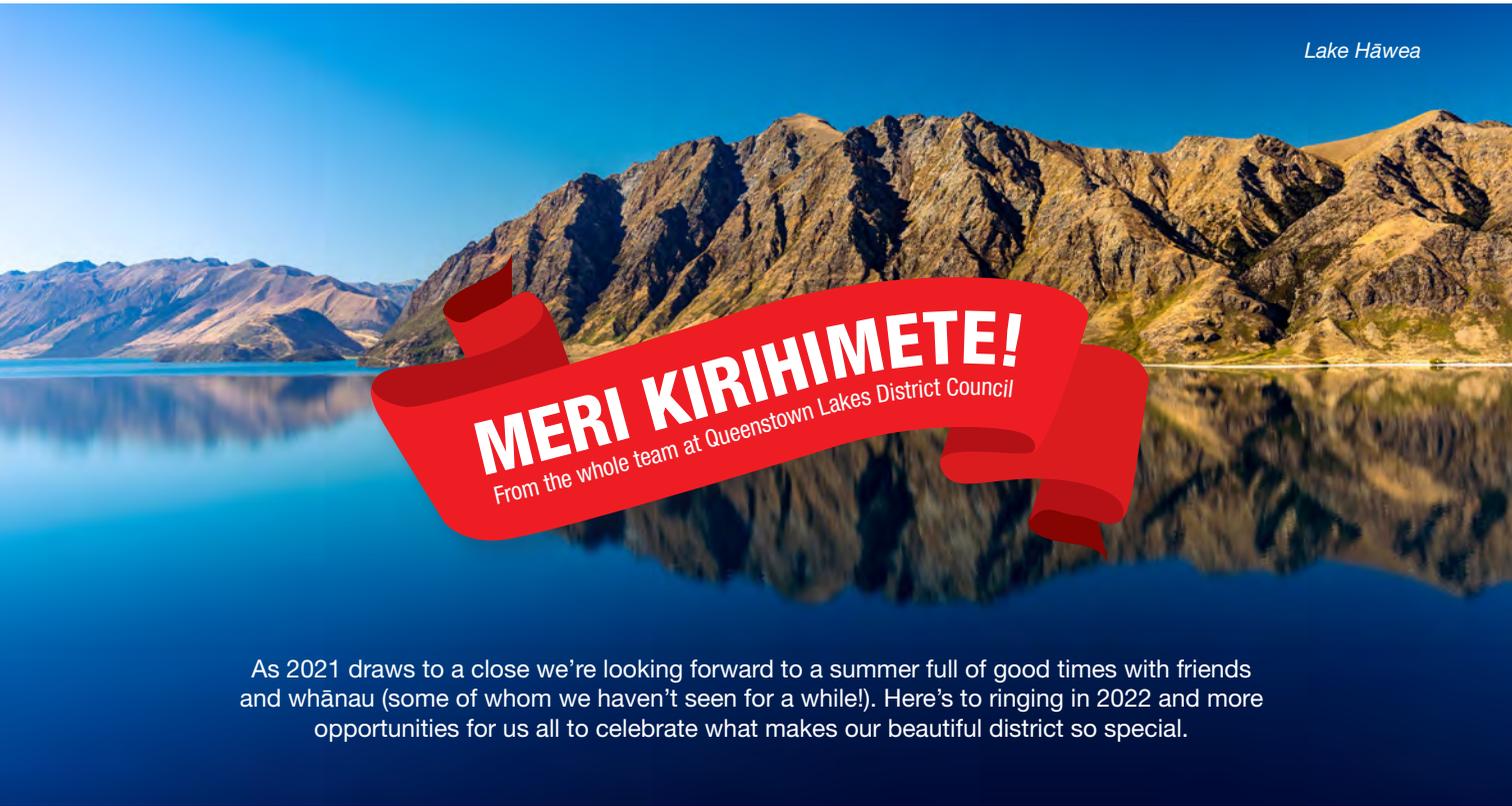


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Lake Hāwea



**MERI KIRIHIMETE!**

From the whole team at Queenstown Lakes District Council

As 2021 draws to a close we're looking forward to a summer full of good times with friends and whānau (some of whom we haven't seen for a while!). Here's to ringing in 2022 and more opportunities for us all to celebrate what makes our beautiful district so special.

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dear. This will be one of our major focuses in the coming year with the publication of our second Climate Action Plan.

I've said recently we're in a two-speed economy. For those involved in construction, supply and some parts of the retail sector, trading has been outstanding. Rather than our population waning through job losses it seems for every person leaving two more arrive. We've seen an influx of active retirees, self-employed folk (non-tourism), and remote workers able to continue their jobs elsewhere. As a result the housing market has remained strong, bringing other challenges.

We are officially the most expensive place in New Zealand to buy a house. Existing owners might find this advantageous but we are, and always will be, dependent on younger folk arriving or remaining here to build careers and bring fresh ideas. We must have housing that's affordable for them. Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust is making great progress but the provision of suitable affordable housing remains a major challenge that Council will be focusing on in 2022. This has begun thanks to QLDC's policy teams driving thinking around planning for affordable housing and inclusionary zoning. Thanks to everyone who got involved with these engagements that will help shape how we tackle this issue.

Relationships between central and local government has seen a lot of tension in 2021. This is particularly due to proposed reforms shifting ownership and control of NZ's three waters infrastructure away from councils to four new regional entities. This was covered in the last issue of Scuttlebutt but since then government has announced plans to make reform mandatory. Next up are the major issues of local government review and the reform of the Resource Management Act. Both are major pieces of work and I welcome the discussion that will focus all councils around New Zealand on how they operate in the future. I hope some clear thinking in the New Year will see a more productive relationship between the Beehive and the regions and a way forward for three waters that benefits all Kiwis.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge that for many locals this has been one of the most challenging, if not the most challenging years of your lives. I sympathise with you greatly. The initial signs of easing with which I opened are at least a step in the right direction and I'm very confident that we will see a recovery in 2022.

