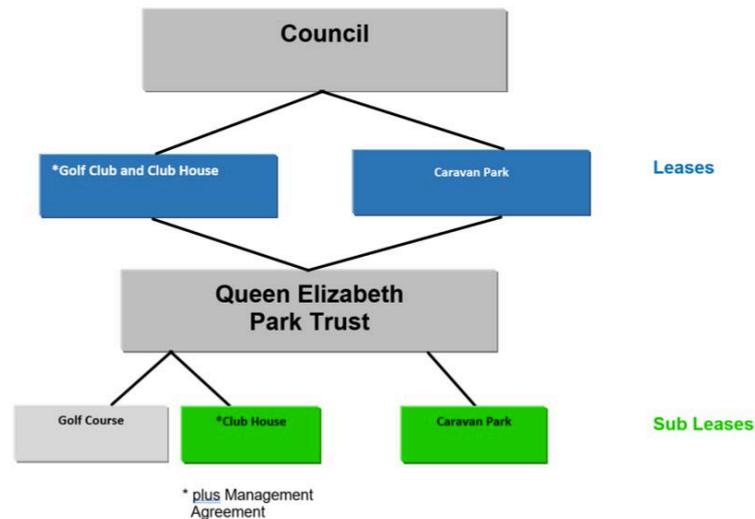


THE QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK TRUST

The Queen Elizabeth Park Trust (QEPT) is made up of representatives from the City of Mount Gambier (3) and Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce (3), with one additional independent member elected by the Trust.

The QEPT is the current overseer of the Blue Lake Public Golf Links and the Blue Lake Holiday Park on behalf of the City of Mount Gambier. Operating as an incorporated association, the QEPT manages the Council-owned and controlled land under lease.



Historical context

The QEPT was first established in 1964 to build on the potential of the existing caravan park and transform it into a premier tourist facility that showcased the iconic crater lakes environs and enticed visitors to stay longer. This vision was later expanded to include the establishment of a 9-hole public golf course on a disused rubbish tip adjacent to the caravan park. The Blue Lake Public Golf Links opened in January 1980, with a further 9 holes opened in February 1998.

While the QEPT operates both the Caravan Park and the Golf Links as one unit, the Trust keeps and budgets separate income and expenditure for each venue.

Blue Lake Holiday Park:

The QEPT successfully managed the caravan park with appointed staff overseeing its daily operation up until November 2000, when the QEPT leased the park to a private operator. The QEPT continues to act as the property manager / landlord, taking responsibility for underground services, building structural maintenance and long-term facility development and infrastructure planning. The private operator has also funded considerable improvements to accommodation and recreational infrastructure. The park is now a member of the multi-award winning Big4 Holiday Parks group.

Blue Lake Golf Links:

The Golf Links currently operates under a hybrid management model, and the QEPT's current lease with Council lease expires on 30 June 2019. The QEPT has financial responsibility for the golf course and its maintenance, and is the owner of the building infrastructure. The QEPT leases a portion of its administration building to a private

operator who runs the Linksview Bar & Bistro and Caddyshack Golf Shop as a private enterprise. The QEPT pays the operator a commission to collect green fees on its behalf as well as an annual management fee.

The Blue Lake Golf Club uses the Blue Lake Public Golf Links as its headquarters, and owns a buggy shed at the site. The Club does not contribute financially to the day-to-day running of the golf links, but has funded a number of special projects and events.