

Item 2: Wānaka Lakefront Development - Stage 6 Landscape Design Scope

SESSION TYPE: Workshop

PURPOSE/DESIRED OUTCOME:

The purpose of this workshop is to seek direction from the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board on the landscape design scope for Stage 6 of the Wānaka lakefront (between the Mount Aspiring carpark and the Watersports carpark).

DATE/START TIME:

Tuesday, 12 May 2026 at 11.30am

TIME BREAKDOWN:

Presentation: 20 minutes

Questions: 10 minutes

PRESENTERS:

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Wānaka Upper Clutha Community Board Workshop

12 May 2026

Purpose

- To seek direction on the landscape design scope for Stage 6 of the Wānaka lakefront (between Mount Aspiring Carpark and Watersports Carpark)



Background

- > 2016 Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan (WLDP) didn't include this area due to uncertainty on the location of the Watersports Facility.
- > Watersports upgrade in 2024 focused on active travel connection and a new bridge over Stoney Creek due to budget constraints.
- > Ongoing issues, such as protection of green space and parking, were being addressed through a series of small, incremental improvements.
- > The WUCCB provided direction to proceed with a landscape design scope to develop a comprehensive plan addressing the whole space.
- > This workshop is seeking feedback on the elements to be included within the landscape design scope.

Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan

‘Big moves’ that guide the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan (WLDP), shaped by community feedback:

- > Restore and develop ecology through ecological enhancements and native revegetation planting.
- > Provide continuous access with a pedestrian/cycleway promenade around the lakefront.
- > Improve land use with lakefront linear parks and precincts.
- > Provide a range of facilities.



SUMMARY DOCUMENT

Overview of key features from the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan produced following public consultation in 2015-2016.

**CREATING FRESH
OPEN SPACES AND
PEOPLE-FRIENDLY PLACES
ON THE LAKEFRONT**
**KIA HANGA WĀHI TAUTAIAO
MŌ TE HAPORI KEI TE
TAKUTAI**

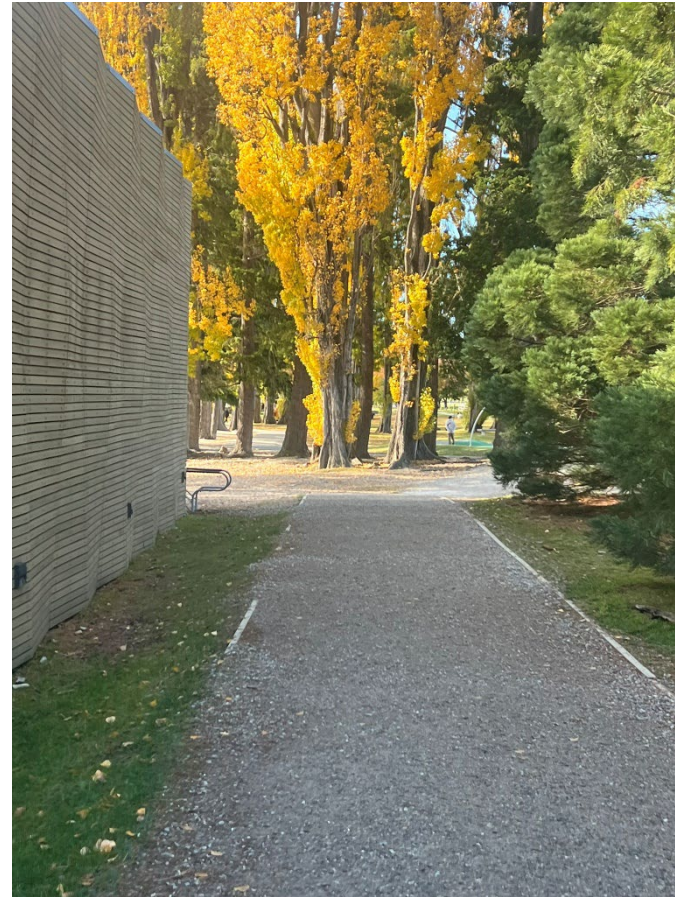
Wānaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan 2016

“The reserve also contains a number of exotic trees and plantings, which provide the colourful autumn displays that the Central Otago region and Lake Wānaka are renowned for. The mature trees provide shelter from the lake winds and valuable shade on hot days.”

