

Wānaka Community Board
21 November 2019

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take: 5

Title | Taitara: Chair's Report

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO

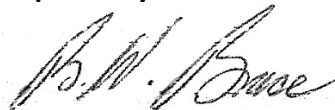
The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an update on projects of interest and previous actions and to address other matters not listed elsewhere on the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA

That the Wānaka Community Board:

1. **Note** the contents of this report; and
2. **Agree** that the Wilkin Road cul-de-sac will be part of the delivery of the Anderson/Aubrey Road shared path.

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CONTEXT | HOROPAKI

Wānaka Lakefront Development

1. Design of Stage 3 of the Wānaka Lakeside Development is being finalised with contractor tendering to occur over the coming weeks. Site works will begin in winter and completion is expected in early summer 2020/21.
2. Stages 2, 4 and 5 are being reviewed for timeline of future delivery.

Anderson Road/Aubrey Road Shared Path

3. Detailed design is complete. However, there is a 3Waters project to install a water main along the length of Anderson Road that requires the shared path to be delivered after the 3Waters Project, in order to avoid digging up the newly laid path.

4. All NZTA funding for this project needs to be used in this and the next financial year to ensure it is not lost. Accordingly, it is intended to progress all phases of the Anderson Road/Aubrey Road shared path as soon as the 3Waters project is finished. Further funding for the shared path will be sought via the next Long Term Plan.
5. A trial closure of the Wilkin Road cul-de-sac was in place 18-25 November 2019. During this period, traffic counts conducted on the Mount Iron Drive intersections showed an increase by about 400 vehicles per day which is roughly a 50/50 split of the Wilkin Road traffic. Observation of traffic movements during peak periods did not reveal excessive congestion as a result of the trial.
6. Survey responses to the proposal were light with only 12 responses received. Of these, seven were in support and five were against. Four responses identified as being from residents of Wilkin Road were evenly split in support and against the proposal.
7. Removing one of the three main intersection crossings on the Anderson/Aubrey Road shared path provides a benefit to the future users by providing continuity of use and reducing traffic interactions.
8. The limited responses and even split of opinion indicates that this is not a significant issue for users and residents. On that basis, the recommendation is to proceed with the creation of Wilkin Road as a cul-de-sac as part of the delivery of the Anderson/Aubrey Road shared path.

Update on Transport Business Cases

9. A Point Of Entry document (the start point for an application for funding in the NZTA investment process) has been prepared and agreed by the W2G Management Team (the Way to Go partnership is a collaboration of transport partners NZTA, ORC and QLDC). This will form the basis of discussion with NZTA on funding support for the Network Optimisation business case.
10. A pre-emptive parking survey, to inform the Parking Management Strategy is being procured now. When resources permit, procurement of a Business Case Provider will occur.

Debrief on events in Wanaka over summer 2019/20

11. Recently the annual debrief meeting about the support services co-ordinated by Council in the Upper Clutha over Christmas and New Year was held. All feedback about public toilets, rubbish removal, roading and waterways was positive with no major issues raised. The New Year's Eve celebrations themselves also received positive feedback.
12. However, NZ Police, Red Frogs support volunteers and event organisers did raise concerns about under-age drinking and increased drug use. In addition, the large number of young people gathering in Wānaka town centre required Police attention, especially from 28-30 December.

13. Because of these growing concerns, Council has committed to organise a meeting of key stakeholders and staff to develop an action plan ahead of the next Christmas and New Year period.

Responsible Camping across the Upper Clutha area, summer 2019/20

14. The Responsible Camping Day Hubs are running smoothly with constant good visitation (maximum of 2 hours for registered self-contained vehicles). Each visit to the day hub represents a reduction of the risks posed by poor camper behaviours - less rubbish and human waste in places it shouldn't be, less environmental degradation from washing in rivers and lakes. In general things have been running smoothly with the majority of campers aware of their responsibilities and doing the right thing. Vehicle visitation to our Responsible Camping Hubs is up on the same period from last year.
15. Our 16 Ambassadors are out and about doing a great job. They are much more mobile this year with four dedicated vehicles and they are covering a lot of ground. This means they are more visible and can do regular "drop ins" to camping sites, monitor and spread the education messages. They are also able to report potential trouble hotspots and working with compliance officers, move people along where necessary.
16. A big part of their work is direct interactions with campers, reminding them of do's and do not's, advising on appropriate locations for camping (including serviced campgrounds) and generally spreading the message about what being a responsible camper means. So far this season, the Ambassadors have directly distributed over 15,000 educational leaflets and shown over 11,000 people the educational video produced by Tourism New Zealand. The survey data Ambassadors are gathering indicates that there are very few with campers who remain unaware of the Tiaki Promise or their responsibilities when camping.
17. The Ambassadors report that the vast majority of campers are compliant and wanting to do the right thing. The campers that they speak to and interview are more likely to become advocates for good behaviour as they travel in our regions and into other regions. The numbers of non-self-contained vans that are re-directing to serviced camp grounds is down on last year. The impression is that the educational messages (including the enforcement aspects) are getting through.
18. Ambassadors are also undertaking surveys with campers as we build data regarding numbers, behaviours and knowledge about Responsible Camping.
19. We still have issues arising but with the increased coverage of our Ambassadors and Enforcement Officers we have been more effective at dealing with hot spots and encouraging better behaviours and getting non-compliant campers to move to serviced camp grounds.
20. The installation of information signs has helped reduce non self-contained vehicles in a number of locations Crown Terrace, Red Bridge and Roy's Peak carpark.

Wānaka Recreation Centre

21. The following is a general update on recent activities at the Wānaka Recreation Centre ('WRC'):

- More than 200 children – a new record – on the school holiday programme that ran 13-23 January; new activities included learning lifesaving skills in the pool
- Total visits to Wanaka Rec Centre (pool and courts) from 23 December – 7 January was 5,469; an increase of 19% on the same period last year
- There were 1,125 casual visits (i.e. not including members) to the pools from 24 December – 3 January
- The busiest day in the pools over the holidays was New Year's Eve with 396 visits.

Appointment of Upper Clutha Liaison Manager

22. Robyn Steel has been appointed to the newly created position of Upper Clutha Liaison Manager. She comes to the district from a position as City Partnerships Manager with the Porirua City Council and will start work with QLDC in March 2020. Her role will involve considerable contact with the Board and I'm sure we all look forward to welcoming her to the district and to a productive and happy working relationship.

Liaison positions, community associations, and Council meeting updates

23. Members are invited to report on the Board-related activities they have been involved in since the previous meeting, and Councillors are asked to comment on any matters of interest from recent Council meetings.

Attachments

The following standard reports are provided on every Board agenda:

- A 3 Water Capex Programme Summary Report
- B Roothing Minor Improvement List

Note that no Parks and Reserves Capital Programme report has been prepared this month as there is no change from the previous report.