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Wānaka Community Board 3 December 2020

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take: 8

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 Wanaka Community Board:

- 1. Note the contents of this report;
- Approve parking changes in central Wānaka, namely, the conversion of a bus stop on Dunmore Street to four 10-minute carparks and conversion of an existing carpark on Helwick Street to a disabled parking bay;
- 3. Approve the spend of \$2,800 from the Minor Improvements Works Budget; and
- **4.** Authorise the Chair to engage the services of Ms Wickes to oversee the development and delivery of the mural, including required consent applications.

Prepared by:

Barry Bruce Chair, Wānaka Community Board 19/11/2020

CONTEXT | HOROPAKI

Upper Clutha Liaison Manager Recruitment

- 1. The new Upper Clutha Liaison Manager will begin with Council on 7 December. Her name is Jessica Garrett and she comes to the organisation with a mix of governance, stakeholder engagement and commercial experience.
- 2. I am confident that the Board will welcome her to this position and will enjoy a positive and constructive working relationship with her.

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Parking Arrangement outside New Zealand Post Agency

- 3. Paper Plus Wānaka on the corner of Dunmore and Helwick Streets has been the New Zealand Post agency for some time. Ed Taylor has been working on getting some parking changes outside due to pressure from the community to provide extra parking in this critical location.
- 4. Staff support changing the parking arrangements outside the New Zealand Post agency because it will improve safety and will be an effective way of managing parking at this location. Accordingly, they recommend that a bus stop on Dunmore Street be converted to four 10-minute carparks and that an existing carpark on Helwick Street be converted to a disabled parking bay. The proposal is illustrated in the following aerial photograph:



5. Parking is one of the matters delegated to the Board so approval is sought for this change to be made. Professional advice is that this is a safe and effective proposal and I support the new arrangement. Accordingly, I ask the Board to support the recommendation.

Budget allocation from Minor Improvement Works Budget

6. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has recently completed construction work on the Sir Tim Wallis Drive roundabout and are completing the work on an underpass under SH84. A proposal has been brought to the Community Board to decorate the interior of the underpass with a community-designed mural developed by local school children and with materials provided by local business sponsors. In order to deliver this mural, the Board is asked to engage the services of a local artist, Chrissy Wickes (operating as 'Out on a Wing'), to work with local schools to develop the design and businesses to gain sponsorship and seek the appropriate consent approvals. Business sponsorship would be recognised in the final mural, which would be painted by Ms Wickes and children involved with the project.

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7. The Board has the power to act (that is, make decisions) on roads as well as footpaths, walkways and tracks within the Wānaka Ward. The proposed cost of the project is \$2,800 and the Board is asked to approve the expenditure from the Minor Improvement Works Budget.

News from Upper Clutha Libraries to the Wānaka Community Board, November 2020

- 8. Wānaka Library has been supporting a local MAC student, Priya White, who is working on a worthy project collecting donated items for homeless people in the Upper Clutha. Priya's work has attracted a lot of interest and many donations are being delivered to the library.
- 9. The annual 'Shelve Your Fines' amnesty is taking place across QLDC Libraries in December. Library borrowers donate an item of food or a gift in return for a \$5 fine waiver. This year we are donating the items to Food for Love. In the spirit of giving, we have previously found that borrowers donate, whether or not they have fines.
- 10. School holidays are looming and Upper Clutha Library staff are preparing for a busy holiday period. A children's reading challenge will take place over the school holidays across all library branches. Santa (who looks remarkably like one of our QLDC building inspectors) is visiting the library on 17 December.
- 11. The QLDC Comms team have scheduled a training workshop for interested library team members in speaking to a radio interview. Local radio stations are very supportive of our local libraries and often promote upcoming events on request.
- 12. NZ renowned local garden expert and author, Pamela McGeorge, has compiled a new book, 'Stories of a New Zealand Gardener'. Pamela is launching her book at Wānaka Library on Saturday 5 December at 3.00 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- 13. Copies of the locally produced 'Skirt Tales : The Sequel' by the Wānaka Women's Suffrage Committee, 2020 have completely sold out. The book details life stories of 80 women of the Upper Clutha and is the sequel to 'Skirt Tales : 100 Historical Stories of Women from the Upper Clutha Area, Central Otago' published in 1995. Sales of the latter have also been in high demand. The sequel is being republished.

Liaison positions, community associations, and Council meeting updates

14. 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

- A 3 Water Capex Programme Summary Report
- B Parks and Reserves Capital Programme