Roys Bay Reserve is the busiest reserve included in this management plan. It facilitates a wide range of recreational activities, from passive recreation activities such as relaxing and picnicking to active recreation pursuits such as swimming, water sports, walking and running.”



Pathways / Accessibility



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Access, Movement & Safety

- > Continuation of the shared concrete pathway (3 meters wide), through Stage 6, with the alignment located in the most appropriate position within the reserve to balance user safety, environmental values, and reserve function.
- > Accessibility - design to support safe, comfortable access for people of all ages and abilities.
- > Pathways, connections, respond to existing and emerging desire lines, ensuring logical connections within the reserve and to surrounding networks.
- > Safe connections between pathways, parking, and key destinations.
- > Clear, safe entrances and slow-speed environments.
- > Fit-for-purpose surfacing treatments that respond to user type, location, and expected levels of use.

Parking



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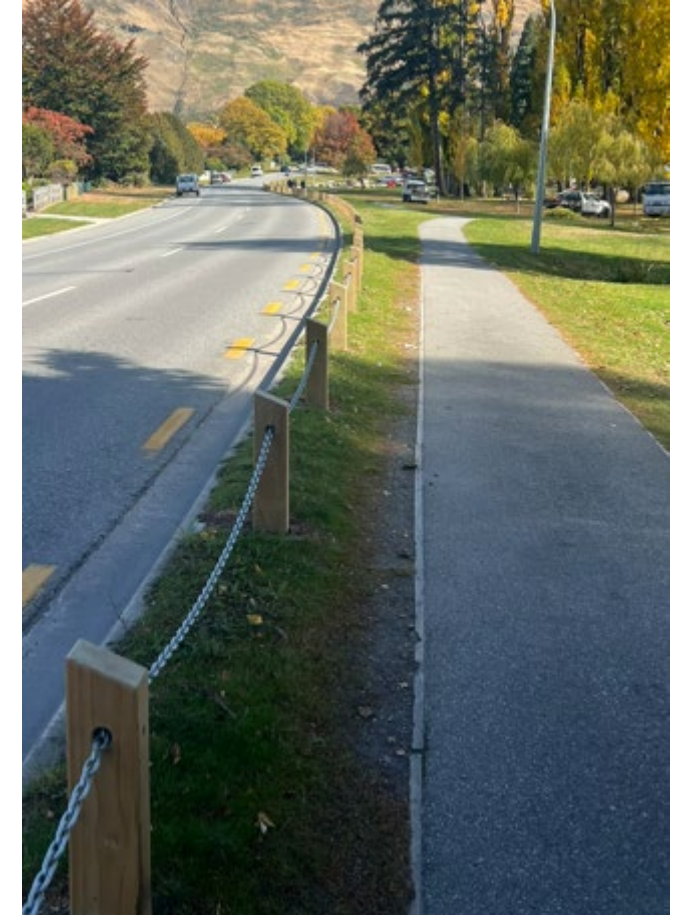
- > Two parking areas retained - No net increase in parking capacity.
- > Informal parking, managed - Informal layout retained while restricting inappropriate areas.
- > Clear pedestrian separation - delineation of parking and safe pedestrian spaces.
- > Formalised Wānaka Watersports parking - improved surfacing, delineation and safety.
- > Managed specialist parking - campervan and bus parking provided and managed.

Art and Memorials

- Review of existing memorials (e.g. memorial seats, wagon wheels).
- Options:
 - Retain in place, or
 - Relocate (e.g. to showgrounds), memorials were removed in previous Lake Front stages.
- Art – two exiting pieces, consideration for future opportunities



Materials and Spatial Definition



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- > Use of rocks and landscape features.
- > Fencing materials to define parking areas, paths, and safe zones.
- > Durable, context-appropriate materials.



