

Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board

8 February 2024

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [6]

Title | Taitara : Chair's Report

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko

The purpose of this report is to:

- a. to provide the Board with an update on projects of interest;
- b. to allow members to report on recent community engagement; and
- c. to cover other matters not listed elsewhere on the agenda.

Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka

That Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board:

1. **Note** the contents of this report.

Prepared by:



Name: Simon Telfer

Title: Chair

24 January 2024

Context | Horopaki

Members' Sector Engagement Updates

Simon's comments

1. On 1 December I attended a Travel Demand Management workshop with twenty other stakeholders. My focus was to ensure that Wānaka and the Upper Clutha receives an equitable share of resources when it comes to wayfinding/signage, school and work travel planning and cycling education.
2. As Chair of the Community Board I am automatically a Trustee of the Armstrong Trust. We met in early December to consider charitable grants which, this year, totalled around \$13,000 to individuals and community groups in the Upper Clutha.
3. The Challenge Wānaka 2024 Launch was a lively event, with Jane Sharman sharing plans for this year as well as thanking Integrity Homes for their major sponsorship which is coming to an end.
4. QLDC asked me to MC the launch of the Community Kai Cook Book, a celebration of the district's people, place and food. I would encourage everyone to have a read of this wonderful book and consider it as a gift for visitors to our region.
5. Delayed by weather in spring, December saw the formal opening of the Bike Wānaka Lismore Bike Park. It was lovely to see a good turnout of the biking community, from toddlers through to those at a later life stage!
6. Our Share With Us drop in session in December was combined with Summerdaze, seeing us meeting and chatting with many residents in Dinosaur Park on a wonderfully sunny afternoon. The mood and vibe of people I spoke with was very upbeat and positive.
7. Handing out native plants to our district's newest citizens was a highlight of 2023. The Citizenship Ceremony, held at the Lake Wānaka Centre, was uplifting and enlightening. It reminded me of how lucky we are to live in Aotearoa – New Zealand.
8. I met with two representatives of the Property Owners Group to continue to share ideas and strategies around how to make our town centre more engaging and prosperous.
9. Leading up to New Year's celebrations, Councillor Smith and I had final briefings with the Summit Events team. I also attended the QLDC run events on the evenings of 29th, 30th and 31st, witnessing a very positive mood and atmosphere. Congratulations to the organising team and thanks to all those who helped clean up in the early hours of 1 January.
10. Early in the new year, Lyal, Barry and myself caught up with representatives of Lake Dunstan Hospital to discuss the growing challenges to the provision of health services in the Upper Clutha. We are planning to organise and facilitate a community meeting in mid-March to help draw greater attention to this.

Lyal's comments

Enviroschool Hui

11. I attended an Enviroschool hui for primary school pupils at the Scout Den, which was very well organised and great participation by the children from all the schools in our area. Their contribution of ideas and responses to a variety of scenarios was impressive, as was the social interaction. To the question of what they wanted, quite a few wanted public spaces with features powered by sustainable energy and more green spaces. There were also ideas for share EV bikes and the option of hiring EV cars in Wānaka. We are lucky to have passionate young people who are interested in taking action to create a healthy and sustainable environment, and the schools work hard to support these students and provide them with leadership opportunities.

Citizenship Ceremony

12. The ceremony in Wānaka on 5 December 2023 was a delight and it was fascinating to see such a wide range of people from many different countries becoming citizens of New Zealand. The performance by the Wānaka Primary School Kapa Haka group was outstanding.

Cody's comments

13. I've been working with the Hāwea Community Association and staff to help resolve the Gladstone Track signage concerns as well as helping be a conduit for information from Council and One NZ around the proposed cell tower location.

14. Works began again on the Capel Avenue roundabout at the Hāwea Dam which saw some traffic pile up on the first day from people coming home. I got in touch with the Project Manager and he connected with the contractor to resolve the issues the next day by adapting the timing of the lights and monitoring the effects with a person on-site to assess.

15. I have started making TikToks and Instagram Reels (short videos) to share my experience of being a councillor and help teach what I've learnt about civics and local issues in entertaining and bite sized ways. To find these, search CrCodyTucker on either platform. This is one of my New Year's resolutions, so hoping to see it through the rest of the year.

Linda's comments

16. Advice that the Cardrona wastewater treatment land will be reserve space was a great Christmas present to the community and by luck, was received at the time of the community's Christmas get together, causing great excitement.

