

Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board

16 December 2025

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [1]

Department: Planning & Development

Title | Taitara : Temporary Road Closure Application - Challenge Wānaka 2026 (TC250006)

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko

The purpose of this report is to consider an application for a temporary road closure for the Challenge Wānaka 2026 sporting event to be held between Thursday 19 February 2026 and Saturday 21 February 2026 with set-up closures in place on multiple roads, as described in this report, from Wednesday 18 February 2026.

Executive Summary | Whakarāpopototaka Matua

Challenge Wānaka Sports Trust have applied for the temporary closure of multiple roads within the Wānaka region to allow for the running of the annual Challenge Wānaka sporting event to be held 19 February to 21 February 2026.

The closures are requested to allow the event to take place in a safe and efficient manner, and the recommendation is for approval with similar conditions that have been applied in prior years.

Recommendation | Kā Tūtohu

That Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Approve** the temporary road closure application for the Challenge Wānaka 2026 event, subject to the following conditions:
 - a) Any issues or concerns which may arise from the public notification to be published in the Wānaka Sun on 15 January 2026 are addressed to the satisfaction of Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC).
 - b) Approval of the final Traffic Management Plan by QLDC Planning and Development prior to the event taking place.
 - c) The applicant is required to provide piloted, controlled access through the designated road closures for affected commercial operators. This access must enable their customers to reach scheduled activities in a manner that meets the expectations of the Wānaka-Upper

Clutha Community Board. Particular consideration shall be given to businesses operating along Mt Aspiring Road.

- d) The applicant shall consult with QLDC Project Manager Christian Wingate via christian.wingate@qldc.govt.nz to ensure no major clashes occur with any QLDC projects underway or projected within the same closure areas. This notification should be completed within ten working days of approval of this temporary road closures application.
- e) Radio advertising to occur two days prior and on the morning of the event.
- f) The event organisers shall arrange suitable disposal methods for recycling and rubbish/refuse.
- g) The applicant must ensure access is available for emergency services, QLDC Road Maintenance Contractors, and any other Council Maintenance Contractors if required. A mobile phone contact must be provided to NZ Police, St John and FENZ to be used in the event of the need for emergency access.
- h) 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 and potential impacts on their operations are suitably catered for, within ten working days of the approval of the application. Contact details for the event organiser must be provided in this notification.
- i) All reasonable concerns raised by the affected parties shall be addressed by the applicants to the satisfaction of the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board. In addressing such concerns, the applicants shall nominate a responsible person to liaise with Council via kim.anderson@qldc.govt.nz.
- j) 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.
- k) Temporary notification signage of the road closure dates and times must be installed at entry points to the road closures as advanced warning to track/road users at least ten days prior to the event.
- l) 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 (kim.anderson@qldc.govt.nz).
- m) The applicant must advise of the road closures and the alternative transport options through their own social media and contact QLDC Communications (communications@qldc.govt.nz) to arrange the closures to be further shared through QLDC social media.

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

<u>ROADS TO BE CLOSED</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>
Ardmore Street (from McDougall Street to Dungarvon Street) Period of Closure Wednesday 18 February 2026 - 1500hrs – Saturday 21 February 2026 – 2000hrs (24hr Closure for duration of event)	TMD1
McDougall Street (from Brownston Street to Ardmore Street) Period of Closure Wednesday 18 February 2026 – 1500hrs – 1900hrs Thursday 19 February 2026 – 0700hrs – 1600hrs Friday 20 February 2026 – 0700 hrs – 1430hrs Saturday 21 February 2026 – 0500 – 1330hrs (Full Closure with resident access only)	
Wānaka – Mount Aspiring Road (from Meadowstone Drive to McDougall Street) Period of Closure Wednesday 18 February 2026 - 1500hrs – 1900hrs (Full Closure with resident access only)	TMD2, TMD3, TMD5A
Wānaka – Mount Aspiring Road (from Sargood Drive to McDougall Street) Period of Closure Thursday 19 February 2026 – 0700hrs – 1600hrs Friday 20 February 2026 - 0700hrs – 1430hrs (Full Closure with resident access only)	
Meadowstone Drive (from Kelliher Drive to Wānaka - Mount Aspiring Road) Period of Closure Thursday 19 February 2026 – 0700hrs – 1600hrs Friday 20 February 2026 - 0700hrs – 1430hrs (Full Closure with resident access only)	TMD2
Wānaka – Mount Aspiring Road (from Sargood Drive to Whare Kea Lodge) Period of Closure Friday 20 February 2026 - 1230hrs – 1430hrs (Full road closure with business and resident access only)	
Wānaka – Mount Aspiring Road (from Sargood Drive to Treble Cone) Meadowstone Drive (from Kelliher Drive to Wānaka - Mount Aspiring Road) Period of Closure Saturday 21 February 2026 - 0630hrs – 1200hrs (Full Closure with resident and business access only)	TMD3
Wānaka – Mount Aspiring Road (from Sargood Drive to Treble Cone)	
Wānaka – Mount Aspiring Road (from Sargood Drive to Treble Cone)	TMD4

Meadowstone Drive (from Kelliher Drive to Wānaka - Mount Aspiring Road)	TMD5A
Period of Closure Saturday 21 February 2026 - 0500hrs – 0630hrs Saturday 21 February 2026 - 1200hrs – 1330hrs (Road closed to traffic travelling TOWARDS Glendhu Bay Only)	
Old Station Avenue (from Parkhill Avenue to Wānaka - Mount Aspiring Road) and Sargood Drive (from Heuchan Lane to Wānaka – Mount Aspiring Road)	TMD5B
Period of Closure Saturday 21 February 2026 - 0745hrs – 1200hrs (One way closure towards Wānaka – Mount Aspiring Road. Residents and businesses permitted through with delays of up to 30mins.)	
McDougall Street (from Brownston Street to Golf Course Road) which requires a subsequent closure of Brownston/Warren/Upton/Tenby Street (from Roche Street to Stone/Connor Street) and Aspiring Terrace (from McDougall to Stone Street) and Faulks Terrace (from McDougall to Kennedy Crescent)	TMD6
Period of Closure Saturday 21 February 2026 - 0630hrs – 1130hrs (Full Closure of McDougall St. Left Lane towards Lake remains clear for resident and business access where no alternative route exists. Cyclist shoot will be installed within median strip with no right turn permitted.)	
Ardmore Street (from Dungarvon Street to Ardmore Street lakefront carpark)	TMD7
Period of Closure Saturday 21 February 2026 - 0800hrs – 1700hrs (One way closure to Traffic heading towards Lake Hawea)	
Dungarvon Street (from Dunmore Street to Ardmore Street)	TMD7
Period of Closure Saturday 21 February 2026 - 0800hrs – 1700hrs (One way closure to Traffic heading towards Lakefront)	
Lakeside Road (from Beacon Point Road to Eely Point Access Road)	TMD8
Period of Closure Saturday 21 February 2026 - 0800hrs – 1700hrs (One way closure to Traffic heading towards Eely Point.)	
Beacon Point Road (from Penrith Park Drive)	TMD9
Period of Closure Saturday 21 February 2026 - 0800hrs – 1700hrs (Full Closure with resident access only)	

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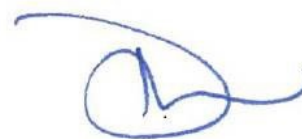
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Context | Horopaki

1. The annual Challenge Wānaka sporting event is being held in February 2026 over various roads within the Wānaka township.
2. Challenge Wānaka has in previous years involved numerous road closures in and around the Wānaka township, allowing for the safe set up and break down of the event infrastructure and for the safe passage of athletes and spectators during the event.
3. The sporting event will take place from Thursday 19 February to Saturday 21 February 2026.
4. The event organisers are focused on delivering a world-class event for all participants from the juniors through to the top New Zealand triathletes.
5. Passage and access will be provided to residents and businesses when safe to do so.
6. The applicant has provided a list of affected parties who will be notified of the closures. An initial email was sent out in June 2025 and there will be follow up communication in December 2025. A copy of the notification letter has been submitted with this application (attachment D).
7. The Council can close roads to vehicular traffic for events by using provisions of the Local Government Act 1974. The Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board is delegated to consider applications to temporarily close roads under this legislation.

Analysis and Advice | Tatāritaka me kā Tohutohu

8. The 2026 Challenge Wānaka triathlon festival attracts athletes of all ages and abilities. The 2026 edition marks its 20th anniversary and will feature a diverse programme of events over three days, including junior school, adaptive, and adult competitions. These events not only showcase endurance sports but also foster community engagement, inclusivity, and tourism within the Wānaka region. The following table outlines the scheduled events and their respective formats.