Play and Recreation

- > Review of existing play elements.
- > Consideration of:
 - > Adding new play elements, or
 - > Retaining existing play provision only.
 - > Opportunities for natural play



Furniture and Facilities



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- > Adequate provision of:
 - > Furniture
 - > Shelters
 - > Additional Toilets
 - > Bike facilities

- > Alignment with design, furniture and materials used in earlier Wānaka Lake Front Development stages.

- > Removal of outdated or redundant furniture.

Ecology & Trees



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- > Enhancement of ecological values and native planting.
- > Tree succession planning, including:
 - > Retention and staged replacement of exotic trees that contribute seasonal (autumn) colour.
 - > Willow trees
 - > Eucalypts trees
 - > Protected trees.



Stormwater and Blue Green Network



Stormwater and Blue Green Network

- > Give weight to Blue green network plans
- > Streams
- > Water-sensitive design principles.
- > Access to the lake
- > Stormwater network
- > Remove culvert replace with bridge
- > Future stormwater outfalls



Blue Green Network Opportunities

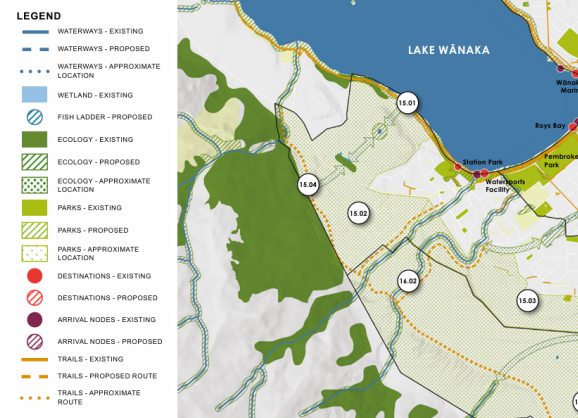
- > Roys Peak Waterways – riparian planting along waterway
- > Lake Wānaka Foreshore – Riparian Planting of lake Wānaka
- > Kāi Tahu Blue Green Network Ki Uta Ki Tai Report
- > Enable Kāi Tahu to undertake mana whenua led assessments

15 WĀNAKA WEST & 16 WĀNAKA SOUTH

These Priority Areas are bounded by Mt Alpha in the west, braded Cardrona River in the south and Lake Wanaka. The Lake defines the northern extent with a trail along its foreshore that provide access to an extensive trail network and a wide range of recreational areas.

Lower density residential development has been incrementally growing in the Wānaka West Priority Area without the establishment of a comprehensive trail and ecological linkages to adjacent areas or provision parks that will need to be supplemented. A considerable amount of greenfield land remains for more intensive urban development where stormwater management and the provision of parks will be important to service projected housing growth. The existing large rural and rural residential lots provide opportunities to connect trails and ecological corridors along the base of Mt Alpha and through to Lake Wanaka and Cardrona River.

ID	OPPORTUNITIES	DESCRIPTION
15.01	Lake Wānaka Foreshore	Riparian planting of Lake Wānaka.
15.02	New Park	Addition of community and local park.
15.03	New Park	Addition of a new community and/or local park.
15.04	Foot of Roys Peak	Trail along the foot of Roys Peak to connect Wānaka East, Wānaka South and Cardrona River.
16.01	New Park	Addition of several new community and local parks.
16.02	Roys Peak	Riparian planting along waterways on



Cultural Design and Wayfinding

- > Wayfinding within the reserve.
- > Cultural design opportunities developed in partnership with iwi.
- > Integration of cultural narratives through design and blue-green enhancements.



Resilience

- > Flooding considerations and management.
- > Design solutions that respond to lake level variability and inundation.



Reserve Use & Activities

- > Existing reserve licence / lease areas.
- > Existing activities (e.g. Water Sports Trust).
- > Consideration of:
 - Expansion of activities, or
 - Identification of appropriate areas for future activities.
- > Events
- > Community use

