

Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board

30 November 2023

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [4]

Title | Taitara : Chair's Report

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko

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

That Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board:

1. **Note** the contents of this report, in particular the plan to undertake a temporary closure of the Roys Bay ski lane over the holiday period 2023/24 (22 December 2023 to 11 February 2024).

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Title: Chair

10 November 2023

Context | Horopaki

Temporary Closure of Roys Bay Ski Lane

1. Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) is proposing to trial the temporary closure of the Roys Bay Ski Lane in Wānaka for a period of two weeks over the peak summer period. Council officers met the Community Board on this proposal on a workshop to consider this idea and whether the closure should be extended further into the New Year.
2. The Roys Bay ski lane is located within a high use area with a combination of passive and non-passive users. The harbourmasters have observed and received concerns from both commercial and recreational users that there is a high concern for the safety of various users. This is largely due to both swimmers and non-powered recreational users significantly increasing along the Ardmore Street waterfront where the ski lane is situated. These particular concerns are heightened during the peak summer holiday period.
3. The Community Board encouraged QLDC staff to consider extending the temporary closure from before Christmas through to Waitangi weekend and the proposed dates have been reconsidered with officers now recommending 22 December 2023 to 11 February 2024.
4. The Community Board had requested QLDC staff formally present this matter at a Board Meeting for discussion and noting in public.
5. Any permanent revocation of reserved areas (e.g. permanent revocation of the Roy's Bay ski lane), would need to be invoked as part of a Navigation Safety Bylaw review.

Roys Bay – Main Beach, Wānaka adjacent to Pembroke Park



Gladstone Track (Hāwea) Signage

6. Work commenced in October 2023 on replacement safety signs on the Gladstone Track. The size, number and applicability of the signage caused a strongly negative reaction from the local community. Their views were supported by a number of elected members and the Upper Clutha Tracks Trust. The update I have recently received from Council staff is as follows:

We placed a pause on the work to consider the communication to the community and how we can alleviate any concerns. What “a pause” means was that we remain committed to installing safety signage according to guidelines, however we want to alleviate any concerns or issues that are causing the community angst at the same time. The Parks team will look to connect to the Hāwea Community Association and Councillor Tucker to share specific designs and sizes with the local community prior to install.

Members' Sector Engagement Updates

Simon's comments

5. We were kindly invited to catch up with ORC staff and Councillors during their visit to the Upper Clutha in mid-October 2023. I spent most of my time with Chair Gretchen Robertson advocating for increased investment in to the ward's public transport and encouraging Wānaka to be seen as a centre of excellence for research in to water quality (building on what Wai Wānaka and other groups already provide).
6. It was great to see a full house for the launch of the Upper Clutha Wilding Tree Group at the Lake Wānaka Centre.
7. Councillor Matt Wong visited Wānaka to chat to the Community Board and to see some of the projects and challenges facing the community. We appreciate his interest and making the effort to get deeper insights first hand.
8. I was a panellist at Biketober's Green Drinks, where the focus was on building communities that are easily connected by walking and biking. I also spoke at a second event in Queenstown put on by Sustainable Queenstown where I flew the flag for the progress we are making on active travel in Wānaka.
9. Our Share with us Session this month was dominated by discussion around proposed height limit changes for building in the town centre. We also canvassed the need for better footpaths and street crossings around the vicinity of the Community Hub.
10. Like many in the community I attended Sir Tim Wallis's funeral as a representative of the WUCCB. It was an uplifting occasion as we all reflected on a life well lived and the legacy he has left the Upper Clutha.
11. Mt Aspiring College Senior Awards are always a cause for celebration and amazement with the achievements of young people in our community. I was privileged to be invited to attend and welcomed seeing this year's Dux come from an arts and performance background.

