.

Supporters of **Option 3** value its proximity to the village centre, shops, public toilets, playground, and skate park, as well as its high street visibility and minimal flood risk. Some submitters felt it would be cost-effective to service. Concerns included the site's lack of visual appeal and its somewhat hidden location behind commercial buildings, but these were often acknowledged as trade-offs.

Option 1 was least preferred, with submitters citing its remoteness, flood risk, poor visibility, functionality and existing issues with vandalism as major drawbacks.

Those not supporting any option were either opposed to a new hub altogether (citing cost or lack of need), neutral, or requested more information or alternative locations.

Discussion

The clear preference for Option 2 (ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms) as the preferred site for the new Tapawera Community Hub is noted, however Option 2 is unlikely to be the most cost-effective option.

In a recent report to Council (RCN25-05-7), staff have provided the following advice about the various potential locations for the new community hub:

- Considerations relating to Option 1:
 - The land at both Option 1 and Option 2 have overlays for inundation in a 1% AEP event. Building in either location would need to mitigate risk of 100mm to 700mm of modelled inundation by building the sites up and managing any potential overland flow to not impact other private land and building owners.
 - Option 1 is the furthest from existing connection points to infrastructure services.
 - It is likely infrastructure services and external works costs would be highest for a hub on Option 1. The current budget is likely to be well exceeded if the new hub was built here.
- Considerations relating to Option 2:
 - It is likely infrastructure services and external works costs would be high for a hub on Option 2, meaning the current budget for building the hub could be exceeded.
 - There are limited infrastructure services (especially wastewater) at the boundary. As with Option 1, there is also the need to mitigate the risk of inundation from overland flow.
- Considerations relating to Option 3:
 - A hub in this area likely offers best benefit for the budget.
 - This is due to infrastructure services (i.e. three waters and power) being close to the site and the site being outside of any modelled inundation.

Staff recommendations:

Staff recommend that the final RMP section on Tapawera Memorial Park provides for the new hub to be located within the area described in Option 3 (north of Matai Crescent), for the reasons outlined above, with Option 2 (south of Matai Crescent) retained as a viable back-up location if needed, but that option 1 be ruled out as a potential location. Specifically:

- *amend the wording to provide for the new hub to be located within the area described in Option 3 (on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent), with Option 2 (on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms) retained as a back-up location, if needed, but recommend that Option 1 (near the shearing stand) be ruled out as a potential location; and*
- *amend RMP text in both the 'Issues and Options' subsection and the relevant policies for Tapawera Memorial Park Recreation Reserve to:*
 - *list both Option 3 (preferred) and Option 2 (back-up location) as viable, subject to site investigation, community design input and cost appraisal; and*

- *remove Option 1 based on low preference, high costs, and the land being subject to the Reserves Act 1977 with its additional constraints (noting that the ex-Railway land does not have reserve status); and*
- *provide for not-for-profit groups/ organisations (e.g. an Op Shop) to operate from the new Tapawera Community Hub, based on the majority support for this proposal.*

Staff consider this recommendation strikes a balance between the clear community preference for a central, accessible hub (Option 2) and the need to ensure the project is financially viable and resilient to flooding (Option 3). As the project moves forward, further detailed information (including SWOT analyses of each site) will inform the final site selection and hub design.

Q2b Do you support or oppose the proposal for not-for-profit groups/ organisations (e.g. an Op Shop) to operate from the new Tapawera Community Hub and why? (pp 29-33 SbT)

In total, 72 submitters responded to this question, with 50 (69%) in support, 18 (25%) opposed, and 4 (6%) neither in support or opposed.

Summary of submissions:

This topic attracted strong views on both sides:

- **Supporters:** Argued that not-for-profit groups like the Op Shop are central to the Hub's purpose. The Op Shop was widely praised for its community value, volunteer contributions, and regional drawcard status. Submitters said a clean, safe space would improve community pride and enable greater use. Supporters cite the Op Shop as a valued community asset and entry point to support services.
- **Opponents:** Believed the Op Shop should remain in its existing building (i.e. existing site is adequate), citing cost concerns, heritage value, and space priorities in the new facility. Others felt not-for-profit use should not displace commercial or community use, and queried who would cover operational costs.

