

Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board

21 November 2024

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

Department: Planning & Development

Title | Taitara : Temporary Road Closure Application – Motatapu 2025 (TC240010)

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko

The purpose of this report is to consider an application for a temporary road closure for the Motatapu sporting event to be held on 28 February 2025 – 1 March 2025. The closure is sought to allow the event to take place in a safe and efficient manner and the recommendation is for approval with similar conditions to those applied in previous years.

Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka

That Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board:

1. **Note** the contents of this report; and
2. **Approve** the temporary road closure application for the Motatapu Event subject to the following conditions:
 - a) Any issues or concerns which may arise from the public notification published in the Queenstown Mountain Scene and Wānaka Sun on 23 January 2025 are addressed to the satisfaction of Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC);
 - b) Approval of the final Traffic Management Plan by QLDC Planning and Development prior to the event taking place;
 - c) The event organisers to arrange radio advertising two days prior to and on the morning of the event taking place;
 - d) The event organisers arranging suitable disposal methods for recycling and rubbish/refuse;
 - e) The event organisers to ensure access is available for emergency services and maintenance contractors if required;
 - f) The applicant must contact all affected commercial/tourism operators and marginal strip Department of Conservation concessionaries that usually use the areas to be closed in November/December 2024 to ensure they are fully informed of the closures and how they will be affected;

- g) Signs notifying of road closure date/times must be installed at entry points to the road closures as advanced warning to track/road users at least ten days prior to the event;
- h) The applicant must notify all affected parties of the extent of the temporary road closure; this notification is to be undertaken within 10 days of the approval of the temporary road closure application and again 10 days prior to the closure occurring with a copy of this notice to be supplied to QLDC (adam.geekie@qldc.govt.nz); and
- i) The applicant must advise of the road closures and the alternative transport options through their own social media and contact QLDC Communications (communications@qldc.govt.nz) to arrange the closures to be further shared through Council social media.

3. **Authorise** the following schedule of road closures:

Saturday, 1 March 2025

Road to be closed: Motatapu Road, Glendhu Bay, Wānaka
Period of Closure: 0500 to 1130

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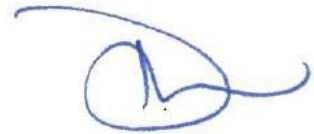
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Context | Horopaki

1. The Motatapu off-road sporting event is held annually in March in Arrowtown and Wānaka, traversing Motatapu, Soho and Glencoe stations. The event has been successfully running for the past 17 years and includes several different off-road races, usually attracting participants from New Zealand and overseas.
2. This sporting event will take place on Saturday 1 March 2025 with the Mountain Bike, Ultra Run and Off-Road Marathon events all starting at Glendhu Bay and ending in Arrowtown at Wilcox Green. The final event being the Miners Trial, which is a mountain loop race that starts and ends in Wilcox Green in Arrowtown.
3. The Council can close roads to vehicular traffic for events by using provisions of the Local Government Act 1974. The Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board is delegated to consider applications to temporarily close roads under this legislation within the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Ward. There are several temporary road closures required in Arrowtown for this event and these will be considered under delegated authority by the Chief Executive.

Analysis and Advice | Tatāritaka me kā Tohutohu

4. The Motatapu event will be held on Saturday 1 March 2025. Race registration is happening on Friday 28 February 2025 from 2.00pm-7.30pm at the Wilcox Green (Arrowtown).
5. In 2025 it is anticipated that approximately 4,000 athletes will participate across six different events.
6. There are pre and post event transport options offered to participants and the Marathon event includes a free shuttle from Wānaka to the starting line.
7. Parking at the Glendhu Bay start line is available at Glendhu Station and will be managed by Southern Safety Traffic Management Services with support from event volunteers.
8. Temporary notification signage will be installed at the entrances to the closures at least one week prior to the closures being in place.
9. Motatapu is continuing its support of the Queenstown Trails Trust, the official charity partner, with a portion of the entry fee ticketing being donated to go towards the ongoing maintenance and development of trails within the Whakatipu Basin.
10. A standard requirement of all temporary road closure approval is that a Traffic Management Plan is approved before the roads are closed. This will ensure that all traffic and pedestrian flows are managed with appropriate signage, barriers and wardens. Southern Safety Services Limited have prepared the Traffic Management Plan which has been submitted to the QLDC Road Corridor Engineer for approval.