12. I attended the Southern Lakes Arts Festival Trust AGM (aka Festival of Colour) and, during general business, congratulated them on providing a rich and diverse festival, promoting accessibility to the arts, helping to promote Wānaka to a national audience and maintaining a strong social licence with the community.
13. Path Wānaka's relaunch at the Community Hub was an excellent evening with the panel providing insights and guidance around all the contemporary issues facing adolescents in our community.
14. Engagement between the Upper Clutha A&P Society and the Community Board continues to strengthen, this time with me having a coffee catch up and briefing for the newly appointed Chair of the Society, Keith Cooper.
15. About 80 people gathered at Bullock Creek on a hot Saturday afternoon in mid-November to celebrate the QEII covenanting of this important wetland. It was wonderful to reflect on amazing achievement and collaboration between Friends of Bulloch Creek, Fish & Game, Dept of Corrections and the QEII National Trust.
16. My one-on-one meeting with the Mayor this month included discussion on reform and funding of water infrastructure, Wānaka Airport master planning and funding, QLDC engagement with the Upper Clutha Ward and the Long Term Plan strategy for Wānaka town centre.

Lyal's comments

17. **Wānaka Community Response Group** is very active and establishing connections and relationships with other community organisations. Relevant equipment is being procured and the intention is to house it in a trailer so there is the ability to be mobile in the event of an emergency. The Lake Wānaka Centre is the preferred base, but if that is not available backup venues are the Hub, Rugby Clubrooms and Presbyterian Church.
18. **Upper Clutha Wilding Tree Group** launched itself at a public meeting which was well attended. There was enthusiastic support to get on with attacking the wilding trees, but this must be appropriately managed. First project is removing wilding trees from Mount Iron.
19. **Path Wānaka** held an event to present the findings from the Upper Clutha Voice Survey 2023, and to hear from agencies working and engaging with our young people and whanau in a panel discussion. There were 181 responses to the survey from students attending Mt Aspiring College. Some of the outcomes were that the majority had been exposed to worrying and nasty online content, the majority feel hopeful about the future, and parents were the top source of alcohol supply. Further results of the survey are on the Path Facebook site.
20. **Wheels to Dunstan** held its AGM and reported on a successful, financially sound, and well-run organisation, which has been operating for 16 years. This was a Wānaka Rotary Club initiative, and the Masonic Lodge bought the original vehicle. Upper Clutha Transport provides the diesel free and there have been generous donations and grants over the years from individuals and funding trusts. Community Networks manages the day-to-day operations and reported there were 263 trips transporting 302 passengers from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. The majority of the trips are to Cromwell to connect with the shuttle to Dunedin Hospital. Trustees are from Rotary and the Masonic Lodge, and I have been added as a community trustee.

21. **Friends of Bullock Creek** held a SGM to have approved the change in structure from an incorporated society to a charitable trust. This was followed by a celebration of QEII accreditation for the Bullock Creek wetland and boardwalk area.

Cody's comments

22. I was invited to be the guest speaker at Mt Aspiring Colleges Arts and Cultural Blues Evening where I spoke candidly about finding meaning, championing service to others, civics education of course and falling in love with the process of discovering what you want to pursue in your life, not the end result.

23. I invited myself to join the Mayor at the Future By Local Government conference in Wellington at the start of November. The conference aimed at workshopping a clear path for rethinking governance across New Zealand to address the many issues and instability that Local Government is facing.

24. I've met multiple times with members in Hāwea and coordinated with Council staff a plan to address a lot of specific concerns around the upkeep in Lake Hāwea. Some of the issues have already been resolved and we are all working collaboratively on better lines of communication and improved frequency to better serve the community.

25. Reminder to all to download and use the Snap, Send, Solve app on your phone to best communicate to staff an issue you've spotted in your community that can be addressed by the Council.

26. I touched base with the Lake Hāwea Stakeholders Group which unpacked the latest research highlighting the threat to water quality in our lakes, informing the early draft catchment plan that aims to address local environmental issues.

27. I attended the Path Wānaka night which shared the findings of their youth survey and unpacked in more detail the nuance of issues young people are struggling with, utilising a panel of local experts in the field.

Linda's comments

28. I attended the Wānaka Business Chamber at Sotheby's offices in Ardmore Street where discussion was very much around the future statistics for Wānaka, including lively discussion for the Tarras Airport project, and my feedback would be there is a large number of people who are very excited about this project and look forward to progress. This of course conflicts with other research showing major opposition.