For now though, I would like to thank you for all the positive work and kindness shown around the district in 2021. I wish you an enjoyable and restful break if you're having one, or a satisfying and refreshingly busy holiday season if you're working to serve to our visitors and locals over Christmas and the New Year. Most importantly, be kind to yourselves and to one another.

**Mayor Jim Boulton**

I'm writing this after hearing the news that Aotearoa New Zealand is to cautiously open borders to international visitors on 30 April 2022. This is a welcome step in the right direction, and I hope a sign of more to come. I know many will be looking forward to reconnecting with friends and whānau ahead of that when the shift from mandatory MIQ to self-isolation kicks in in January. I do hold some reservations around self-isolation for international visitors on arrival and strongly doubt that large numbers will wish to spend a week of their two or three week holiday unable to leave their hotel. One to watch.

I have recently been reflecting on our first lockdown in March 2020. Most of us thought it would be over within a few weeks. By the time we open our international borders it will be more than two years. I salute all of the hard-working employees and business owners who have battled to get through this but also want to acknowledge that many businesses have had to close, others are in hibernation and others struggling on. My sincere hope for 2022 is that we do get back to some form of normality and our visitor industry is able to regain some stability.

Locally, there has been much exciting activity around our district this year. Work on the Wānaka lakefront has proceeded at pace and I was delighted to open the Te Ara Wānaka shared pathway and boardwalk in October – a real asset for the Upper Clutha. In Queenstown, the CBD street upgrades and Stage 1 of the arterials project are major pieces of work. While disruptive at the time, I'm sure the long-term benefits will be outstanding and I would like to thank all business operators and residents in the area for putting up with the big changes. It will be worth the wait.

As the world finally wakes up to the fact that we urgently need to address our ailing environment, QLDC has many initiatives underway to play our part. Our district-wide goal of net zero carbon emissions is one that we all hold

# Staying safe with fire and water

Whether you're hitting the water or out camping with friends, there are some simple precautions we can all take to keep each other safe these holidays.

## HEADING OUT ON THE WATER?

Here are our top tips for keeping safe on our lakes and rivers this summer:

- > you're safer when sober!
- > conditions change quickly – always check the weather forecast before heading out and tell someone where you're going
- > carry two forms of waterproof communication – the Marinemate app has plenty of helpful suggestions
- > know what to do in an emergency – if you have a phone, dial 111 and ask for Police; if you have a VHF radio, call Channel 16 and say “mayday, mayday, mayday” then state your vessel name and location, then repeat. Channel 16 is monitored by boat users who are within range of the calling vessel; in most instances it will not be picked up by land-based monitoring stations.

For more information on boating in our district head to [www.qldc.govt.nz/lakes-and-boating](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/lakes-and-boating).



**KNOW THE RULES:** You must wear a lifejacket at all times when out on our lakes and rivers if your vessel is under six metres long, regardless of the conditions. This includes kayakers, canoers and stand-up paddle boarders. Correctly sized lifejackets must also be carried for every person on larger vessels.

## CHECK IT'S ALRIGHT BEFORE YOU LIGHT

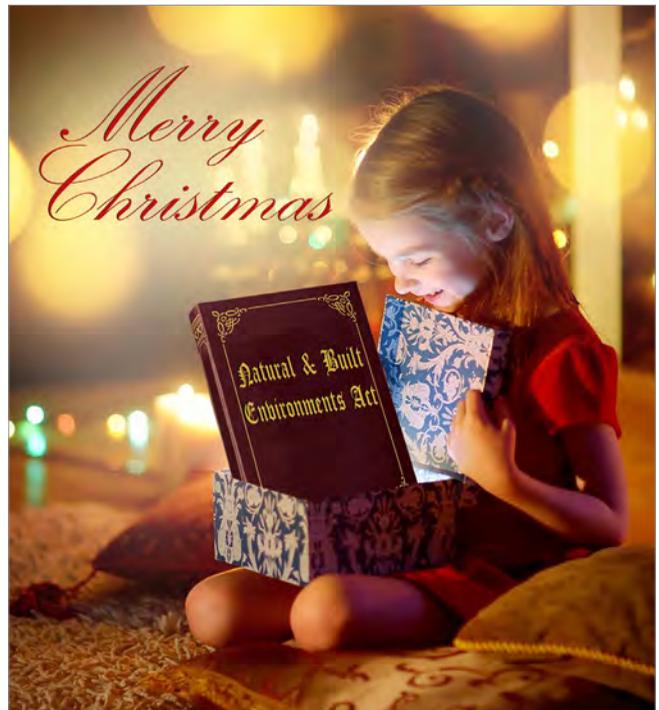
Lighting a fire or working outside can be risky in the dry (and sometimes windy) summer months.

With most of New Zealand's wildfires caused by the unintended spread of embers from agricultural burns, cooking and campfires, our advice is to always check it's alright before you light.

Head to [www.checkitsalright.nz](http://www.checkitsalright.nz) to find out if you're allowed to light a fire and the steps you can take to reduce the risk.

Our district has a high risk of fire with the following areas under a total fire ban (including fireworks) all year round:

- > Queenstown Red Zone
- > Pig Island
- > Albert Town Recreation Reserve and Campground
- > Coronet Forest
- > Mt Iron
- > Pigeon Island
- > Ruby Island.



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# These streets are made for walking

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As we count down to the Christmas rush, the Kā Huanui a Tāhuna team have been working around the clock to reopen Beach Street for pedestrians by 18 December.

The street will be a generous pedestrian zone over summer – the perfect place to wander and relax – and will remain closed to traffic until light poles and street furniture are installed in the New Year.

Work will start again on 24 January and is on track to be completed by April 2022.

## Huanui Pānui – stay up to date

Sign up for monthly updates on the whole programme being delivered by Kā Huanui a Tāhuna.



We wish all local businesses a busy and prosperous summer trading season – thank you for your ongoing patience this year.

Work on Park Street and Upper Brecon Street will also stop between 22 December and 9 January.

Stay in  
the loop on  
NZUP

Wondering what's happening with the \$8.7 billion government funded New Zealand Upgrade Programme (NZUP)?