Staff recommendations:

Staff recommend that the final RMP section on Tapawera Memorial Park provides for not-for-profit groups/organisations to operate from the new Tapawera Community Hub 8.4.1 Retain support in the RMP for not-for-profit use of the hub. Amend policy wording to:

- i. *Provide for co-location of community services and charitable organisations.*
- ii. *Outline operational and funding arrangements for utility costs, ensuring fair use and financial sustainability.*

3. Which one of the three potential future management options for Owen River Recreation Reserve do you support and why? Please also tell us your reasons for opposing the other two options listed. (pp 34-63 SbT)

- **Option 1:** Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g. by engaging a manager to oversee the campground and installing signage at the highway entrance). All services currently provided would remain under this scenario.
- **Option 2:** Council manages the reserve as a campsite for self-contained campers only with no services provided (similar to the current situation at Wai-iti Recreation Reserve). The ablution block would be removed under this scenario, and toilets, showers and potable water would no longer be provided.
- **Option 3:** Council requests reversal of the vesting and that DOC take over management responsibility for this Crown-owned reserve. Camping will most likely no longer be permitted under this scenario, but vehicle access between the highway and river would remain in place.

In total, 379 individuals responded to a poll on this question and 232 individuals provided written comments outlining the reasons for their preference.

Poll results (combined results from submissions database and Shape Tasman quick poll):

- Option 1 (Improve and promote the campground): 314 votes (80%)
- Option 2 (Self-contained campers only, no services): 68 votes (17%)

- Option 3 (DOC takes back management, likely closing campground): 10 votes (3%)

This strong majority support for Option 1 indicates a clear public preference for maintaining and enhancing the current campground facilities and management.

Key themes from feedback:

Strong support for maintaining and improving campground facilities

- Most respondents favour continuing and improving the existing services such as ablution blocks, potable water, shelter, and picnic areas.
- There is a desire for increased promotion and better signage to raise awareness of the reserve's location and facilities, as current signage is inadequate and often missed by travellers.
- Supporters emphasise the reserve's value as a scenic, remote camping and recreational spot for campers, kayakers, and rafters.

Concerns about future management and uncertainty

- The current day-to-day management by the neighbouring Owen River Tavern owners is seen as effective but uncertain due to the tavern being up for sale.
- Feedback highlights the need for a clear, sustainable management plan post-sale, including potentially engaging a dedicated campground manager.
- Some submissions express concern about the risk of losing services if the tavern owners do not continue management.

Mixed views on reduced services or closure

- Option 2, which proposes removing services and restricting camping to self-contained vehicles only, has minority support. Some see this as a cost-saving measure but worry it would reduce accessibility and enjoyment.
- Option 3, where DOC would take over and likely close the campground, received very little support. Respondents generally oppose losing camping opportunities and prefer the reserve remain accessible for recreation.

Environmental and maintenance considerations

- Feedback notes the importance of ongoing maintenance of facilities, grass mowing, weed control, and effluent disposal to comply with regulations.
- There is interest in enhancing the reserve's natural values by controlling invasive species like blackberry and crack willow and replacing introduced riparian vegetation with native plants.
- Some support trialling reduced mowing with sheep grazing to manage grass sustainably.

Access and legal issues

- The reserve's access via a right-of-way through private land and the tavern car park is a concern, especially when gates are closed, potentially deterring visitors.
- Improved signage and clearer access arrangements are recommended to ensure ease of entry.

Summary of feedback:

- Public preference (80% of submitters) strongly favours Option 1: improving and promoting the campground with continued provision of current services and enhanced signage and light-touch on-site management. Support was based on:
 - Appreciation for freedom camping and passive recreation opportunities.
 - A desire to maintain community control and prevent over-commercialisation or restrictions.
 - Suggestions to clarify signage, protect riparian areas, and support tent-based camping.
- Management continuity is a key concern due to the tavern's sale; respondents support formalising management arrangements or appointing a dedicated manager.
- Minority support exists for a no-service, self-contained camper model (Option 2), but very little support for campground closure under DOC management (Option 3).
- Environmental management and access improvements are important complementary issues raised.

Discussion:

The feedback collectively underscores the community's appreciation of Owen River Recreation Reserve as a valued recreational asset offering camping, picnicking, and river access. There is a strong preference to retain and enhance the existing campground facilities rather than reduce services or relinquish management to DOC, which would likely result in campground closure.

The uncertainty around future management due to the tavern sale is a significant concern, prompting calls for a formal, updated management agreement or a dedicated campground manager to ensure continuity and compliance with campground regulations.

Environmental stewardship is also a theme, with suggestions to improve weed control, revegetate with natives, and manage grass sustainably, balancing recreation with ecological health.