Date:	Event:	Format:
19 February 2026	Puzzling World Junior Challenge	Swim–Bike–Run (varied distances)
20 February 2026	Mitre10 Mega Intermediate, Secondary & Adaptive Challenge	Swim–Bike–Run
21 February 2026	Gallagher Insurance Half	1.9 km swim / 90 km bike / 21.1 km run
	Garth Barfoot Aquabike	1.9 km swim / 90 km bike

	HiveEnergy Challenge Wānaka Multi	Kayak / MTB / Trail Run (Duathlon option)
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9. It is anticipated that approximately 3,000 athletes will participate in the 2026 Challenge Wānaka Triathlon.
10. Temporary notification signage will be installed at the entrance of the closure areas at least ten days prior to the closures being in place.
11. Rubbish and recycling stations will be setup throughout the event area and in close proximity to the public rubbish bins alongside the lake and within Pembroke Park. At the end of each day the applicant's operations team and volunteers will conduct a cleanup of the site and surrounding areas to ensure no event litter is left overnight. Followed by an extensive clean-up of the site on Sunday 22 February.
12. A standard requirement of all temporary road closure approvals is that a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) is approved before the roads are closed. The TMP ensures that all vehicle traffic and pedestrian movements are safely managed with appropriate signage, barriers, and wardens. Southern Safety Services Limited have prepared the TMP which has been submitted to the QLDC Road Corridor Engineer for approval.
13. Council officers have been consulted and have provided the following analysis and advice:
 - Roading Operations and Contracts Manager:
 - What (if any) training and personal protection equipment (PPE) would be provided to the event volunteers for those who are undertaking tasks within the live lane where specific training was required.
 - Road Corridor Engineer:
14. Requested reasoning as to why the following road closures were different than previous years events.

Street:	Date:	Change:	Applicant Reason:
McDougall Street:	Friday 20 – 0700hrs - 1430hrs	Extra 30mins	Secondary School start time delayed by 30 mins.
	Saturday 21 – 0500hrs-1330hrs	Extra Hour	Ensure safety of last cyclist before road opens to public.

Wānaka- Mount Aspiring Road (from Sargood Drive to McDougall St):	Friday 20 – 0700hrs-1430hrs	Extra 30mins	Same as above
Wānaka - Mount Aspiring Road (from Sargood Drive to Whare Kea Lodge):	Friday 20 – 1230hrs-1430hrs	30min Later	Same as above
Wānaka - Mount Aspiring Road (from Sargood Drive to Treble Cone):	Saturday 21 – 0500hrs-1330hrs	Extra Hour	Same as above
Old Station Avenue:	Saturday 21 – 0745hrs-1200hrs	Additional Closure	Safety of cyclists and road users.
McDougall Street (from Brownston St to Golf Course Road):	Saturday 21 – 0630hrs-1330hrs	Additional Closure	Amendment to course route

15. The applicant provided additional information outlining volunteer training procedures and PPE requirements, as well as the reasonings behind variations to the closure timing compared to previous years. The Road Corridor Engineer and the Roothing Operations and Contracts Manager confirmed this information resolved their initial concerns, and that the event’s proposed closures align with established safety practices and operational expectations.

16. It is noted that this event has caused disruptions to businesses and commercial activities in previous years which use a number of roads in the proposed closure. To address these historic concerns condition (c) and (h) are included which requires consultation with affected businesses in advance of the event.

- *Condition (c) - The applicant must make provision for piloted controlled access through the road closures for affected commercial operators. Allowing their customers to arrive at their activities to the satisfaction of the Wānaka Upper Clutha Community Board. Particular effort needs to be given to the businesses using Mt Aspiring Road.*
- *Condition (h) - 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 and potential impacts on their operations are suitably catered for, within ten working days of the approval of the application. Contact details for the event organiser must be provided in this notification.*

17. The QLDC monitoring team advised there were no issues or complaints raised by the community after the event held in February 2025.
18. Notification of the proposed road closures will be published in the Wānaka Sun on 15 January 2026 and again on 5 February 2026. It will be a condition of this application that all concerns raised will be addressed to the satisfaction of Wānaka Upper Clutha Community Board.
- *Condition (a) - Any issues or concerns which may arise from the public notification to be published in the Wānaka Sun on 15 January 2026 are addressed to the satisfaction of QLDC.*
19. Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ), NZ Police, other emergency services and other affected parties have been consulted and there have been no issues or concerns raised.
- *Condition (g) - The applicant must ensure access is available for emergency services, QLDC Road Maintenance Contractors, and any other Council Maintenance Contractors if required. A mobile phone contact must be provided to NZ Police, St John and FENZ to be used in the event of the need for emergency access.*
20. This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for assessing the matter as required by section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002:
21. **Option 1** To approve the application for temporary road closures associated with the event.

Advantages:

- Enables a popular and high-profile sporting event to proceed, reinforcing Wānaka's reputation for hosting international-calibre events.
- Provides a safe, well managed environment for athletes, spectators, volunteers, and the public.
- Similar conditions to previous years ensure effective mitigation of impacts, including controlled access for affected businesses and residents.
- Generates positive social and economic benefits for the local community, including tourism and hospitality sectors.
- Previous monitoring (2025 event) showed no community complaints or significant issues, indicating ineffective management.

Disadvantages:

- Temporary disruption to the roading network, creating inconvenience for residents, businesses, and visitors.
- No alternative detour routes available for some closures, meaning certain users may face delays.

- Reliance on strong communication and management by organisers to minimise conflicts with commercial operators and residents.

22. **Option 2** To decline the application for a temporary road closure associated with the event.

Advantages:

- Roothing network remains open, ensuring uninterrupted traffic flow for residents, businesses, and visitors.
- Avoids inconvenience and frustration caused by road closures.

Disadvantages:

- Challenge Wānaka 2026 may not be able to proceed or may be significantly compromised.
- Cancelling or limiting the event would negatively impact local businesses, tourism, and the community.
- Increased risk of unsafe conditions for athletes, volunteers, spectators, and the public if the event attempted to proceed without formal closures.
- Potential reputational damage to the district as a host of major sporting events.

23. This report recommends **Option 1** to approve the application for multiple temporary road closures associated with the event. This will allow the event to proceed in a safe and managed environment.

Consultation Process | Hātepe Matapaki

Significance and Engagement | Te Whakamahi I kā Whakaaro Hiraka

24. This matter is of medium significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because it relates to Council's roading network which is identified as a significant asset.
25. The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the general public, residents and commercial operators who may use the road.
26. The temporary road closure has been advertised in the Wānaka Sun inviting comment and will be advertised within at least ten days of the applications approval and again at least ten days before the closure takes place. This is a statutory requirement of the Local Government Act 1974.
27. Council engineers have been consulted, and they concur with the recommended conditions proposed as have been applied in previous years for the road closure.
28. 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.

Māori Consultation | Iwi Rūnaka

29. Iwi have not been consulted as part of this application.

Risk and Mitigations | Kā Raru Tūpono me kā Whakamaurutaka

29. This matter relates to the Regulatory/Legal/Compliance risk category. It is associated with RISK10029 Ineffective compliance management practices within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a high residual risk rating. This matter relates to this risk because failures in meeting mandatory obligations, which could lead to enforcement action, liability, or reputational damage.
30. This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK10020 Ineffective communication within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a moderate residual risk rating. This matter relates to this risk because extensive public, resident business and DOC notifications; signage; social media; radio ads are critical to avoid misinformation and keep people safe during closures.
31. This matter relates to the Regulatory/Legal/Compliance risk category. It is associated with RISK10048 Health, safety or wellbeing incident affecting member of the public within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a moderate residual risk rating. This matter relates to this risk because large public event on roads introduces public H&S risks (spectators, participants, motorists).
32. This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK10032 Health, safety or wellbeing incident affecting employee within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a moderate residual risk rating. This matter relates to this risk because volunteers/staff working near live lanes need training and PPE.
33. This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK10023 Disruption event to facility or service within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a moderate residual risk rating. This matter relates to this risk as the event temporarily restricts access to roading infrastructure, impacting normal service continuity.
34. This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK10026 Ineffective enforcement within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a moderate residual risk rating. This matter relates to this risk because managing closures (resident access, no on-street parking) requires consistent enforcement.
35. This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK10021 Ineffective operations and maintenance of property or infrastructure assets within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a very high residual risk rating. This matter relates to this risk because poor coordination could block emergency or maintenance access.

