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Keep your eyes peeled for a chance to have your say on how public transport could evolve in Queenstown over the next 15 years. **Read more on page 6.**

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# Living the dry life

At the risk of stating the obvious, summer in our district can be a hot and dry affair, with rain a rare sighting. This kind of weather's great for time spent lakeside but it can quickly become a bit of a drip for your garden and lawn, heightens the risk of wildfire, and impacts our district's water supply.

We're one of the biggest users of water in Aotearoa New Zealand: in peak months we use on average about 440l of water per person per day compared with the national average of 146l.

That's a pretty eye-watering difference even accounting for our district's drier climate.

Combined with a hot and dry spell in January this led to water alert level 1 restrictions right across the Queenstown Lakes and level 2 restrictions in Arrowtown, with water leaving reservoirs much faster than they could fill. Scary stuff, because we need enough reserves in case it's needed for an emergency like a wildfire – far more likely during hot and dry spells!

And while those restrictions might be over for now, it's no reason to pour those good habits down the drain.

Our infrastructure is sufficient to produce, store and supply enough water to meet everyone's needs, and we're investing across the district to keep up with population growth.

**But, we need to change how we're using water to help avoid these occasional but significant peak summer demand spikes, the potential restrictions that follow, and the increased risk we'd face as a community if we have to respond to an emergency.**

We should always treat water as a precious resource, but over summer it's especially important to consider the ways we use it. We'd like to encourage everyone to get a bit more wai wise at home, and if you'd like to do your part and save water in the kitchen, bathroom, or in the garden, you'll find plenty of tips and tricks online at [www.qldc.govt.nz/services/water-services/water-supply/water-tips](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/services/water-services/water-supply/water-tips).

Together, small changes can help us avoid water restrictions in future, reduce carbon emissions, and be more sustainable too!



## WATER RESTRICTION LEVELS

QLDC continuously monitors our water production versus reservoir levels and how much water is being used across all our water schemes. In the event where reservoir levels drop, and demand for water outstrips how fast we can refill these reservoirs, restrictions are required.

### WATER ALERT LEVEL 0 RESTRICTIONS:

No water restrictions are in place at water alert level 0, but we still ask everyone to please use water wisely at all times.

### WATER ALERT LEVEL 1 RESTRICTIONS:

Hand-held hosing should be kept to a minimum at any time, and sprinklers and irrigation systems should only be used between midnight and 6.00am.

### WATER ALERT LEVEL 2 RESTRICTIONS:

Hand-held hosing should be kept to a minimum at any time, and sprinklers and irrigation systems are not allowed to be used at any time. No contractor water takes are allowed either.

### WATER ALERT LEVEL 3 RESTRICTIONS:

At our strictest level of restrictions, no use of outside water systems is allowed; no sprinklers, irrigation, or hand-held hoses at any time. No contractor water takes are allowed either.

# Stay safe on the water

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Before getting on or in the water  
it's essential you find out all you  
can about potential hazards, some  
of which can be hard to see.

Our alpine district and glacial-formed lakes present particular hazards such as fast-changing conditions, cold water, steep drop offs and dynamic water flows around rivers and gorges that require particular attention. Swimmers and anglers should use extreme caution wherever a river enters a lake as soft sand and gravel in river deltas can change quickly and be very dangerous.

The question of safety on our waterways is complex and involves several different agencies as well as the wider community. There is no single authority responsible for the choice people make to enter a body of water.

The recent tragedies in Glenorchy are a sobering reminder of the hazards. The steps we've taken since – including signage and posters, additional radio advertising and discussions with the local community – are a logical and practical way that Council can help at this incredibly sad time, and we respect the additional work of residents in this regard.

