



07/03/2019

Attention: Karen Walby
Community Lease Advisor
Auckland Council

Proposal to grant a community lease and non-exclusive licence to occupy to Omaha Beach Golf Club Incorporated.

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of granting a community lease and non-exclusive licence to occupy to Omaha Beach Golf Club Incorporated (Omaha Beach GC).

New Zealand Golf is the leadership and governance entity for golf in New Zealand. It is our role to lead, grow and support the game of golf nationally. We represent 105,000 golf club members, 390 golf clubs, 15 regional associations and 94,000 registered casual participants. We believe that golf provides unique, inclusive and lifelong enrichment. It does so by delivering positive and enriching outcomes via increased physical activity, enhanced health and wellbeing, greater social connectedness, positive environmental impacts, and its significant economic contributions.

This is the basis for which we support Omaha Beach Golf Club. Established in 1976 Omaha Beach GC is an important community asset. The club is increasingly well utilised growing 24% in rounds from 2012 to 2018. Similarly, the membership has increased 22.6% over the same time-period.

Environmentally, the club provides a green buffer between residential growth and the waterways and wetlands. They act as environmental stewards for their land and surrounding landscape. The club supports waste water recycling across half of the course currently and is in the process of developing their facility towards greater environmental sustainability.

The club contributes economically by employing 15 staff and using local suppliers wherever possible to support to growth of the local community. The club regularly supports charitable groups such as the Warkworth Hospice, Greater Potentials Foundation, and the Breast Cancer Foundation. Further to this the club hosts high profile national events that drive domestic tourism to the region.



The club acts as a gathering point for the community increasing community cohesion and social capital. Around 40 volunteers give their time on a regular basis increasing community connectedness and decreasing social isolation.

Omaha Beach Golf Club are well aligned to NZ Golf's national strategy and support positive outcomes for young people in the region by linking with the LOVE Golf Futures programme for 5-18 year olds.

Through daily operations, people both locally and across greater Auckland and Rodney increase their physical and cognitive well-being. For more information please see the LOVE Golf Live Long research linked below;

<https://www.lovegolf.co.nz/health-benefits-of-golf>

Omaha Beach Golf Club are committed to growing their impact across these important community outcomes. To this point, we are very supportive of granting a community lease and a non-exclusive permit to occupy.

I am more than happy to speak to this submission.

Regards,

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Carl Fenton
Sector Relationship Manager
New Zealand Golf Incorporated.

11/03/2019

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I support the application by Omaha Beach GC in several capacities.

President of New Zealand Golf Inc.

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We recognise that clubs, like Omaha Beach GC, are not only an important community asset but vital to delivering NZ Golf's objectives. Omaha Beach GC is increasingly well utilised growing 24% in rounds from 2012 to 2018. Similarly, the membership has increased 22.6% over the same time-period.

Past President Omaha Beach Golf Club

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray Ward', written in a cursive style.

Murray Ward
Past President Omaha Beach Golf Club and current President New Zealand Golf Inc.

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13 March 2019

The Community Lease Advisor
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Submission supporting grant of new community lease and non-exclusive license to the Omaha Beach Golf Club Incorporated – golf course at Mangatawhiri Road, Omaha Drive and North West Anchorage Omaha

1. The Friends of Omaha Beach Golf Club Incorporated (**Friends**) supports the proposal to grant a new lease and license to the Omaha Beach Golf Club Incorporated as a continuation of the leasing of the golf course at Omaha Beach to the club since the first lease was granted by the Rodney District Council in around 1993.
2. Friends is a charitable trust whose members are members of the Golf Club. The primary object of the Trust is to:

“Promote, facilitate, and where appropriate undertake the improvement, upgrading, refurbishment and maintenance of the Omaha Beach Golf Course and its facilities, walkways, waterways, lakes and ponds, its native bush and other plantings, landscaping and gardens, and its irrigation pumping and water treatment facilities”
3. Since incorporation in 2011 Friends has provided funding from donations received by the Trust to enable upgrading and refurbishment of the golf course, adding to the substantial investment that has been made by golf club members over more than 20 years into the golf course and its facilities.
4. The golf course is established adjoining significant and regionally important areas of indigenous vegetation, one area being a DOC Scientific Reserve and the other an Auckland Council reserve. Friends has been actively involved in funding and carrying out extensive planting of

native vegetation on golf course land, enhancing and extending existing areas of bush and wetland. This work has been supported by a local native plant nursery (Takana Nurseries) and private donations and voluntary labour. Associated with this is an ongoing program for removal of exotic vegetation including recognised coastal pest plants.

5. The result is a continued enhancement of natural character and amenity values of a golf course which adjoins important reserves and the Whangateau Harbour and provides not only a high-quality golfing experience but is enjoyed by many in the Omaha community for passive recreation.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Brabant
Vice President
Friends of Omaha Beach Golf Club (Inc)
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