Take a look at the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency website for plans, news and updates as momentum builds to deliver the \$115 million Queenstown Package.

Work includes bus priority measures on SH6 and 6A, bus lanes on SH6, improvements to the existing Frankton bus hub, improvements to the SH6A/SH6 intersection (Frankton roundabout), pedestrian access improvements and a new roundabout at the SH6/Howards Drive intersection.

Design is underway with construction expected to start next year. Waka Kotahi will be engaging with the community in the coming months to ensure everyone is aware of what's planned and the benefits these projects will bring.

For the latest updates visit [www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/nz-upgrade/queenstown-package/](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/nz-upgrade/queenstown-package/)

Works are being delivered for Waka Kotahi via the Kā Huanui a Tāhuna alliance in partnership with Queenstown Lakes District Council.

## DRIVE SMOKEFREE — FOR TAMARIKI —

Since 28th November, it is illegal to smoke or vape in cars with people under 18 years old present.



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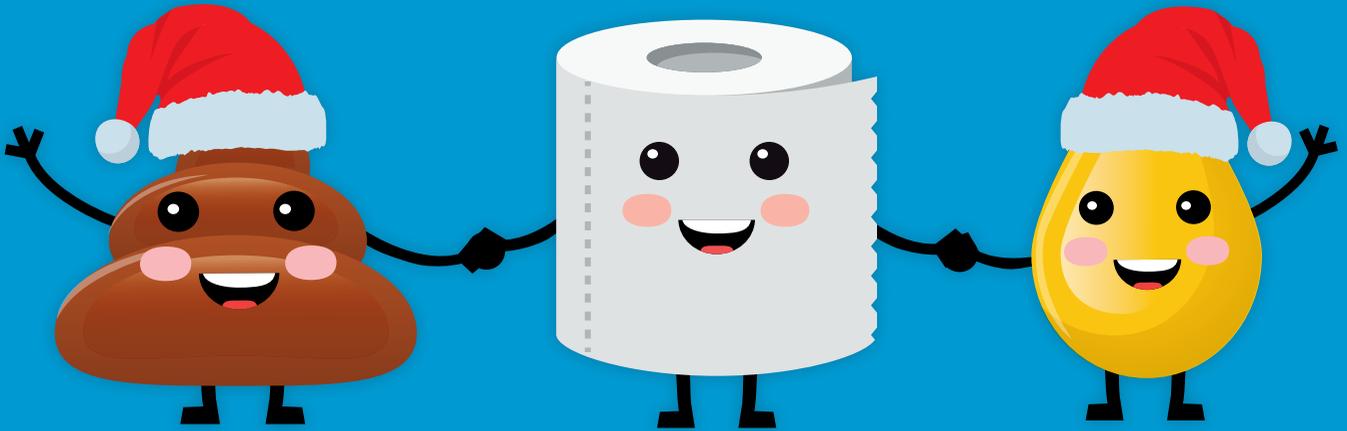
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# The three Ps of Christmas

## Let's keep things flowing!

A spike in the number of wet wipes being flushed down local toilets is a chance to remind everyone to only ever flush the three Ps – pee, poo and paper.

Nothing else should go down the loo!

Anything else will ultimately lead to blocked pipes and pump stations which can be costly to repair.

Understandably, antibacterial wipes are in high demand as people take extra hygiene precautions in light of concerns about COVID-19. While many of these products say they can be flushed, that is simply not the case.

We recommend keeping a small bin next to your toilet to dispose of anything that isn't poo, pee or paper.

We all have a part to play in protecting our environment and keeping the three waters infrastructure flowing smoothly, so please think before you flush.

For more tips head to [www.qldc.govt.nz/preventing-wastewater-overflows](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/preventing-wastewater-overflows)

### ✓ ONLY FLUSH THE 3 Ps



PEE



POO



PAPER

### ✗ DON'T FLUSH THESE



TAMPONS



NAPPIES



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TOYS



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CONDOMS



Conor Macfarlane at Bike  
Glendhu; credit + Jay French

# Get cranking with local Dirt Reports

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Destination Queenstown and Lake Wānaka Tourism have partnered to produce the Dirt Report, a weekly video round-up of all things biking in the district including conditions, events, biking locations, new trails and local talent.

It's all about raising the profile of the world class biking available across Queenstown and Wānaka, and encouraging people to get outdoors and explore our trails.

The Dirt Report is available on both Lake Wānaka Tourism and Destination Queenstown's websites and social media channels.

If you'd like them delivered to your inbox then sign up by emailing [rubys@queenstownNZ.nz](mailto:rubys@queenstownNZ.nz).

# From the chambers

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There's always plenty going on at our Council and Committee meetings, here's a snapshot of some recent happenings.

## PLANS FOR OLD WĀNAKA POOL SITE

Wānaka Community Pool on Plantation Road closed in 2018 when the Wānaka Recreation Centre's aquatic facilities opened and Council has been in discussions ever since about plans for this asset and land. The pool itself is not viable in the long term and the land on which it sits is a recreational reserve which means that selling it is not a straightforward process. The first step is for its reserve status to be revoked. As Scuttlebutt went to print, this was due to be considered at the Council meeting on 16 December. If approved, a public process will begin running into 2022. Council is conscious of Mount Aspiring College's long-standing interest in acquiring the site and the overall community benefits of the site being redeveloped. There'll be further discussion over the coming months as all parties work through the statutory processes.

## PARKING CHANGES IN FRANKTON

Residents close to Queenstown Airport expressed concern at a recent Traffic and Parking Subcommittee meeting that many passengers were choosing to park their vehicles in nearby streets. The result was that many residents were unable to park near their homes, with other vehicles often not moving for several weeks. Council agreed that this problem could be alleviated with a 48-hour parking limit and this was approved at a meeting of the Subcommittee on 2 December. It will affect several streets in Frankton and enforcement will begin when new signage is in place and following a period of education.