Operational and financial realities:

- The current management contract with the Owen Tavern owners includes a small annual payment for day-to-day operations, including fee collection and cleaning. However, campground income is modest, estimated at around \$2,000 per year based on honesty box takings, reflecting relatively low occupancy levels (e.g., roughly 166 person-nights annually). Meanwhile, electricity costs for ablution block hot water and lighting are approximately \$100 per month, or \$1,200 annually, which significantly reduces net income.
- The ablution block facilities are aging and in urgent need of repair or replacement. The hot water heater has failed and requires a repair (approximately \$3,000), and the structure itself shows signs of deterioration, including broken door latches and wall damage. The septic system may also require attention due to suspected root infiltration. Other site assets such as picnic tables and shelters need maintenance, including repainting and minor repairs.
- Council currently funds grass mowing (six times per year) and urgent maintenance on the access-way, but does not directly service rubbish bins.

Management uncertainty and future options:

- The Owen Tavern property is up for sale, raising uncertainty about who will manage the campground going forward.
- The current informal arrangement depends heavily on the goodwill and capacity of the adjoining landowners, which may not be sustainable if ownership changes.

Three main future management pathways have been identified:

- i. Continue and improve campground management: Engage a dedicated campground manager, maintain and upgrade facilities, and increase promotion and signage to boost patronage. This aligns with the strong public preference for maintaining services and improving the campground (80% support).
- ii. Passive management for self-contained campers only: Remove ablution block and other services, restricting camping to self-contained vehicles. This would reduce operational costs but also limit accessibility and appeal (17% public support).
- iii. Return management to DOC: Council could seek to revoke its vesting in trust, allowing DOC to resume management. DOC has indicated it would likely close the campground and lease the land for grazing, retaining only vehicle access for river users. This option has very limited public support (3%) and would result in loss of camping opportunities.

Balancing costs, community expectations, and legal context:

- The current financial model is marginal, with low income barely covering operational costs and no capital funds available for essential facility upgrades. The aging infrastructure requires investment to meet regulatory standards and maintain user satisfaction.
- Community feedback strongly favours retaining and enhancing the campground, but this must be balanced against the practical challenges of management continuity and funding. The Council's policy of not funding capital works on non-owned land complicates the prospect of significant facility upgrades.

- The uncertainty created by the tavern sale underscores the need for a clear, formalised management arrangement that ensures ongoing care and compliance, whether through a new contract with incoming owners, a dedicated campground manager, or alternative arrangements.
- Environmental and access issues raised in feedback also require ongoing attention, including signage improvements and weed control.

Staff recommendations:

In light of the feedback and operational realities, staff recommend the Hearing Panel consider the following:

- Endorse Option 1: Continue to manage Owen River Recreation Reserve as a campground with facilities, maintaining the current services (ablution block, potable water, shelter) and enhancing promotion through improved signage at the highway entrance.*
- Formalise management arrangements: Prior to or upon sale of the Owen River Tavern property, negotiate a formal, updated contract with the new owners or engage a dedicated campground manager to ensure continuity of day-to-day operations, fee collection, cleaning, and regulatory compliance.*
- Address facility maintenance needs: Develop a plan to address urgent repairs to the ablution block and other site assets, recognising Council's policy constraints on capital expenditure. Explore potential funding options or partnerships to support necessary upgrades.*
- Implement environmental and access improvements: Proceed with signage enhancements, ongoing weed control, and trial reduced mowing with sheep grazing to balance ecological and recreational values.*
- Prepare contingency plans: If no suitable management arrangement can be secured post-sale, consider transitioning to Option 2 (self-contained campers only, no services) as a lower-cost, passive management approach, while maintaining vehicle access for river users.*
- Avoid Option 3: Given the very low public support and likely loss of camping opportunities, staff do not recommend seeking to revoke Council's vesting in trust and returning management to DOC.*

This balanced approach aligns with community preferences, addresses operational challenges, and provides flexibility to adapt to future management changes while preserving the reserve's recreational values.

4. Q4a – Do you support or oppose the Council's proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over the four parcels of land that form Lower Maruia Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve reverts back to the Crown? Please explain your reasons why. (pg 64 SbT)

Eleven submitters responded to this question, with six submitters in support of the proposal, four opposing the proposal and one had no opinion.

Summary of submissions:

- Six submitters supported the proposal. Key reasons included:
 - The land is underused or holds little recreational or ecological value.
 - Council resources could be better directed elsewhere.
 - The parcels may be more appropriately managed or disposed of by the Crown.
 - There is potential for adjoining landowners to purchase the land if offered by DOC, removing a future management burden from Council and ratepayers.
 - One submission noted that reverting control to DOC was a pragmatic step if no significant public benefit exists.
- Four submitters opposed the proposal. Concerns raised included:
 - Accessibility and accountability: Some felt Council is more responsive and accessible than the Crown for local queries or future development decisions.
 - Value of the land: One submission highlighted that part of the reserve (notably Part A) supports native regeneration, and that leasing other parts (Parts B and C) could provide revenue to Council.
 - General unease with relinquishing local control without clarity on future use.
- Neutral/Unsure: One submitter did not express a clear position, stating they were unaware of any issues and thus could not comment.

