

Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board

30 March 2023

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [5]

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.

Prepared by:



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Title: Chair

17 March 2023

Context | Horopaki

1. It's been a busy month or so, with the highlight being the commencement of construction of the Anderson Road shared pathway. This is an example of patient community advocacy leading to a fantastic outcome.
2. Following a great Wānaka A&P Show I met with Brenda King (Board Chair) and Mike Scurr (Board member) to discuss highlights of the weekend and to work through some challenges we'd like to address as the Show continues to be so popular. These conversations included traffic management planning, parking management, tree removal and management, leadership around waste management, turf management at Pembroke Park and alcohol consumption. The Show board will be meeting with the Community Board in May to discuss further.
3. Monthly face to face catch ups with Mayor Lewers provide an opportunity to deepen relationships and advance Wānaka issues and opportunities. Topics of conversation in February included:
 - The need to get Wānaka/UC Transport Business Case completed asap, after 3+ years of waiting
 - Mt Iron to come under a community governance model, not purely a Council-owned and operated reserve
 - Better stakeholder communication needed when installing new CCTV cameras
 - Wānaka Airport: The need for full community consultation to sit alongside decision-making around Civil Aviation Aerodrome Certification
 - Wānaka being the ideal location for the District's premier Performing Arts Centre
4. In my role as sector lead on Knowledge, Education and Collaboration I met with WAO to discuss their strategy, how we can support them and how they can have input into QLDC policy submissions over the coming months.
5. My presentation to the Pembroke Ladies meeting provided for lovely discussion and kept me on my toes!
6. It was also great to engage with and support the children who led the Climate Change March in to town.
7. The Community Board has increased its frequency of conversations with Heart of Wānaka as ideas for a town centre masterplan begin to be refined. I remain committed to ensuring any plan has a strong environmental focus and is fit for purpose for coming decades, not just the here and now.
8. Finally, I appreciate the work that Silvia and her Welcoming Communities team are putting in to ensure newcomers to the Upper Clutha feel supported and welcomed. The hui on the 17 March was well attended by representatives of all sectors of the community.

Members' Sector Engagement Updates

Lyal's comments

9. The Friends of Hāwea Flat Schools held its AGM on 7 March 2023 and attracted a good turnout. They had a successful year of fundraising activities with funds going to the new bike park which is likely to be opened on the 2 June 2023 along with the new classrooms. The next major fundraising event is planned for May is the Ethel and Bethel Bingo night with the funds going towards a generator as they build up their response to an emergency. The intention is to establish an emergency bunker with the necessary equipment and supplies to provide for the children and teachers in the event the school becomes isolated. This is commendable contribution to community response in our area.
10. The Wānaka Community Response Group is getting established with a strong core team. They will be distributing a leaflet soon promoting community response. The current 'Community Response Plan' is being reviewed and reproduced as the 'Community Resilience Guide'. Fundraising is underway for some equipment and to pay for relevant training. Connections will be made with other organisations that can contribute to effective response in the time of an emergency.
11. The Heart of Wānaka Team held two more drop-in sessions to get feedback on draft proposals. Outcomes from meetings with the Land Owners Group and Retailers indicate more work needs to be done on some aspects of the proposal to get greater support. It is suggested that a staging plan of agreed achievable and affordable projects that will contribute to an overarching proposal be developed, with the aim of getting projects into the next Long Term Plan.
12. Verbal updates will be provided on the Wānaka Airport User Group Meeting (22 March 2023), and Friends of Bullock Creek AGM (21 March 2023) which will be attended by a number of Board members.

Linda's comments

13. I attended a drop in session for the community board at the recent Wānaka A&P show, and attended a three boards get together put on by Lake Wānaka Tourism. It is intended this group will meet quarterly, and contribute to the future growth/direction of our town by sharing concerns and thoughts gathered from the Wānaka community. People representing various sectors of the community from travel, business and Council can share ideas around the airport, council, lifestyle and any other items they wish to share.
14. Myself and John Wellington will attend a meeting with the Cardrona Ratepayers and Residents Association during April to discuss their input into the design of the new reserve area contributed by Mt Cardrona Station. We would also seek to discuss the formation of a cycleways trust for Cardrona, and build a community vision of what the residents would like to see developed in their village.

Chris's comments

15. The WACT (Performing Arts) team met last week to discuss the interim feasibility study and have gone back to Horwarths with some questions around their financial and audience assumptions.
 16. The HOW (Heart of Wanaka) team were at the show and received a lot of feedback some positive and some not so much.
 17. It is interesting to go back to the original consultation and much of that still applies. HOW hope to go out for more consultation in the coming days.
 18. As a side note, given my position as both a HOW team member and an elected representative on the WUCCB I will be stepping aside from any decision making in the future to avoid any perceived non-pecuniary conflict.
 19. As is often the case with community engagement it is difficult to get a large number of people to express their views but HOW is confident that a good cross section of locals will have made their feelings known.
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