

Wanaka Community Board 13 October 2014

Report for Agenda Item: 4

Department:

Planning & Infrastructure

Temporary Road Closures – Upper Clutha A & P Show 2015 Purpose

1 To consider a temporary road closure application for the Upper Clutha A & P Show scheduled for 12 March 2015.

Recommendation

- **2** That the Wanaka Community Board:
 - a. **Approve** the road closure application for the Upper Clutha A & P Show 2015 subject to the following conditions:
 - i. Approval of the final Traffic Management Plan by Queenstown Lakes District Council's Infrastructure Services.
 - ii. Radio advertising two days prior and on the morning of the event.
 - iii. The event organisers arranging suitable disposal methods for rubbish/refuse and recycling.
 - b. Authorise the following schedule of road closures:

Road to be Closed: McDougal Street between Brownston Street and Ardmore

Street

Period of Closure: 0800 on Thursday 12 March 2015 to 1000 on Sunday 15

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Background

- 3 An application has been received from the Upper Clutha A & P Society to temporarily close part of a road in order to hold the annual Upper Clutha A & P Show.
- 4 The road closures for this year's event are outlined within the recommendation and are shown in Attachment A. The closure extent is the same as last year but for a longer duration, ending at 1000 on the Sunday morning, rather than at 0800.

Comment

- 5 The Upper Clutha A & P Show is an annual event. Event organisers apply to close McDougall Street temporarily on an annual basis to vehicular traffic to manage traffic and for the safety of exhibitors and the public.
 - On Saturday evening, approximately half of the trade sites are dismantling and leaving and the competitors are packing up their horse floats and trucks and exiting the grounds. The applicants utilise the road closures to control the departing traffic and public. It takes a considerable number of staff to control this area and ensure the show is safety disassembled, and the presence of through traffic would have a considerable impact on the safety of event participants.
- The applicant has requested extra hours for the closure to ensure that all the traffic moving off sites and back and forward from Pembroke Park to the show grounds has sufficient time to be clear of the area. There is no issue with an increased closure extent from our perspective provided that there is a Traffic Management Plan in place to deal with the impacts on the usual flow of traffic. There are no residents or businesses on the closure route.
- 7 No issues or complaints have arisen from this road closure when it has occurred in prior years and no submissions have been received relating to the proposed closure in 2015. The recommendation is for approval of the application, subject to the same conditions which have been applied in previous years.

Financial Implications

8 There are no budget or cost implications resulting from this decision Local Government Act 2002

Purpose Provisions

- 9 Section 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 2002 has been considered in the submission of this report to the Board.
- 10 The approval of a temporary road closure application is a regulatory function and the recommendation noted in this report is efficient, effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.

Council Policies

11 The following Council Policies were considered in the preparation of this report:

- Council's Policy of Significance
- Criteria for Closing Significant Roads.

The report recommendation is not significant under the Council's Policy on Significance as it does not:

- moderately or substantially affect ratepayers;
- involve more than \$2 million of budgeted or \$200,000 of unbudgeted expenditure;
- involve ownership, control, construction, replacement or abandonment of a strategic asset (as defined in the Act and/or Policy);
- involve Council's shareholding in CCTO or CCO; and
- does not affect the Council's capacity to carry out, or the cost of carrying out, an activity identified in the LTP.

Consultation

- 12 Temporary road closure proposals are advertised in the *Wanaka Sun*, once before the Council considers them and again before the date of the event. Any objections that are received are tabled at the Board meeting for discussion.
- 13 Council staff notifies the Emergency Services, the NZTA and the Police of the closures (as required under the Local Government Act 1974) as well as Council contractors and staff who would have an interest in road closures.
- 14 As mentioned earlier in the report, there are no residences or businesses on the portion of road to be closed

Publicity

15 No media statements or public communications are required in association with this report.

Attachments

A Map of proposed closure.

