

Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board

27 March 2025

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

Title | Taitara : Chair's Report

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko

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

That Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board:

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

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Title: Chair

21 March 2025

Context | Horopaki

Members' Sector Engagement Updates

Simon's comments

1. I love my (unfortunately infrequent) visits to Makarora. So, for Summerdaze, Cody and I headed out to the Primary School and were warmly welcomed by everyone and had some excellent conversations. This was also part of our regular Community Board Share with Us sessions. On behalf of the Makarora School Chair I undertook to find out about walking and biking links between the School and the imminent residential sub division nearby (Spoiler: there aren't any planned).
2. The Mt Aspiring College Foundation has plenty of projects on the go which I discussed with Matt Williams (Foundation Chair). I am the point person for the Community Board's Education portfolio and fully support our schools wherever possible.
3. John Wilson from Glendhu Bike Park and I had a coffee to discuss how we can improve biking and walking access from town out to Glendhu Bay. Answer: there are no funds for this in the current Queenstown Lakes District Council's (QLDC) budget so it really needs to be a Glendhu Bay community and business led initiative.
4. It was Luggate's turn for QLDC's Summerdaze festivities, and it was another very hot afternoon with loads of parents and kids enjoying activities put on by QLDC Libraries and Sport & Rec teams. My conversations with Luggate residents included the topics of water supply, tennis courts, commercial development, safe crossings of the State Highway, and the desire for a gravel path down Church Road.
5. The first Sunday in March saw me at the Upper Clutha Farmers Market outside Whare Mahana (Luggate Hall), an event I heard about through Summerdaze. There was fantastic produce and a relaxed atmosphere, with attendees spanning from toddlers to those doting on their grand-toddlers! This was everything that community placemaking and the use of QLDC facilities should be about.
6. The QLDC tent at the Wānaka A&P Show was really well attended this year, partly because of the pickleball/netball activations put on by the Sport & Rec team. Conversations I had with residents included poor accessibility for disabled parking in the town centre, plans for Luggate food trucks, resealing of Anderson Road, small businesses setting up beside Whare Mahana in Luggate, the lack of safe pedestrian crossings in the Wānaka town centre and Wānaka Airport planning.
7. I joined the Mayor and CEO to meet with representatives of the Mt Aspiring College Foundation to discuss how encumbered land beside the College could be freed up to the benefit of the Foundation and the wider community.

8. Finally, it was wonderful to be invited to a low key celebration of the newly installed Dibble Sculpture on the lakefront near Stoney Creek. Many thanks to the donors and the wider QLDC team that made this happen. Please enjoy this world class art installation, located on your right hand side after you have crossed the new bridge en route to the Wānaka tree.

Barry's comments

9. I attended a meeting with the Luggate Community Association, Shaping Our Future and a Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) representatives to discuss possible safety measures and pedestrian road crossing options for State Highway 6 through Luggate.
10. Attended the QLDC stand at the Wānaka A&P show on Friday and Saturday.

Lyal's comments

11. The Summerdaze picnic in the Hopkins Street Recreation Reserve, Luggate, provided a good opportunity to catch up with the locals. It would be good to attract more to attend these gatherings and share insights on the good and the not so good in their communities.
12. The Albert Town Community Association (ATCA) held its first meeting of the year at the Riverside Park venue. The new chair, Lucy Mitchell, ran a very good meeting and introduced new Committee members. The role of the ATCA and criteria for projects were discussed and acknowledged. Current key projects include installing the bus shelter, erecting more historic plaques, and getting road verges maintained to a higher standard.
13. The Wānaka A&P Show was a very successful event enjoyed by thousands. I met and chatted with a variety of people on many issues while representing the QLDC, Abbeyfield, Wānaka Community Response Group, and the Wānaka Business Chamber at their respective locations. The Show started for me with the opening of the Agri Exchange by Hon. Mark Patterson MP and ended enjoying hospitality in the President's Tent!

Cody's comments

14. I recently caught up with the Hāwea Community Association and offloaded all the relevant information. I am also back working on the town signs and Cherilyn may have found a local Māori artist to collaborate with, so I am hoping to make progress on this again.
15. Simon and I went up to Makarora for the Summerdaze event at the school and had some great conversations with the families there about the challenges and nuance of living off the beaten track.
16. Pivot Innovation hosted a great event with some fascinating guest speakers at "The Workshop" on 13 February. These guys run a prototyping workshop in Frankton with a bunch of startups making amazing gear for the outdoors. Part of the economic diversification story for Queenstown Lakes and an awesome culture to be a part of. They run events one Thursday a month so if you're in the startup outdoor products space, get involved!

17. Celebrated Waitangi Day in Queenstown as we were lucky enough to host this year's event. I met with a lot of politicians and leaders and had some amazing food. Really well brought together by our own Arne and Cory so big thanks for the mahi.

Chris's comments

18. My focus this month was the final arrangements for the installation of the Dibble sculpture. By the time you see this report we will have had a quiet celebration with the donor. I have to say that the artwork sits beautifully within the lake side and I trust that many people will take the time to go and have a look.

19. The QLDC Arts Trust had its first meeting for the year and started the process of getting a strategic plan in place and working through what we have planned for the rest of the year.

20. In addition, I continue to work with the trustees of Wānaka Arts Centre Trust with regards to getting the project into the Long Term Plan. We are working closely with Paul Speedy (Strategic Project Manager) of QLDC to make sure that we have all the information needed by QLDC to ensure that the project meets all requirements.

21. Being an election year and having the associated time pressure I hope to help facilitate some of the issues regarding pedestrians in the CBD. Many locals have been raising their concerns about this recently and I know the Community Board is keen to see some progress on this.

John's comments

22. I attended the Summerdaze event in Luggate and a Mt Barker Residents Association watering and weeding event at their native planting area on Faulks Road

23. I have been following up on some late night and early morning unconsented commercial activity in the Cardrona Riverbed near Ballantyne Road for Mt Barker Residents.

24. I have attended a meeting with sports codes and QLDC staff to try and prioritise investment in local sports fields in the short term prior to the development of the Ballantyne Road Sports fields.

Linda's comments

25. Ongoing discussions with Guardians of the lake and Friends of Bullock Creek, and Nancy Latham, regarding the water quality and stormwater issues associated with the proposal of Council for earthworks within the Bullock Creek zone.

26. Met with the Wānaka Business Chamber (the Chamber) Mike Pero presented their new offices. It is so great to see businesses thriving in 2025, keep up the great job you are doing James and co.

27. The Wānaka Arts Centre Trust have engaged regarding the Dibble sculpture installation on the lakefront, an incredibly generous donation piece to feature on the lakefront. Awesome!

28. The Cardrona community continue to voice concerns regarding roading maintenance, tree removal, and community assistance with gardens. I am awaiting responses to queries.
 29. Another amazing A&P show! Thanks to the volunteers, the A&P society and everyone who was involved with this spectacular event, well done!
 30. The Chamber hosted a great event at mount Cardrona station which I attended, this was I believe the biggest turnout to see this incredible project rising out of the ground at Cardrona, very exciting for all.
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