

UPPER CLUTHA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHEME DEDO, KATHY

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The Steering Group of the Upper Clutha Community Development Scheme (CDS) is submitting to update Council and ask for your continued support and collaboration over the next year. As you know, the Alpine Community Development Trust received a grant from the Department of Internal Affairs in October 2015 to develop a comprehensive community development strategy for the Upper Clutha region. We identified our primary need as building a strategic, coordinated community infrastructure to accommodate our high growth rate and future-proof our success as a region. Growth is both our opportunity and our challenge. Opportunity because more people bring money to fuel the economy, innovative ideas to inspire, and children to be nurtured and grown in our local paradise. Challenge because all those people need places to live, jobs, schools, health care, and ways to enjoy our spectacular environment without destroying its beauty. The Local Government Act Reform of 2012 eliminated councils' responsibility for 'social, economic, environmental, and cultural well beings of communities'. Council's Community Outcomes still give emphasis to these wellbeings, however the Council no longer champions a Social Wellbeing Strategy and specific plans. There are however many talented people who are passionate about picking up where local government left off, but the organisations they create to do good are often uncoordinated, siloed, and stubbornly recreate the wheel over and over. This becomes a problem when multiple grassroots organisations with similar goals tap the same talent and funding pools. These are the challenges the CDS seeks to address, and we have done the following so far in 2016: * Appointed a Steering Group of skilled, diversely representative community leaders to guide the process. * Employed a Community Development Scheme Coordinator, soon to be joined by a CDS Facilitator to direct and execute the work. * Developed a vision, mission, and name for the CDS, soon to be launched. * We are currently conducting an "asset mapping" exercise to identify and document all our community's gifts, skills, talent and energy. This will be both an accessible tool for all and a guide for our next step which is to engage community

stakeholders and gain their input on what community development means for the region. We appreciate the tangible Council support we have received through venue sponsorship of our Steering Group's monthly meetings. We also acknowledge the tireless contributions of Councillor Ella Lawton, who chairs our Steering Group and has been a driver of the project as part of the Alpine Community Development Trust. It's still early days, and over time we will keep in conversation with Council as we identify ways to collaborate. One specific opportunity to do so is to access the data set recently made available by Infometrics Limited. We encourage Council to consider purchasing the data for CDS and other community groups to use. Please keep the efforts of our group in mind as a community wellbeing filter as you make Annual Plan decisions. Thank you, Kathy Dedo on behalf of the CDS Steering Group

UPPER CLUTHA TRACKS TRUST WELLINGTON, JOHN

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THE UPPER CLUTHA TRACKS TRUST

The Upper Clutha Tracks Trust's objects are

"To promote, support, fund and advocate for the establishment of:

- 1 a functional interconnected network of tracks for walking, hiking, cycling, mountain biking, horse riding, roller skating, and any similar recreational leisure activities in the Upper Clutha area, whenever such trails will contribute to the social, cultural, environmental or economic wellbeing of residents or visitors to the District.
- 2 The roading network for commuter and recreational road cycling.

The Trust also endorses, and works to achieve the QLDC strategy for Walking and Cycling in the Upper Clutha Basin.



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The stated goals of the Strategy are

- 1 Make walking and cycling an attractive and safe option for getting around the Upper Clutha area
- 2 Promote the opportunities for walking and cycling in Upper Clutha.
- 3 Ensure that the needs of pedestrians and cyclists are always fully taken into account in the Council's land use and transport planning, recreation planning, urban design, engineering and land development process.
- 4 Deliver a consistent approach to walkways in the Upper Clutha by working in partnership with other landowners agencies and interested parties.

The first goal states further the objective

1. To continue to expand the walking and cycling infrastructure network in the Upper Clutha area using this strategy as guidance, but also responding to emerging needs and opportunities.

THE UPPER CLUTHA TRACKS TRUST SUBMISSION IS:

1 Hawea Flat- Hawea River Track link (Newcastle Road) & Dublin Bay - Maungawera Rd Link

The Trust refers to its submission on the 10 year plan and the subsequent decision to include two sums \$50k, one each towards the following projects.

A direct link between the Hawea Flat Community and the Hawea River Track. (Old Newcastle Road)

A link between Dublin Bay and the Maungawera Road.

Both of these proposed tracks are subject to ongoing discussions regarding access and track alignment with an outcome anticipated very shortly for the Hawea Link. The Dublin Bay link could also be resolved at relatively short notice. The council is a party to the discussions regarding access on both these projects.

It is not clear that these sums form part of the planned expenditure for Walkways in the Wanaka Ward (\$164K 2016/17). The Trust would like to reiterate its support for this funding if it is included or request that it be included if it is not part of this budget.



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2 Cardrona - Wanaka Track

The Trust is aware that the Cardrona Ratepayers & Residents group is working on a track linking Cardrona with Wanaka and is liaising with them on this project.

The Trust will be supporting this project fully once the landowner issues are resolved by the Residents Association. The Trust is also aware that the Residents Association will be making a submission to the Annual Plan for funding to assist with costs in securing the access required and we wish to support that application in this submission.

