

WANAKA COMMUNITY BOARD

1 OCTOBER 2013

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Item: No.1 - Chairman's Report

Purpose – Information Only

- 1 To present a report from the Wanaka Community Board Chairman.

Executive Summary

- 2 Not applicable - all relevant information is contained in the body of the report.

Recommendation

1. *That the report be noted; and*
2. *That the Board recommends to Council that the water ski lane outside the Edgewater Resort on Lake Wanaka be revoked in accordance with Part 3.1 of the QLDC Navigation Safety Bylaw 2009.*
3. *That the Board recommends to Council that the Governance Agreement (with any amendments) be adopted.*

Prepared by



Chairman – Wanaka Community Board

Issue

3 Meetings attended since the last report are as follows:

- Presented medals at Winter Games Ceremony in Wanaka
- Rowing Club AGM
- NZ Community Board Executive Committee
- Wanaka Sports Facilities
- Chamber of Commerce Executive
- Drop in session for Wanaka Foreshore Management Plan
- Convention Centre Workshop
- Community Board Works Working Group
- Alcohol and Drug Harm Working Group
- West Trust
- Alpine Community Development Trust Marketing
- Community Board Community Services Workshop
- Lake Wanaka Tourism Board
- Wanaka Chamber of Commerce BA6 hosted by Police
- Lake Swimmers AGM
- Alpine Community Development Trust
- DQ AGM
- Luggate Association
- Drop in session for Sludge Composting
- Art Light Box Working Group

Water Ski Lane Adjacent to Edgewater

4 A proposal to remove the water ski lane adjacent to Edgewater and extend the swim area was put out to the community for feedback. A summary of the feedback received is attached. The majority of the feedback supports the proposal to enable a larger safe area for swimming. Some residents on neighbouring Morrows Mead submit that the ski lane should remain and others propose a compromise.

The main issue that this proposal is aiming to resolve is the conflict between powered vessels and swimmers. It is noted that boats can still come into the shore at this location but are required under the Bylaw to travel at 5 knots or less when within 200 metres of the shore.

Marty Black, Harbourmaster has provided the following comments:

The use of the water ski access lane by Edgewater Resort has been the subject of some discussion over the last few years and with the dramatic increase in lake swimmers, due in part to the influence of the annual Wanaka Challenge event, the access lane was first reduced in size to approximately 100m in width, and the proposal now is that it be closed.

Public consultation was recently undertaken to gauge feedback and 30 comments were received. The majority of the feedback was in agreement with the closure of the access lane.

Option 1

Retaining the water ski access lane by Edgewater.

- In recent years it appears the use of this access lane has been limited to just a few local boats.*
- At low lake levels, the use of the access lane is very limited.*
- Conflict arises at times between boaties and swimmers/rowers.*

Option 2

Removing the water ski access lane.

- Some local boaties and water skiers may be inconvenienced by having either to travel out 200 metres before being able to water ski or by having to use one of the other access lanes in Roys Bay.*
- Conflict would be avoided with other lake users meaning that the area could then be developed further as a passive recreational area for both swimmers and rowers. Consideration could be given to declaring this area a Reserved Area (pursuant to 3.2 of the Council's Waterways Bylaws) to enhance this area for passive activities*
- Boaties would still be able to access the area, but only at 5 knots.*

Part 3.1 of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2009 allows the Council to revoke any area set aside as a special Access Lane, subject to public notification of such an intention.

The Board is asked to recommend to Council if it wishes the water ski lane in front of the Edgewater Resort to be revoked.

Achieved List

- 5 A list of work completed and planned work is attached.

Governance Agreement

- 6 The Governance Agreement between the Wanaka Community Board and the Council was originally adopted by both parties in 2004. In the document it states that the agreement should be placed on the agenda of the final meetings for the triennium of both parties, for the purpose of reviewing the agreement and

recommending any changes to the incoming Council and Board. This has occurred both in 2007 and 2010.

- 7 The Board is asked to consider whether any amendments are necessary to the current agreement which is attached.

Last Meeting of the Triennium

- 8 Thank you to all members and staff for their contribution this term. As the 'Achieved List' shows, a lot has been done over the past few years and the Wanaka Ward is in good shape. There is always more to do and improve and that will be up to the new Board and Council. Thank you to the media representatives for your coverage of our meetings and the issues that have been addressed. All the best to everyone, whatever role you are in after the 12 October!

Delegations

- 9 Not applicable; this report is for information purposes only.

Risk Management

- 10 This report is for information only and does not raise any matters which would impact upon the strategic risks identified in the risk register.

Attachments

- A: Water Ski Lane Feedback
- B: Achieved List
- C: Governance Agreement