

Minutes of a Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board Workshop

Thursday 12 February 2026 in the Luggate Community Hall, 28 Myra Street, Lake Hāwea, commencing at 12.00pm (delayed start time)

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| Present: | Simon Telfer (Chair) | Kathy Dedo (Deputy Chair) |
| | Chris Hadfield | Councillor Cody Tucker |
| | Councillor Niki Gladding | Councillor Nicola King |
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| Apologies: | John Wellington | |
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| In attendance: | Deputy Mayor Quentin Smith | Tony Avery |
| | Ken Bailey | Leigh Mutton |
| | Dave Winterburn | Kat Banyard |
| | Steven Peters | Shauna Olsen |
| | Jon Winterbottom | Georgia Pringle |
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| Public: | Two members of public | |

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| 1. | <p><u>Minor Improvements Programme Update</u></p> <p>The purpose of this briefing was to provide the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board (WUCCB) an update on the Roding Minor Improvements Programme planned for the Upper Clutha and provide the Board an opportunity for questions.</p> <p>Leigh Mutton (Roding Project Manager) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation (Attachment A). Discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reason for spending money to build a footpath on the lake side of Pembroke Park (there is currently a grass walkway) is to accommodate for wheelchair users, elderly, prams etc. Mr Telfer advised Mr Mutton to contact Active Transport Wānaka and Upper Clutha Tracks Trust for consultation/advice on the Wayfinding Signage, to ensure useful community input. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Mutton advised Council's idea to create a passing lane at Royalburn (when driving from Wānaka to Queenstown) was not feasible due to time and money constraints. Advised Plan B is to create more slow vehicle bays along Royalburn and seal the gravel pullover bays to encourage more vehicles to pull over. <p><u>Attachments</u> <i>Attachment A: Minor Improvements Presentation</i></p> | |
| 2. | <p><u>Parks Update</u></p> <p>The purpose of this briefing was to update the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board on Parks Team's work programme and minor works in the Upper Clutha.</p> <p>Dave Winterburn (Parks Manager) & Kat Banyard (Senior Parks Advisor) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation (Attachment A). Discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parks Team advised they will come back to a WUCCB meeting in the coming months to provide an overview of the work being done in the Upper Clutha for the whole of Community & Services. There was brief discussion of how the Queenstown Outdoor Public Arts Trust could inform outdoor arts projects in Wānaka. Councillor Tucker asked for an update on the Wānaka skatepark lighting, which Mr Winterburn advised was currently out for tender. <p><u>Attachments</u> <i>Attachment A: Parks Update Presentation</i></p> | |
| 3. | <p><u>Mount Iron Trail Plan</u></p> <p>The purpose of this workshop was to update the WUCCB on the work being undertaken to develop the Mount Iron Trail Plan and to seek the Board's direction.</p> <p>Dave Winterburn, Kat Banyard and Steven Peters (Parks Officer) presented the item and spoke to Attachments A</p> | |

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| | <p data-bbox="300 284 1050 353">& B. Discussion covered mountain biking and walking on Mount Iron, followed by discussion on equestrian use.</p> <p data-bbox="300 400 671 434">Mountain Biking & Walking</p> <ul data-bbox="347 481 1050 2063" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="347 481 1050 667">• Some Board members expressed concern about the amount of information provided in the Draft Trail Map (Attachment B), noting it gave the impression that all proposed trails would be constructed at once. <li data-bbox="347 719 1050 864">• Board members also raised concern about approving the Draft Trail Plan at the April WUCCB Meeting, noting the plan needs to be iterative and will evolve over time. <li data-bbox="347 916 1050 1133">• Council Officers advised the purpose of presenting the Draft Trail Plan and Map was to provide the Board with an opportunity to help shape the plan, including identifying what they would like to see reflected in the plan, based on informal community feedback. <li data-bbox="347 1184 1050 1402">• Council Officers advised the Trail Plan and Map are intended to take a long-term, iterative approach and will be subject to change in response to community needs. It was noted that not all trails on the draft map would be implemented immediately . <li data-bbox="347 1453 1050 1559">• Council Officers advised that all groups seeking to build trails on Mount Iron would be responsible for funding their own infrastructure. <li data-bbox="347 1610 1050 1827">• Some Board members noted the need for engagement with relevant stakeholder groups (e.g. Upper Clutha Tracks Trust, Upper Clutha Lakes Equestrian Access Group) to discuss how best to manage potential conflict among multiple users. <li data-bbox="347 1879 1050 2063">• Councillor Gladding noted concerns about managing the safety of all users with tracks crossing over each other. Mr Peters advised he would be happy to take Councillor Gladding to Mount Iron to show how this is being managed. | |

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| | <p>Horse Riding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Banyard noted that if horse riding trails were included in the plan, they would be non-invasive, with the trails being pegged out and only minor vegetation clearance required. • Several Board members expressed concern about including equestrian use on Mount Iron, pointing to safety concerns of horses, walkers, bikers and dogs all using the tracks. • Ms Dedo noted that there very few submissions during the engagement of the Reserve Management Plan (end of 2024) advocating for the inclusion of horse riding on Mount Iron. Other Board Members stated they don't believe there is a strong appetite for horse riding on Mount Iron. • Several Board members agreed that annual/bi-annual horse riding events being hosted on Mount Iron would be preferable to allowing daily equestrian use. • There was discussion regarding the safety of having horse floats and unloading horses in the Mount Iron carpark right beside the state highway. <p><u>Attachments</u> <i>Attachment A: Mount Iron Trail Plan</i> <i>Attachment B: Draft Mount Iron Trail Map</i></p> | |

The workshop concluded at 1.30pm