

Wanaka Community Board**3 June 2014****Report for Agenda Item 1****Item 1: Chair's Report****Purpose**

- 1 To present a report from the Wanaka Community Board Chair.

Recommendation

- 2 *That the Wanaka Community Board:*
 - a. **Note** the report; and
 - b. **Express its support** for the development of the Wanaka Community House.

Prepared by: Rachel Brown



Chair, Wanaka Community Board
26/05/2014

3 Contact Energy land sales

Contact Energy Ltd has advised that they are gifting 2.2ha parcels of river side land at the south end of the Red Bridge for use by the local community and are currently determining the most appropriate local community organisation to gift the land to. They say they will consult with the Board as part of this process. The proponents of the Red Bridge River Park are still hoping to acquire more land to add to this for their project.

4 Rumble Strips on Riverbank Road

Further to the update provided in my last report, I understand that the work will now be undertaken on Tuesday, 3 June instead of some time between 28 April and 9 May 2014, as reported previously. Infrastructure Services staff advise that the delay is due to poor weather in recent weeks which has tied up the contractor's resource for this work elsewhere. Staff have reaffirmed the

importance and high priority of this project with the contractor. The reprogrammed date is also subject to good weather conditions on 3 June.

5 Draft Wanaka Lakefront Reserves Management Plan

Approximately 50 people took advantage of the public drop-in session on 27 May to ask questions about the plan, which is a very positive turn-out. At the time of writing 100 submissions have been received and it is expected that this number will increase significantly between now and the closing date for submissions on Friday, 6 June at 5pm.

A hearing of submissions will be held on 23 June at the St John Rooms in Link Way. The hearings panel will now consist of myself, Bryan Lloyd and Councillor Calum MacLeod as Councillor Ella Lawton has withdrawn owing to a conflict of interest. This was advised in the Mayor's report to the Council meeting held on 22 May. It is the Mayor's view that a three member hearings panel is satisfactory and there is no need to appoint a replacement member.

6 Wanaka Community House

Members will be aware that the Wanaka Community House is a proposed community facility for Wanaka which will have meeting, office and administrative space for community and voluntary groups. It has been talked about since 2004 and a charitable trust to govern the project and fundraise for it was formed in 2011.

Whilst the Board has had various ad hoc discussions about the project in the past, it has never resolved formally to support it as a community project. I believe it would be appropriate to do so and have therefore put forward a recommendation expressing the Board's support for further discussion.

7 Reports from Liaison Positions, Community Associations and recent Council meetings

Members are invited to report on the Board-related activities they have been involved in since the date of the last meeting and Councillors are asked to comment on any matters of interest to the Board from the recent Council meeting.