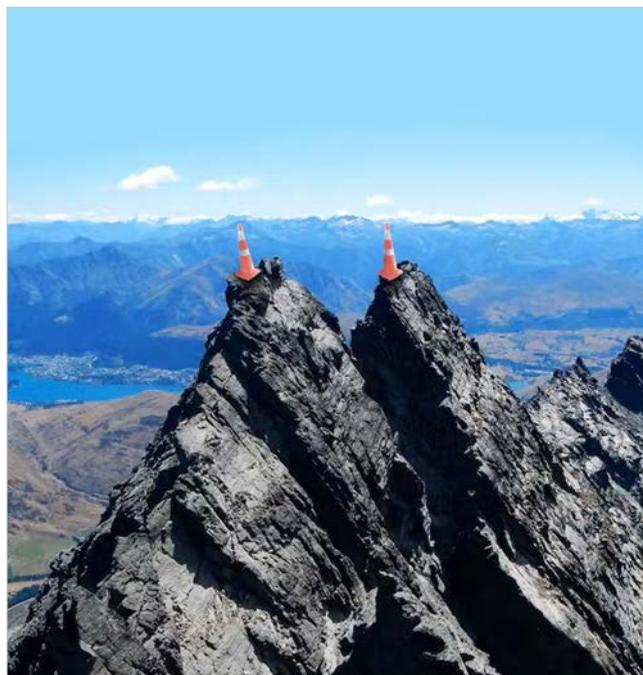
We'll continue working with partners including NZ Police, Maritime NZ, Coastguard NZ, LINZ, Water Safety NZ and national government to consider all measures that might reduce the risk of similar incidents happening here again.

Ask a local before you go,  
and if in doubt stay out.

# Scuttlebutt online

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Did you know that six times a year we produce around 25,000 copies of Scuttlebutt to distribute to our local residents and out-of-town ratepayers. That's a lot of paper and postage. We'll no longer be posting Scuttlebutt to overseas ratepayers. If this means you, and you still want to receive it, you'll need to switch to our email distribution list. Just email [services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz) with the word "newsletter" as the subject and be sure to include your name and postal address so we can cross you off the mailing list. We'll send you a website link to view/download all future Scuttlebutts instead. Anyone can do this even if you live in NZ. You'll be helping us reduce the number of copies we print and distribute. And remember, every issue of Scuttlebutt is also on our website [www.qldc.govt.nz/scuttlebutt](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/scuttlebutt)



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# Coming soon: Have your say on the Annual Plan

It's that time of year again where we review our budgets against what was set out in the 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan (TYP) and make adjustments based on what we propose for the forthcoming financial year.

Public consultation on the draft 2023-2024

Annual Plan will start on Friday 24 March and it's important you have your say. Community feedback will help us prioritise our work which ultimately determines the rates you pay.

As part of the consultation we'll be asking for your views on some specific

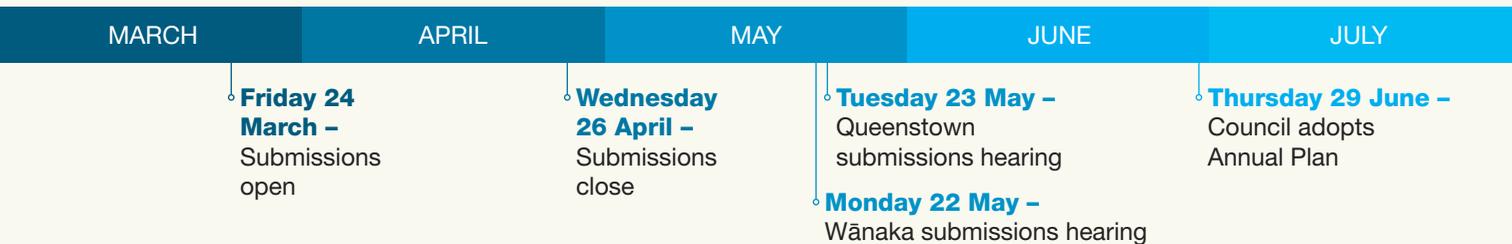
changes to things like fees and charges. We'll also be sharing how we plan to reprogramme capital investment in light of cost escalations and how we fund the recently-settled weather tightness claims.

We'll also look ahead to the 2024-2034 TYP and ask for community input

on how we should prioritise and invest resources over the coming years to deliver what you need now and into the future. Keep an eye on your letterbox, local papers and our social media channels for more info.