3. Mt Roy Track Car Park to Lake Road link Track

The Trust is aware of overcrowding issues at the Mt Roy walking track car park, and believes that this might be the time to revisit the formation of a walking track link between the Mt Roy track car park and the Lake Road link track (connecting Mt Aspiring Road to the Glendhu Bay track), 520 metres to the south of the car park.

At the time that the link track was opened, the intention was to link it to the Mt Roy track on the west side of Mt Aspiring Road, but this has only been signposted at the link track end but not formed.

Forming this link has the potential to encourage walkers to walk from town rather than the Mt Roy car park, and also take the walkers who already do this off the road in this congested area.

The road reserve at the start of the Lake Road Link track appears to be wide enough on the western side to enable some additional off road parking to be created. This could serve walkers who choose to access the Glendhu Bay track at this point or make a shorter return trip to Ironside Trig, and if connected by a clear path to the Mt Roy Track, could serve as an overflow car park for that track.

This idea has been raised previously and was to be considered when road improvements were to be made to this section of Mt Aspiring Rd.

It is not clear whether this would fall more within the minor road safety works budget or walkways, or a combination of both, but the Trust wish to investigate this further and would seek financial support for project if approved.



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4 Road Maintenance on formed legal roads giving access to tracks.

The Trust has some concerns regarding the level of maintenance on gravel roads providing access to tracks. In particular the section of Stevensons Road beyond the last rated property. The Trust believes that council has a policy of only maintaining this road to the entrance to the last rated property at the top of a river terrace approx 1km from the track entrance.

Stevensons road does provide an important access point to the Upper Clutha River track, and whilst it does not need to be maintained to a high standard, it does need enough maintenance to keep it open to track users.

The Trust requests that this issue be considered in the allocation process for funding of local road maintenance

5 - Sticky Forest

The Trust understands that there is a zoning change proposed for the area known as the Sticky Forest Plantation in Peninsula Bay, Wanaka, as part of the review of the District Plan.

The Trust believes that the existing network of tracks in this area is an important part of the overall track network in the Upper Clutha Basin. The Trust has for some time had concerns regarding the security of these tracks as they are not located on public land.

The Upper Clutha Tracks Trust had previously been informed that some discussion had taken place with the representatives of the owners with regard to the possible purchase by the QLDC of the said forest with a view to its enshrinement as a permanent recreation area.

The Trust wishes to lend its support to the concept of a Council Ownership model for the following reasons:

- For more than twenty years it has been the premier mountain biking area in Wanaka
- The forest has huge potential as a fully designed mountain bike park similar to Rotorua, Redwoods Park which would create a tourist attraction and provide significant economic benefit to Wanaka
- It currently provides a heavily used recreational facility with a network of tracks enjoyed by local residents and tourists alike

The Upper Clutha Tracks Trust would welcome an involvement in any discussions regarding the possible purchase by QLDC of the forest and its potential development as a recreation reserve.



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THE REASONS FOR THE TRUST'S SUBMISSION:

The Trust was jointly set up by QLDC and DOC to work alongside them to develop the walking and cycling track network in the Upper Clutha.

The success of the Trust model is that it allows fund raising from donor bodies and Trusts that are not directly available to QLDC and DOC and therefore increases the funding available for track construction. When the Upper Clutha Tracks Trust seeks funds from donor groups and Trusts, the support of either QLDC and/or DOC substantially increases the credibility of the application and its chances of obtaining additional funds.

The Upper Clutha Tracks Trust would like to see QLDC continue to actively support the Upper Clutha Tracks Trust and its projects.

The Trust submission is in line with our goals and those of the QLDC strategy document for Walking and Cycling in the Upper Clutha Basin.

The submission gives the council the chance to assist or reaffirm its support of some key missing links within the Upper Clutha Track network, and maintain and improve access to these facilities.

THE TRUST'S SUBMISSION WOULD BE MET BY COUNCIL:

Allocating funds or confirming that funds are already allocated for the Hawea Flat to Hawea River Track Link, the Dublin Bay to Maungawera Rd Link in the Wanaka Ward Walkways section of the Annual Plan budget.

Allocate some funding to improve the track link between the Mt Roy Walking Track - Lake Rd link track, or consider this part of the Mt Aspiring Road upgrade process.

To consider resource allocation in terms of road maintenance to track access points and the potential for obtaining secure public access to the tracks in Sticky forest.

The Upper Clutha Tracks Trust does wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Signed: John Wellington

Date: 29th April 2016

**Trustee
Upper Clutha Tracks Trust**

WAKATIPU ISLANDS REFORESTATION TRUST SIMPSON, NEILL

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WAKATIPU ISLANDS REFORESTATION TRUST



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SUBMISSION TO QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL re ANNUAL PLAN

This submission is a request for annual funding of **\$5000** to cover the costs for volunteers to continue carrying out weed control (herbicide, tools) and maintenance of hut, tracks and minor planting (fuel, maintenance, plants).