36. This matter relates to the Regulatory/Legal/Compliance risk category. It is associated with RISK10031 Ineffective complaints handling within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a moderate residual risk rating. This matter relates to this risk because historic concerns affected parties require responsive handling.
37. This matter relates to the Strategic/Political/Reputation risk category. It is associated with RISK10011 Insufficient supply chain resource capacity and/or capability to support Council achieve strategic and operational objectives within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a moderate residual risk rating. This matter relates to this risk because TMP delivery depends on contractor capability.
38. This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK10047 Inadequate workforce capacity and/or capability to meet organisational needs within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a moderate residual risk rating. This matter relates to this risk because the event scale (3,000 athletes) requires sufficient trained volunteers and Council capacity to oversee closures.
39. 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 | Kā Riteka ā-Pūtea

40. 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 | Kā Whakaaweawe me kā Tirohaka a te Kaunihera

41. The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:
- **Significance and Engagement Policy 2024** - 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.
42. The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policies.
43. This matter is not included in the Long Term/Annual Plan.

Legal Considerations and Statutory Responsibilities | Ka Ture Whaiwhakaaro me kā Takohaka Waeture

44. Temporary road closures are controlled by Schedule ten 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-Kiaka

45. Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 states the purpose of local government is:

- a) To enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and
- b) To promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

46. The recommended option:

- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not significantly alter 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.
- Promotes the social economic environmental and cultural well-being of communities in the present and future by allowing the Challenge Wānaka 2026 event to continue in the preferred format.

Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka

A	Road Closure Maps (TMD Ref)
B	Named Road Closures
C	Public Notification Plan
D	Business & Resident Notification
E	CWST Sustainability & Waste Minimisation Policy
F	Waste Management Plan
G	Traffic Volunteer Overview
H	Volunteer Briefing



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TMD 1 Wednesday - Saturday
Road Closure

Project:
Challenge Wanaka

Comments:
Ardmore Street closed from McDougall Street to Dungarvon Street for duration of event from 3pm Wednesday 18th to 8pm Saturday 21st



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TMD 2
Wednesday Road Closure

Project:
Challenge Wanaka

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Comments:
Sections of Ardmore Street, McDougall Street and Wanaka - Mount Aspiring Road closed from 3pm - 7pm Wednesday 18th

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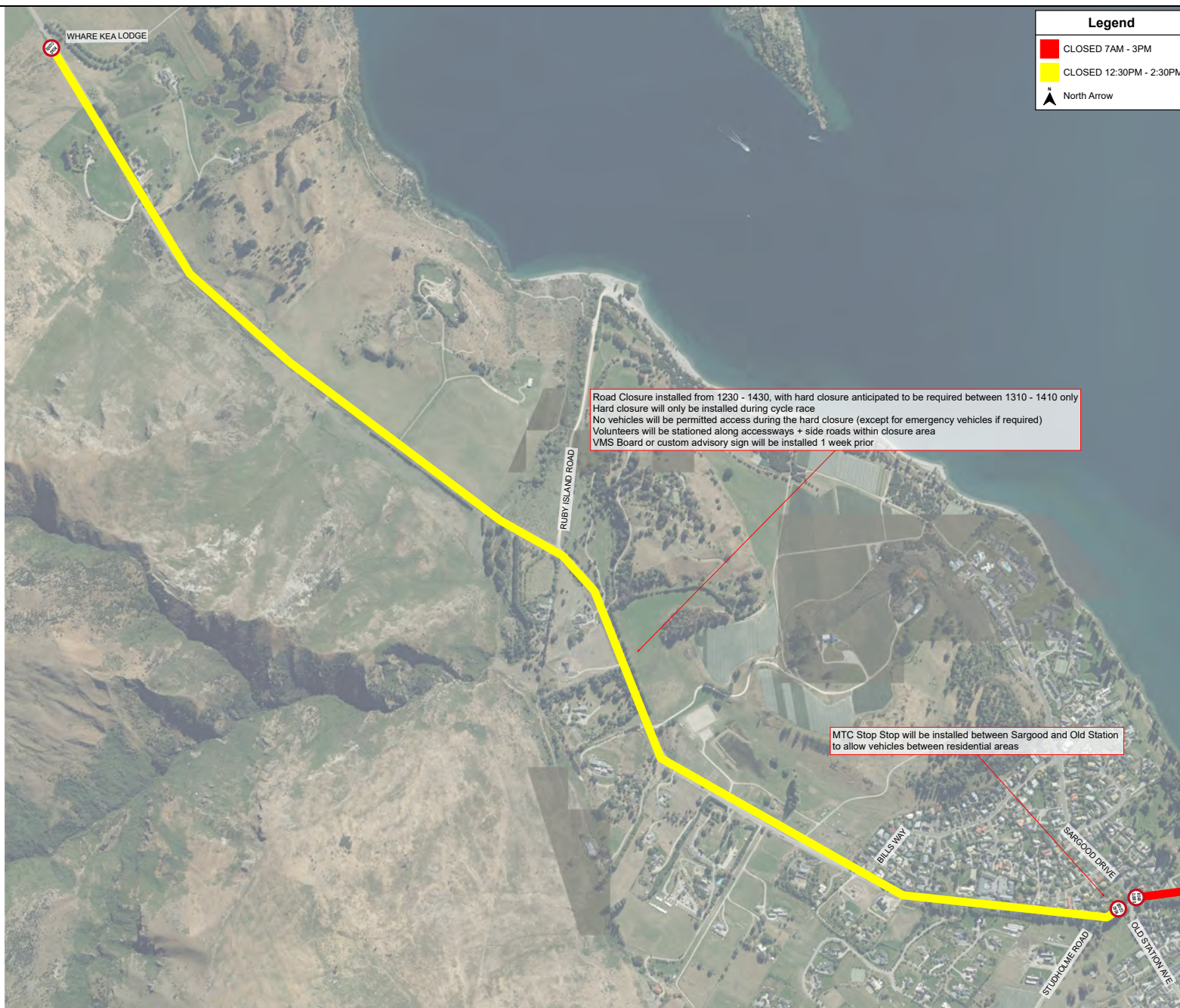
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Thursday, Friday Road Closure

Project:
Challenge Wanaka

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Comments:
Sections of Ardmore Street, McDougall Street + Wanaka - Mount Aspiring Road closed from:
7am - 4pm on Thursday 19th for Junior Event
7am - 2:30pm on Friday 20th for Intermediate + Secondary Schools Event



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TMD 4
Friday SS Road Closure

Project:
Challenge Wanaka
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Comments:
Extension of Road Closure on Wanaka - Mount Aspiring Road for Secondary Schools event on Friday 20th. Road Closure to be installed for approximately 2 hours between 12:30pm - 2:30pm. Hard Closure (with no vehicle access) anticipated to be required for approximately 1 hour within this time.

