

**Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board**

**23 May 2024**

**Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [4]**

**Title | Taitara : Chair's Report**

**Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko**

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The purpose of this report is:

- 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**

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That Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board:

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

**Prepared by:**



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**Title:** Chair

**8 May 2024**

## Context | Horopaki

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### Members' Sector Engagement Updates

#### *Simon's comments*

1. This month I have spent time working with the Mt Aspiring College ['MAC'] Foundation, discussing possible uses of excess land around the International Hostel. This has been accompanied by information sharing around ways to build the endowment fund to provide enduring support for disadvantaged students attending MAC.
2. Following recent workshops, the Board attended site visits of the Beacon Point water reservoirs and Project Pure wastewater treatment plant. My biggest take away was the pressure the plant is under in periods of high visitor numbers and the short to mid-term need to expand the treatment facilities even further.
3. On a beautiful Sunday morning I helped to plant trees with Wai Wānaka in the Kirimoko Bike Park. It's amazing how quickly the plantings have grown in this area over the past three years and are a credit to Kirimoko, Wai Wānaka and the hundreds of volunteer hours.
4. My monthly meeting with the Mayor focused on Otago Regional Council submissions, public transport in the Upper Clutha, ministerial conversations around health services, Wānaka Airport master planning and greater empowerment for the Community Board over the Scurr Heights reserve funds.
5. I caught up with Health Action Wānaka to support their ongoing advocacy for better health services in the Upper Clutha. My role is to help them connect to decision makers, alert them to resources available through the Council and help fundraise for their operational costs.
6. The room was overflowing at Paetara for our six-weekly Share With Us session. Topics included airport hangar leases, parking around the Holy Family church, safety measures on Mt Aspiring Road, boat launching facilities and the colour palette for roofs in the Upper Clutha (need it always be black)?
7. The Wānaka Airport Liaison Committee, for which I am the Community Board representative, met recently and discussed airport operational issues and encouraged staff to continue preparing for master plan consultation later this calendar year.
8. A small but engaged group of elected members, Queenstown Lakes District Council ['QLDC'] staff and Department of Conservation ['DOC'] managers attended an afternoon tea to recognise the transfer of Mt Iron operational responsibilities from DOC to QLDC. Full handover of ownership is expected within the next 12-18 months.
9. The annual MAC Cross Country Mountain Bike race was held on a glorious afternoon (before the southerly started to turn!). I'm always keen to organise and support our rangatahi as they participate and/or compete in a lap of the Deans Bank track.

10. As part of my education portfolio focus, I met with the Chairs of Wānaka Primary School, MAC and Te Kura O Take Kārara. It was useful to build relationships and to discuss matters including the future of One Day School, students' use of the Schools to Pool walking and cycling route, the development of safe travel management plans and the potential development of a section of Lismore Park as an outdoor learning space/wānanga.
11. Grow Wānaka hosted a number of elected members, staff and affiliated community groups to an afternoon tea and tour of their gardens on Outlet Road. It was very inspiring to see how this group is building community connection, food resilience educational knowledge as well as obviously producing an enormous amount of fruit and vegetables.
12. Finally, I joined in with over 100 residents and Council staff/elected members to celebrate the opening of the Luggate playground. If you are passing by, please drop in and experience the area, including the double flying fox!

*Barry's comments*

13. I attended the official opening of the Luggate Playground which was a great turnout of parents, grandparents and children. Full credit to staff and contractors for developing a facility that will entertain all generations.
14. I have had discussions with commercial ratepayers and business owners regarding Regional Tourism Organisation funding, with ongoing dialogue to continue.

*Lyal's comments*

15. There was once again a huge turnout for the ANZAC Day dawn services at Lakes Hāwea and Wānaka in spite of the adverse weather. The subsequent civic service was also well attended and the participation by the NZ Youth Choir was amazing. The impromptu performance of the choir singing Pōkarekare Ana, led by the piper was the icing on the cake on this special day of remembrance.
16. The Wānaka Business Chamber hosted MP Miles Anderson at a breakfast function. The key topics raised were immigration restrictions, alternative funding for infrastructure and lack of a permanent driver licencing service in Wānaka.
17. The presentation by the Wānaka Arts and Cultural Trust to the QLDC just prior to the recent Council meeting was excellent and it highlighted how far down the track the Trust is with the Wānaka Performing Arts Centre. It is regrettable that other Community Board members were not invited but we need to work together to ensure this project progresses.
18. It is always good to recognise and celebrate significant milestones and the signing of the DOC and QLDC Management Agreement for Mt Iron was one of those special occasions, as was the opening of the new playground at Luggate.

