

**Wānaka Community Board  
9 December 2021**

**Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take : 2**

**Department: Planning & Development**

**Title | Taitara Temporary Road Closure Application – Challenge Wānaka 2022**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO**

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- 1 The purpose of this report is to consider an application received for a temporary road closure for the annual Challenge Wānaka Event to be held in February 2022.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY | WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA**

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- 2 Challenge Wānaka Sports Trust have applied to Council for a set of temporary road closures for their annual event scheduled to take place in February 2022.
- 3 The closure is requested to allow the event to take place in a safe and efficient manner and the recommendation is for approval subject to similar conditions imposed on last year's application as outlined below.

**RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA**

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- 4 That the Wānaka Community Board
  1. **Notes** the contents of this report;
  2. **Approves** the temporary road closure application for Challenge Wānaka subject to the following conditions:
    - a. Any issues or concerns which may arise from the public notification published in the Wānaka Sun on 21 October 2021 are addressed to the satisfaction of QLDC.
    - b. Approval of the final Traffic Management Plan by QLDC Planning and Development prior to the event taking place.
    - c. The applicant must make provision for piloted controlled access through the road closures for affected commercial operators to allow their customers to arrive at their activities to the satisfaction of the Wānaka Community Board.
    - d. Radio advertising two days prior and on the morning of the event.
    - e. The event organisers shall arrange suitable disposal methods for recycling and rubbish/refuse.
    - f. The applicant must ensure access is available for emergency services, QLDC Road Maintenance Contractor any other Council Maintenance Contractors if required.

A mobile phone contact must be provided to NZ Police in the event of the need for emergency access.

- g. The applicant shall notify all affected parties including residents and businesses who operate within and beyond the closure areas of the extent of the temporary road closure and ensure their needs are suitably catered for. Contact details for the event organiser must be provided in this notification.
- h. The applicant must liaise with the Department of Conservation (DOC) to ensure people accessing or returning from the walking tracks beyond the closure area are aware of the closures and suitable access through the closures is provided for, if required.
- i. A reminder notice advising of the duration and dates of the closure shall be distributed to DOC and all affected parties, including residents and businesses who operate within and beyond the closure areas, at least ten working days prior to the event. A copy of this notice is to be supplied to Queenstown Lakes District Council.
- j. The applicant must notify all affected parties of the extent of the temporary road closure with the notification to be undertaken prior to Christmas 2021. A copy of the notice is to be supplied to Queenstown Lakes District Council.
- k. The applicant must contact QLDC Communications Team to arrange for the closures to be shared through Council social media.

3. **Authorises** the following schedule of road closures:

**Road to be Closed:** Motatapu Road (all)

**Period of Closure:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 from 1230 – 1430  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022 from 1000 to 1600

**Road to be Closed:** Wānaka Mt Aspiring Rd (from Motatapu Rd – Hospital Flat)

**Period of Closure:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 from 1200 to 1430

**Road to be Closed:** Ardmore Street (from Helwick Street to McDougall Street)

**Period of Closure:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 from 1200 until 2200

**Road to be Closed:** McDougall Street (from Brownston Street to Ardmore Street)

**Period of Closure:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 from 1200 to 2200

**Road to be Closed:** Wānaka Mt Aspiring Road (from Meadowstone Drive to McDougall Street)

**Period of Closure:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 from 1200 to 2200

**Road to be Closed:** Red Bridge (closed to North Bound Traffic)

**Period of Closure:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022 from 0815 to 1200

**Road to be Closed:** Mt. Barker Rd (for eastbound traffic from Faulks Road to Wānaka-Luggate Highway)

**Period of Closure:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022 from 0815 to 1300

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## CONTEXT | HORPOAKI

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- 5 Challenge Wānaka is an annual event which as in previous years involves a large number of road closures in and around Wānaka Township. The purpose of the road closures is to allow to the safe set up and break down of the event infrastructure and for the safe passage of Athletes and spectators.
- 6 The event organisers are focused on delivering a world-class event for all participants from juniors through to the top New Zealand triathletes.
- 7 Southern Safety Services Limited have applied on behalf of Challenge Wānaka to temporarily close various roads. A schedule and map outlining the road closures can be found in attachment A.
- 8 The scheduled events for 2022 relating to the proposed road closures are as follows:

### **Thursday 17 February 2022**

- Bay to Bay Swim
- Puzzling World Intermediate Challenge
- Integrity Homes Adaptive
- TRINZ Suzuki Junior Challenge
- Mitre 10 Secondary Schools Event

The above events require the closure of Wānaka-Mt Aspiring Road from Motatapu Road to Hospital Flat from 1230 to 1430. The closure is required for the safe passage of the athletes. There will be no detour available, however landowners will still have access up Motatapu Road.

