

**Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board**

**22 June 2023**

**Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [3]**

**Title | Taitara : Chair's Report**

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

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The purpose of this report is to:

- a. to provide the Board with an update on projects of interest;
- b. to allow members to report on recent community engagement; and
- c. to cover other matters not listed elsewhere on the agenda.

**Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka**

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That Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Request** that the 'Welcome to Wānaka' signs be updated with the macron over the 'a'; and
3. **Agree** that the English name of the new sports and recreational facility to be created within the former Mitre 10 building shall be 'Aspiring Youth and Sports Centre', noting that a te Reo Māori translation of the name will follow.

**Prepared by:**



**Name:** Simon Telfer

**Title:** Chair

**7 June 2023**

## Context | Horopaki

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### 'Welcome to Wānaka' signage

1. There are two road signs marking the entrance to Wānaka but both are missing the macron over the 'ā'. The New Zealand Geographic Board has confirmed that the official name of the town is now officially 'Wānaka' with a macron, as the following text confirms:

#### Search Result - Official Name

##### Wānaka

This is an official name

**Current Status:** Assigned

**Feature Type:** Town

**Feature Description:**

Town on the southeast shore of Lake Wānaka. Feature shown on: NZTopo50-CB12 934429

2. There is budget for signs maintenance but the signs are undamaged at present. Someone has taken it upon themselves to update the signs and has painted a macron over the first 'ā' onto both signs, but a more permanent solution is needed that would better reflect the signs' design.
3. A specific request from the Board to address such high profile signage would be viewed positively in terms of prioritizing the work.

### Conversion of former Wānaka Mitre 10 building to a Community Centre

#### Construction Update

4. Naylor Love has been progressing well with framing on site forming the majority of works completed through the last period. The framing in the Kahu Youth space is largely complete with insulation and wall-linings currently being installed. Additionally, the framing to the toilet blocks /meeting rooms are well underway. Currently the project is still on track to hand the Aspiring Gym Sports space over on 30 June, with a blessing/small opening ceremony to be held on 3 July.
5. The Aspiring Gym Sports space will start to really take shape in the next period as we move toward the handover date mentioned above and it is possible to picture how it will be used. It will all be tied together with the installation of some of the larger items (such as the curtain). The large curtain dividing the space from the remainder of the build will be on site within the next two weeks.
6. The project team is maintaining good control of the project. Naylor Love has been pragmatic through the first two periods of work, providing timely resolution to any problems and keeping the site clean and tidy and the consultant team is working hard to ensure that nothing delays the project.
7. The WUCCB and relevant staff members visited the site on 16 June for a walkthrough of the site and general update.
8. Photographs in **Attachment A** show good progress with the project.

*Name of facility*

9. With the first tenants occupying the space by early July 2023 and full project completion expected by September 2023, it is timely to consider an official name for the facility.
10. Staff have been considering the question of a name for some time and recently ran a competition with local schools, inviting them to put forward suggestions for appropriate names. The options put forward all came from Mount Aspiring College and are:
  - Aspiring Youth Centre (AYC) – put forward by Markus Hermanns, Mount Aspiring College Class 7HSM
  - The Aspiring Sports Centre - Te Tititea Pokapu Hakinakina – put forward by Mount Aspiring Whanau ISDK
  - Taha Tinana Pokapu (means Physical Health Centre - follows Māori Health model known as Whare Tapa Wha) – put forward by the RRLE Whanau class
11. It is recommended that the Board approve the name ‘Aspiring Youth and Sports Centre’ which is a combination of two entries and best captures the design intent behind the project, as the facility will offer more than sport and more than a youth centre. The Council’s venues branding policy requires that there is a te Reo Māori translation as well as an English name and this will follow.

**Reorganisation petition seeking a separate territorial authority for the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Ward of the Queenstown Lakes District**

12. The Electoral Officer has advised the Local Electoral Commission that the reorganisation petition from voters in the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Ward has been made by at least 10% of the voters in that ward and is a valid petition in terms of the Local Government Act 2002.
13. It is now up to the Local Government Commission to decide what next steps it wishes to take.

**Emergency Preparedness in the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Ward**

14. Key natural risks for the area remain wild fire and earthquakes and the wide spread of our population makes managing any incident very challenging. Staff will join the Board at the meeting to discuss the role of Emergency Management in the district and the role of elected members in any response.