Overall trends:

- Support for the proposal slightly outweighed opposition.
- Supporters generally viewed the land as low-value or surplus to Council's requirements.
- Opponents emphasised ecological value and the importance of maintaining local rather than centralised control.

Staff recommendations:

Staff recommend that the draft RMP section on Lower Maruia Recreation Reserve be amended to align with the proposal (i.e. divest to Crown).

Q4b – Do you support or oppose the Council's proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over the three parcels of land that form Matakaitaki Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve reverts back to the Crown? Please explain your reasons why. (pg 65 SbT)

A total of 10 submitters responded to this question, with 6 indicating their support for the proposal, 3 in opposition, and one had no opinion.

Summary of submissions:

- Six submitters supported the proposal. Reasons included:
 - The reserve is not currently used for public recreation and holds no obvious ecological value.
 - Returning the land to the Crown would allow DOC to determine the most appropriate future use (e.g., disposal, lease, or conservation).
 - Council resources could be better spent on higher-priority sites.
 - The move would reduce ongoing administrative obligations for Council and ratepayers.
- Three submitters opposed the proposal. Concerns included:
 - A desire to retain local (Council) management, with Council seen as more accessible and accountable than the Crown for any future development or queries.
 - Recognition that the land might have future community value even if it is not currently in use.
 - A practical point that the current grazing lease provides revenue to Council and assumes that the land is being maintained by the lessee, minimising costs to ratepayers.
- One submitter was unable to comment, citing insufficient knowledge of the issue.

Overall trends:

- There was more support than opposition for reverting the reserve to Crown control.
- Supporters framed the proposal as a cost-saving and pragmatic measure for underutilised land.
- Opponents focused on the potential long-term value of retaining local control and minor income from existing land use.

Staff recommendations:

Staff recommend that the draft RMP section on Matakaitaki Recreation Reserve be amended to align with the proposal (i.e. divest to Crown).

5. Do you support or oppose the proposal to sell the land and building known as Hampden Street Reserve, located at 5 Hampden Street in Murchison? Please explain your reasons why. (pp 66-67 SbT)

A total of 12 submitters responded to this question, with 4 indicating their support for the proposal, and 8 in opposition.

Summary of submissions:

- Eight submitters opposed the sale. Common themes included:
 - Value as a community asset: Several submitters noted the site's current or potential community use, including as a gym or leased facility for compatible uses.
 - Future flexibility: There was concern that the land could offer strategic or green space value in the future that might not be apparent today.

- Heritage and character: One submitter described the building as "visually charming" and linked to local stories and identity.
- Revenue potential: Some noted the potential for leasing or renting the building as a source of revenue for Council.
- Timing and transition: One submission recommended delaying sale until the proposed Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre (MSRCC) Stage 2 development (planned for 2027–28) is complete, to avoid losing a fitness space before a replacement exists.
- Conditions if sold: Some opponents stated that if a sale does go ahead, all proceeds should be reinvested into the Murchison community — ideally into local reserves or Stage 2 of the MSRCC extension.
- Four submitters supported the sale. Their reasoning included:
 - The belief that the building is no longer needed or has limited current value.
 - A preference for financial pragmatism, such as “take the cash.”
 - An assumption that better community facilities are available or planned elsewhere.

Overall trends:

- A clear majority opposed the sale.
- Submissions opposing the sale of Hampden Street cited the building’s current role as a community gym, concerns about displacement before the new fitness centre is built, and a desire to retain community assets. Several submitters asked that the site be preserved or repurposed for local use.
- Supporters framed the site as redundant or a potential source of capital for reinvestment.

Staff recommendations:

*Staff recommend that the Hearing Panel note that eight of the 12 submitters oppose and four support the proposed sale of 5 Hampden Street. Despite the majority opposition, due to high ongoing maintenance costs versus relatively low use and surplus nature of this land, staff recommend that **the draft RMP section on Hampden Street Reserve be amended to align with the proposal (i.e. initiate the process to sell the land and building at 5 Hampden Street, Murchison).** Specifically:*

- *amend the ‘Issues and Options’ subsection to delete both the sentence “We’d like to know your thoughts on the potential disposal of this land.” and the text box containing the key consultation question Q4; and*
- *amend the POLICIES subsection to read as follows: Pending outcome of consultation: Either 1. **Initiate the process to sell the land and building at 5 Hampden Street** by listing it for sale. Or 2. **Continue to maintain the land and building for community use.** Allow for use of the building as a community gym until **the land is sold or** an extension of the MSRCC is complete and the activity can be relocated to the new fitness centre (**whichever occurs first**), in accordance with the terms and conditions of a new lease or license with the Murchison Community Gym (see Appendix 3, Table B).*

C. OTHER COMMENTS ON DRAFT LAKES-MURCHISON WARD RMP (pp 67-70 SbT)

This section is organised by the main submission themes listed in the table on pages 1-3 of this report.