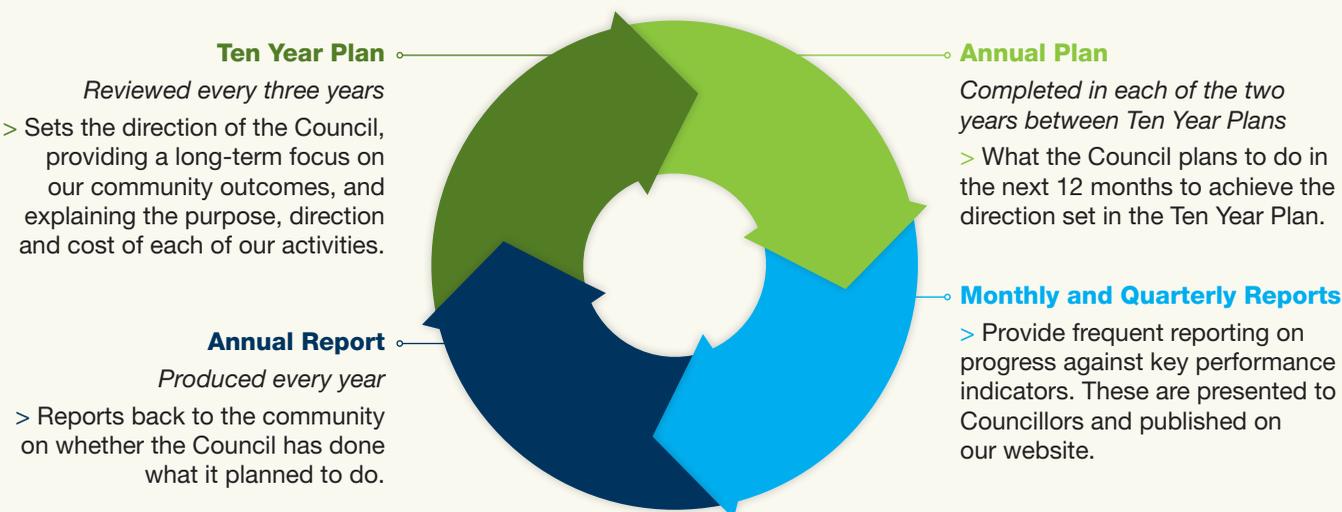
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## THE IMPORTANT DATES



## OUR PLANNING PROCESS

Under the Local Government Act, QLDC must prepare and consult on its key planning tools: the Annual Plan and Ten Year Plan. We report back on progress via our Annual Report as well as monthly reporting.



# Arrowtown-Kawarau Ward by-election

## COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING

Submissions to the Annual Plan also include a process to apply for a community grant.

Most community grant funding is committed in the TYP but there's a small fund available every year for one-off community projects or operational costs.

Take a look at the community funding page on our website for more information about:

- > What you need to include in your Annual Plan grant application.
- > Other funding options that may be available to your group.

Head to [qldc.govt.nz/community-funding](http://qldc.govt.nz/community-funding)

## WHO CAN APPLY?

We award grants to a wide variety of organisations that support the community in different ways. To give you an idea, here's a list of successful recipients via the most recent Annual Plan process:

Bike Wānaka - \$21,000
ChildPlayWorks Charitable Trust - \$2,000
Citizens Advice Bureau - \$5,000
Friends of Bullock Creek Inc. - \$10,000
Glenorchy Heritage and Museum Group - \$5,000
Glenorchy Trails Trust - \$20,000
Happiness House Trust - \$10,000
Hāwea Community Association - \$8,000
Volunteer South   Kaitiāo o te Taitonga - \$10,000
Queenstown Harvest Community Gardens - \$5,000
Shaping Our Future Inc. - \$40,000
Southern Lakes Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association - \$6,500
Southern Wellbeing Trust - \$13,000
Te Kākano Aotearoa Trust - \$3,500
The Lightfoot Initiative Charitable Trust - \$20,000
Upper Clutha Tracks Trust - \$21,000

Nominations are now open to fill a vacant Arrowtown-Kawarau Ward Council seat following the resignation of Neeta Shetty in February. Full details and an official nomination form can be found at [qldc.govt.nz/elections](http://qldc.govt.nz/elections)

Remember only residents enrolled in the Arrowtown-Kawarau Ward will be eligible to vote in this by-election.

To enroll, check or update your details go to [www.vote.nz](http://www.vote.nz). You can also get a form mailed to you by calling 0800 36 76 56 or texting 3676 (both free).

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# What's the future of public transport in Queenstown?

A business case is underway, led by Otago Regional Council in conjunction with the Way to Go partners, QLDC and Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency. It's part of a wider programme of work designed to encourage more people onto buses, bicycles, ferries, and other modes of low-emission, active or shared transport.

The business case will look to paint a picture of future public transport, exploring a variety of options including on-demand services and zero-emission buses. It will scope out the role of park-and-ride, capacity demands and constraints, as well as systems and resources, and what bus hubs might look like. It will also present what funding is needed over time.

