

Applicants supporting information for Road four – Copeland Crescent

(Submitted by Ella Hardman, Southern Land; 24.04.2018)

Ken Copeland – Well known Wanaka identity. Active member and servant of the Wanaka community, the ward, and the district.

Roles Which Ken Performed

Justice of The Peace – for over 25 years.

Wanaka Community Board – member, serving for 15 years from the mid 1990s and acting as Deputy Chair.

Otago Community Trust – long serving member.

Otago/Southland District Health Board Ethics Committee – Chairman, serving for 8 years.

Central Otago Social Welfare Committee – the community representative.

Cardrona Skifield – one of the Mum/Dad shareholders in the original float in the 1980s.

Chairman of the Wanaka Marina Committee.

Played a large role in getting the Eely Point boat ramp carpark approved.

Secretary of the Dog Trial Club in the 1990s.

Part of the Wanaka A&P Show set-up group.

Marriage Celebrant.

Strong supporter of the Upper Clutha Rugby Club.

Ken's Affinity With Scurr Heights

Built the first house bordering Scurr Heights (the block that was old to Universal Developmenets) in the early 2000s.

Moved house but chose to build again immediately adjacent to Scurr Heights – both homes were literally on the boundary.

Undertook rabbit control on Scurr Heights for many years.

Frances still maintains the family home on the site.

Prominent members of the Wanaka community willing to provide perspective on Ken's contribution and importance.

Lyal Cocks
Carrie Wallis
Brian Lloyd
Noeline Munro
Marie Lewis
Russell Duff

Summary

Ken maintained an unusually broad level of involvement in the community, ward and district at all levels. Importantly he had a rare ability to hold a stance yet maintain an open and positive mind to rationalise and debate the issues at hand. Seldom does the district have someone with such commitment on so many levels. We think it's fitting that recognition be given to Ken in naming a street so close to where he lived and to where his wife Frances still maintains the family home.

We're hopeful Ken's broad involvement and rare characteristics satisfy the QLDC naming criteria.