

Wānaka Community Board
20 February 2020

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata mot e Rāraki take : 2

Department: Property & Infrastructure

Title | Taitara Temporary Road Closure Application – Wānaka A&P Show 2020

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO

The purpose of this report is to consider an application received for a temporary road closure for the annual Wānaka A & P Show to be held in March 2020.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY | WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA

Southern Safety Services on behalf of the Wānaka A&P Society have applied for a number of temporary road closures to allow their annual event, which attracts a large number of participants and attendees, to take place in a safe and efficient manner.

The recommendation is for approval with similar conditions that have been applied to the temporary road closure in prior years.

RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA

That the Wānaka Community Board

1. **Notes** the contents of this report;
2. **Approves** the temporary road closure application for the 2020 Wānaka A&P Show subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Any issues or concerns which may arise from the public notification published in the Wānaka Sun on 5 December 2019 are addressed to the satisfaction of the Wānaka Community Board.
 - b. Approval of the final Traffic Management Plan by QLDC Planning and Development.
 - c. Radio advertising two days prior and on the morning of the event.
 - d. The event organisers arranging suitable disposal methods for recycling and rubbish/refuse.
 - e. The event organisers ensure access is available for emergency services and maintenance contractors if required;
 - f. The event organisers must encourage alternative transport modes to the event such as adequate bike parking and Park and Ride option.

- g. The applicant must notify all affected parties of the extent of the temporary road closure; this notification is to be undertaken at least ten working days prior to the closure occurring. A copy of this notice is to be supplied to APL Property Limited.
- h. The applicant must advise of the closure and the alternative transport modes through their own social media and contact QLDC Communications to arrange the closures to be further shared through Council social media.
- i. All reasonable concerns raised by affected parties shall be addressed by the applicants to the satisfaction of Council. In addressing such concerns, the applicants shall nominate a responsible person to liaise with Council.

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

Road to be Closed:	McDougall Street from Ardmore Street to Brownston Street
Period of Closure:	0600 on Wednesday 11 March 2020 to 1200 on Sunday 15 March 2020
Roads to be Closed:	Brownston Street from McDougall Street to Youghal Street and McDougall Street from Upton Street to Brownston Street
Period of Closure:	0600 to 2000 on Friday 13 March 2020 and Saturday 14 March 2020 (show days only)

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CONTEXT | HORPOAKI

- 1 An application has been received from Southern Safety Services Limited on behalf of the Wānaka A&P Society to temporarily close part of a road in order to hold the annual Wānaka A&P Show in March 2020.
- 2 The road closures for the event are outlined within the recommendation and are shown on the map appended as **Attachment A**.
- 3 The closure of McDougall Street from Wednesday to Sunday is slightly longer than that approved for the 2019 event commencing at 6am on the Wednesday rather than 8am and finishing at midday on Sunday rather than at 8am. The longer closure request is to allow for more time to set up prior to the event and pack down of the event area following the show.
- 4 There is also an additional closure proposed for the 2020 event of Brownston Street (from McDougall to Upton) and McDougall Street (from Upton to Brownston) for the actual show days on the Friday and Saturday from 6 am to 8pm each day. The applicant advises that the rationale behind this is to improve pedestrian safety and limit traffic in this area to residents, disabled parking users, trade exhibitors, Park & Ride buses and campground users only.
- 5 The Council can close roads to vehicular traffic for events by using provisions of the Local Government Act 1974. The Wānaka Community Board is delegated to consider applications to close roads temporarily under this legislation.

ANALYSIS AND ADVICE | TATĀRITANGA ME NGĀ TOHUTOHU

- 6 The Wānaka A&P Show is an annual event which over the past years has been granted approval to close part of McDougall Street to vehicular traffic to allow for the set up and set down of the event, manage traffic and ensure safety for exhibitors and the public. The additional closures requested for the 2020 will improve pedestrian safety in particular for the users of the Park & Ride buses and disabled parking users.
- 7 The closures enable exhibitors and competitors to enter and exit the grounds with the applicants utilising the road closures to control all traffic in and out of the area and public attending the event. It takes a considerable number of staff to control this area and ensure the safety of assembling and disassembling of the show for the public, trade exhibitors and competitors and through traffic would have a considerable impact on the safety of event participants. The road closures will enable safe set up of the event, safe access across the road during the event and safety during the dismantling of the event.
- 8 The applicants have suggested alternative routes for traffic during the closure via Ardmore, Dungarvon, Brownston, Youghal and Upton Streets.
- 9 Access into the additional closed areas of McDougall and Brownston Streets on the Friday and Saturday will be permitted for residents, campground users, disabled parking users, trade exhibitors and Park & Ride buses.