*Staff advice and recommendations are noted in italicised text, with **recommended edits to Plan wording shown in red text.***

An open-ended question allowed submitters to raise broader or more detailed comments beyond the structured consultation questions. The feedback received was thoughtful and focused particularly on ecological management, climate resilience, cultural values, and long-term planning. Several detailed submissions came from environmental advocates or individuals with local knowledge of specific reserves.

1. Ecological Management and Restoration

- Strong support for ecological values across reserves, particularly from Forest & Bird.
 - Support for eco-sourced indigenous revegetation, pest and weed control, and minimizing spray use.
 - Recognition of reserves as part of wider ecological corridors and the importance of landscape-scale conservation (ki uta ki tai).
- Climate resilience was highlighted, especially the need to:

- Restore water tables to support vulnerable ecosystems (e.g. kahikatea stands).
- Consider strategic land acquisition for future ecological retreat zones (e.g. inland migration of flood-prone habitats).

2. Cultural and Bicultural Values

- Strong support for:
 - Incorporating mātauranga Māori and iwi partnership in reserve management.
 - Enhancing Te Reo Māori signage, use of pouwhenua, and access to mahinga kai.
 - Integrating rongoā and raranga planting where appropriate.
- Recognition that these actions align with the vision of Te Oranga o te Taiao and Te Mana o te Wai.

3. Amenity, Access and Public Use

- Caution was advised around the use of exotic species for amenity purposes in biodiversity-sensitive areas.
- A nuanced view was offered regarding exotic tree species at Owen River Recreation Reserve—valuing their shade and habitat potential, while recommending phased replacement of invasives like crack willow with natives.

4. Equestrian Access

- One submission raised concern that no provision had been made for equestrian users at Wai-iti Domain or elsewhere in the Ward, despite past advocacy.

D. STAFF COMMENTS ON MATTERS RAISED BY SUBMITTERS RELATING TO SPECIFIC RESERVES (pp 67-70 SbT)

1. Riverview Scenic Reserve (Murchison)

- Widely recognised for its rare lowland podocarp forest remnant and ecological importance.
- Submitters urged Council to:
 - Prioritise weed and pest control and restoration planting.
 - Trial water table restoration to combat drought stress in kahikatea.
- A policy recommending control of native *Muehlenbeckia australis* (which can smother regenerating trees at forest margins) was requested. The submitter, who had previously provided feedback about this reserve during the ‘seeking ideas’ initial consultation round, noted current draft policy 6 expresses the opposite of their intention and recommended an amendment.

Staff recommendations:

Staff recommend that the Hearing Panel note the feedback received on several other reserves in Lakes-Murchison Ward, including Riverview Scenic Reserve and amend the RMP section on Riverview Scenic Reserve by:

- adding a sentence to the first paragraph of the Issues and Options sub-section to read: "*The native vine Muehlenbeckia australis can have detrimental effects by smothering trees and shrubs on forest margins and during forest restoration.*", and
- deleting Policy 6 "~~6. Ensure that the native vine Muehlenbeckia australis is confined to the forest margins only.~~" and replacing it with the following wording: "*Control native Muehlenbeckia australis at forest margins and during forest restoration.*"
- updating the second paragraph of the Values sub-section to reflect information gathered in a recent ecological assessment of the forest remnant, to read: "The forest is in relatively good condition with a dense understorey dominated by mahoe, ~~Streblus heterophyllus~~, pate, tree ferns (wheki, ponga), horopito, hen and chicken fern, Coprosma rotundifolia, and regenerating podocarps of mixed age. Larger specimens of lemonwood and kaikomako are found in the subcanopy. Throughout the forest is small-leaved milk tree (Streblus heterophyllus), horopito, Lophomyrtus obcordata, fuchsia, prickly shield fern, hound's tongue fern and Melicope simplex. Native ferns such as hen and chicken fern, prickly shield fern, and hound's tongue fern carpet the forest floor. The rare forest herb Australina pusilla is also present along sections of the walkway."