## DOG DAY AFTERNOONS

We seem to be a district of dog lovers and Council's regulatory team works hard to make sure that our pampered pooches are happy and safe. Disney cartoons might paint dog rangers as ruthless hunters and dog pounds as dark and scary, but this couldn't be further from the truth. Our animal control officers love and respect dogs and want to make sure their owners voluntarily comply with the law, firstly through education and then – if necessary – through enforcement. You may have noticed more dog waste dispensers around, animal control officers may have visited your child's school to talk about how to be safe around dogs, and you may be one of the lucky new owners of a dog that our team have rehomed. And if you hear someone asking Bella to fetch, then 58 dogs may respond because that's the most common name in the district. But, of all 5,856 dogs registered in the district, surely there can only be one Albus Dumbledore, Ellie McThunderpaws and Suzie Cream Cheese?

## A NEW FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW

Council adopted the QLDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2021 at its meeting on 16 December. This update to the 2019 bylaw was informed by a comprehensive site assessment and community engagement. Following consideration of all submissions and public hearings the bylaw was amended to prohibit freedom camping at the following additional sites: Camphill carpark, Glenorchy Domain carpark, Morven Ferry Reserve, Gibbston Reserve carpark and some rural roads north of Glenorchy. Restricted freedom camping is still available at the Luggate Red Bridge Reserve and all areas outside the prohibited zones. This ensures we still comply with the Government's Freedom Camping Act which states that no council may prohibit freedom camping in its area. Further detail about the areas covered by the new bylaw are available on the QLDC website.

# New funding to connect communities

Have you got a great idea for a community activity that promotes mental wellbeing?

Check out Te Hau Toka Southern Lakes Wellbeing Group's new Connecting Communities fund which is designed to encourage people to find ways to connect, look after themselves and each other, and have some fun.

Eligible not-for-profit organisations and groups can apply for up to \$1,000 (GST inclusive) per round to assist with funding their activity or event. There are three funding rounds per year.

Broadly, Te Hau Toka is looking for activities and events to fund, or contribute to, that:

Engage positively with the local community

Support mental wellbeing

Align with one or more of the Five Ways to Wellbeing and Te Whare Tapa Wha

Are delivered in Queenstown, Wānaka, Cromwell, or Te Anau/Fiordland.

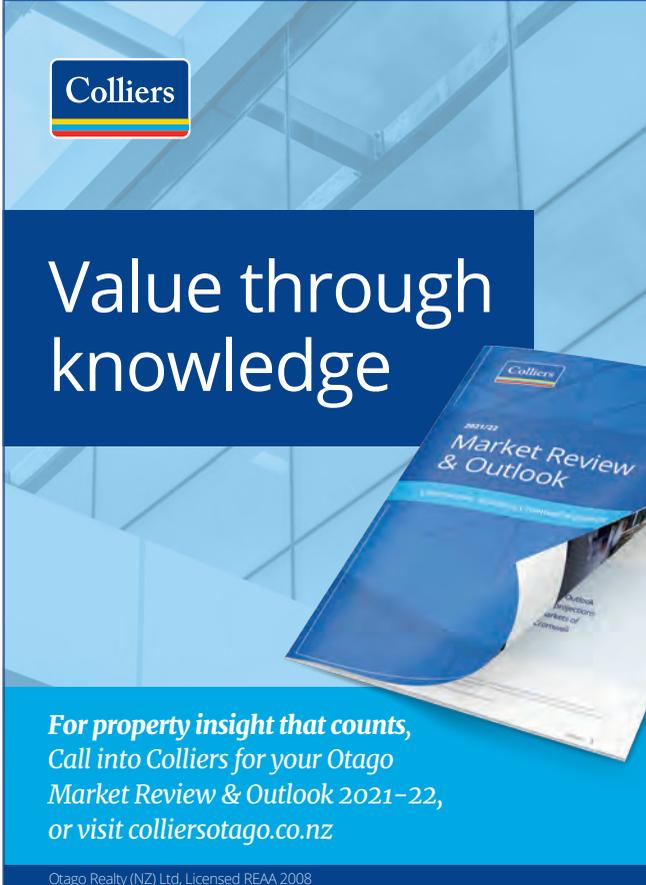
Te Hau Toka would love to hear about what people think would work best for their community. It could be anything from games equipment to an in-person or online event which supports mindfulness and encourages people to be active, enjoy nature, or learn a new skill for example.

More details about the Connecting Communities fund and how to apply can be found online at [www.southernhealth.nz/tehautoka](http://www.southernhealth.nz/tehautoka).

# Accessible Queenstown

Did you know one in four New Zealanders are limited by a physical, sensory, learning, mental health or other impairment? Over the last few months, the team at Destination Queenstown has been reviewing and enriching its Accessible Queenstown online resource with heaps of information for anyone with access needs. Topics include inclusive adventures, dining and accommodation, accessible tours, and information on getting around. You can find all the information at [www.queenstownnz.co.nz/plan/accessible-queenstown/](http://www.queenstownnz.co.nz/plan/accessible-queenstown/)

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# Summer in the Queenstown Lakes District

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Long sunny days, fresh mountain air and cool dips in our stunning lakes – doesn't sound too bad, does it!