**Summary of recent activities at Wānaka Recreation Centre [‘WRC’]**

15. Pickleball is going very well and an additional four courts have been marked.
16. Yoga classes are full and staff are having to turn people away. They will move to a bigger space at the new sport and community facility.
17. Demand for court bookings still exceeds our potential supply. The new sport and community centre will hopefully alleviate that.
18. We’ve hidden our first geo-cache at WRC and we’ve had people coming to look for it. Just another activity for customer engagement!

### Members' Sector Engagement Updates

#### *Simon's comments*

- Ethan Reille, Labour's candidate for Waitaki, reached out to me for a coffee. He was genuinely interested in the Upper Clutha community and we discussed housing and mental health issues, as well as opportunity for the Upper Clutha to diversify its economy through knowledge based scientific ventures, especially around water quality.
- I attended the Mount Aspiring College inter-house haka competition, lending support to the school's commitment to developing a greater understanding of Te Ao Māori and Te Reo within the learning community,
- I had a coffee with Rob Phillips, the incoming Chair of the Wānaka Airport Liaison Committee, as a start to relationship building. I am the Community Board representative on that Group, with our first meeting planned for July.
- The official opening of Mount Iron was a very satisfying celebration.
- Late May saw the annual G & O West Trust distribution meeting. As Chair of the Community Board I have been appointed to the Trust. This year we granted over \$85,000 to a number of worthy local charities – a very rewarding process to be part of.

#### *John's comments*

- I have had meetings with parks and recreation team and Upper Clutha Tracks Trust in regard to the project development plan for the Stoney Creek car park and also the Mount Iron reserve.
- I attended the official opening ceremony for Mount Iron Reserve, and the Community Board 'Share With Us' meeting.

#### *Linda's comments*

- I met with the Wānaka catchment group, and attended their AGM.
- Friends of Bullock Creek meet to discuss where to from here and I continue to work with the Cardrona community regarding the interface with the Mt Cardrona Station and reserve space to gather their ideas.

#### *Lyal's comments*

##### *Wānaka Business Chamber*

- Ignite Wānaka has been renamed as 'Wānaka Business Chamber'.
- A recent initiative by the Chamber has been the launch of a Monopoly Wānaka Edition. An auction was held to sell board spaces and game cards to local businesses. The detail of the Monopoly set is now being finalised and will be sent off for production. The Monopoly Wānaka Edition can be ordered from the Chamber.

- A report on the Wānaka Business Chamber BA5 hosted by Queenstown Airport at Edgewater Hotel on 8 June will be provided at the Board Meeting.

*Upper Clutha Sports Trust Association Inc (UCSTA)*

- The UCSTA considered applications for funding and for 2023 has granted a total of \$5,000 to 13 young up and coming sports women and men in the following sports:
  - Ski Racing, Athletics, Netball, Football, Basketball, Tennis and Mountain Biking.
- The funding is used to help cover expenses to attend national and international events.

*Cody's comments*

- On 31 May I spoke at the first YoEco Talk Series (Young Environmental Collective) graciously held at Ground Up Brewing along with other inspirational young leaders Shannon Barns from Mindful Money and Mike Casey Founder of NZO.
- YoEco is a relatively new group of 18-35-ish year olds in the Upper Clutha trying to make a positive difference by leading a proactive and inclusive youth group to help protect the environment and empower locals.
- On 2 June I attended the opening of eight new classrooms and new bike park at Hāwea Flat Primary School. It was humbling to learn more about the history of HFPS from the kids who spoke so eloquently. Great music, great food, lots of smiles all round.
- We have formed a Hāwea Stakeholders group! This is a group of people in the community and representatives from local and regional councils, LINZ, Wai, contact energy etc working on building a catchment plan for Hāwea to protect the water quality and improve biodiversity. Many thanks to The Camp/Glendene station for not only hosting but helping lead the movement.

*Chris's comments*

- LUMA returned to the Queenstown gardens and at the opening night function special mention was made of the assistance given by the Arts Trust and specifically, Jan Maxwell. The event itself was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended that I know.
- Both Heart of Wānaka and the Wānaka Performing Arts and Culture Charitable Trust groups spoke to their submissions for the Annual Plan. Feedback from staff was that they were impressed by the quality and content of the presentations.
- On a commercial note, the café had one of the quietest Mays since we opened 16 years ago. This has been confirmed by other businesses around town, so we are all hoping for an extremely busy winter.

**Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka**

A	Photographs of construction inside former Mitre 10 building
B	Three waters capex report