2. **Riverside Holiday Park & Riverview Recreation Reserve**
 - Submitters expressed appreciation that earlier suggestions had been taken on board.
 - Endorsed policies supporting the interface between recreational use and ecological protection.
 - Praised integration of reserve areas with nearby conservation values.
3. **Alpine Forest Scenic Reserve (Tophouse)**
 - Supported for its mature beech forest and ecological value.
 - Submitters called for:
 - Active pest and ungulate control (pigs, deer).
 - Greater reliance on professional management rather than recreational hunting alone to protect understorey and wetlands.
4. **Owen River Recreation Reserve**
 - Submitters acknowledged both the aesthetic and habitat value of some mature exotic trees, such as Lawson's cypress and eucalypts.
 - Recommended phased replacement of problem species (e.g. crack willow) and prioritising native revegetation at the reserve edges.
5. **Overall summary:**

Submitters engaged meaningfully with the environmental vision and policy framework in the draft RMP. They endorsed Council's direction on ecological restoration, climate change responsiveness, and iwi partnership, while encouraging even bolder action and attention to detail in specific reserves. Riverview Scenic Reserve, in particular, drew praise for its ecological importance but also received constructive feedback on how its management could be refined.

NOTE TO HEARING PANEL

Please also refer to any statements tabled by submitters who spoke at the Hearing.

2. In response to matters raised in the submissions received on the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan, notes the following points and requests staff amend the Draft RMP as shown in red text and strikethrough below, to present to the Tasman District Council for its consideration when making its decision on final Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan:
 - a. note the unanimous support from submitters for ongoing management of Poplars Recreation Reserve by the Council; and
 - b. amend the wording of the RMP section 5.2.1 on Poplars Recreation Reserve to provide for Option 1 - ongoing management by Council, noting this would involve requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes. Specifically:
 - i. amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text box with the key consultation question and the sentence “We would like to know which of these options you prefer” and adding the following wording to the last paragraph: “During public consultation, all 24 submitters who responded to a question on both options unanimously supported continued management of this reserve by the Council.”; and
 - ii. amend the Policies sub-section by replacing the wording of Policy 1 with the following: “Write to DOC with a request that Poplars Recreation Reserve be vested in trust in Tasman District Council for recreation purposes, to formalise the existing management arrangements that have been in place for many years.”; and
 - c. note the majority support from submitters for locating the new Tapawera Community Hub at Tapawera Memorial Park (71%), but with the following qualifications:
 - i. note there is a contingent of the community (28% of submitters) who oppose the proposal; and
 - ii. acknowledge the community’s financial concerns and opposition views; and
 - iii. commit to an inclusive design and governance process that rebuilds trust; and
 - iv. emphasise the need for external funding, partnerships, and detailed cost-benefit analysis before construction begins; and
 - v. include flexibility in location selection; and
 - d. note the majority support from submitters for:
 - i. Option 2 as the preferred location for the new Hub (43%), followed by Option 3 (25%); and
 - ii. enabling not-for-profit groups/organisations (e.g. an Op Shop) to operate from the new Hub (69%); and
 - e. amend the wording of Section 5.3.5 of the RMP on Tapawera Memorial Park Recreation Reserve to provide for the new hub to be located within the area

described in Option 3 (on ex-Railway land north of Matai Crescent), with Option 2 (on ex-Railway land between Matai Crescent and the existing rugby clubrooms) retained as a back-up location, if needed, but recommend that Option 1 (near the shearing stand) be ruled out as a potential location; and

- f. amend RMP text in both the 'Issues and Options' subsection and Policy 2 for Tapawera Memorial Park Recreation Reserve to:
 - i. list both Option 3 (preferred) and Option 2 (back-up location) as viable, subject to site investigation, community design input and cost appraisal; and
 - ii. remove Option 1 based on low preference, high costs, and the land being subject to the Reserves Act 1977 with its additional constraints (noting that the ex-Railway land does not have reserve status); and
 - iii. provide for not-for-profit groups/ organisations (e.g. an Op Shop) to operate from the new Tapawera Community Hub, based on the majority support for this proposal; and specifically
 - iv. amend Policy 2 as follows: "~~(Pending outcome of consultation)~~ Allow the new Tapawera Community Hub to be constructed on either parcel (a) or ~~parcel (b)~~ of Tapawera Memorial Park, **either at the location labelled in the above image as Option 3 (preferred) or Option 2 (a viable back-up location)** ~~in accordance with the description and location options outlined under 'Issues and Options' of section 5.3.5 of this plan.~~ **Allow for the hub to include space for groups/organisations that provide not-for-profit services (e.g. educational training courses; the Tapawera Op Shop) and** grant new leases and licenses for activities within the Hub as required (see Appendix 3, Table B)."; and
- g. note the majority support (80%) from submitters for the continued management of campground facilities at Owen River Recreation Reserve; and
- h. regarding future management of Owen River Recreation Reserve, in light of the feedback received and operational realities, amend Section 5.12 of the RMP to reflect the following:
 - i. endorse Option 1 'Continue to manage Owen River Recreation Reserve as a campground with facilities, maintaining the current services (ablution block, potable water, shelter) and enhancing promotion through improved signage at the highway entrance'; and
 - ii. formalise management arrangements: Prior to or upon sale of the Owen River Tavern property, negotiate a formal, updated contract with the new owners or engage a dedicated campground manager to ensure continuity of day-to-day operations, fee collection, cleaning, and regulatory compliance; and
 - iii. address facility maintenance needs: Develop a plan to address urgent repairs to the ablution block and other site assets, recognising Council's policy constraints on capital expenditure. Explore potential funding options or partnerships to support necessary upgrades; and

