

## Wanaka Faces Hut Report.

The Wanaka Faces hut recently restored by members of the Upper Clutha Deerstalkers, with support from the Department of Conservation, was originally built in the 1930's as musterer's accommodation for Glen Dene Station.

Following tenure review of Glen Dene Station, this hut became the responsibility of DOC, and became part of the Matatiaho Conservation Area.

IN 2014, Upper Clutha Deerstalkers opened discussions with DOC, with the view of restoring this hut so members of the club could use it as a base when hunting the Wanaka Faces hunting block.

A Management Agreement was duly signed by both parties in mid 2015, which then allowed the Upper Clutha Deerstalkers to begin the restoration work on the hut. The agreement also provided for DOC to undertake some of the restoration work, along with vegetation clearance and to also provide the members of Upper Clutha Deerstalkers restricted use of the hunting block for 6 days per month, but excluding the animal roar period. The allocation of two new helicopter landing sites has also been agreed to and included in the Management Agreement.

The photos included with this report show the "before and after", and clearly indicate the transformation, however this could not have been achieved without the strong support from a large number of Club members, and to achieve what we did for under \$5000.00 is testament to that.

In excess of 240 volunteer hours were donated by Club members, and in addition a number of members donated the use of their boats, including all the fuel, to get the volunteers and gear to the site and back. We also had members donating materials to the cause.

A list of the work undertaken includes:

- 1) Vegetation clearance from around the hut.
- 2) Replacement of some rotten studs and base plates.

- 3) Installation of building paper under the corrugated roof, which necessitated the roofing iron being removed and replaced.
- 4) Some perlin replacements.
- 5) Installation of a steel fire insert.
- 6) Extension and repair to the chimney.
- 7) Replacement of one window, plus putting in a second window.
- 8) Insulation into walls and ceiling.
- 9) Lining of internal walls and ceiling.
- 10) Construction of bunk unit and single bed.
- 11) Installing of stainless steel bench.
- 12) Construction of covered deck and safe.
- 13) Fixing of new ply over existing floor.
- 14) Work on a proposed helicopter landing site.
- 15) The building of a roll away table.
- 16) Supply of three new fire resistant mattresses.

From a hut with no internal linings, no beds, a broken window, we now have a hut fully insulated, with wall and ceiling lining, overlaid ply floor, new fireplace, three new beds, a stainless steel bench and a new covered deck and safe.