

# Item 1: Mount Iron Trail Plan Update

**SESSION TYPE:** Workshop

**PURPOSE/DESIRED OUTCOME:**

The purpose is to update the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board on the timeframes to complete a Trail Plan for Mount Iron and to seek direction on whether wider community engagement should be undertaken on the draft Trail Plan.

**DATE/START TIME:**

Thursday, 25 September 2025 at 11:00AM

**TIME BREAKDOWN:**

Presentation: 10mins  
Debate/Discussion: 20mins

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

A	Presentation – Mount Iron Trail Plan Update
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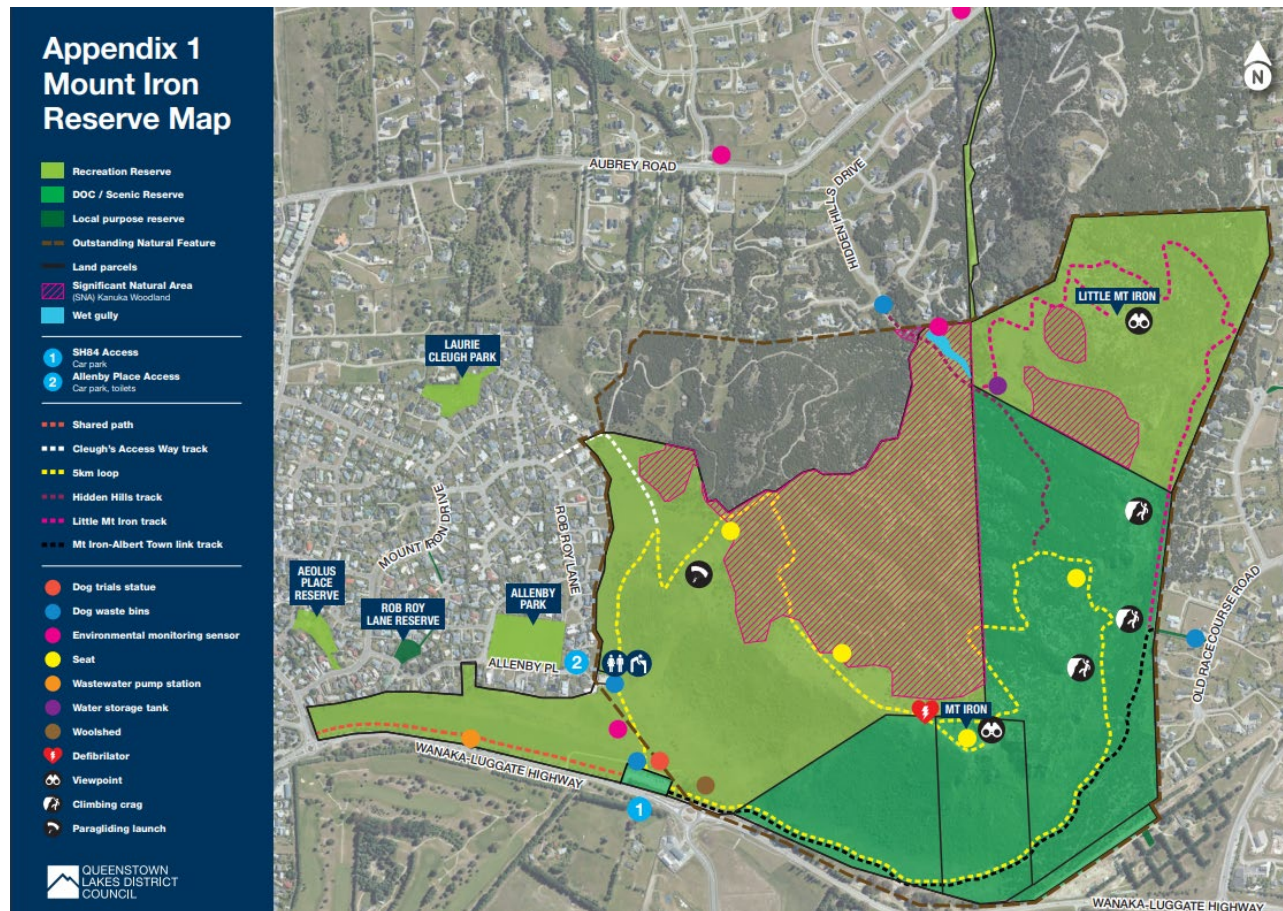
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Wānaka Upper Clutha Community Board Workshop

25 September 2025

# Purpose

- Update on timing to develop the Mount Iron Trail Plan and to seek direction on the level of engagement with the community.



