

**WANAKA COMMUNITY BOARD**

11 MARCH 2014

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Item:1 - Chair's Report**Purpose**

To present a report from the Wanaka Community Board Chair.

Executive Summary

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 approve the appointment of Rachel Brown as a member of the Wanaka Alcohol Group.***
- 3. *That the Board request the placement of 'Duck crossing' signage at the western and eastern ends of Pembroke Park on Ardmore Street.***
- 4. *That the Board request the Council to undertake the review of the Liquor Bylaw before the end of the 2014 calendar year so that any new provisions may be in place for the 2014/15 summer season.***

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Brown".

Rachel Brown
Chair – Wanaka Community Board

Wanaka Alcohol Group Proposal

1. Members will recall that the Board received information about the Wanaka Alcohol Group at its meeting held on 17 December 2013. I believe that there is value in the Board being represented on this group, in the same way that it has a presence on many different community groups in Wanaka. I am happy to fulfil this role and ask that the Board endorse this appointment via a resolution.

April Wanaka Community Board Meeting Date

2. Members are reminded that the April Board meeting is one week later than originally scheduled and will now take place on Tuesday 29 April.

Liquor Bylaw

3. I have been approached by residents in Hawea asking for the Council's liquor ban areas to include the swimming area by the boat ramp. This is close to the town centre and several residences and there have been occurrences in recent times of antisocial behaviour due to excessive consumption of alcohol at this site.
4. Inclusion of this further area could be achieved when the Liquor Bylaw is reviewed and I am advised that it is one of several bylaws due for review in the 2014/2015 year. The first review is due to begin around July but the reviews are dependent upon the Council priorities for this period and there is no guarantee that the Liquor Bylaw will be deemed a priority.
5. I would like the Board to ask the Council to recognise that the review of the Liquor Bylaw is a priority and to instruct staff to undertake the review before the 2014/15 summer season. This would allow any new provisions to be in place for the warmer weather, when obviously there are greater problems with the adverse effects of people drinking excessive alcohol outdoors.
6. I must stress that the establishment of liquor ban areas must be supported by specific evidence which demonstrates that antisocial behaviour is occurring and is harming the wider public. Accordingly, I would suggest that any events Board members observe at this site which would support the inclusion of it as a liquor ban area should be reported immediately to authorities. This will provide the necessary records to uphold the request for inclusion. I should add that the same test applies for existing liquor ban sites to remain in place so members should also keep this in mind if they notice any drunken behaviour in public places.

Library Review

7. The Library Review report is due to be presented to the 27 March Council meeting. Members will note that this meeting is to be held in Wanaka.
8. Ruth Stokes and I will comment briefly on the findings of the Library Review Taskforce at the Board meeting.

GigaTown Wanaka Signage

9. NZTA has approved temporary 'GigaTown Wanaka' signage to be placed on the edge of State Highway 6 just east of Puzzling World. This is subject to the conditions that it will be of good quality, will be well away from the roadway and will only be in place for six months. Council's Infrastructure and Assets Department has also provided its approval for a temporary sign.

Duck Crossing Signage

10. The Board has received requests on several occasions for signage on Ardmore Street warning motorists to slow for ducks crossing. I believe that this is a reasonable request and seek the Board's support of this via a resolution. I understand that the signage would be funded from traffic services renewals budget and would cost approximately \$500.

Hawea School Track

11. The proposed land swap was notified for public comment on 19 February 2014, with submissions due to close on 21 March 2014. At the time of writing, no submissions had been received.
12. This process is being administered by APL Property Ltd who have been instructed to liaise with the landowner with whom the Council wishes to swap the land.

Board 'Drop-in' Sessions

13. The first two sessions have proved extremely successful with eight people attending the first session on 5 February and seven people on 5 March. It would appear that this opportunity to discuss Council matters with elected members has struck a chord with the community and I am grateful to the other Board members for also taking part. I also wish to express my personal thanks to the Council's Senior Communications Advisor, Michele Poole, for her excellent promotion of the sessions.

Reports from Liaison Positions

14. Members appointed as the Board liaison to these projects are invited to provide brief verbal updates at the meeting:
- Wanaka Sports Facility
 - Queenstown Convention Centre
 - Review of the District Plan
 - Proposed Plan Changes
 - Project Groundswell
 - Wanaka Lakeside Reserve Management Plan
 - Local Alcohol Plan
 - GigaTown Wanaka

Council report

15. Councillors are invited to comment on any matters of interest related to Wanaka which arose at the Council meeting held on 6 March 2014.

Reports from Community Associations et al

16. Members are asked to report on any community meetings they have attended recently in their capacity as a Board member.