- iv. implement environmental and access improvements: Proceed with signage enhancements, ongoing weed control, and trial reduced mowing with sheep grazing to balance ecological and recreational values; and
- v. prepare contingency plans: If no suitable management arrangement can be secured post-sale, consider transitioning to Option 2 (self-contained campers only, no services) as a lower-cost, passive management approach, while maintaining vehicle access for river users; and
- vi. avoid Option 3: Given the very low public support and likely loss of camping opportunities, do not recommend seeking to revoke Council's vesting in trust and returning management of the reserve to DOC; and
- i. note that six submitters support and four oppose the proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over the four parcels of land that form Lower Maruia Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve reverts back to the Crown; and
- j. amend Section 5.17 of the RMP on Lower Maruia Recreation Reserve to align with the proposal (i.e. divest to Crown); and
- k. note that six submitters support and three oppose the proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust over the three parcels of land that form Matakītaki Recreation Reserve, so that management and control of the reserve reverts back to the Crown; and
- l. amend Section 5.18 of the RMP on Matakītaki Recreation Reserve to align with the proposal (i.e. divest to Crown); and
- m. note that eight of the 12 submitters oppose and four support the proposed sale of 5 Hampden Street; and
- n. amend the 'Issues and Options' subsection of Section 5.15.1 of the RMP on Hampden Street to delete both the sentence "We'd like to know your thoughts on the potential disposal of this land" and the text box containing the key consultation question Q4; and
- o. amend the Policies subsection of Section 5.15.1 of the RMP to read as follows: "~~Pending outcome of consultation: Either~~
 - 1. ~~Initiate the process to d~~Dispose of the land and building ~~at 5 Hampden Street~~ by listing it for sale. Or 1 Continue to maintain the land and building for community use.
 - 2. Allow for use of the building as a community gym until ~~the land is sold or~~ an extension of the MSRCC is complete and the activity can be relocated to the new fitness centre (~~whichever occurs first~~), in accordance with the terms and conditions of a new lease or license with the Murchison Community Gym (see Appendix 3, Table B)."; and
- p. note the feedback received on several other reserves in Lakes-Murchison Ward, including Riverview Scenic Reserve; and

- q. amend the RMP section 5.13.3 on Riverview Scenic Reserve as follows:
- i. add a sentence to the end of the first paragraph of the Issues and Options sub-section, to read: "The native vine *Muehlenbeckia australis* can have detrimental effects by smothering trees and shrubs on forest margins and during forest restoration."; and
 - ii. delete Policy 6 and replace it with the following wording: "Control native *Muehlenbeckia australis* at forest margins and during forest restoration."; and
 - iii. update the second paragraph of the Values sub-section to reflect information gathered in a recent ecological assessment of the forest remnant, to read "The forest is in relatively good condition with a dense understorey dominated by mahoe, ~~*Streblus heterophyllus*~~, pate, tree ferns (wheki, ponga), ~~horopito, hen and chicken fern~~, *Coprosma rotundifolia*, and regenerating podocarps of mixed age. Larger specimens of lemonwood and kaikomako are found in the subcanopy. Throughout the forest is small-leaved milk tree (*Streblus heterophyllus*), horopito, *Lophomyrtus obcordata*, fuchsia, ~~prickly shield fern, hound's tongue fern~~ and *Melicope simplex*. Native ferns such as hen and chicken fern, prickly shield fern, and hound's tongue fern carpet the forest floor. The rare forest herb *Australina pusilla* is also present along sections of the walkway."; and
 - iv. make other minor editorial changes; and