Pigeon and Pig Islands are Scenic Reserves managed by QLDC. In the past this management has primarily been left to interested groups of people such as the Wakatipu Tramping Club and since 2003, the Wakatipu Islands Restoration Trust (WIRT) set up by John Wilson, at that time a QLDC Councillor. Trust members are Neill Simpson (chair), John Wilson, Hans Arnestedt and Richard Struthers who has now shifted out of the district.

QLDC have funded most of the 40,000 trees planted on the islands, provided a storage shed and tractor, paid for 50% of the circular track around Pigeon Island and the length of Pig Island, put up interpretative signs and recently paid to re-roof the Smith Hut (public hut) and replaced the open fire with an efficient wood burner. A small amount of weed control has also occurred funded by council.

Most of the work and maintenance on both islands has been carried out by volunteers under the leadership of Hans Arnestedt and Neill Simpson. Plants and people have been carried over by Dart River Jet, a free service, and later the plants were taken by helicopter provided by Vance Boyd and Kiwi Discovery. Since 2005 Neill and Hans have organised a volunteer week each year advertised in the DoC annual volunteer programme, with from 12 to 15 people attending from various parts of the country as well as locals. This year will be the 12th year of running this programme.

WIRT has organised volunteers, maintained tracks and mowed the large grass area regularly, created new tracks, carried out major weed control and planted plants. WIRT has provided scrub bars (2), knapsack sprayer, various planting and cutting tools for maintenance, provided herbicide and fuel. WIRT has also paid out about \$30,000 to assist QLDC with tracks and maintained the hut. This latter includes the re-roofing completed this year and also building outside seating.

Changes in staffing in recent years has changed easy access to boat transport and also changed our relationship with QLDC reserves staff who have provided fuel and herbicide and other assistance in the past. WIRT was planning to fade out with the emphasis now on mainland planting and the formation of the Wakatipu Reforestation Trust. However maintenance of tracks, the "cricket pitch", the hut and in particular work on weeds means we wish to continue on both islands.

Weeds are now the major focus of our efforts particularly around the foreshore and track edges. Wild conifers keep appearing, grey willow is a major problem and spreading, gorse and broom will eventually be over-topped by native regeneration so is only of concern where they occur along edges such as along the lake shore and tracks. Wilding conifers have from time to time

occurred in hard to get to areas on Pigeon Island. Fortunately not in big numbers but they take a considerable time to get to and remove. Spanish heath has spread from the Glenorchy area and has invaded some areas, mainly on the Glenorchy side. It is not sure whether this weed will disappear once overtopped but it is likely to persist in lower growing areas and along edges. Other lesser weeds include blackberry, cotoneaster, poplar (minor regrowth), cork oak, robinia and lupins.

Some weed control was done by council contractors some years ago and although weeds were killed, so was some 2 m tall red beech. Because weed control, on Pigeon Island in particular, needs to be carefully carried out we prefer to do this work ourselves but require funding for this work.

Money paid to us for doing the re-roofing of the Smith hut this year has been used to purchase a second scrub bar and a 3.5 m inflatable boat that will allow us to access the shoreline of both islands particularly for weed control. Access has become an issue with a double kayak being used at least twice in the last year or two, not so good for carrying equipment. We have yet to purchase a motor for the boat and this will use up most of our remaining funds. It would be useful also to have a chainsaw kept on the island instead of wearing out our personal equipment.

These islands are special with their plants, several of which have vanished from the surrounding district, their now rapid regeneration, with no animal pests and abundant bird life. In the future they could well become an island sanctuary and a place to bring some of our endangered birds and animals. The NO Fire signs erected by council appear to have been effective with no lake shore fires noted in recent years. No dogs may also be necessary in the future.

Neill Simpson

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28 April 2016

WAKATIPU ROWING CLUB

ARNESTEDT, HANS

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I would like to make a submission on the behalf of the Wakatipu Rowing Club in regard to the Access Track from the State Highway down to Lake Hayes, Section 68 BLK 1X, Shotover SD. We wish to see the present track upgraded and sealed. I joined the Club 2002. The state of the track has been a constant concern to Club Members as it's often badly corrugated and at times washed out in places. We do acknowledge that Reid Contracting and the Council are grading the track from time to time. The increasing numbers of track users, rowers, walkers, runners, bikers and swimmers as well as young drivers (mostly at night) with a tenancy to do wheelies and race up the track, has put pressure on the gravel surface which cannot be sustained. Some years ago an upgrade of the Show Grounds took place and the Arena area was sloped towards the north end with the consequence being that with heavy rains flood waters from the show grounds, runs down the Access Track to the lake. Around 2008, Fulton and Hogan did some upgrading of the track. They installed cut off drains at the top of the steep section of the track and in front of the sealed forecourt by the Rowing Club. Stone drains were installed along the Queenstown side of the Track. All of these drains have now been filled up with sand and gravel making them non-functional with a consequence that storm water flows down the track. In heavy rains there is also water from the State Highway and a drain pipe from the same direction discharging water down the track. The state of the Track has sometimes prohibited Club Members from loading their boat trailer by the shed when going away to out of town Regattas. Instead all equipment, rowing skiffs, oars, riggers, tents etc has to be carried up the track to the trailer parked close to the Highway. On another matter, several parents have raised concern about the narrow entrance gate from the Highway. With cars having to wait to enter the Highway, due to traffic volumes, it can be difficult for cars from Arrowtown/Cromwell side to turn into the Track with a consequence that they are not able to move from their position in the middle of the Highway until the car blocking the entrance has been able to move. A cheap simple solution to this problem would be to remove the gates, gate posts and short fences on both sides of the gates. The Club would also be grateful if the Council could look into installing a more permanent toilet instead of the existing "long-drop" toilet opposite the boat shed. With the increasing users of the track and lake the present installation is struggling to keep up with the demands. We have also noted from time to time that cleaning of the toilets has been unsatisfactory. Hans Arnestedt