- 10 In the past the Wānaka Community Board has requested alternative transport modes be encouraged in relation to this event. As was implemented for the 2019 event, in 2020 an extended overflow and oversize parking area will be provided for on Golf Course Road and a Park & Ride option will again be made available from the corner of Stone Street and Cardrona Valley Road. The availability of this will be widely advertised by the applicant and notification of this Park & Ride option will be incorporated with the final advertisement in the Wānaka Sun QLDC Noticeboard notifying the road closures for the 2020 event. Suitable bike parking areas will also be provided for and cycling to the event encouraged.
- 11 Again, as has occurred for the past two years, the Wānaka Show event will coincide with the Motatapu sporting event which is to take place on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March 2020. Southern Safety Services will be preparing the Traffic Management Plan for both events, which have managed to run on the same weekend in the past without incidence, and they are confident they can be again be managed efficiently. The majority of the athletes heading towards Glendhu Bay for the Motatapu event will be going well before the show opens their gates and they are made aware of the road closures for the Wānaka Show and the alternative route available down Meadowstone Drive.
- 12 Council Engineers have been consulted and they advise there are no concerns with the recommended conditions in place for any road closure approved however they do comment that the applicant will need to ensure they contact any parties they know who will be adversely affected by the earlier closure times. This was relayed to the applicant.
- 13 A standard requirement of all temporary road closure approvals is that a Traffic Management Plan is approved before the roads are closed. This will be in place to deal with the usual flow of traffic and 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.
- 14 The road closures for this event have been well managed in the past without incidence and the recommendation is for approval of the application, subject to similar conditions which have applied in the past which will enable safe set up of the event, safety during the event and safety during the dismantling of the event.
- 15 Option 1 To approve the application for a temporary road closure associated with the event.

Advantages:

- 16 Council would remain consistent with previous road closures approved for this event.
- 17 The event will be able to be run as proposed
- 18 Controlled access is still available to residents along the additional closures of McDougall and Brownston Street during the closure period together with disabled parking, campground users and trade exhibitors.

19 Safety of the general public, trade exhibitors and Show participants will not be compromised with the event held in a safe managed environment.

20 Alternative routes are available allowing traffic to still move freely around the surrounding area.

Disadvantages:

21 Road closures affect the normal flow of traffic which could affect businesses and inconvenience the public.

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

Advantages:

23 There would be less inconvenience for the public that use the road with it remaining open to normal vehicular traffic

Disadvantages:

24 Council would be inconsistent with previous road closures approved for this event.

25 It could create an unsafe environment during the event for participants and the general public.

26 The event will not be able to be run as planned or not at all.

27 This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter as the event will be able to proceed as planned in a safe, managed environment.

CONSULTATION PROCESS | HĀTEPE MATAPAKI:

> 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 conditions 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 who may use the roads and residents/businesses within the closure areas.

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. A recommended condition is that any issues that may arise from this notification must be addressed to the satisfaction of the Wānaka Community Board.

- 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. Ritchies have advised that they will adjust any bus services affected by the closures accordingly.

RISK AND MITIGATIONS | NGĀ RARU TŪPONO ME NGĀ WHAKAMAURUTANGA

- 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 and Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK00016 Temporary Core Infrastructure Outage caused by third 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

- 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

- 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* - McDougall Street is listed in this policy as a significant road, however, 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

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

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 2020 Wānaka A&P Show 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

A	MAP SHOWING EXTENT OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
B	MAP SHOWING OVERFLOW PARKING AND PARK & RIDE LOCATION