Additionally, it will provide detailed analysis on how bus routes and fleet will evolve over the next 15 years (2021-2036) in three-year increments, with a high-level view of public transport requirements over the following 15 years (2037-2051).

This is an opportunity to look beyond the current challenges and think about what you'd like to see in the Whakatipu basin over the years to come.

**Get ready to have your say between March and April.**

In the meantime, you'll find more details at [www.orc.govt.nz/qtptbc](http://www.orc.govt.nz/qtptbc)

## Schools to Pool route

The much-anticipated active travel route connecting Wānaka's schools and Recreation Centre is underway. Shovels hit dirt in January to create a signalised crossing on Aubrey Road near Holy Family Catholic School. This will be accompanied by a shared pathway and signage that will be consistent with the rest of the route as work progresses in future stages through Kelly's Flat up to Wānaka Primary School and Mount Aspiring College.

From here the shared pathway will continue across Lismore Park to Hedditch Street. After crossing the state highway it will run along Ballantyne Road and on into Three Parks where both Te Kura O Take Kārara primary school and Wānaka's Recreation Centre are located.

With the safety of users paramount, we're following the very latest guidelines from Waka Kotahi NZTA on road crossings, and working with schools, landowners and neighbours to ensure this significant project is a lasting success for Wānaka's active community.

**We'll keep you updated as this exciting project progresses.**

# ‘Postcards’ from recent events

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



Local entertainers join organisers at the Summerdaze Teddy Bears' Picnic, Wānaka Recreation Centre (credit - [TimShoultzPhotography.com](https://www.timshoultzphotography.com)).



The new Welcoming Communities Advisory Group for the Upper Clutha gathered for their first official meeting at the end of January (L to R): Matthew Fanselow, Silvia Dancose, Naomi Lindsay, Magali Domingo, Molly Hope, Autumn Servatkova, Aspen Bruce, Jo Knight, Niamh Shaw, Petra Trousilová, Councillor Cody Tucker.



Welcome to Fernhill! Huge shout out to the local community led by Fernhill Sunshine Bay Community Association (FSBCA) for their efforts to get this impressive new sign installed. QLDC was proud to support the project and helped with the installation. Pictured (L to R): Rebeca Barnes and Peter Warren from FSBCA with David Crowther of Milburn Fences, part of the installation team.



MC (and Councillor!) Ferg welcomes dozens more new Kiwis at the latest Citizenship Ceremony on Queenstown Recreation Ground in February (credit - [PhotosbyLeigh](https://www.photosbyleigh.com)).

# From the Chambers

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Much of what the Council considered at its first full meeting of 2023 held on 9 February was about partnerships and connections.

## WORKING TOGETHER

The Chief Executive's report presented two important regional agreements for Council approval. The first was the Otago Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement which sets out protocols for communication and collaboration between local authorities. It provides an important basis for working with other councils over this term of Council. Also in the report was the refreshed agreement between the Council and the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board. Formerly known as a 'Governance Protocol Statement', the new agreement details how the Board and Council will work together to best represent the Upper Clutha community.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOOST

The Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust is another partner organisation. At the 9 February meeting the Council agreed to remove a strict encumbrance from the agreement to transfer land in Jopp Street, Arrowtown to the Trust. The encumbrance was discouraging financiers from lending to it, thereby putting the entire delivery of 68 affordable homes in Jopp Street into jeopardy. The Council agreed to remove the encumbrance from the agreement and replace it with a registered covenant. This will enable the Trust to secure funding and proceed with the development as originally proposed.

## QLDC & QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT

Continuing with the theme of relationships, on 9 February the Council also approved its Statement of Expectations for consideration by the board of Queenstown Airport when preparing its next Statement of Intent. It sets out the way in which there

will be regular contact between Council (as the principal shareholder) and the airport and requests the payment of a dividend from the current financial year. It also details various expectations for the strategic direction of the organisation. These cover sustainability, climate conscious planning and the development of a circular economy mindset in which the community is proud of the airport and understands its importance as one of the district's key pieces of infrastructure.

## PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

In February the Community and Services Committee is being asked to approve two grants for work undertaken on heritage structures in the district. The first is a grant to the St Paul's Anglican Church in Arrowtown towards roof repairs and strengthening the bell tower. The church was built in 1871 and is a Category 1 historic place on the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangi Kōrero. The second grant is for seismic strengthening

work on Kinloch Lodge which has operated as accommodation since the 1880s. Although the lodge started as a tavern for nearby sawmill workers it soon became a lodge for visitors keen to explore the Routeburn Valley. This would be the first of a series of improvements at the lodge, with plans in place to seek a further grant to complete seismic strengthening of the chimneys.