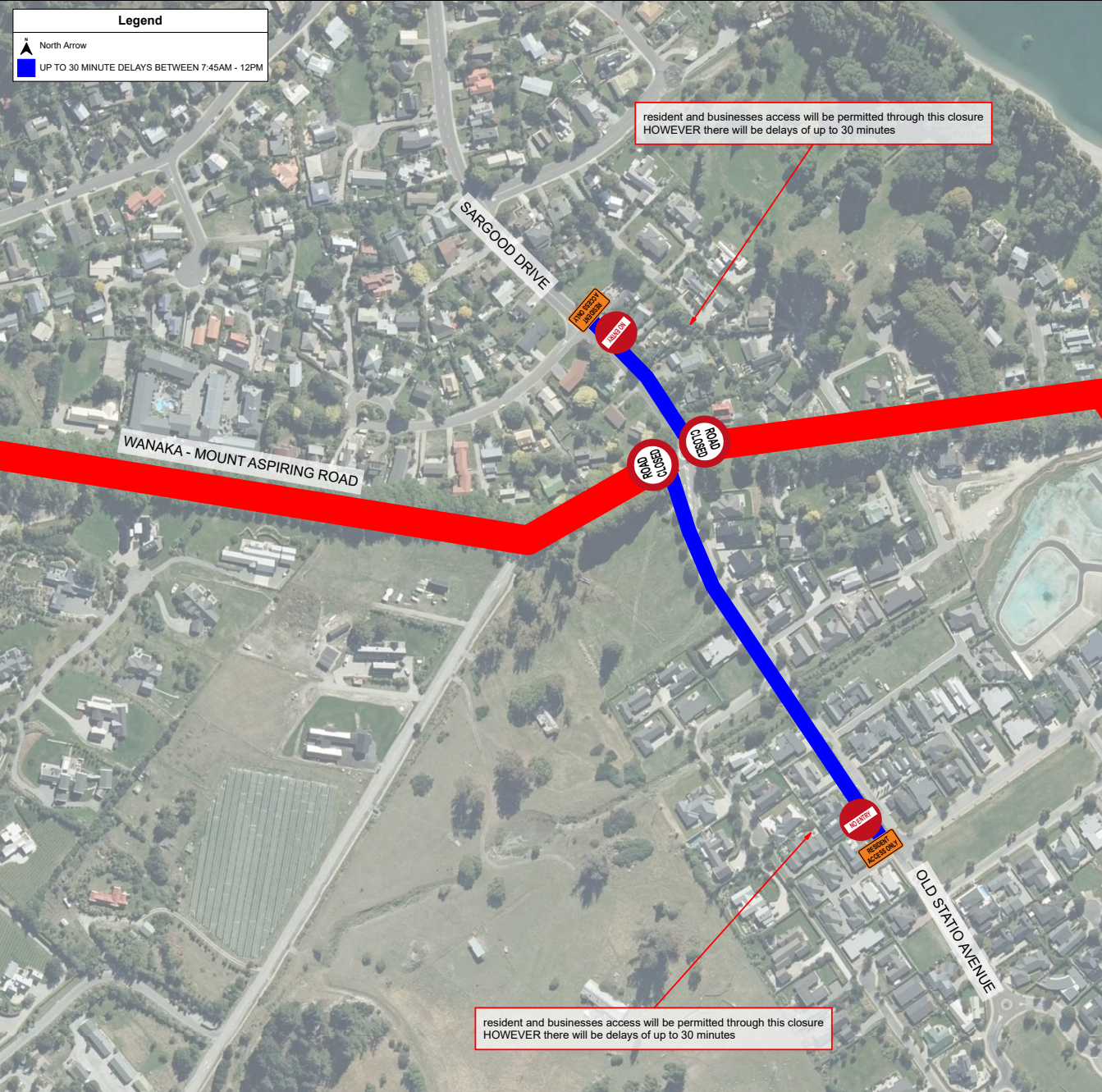


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TMD 5A
Saturday Road Closure 1A

Project:
Challenge Wanaka
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Comments: Road Closure installed on Wanaka - Mount Aspiring Road (from Ardmore Street to Treble Cone) and McDougall Street (from Brownston Street to Ardmore Street) for the Half event on Saturday 21st. Road will be closed for traffic traveling towards Glendhu Bay from 5am - 1:30pm. Road will be FULLY closed to all traffic from 6:30am - 12pm.

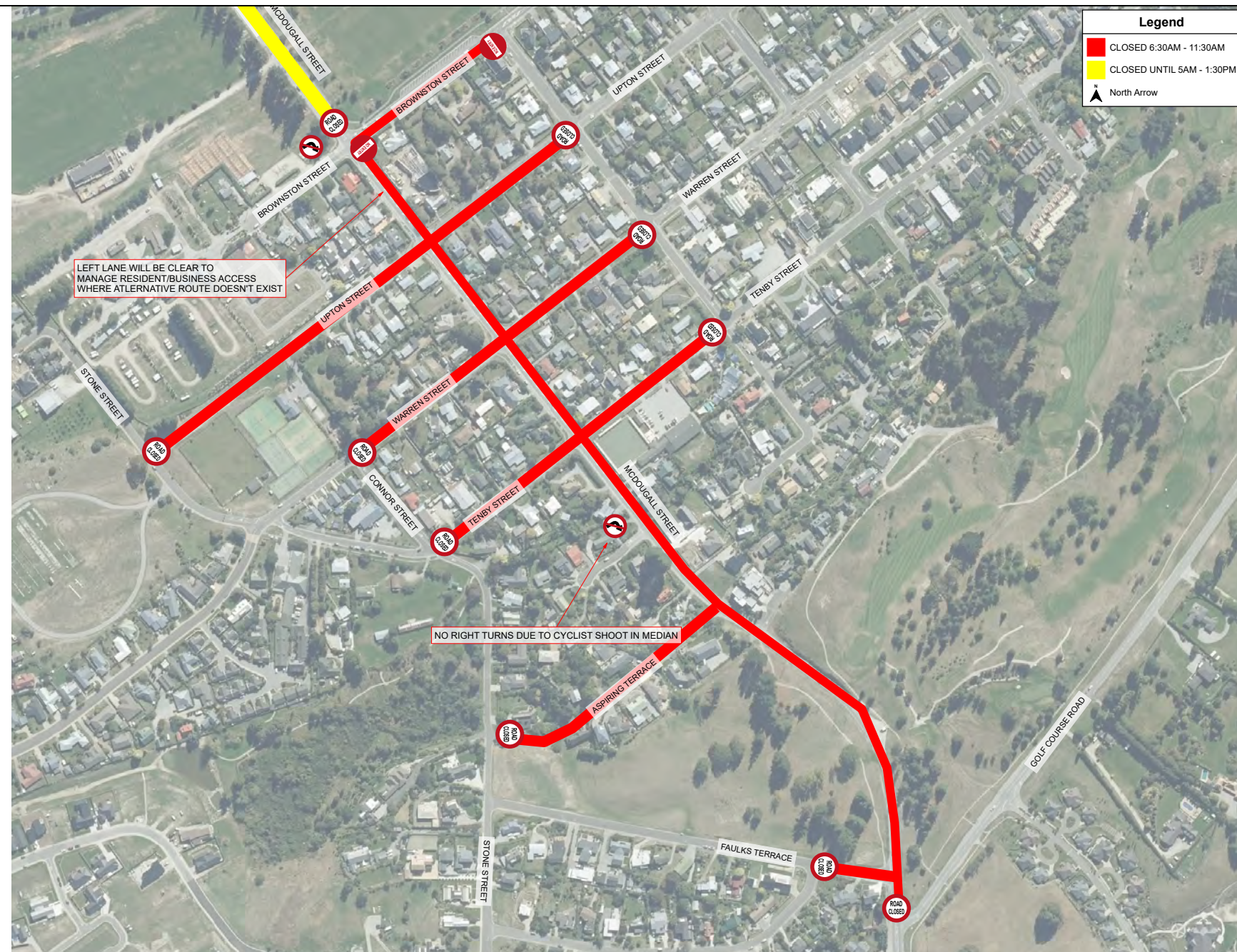


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TMD 5B
Saturday Road Closure 1B

Project:
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Comments:
Sections of Old Station Avenue and Sargood Drive will be closed for up to 30 minutes delays to residents and businesses between 0745 - 1200 on Saturday 21st for Half event



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TMD 6
Saturday Road Closure 2

Project:
Challenge Wanaka

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Comments:
Full Road Closure of McDougall Street (from Brownston to Golf Course Road) and Brownston/Upton/Warren/Tenby Street and Aspiring/Faulks Terrace which is required for McDougall Street closure). Roads to be closed from 6:30am - 11:30am on Saturday 21st.





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TMD 8
Saturday Road Closure 4

Project:
Challenge Wanaka

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Comments:
One Way Closure of Lakeside Road from Beacon Point Road to Eely Point Access Road from 8am - 5pm on Saturday 21st



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TMD 9
Saturday Road Closure 5

Project:
Challenge Wanaka

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Comments:
Beacon Point Road closed from Penrith Park Drive from 8am - 5pm on Saturday 21st