### **Friday 18 February 2022**

- Puzzling World Junior Challenge Wānaka
- The Integrity Homes Challenge Wānaka Showcase involving- Mini Challenge, Elite Twilight and Super Sprints

Closure of **Ardmore Street** (from Helwick Street to McDougall Street), **McDougall Street** (from Brownston Street to Ardmore Street) and **Wānaka Mt Aspiring Road** (from Meadowstone Drive to McDougall Street) will be required from 1200 to 2200 to allow for the set up and break down of the event infrastructure along with ensure the safety of athlete and spectators. A detour will be set up via Brownstone Street & Meadowstone Drive minimising the impact on road users.

### **Saturday 19 February 2022**

- Challenge Wānaka Half
- Aqua Bike
- Cross Triathlon & Duathlon

Two events above require the one way closure of Red Bridge closed to North Bound Traffic from 0815 to 1200 to prevent long traffic delays as the detour will be quicker (see attachment B for further details). One way closure of Mt. Barker Rd closed for eastbound

traffic from Faulks Road to Wānaka-Luggate Highway is required for the safe passage of Athletes. A detour will be set up via Ballantyne road to minimise the impact on road users.

- 9 The applicant has supplied a copy of their Traffic Management Plans for each day. Given the size these will be made available upon request.
- 10 The applicant has provided a list of affected parties who will be notified of the closures towards the end of November. A copy of the proposed notification letter has been submitted with this application.
- 11 The Council can close roads to vehicular traffic for events by using provisions of the Local Government Act 1974. The Wānaka Community Board as delegated authority is delegated to consider applications to temporarily close roads under this legislation.

### **ANALYSIS AND ADVICE | TATĀRITANGA ME NGĀ TOHUTOHU**

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- 12 Challenge Wānaka is an annual event which in previous years has taken place over four days involving a large number of road closures in and around Wānaka Township.
- 13 Notification of the proposed road closures was published in The Wānaka Sun 21st of October 2021 as well on the QLDC Website. At the time of writing this report there has been no concerns or objections raised. It will be a condition of this application that all concerns raised will be addressed to the satisfaction of QLDC.
- 14 Councils Roding Engineers, NZ Police, other emergency services and other affected parties have been consulted and there has been no issues or concerns raised.
- 15 A standard requirement of all temporary road closure approval is that a Traffic Management Plan is approved before the roads are closed. This will ensure that all traffic and pedestrian flows are managed with appropriate signage, barriers and wardens. Southern Safety Services Limited have prepared the Traffic Management Plan which has been submitted to the QLDC Road Corridor Engineer for approval.
- 16 The recommendation is for approval of the application subject to similar conditions which were applied last year. This will enable safe set up of the event, safety during the event and safety during the dismantling of the event.
- 17 Option 1 To approve the application for a temporary road closure associated with the event.

#### *Advantages:*

- 18 A popular Wānaka sporting event will be able to run as proposed.
- 19 Athlete and spectator safety will be ensured as the event can take place in a safe and well managed manner.
- 20 Affected parties included commercial operators, landowners and residents are catered for and disruption is minimised.

*Disadvantages:*

- 21 Road closures affect the normal flow of traffic which could affect local residents, tourism/commercial operators that use the road and inconvenience the public.
- 22 There is no detour available for some of the proposed closures.
- 23 Option 2 To decline the application for a temporary road closure associated with the event.

*Advantages:*

- 24 There will be less inconvenience to road users as the roading network remains open to normal vehicular traffic.

*Disadvantages:*

- 25 The event will not be able to run as planned or may need to be cancelled in full.
- 26 An unsafe environment may be created for athletes, spectators and the general public.
- 27 This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter because as the event will be able to proceed as planned in a safe and managed environment.