## BYLAW REVIEWS

The Local Government Act (LGA) requires bylaws to be reviewed every five years to remain in force and in February the Community and Services Committee was due to start the process to review both the Activities in Public Spaces Bylaw and the Alcohol in Public Places Bylaw. The LGA requires consultation on bylaws to follow the special consultative procedure to last at least a calendar month followed by a hearing of submissions. Consultation is planned for April - keep an eye on Let's Talk for more details.

# Queenstown arterial road update

Stage 1 of the Town Centre Arterial Road is really starting to take shape.

## OVER THE PAST YEAR THE KĀ HUANUI A TĀHUNA TEAM HAS:

Installed two stormwater mains, two water supply mains and a wastewater line along Frankton Road (between Suburb and Dublin Streets) and completed about 50% of the three waters upgrades on the side streets.

Upgraded the wastewater and water supply infrastructure on Melbourne Street. Stormwater is also almost complete, with just a single main to finish.

Started work to upgrade the road surface and footpath on the downslope side of Melbourne Street.

Made good progress on a large retaining wall to support the new road to be built between Melbourne and Henry Streets.

Relocated overhead powerlines under the ground and made good progress to upgrade water supply and wastewater infrastructure along Henry Street.

Completed a stormwater outfall and filter from Gorge Road into Horne Creek

Completed a water main upgrade and making good progress on stormwater and wastewater pipework on Gorge Road, into Henry Street.



## COMING UP

The team will continue to upgrade underground services along Henry Street and in other areas along the route.

In late February, Ballarat Street will discontinue as a throughfare from Queenstown Hill into the town centre. This will allow the new link to be built between Melbourne and Henry Streets.

Progress continues on Gorge Road underground services so that this road can reopen prior to the ski season.

We'll keep you updated as things progress – full details can be found on the project webpage: [www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/major-projects/queenstown-town-centre-arterial](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/major-projects/queenstown-town-centre-arterial) or get regular updates on our Facebook page.

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# Less construction waste heading to landfill

Construction business Naylor Love Central Otago is working towards a more sustainable waste management system. Construction waste is a significant, nationwide issue with approximately 40-50% of all waste going to landfill.

Design Manager Andrew Blackford, says the company is in the process of standardising separation of recyclable and waste materials across building sites. To make this possible, consistent, clear, and durable signage is required.

“The aim is to make our signage standard across all our sites. This means when our people and sub-contractors move around our sites they will see the same consistent signage, and the right material ends up in the right bin. Ultimately the goal is to reduce the amount of construction waste heading to Victoria Flats Landfill.”

“Consistency is key to getting good results. It removes excuses people can have about not knowing what to do.”

To support it in its mission, Naylor Love received funding through QLDC’s Waste Minimisation Community Fund.

The company has made new signs with clearer instructions. Signs were previously typically fixed to the bins and often ended up leaving with the bin, so they have created their own stands to keep them onsite.

Naylor Love also wants to reduce the amount of waste coming onto sites by having material delivered in reusable packaging. “A lot of our products come wrapped in single use plastics and we are exploring better ways to do this with our suppliers” said Andrew.

“For example, palletised deliveries wrapped in shrink wrap – pallets have been used in shipping logistics for hundreds of years but shrink wrap is a relatively modern convenience item – we need look back in time to understand how deliveries were made and can be made going forward without it.”

“We are also minimising the amount of timber that warps when it gets wet by using the reusable tarps.”

“Slowly we are gaining traction and helping to change the culture of our own organisation and hopefully, with time, the sub-contractors that work with us. The industry needs to change and it’s important to us that we can be a leader in this transition.”

Naylor Love staff separating recyclable materials

Cardboard? Plastic? Naylor Love has got it sorted.



# Share with the Community Board

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The Wānaka Upper Clutha Community Board (WUCCB) has launched a regular series of events for locals to catch up with their elected members.

Known as 'Share with us' the first session was held in mid-February at Wānaka Dinosaur Park in collaboration with our Summerdaze pop-up activities programme.

Future sessions will be held every four to six weeks at different locations around the Upper Clutha. The events are an opportunity to talk directly with elected members and will in turn allow board members to shed light on current projects, services and decisions as well as explaining how the community can get involved and have their say.



