

Minutes of a Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board Workshop

Tuesday, 20 May 2025 at 9.30am
Wānaka Recreation Centre, 41 Sir Tim Wallis Drive, Wānaka

Present:	Mr Simon Telfer	Ms Linda Joll
	Councillor Barry Bruce	Mr Chris Hadfield
	Councillor Cody Tucker	Mr John Wellington
Apologies:	Councillor Lyal Cocks	
In attendance:	Councillor Quentin Smith	Sue Gwilliam
	Matthew Hulscher	Ken Bailey
	Kat Banyard	Steven Peters
	Simon Battrick	
Media:	One member of the media	
Public:	No members of the public	

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1.	<p><u>Community Services Update – May 2025</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to update the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board (WUCCB) about the Community Services work programme/minor works in the Upper Clutha and the status of key Community Services projects underway. The purpose was also to provide an opportunity for the WUCCB to discuss their priorities with Council officers and what they would like to receive future progress reports on for the Upper Clutha.</p> <p>Ken Bailey (Community Services General Manager), Sue Gwilliam (District Librarian), Kat Banyard (Senior Parks Advisor) and Simon Battrick (Sport and Recreation Manager) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Gwilliam provided an update on key work and activity in the Libraries team. • Ms Banyard provided an update on key projects in the Parks team. • Ms Joll enquired about the how the prioritisation of works for the Stage 4 Wānaka Lakefront Pathway was determined. • Mr Telfer noted that the priorities were agreed by majority in a WUCCB meeting in late 2024. Mr Telfer further noted that it is important to provide continuous access through 	<p>Community Services team to follow up on several outstanding enquiries from board members.</p>

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	<p>the lakefront and to minimise conflict around the Dinosaur Park area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Joll expressed that the Lakefront Development Plan needs a review involving relevant stakeholders, and that there has not been enough community engagement on this matter. • Councillor Smith expressed support for the plan in its current form and noted its consistency with similar plans in the district. • Councillor Smith enquired as to what Council’s contribution is to the planned Snowfarm toilets. Ms Banyard confirmed the Council has committed \$60,000 to the project. Mr Bailey noted there were over 150 submissions in the Long Term Plan consultation advocating for toilet facilities at Snowfarm. • Councillor Tucker noted his appreciation for the effective progression on the Snowfarm toilet facilities. • Mr Telfer asked, regarding the Rabbit control fencing, where the extension of the fencing would be. Ms Banyard confirmed the fencing would extend further towards Bremner Bay. • Councillor Smith noted his appreciation for the effectiveness of the current shooting program to control the rabbit population. • Mr Hadfield enquired as to how shooters are selected for this work. Ms Banyard noted the work is completed by a contractor, with Mr Bailey further noting that Council works with police when selecting the contractor. • Mr Wellington enquired about the wilding pines at Peninsula Bay. • Mr Battrick provided an update on key pieces of work in the Sport and Recreation team. • Mr Hadfield enquired about upgrades to the Lake Wānaka Centre and how to address existing limitations. Councillor Smith added that the Faulks Room is not accessible, and that he could not attend an event for the Mountain Film Festival held in this room. Mr Battrick acknowledged the shortcomings of the Lake Wānaka Centre and noted that Marie Day (Community Partnerships Manager) will be looking at completing an accessibility audit in the 2025-26 year. • Mr Battrick noted there have been some safety concerns with the use of the Paetara Aspiring Central car park, and that traffic calming devices, signs and markings are being installed in the next month. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Bailey provided an update on work in the Community Partnerships team on behalf of Marie Day. • Mr Bailey indicated that there is a goal of having a new Freedom Camping Bylaw adopted around October 2025. • Ms Joll enquired about the procurement for works on the Lakefront Pathway. Mr Bailey confirmed he does not have those details but can follow up. • Mr Hadfield thanked Council officers for providing updates on matters of importance to the community. • Mr Wellington enquired about an outstanding enquiry regarding Cameron Creek. Ms Banyard confirmed this will be followed up on. • Mr Telfer followed up on an outstanding query on Councillor Lyal Cocks behalf about moving a fence near Stone Street. Ms Banyard confirmed this will be followed up on. <p>Attachments: Attachment A: Presentation</p>	
2.	<p><u>Mount Iron Trail Plan</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to provide a briefing to the WUCCB on the proposed development of a Trail Plan for Mount Iron.</p> <p>Ken Bailey, Kat Banyard, and Steven Peters (Parks Officer – Service Delivery) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Banyard noted that the recently adopted Mount Iron Reserve Management Plan (RMP) now guides any Council decision making for the reserve. • Ms Banyard outlined initial consultation has commenced with stakeholders interested in building new trails, with all being supportive of an integrated trail plan. • It was specified that the trail plan would be a map with detailed walking and biking trails informed by technical assessments. • Councillor Bruce noted the importance of carefully managing the expectations of stakeholders and future users. • Ms Joll enquired about the ecological assessment to be conducted. Ms Banyard confirmed that a tender will be put to market for an ecological report to be produced. • Councillor Tucker enquired as to what other stakeholders, outside of Bike Wānaka, are interested in building trails. 	None.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Banyard noted the Parks team will be reaching out to other groups undertaking activities on Mount Iron to discuss the development of a trail plan. and noted the importance of walkers, dog walkers and runner's views being represented. <p>Attachments Attachment A: Presentation</p>	
3.	<p><u>Mount Iron Community Governance Options</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to present early options and opportunities for community governance on the Mount Iron Reserve and to seek direction from the WUCCB.</p> <p>Kat Banyard, Steven Peters and Ken Bailey introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Banyard noted that the concept of community governance was discussed during the early phases of drafting the RMP. Mr Telfer also noted that part of the goal was to relieve pressure off Council. Submitters to the RMP conveyed a strong desire for community participation in the reserve, but there were not many suggestions as to the form it should take. Ms Banyard outlined several options for consideration. Councillor Bruce enquired about where a potential agreement is with the Department of Conservation (DOC) for custodianship of the DOC land. Ms Banyard noted Council is still waiting on the outcome of our application to have the land vested to Council and emphasised that the RMP only covers the Council owned part of Mount Iron at this time. Ms Banyard also noted that DOC will need to be consulted in the development of a trail plan. Councillor Smith expressed some concern with the language used in the suggested community governance models (e.g. working group). Councillor Smith also stated that it should largely be for the community to determine what the structure of the governance model is. Mr Telfer express his belief that there will need to be independent community leadership in the community governance model and that it should look at long term macro goals for the reserve. Ms Joll noted the strong passion within the community for Mount Iron and emphasised the need for the ecological 	Community Services team will look into establishing an engagement tool on the Council website to gather community input.

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	<p>report prior to any community governance group making decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Peters noted that many of the key stakeholder groups are quite busy with their existing focus areas in the community. • Mr Telfer noted that the Council has the biggest role to play as it is the owner of this asset, and there should be some non-negotiable matters that Council controls in the governance of Mount Iron. • Mr Telfer noted that Wānaka has so many talented people that can make a great contribution to the governance of Mount Iron. • Councillor Tucker enquired as to the role of the WUCCB in deciding the members of the community governance group. • Mr Peters discussed the similarities and differences between Mount Iron and Makara Peak near Wellington. Mr Peters noted a key difference is that Makara Peak was primarily used for biking trails in the beginning. • Mr Telfer requested that a further update be provided later in the year. • Ms Joll asked if there is a tool on the public website that could be established to allow the community to share its views on this. Ms Banyard has taken this as an action to look into. <p>Attachments Attachment A: Presentation</p>	

The workshop concluded at 11.25am.