Attachment B: Named Road Closures

Challenge Wanaka 2026 Road Closures						
Road	From	To	Date	TMD	Notes	Notification
Ardmore Street (from McDougall Street to Dungarvon Street)	3pm	8pm	Wednesday 18th - Saturday 21st	1	Full road closure	Flyers installed on nearby posts 1 week prior. Area no parked Tuesday 17th
McDougall Street (from Brownston Street to Ardmore Street)	3pm	7pm	Wednesday 18th	2	Full road closure	Flyers installed on nearby posts 1 week prior. Area no parked Tuesday 17th
	7am	4pm	Thursday 19th	3		
	7am	2:30pm	Friday 20th	3		
	5am	13:30pm	Saturday 21st	5A		
Wanaka - Mount Aspiring Road (from Meadowstone Drive to McDougall Street)	3pm	7pm	Wednesday 18th	2	Full road closure with resident access only	All affected residents to be notified in advance as per the public notification plan
Wanaka - Mount Aspiring Road (from Sargood Drive to McDougall Street) which requires a subsequent closure of Meadowstone Drive (from Kelliher Drive to Wanaka - Mount Aspiring Road)	7am	4pm	Thursday 19th	3	Full road closure with resident access only	All affected residents to be notified in advance as per the public notification plan
	7am	2:30pm	Friday 20th	3		
Wanaka - Mount Aspiring Road (from Sargood Drive to Whare Kea Lodge)	12:30pm	2:30pm	Friday 20th	4	Full road closure for approx. 1 hour within this time with no resident/business access (est. 1:10 - 2:10); otherwise soft closure with resident/business access only	All affected residents/businesses to be notified in advance as per the public notification plan. VMS Board or Custom Advisory signage installed near Studholme/Wanaka - Mount Aspiring intersection 1 week prior
Wanaka - Mount Aspiring Road (from Sargood Drive to Treble Cone) which requires a subsequent closure of Meadowstone Drive (from Kelliher Drive to Wanaka - Mount Aspiring Road)	5am	1:30pm	Saturday 21st	5A	Road will be closed for traffic traveling TOWARDS Glendhu Bay from 5am - 1:30pm . Road will be FULLY CLOSED to all traffic (with resident, business access only) from 6:30am - 12pm	All affected residents/businesses to be notified in advance as per the public notification plan. VMS Board or Custom Advisory signage installed near Studholme/Wanaka - Mount Aspiring intersection 1 week prior
Old Station Avenue (from Parkhill Avenue to Wanaka - Mount Aspiring Road) and Sargood Drive (from Heuchan Lane to Wanaka - Mount Aspiring Road)	7:45am	12pm	Saturday 21st	5B	One Way Closure heading towards Wanaka - Mount Aspiring Road - residents and businesses permitted through HOWEVER delays of up to 30 minutes	All affected residents/businesses to be notified in advance as per the public notification plan
McDougall Street (from Brownston Street to Golf Course Road) which requires a subsequent closure of Brownston/Warren/Upton/Tenby Street (from Roche Street to Stone/Connor Street) and Aspiring Terrace (from McDougall to Stone Street) and Faulks Terrace (from McDougall to Kennedy Crescent)	6:30am	11:30am	Saturday 21st	6	Full Road Closure of McDougall Street. Left lane (heading towards Lake) will remain clear to manage resident/business access where no alternative route exists. Cyclist shoot will be installed within median strip -- no right turns permitted	All affected residents/businesses to be notified in advance as per the public notification plan
Ardmore Street (from Dungarvon Street to Ardmore Street lakefront carpark)	8am	5pm	Saturday 21st	7	One way closure for traffic traveling towards Hawea	All affected businesses to be notified in advance as per the public notification plan
Dungarvon Street (from Dunmore Street to Ardmore Street)	8am	5pm	Saturday 21st	7	One way closure for traffic traveling towards lakefront	All affected businesses to be notified in advance as per the public notification plan
Lakeside Road (from Beacon Point Road to Eely Point Access Road)	8am	5pm	Saturday 21st	8	One way closure for traffic traveling towards Eely Point	All affected residents to be notified in advance as per the public notification plan
Beacon Point Road (from Penrith Park Drive)	8am	5pm	Saturday 21st	9	Full road closure with resident access only	All affected residents to be notified in advance as per the public notification plan

Challenge Wānaka Road Closure Public Notification Plan
Event: 19-21 February 2026

AUDIENCE	CHANNELS	KEY MESSAGES	RESPONSIBILITY	WHO	DEADLINE
PHASE 1 - EARLY NOTIFICATION OF NEW COURSE (June 2025)					
Residents, Businesses and Users of Wānaka-Mt Aspiring Rd	email via contact list, request assistance from QLDC/Community Board to contact all residents	Notification of intended bike course. Hard road closure planned for general traffic, special access if required. Further detail to come.	CW	JS	Jun-25
Key businesses - eg. Camp grounds, wedding venues, tourism operators, Edgewater	phone/email	Request businesses plan around closure (eg. Booking times, alter deliveries, staff movements)	CW	JS	Jun-25
DOC	discussion re Roys Peak trail	Plan to close carpark and track night before	CW	JS	Jun-25
PHASE 2 - FULL NOTIFICATION PHASE (Nov/Dec 2025)					
Residents, Businesses and Users of Wānaka-Mt Aspiring Rd	email via contact list	Full details & maps of road closures confirmed, parking restrictions and timing of events. Process to apply for special access	CW	JS	Dec-25
Wānaka residents & businesses directly affected by event (Ardmore St, Dungarvon, Brownston, beginning of Mt Aspiring Rd)	flier drop & visits to businesses - esp. Far Horizons, Studholme Rd, Club Wyndam, Edgewater, houses on Mt Aspiring Rd, Rippon, Holiday Park	Full details & maps of road closures confirmed, parking restrictions and timing of events. Process to apply for special access	CW	JS/IS	Dec-25
Residents along run course (esp. Beacon Pt Rd & Lakeside Dr). Get names of residents along beacon pt beach	flier drop	Full details & maps of road closures confirmed, parking restrictions and timing of events. Process to apply for special access	CW	JS/IS	Dec-25
General Wanaka businesses	email via Business Owners Group	Full details & maps of road closures confirmed, parking restrictions and timing of events.	CW	JS/AC	Dec-25
General Public	CW website & CW social media.	Full details & maps of road closures confirmed, parking restrictions and timing of events.	CW	SS/MB	Dec-25
Building Sites on bike course and contractors working on site	phone & email	Full details & maps of road closures confirmed, parking restrictions and timing of events.	CW	JS	Dec-25
DOC	notifications on website	Full details of road closures - esp. Roys Peak	CW	JS	Dec-25
PHASE 3 - REMINDER & PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS PHASE (Jan/Feb 2026)					
Residents, Businesses and Users of Wānaka-Mt Aspiring Rd	Flier drop & email via contact list, request assistance from QLDC/Community Board to contact those without letterboxes	Reminder	CW	JS	1st week Feb
Wānaka residents & businesses directly affected by event (Ardmore St, beginning of Mt Aspiring Rd)	flier drop & visits to businesses, request assistance from QLDC/Community Board to contact those without letterboxes	Reminder	CW	JS/IS	1st week Feb
General Wanaka businesses	email via Business Owners Group	Reminder	CW	JS/AC	1st week Feb
General Public	CW website & CW social media. Community FB pages.	Reminder	CW	SS/MB	ongoing
	QLDC Website	Full details & maps of road closures confirmed, parking restrictions and timing of events.	CW	MB	Jan-25
	QLDC Other Channels	Full details & maps of road closures confirmed, parking restrictions and timing of events.	CW	MB	Jan-25
	Radio community notices	Full details & maps of road closures confirmed, parking restrictions and timing of events.	CW	SS/MB	1st week Feb
	Ad in Wanaka Sun. Wanaka App notices	Full details & maps of road closures confirmed, parking restrictions and timing of events.	CW	JS/MB	1st week Feb
	VMS Boards around Wanaka x 2	Details of road clsure	SSS	KB/TP	1st week Feb
DOC & Trail Users	Signs at Motaptapu trail, Raspberry Flat, Roys Peak, Diamond Lake	Summary of road closure times	CW	JS/IS	1st week Feb
Boat Ramp Users	Signs at Waterfall Creek and Glendhu boat ramps		CW		
Ardmore St & McDougall St parking areas	Ziptie NP signs along Ardmore St	NP, road closure times	CW	JS/IS	2nd week Feb
Users requiring access	Email	Detailed list of users requiring access - CW to provide to SSS.	CW/SSS	JS/KB/TP	1st week Feb

Business	Name	Phone
Aspiring Helicopters		
Bike Glendhu		
Mahu Whenua		
Ridgeline Adventures		
Wildwire		
Adventure Consultants		
Aspiring Guides		
Basecamp Adventures		
Cromwell College		
Deep Canyon		
DOC Aspiring		
DOC Queenstown		
Dunedin Adventures		
Dunstan High		
Eco Wanaka		
Glendhu Bay Motor Camp		
KT Sightseeing		
Matukituki Natives		
Mt Aspiring College		
NZDF (Army Leadership Centre)		
OBHS Lodge		
Packrafting Queenstown		
Pure Exploration		
Rippon		
Ritchies- walks		
ScenicNZ Coachlines		
The Olive Grove Wanaka		
Tititea Outdoor Education Centre		
Wanaka Mountain Guides		
Wanaka paragliding		
Wanaka River Journeys		
Wanaka rock		
West Matukituki Charitable Trust		
Whare Kea		
Yello		
Wyndam Wanaka		
Mt Aspiring Holiday Park		
Wanaka TOP 10 Holiday Park		
Hampshire Holiday Park Wanaka		
CPS - site at Parkins Bay		
Edgewater		
Waterfall Equestrian		
Green By Nature (public toilet cleani		
Development site just past Glendhu		
GoBus		