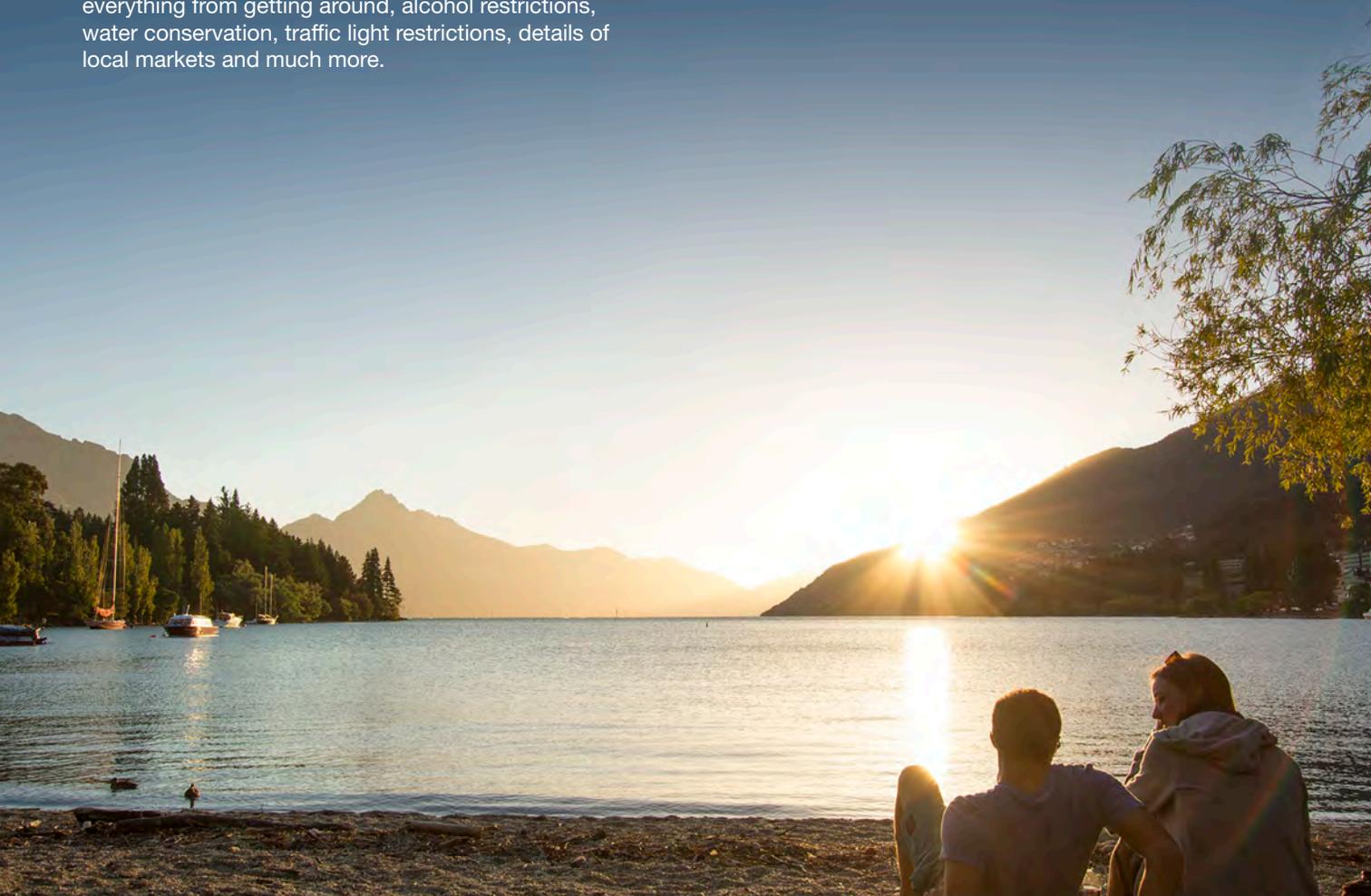
Whether you live here permanently, are coming home for a break or visiting over the holidays, we've pulled together lots of helpful information to help you get the best out of summer.

Head to [www.qldc.govt.nz/summer-101](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/summer-101) for everything from getting around, alcohol restrictions, water conservation, traffic light restrictions, details of local markets and much more.

## BE WATER SMART THIS SUMMER

Use water wisely this summer to help avoid any unwanted restrictions. There are plenty of easy ways to reduce water use, both inside your home and in the garden. It could be as simple as reducing how long you shower for (within reason of course!), or using your sprinkler early in the morning or late at night as opposed to during the hottest part of the day.

Get more tips on how to use water wisely at [www.qldc.govt.nz/water-saving-tips](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/water-saving-tips)



## Support local this New Year's Eve

This year, we're not going ahead with our New Year's Eve events – including our usual fireworks and music performances – on the Queenstown and Wānaka lakefronts.

We're really disappointed not to be ringing in the New Year in our usual style. Instead we hope it will be an opportunity for many of you to enjoy the occasion with friends and family at local bars and restaurants, and support our district's hospitality sector which has been doing it tough of late.

We know many people will be disappointed too but hope you'll understand the complexities of planning events like these as the country moves to the Government's COVID-19 traffic light system.

QLDC will continue to support NZ Police between 29-31 December by contributing roaming security and the presence of the Red Frogs to support the safety and wellbeing of young adult revellers. Additional toilet facilities will also be in place.

## Christmas rubbish collections

All kerbside collection dates will remain the same over the Christmas and New Year period. One less thing to remember!

If you have excess waste or recycling to dispose of, and you're looking to use the transfer stations in Queenstown or Wānaka, these facilities will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The Wakatipu Recycling Centre, including the public recycling drop-off area, will also be closed on these days.



### RUBBISH AT REMEMBERING YOUR COLLECTION DAY?

Why not sign up for text or email reminders at:  
<https://reminders.saveourstuff.co.nz/>

### GOT A GAS BOTTLE YOU WANT TO GET RID OF?

Our transfer stations can recycle them for you. If your bottle is greater than 2.5kg, a small fee of \$6.50 applies.

## Your hot ashes need to be as cold as ice (or thereabouts)

Ashes from BBQs and fireplaces can take up to five days to cool after a fire has gone out, and can start fires in household rubbish bins, rubbish trucks, transfer stations and landfills.

Always empty ashes and ashtrays into a metal bucket and pour water over them before disposal. Only once **COMPLETELY COLD** can the ash be placed in your red rubbish bin.

Fireworks can be fun but they also pose a high fire risk. Before disposing of used fireworks make sure they have properly cooled. Douse used fireworks with water and leave to cool for 24 hours before placing in your red rubbish bin.

Did you know that ash from chemical-free firewood can be great in the garden? Contact your local garden centre to learn more about how wood ash can breathe new life into your plants. Fireworks... not so much.

If you have unused or faulty fireworks, contact our transfer stations for advice on safe disposal.



# Have a very Merry (waste-free) Christmas!

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There are lots of neat things you can do this Christmas to keep your waste down to a minimum. Many of them are free or low cost. Small changes can make a big difference!