17. As a result of the Cardrona Ratepayers and Residents Association AGM, Blythe Adam is the returning chair of the and Tim Allen will remain as secretary. They are looking forward to sharing the community vision for the village public spaces with the Community Board. The AGM took place on the same evening as our usual 'Three Boards' catch up (the Board meeting with Lake Wānaka Tourism and Wānaka Chamber of Commerce) and I managed to attend both.

18. I have been contacted by various people who have camped on and around Glendhu Bay for many years, expressing concern about the proposed commercialisation of the campsite. I expect that some will choose to present these concerns at a future meeting of the Board.
19. I attended the Cardrona community meeting for the Rhythm and Alps Festival 2024 at which organisers shared their plans for ensuring the safety of festival goers. Overall the Cardrona community fully supports the festival and no major concerns were raised.
20. I love my community and am looking forward to further engaging during 2024 and getting to know the diverse and interesting community we live in.

Chris's comments

21. Having survived the crazy Christmas season, my time spent on Council issues was minimal. However I was contacted by a regular customer who is also a tenant of Council housing who was unexpectedly taken to Dunstan Hospital by ambulance and was concerned about the state that the property had been left in, given the very sudden admission to hospital. I went round to the property and checked that everything was in order and also contacted the Council's property team who subsequently also went in to turn off the hot water, remove perishables from the fridge and update the locks and so on. To make a long story short, this elderly tenant is extremely grateful for the assistance given by myself and the property team.
22. I am also still working with the Arts Trust regarding the installation of the Dibble sculpture.

Barry's comments

23. I met with representatives from Dunstan Hospital with Councillor Cocks and Chair Simon Telfer. Dunstan Hospital representatives were Senior Medical Officer Jonathan Wills, Chief Executive Hayley Anderson and Board Chair Allan Kane.
24. Discussions highlighted the growing Upper Clutha population and the limited medical resources and care available. The conclusion from this discussion was the need to highlight the restricted levels of healthcare in the Upper Clutha and encourage greater financial and practical support from outside experts and Central Government.
25. In addition, I attended the Luggate Community Association AGM held on 14 January 2024. Rod Anderson was re-elected chair for the next term. Councillor Cocks also attended and gave association members a comprehensive update on LTP progress and other matters.

John's comments

26. I have had a quiet family holiday and haven't had a lot of community engagement during the Christmas/New Year season.
27. I attended the Boards' (WUCCB, Lake Wānaka Tourism and Wānaka Chamber of Commerce) quarterly social get together and have also engaged with staff, the Upper Clutha Tracks Trust and members of the Hāwea Community Association regarding the proposed new signage on the Gladstone Track.

28. I have also been following up some issues that have occurred after the reinstatement of the pedestrian/cycle path on Ballantyne Road from Sir Tim Wallis Drive to Riverbank Road.

Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka

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Attachment A

Project Code	Project Name	Project Status	Estimated Practical Completion	Location	Phase	Status Report Overall Comment
001228	Albert Town Retic Improvement (WS)	Green - On Track	25/04/2023	Wanaka	7.Construction	Project in defect notification period.
000847	Aubrey Rd Rec Reserve SW detention pond	Green - On Track	19/09/2028	Wanaka	5.Detailed Design	Design is complete
000518	Beacon Point New Reservoir	Amber - At Risk	22/11/2023	Wanaka	7.Construction	The new reservoir was commissione din advance of the Chsitmas period. Construction and landscaping of the earth bund is due for completion in April.
001353	Cardrona Water Supply Scheme Pipeline (WS)	Green - On Track	02/07/2024	Cardrona	7.Construction	Construction Contract awarded to HEB.Works commenced week of November 13, 2023, and due for completion by 30 June 2024.
000905	Luggate Water Supply Scheme (WS)	Green - On Track	01/12/2028	Luggate	5.Detailed Design	Final design approved through ECG. Construction funding deferred to FY28.All land acquisition agreements are signed and progressing settlement in line with the conditions.Notice of Requirements applications for the borefield, treatment plant, and reservoirs are all progressing.
000625	Project Pure Upgrade (WW)	Red - Critical	21/02/2024	Wanaka	7.Construction	Significant delays have arisen during commissioning due to unforeseen complexities integrating the upgrade with the existing plant. The project is likely to be completed by February/March.
001260	Wanaka Waste Facilities (WM)	Green - On Track	22/12/2025	Wanaka	3.Concept Design	Tonkin and Taylor are leading the Concept Design phase. This pahse is due for completion around April 2024.