29. The Annual General Meeting of the Cardrona Valley Ratepayers and Residents Association ('CVRRRA') was held in the Cardrona Hall on 19 October 2023. I attended and reviewed the masterplan for reserve spaces from the community perspective. Tim Allan CVRRRA Chair will be sharing this document with Councillors and a meeting with the Mayor and CEO at a later date.

30. Deliveries for Food for Love continue to be in high demand as our community struggles with illness, cost of living and the challenges of modern life.

31. Coming to the end of the first year of my first term as a community board member that I have thoroughly enjoyed, I look forward to being open and engaging for our community in the future. I would also like to thank the more experienced Board Members and Councillors for their patience and support with our first termers.

Chris's comments

32. Heart of Wānaka had a catch up and we discussed ongoing issues in general and also what our thoughts were with regards to the location of the proposed performing arts centre.

33. In addition I appeared on the "Sunday" programme highlighting the issue of homeless locals in the Wānaka area.

John's comments

34. I have engaged with staff and the community regarding track signage on the Gladstone Track.

35. I have consulted with the Albert Town Residents Association regarding proposed track upgrades/renewals and also with staff regarding priorities for track renewal projects in the coming year.

36. I attended Sir Tim Wallis's funeral at Wānaka Airport and attended the Armistice Day service at the Cenotaph and laid the wreath on behalf of the Community Board and Council.

37. I attended the QE2 handover ceremony at Bullock Creek.

38. I have been involved in planning for the restoration of the Cameron Creek track and agreed to take the lead in discussions regarding a possible easement to enable the track to be reinstated.

39. I attended a committee meeting regarding the development of a sports hub support system for local sports groups facilitated by Sports Otago.

Barry's comments

40. I attended the Fish and Game QEII Trust Covenant handover of the Bullock Creek hatchery reserve.

Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka

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Attachment A

Project Name	Project Status	Estimated Practical Completion	Location	Phase	Status Report Overall Comment
Albert Town Retic Improvement (WS)	Green - On Track	12/07/2023	Wanaka	7.Construction	On track
Aubrey Rd Rec Reserve SW detention pond	Green - On Track	01/06/2028	Wanaka	5.Detailed Design	Design is complete
Ballantyne Road Reseal	Green - On Track	19/07/2021	Wanaka	7.Construction	Construction works completed October 2021. Defects period extended to cover seal repair works from March 2022 to Feb 2023 (when second coat seal completed).
Beacon Point New Reservoir	Amber - At Risk	22/11/2023	Wanaka	7.Construction	Currently in construction with a bulk of the earth works already complete and the drainage work nearing completion. Some concerns of going over budget due to variations and scope changes that have affected project delivery
Cardrona Water Supply Scheme Pipeline (WS)	Green - On Track	01/07/2024	Cardrona	7.Construction	Construction Contract awarded to HEB.Works to commence November 10, 2023, and due for completion by 30 June 2024 to meet funding requirements.
Luggate Water Supply Scheme (WS)	Green - On Track	25/06/2024	Luggate	5.Detailed Design	Final design approved through ECG. Construction funding deferred to FY28. All land acquisition agreements are signed and progressing settlement in line with the conditions. Notice of Requirements applications for the borefield and treatment plant have been lodged and are being processed. Notice of Requirement application for the reservoirs to be lodged.
Project Pure Upgrade (WW)	Red - Critical	31/01/2024	Wanaka	7.Construction	The project is in the commissioning phase and is expected to be complete by the end of 2023. Delays ave occurred due to complexities that have arisen integrating the upgrade with the existing plant control system.
Wanaka Waste Facilities (WM)	Green - On Track	25/11/2025	Wanaka	2.Design Procurement	The project is in the initial procurement phase with returns due 22nd August as per the programme. We are in the midst of post tender evaluation with a commitment to appoint as soon as clarifications have been addressed.
Western Wanaka Level of Service (WS)	Green - On Track	21/04/2023	Wanaka	7.Construction	1. Main Construction Contract: a. Handover documentation in review. 2. Alpha Series Infrastructure: a. Stage 1 and 2 complete with handover underway. b. Stage 3 to commence in FY 23/24.