

Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board

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

Department: Planning & Development

Title | Taitara: Additional Road Names to be included as part of Wānaka-Upper Clutha Pre-approved Road Name List

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko

The purpose of this report is to approve new road names to be added as part of the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Approved Road Name List.

Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka

That the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board:

1. **Note** the contents of this report; and
2. **Approve** the new road names and agree that they be added to the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Approved Road Name List.

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Context | Horopaki

1. The Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) is responsible for naming roads within its boundaries. Roads are named to reflect the identity of the local area and to ensure ease of identification for the Council, the public and key services such as emergency, postal and courier services. The procedures under which the Council wishes to achieve these objectives are set out in Road Naming Policy (Attachment A). The Council is empowered to name roads under Section 319 A of the Local Government Act 1974.
2. The Approved Road Name List is a list of pre-approved names from which an applicant can select a new street name. As these names have been pre-approved, the applicant does not need to provide evidence of how a proposed name meets Section 5. 3 of the Road Naming Policy which can save an applicant a lot of time and allow Council officers to approve a road name application quickly and easily.
3. There are currently 36 approved road names for the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Area (Attachment B). This is broken down into the below areas:
 - Wānaka - 4
 - Upper Clutha - 17
 - Albert Town - 15
4. There have been requests to expand the Approved Road Name List for the Wānaka-Upper Clutha area and this report provides additional names for this purpose.
5. It is also recommended that a new area called 'Wānaka-Upper Clutha' be established as this will mean an applicant from within this area could use one of these names which makes the list more inclusive for the entire area.
6. Some of these road names are outside the provisions of the Council's Road Naming Policy and therefore require approval by the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board in order to be added to the approved list. For completeness, this report puts these road names and those that already meet the policy to the Board so that all may be considered at the same time.

Analysis and Advice | Tatāritaka me kā Tohutohu

7. A list of names for consideration has been submitted by Te Kakano (Attachment C) and the Upper Clutha Historical Records Society (Attachment D).
8. The names proposed for the approved list have been assessed against the road naming Policy and the following is noted:
 - The names are not used elsewhere in the district, nor are they considered in poor taste or likely to cause offence.
 - The names meet section 5.3 of the Road Naming Policy for one of the categories discussed below.

9. The name has significant local content or meaning. The name should reflect one of the following:

a. Common or established theme

Where more than one road is being created in a subdivision, a common theme is recommended for the names. If a naming theme is already established in a suburb, the names for that suburb should remain consistent with that theme.

The using the names of flora throughout the district has already occurred, therefore it would be continuing this established theme.

Examples:

- Pīwakawaka (Wānaka)
- Kaka Street (Wānaka)
- Kanuka Rise (Albert Town)

c. Significant feature

It is appropriate to name a road after a significant feature in the area (for example, geographical feature, landscape, flora or fauna). Naming after features which do not exist in the area should be avoided (for example, naming after native trees or plants that are not evident in the area or views that cannot be identified).

It is noted that some of the flora in the names proposed is found in the area naturally while some species do not growing naturally but are planted in gardens in the wider area.

d. Traditional or appropriate Māori name

If the name suggested is a Māori name, then the name will have to be checked by the applicant with Southern and Otago Rūnanga to ensure that it is not offensive to manawhenua and Māori and is appropriate, spelt correctly and interpreted correctly. There is no formal requirement to check a Māori name, however a Māori road or street name will generally not be considered unless the following have been consulted with:

- Aukaha (Otago Iwi)
- Te Ao Mārama Incorporated (Southern Iwi)

Some of the names provided are Māori names for flora, and these have been crossed referenced using Te Aka Māori Dictionary. As commonly used names from flora it is considered that they will not be offensive to mana whenua, are appropriately spelt and there is no risk of a different interpretation to the accepted flora name.

e. Personal name for special service

This can be for conservation, sport, community service or other sphere of activity with local association which can be duly recognised. Naming after persons living or recently deceased

should generally be avoided and will not be considered unless that person has made a noteworthy contribution to that locality.