# Background

- Mount Iron Reserve Management Plan (RMP) finalised in April 2025
- RMP guides Council decision making for the reserve
- Bike Wānaka has approached Council to build and maintain mountain bike trails

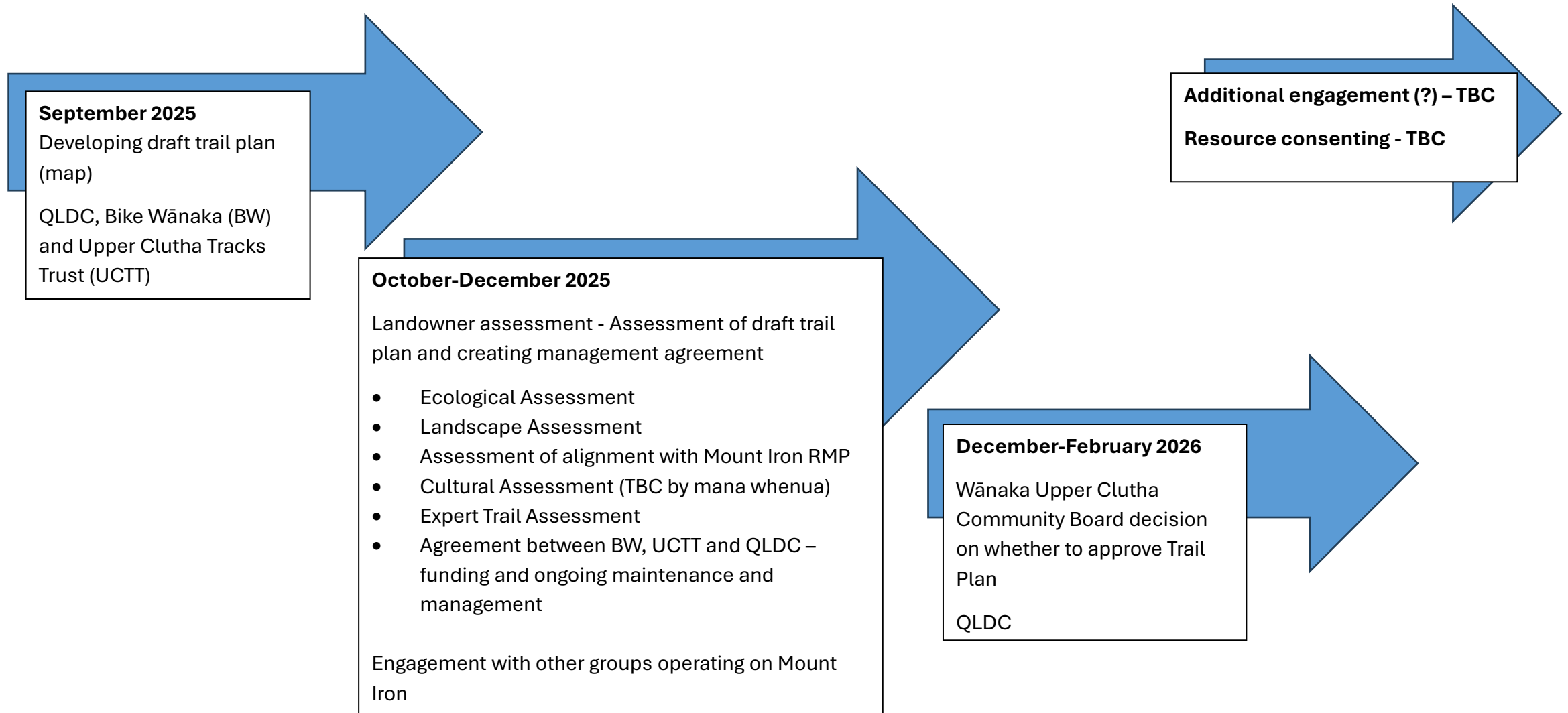




# Development of a Trail Plan

- Will provide a long term view for the future of trails on Mount Iron
- Includes development of mountain bike trails
- Allows for staged build of trails over time
- Ensures alignment with the policies in the RMP e.g. providing for separate walking and biking trails, consideration of Kāi Tahu values etc.
- Supports discussions with relevant groups about future maintenance and management

# Trail Plan Development Timing



# Trail Plan Engagement

- Engagement with mana whenua and Department of Conservation
- Engagement with groups operating on Mount Iron e.g. conservation and recreation groups, to understand the potential impacts of the Trail Plan on their activities
- Aligns with RMP Policy 6.8.3 'Ensure trail design considers effects on other reserve stakeholders and users, Kāi Tahu values, and ongoing maintenance and safety requirements'



# Additional Trail Plan Engagement

Community feedback on draft Trail Plan for 1 month on Let's Talk?

Purpose:

- to understand if the level of trail development (both walking and biking) is supported by the community
- further education on the direction in the RMP and future reserve management