11. Council engineers have been consulted and they are satisfied with the proposed closures with the recommended conditions in place.
12. Road closures for this event have occurred in previous years without incident and at the date of this report no concerns has been raised. Any issues that may arise from initial public notification on 23 January 2025 will be remedied prior to the event.
13. The recommendation is for approval of the application, subject to similar conditions which were applied last year. This is to enable safe set up of the event, safety during the event and safety whilst dismantling the event.
14. 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.
15. Option 1 To **approve** the application for a temporary road closure associated with the event with conditions.

Advantages:

- Council would remain consistent with previous road closures approved for this event.
- The event will be able to be run as proposed.
- Participant and spectator safety will not be compromised with the event held in a safe managed environment.

Disadvantages:

- Road closures affect the normal flow of traffic which could affect the local tourism / commercial operators that use the road and inconvenience the public.

16. Option 2 To **decline** the application for a temporary road closure associated with the event.

Advantages:

- There would be less inconvenience for the public and commercial / tourism operators that use the roads with them remaining open to normal vehicular traffic.

Disadvantages:

- Council would be inconsistent with previous road closures approved for this event.
- It would create an unsafe environment during the event for participants, spectators and the general public.
- The event will not be able to be run as planned or at all.

17. This report recommends **Option 1** to approve the application for multiple temporary road closures associated with the event for addressing the matter because the event will be able to proceed in a safe and managed environment.

Consultation Process | Hātepe Matapaki

Significance and Engagement | Te Whakamahi I kā Whakaaro Hiraka

18. This matter is of medium 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.
19. The proposal for closure roads temporarily and subject to conditions to minimise the impact on traffic and pedestrian flows is in line with the Policy's recommendations.
20. The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the general public, residents and commercial operators who may use the road.
21. The multiple temporary road closures will be advertised in the Mountain Scene and the Wānaka Sun on 23 January 2025 inviting comment and will be advertised again at least 10 days before the closure takes place. This is a statutory requirement of the Local Government Act 1974.
22. Council engineers have been consulted and they concur with the recommended conditions proposed as have applied in previous years for the road closure.
23. Council has publicly notified the intent to close the road has been, advised Emergency Services, NZ Police, Ka Huanui a Tāhuna (The Alliance) Ritchies Connectabus, InterCity, QLDC Events office, Council contractors and Council staff who would have an interest in the road closures and followed the statutory administrative requirements of the Local Government Act 1974.

Risk and Mitigations | Kā Raru Tūpono me kā Whakamaurutaka

24. This matter relates to RISK10005 ineffective planning for community services or facilities. This risk has been assessed as having a high inherent risk rating. Approval of the recommended option will minimise the risk by ensuring that the Council's legislative requirements are fully satisfied and that appropriate conditions are specified to ensure safety of all event stakeholders and a minimal impact on the wider community.

Financial Implications | Kā Riteka ā-Pūtea

25. There are no cost implications resulting from the approval of this temporary road closure application. The applicant has paid the cost of the road closure application and will pay for any advertising that is required as part of the process.

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

26. 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 Council’s decisions.
- **Criteria for Closing Significant Road Policy** – none of the roads proposed to be closed for this event are listed as significant roads under this policy.

27. The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policies.

Legal Considerations and Statutory Responsibilities | Ka Ture Whaiwhakaaro me kā Takohaka Waeture

28. Temporary road closures are controlled by Schedule 10 Section 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974. Authority for approving road closures is delegated to the Chief Executive (Whakatipu Basin) and Wānaka -Upper Clutha Community Board.

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

29. Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 states the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. The recommendations will enable the Motatapu Sporting Event 2025 to be run in a safe manner, with minimal negative impact on the wider community. As such, the recommendation in this report is appropriate and within the ambit of Section 10 of the Act.

30. 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	Road Closure Map 2025
B	Cover Letter
C	Glendhu Bay Parking
D	Letter to Affected Parties