19. Path Wānaka has facilitated pickleball at Paetara Aspiring Central for teenagers and their parents. I attended the first session and played with a good bunch of teenagers, but not many parents fronted. We will work on that!
20. The Albert Town Community Association is very active working on projects and maintenance issues for the benefit of the local community. Getting verges mowed and car parking sorted around the commercial area is ongoing but we are making progress. I am working on developing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Association, Riverside Park and the QLDC to enable community use of the facilities as a community centre.

*Linda's comments*

21. I met with the Guardians of Lakes Wānaka and Hāwea regarding general business.
22. The road naming project has come along with Te Kakano and the Historic Society providing a good list of names for approval. Once complete, the list will be presented to Council officers to review and will come back to the Board for formal approval at a future meeting.
23. I attended the signing of the agreement from Department of Conservation for the management of Mt Iron handover.
24. My deliveries for food for love have continued to indicate that the elderly, young families and post operative health care support are all of greatest need in the Upper Clutha.
25. The Cardrona community is continuing to develop ideas for their reserve spaces in the village. The Ratepayers and Residents Association is keen to share these ideas with the board when we meet in Cardrona later this year.
26. The Lakes District Arts Trust has received approval from the Wānaka Water Sports Facility regarding placement of the donated piece of sculpture by Paul Dibble. (Chris also comments on this below).
27. I will be attending the opening of LUMA later this month, and I intend to attend the Glendhu Bay Campground meeting on 17 May.

*Chris's comments*

Dibble sculpture

28. I have met with Rob Johnston, the donor of the Dibble sculpture and advised him of the progress made with siting and installing the work. It will be installed adjacent to the Wānaka Water Sports Facility and the Parks team will manage putting the sculpture in place.

Wānaka Arts Centre Trust ('WACT')

29. In addition to the \$150,000 raised for the feasibility study, the Trust has \$2 million pledged for when the project becomes live. This will allow WACT to employ an architect and project manager as soon as the Trust has confirmation that the site is accepted and that the QLDC is fully on board.
30. WACT will raise \$30 million and has asked the Council for the additional \$40 million along with subsidising operational costs for the first five years. The Trust expects the project to be self-sustaining beyond that period.
31. The Trust intends to obtain a professional fundraiser to structure the fund raising.
32. The next step is to confirm that the Council is fully on board, accepting that while Council funding may not be available in the short term, the Trust hopes to have a long-term commitment that funding can be put aside.
33. On a side note, it is worth mentioning that I was invited to be a Trustee because of my previous experience in running two large live theatres in Wellington and as a performer and I am loving the challenges of this project

*John's comments*

34. I have been following up some Mt Barker residents queries regarding the road works at the Ballantyne Road/Riverbank Road intersection.
35. I attended the official signing of the Mt Iron management agreement between Council and the Department of Conservation
36. I am following up on a local parking issue raised at the recent Community Board Share With Us session.
37. I visited Grow Wānaka and enjoyed a guided tour of the communal gardens. I never ceased to be amazed at the incredible things volunteer groups in our community carry out. These are the type of activities that we need to nurture and support wherever we can.
38. I attended the celebration for the opening of the Luggate playground which was very well attended.

**Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka**

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A	Three Waters projects report
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Attachment A: Three waters programme tracker

Project Code	Project Name	Project Status	Estimated Practical Completion	Location	Phase	Status Report Overall Comment
000518	Beacon Point New Reservoir	Green - On Track	01/05/2024	Wanaka	7.Construction	The project is in the close out phase.
001353	Cardrona Water Supply Scheme Pipeline (WS)	Amber - At Risk	14/05/2024	Cardrona	7.Construction	Construction Contract awarded to HEB.Works commenced week of November 13, 2023, and due for completion by 30 June 2024 to meet funding requirements. The contractor has secured 2 additional crews to ensure contracted programme is achieved. Monitoring programme and opportunities to ensure sealing season deadline (May 15, 2024) is achieved.
000905	Luggate Water Supply Scheme (WS)	Green - On Track	01/12/2028	Luggate	5.Detailed Design	Construction funding deferred to FY28 and currently closing out land consenting activities.
000625	Project Pure Upgrade (WW)	Red - Critical	06/03/2024	Wanaka	7.Construction	Currently processing the application for Practical Completion. Forecasting to deliver the project 'on budget' but behind schedule due to issues that arose during commissioning.
001260	Wanaka New Waste Facilities	Amber - At Risk	20/01/2026	Wanaka	3.Concept Design	The Options Analysis is complete and the enxt stage to finish concept design. The preferred option makes use of the wider acquired site but this has resulted in an increased scope in both area and enabling works required. T&T Report received 10/04.