

**Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board**

**30 March 2023**

**Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [2]**

**Department: Community Services**

**Title | Taitara : Naming of the pathway within the Roy's Bay Recreation Reserve, Wānaka**

**Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko**

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1. The purpose of this report is to consider and approve the naming of the recently restored pathway within the Roy's Bay Recreation Reserve, Wānaka.

**Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka**

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2. That Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board:
  - a. **Note** the contents of this report and;
  - b. **Approve** that the pathway located within Roy's Bay Recreation Reserve, Wānaka is named as follows;
    - a. **Te Ara Maumahara**

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## Context | Horopaki

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3. In 1999 the Upper Clutha community chose to celebrate the new 'Millennium' from the year 2000 by installing tiles, recording notable history alongside the pathway on the Wānaka Lakefront. 2000 tiles were laid with each tile representing a single year leading up the year 2000 and the new 'Millennium'.
4. Where relevant, certain tiles representing a specific year were hand-painted to note an international, national, or local historical event. The project budget was raised through grants from charitable trusts and sponsorship. Over the years, the tiles have been damaged and deteriorated.
5. Following the completion of the Wānaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan (2014), a three-month consultation period was held in 2016 for the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan.

6. The aspiration for the plan is:

*“to provide continuous access, making strong connections with the town centre, reducing vehicle use in the town centre, hosting a range of activities and enhancing the ecology throughout, while enhancing the visibility of Kāi Tahu through lakefront design, reflecting the importance of lake to mana whenua, the Wānaka community and to visitors.”*

7. Throughout consultation across various stages of the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan, the Millennium Path and its future was extensively debated with emphasis placed on its importance within the community and visitors alike. Furthermore, it was recognised that the original content did include several inaccuracies throughout including general content errors, spelling and punctuation mistakes. During public consultation regarding the path in 2019, the community was clear in its requests to include more local and Mana Whenua relevant content.
8. In 2020 a 'Millennium Path Working Group' was established to advise on a new version of the path to be included in Te Ara (Wānaka Lakefront Stage 2). Terms of reference for the group were established to:
  - a. *Revisiting original content to review historical, grammatical, and spelling accuracy*
  - b. *Review opportunity for inclusion of additional notable historical events up to the year 2000 including significant Mana Whenua history (seek and review proposals in conjunction with Stakeholders)*
  - c. *Input towards tile specifications for new replacement tiles in conjunction with QLDC*
9. From the outset of the project, local iwi, Kāi Tahu, has been instrumental in helping shape the outcomes of the Lakefront Development. Representatives have been involved in the overall design and brought a Te Ao Māori perspective for the Millennium Path. They have attended meetings of the Working Group and supported the inclusion of cultural content.
10. It was decided, in consultation with Kāi Tahu and local historians, to make the path more relevant to this area, and that updated content would focus on the era of human habitation in the Upper Clutha from 1000 – 2000 AD.

11. The content has since been updated by the group with contribution by
- Dr Michael Stevens (on behalf of Kāi Tahu, Mana Whenua content)
  - Ken Allen (Upper Clutha Historic Records Society, local content)
  - Ed Waddington (Mount Aspiring College | Te Kura o Tititea History Teacher, National & World content)
12. With the pathway and its content receiving a fresh expression, it was considered appropriate to explore options for a new name to not only recognise the pathways original legacy but to celebrate its revitalized focus based on an improved explanation of human history, cultural inclusion, and enhanced relevance to local history.
13. The QLDC Reserve Naming Policy (2004)<sup>1</sup> provides a clear process for determining appropriate names for open spaces. It covers Council owned or administered space that is generally an outdoor place in the district which has ecological, recreational, landscaping or heritage values.
14. QLDC has sought feedback from Kāi Tahu and relevant Rūnanga who offered the following name for the pathway:

***“Te Ara Maumahara”***

15. This means memory lane/path. This simple and clear name resonated with the Millennium Path Working Group.

**Analysis and Advice | Tatāritaka me kā Tohutohu**

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16. This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for assessing the matter as required by section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002.
17. Option 1 Formally adopt recommended name for the pathway

Advantages:

- Kāi Tahu has put forward the pathway name as part of recognising local history.
- Formally adopting the new name will provide the pathway with a refreshed ‘sense of place’.

Disadvantages:

- There are no disadvantages.

18. Option 2 Leave the pathway unnamed

Advantages:

- There is no advantage to leaving the pathway unnamed.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.qldc.govt.nz/media/55ubtojl/qldc-road-naming-policy-2016.pdf>

Disadvantages:

- The pathway will continue to be referred too as the 'Millennium path' which does not reflect or capture the pathways refreshed expression or acknowledge the enhanced reference to local history.
- The pathway will not have an opportunity to be recognised for its enhanced reference to local history.

19. This report recommends Option 1 (i.e. to formally adopt the name Te Ara Maumahara) in order to recognise the pathway's original legacy and to celebrate its revitalized focus.

### Consultation Process | Hātepe Matapaki

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#### Significance and Engagement | Te Whakamahi I kā Whakaaro Hiraka

20. This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the [Council's Significance and Engagement Policy](#) because there will be little impact on Council's function if the recommendation option is approved.
21. The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the residents/ratepayers of the Wānaka and Upper Clutha communities, and in particular the Roy's Bay Recreation reserve users.
22. The Council has sought feedback from the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board, sought feedback and recommendation from the working group.

#### Māori Consultation | Iwi Rūnaka

23. The Council has partnered with Iwi on the Wānaka LakeFront Development Plan, and Kāi Tahu have contributed to the Mana Whenua content within the pathway.

### Risk and Mitigations | Kā Raru Tūpono me kā Whakamaurutaka

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24. This matter relates to Council's Strategic/Political/Reputation. It is associated with RISK00034 Ineffective Management of culturally significant heritage assets within the [QLDC Risk Register](#). This risk has been assessed as having a low inherent risk rating.
25. The approval of the recommended option will support Council by allowing us to implement additional controls for this risk. This shall be achieved by suitably managing an asset within a recreation reserve.

### Financial Implications | Kā Riteka ā-Pūtea

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26. The capital cost for the pathway is \$311,000, which includes supply of tiles, historic content supply & formatting, laser etching, packaging & freight, and installation.

### Council Effects and Views | Kā Whakaaweawe me kā Tirohaka a te Kaunihera

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27. The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- Alignment with and consideration of the principles of the Vision Beyond 2050
- 2018-2028 Ten Year Plan strategic framework contributing to efficient and effective infrastructure and a responsive organisation
- Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018 as existing regulation
- Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2021
- QLDC Disability Policy
- Wānaka Lakefront Reserve Management Plan 2014.

28. The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policies.

29. This matter is not included in the Ten Year Plan/Annual Plan

### **Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions | Te Whakatureture 2002 o te Kāwanataka ā-Kiaka**

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30. The recommended option:

- Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 states the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. As such, the recommendation in this report is appropriate and within the ambit of Section 10 of the Act.
  - Can be implemented through current funding under the Ten Year Plan and Annual Plan;
  - Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
  - Would not significantly alter the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.
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