WANAKA ALCOHOL GROUP BROWN, RACHEL

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The Wanaka Alcohol Group would like to thank you for the \$1000 grant received this last financial year and are pleased to report that these funds are contributing to a community research project that is currently under way. The Wanaka Alcohol Group would like to use this opportunity to remind Council that we fully support and encourage a Local Alcohol Policy or other regulatory measures to prevent alcohol related harm in our community. Yours sincerely
Rachel Brown Chair Wanaka Alcohol Group

WANAKA COMMUNITY BOARD

BROWN, RACHEL

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Submission to the Annual Plan 2016/17 From the Wanaka Community Board The Wanaka Community Board recommends the following priorities and additions to the Annual Plan 2016/17

1. Wanaka Transport Strategy Implementation We have spent some time in the investigative phase; our priority now is to complete the Wanaka Transport Strategy with an Implementation Plan. We need to keep the \$150k allocated. Priority must be given to infrastructure that supports safe cycling/walking : an integrated network of cycle paths and footpaths throughout Wanaka. We support a cycling/walking campaign including the design and use of a suitable logo and information for encouraging cycling/walking, to be used on QLDC and Lake Wanaka Tourism websites and other promotional material. We endorse QLDC to require events to prepare a ?transport plan? (to encourage alternative transport options) rather than a ?traffic plan?.
2. Riverbank/Ballantyne intersection We request that this Annual Plan/workplan include a detailed design for the re-alignment or other long-term improvement of this intersection.
3. Ballantyne Road The Wanaka Community Board has spent some time on community consultation about improving the safety of Ballantyne Road. We support a complete nottaseal with reduced usage of this road as a heavy traffic route. \$75k to Morris Road+ \$105k to end. This plan relies on QLDC working with NZTA to develop a business case for improvements to the SH6/SH84/Riverbank Road intersection.
4. Car parks Through the Wanaka 2015 car parking review, the Wanaka Community Board identified the need for formalised peripheral parking to compliment the removal of more central parks, including the implementation of the Wanaka Lakefront Concept Plan. We request this stage goes to detailed design and budget.
5. Wanaka Lakefront Concept Plan Implementation This is an importnt aspirational project for the Wanaka Community Board and we wish to move things along as soon as we get a Plan approved by council. Our priority is to build the new Commercial Jetty and the new Aspiring Road toilet, and proceed with detailed design of further prioitised projects. This design is estimated at \$117k. The 2016/17 Annual Plan includes: \$50k in Parks Budget plus \$102,300 ?Roys Bay park improvements? plus \$ 250k for Commercial Jetty and \$130k Aspiring Road toilet. We would like to keep all this funding for this year.
6. School Travel Plan Through the school travel plan we have requests to - replace the active school sign on Aubrey Road with a speed feedback sign - fully connect the footpath on the Holy Family side of Aubrey Road
7. Waste minimisation We support all work to minimise waste to landfill, including rationalisation of rubbish collection, recycling support, and organic waste options . We endorse a specific focus on construction waste and sludge waste management.
8. Plastic Bag

Remit The Wanaka Community Board supports LGNZ's Plastic Bag remit to central government and has expressed support for the community initiative Plastic Bag Free Wanaka. 9. Sticky Forest The Wanaka Community Board acknowledges the recreational value of the land known as 'Sticky Forest' and supports QLDC initiating a feasibility study/Business Case to purchase this land. 10. Track concessions/permits The Wanaka Community Board supports Aspiring Track Network's proposal for Council to make provision when issuing track concessions and permits, to make a 'donation' to the Upper Clutha Tracks Trust for the coordination of the Upper Clutha Tracks Network. 11. Roys Peak carpark This car park is causing traffic safety problems on Mt Aspiring Road and needs urgent attention and coordination with DOC. Council needs to support completion of the track linking Millenium Track to Mt Aspiring Road at the base of Roys Peak track and market it as an alternative to driving. We need to investigate provision for extra parking on the lake side of Aspiring Road. 12. Wanaka Pool The Wanaka Community Board is still committed to raising enough funds to reduce the rate requirement for the new Wanaka Pool. Our fundraising plan needs to be communicated to our ratepayers. 13. Wanaka Airport The Wanaka Community Board supports this continuing to be a strategic asset to our district. We endorse the funding proposed to progress the wastewater and water improvement projects. 14. Wanaka QLDC Offices The Wanaka Community Board supports a singular QLDC premise in Wanaka. We would like to work on some concepts for a development project over the next year to include in the next LTP; and look at establishing a working party with community representation to work on this. The WCB endorses its previous recommendation to acquire the old Fire Station site. I would like to speak at the Wanaka hearing. Rachel Brown Chair Wanaka Community Board April 2016