The names provided by Upper Clutha Historical Records Society are in accordance with this section of the Road Naming Policy.

Some of the names provided do not meet section 5.3(d) of the policy and therefore their addition to the list requires approval from the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board.

10. The Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board holds the delegation to approve road names which do not meet the Road Name Policy. The Māori names can be added to the approved Road Name list without iwi approval being required if the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board choose to do so. As noted above, they are commonly used names and officers do not believe that any would be offensive to mana whenua. If the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board determines it does not want to proceed with the proposed Māori names without consultation with iwi then those names can be removed from the proposed approved names. There is a cost implication that is not currently budgeted for to request input from iwi on proposed names.
11. This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for assessing the matter as required by section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002.
12. Option 1 The Board approves all the names supplied on Attachment E.

Advantages:

- It will significantly add to the list of approved names and to the variety provided;
- It will reduce cost and complexity for applicants who decide to select a name from the approved list, thereby making the application more straightforward.

Disadvantages:

- None identified.

13. Option 2 The Board declines to add the names supplied.

Advantages:

- None identified.

Disadvantages:

- There will only be limited options available which may lead to public dissatisfaction.

14. Option 3: The Board approves the names supplied in part from Attachment E.

Advantages:

- It will add somewhat to the list and variety of approved names.
- It will reduce cost and complexity somewhat for applicants who can decide to select a name from the approved list

Disadvantages:

- None identified.

15. This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter as the road names have all been assessed against the Road Naming Policy and all are deemed to comply.

Consultation Process | Hātepe Matapaki

Significance and Engagement | Te Whakamahi I kā Whakaaro Hiraka

16. This matter is of high significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy 2024 because it relates to Council's roading network which is identified as a significant asset.

17. The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are future applicants, the public and the Queenstown Lakes District Council.

18. The Council has not undertaken any community consultation in association with this request as it does not consider existing adjoining landowners are significantly affected by the proposed option.

Māori Consultation | Iwi Rūnaka

19. The Council has not consulted iwi in relation to this request because all Māori names proposed are accepted commonly known and used names for flora and are not considered offensive. The Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board have full discretion as to whether to approve the proposed names.

Risk and Mitigations | Kā Raru Tūpono me kā Whakamaurutaka

20. This matter relates to the Regulatory/Legal/Compliance risk category. It is associated with RISK10021 Ineffective operations, maintenance and renewal of property or infrastructure assets within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a very high residual risk rating. Approval of the recommended option will allow the Council to avoid the risk by having additional names available for applicants to select, thereby enabling easy naming of new roadways.

Financial Implications | Kā Riteka ā-Pūtea

21. There are no operational and capital expenditure requirements or other budget or cost implications resulting from the decision.

Council Effects and Views | Kā Whakaaweawe me kā Tirohaka a te Kaunihera

22. The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- Significance and Engagement Policy 2024 – 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 Board’s decision.

23. Road names in the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Area that fall outside the Council’s Road Naming Policy are considered on a case-by-case basis by the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board.

24. This matter is included in the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan. Road naming is a regulatory function which relates to Section 319 A of the Local Government Act 1974 although the costs of processing an application (including installation of street signs) are met by the applicant.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions | Te Whakatureture 2002 o te Kāwanataka ā-Kiaka

25. Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 states the purpose of local government is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. Approval of the report’s recommendation will support performance of the Council’s regulatory functions in a cost-effective way by allowing the Council to allocate addresses to developments occurring in this area due to a road name being already selected.

26. The recommended option:

- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not significantly alter 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 | Kā Tāpirihaka

A	QLDC Road Naming Policy
B	Current Approved Names (for Upper Clutha areas)
C	New names provided by Te Kakano
D	New names provided by Upper Clutha Historical Records Society
E	Final list of names being submitted for approval