Here are some tips for waste free holidays:



Instead of buying a new gift consider repairing a beloved item.

## SHOP LOCAL

Shop at local businesses and check out our fantastic markets across the district. There are lots of items with low or no packaging available. Second-hand stores are another goldmine for gifts – from books, clothes and games to kitchen items and much more.

## GET CRAFTY IN THE KITCHEN

Consider baking, making or creating something special.

## LOOK TO NATURE

Use alternatives to plastic trees. Why not try a potted native, make your own from materials like driftwood, or source a wilding pine and compost it after use?

## DIY DECORATIONS

Make your own Christmas decorations and crackers out of alternative home compostable material like flowers, twigs, salt dough or paper. This is a great way of avoiding plastic waste and spending fun time together as a family.

## LOVE LEFTOVERS

Create less food waste by planning out your food purchases and portions, and get creative with leftovers and utilise your freezer. Love Food Hate Waste has lots of tips for what to do with Christmas leftovers: [lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz](http://lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz)

## WRAP GIFTS IN CLOTH

Instead of buying paper wrapping use old paper packaging, kids' drawings, magazines, newspaper, fabric, tea towels or scarves. Have you heard of furoshiki? It's the Japanese tradition of wrapping gifts in cloth and there are lots of tips and videos online for beautiful wrapping techniques.

Did you know that Kiwis produce 30% more waste than usual over the holiday period?

Did you know more food goes to waste during Christmas week than any other time of year?

# 'Postcards' from recent events

We thought it would be fun to round-up some recent events around the district with a few photos to tell the story.



## QEC all-weather turf

Mayor Boulton opened the new all-weather turf at Queenstown Events Centre along with (left to right) Mayoress Karen Boulton and Wakatipu Hockey Club players Ally Wilkinson, Lucy Viggers, Paige Loggenberg.



## Cemeteries Week

We hosted an event during Cemeteries and Crematoria Week to highlight the Lakes District Museum-funded book 'Arrowtown Cemetery: A Walk into History' with co-author Pauline Lawrence and Queenstown and District Historical Society Chairperson Marion Borrell.



## Ballantyne Road

Local residents, Council contractors and staff enjoyed a morning tea to acknowledge the completion of the Ballantyne Road sealing project. Special thanks to Grant and Janet Cochrane for allowing us to mark this milestone at their beautiful property.



## Hear about the Hazard

QLDC hosted two 'Hear about the Hazard' drop-in events in Queenstown to share information with the community and answer questions about the natural hazards along Gorge Road.



**Wānaka Retirement Village**  
 The Wānaka Community Board was kind enough to donate this lovely seat to the awesome folks over at the Wānaka Retirement Village.



**Rimu Lane**  
 A group local residents supported by QLDC's Parks and Reserves team recently planted Wānaka's Rimu Lane reserve with a variety of native plants to encourage birds and improve biodiversity.



**Welcoming communities ceremony**  
 Local waiata group Ngā Manu Hou sang at a ceremony that officially recognised the district joining the government-funded Welcoming Communities programme – Waharoa ki ngā Hapori.



**WAO Summit**  
 Jim Salinger – Nobel Prize recipient, IPCC Lead Author and member of Council's Climate Reference Group – by the QLDC stand at October's WAO Summit in Wānaka.

# Low impact tramping and camping

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Whether you're heading on a mission up the mountains with your bivvy bag or staying lakeside, there are lots of little things you can do to reduce your waste on your next camping or tramping trip.

Even better – lots of these ideas are easier on the wallet too!

## REUSE IS THE TICKET

Keep reusing your plastic containers, ziplock bags and other items that at first glance may seem like 'single-use' for storing food and liquids. You may be surprised how much life you can get out of containers and bags with a quick wash. If you're camping bring your containers with

you, pack your keep cup, Tupperware and cutlery. Mesh produce bags are useful for storing and sorting food and can be used over and over again. Reuse paper bags to carry food as these can double as fire starters at the end of their life.

## TRY SECOND-HAND

If you need camping equipment check out your local second-hand stores, or hunt online at Trade Me or social media groups. You'll be amazed at what other people want to pass on at low cost, some of it unused! Another idea is to borrow, share and lend equipment with family and friends. Hiring is another option. Check out the peer-to-peer sharing site [www.mutu.co.nz](http://www.mutu.co.nz).

## FOOD

You can buy items in bulk and then make your own scroggin, muesli or homemade baking to take on your trip. Some hardy fruits and vegetables like apples, capsicum and onion, can last surprisingly well. You can also chop them beforehand. Carrot sticks and boiled eggs (for the first day) can also make for tasty snacks. Buy cheese wrapped in wax instead of plastic. A quick online search of tramping food opens up a world of tasty ideas you can make from items in your pantry. Wrap fresh food in beeswax wraps which helps keep it fresher longer.

**Remember, pack out all your rubbish with you and recycle where you can.**



# Cricket clash a fun family day out

John Davies Oval will host back-to-back Dream11 Supersmash T20 games for the Otago Sparks women's team and Otago Volts men's team on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 December.

The first match begins at 11.10am and the second at 2.40pm with tickets valid for both matches on each game day.

Prices start at \$15 and the family packages make it an affordable, fun day out.

Get down to Queenstown Events Centre to watch top domestic cricket at one of the most beautiful grounds in the world!

Otago Sparks vs Wellington Blaze  
Tuesday 28 December, 11.10am

Otago Volts vs Wellington Blaze  
Tuesday 28 December, 2.40pm

Otago Sparks vs Auckland Hearts  
Wednesday 29 December, 11.10am

Otago Volts vs Auckland Aces  
Wednesday 29 December, 2.40pm

Get your tickets at [www.supersmash.co.nz/schedule](http://www.supersmash.co.nz/schedule).

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# Preferred option for Hāwea Wastewater – feedback open

After several months of investigation, we've landed on a preferred long-term solution for treating and disposing of wastewater from the growing Hāwea community.