WANAKA COMMUNITY HOUSE CHARITABLE TRUST TURNER, DAME SUKHI

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29 April 2016

SUBMISSION TO: QLDC ANNUAL PLAN 2016 - 2017
FROM : WANAKA COMMUNITY HOUSE CHARITABLE TRUST (WCHCT)

The Wanaka Community Charitable Trust has submitted an application for resource consent to construct and operate a Community House on vacant land between the Anglican Church and the vicarage on McDougall St., comprising a 140 seat hall, offices and meeting rooms.

This Community facility will be:

- A centrally located one-stop shop for our community
- A cooperative and supportive environment where everyone is welcome
- It will promote social well-being for all who live in the Upper Clutha Region
- A centre for local services and organisations, government services, plus referral and advice for the whole community
- As our region grows and develops there will be greater need for integrated social services in a centralised community hub
- Strengthen relationships between service providers.

We are now in the the final stages of this process. Should the WCHCT be granted Consent for a Community House for the Upper Clutha Region, we would like Council to consider a financial contribution to the project.

Page 60 of Annual Plan 2106-17 provides the following:

"Community Grants

The Council is involved in this activity as a way of providing financial support to various community groups. Currently the Council funds a total of \$685,571 to 19 groups and activities in the region with a further \$228,500 (in 2015/16) approved through the consultation process for one-off amount towards specific projects and activities"



Where the Heart is

- **The WCHCT would like Council to include, a one-off grant of \$50,000, in the 2016/17 financial year for the Community House for the Upper Clutha Region.**

We would also like to thank Council, (as per your letter to us dated 5 August 2014) for being prepared to write letters of support to the other funding bodies we approach.

Our Fundraising Committee has already been planning and working on various fundraising projects, as our estimated “guesstimate” for the project is \$3.5 million. We are ready-set to go to our major funding institutions as soon the resource consent is granted.

Our Council's financial commitment will demonstrate, that support is not only in words, but in deed as well.

Many thanks for considering our request.

The WCHCT wishes to be heard in respect to this submission.

Yours sincerely,

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WANAKA COMMUNITY PATROL INC. HOLLYER, MICK

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The Wanaka Community Patrol seeks a grant of \$5000 for the 2016-17 year to help cover its expected operating expenses. The Patrol was established in May 2014 to help reduce crime and make safer communities in the Wanaka area. It is one of some 150+ community patrols throughout NZ, all of which operate under affiliation to Community Patrols of NZ. Nationally community patrols are recognised and welcome by the NZ Police. The Patrol works closely with the Police to provide a "presence" and as the "eyes and ears" of the Police at times when trouble/disorder is most likely in the community. Inevitably this is during the hours of darkness and patrols are conducted on Fridays and Saturdays typically between the hours of 10:00pm and 2:00am and at other times as required. These hours are flexible and can extend to 3:00am and later on occasions to meet Police requirements. Since the first patrol on 7 July 2014 to 16 April 2016 154 patrols have been provided (2 patrollers each time) totalling in excess of 1200 man-hours. The Patrol operates year-round except for the months of May and November which the Police advise have little activity warranting patrols. However, the Patrol will respond whenever required by the Police. All patrollers are Police vetted and are volunteers who are committed to helping make Wanaka and its environs safer communities. There are currently 13 patrollers. Patrols are conducted in the patrol vehicle which was donated by a local charity (after a significant discount by the dealer) and which has been sign-written so it is clearly visible as such when in use. In itself it has a deterrent effect on disorderly behaviour but also serves as a point of reference for people in need. The Patrol's financial needs are relatively modest. Budgetted expenses for Y/E 30 June 2016 total around \$6000 and comprise fuel \$1500 (currently sponsored by Caltex Wanaka up to \$1200), vehicle servicing/WOF/registration \$350, vehicle insurance \$1000, phone card, annual National Training Seminar (currently seeking \$1000 sponsorship for 4 patrollers to attend this June), and local training \$2000 (First Aid-Level One currently being investigated and sponsorship being sought from OCT). All administrative/secretarial work is provided by individual patrollers at no cost

to the Patrol and using their own office facilities. Travel to and from the National Training Seminar and accommodation is expected to be self-funded by attendees. The Patrol has achieved donations which have covered some vehicle equipment and other operating expenses and has earned funds from staffing gates at the Rodeo.