Residents				
Alpha Burn Station				
Cattle Flat Station				
Cattle Flat Station				
Emerald Bluff				
Glendhu Station				
Matukituki Station				
Matukituki Station				
Motatapu Station				
Mt Aspiring Station				
Paddock Bay				
West Wanaka Station				
Roys Pen				
Services / Public				
Aspiring Medical Centre				
Wanaka Medical Centre				
Wanaka Community Hub				
Wanaka App				
Fire				
Police				
Facebook Community pages				
Facebook - Wanaka Climbing Club				
Lake Wānaka isite Visitor Centre				
DOC Concession Holders				
List provided by DOC for the follo				
Diamond Lake Conservation Area				
Hospital Flat Conservation Area				
Raspberry Carpark Conservation Area				
Treble Cone Access Road				
Glendhu Bluff Conservation Area				
Shotover/Kimi-akau Conservation Area				
NZ Alpine Club				
NZ Alpine Club				
Richard Van Nieuwkoop				
Adventure and Education Holdings				
Adventure Junkies Limited				
Adventure South Limited				
Adventure Southland Limited				
Andrew Pap Consulting Limited				
Antipodes Travel Limited				
ANZ Nature Tours HTG Limited				

Authentic As Limited	
Backroads Limited	
BCWanaka Limited	
Black NZ Limited	
Bus and Coach Association (New Ze	
Bus and Coach Association (NZ	
Dunedin Adventures Limited	
Eco Wanaka Adventures Limited	
EIL New Zealand Limited	
Intrepid Travel New Zealand Limited	
Law, Jason	
Legain, Clement	
Mammoth Limited	
Neat Tours NZ Limited	
New Zealand Photography Worksho	
Once Upon A Trip Limited	
Queenstown Wilderness Adventures	
Ramblers Association Services	
Sidetracks Limited	
Southern Photography Adventures	
Southern Sky Tours Limited	
Tai Poutini Polytechnic Limited	
The Aspiring Guiding Collective	
The Extra Mile Travel Limited	
The Real New Zealand Limited	
Thrupp, Anthony and Stokowski, Ce	
Tourism Export Council of New Zeal	
Treble Cone Investments Limited	
Vasileviciute, Aiste	
Wanaka Bike Tours & Hike Limited	
Wanaka Mountain Guides Limited	
Others Requiring Access	
Moreish Kitchen	
Rippon	
Flock Events	
Dougall Allan	
Mel Saltiel	
Lennon Bright	



Challenge Wānaka 13th – 15th February 2025: ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION

Dear Business Owner/Resident,

The Challenge Wanaka Festival of Triathlon is returning to central Wānaka this February for its 19th year! This event celebrates our community's love of sport and brings over 2,500 participants, volunteers, and supporters to town, significantly contributing to our local economy.

This year, events will take place from 13th–15th February, based at Pembroke Park. We have carefully planned to minimise disruption while ensuring the event's success. Below are key details about traffic delays and road closures that may affect you.

TRAFFIC DELAYS & PARKING

- **When:** 13th–15th February
- **Where:** Central Wānaka, especially around Pembroke Park. Ardmore St (in front of the park) will be closed for the entire festival.
- **Parking:** Available for athletes at the Showgrounds (access via Brownston St extension, opposite the Camping Ground).
- **Significant Closures:**
 - **Friday (14th Feb):** Wānaka-Mt Aspiring Rd from 12pm–2pm.
 - **Saturday (15th Feb):** Wānaka-Mt Aspiring Rd from 5am–12:30pm.

ROAD CLOSURES

For your convenience, further details of all road closures are listed on the following pages.

PLEASE REFER TO DIAGRAMS OF THESE CLOSURES ON OUR WEBSITE: <https://www.challenge-wanaka.com/event-guide/traffic-road-closure-information/>

ROAD CLOSURE	DATE AND TIME	PURPOSE	ALTERNATIVE ROUTE	OTHER INFO
Ardmore Street From McDougall St to Dungarvon St	DURATION OF FESTIVAL Wed 12 th Feb 3pm to Sat 15 th Feb 8pm	Challenge Wānaka Festival Hub	Detour via Brownston St	
Sections of McDougall St (from Brownston St to Ardmore St) and Wanaka-Mt Aspiring Rd (from McDougall St to end of Showgrounds)	Wed 12 th Feb 3pm – 7pm	Junior Challenge bike drop	Detour via Brownston St & Meadowstone Drive	Resident access via Meadowstone Dr
Sections of McDougall St (from Brownston St to Ardmore St) and Wanaka-Mt Aspiring Rd (from McDougall St to Sargood Dr roundabout)	Thurs 13 th Feb 7am to 4pm Fri 14 th Feb 7am to 2pm	Junior Challenge Intermediate & Secondary Challenge	Detour via Brownston St & Meadowstone Drive & Old Station Ave	Resident access via Meadowstone Dr during gaps between race waves – delays of up to half an hour
Wanaka-Mt Aspiring Rd (from Sargood Dr roundabout to just past Whare Kea Lodge)	Fri 14 th Feb 12pm-2pm	Secondary Challenge (bike leg)	Hard closure with NO vehicle access at all from 12:30 – 1:30pm	Advisory signage will be installed 1 week prior to event. Delays of up to an hour for residents.
Wanaka-Mt Aspiring Rd (from McDougall St to Parkins Bay) Section of McDougall St (from Brownston St to Ardmore St)	Sat 15 th Feb 5am to 12:30pm	Challenge Wānaka Half (bike leg)	Public closure – resident and business access only if essential	Residents and businesses should contact CW to advise if they foresee essential travel during this time.

One-way closure of sections of Dungarvon St and Ardmore St (from Dunmore to carpark entrance opposite Doughbin). Small section of lakefront carpark to left of entrance closed.	Sat 15 th Feb 8am to 5pm	Challenge Wānaka Half	Detour via Helwick Street	
One-way closure of Lakeside Rd (from Beacon Point Rd to Eely Point Access Rd)	Sat 15 th Feb 8am to 5pm	Challenge Wānaka Half (run leg)	Detour via Beacon Pt Rd to Eely Pt Road	
Beacon Point Rd (from Penrith Park Drive to end)	Sat 15 th Feb 8am to 5pm	Challenge Wānaka Half (run leg)	Public Closure.	Resident access permitted only.
Beacon Point Road Footpath on lake side of road (from Penrith Park Drive to Aubrey Rd)	Sat 15 th Feb 9am to 5pm	Challenge Wānaka Half (run leg)	n/a	This road is not closed however runners will be running in one direction on the footpath. Marshals will be stationed along this stretch – residents must take care when entering/exiting properties

** Commercial operators should make contact with Trev Page STMS - trev@southernsafety.co.nz or Jane Sharman, Challenge Wanaka Event Director – jane@challenge-wanaka.com with any questions*

If you are a resident/business owner on Wānaka Mt Aspiring Rd or an area accessed from this road and absolutely need access during the closure on Sat 15th 5am – 12:30pm, please email jane@challenge-wanaka.com with the subject line ‘Road closure special access’ and advise the name/s of the people needing access and the approximate timing. We will then add your details to the list of approved travellers for our Traffic Management Team.

We thank you for your patience and support in making this festival a success for our community. If you have any concerns, please contact the Challenge Wanaka team via event@challenge-wanaka.com or contact the Council directly. Further information on www.challenge-wanaka.com

Ngā mihi,
Jane Sharman
Trust & Event Director, Challenge Wānaka



THE CHALLENGE WANAKA SPORTS TRUST SUSTAINABILITY AND WASTE MINIMISATION POLICY 2025

This policy is developed to prioritise sustainability and waste minimisation by establishing procedures for all stakeholders involved in the annual Challenge Wanaka event(the Event). The goal is to achieve the core objectives outlined below.

All stakeholders of The Challenge Wanaka Sports Trust (the Trust) are encouraged to support this policy.

The Event is unique due to the beautiful landscape, clean waters and environment that the athletes are privileged to race in and enjoy with friends and family. The need to protect this is vital and the Trust is invested in advocating to all stakeholders the importance of achieving the core objective.

CORE OBJECTIVE

To reduce the impact of the Event on the environment by delivering a zero-waste event*by 2030, reducing carbon emissions and fossil fuel energy consumption, and ensuring no adverse effect on the environment.

This will be achieved by:

- Ensuring that Trust staff (employees and contractors) and volunteers are trained appropriately on the Event sustainability practices.
- Appointing staff with responsibility for sustainability within the Trust's core team.
- Leaving the environment in the same or a better condition than before the Event is held, through working with local trusts and developing internal strategies through donations, planting and education.
- Ensuring the venue layout and all equipment used are aligned to good sustainability practices.
- Ensuring that the Trust's actions do not encourage the spread of pests and algae in Lake Wanaka and that pollution and contamination are limited.
- Encouraging athletes, spectators, and the wider community to be conscious of their impact on the environment.
- Encouraging and promoting responsible consumption and sustainable production of materials and products in connection with the Event and looking at reuse opportunities.
- Developing vendor, supplier and sponsor agreements to communicate and encourage the support of the core objective.
- Introducing compliance requirements for waste minimisation by all stakeholders by 2026.
- Creating consistency with waste management processes.



