

**Wānaka Community Board**  
**12 May 2022**

**Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take: 1**

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

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO**

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

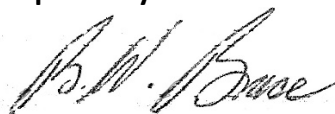
**RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA**

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That the Wānaka Community Board:

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

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2/05/2022

**CONTEXT | HOROPAKI**

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**Lease of former Mitre 10 Building**

1. Council agreed to complete the lease for the former Mitre 10 building in a public excluded part of the Council meeting held on 28 April 2022. It is planned to convert it into a new youth, community and sports facility and it will contain create two bookable, multi-use, netball-sized courts and a separate studio for dance, yoga or fitness classes, and as a meeting space. In addition there will be dedicated spaces for foundation tenants Kahu Youth and Aspiring Gymsports.
2. The Council has approved a budget of \$4.15M to fit-out the building, subject to final approval of 2022/2023 Annual Plan in June. The Board has agreed to allocate \$1M from the Wānaka Asset Sale Reserve, with the potential for an additional \$900,000 to come from the fund if applications for third party grant funding prove unsuccessful.
3. Applications will be prepared for grants from Central Lakes Trust and the Community Trust of Otago, with the hope that these combined applications will yield \$900,000. Applications are due to be submitted in late June for an August decision.

### **Hāwea Wastewater Management Project**

4. The previous Chair's report included an update on interim and long-term wastewater upgrades for Hāwea. It noted that the interim upgrade to the current Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) "will not provide for additional demand on the network".
5. The interim upgrade is being designed to fully utilise the existing discharge consent (775m<sup>3</sup>/day). In practice, this means that the WWTP will be able to service more demand than is currently experienced (approximately 350m<sup>3</sup>/day). The interim upgrade is primarily intended to ensure compliance with current consent conditions. Accordingly, a long-term solution is still required to meet the future wastewater management needs of the community.

### **Golf Club-Ballantyne Road Crossing**

6. In order to expedite the Ballantyne Road crossing at the Golf Course, staff have decoupled the work from the planned Ballantyne Road/Golf Course Road intersection project and are pursuing it as a discrete stage of the Schools to Pool project. The crossing is currently in the design phase with construction anticipated to commence in August 2022.

### **Staffing Update**

7. Susan Jacobs commenced in the position as Governance Team Leader on 11 April. The primary purpose of her role is to manage the governance team of two and play a lead role in projects and continuous improvement, focusing on governance practice, systems and technology.
8. Susan has a background in continuous improvement, project and team management in the finance and procurement space, but has also worked in academia and manufacturing. She joins QLDC from the Timaru District Council. She has had a connection with the district for some time, having been a property owner in the district for several years and looks forward to a warm and productive relationship with the Board.

### **Request for roundabouts**

9. At the last Board meeting, as part of the approval of the temporary road closure of Ardmore Street, the Board asked staff to 'investigate and implement if possible the placement of temporary mountable roundabouts in the intersections of Brownston Street and Dungarvon Street and Brownston Street and McDougall Street.
10. The Parks Team engaged a traffic engineer from WSP to carry out a desktop study to look at the possibility of temporary roundabouts in the above mentioned intersections.
11. WSP concluded that there were constraints on the site which would make temporary roundabouts difficult to install and could limit traffic flow improvements as both intersections have splitter islands and median turning bays. They stated that it was likely that flexiposts could be used to reconfigure the lane layout at the intersections. Flexiposts would be preferable to removing and then reinstating the existing markings. As such installation of temporary roundabouts would likely see the removal of the turning lanes which may cause the intersection to perform less efficiently.

12. A temporary roundabout would not be able to be installed without a business case or a request for additional funding in order to support the opportunity and allow time to investigate further, complete a design, attain planning approvals and carry out the physical works.
13. Parks do not currently have additional budget available to financially support the option to further investigate temporary roundabouts. Accordingly, it is recommended that further work associated for temporary roundabouts at the Brownston/Dungarvon and Brownston/McDougall Street intersection are not progressed under the WLDP Stage 2 project.
14. The Board also requested data collection as part of the temporary road closure and it has been confirmed that throughout the duration of the WLDP Stage 2 project, the traffic count data will be captured via the QLDC RAMM systems for any future roading network needs.

### **Local Election 2022**

15. As noted in the previous report, the election for the Mayor, Ward Councillors and the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board will take place on 8 October 2022.
16. Electors in the Upper Clutha will elect four Ward Councillors (an increase of one from previously) and four members of the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board. They will also elect a Mayor (which is a district-wide vote), three members of the Otago Regional Council (as part of the Dunstan Constituency) and a representative for Central Otago Health Inc.
17. Nominations for all positions open on 15 July and close at 12.00noon sharp on 12 August.
18. The Council is preparing a comprehensive communications programme to encourage and support candidacy and to inform the public about the candidates and voting.

### **Wānaka Lakefront Development – Stage 2**

19. Works on Stage 2 of the project have commenced. Dr Cloete will be the General Manager in attendance at the Board meeting and will be able to comment further on progress.

### **Activities at Wānaka Recreation Centre**

20. The Wānaka Recreation Centre [‘WRC’] continues to be busy with a wide variety of sporting and recreational programmes on offer. Here is a snapshot of recent activities.
  - The School Holiday programme was well attended and enjoyed by many. The staff at WRC have been great at filling in for those affected by COVID to ensure no days or events were cancelled during the programme.
  - The Sport10 programme came to an end with 8 teams competing fiercely across 10 different sports.

- A mixed basketball league is starting in term 2 and it looks like it will be a full competition.
- An esports programme trial was a great success. Kids learned about the value of nutrition and exercise even when trying to become a professional esports athlete. A full programme may follow in the future, pending funding.
- Term two programming at WRC is coming along nicely and some instructors will be welcomed back, post vaccine requirements.
- The community play space continues to grow and develop. Families are always hanging around the space, looking to play table tennis or just catch some sun in the afternoon after a swim.

## **Liaison positions, community associations, and Council meeting updates**

21. 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 Waters Capex Programme Summary Report
- B Infrastructure Project Update