WANAKA FARMERS & GARDENERS MARKET INCORPORATED SOCIETY SCHMUTSCH, KIRSTY

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The Wanaka Farmers & Gardeners Market (WFM) is concerned with the proposed increase of Environmental Health fees. One of the aims of the WFM is to facilitate greater access to locally grown produce, small local businesses and cottage industries. The WFM is concerned that the proposed increase in Environmental Health fees will result in a gradual eroding of new stall holders joining the market as the registration and auditing costs will, for many, become un-affordable. The price increases for registering and auditing requirements will be prohibitive to small businesses and sole traders hoping to join the WFM to start out in business. Our current members consider the pricing structure unclear and unfair as it appears to be a one-size fits all scheme unfairly disadvantaging small producers such as those who frequent the WFM. They are uncertain what the prices will be for the coming year. The proposed verification fee rise in some cases up to 155% is a staggering increase. Without a varied and diverse range of vendors at the farmer's market, Wanaka could potentially lose a valuable community resource. We would urge the Council to reconsider the price increases with a view to keeping the registration and set-up fees affordable for small businesses.

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WANAKA GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED BADGER, KIM

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Yes, right thing

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No, other businesses have to operate from different locations and don't have the luxury to pull funds from the community's rates to have a new building, so why should QLDC, the money should be spent on more important issues.

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No to increases to Food Businesses fee's, or make different fees for Club's as they are not for profit. No to alcohol licencing fee increases - or different fee structure for not for profit clubs. Clubs operate in a way that the sale price is set so that Juniors and Elderly can buy inexpensive food as part of the golfing facility. It is not a high turnover operation, so a different fee structure would better suit a not for profit org. Or do not increase the environmental health fees altogether.

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The Trees are on private land and so this is not a rate payer expense and QLDC should not be involved. The trees could have a budget to be trimmed byannually by QLDC as gesture of good will, which will cost a lot less. Anyone else who has trees in the way of powerlines is charged by Delta to have them trimmed or removed. Making an exception for one set of iconic trees is setting a precedent for other clusters of iconic trees in the district which will cost QLDC greatly in future issues with trees.

LAGAROSIPHON

only if the commercial boat operators are made to contribute significantly to this project as well

FURTHER COMMENTS

Traffic issued in Wanaka need to be looked at as well as Queenstown. Particularly Ballantyne Road with the development of 3 parks, sports facility and residential zone. The infrastructure needs to be in place pro actively, not

retrospectively.

WANAKA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BATTSON, SALLY

Wanaka/Upper Clutha

TRAFFIC ISSUES

COUNCIL ONE-STOP SHOP

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LAGAROSIPHON

FURTHER COMMENTS

We would like to make the following submissions : 1. Annual Community Association Grant We SUPPORT the retention of the current \$5000 grant made annually to community organizations. Our association has a history of making effective use of this grant to support and promote a range of projects which enhance the community amenity, many of which would not otherwise have been accomplished ? seats on Mt Iron; flag pole at the Council offices; Lychgate at the Wanaka Cemetery - to name just a few. 2. ?Sticky Forest? and monies received for sale of Scurr Heights We SUPPORT the Council taking whatever steps are necessary to retain the area known as ?Sticky Forest? as a community amenity. We strongly urge the Council to consider using monies derived from the sale of Scurr Heights to this end. 3. Management of Lagarosiphon Weed in Lakes While we recognize that lagarosiphon weed is a significant issue and the most visible in relation to waterways, we OPPOSE the Council supporting an Otago Regional Council (ORC) project which deals with only a singular issue in the lakes, without reference to scientific data with which to back or endorse the project. The need for management plans for the region?s lakes is long overdue. This is clearly within the jurisdiction and statutory responsibility of the ORC. We would like to see the QLDC joining in the lobby to demand that the ORC develops management plans and mechanisms for collecting baseline scientific data regarding the health of our lakes and their waters. Without this, it is impossible to know the impacts of a poisoning programme for lagarosiphon or indeed whether this is the most compelling issue to be addressed in maintaining the health of the region?s lakes and rivers.

WELLSOUTH BERGER, SARAH

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FURTHER COMMENTS

Please see attached document



SUBMISSION ON THE QUEENSTOWN 2016/2017 ANNUAL PLAN

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Introduction

This submission was developed by the Health Promotion Team at WellSouth Primary Health Network (WellSouth).

WellSouth is a charitable trust funded by the Southern District Health Board to provide primary health care services to residents enrolled with general practices in Otago and Southland. These services include first contact support to restore people's health when they are unwell as well as a range of programmes to improve access to health care services to promote and maintain good health. The health promotion programme facilitates the process of enabling people to increase control over, and to improve, their health. One aspect of health promotion is to advocate for healthy social, cultural and physical environments.