The core objective will be measured through:

- The amount of waste diverted from landfill, including recycling (by weight) per participant
- The reduction in single use cups, serve ware, and disposable products at the Event
- The ratio of vehicles parked at the Event to the number of participants, supporting sustainable transport initiatives
- Feedback from stakeholders, gather through post-event surveys, to assess the effectiveness of waste and sustainability focused efforts.

For queries in relation to this Policy, please contact Jane Sharman, Trust & Event Director:
jane@challenge-wanaka.com or +64 21 1515 895

Event Waste Minimisation and Management Plan Template

Event Waste Minimisation and Management Plan

EVENT OVERVIEW

EVENT DETAILS		
Event title:	Gallagher Insurance Challenge Wānaka 2026	
Type of event:	Triathlon Festival	
Location (attach or insert map if possible):	Pembroke Park, Wānaka	
Date(s) of event:	Pack in:	16/2/26
	Event start:	19/2/26
	Event finish:	21/2/26
	Pack out:	22/2/26
Estimated number of attendees:	Athletes – 3000 Spectators - 8000	
Name of organisation delivering the event:	Challenge Wānaka Sports Trust	
Event activities:	Triathlon festival, including expo which will include food & beverage and merchandise stalls.	
Number of food and beverage vendors:	5-7	
Number of marketplace/ merchandise vendors:	7-12	

KEY CONTACTS

Note down the key people responsible for developing, implementing, and measuring the success of your Event Waste Minimisation and Management Plan.

NAME/ ORGANISATION	ROLE	RESPONSIBILITY	PHONE	EMAIL
Jane Sharman	Event Director	Overall event management	021 1515 895	jane@challenge-wanaka.com
Ico Schutte	Ops Manager	Operations	027 520 4509	ico@challenge-wanaka.com
Kristy Jones	Sustainability Lead	Waste minimisation and sustainability planning	021 246 2086	kristy-jones@live.com

EVENT WASTE PROFILE

MATERIAL/ WASTE STREAM	SOURCE	TIMING	COLLECTION	DESTINATION
Cardboard	Expo / Sponsors	Site set up During event Post event	Wastebusters	Wastebusters
Soft Plastics	Expo / Sponsors Packaging wrap	Site set up During event Post event	Wastebusters	Wastebusters
Glass	Vendors B.Effect Bar	During event	Wastebusters	Wastebusters
Cans	Vendors	During event	Wastebusters	Wastebusters
Food scraps	Food vendors Aid stations	During	Community compost bin – Kristy to arrange drop off	Grow Wanaka
Serviettes	Food vendors	During event	Wastebusters	Wastebusters – General waste
Wooden cutlery	Food vendors	During event	Wastebusters	Wastebusters – General waste
Takeaway containers (cardboard / food contaminated)	Food vendors	During event	Wastebusters	Wastebusters – General waste
Water bottles	Aid stations Expo / Finish line	During Post event	Event crew	CW storage

Electrolyte packets	Aid Stations	During	Wastebusters	Wastebusters – General waste
Lolly packets	Aid stations	During	Wastebusters	Wastebusters – general waste
General Waste	Expo	Site set up During Post event	All Waste – skip	General waste
General waste – public bins located in Park	Public Expo	During	Waste Management	General Waste / Transfer station

WASTE EVENT OBJECTIVES, TARGETS, SUCCESS INDICATORS AND INITIATIVES

OBJECTIVES	TARGET	HOW WILL YOU MEASURE SUCCESS?	INDICATORS FOR SUCCESS	HOW THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED
Targeting a single use cup free event by 2026	Single use cup free event by 2026 Zero waste by 2030 event	Measurable reduction in subsequent years, achieving zero waste by 2030.	Successfully run a zero waste event by 2030	Comms to athletes as early as possible Signage around the expo Site setup to enable easy facilitation of refill process Re-usable soft flask / cup issued to all athletes as part of rego pack OR they must carry their own water supply For youth events, reusable plastic tumblers at aid station and they must have drink bottles at the finish line

				<p>Coffee vendors to utilised DishRupt / Cup Tree</p> <p>Review procurement guidelines to ensure vendors and sponsors are on board</p>
Reduce waste to landfill	Maximise waste diversion from landfill, by applying the principles of reduce, reuse, recycling.	Recycling zones used.	Recycling zones set up and used correctly	<p>Clear signage on bins</p> <p>Site set up around expo and on site</p> <p>Recycling stations</p> <p>Comms – byo cups and containers</p> <p>Vendor agreements</p> <p>Dishrupt / SUC</p> <p>Free Cup Tree</p>
Continue to collect accurate waste data	Waste reporting detailing total waste, waste streams, and diversion from landfill compiled post event.	More detailed waste report received for 2026		
Maximise recycling by reducing contamination of waste streams	Less than 5% contamination of mixed recycling bins	Wastebusters to complete waste audit and provide report of total waste generated / waste diverted from landfill	Audit results show less than 5% contamination in the mixed recycling and glass bins.	<p>Site set up with recycling stations</p> <p>Waste audit upon completion</p> <p>Post event waste sorted by Waste Busters</p> <p>Comms</p> <p>Signage</p>
Displace single use serveware within the expo / food vendors	<p>No single use cups used during the 2026 event</p> <p>No single use plates / cutlery</p>	Review uptake and use of the Dishrupt / Cup Tree and subsequent number of single use serveware	Audit results show no single use cups, plates, cutlery was used.	Integrating waste minimisation requirements into supplier/vendor agreements and work with vendors to

	used for 2026 event.	that was displaced.		implement reuse/loan cup and plate system. Encourage attendees to BYO reusable cup.
Approximately what percentage (%) of total waste do you hope to divert for this event by implementing the above objectives, targets, and initiatives? <i>NOTE: Diversion rate is calculated by dividing the weight of diverted waste (e.g., your total recyclables) only by the weight of all waste generated. Multiply the amount by 100 to get your percentage (%).</i>		2025 event achieved 37% diversion 2026 goal - 50% diversion (by weight)		
Will you audit or do a post event sort of your waste streams? <i>Undertaking an audit of your material/waste streams allows you to identify contamination and gather data to inform future minimisation initiatives.</i>		Yes		
		<input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, please give details.		Wastebusters to carry out audit upon event completion		
If no, please provide detail on how you will measure and remove contamination in your waste streams.		/		
Who are you using to help you implement your Waste Minimisation and Management Plan? Tick all that apply.		Yes	Volunteers	
		Yes	Paid Staff	
		Yes	Contractors E.g., Wastebusters	
			Other (please specify below)	
Have you incorporated your waste minimisation objectives and requirements into your vendor agreements?		Yes	Vendor agreements to be reviewed and updated for 2026	
		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Will you be doing a vendor assessment? Refer to the Vendor Assessment Template .		Yes		
		<input type="checkbox"/>		
What methods will you use to communicate your waste minimisation initiatives before, during and after your event? You can use the Communication and Engagement Plan Template as a guide.		BEFORE - Athlete comms, registration, and race pack, social media, volunteer and staff briefing		

	<p>DURING - Race briefing, signage, Spectator comms, event App, MC announcements, social media, volunteer and staff briefing</p> <p>AFTER - social media, debrief report</p>	
Are there public rubbish and recycling bins on your event site?	Yes	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, please provide details on how you will avoid the use of these during your event e.g., reusable covers.	Public rubbish bins are located alongside the lake and within Pembroke Park - the lake area is open to the general public and not just CW athletes/supporters so we cannot close the public bins. We propose to negate this by locating Recycling stations in close proximity to the QLDC public bins with clear CW signage..	
How will litter be collected and removed from public spaces within and around the event site, during and at the completion of your event?	At the end of each day our ops team and volunteers will carry out a cleanup of the site and surrounding areas ensuring no litter is left overnight; followed by an extensive clean up upon site packdown on the Sunday.	