**CONSULTATION PROCESS | HĀTEPE MATAPAKI:**

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**> SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT | TE WHAKAMAHI I KĀ WHAKAARO HIRAKA**

- 28 This matter is of medium significance as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as it relates to Council's roading network which is identified as a significant asset.
- 29 The proposal for closure temporarily and on condition to minimise the impact on traffic and pedestrian flows is in line with the policy's recommendations.
- 30 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the general public, residents and commercial operators who may use the road.
- 31 The temporary road closure has been advertised in the Wānaka Sun inviting comment and will be advertised again before the closure takes place. This is a statutory requirement of the Local Government Act 1974. No issues or concerns have arisen from this notification.
- 32 Council Engineers have been consulted and they concur with the recommended conditions proposed as have applied in previous years for the road closure.
- 33 We have publicly notified the intent to close the road, advised Emergency Services, NZ Police, Ritchies Connectabus, InterCity, QLDC Events office, Council contractors and Council staff who would have an interest in the road closures and followed the statutory administrative requirements of the Local Government Act 1974.

## RISK AND MITIGATIONS | NGĀ RARU TŪPONO ME NGĀ WHAKAMAURUTANGA

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- 34 This matter relates to the Regulatory/Legal/Compliance risk category. It is associated with It is associated with RISK00031 Ineffective management and governance over legislative compliance within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a Moderate inherent risk rating. This matter relates to this risk because a variety of regulatory compliance and health and safety risks associated with parties using roads are triggered when the Council considers whether or not to approve a temporary road closure.
- 35 This matter also relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK00016 Temporary Core Infrastructure Outage caused by 3rd Party activity within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a Moderate inherent risk rating. This matter relates to this risk because the public's general access to the roading infrastructure will be impacted by the event.
- 36 The approval of the recommended option will support the management of the above risks by ensuring that the Council's legislative requirements are fully satisfied and that appropriate conditions are specified to ensure safety of all event stakeholders and minimal impact to the wider community from the temporary road closure.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS | NGĀ RITENGA Ā-PŪTEA

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- 37 There are no cost implications resulting from the approval of this temporary road closure application. The applicant has paid the cost of the road closure application and will pay for any advertising that is required as part of the process.

## COUNCIL EFFECTS AND VIEWS | NGĀ WHAKAAWEAWE ME NGĀ TIROHANGA A TE KAUNIHERA

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- 38 The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:
- *Significance and Engagement Policy 2014* – providing clarity on Council's decision making processes and assessing the extent to which individuals, organisations, groups and sectors in the community are affected by the Council's decisions.
  - *Criteria for Closing Significant Road Policy* – Ardmore Street & McDougall Street are listed in this policy as a significant road, however the routes in and out of Wānaka are not disrupted by the closure with alternative detours available.
- 39 The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policies.
- 40 This matter is not included in the 10-Year Plan/Annual Plan as the costs associated with the proposed road closures will be met by the applicant.

## LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS AND STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES | KA TURE WHAIWHAKAARO, ME KĀ TAKOHAKA WAETURE

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- 41 Temporary road closures are controlled by Schedule 10 Section 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974. As authority for approval of road closures is delegated to the Chief

Executive and considering Section 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 2002 the advice recommends a decision that is efficient, effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.

#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 PURPOSE PROVISIONS | TE WHAKATURETURE 2002 O TE KĀWANATAKA Ā-KĀIKA**

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42 The recommended option:

- Will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses by ensuring that the events associated with the Challenge Wānaka 2022 Sporting Event can continue in the preferred format;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

#### **ATTACHMENTS | NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA**

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A	Map Showing Extent of Temporary Road Closure
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 Diagram 1 - Thursday Closure



Wanaka Mount Aspiring Road Closure  
 from Motatapu Road - Hospital Flat

Motatapu Road Closure  
 for 2.5kms from Wanaka - Mount Aspiring Road

Thursday (17/2) from 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Manifest
4 x CAUTION + Event
4 x ROAD CLOSED
4 x ROAD CLOSED AHEAD
3 x THANK YOU
3 x Volunteer Marshall
2 x 30/50 TSL + TEMPORARY
2 x TRAFFIC CONTROLLER
1 x NO LEFT TURN

**Legend**  
Transition



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Diagram 1 - Road Closure Overview