3. In response to matters raised in the submissions received on the Draft RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, notes the following points and requests staff amend the Draft RMP section as shown in red text and strikethrough below, to present to the Tasman District Council for its consideration when making its decision on final RMP section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, Pigeon Valley (for inclusion in the Moutere-Waimea Ward RMP):
 - a. note the majority support (either in full or in part) by submitters for both the draft concept plan (86%) and the draft management policies (83%) for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve; and
 - b. update the RMP policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve as described below, and update the concept plan to reflect these changes; and
 - c. amend Policy 2 to reference the finalised concept plan correctly: “2. Work together with community groups to restore the forest understorey and revegetate the shaded blue areas in the ‘future management options’ concept layout plan included within the ‘Issues and Options’ section above. Only eco-sourced indigenous species should be used for restoration plantings.”; and
 - d. amend Policy 3 to provide greater clarity and direction for restoration, pest control, and monitoring: “3. Eradicate or control pest plants and animals to the extent required to protect ecological values. Prioritise control of pest plants such as Jerusalem cherry and old man’s beard. Establish a monitoring programme to assess pest control and track ecological health indicators over time. Adjust management practices based on monitoring results.”; and
 - e. amend Policy 5 by adding a new sub-policy: “5. Retain much of the open (non-forest) part of the reserve as mown lawn areas available for informal recreation, picnicking and dog exercise. As part of the next review of Tasman District Council’s Dog Control Bylaw, consider amending the current designation by reducing the area covered by the Controlled Exercise Area to the open grassed area in the western corner (i.e. between the carpark and Wai-iti River) only, and Leash Control Area for the remainder of the reserve area. This would separate off-lead dog exercise areas from picnic areas, and requiring dogs to be on-leash within the forest remnant would protect vulnerable native wildlife.”; and
 - f. add a new policy, between existing policies 5 and 6 (and renumber policies accordingly): “(New) Cycling is prohibited within the forest interior to protect ecological values and visitor safety.”; and
 - g. amend Policy 6 to provide clear direction on track design and maintenance to minimise ecological disturbance: “6. Construct a walking-only track through forested area in the south-western corner of the reserve, with gates at either end to prevent bikes from using this track. Design walking-only tracks to minimise ecological disturbance, using permeable surfaces and keep paths narrow to maintain canopy integrity and forest floor shading.”; and
 - h. amend Policy 7 to reflect the majority preference for no cycling within the forest remnant and to provide clear direction for future management: “7. Construct a gravelled ~~shared path~~ (walkway/cycleway) from the car park, along the old vehicle access track, through the clearing and the forest to Tasman’s Great

Taste Trail (TGTT). Install a short boardwalk through the boggy section of this path. ~~and a bike squeeze~~ **Install 'no cycling' signage at both ends of the path (i.e. at the car park and where the path meets TGTT)."; and**

- i. **similarly, amend Policy 10 as follows:** "10. Link the rerouted section of TGTT with the bike squeeze at the car park by constructing a **gravelled** shared path near the eastern reserve boundary. **Ensure the new shared path is clearly defined to discourage unintended cycling within the bush remnant. Provide bike racks and signage at the carpark to encourage cyclists to park and explore the reserve on foot.**"; and
- j. **amend Policy 12 to reflect these preferences and to clarify the types and locations of facilities to be provided, to read:** "12. Install picnic tables near the car park **and in clearings**, providing options for sun and shade. **Provide opportunities for community and family donations of memorial seating or benches in clearings or at the forest edge to support rest and reflection.**"; and
- k. **delete Policy 13, to avoid repetition with revised Policy 10:** "~~13. Install bike racks near the bike squeeze at the car park.~~"; and
- l. **amend Policy 16 to read:** "16. Identify and record the location of the historic water race, **undertake a detailed archaeological assessment of the water race route**, and actively protect its **visible** remnants."; and
- m. **move Policy 11 down the list (between existing policies 16 and 17), so all three policies about interpretation are collocated together, and amend to reflect feedback received:** "11. ~~Install interpretive signs identifying various tree species along the track network.~~ **Provide interpretive signage about the reserve's natural and cultural values. Locate interpretation signage (other than tree labels and historical markers) primarily at the car park and picnic area to minimise visual clutter within the forest. Interpretive content should include Māori cultural values, settler history including the Baigent family, native forest species, and the historic water race.**"; and
- n. **note the staff recommendation to retain the name "Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve" throughout the RMP section, to honour the family's wishes, as outlined in the consent notice and include a future action to discuss with iwi original names for this landscape and the potential for dual naming or inclusion on signage, by amending Policy 18 as follows:** "18. Work together with Te Tauihu iwi to provide interpretation information about Māori history and cultural values of the reserve and surrounds, **and to discuss original names for this landscape and potential dual naming or inclusion on signage, where appropriate.**"; and
- o. **update the 'Issues and Options' subsection by deleting the final paragraph (which asks for feedback on the draft concept plan) and inserting this sentence above the paragraph about dogs:** "**The layout plan provided on the next page and the policies that follow will guide the future management of Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve.**"; and
- p. **make other minor editorial changes; and**