General Comments

Local government is an important and powerful influence on the health and wellbeing of communities and populations. One of the principles local government should act in accordance with is *the social, economic, and cultural interests of people and communities*¹, and to take a role in meeting the current and future needs of their communities².

The decisions local government makes affect the determinants of health – public policy has a profound impact on health status. In fact, some of the most profound health improvements of all time are due to public policy changes. As such, local government has the ability to improve population health, and reduce inequalities. A population that is healthy is more able and more likely to fully participate in employment and contribute to a vibrant and productive local community.

Recommendations

Smokefree

Each year WellSouth and other health organisations submit that Queenstown Lakes District Council extends its Smokefree Policy beyond Smokefree playgrounds and swimming pools. WellSouth are pleased that the Wanaka Sports Facility will be designated Smokefree and would now like to see more positive steps. Please see Appendix One 'Mapping New Zealand Councils: Smokefree Outdoor Policies and Spaces', showing QLDC lagging far behind.

WellSouth advocates that the Council now strengthen their approach to achieving the Government's 2025 Smokefree goal. We recommend that the Council follows the example of Auckland City Council³ and develop a strategic Smokefree plan that is based around a staggered approach to the introduction of Smokefree places and events. This would involve prioritising areas and events associated with children and young people, and then implementing change at a pace acceptable and supported by our communities.

For 2016/17 the first suggested steps would be:

- A Smokefree Parks and Reserves Policy included in the forthcoming Parks Strategy.
- QLDC making a commitment to work proactively to make the region Smokefree by 2025.
- Any council-run events to be consistently promoted as Smokefree events. Events held at council owned venues, reserves or where the council is a sponsor should be Smokefree and Smokefree endorsed in publicity.

WellSouth offers our support and assistance to develop a comprehensive Smokefree Plan.

Sugar Sweetened Beverages Policy

Councils are in a great position to assist healthy workplaces through the provision of healthy beverage choices. Further, by setting an example of good health, the council can influence all visitors and the wider community. WellSouth encourages the QLDC to follow Nelson City Council's pioneering example⁴ and introduce a Sugar Sweetened Beverages Policy.

¹ Section 14 *Local Government Act 2002* post 2012 amendments.

² Section 3 *Local Government Act 2002*.

³ <http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/planspoliciesprojects/councilpolicies/Documents/smokefreepolicy2013.pdf>

⁴ <http://nelson.govt.nz/council/plans-strategies-policies/strategies-plans-policies-reports-and-studies-a-z/sugar-sweetened-beverages-policy>

A Sugar Sweetened Beverages Policy would ensure that when the Council provides beverages it has purchased, they only provide those that have not had sugar added to them at pre-point of sale.

This policy would provide a way for the Council to help address the problem of tooth decay and growing obesity problem. Beverages are the highest contributor to total sugars intake for New Zealand children and the second highest contributor for adults. New Zealand has the third highest rate of obesity in the OECD⁵ and every year more than 5000 children under 8 years old require general anaesthetic operations to remove rotten teeth⁶. In New Zealand children live in an environment where unhealthy food and beverages is heavily promoted and is more accessible/cheaper than healthy food and beverages.

WellSouth recommends that the council introduce and extend a Sugar Sweetened Beverages Policy that would restrict the sale of sweetened beverages in its sports and swimming pool facilities. By removing the choice for sugar sweetened beverages, the council will assist families in making 'the healthy choice the easy choice'.

Waste Reduction

WellSouth advocates that QLDC supports the proposed remit by Palmerston North to this year's Local Government New Zealand Conference to introduce a levy on single use plastic bags. Climate change is a significant and emerging threat to public health⁷. Plastic bags contribute to eco-system disruption and a governmental law as a result of such a remit would dramatically reduce the number of bags in circulation and waste.

WellSouth also advocates for the inclusion of more water fountains to be installed as part of the forthcoming Parks Strategy, to encourage people to drink water and reduce plastic bottle use.

Traffic Issues

WellSouth advocates that Queenstown Lakes District Council revisits its draft 2008 'On Foot, By Cycle Strategy' and makes Active Travel a priority for Wanaka and Queenstown to help relieve its congestion issues and encourage green or sustainable travel. The last Wanaka Transport Plan was in 2008.

Plans should promote sustainable transport facilities and encourages more active travel (walking, cycling or public transport) and such things as cycling campaigns. This would lead to an increase in the physical and mental health of our communities; it also means less traffic, which gives rise to fewer road accidents, improved air quality, a fitter population and therefore a reduction on the demand for health services.⁸ Investing in walking and cycling is also expected to make a contribution to economic growth and productivity.⁹

WellSouth would also strongly suggest that off-road walking and cycle tracks are designated Smokefree, to uphold the objective of the QLDC walking and cycling strategy "to provide an

⁵ Annual Update of Key Results 2014/15, New Zealand Health Survey

⁶ <https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/admissions-new-zealand-public-hospitals-for-dental-care-20-year-review-jan14.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.who.int/globalchange/en/>

⁸ <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/nzta-research/docs/nzta-sup-6.pdf>

⁹ MoT, Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding 2011

attractive and safe environment for cyclists and pedestrians that support a stronger sense of community”.

