

Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board

27 July 2023

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [2]

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; and
2. **Acknowledge** the gifting of the te Reo Māori name of 'Aspiring Central' from Kāi Tahu of 'Paetara'.

Prepared by:



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Title: Chair

7 July 2023

Context | Horopaki

Kāi Tahu name for 'Aspiring Central'

1. At its meeting held on 22 June 2023, the Board agreed on the name 'Aspiring Central' for the new Community Centre to be based in the former Mitre 10 building.
2. An approach was made for a te Reo Māori name for the new Community Centre. The Centre will cater for a variety of sports as well as providing the new base for Kahu Youth. The inspiration for the proposed name incorporates the goal of Kahu Youth to reach and sit amongst the highest peaks and to know they will be surrounded and supported by our/their ancestors. Accordingly, the proposed name is 'Paetara'.
3. The meaning of the name is Pae = bench, usually associated with the orator's seat and 'tara' which in this case is mountain peaks. So this name would translate as the bench of cloud sitting over the peaks. Paetara was a son of Turihuka, Corner Peak at Hāwea. His grandson named Te Wai-mata-au is associated with the Clutha River. It is noted that this sort of aspiration is also embraced by many sporting groups so is a fitting name for the centre.

Conversion of former Wānaka Mitre 10 building to a Community Centre

Construction Update

4. After the typical last-minute push, the space for Aspiring Gym Sports (AGS) was handed over at a blessing and opening ceremony held on 3 July 2023. Board members John Wellington and Simon Telfer were there along with Councillor Barry Bruce, Deputy Mayor Quentin Smith and Mayor Glyn Lewers.
5. The rest of the job is coming together nicely with the addition of the curtain to the AGS space really closing in and providing some division of spaces that the otherwise open building needed. The rest of the building is tracking well, framing has nearly been finished around the toilet block/reception area. Following this, the main work will be underway in the eastern building where the netball courts will start to take shape throughout the next period. The main milestones in the next period will be the large glazing units, aiming to be in place by 10 July 2023 and following that, work will start on the flooring shortly after.
6. All is going well on-site so far, no health and safety incidents and good general progress being made all round.

Petition from residents of the Wānaka Retirement Village

7. A petition was presented in absentia to the Council meeting held on 29 June 2023 from members of the Wānaka Retirement Village and at the same time, a copy was forwarded to the Board. The petition is dated 27 June 2023 and expresses residents' strong objection to the Council's deferral of the stormwater mitigation plan for the Alpha subdivision and fears that major rainfall could result in widespread flooding, including flooding the Wānaka Retirement Village. The petition urges the Council to:

- a. Expedite removal of the water and sludge off site so that pond can hold excess stormwater;
- b. Expedite a flood management plan for the Bullock Creek wetland reserve; and
- c. Expedite the deferred stormwater plan for the Alpha subdivision.

Update on recent activities at Wānaka Recreation Centre ['WRC']

8. The following recent activities at the Wānaka Recreation Centre are noted.
 - Good numbers booked into WRC's School Holiday Programme.
 - Pickleball continues to rise in popularity and some days runs in both stadiums with all eight courts full.
 - There has been lots of feedback received around the website navigation and there's a project underway to update it.

Heart of Wānaka draft Town Centre Plan

9. The Wānaka Heart Steering Group has been working for up to two years on a draft Town Centre Plan and the Board has been included in its engagement during this preparatory period.
10. The draft plan has been finalised but what has been proposed has had no assessment by Council staff. This is a necessary step for any projects to be costed or included in the Ten Year Plan.

Welcoming Communities

11. Welcoming Communities is a programme led by Immigration New Zealand (INZ) in partnership with the Ministry of Ethnic Communities and the Human Rights Commission. The aim of Welcoming Communities is to work towards healthier, happier and more productive communities by welcoming newcomers into the local community.
12. The Welcoming Communities initiative brings together local government councils and communities to make our towns and cities welcoming for everyone. There are 31 councils in the programme of which Queenstown Lakes District Council is one, and it sits within the Community Partnerships team who work in the Community Services division of Council. Silvia Dancose is the Welcoming Communities Coordinator and Marie Day is the Community Partnerships Manager and both will join the Board meeting to brief members about the initiative.

Members' Sector Engagement Updates

Simon's comments

- a. A very fresh Monday morning saw me attend the blessing for Aspiring Gymsports taking possession of the first community space in Aspiring Central (old Mitre 10). We can't wait to see the empty space filled with gym apparatus and excited children.
- b. Each month I have a one on one with the Mayor to continue building relationships and advocating for Upper Clutha issues. This meeting covered topics from Wānaka Airport and Mount Iron

governance to accommodation levies (bed tax) and ORC/QLDC relationship around public and active transport.

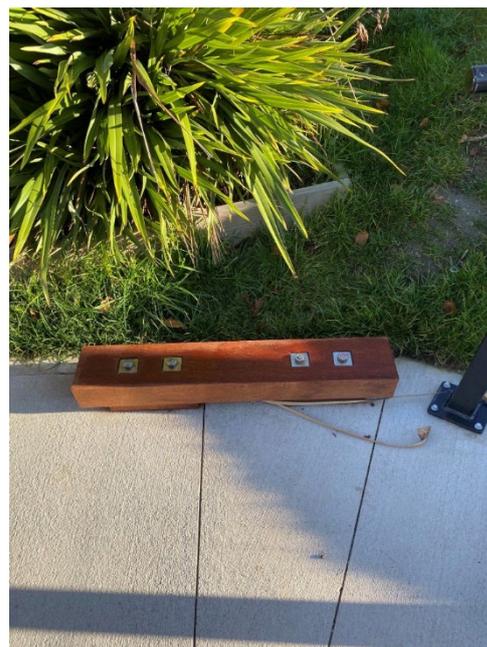
- c. Our Share With Us public drop in sessions remain popular. This month we had conversations about housing affordability, creating a safe and inclusive community and the change of managers at the Albert Town campground. The next session is in the Wānaka Library on 2 August – an hour at 12.00pm and an hour at 3.30pm.

John's comments

- d. I attended the key handover to Aspiring Gymsports at the Aspiring Central Building.
- e. I had a brief chat with Tiny Carruthers regarding progress on the proposed spring floor at the Wānaka Recreation Centre.
- f. I had a meeting with Ben Greenwood and Lyal Cocks regarding several footpath and minor roading issues.

Linda's comments

- g. Dr Darby approached me with concerns regarding access to the lakefront from the marina end.
- h. A pedestrian access has been installed and now clutters and blocks access for materials to the grebes and he voiced his concern that as a key stakeholder he was not consulted about this installation. I sent in a request and am awaiting a reply.
- i. The pictures below illustrate the problem.



- j. I have a residents meeting in Cardrona next week.

Lyal's comments

- k. The Council contractor has started mowing the verges on the entrances to Albert Town.
- l. I will report verbally on Ignite Wānaka Board meeting which is being held on Wednesday morning.

Chris's comments

- m. I continue to be involved in Heart of Wānaka and the Wānaka Performing Arts and Culture Charitable Trust groups.

Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka

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