The solution would see wastewater pumped from Domain Road in Hāwea to the existing Project Pure Wastewater Treatment Plant via Albert Town.

We're currently developing a concept design for the project which includes assessment and design of the general pipe alignment including the Hāwea and Clutha river crossings and upgrades required at the Domain Road and Albert Town pump stations. Concept design,

and importantly community feedback, will inform the final investment recommendation to elected members in 2022.

If you're keen to find out more and have a say, head over to [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](http://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz). You'll find details of the proposed pipeline route, why it was selected, what other options were considered and info about the interim solution to keep things running smoothly in the meantime.

**Have your say today! Feedback closes 30 January 2022.**

## Drones: safety first!

Over the summer holiday period, Queenstown Airport experiences an increase in drone sightings which can impact the airport operations and the safety of aircraft flying in and out.

To make sure everyone is kept safe while still enjoying their special Christmas gifts, we wanted to share a couple of top tips before flying a drone this summer:

- > Drone flights within controlled airspace must have air traffic control permission before they take flight; visit [www.airshare.co.nz](http://www.airshare.co.nz) to request permission at least 24-hours in advance.
- > Drones must be flown in daylight hours only, and stay below 400ft (120m) within visual line of sight.
- > Get permission before flying over private property or people.

Remember safety first – if a drone presents an immediate danger contact 111 and ask for Police.

 **SAFETY FIRST THIS CHRISTMAS**  
Know the rules before you fly - [www.airshare.co.nz](http://www.airshare.co.nz)



  
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## Summer alcohol restrictions

Alcohol restrictions apply in the Queenstown CBD, Arrowtown, Frankton, Wānaka CBD and Hāwea between 8.00pm and 8.00am every day of the year. This helps to maintain a safe, family atmosphere in busy public areas.

These areas are also subject to a 24-hour ban over the Christmas and New Year break, with the restriction in place from 6.00am on Monday 27 December through to 6.00am on Thursday 6 January.

If you're planning a family picnic or a couple of drinks at the lake with friends, make sure you know the rules by checking the alcohol restriction maps on Council's website, and follow any warning signs.

Anyone found drinking in a restricted area will be fined \$250, which isn't nearly as fun as putting that cash towards supporting your local over a few sunny afternoons.

Check out the alcohol restriction maps at [www.qldc.govt.nz/alcohol-restrictions](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/alcohol-restrictions).

## Attention jetty and mooring owners!

Over the summer period, we're working on validating the information we hold on jetties and moorings across the district to help keep our waterways safe for everyone.

If you hold a mooring permit, you should have already received an email from us asking you to complete a short survey. The form also asks a couple of basic questions about the vessel attached to your mooring. This will help us reunite owners with their boats if they ever become detached. If you haven't heard from us and hold a mooring permit, please get in touch with our customer services team and they'll send over a link to the survey.

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# Remembering Ross

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Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) was extremely saddened to hear that former Councillor Ross McRobie passed away in late November after a brief illness.

Ross was initially elected to the Wānaka Community Board (WCB) in 2013 and then to Council in 2016. He represented the district as both a Wānaka ward Councillor and WCB member up until the 2019 local elections when he moved to Otematata and stood successfully as a councillor for the Ahuriri ward in the Waitaki District.

During his time at QLDC, Ross sat on various committees and was appointed chair of the 2018-2028 Ten Year Plan steering group, the work of which he said was his proudest achievement while a local councillor.

Queenstown Lakes District Mayor Jim Boulton paid tribute to Ross as a hard-working public servant and much respected person.

“This very sad news has shaken me as Ross has always been full of life and a picture of health. He was a shining



star in our previous council – honest, frank, not afraid to speak his mind and very committed to the best interests of the district. Very deservedly, Ross will be remembered as a man of great mana. He was an excellent Councillor and a very good friend. I will miss his positive outlook and enthusiasm for life greatly.”

“Our thoughts are with Ross’s friends and family, especially his wife Petrea, at this sad time,” said Mayor Boulton.

Ross was extremely active in the community holding a number of governance roles with organisations including Snow Sports NZ, Warbirds over Wānaka, Lake Wānaka Tourism and Otago Community Trust.



For many people in our district, this last year or so has been tough.

Remember that we’re all in this together and things will get better. We hope you all have the opportunity to unwind, reset and spend some time with friends and whānau this Christmas.

Kia Kaha Queenstown Lakes.

# Wastewater upgrade boosts network resilience

As our district grows so too does the demand on our three waters network. We all expect to be able to turn on the tap and get clean drinking water or flush the toilet knowing that wastewater won't be contaminating our precious environment.

To respond to the demand over the long term, QLDC has a significant programme of work underway on three waters projects right across the district.

The Recreation Ground wastewater pump station and rising main upgrade in central Queenstown is one of these projects and, after around 18 months of construction, it's now complete. The new infrastructure improves the resilience of Queenstown's wastewater network significantly by providing 550m<sup>3</sup> of emergency storage, additional pumping capacity and 2km of new wastewater pipes. All this reduces demand on the Marine Parade pump station located close to Lake Whakatipu.

The new pump station carries wastewater from areas north of the town centre such as Arthurs Point and parts of Queenstown Hill, and will also pump from Sunshine Bay and Fernhill in the future.

The project saw its fair share of disruption along the way including COVID-19 lockdowns and the discovery of 6,000-year-old timber underground but the construction team pulled together and got the job done as quickly as possible, resulting in a real boost to our wastewater network.

Huge thanks to residents along Park Street and town centre businesses for their ongoing patience and support while this upgrade was underway.



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# Run rabbit!

Otago Regional Council (ORC) has been engaging with the Lake Hayes and Gibbston communities on joint approaches to control the local rabbit population.

While it's a landowner's responsibility to control rabbits on their property, ORC plays a role in helping people follow a pest plan and advises individuals and groups to help them achieve better results.

## The key factors include:

- > Working together – it can save money and ensures efforts aren't wasted.
- > There's no silver bullet – control needs to be ongoing, using a variety of methods.
- > Seeking help from professionals – a range of contractors can provide advice on what will work best in different situations.

