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**ROY'S BAY WEST PROJECT GOING AHEAD**

A public meeting for the proposed Roy's Bay West habitat restoration project, instigated by Te Kākano Aotearoa Trust, was held at St John's Room yesterday evening to present the project to the public and provide an avenue for feedback from a cross section of the community.

The meeting, which had to be postponed due to the bad weather last week, saw only a small number of attendees but the trust plans to increase public awareness of the project by doing talks amongst community groups and brochure drops in the following weeks. Letters have already been mailed out to immediate stakeholders along the project site and some have replied with valuable comments.

The restoration project will be carried out in 7 different stages along the Glendhu Bay track (previously known as the Millennium track), between Stoney Creek and Waterfall Creek, based on existing vegetation, landscape values and use. The project already has been approved in principle by the Wanaka Community Board and has support from the Queenstown Lakes District Council.

Te Kākano Chair, Megan Williams said that, "We are not proposing huge changes to the character of the foreshore. The restoration involves a visual and ecological enrichment of the area with the careful planting of native species, which would've existed here and attracted birds and other fauna. Te Kākano, like many of the public who have taken the time to register their views, understands the value of the autumn colour along this popular track, and our proposal seeks to maintain this important aspect".

This project is part of a community effort and the trust is welcoming any feedback in order to proceed with a restoration that is both pleasing and beneficial to all parties. The trust is also applying for funding for the project and would appreciate support from local landowners, businesses, clubs and organisations so that the project can get underway. For more details, check out their website on [www.tekakano.org.nz](http://www.tekakano.org.nz).

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