EVENT INFRASTRUCTURE

WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE					
TYPE	EXISTING OR REQUIRED?	QUANTITY	TIMING – PRE, DURING, POST EVENT	SUPPLIER	OVERSIGHT/ MANAGEMENT
Front of house					
Recycling stations - general waste, cardboard, mixed recycling, glass	Required	Total number to be confirmed based on new site layout	To be set up during site set up and remain in place for duration of event	Wastebusters	Bins will be switched out and emptied as needed throughout the day
Dish/cup drop off stations	Required	TBC	To be set up during site set up and remain in place for duration of event	DishRupt (or similar TBC)	Kristy to manage volunteers and process to ensure serveware are cleaned and returned in a timely manner

Signage	Required	TBC	To be set up during site set up and remain in place for event	Wastebusters	Wastebusters Kristy
Aid station to be set up to ensure capability to quickly fill athlete cups	Required	TBC	During	CW	CW - Aid Station Manager
Back of house					
Cardboard collection bin	Required	Additional bins available for pack in & set up	Pre event / set up	Wastebusters	Wastebusters to remove on Day 1
Soft plastic collection bin	Required	2	Pre event / set up	All Waste	
Washing station – Lake Wanaka Station	Existing	-	-	Lake Wanaka Centre	Kristy

If you are using reusable serveware at your event, please answer the following questions:

Where will reusable serveware be available during the event?	Yes	At the point of sale with vendor/stallholder
	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Will a bond system be used for reusable serveware?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	No	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	
How will reusable serveware be collected after use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Returned to vendor/stallholder
	Yes	Designated drop-off point(s) located around the site When expo layout is finalised, drop off locations will be confirmed.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – please specify:
When and how will reusable serveware be washed and sterilised for reuse? Please specify:	We will be utilising the fully equipped kitchen at the Lake Wanaka Centre - this has sinks for pre wash / rinse, 2x sterilizers, and drying racks available.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What equipment will be used • If items will be rinsed/sterilised and reused during the event or washed after the event • If this will be done on or off site • Who and how many people will do this (volunteers or paid staff) 	<p>Runners (volunteers from the MAC Green Team, managed by our Sustainability lead) will collect used dishes from the drop-off points and take them to the LWC for washing; and then returning with clean dishes to restock supplies at the vendors.</p>
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SITE LAYOUT

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<p>TBC – we are redoing our site layout from 2026. This will be submitted in due course when the expo layout, course and facilities are finalised.</p>

At a minimum your site layout should include locations for:

- Waste stations including rubbish and recycling bins together
- Back of house waste hub, waste sorting, or storage facilities
- Signage
- Drinking water sites
- Drop off points for reusables
- Food/drink vendors and preparation areas
- Merchandise/market vendors
- Entertainment sites/stage location
- Entrances and exits
- Toilets and toilet blocks
- Any QLDC public rubbish and recycling bins
- The route collection vehicles will use to access the waste storage facilities during the event, if applicable

FUNDING

Queenstown Lakes District Council has various funding options to help with your event waste minimisation initiatives. Visit www.qldc.govt.nz/community/community-funding for more information.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

For further information or assistance with your Event Waste Minimisation and Management Plan, please contact the Queenstown Lakes District Council at zerowaste@qldc.govt.nz

Challenge Wanaka Sports Trust – 2026 Event Overview - Volunteers

Challenge Wanaka Sports Trust provides Traffic Volunteers to Southern Safety to help them execute the Traffic Management plan. The majority of Traffic Volunteer duties are maintaining the integrity of Road Closures or providing directional support to the athletes. On occasion, some volunteers are required to work on a live lane.

All Traffic Volunteers are briefed each year collectively and also one on one depending on their role. Southern Safety allocates each one of its staff to meet the volunteer onsite on event day & go over their role with them. In addition to this, they are given a run sheet which includes their location, start & finish time & general responsibilities.

Please see the attached copy of SSS 'Volunteer Services Agreement' and 'Volunteer Briefing' documents and also The Challenge Wanaka Sports Trust Race Director Jane Sharman's comments below.

From Jane Sharman / Race Director / Challenge Wanaka Sports Trust

Importance of Using Volunteers for the Financial Viability of the Event

Challenge Wanaka relies heavily on the dedication of volunteers to deliver a world-class event. Without their contribution, the costs of staffing would be prohibitive, making it challenging to maintain the financial viability of the event. Volunteers enable us to keep entry fees at a reasonable level, while still providing athletes with a high-quality, safe, and memorable experience. Their support ensures resources can be invested back into athlete services, infrastructure, and the long-term sustainability of the event.

Recruitment and Communication of Volunteer Roles

We recruit volunteers through a mix of local community networks, schools, sports clubs, charitable organisations, and previous volunteer databases. Local businesses and groups also get involved by encouraging their members to take part. Once registered, volunteers are allocated specific roles depending on their interests, skills, and availability. Clear communication is maintained through email updates, an online volunteer portal, role descriptions, and pre-event briefings, ensuring everyone understands what is expected of them and how their contribution fits into the wider event.

Health & Safety Induction

All volunteers are inducted into our Health & Safety plan to ensure the wellbeing of athletes, spectators, and themselves. This includes:

- *Pre-event safety briefings tailored to each role.*
- *Distribution of H&S guidelines and emergency procedures.*
- *On-site walk-throughs for key positions.*
- *Clear escalation processes for incidents or risks.*

We emphasise that volunteers are not only ambassadors for the event but also play a key role in keeping it safe and compliant with national H&S regulations.

Benefits to the Community & Local Charitable Groups

The event provides wide-reaching benefits beyond sport. Community groups and schools often receive donations in recognition of their volunteer contribution, helping to support their own projects and initiatives. The event brings together people of all ages, creating a strong sense of pride, ownership, and camaraderie in the community. Volunteers gain valuable skills, confidence, and connections, while the local economy benefits from increased visitor numbers, tourism exposure, and repeat business. Challenge Wanaka is a showcase of community spirit in action, with volunteers at its heart.



Volunteer Briefing 2025

Briefing for Traffic Management Volunteers working Events

Thank you for volunteering. Without you, events simply wouldn't happen!

You will be working alongside 18 SSS qualified Traffic Operators, please follow their instructions!

Your main duties are the following:

- Turning up on time (set alarm)
- Ensuring the integrity of road closures/ Always check with the Traffic Manager before letting any vehicles into a closed road
- Giving directions to the public
- Assisting the SSS traffic staff
- Manual Stop Go
- Communicating with the traffic manager (in person, radio or phone)
- Keeping yourself safe at all times
- Asking any questions if you are unsure
- Call for assistance if you have any problems

Here are the key points to consider when volunteering on or near the live lane or footpaths:

- Your Orange hi vis vest must be zipped up & worn at all times (reflective strip on the outside)
- Ensure that you are facing & visible to approaching traffic at all times
- Stay off the live lane unless specifically instructed to do otherwise by the STMS (Site Traffic Management Supervisor)
- If something looks or feels unsafe – Don't do it!
- Beware of standing in positions of high sun which may make you hard to see
- If you are not clear on a task, please ask the traffic manager

Things to help you make the most of your shift:

- Be prepared for Hot/Cold/Wet weather
- Bring food & water - Stay hydrated & keep energy levels high by bringing enough food
- Bring sunscreen, a hat & sunglasses
- Comfortable shoes
- Fully charged phone
- If you have been given a run sheet or map of your location, please study it before the event & bring it with you on the day

Radio Operation:

- Make sure your radio is on with the volume up & on the correct radio channel (usually channel 1)
- Hold the side button down to talk. Hold for 1 sec before speaking & another second after speaking
- Keep your finger off the side button when not talking as this can disrupt anyone else from talking
- Complete a radio check when you get to your position. To do this say the following
Your name & location / To Traffic Manager / Do you receive me, over? Wait for reply
- Ensure your message is brief & to the point
- Please return your radio to an SSS staff member once your shift finishes

Emergencies, Incidents or accidents:

- If there is any conflict, ask the traffic manager for support, that is our job to handle any difficult situations
- Please report any dangerous driving to the traffic manager. Record the Rego number, make & model of the vehicle
- Please report any abuse to the traffic manager – We do not tolerate abuse & support you 100%
- If any event participant needs medical support, please do the following:
 - Minor** – Call the traffic manager or volunteer supervisor (provide event person's name, location & race number along with the issue they are experiencing)
 - Major** – Call 111 if their situation is urgent (please also let the traffic manager know as soon as reasonably practicable)

General:

- Please be professional & polite at all times. Your actions reflect the event
- The traffic management plan (TMP), for this event has been approved by local council. Please do not make any changes to any signage or positing of signage or equipment unless this has first been cleared by the traffic manager
- Please remain in your allocated position until your shift has finished or you are relieved by another volunteer
- Please don't be offended if the SSS staff member only has a couple of minutes with you on event day. (Oftentimes they are under pressure to set up the signage & ensure everyone is in position)
- If you need a break, please contact the traffic manager or volunteer manager
- If you're running late to your shift or won't be able to make it for any reason, please let the traffic manager & volunteer manager know asap!

Thank you! – Thanks again for your support – Have Fun – Stay Safe!!!

Key Contact Details

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