For more info on rabbit management and ORC's role visit [www.orc.govt.nz/rabbits](http://www.orc.govt.nz/rabbits)

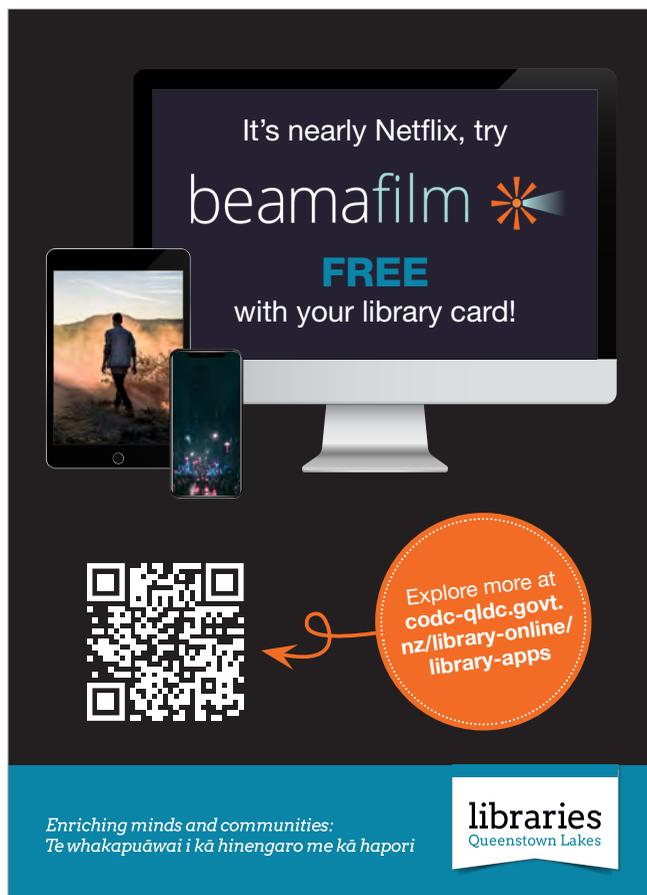


**Shelve your fines at your local library**

Visit your local library during December and we will clear your fines! If you'd like to give a little back, we're collecting non-perishable food items and gifts for Happiness House and Community Networks Food Bank.

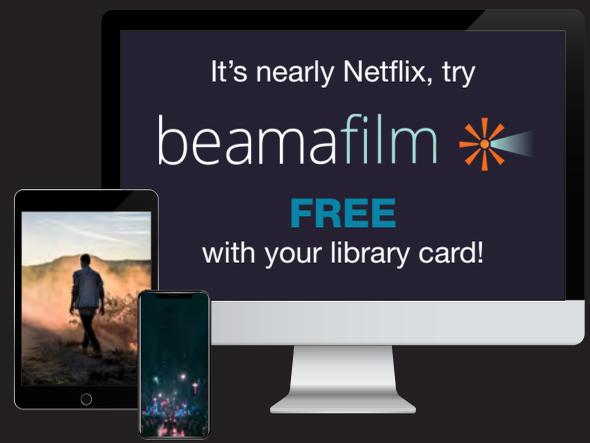


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# SUMMERDAZE GAMES

## A LOCAL GOOSECHASE

If you haven't joined the Summerdaze Games yet, now's your chance! The December game runs until Christmas Day with a chance to score some great prizes, and there'll be another game through January.

Summerdaze Games is a local scavenger hunt where you complete missions to earn points, prizes and to connect with others around the community. In December there are 16 missions waiting for you to complete, so follow the instructions below to join the game and start competing!

### HOW TO PLAY:

- 1 Go to the app store and download 'GooseChase'
- 2 Search for 'Summerdaze Games' or enter a PIN code
- 3 Create a team of one or invite others to join you!
- 4 Share with friends and family.

If you're already playing in December, then make sure you join for January too. Simply search for the game 'Summerdaze Games – January' and create your team.

For mission updates, leaderboard posts and more visit the QLDC Sport & Recreation Facebook page @QLDCSportRec.

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# Summer hours and contacts



Our offices in Queenstown and Wānaka will close at 3.00pm on Friday 24 December and reopen at 8.00am on Wednesday 5 January.



As always, we'll still have a team of people available 24/7 to take your call and help resolve any urgent issues that crop up – just give us a call on 03 441 0499 (Queenstown) or 03 443 0024 (Wānaka). You can also reach us via email at [services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz).



Another option is Snap, Send, Solve – a handy little app that allows you to report issues in your local area on the spot, using your mobile device. These issues are then automatically sent QLDC's way!



A full list of opening hours for our offices, sport and recreation facilities and libraries can be found at [www.qldc.govt.nz/summer-101](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/summer-101)

## QLDC & SERVICE CENTRES

### Queenstown Office:

10 Gorge Road  
Private Bag 50072, Queenstown  
Phone: 03 441 0499

### Wānaka Office:

47 Ardmore Street, Wānaka  
Phone: 03 443 0024

E-mail: [services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz)  
[www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz)

### Office Hours:

Weekdays 8.00am – 5.00pm

## QUEENSTOWN EVENTS CENTRE

Arrowtown Athenaeum Hall  
Queenstown Memorial Hall  
Lake Hayes Pavilion  
Lake Wānaka Centre  
Alpine Aqualand  
Sports fields  
Phone: 03 450 9005

## WĀNAKA RECREATION CENTRE

Wānaka Pool  
Indoor Courts  
Phone: 03 443 9334

## TRANSFER STATIONS

**Wakatipu:** 110 Glenda Drive  
Frankton Industrial Area  
Phone: 03 348 5126  
**Upper Clutha:** Cnr of Ballantyne  
& Riverbank Roads  
Phone: 03 348 6125

## HARBOURMASTER

Report non-compliance of waterway rules by phone **03 441 0499** or email [services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz)

In an emergency on the water always **call 111**

## LIBRARIES

For library opening hours and locations please head to [codc-qldc.govt.nz](http://codc-qldc.govt.nz)

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