Summary

Health is central to cultural, economic, environmental and social wellbeing. The state of people’s health affects their productivity and ability to participate in social interaction, work, education and other activities. Given this, WellSouth advocates for health to be one of the primary considerations of all planning, policy and strategy development at the local government level.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Council’s Annual Plan.

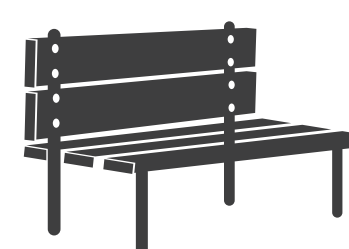


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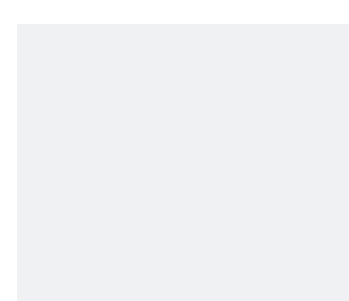
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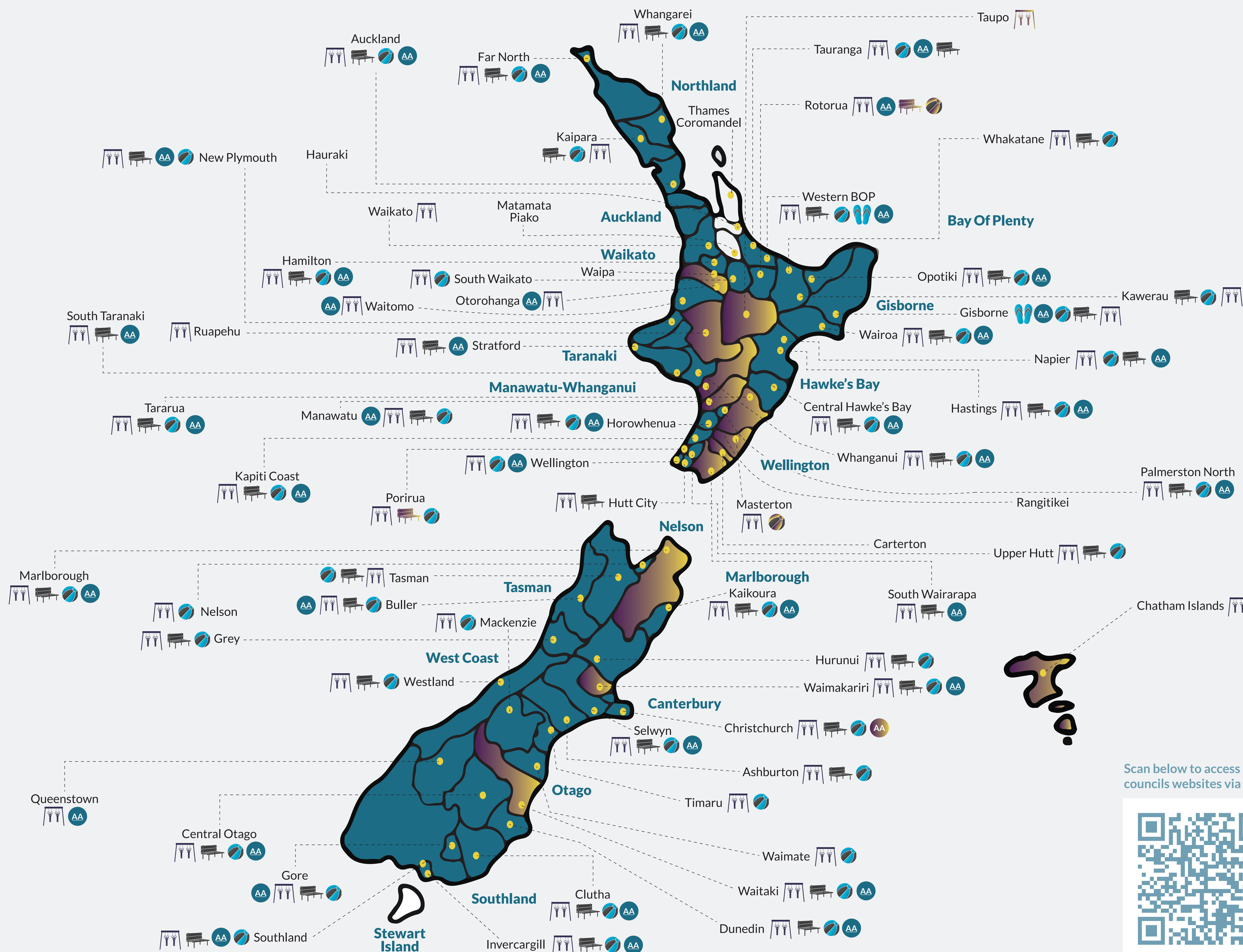
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