Venues and times will be announced in advance on our Facebook page and website.

Or why not scan this QR code with your phone to receive email updates.



# Roll on up to the A&P show

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Come and say hi at this year's Wānaka A&P Show on 10-11 March. What's on offer:

- | Libraries annual book sale
- | Summerdaze games and activities
- | Gardening advice and tips from Dr Compost
- | Face painting, art and crafts
- | Sign up to QLDC Libraries' early literacy programme '1,000 books before school'
- | Waste minimisation tips and tricks
- | Learn about our Welcoming Communities programme
- | Chat to your Mayor (on the Saturday) and Wānaka Upper Clutha Community Board members (throughout the weekend); check our Facebook feed @QLDCinfo for a full schedule nearer the time.

We'll be at our usual site near the Radio Wānaka stage (stand J3). See you there!



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# Partnering for success: Momentum on affordable housing initiatives

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Affordable housing is one of our community's greatest challenges stretching back decades. Our district's distinctive make up means we must be bold and think big in the solutions needed to help us balance the scales with the availability of affordable housing options.

And we have been doing just that, blazing new trails and partnering with others so we can do more together. Here are some fast facts highlighting Council's commitment to prioritising affordable housing for our community:

**1. The Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust (QLCHT) was established by Council in 2007.** Since then, the Trust has built and delivered a total of eight housing developments (119 homes) on land received through an inclusionary housing-type process, which along with other homes purchased has helped 244 local households remain in the area. Further housing developments (totalling over 100 homes) are also underway at Northlake, Lake Hāwea and Arrowtown.

See what other great work QLCHT has delivered for our community at [qlcht.org.nz](http://qlcht.org.nz)

**2. Council is working towards formalising inclusionary housing rules into the District Plan to help more people access affordable housing.** These rules would require most new residential subdivisions and developments to pay an 'affordable housing financial contribution'. This money would be collected by Council and provided to the QLCHT (or another registered community housing provider), providing an ongoing funding stream for affordable housing. Public submissions have closed on this proposal. A hearing will be scheduled soon.

Find out more about inclusionary housing at [www.qldc.govt.nz/inclusionary-housing](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/inclusionary-housing)

**3. We have pulled important partners together to ensure a cohesive approach to housing.** The Queenstown Lakes Spatial Plan is governed by the Whaiora Grow Well partnership made up of us, central



government, Kāi Tahu and Otago Regional Council. This sets out how we plan to 'grow well' into the future and prioritises a focus on access to affordable housing and well-designed neighbourhoods.

Learn more about the Whaiora Grow Well partnership and our spatial plan at [www.qldc.govt.nz/queenstown-lakes-spatial-plan](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/queenstown-lakes-spatial-plan)

**4. The Queenstown Lakes Homes Strategy was adopted by Council in December 2021.** This strategy addresses the key challenges of affordability, choice, quality and government assistance. One of the outcomes of this strategy is the development of a Joint Housing Action Plan, in partnership with Kāinga Ora, Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and QLCHT. It will include actions for Council and central government to improve affordable housing in our district.

Stay tuned for a draft available for community consultation soon. Sign up at [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](http://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz) to be notified when the plan is available for consultation.

**5. Council has applied to the Minister for the Environment to use a Streamlined Planning Process (SPP) to rezone the Te Pūtahi - Ladies Mile area to provide up to 2,400 more homes.** This includes a range of densities and land uses to ensure a well-connected and sustainable community. A decision on next steps for this important area is expected soon.



## A snapshot of our housing challenge

**Queenstown Lakes has been building enough houses over recent years to keep up with population growth.**

Based on building consent numbers and population growth data, about 1,081 additional homes were consented last year than were needed to meet population growth demands. This tells us that while building houses is important, building more will not solve the problem alone.

**Yet we are seeing a reduction in rental housing supply** – Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment rental bonds data shows close to 100 fewer rental homes available in November 2022 compared to November 2021.

**Short-term stay accommodation is just one part of the puzzle** –

Despite the popularity of short-term stay accommodation listings in Queenstown Lakes, listing numbers still remain lower than before the pandemic. Accounting for new housing stock and new short-stay accommodation listings, data suggest about 649 new houses were built above and beyond the needs of both population growth and short-term stay demand.

**Approximately 27% of houses in our district are unoccupied**, according to the most recent data from the 2018 Census. This suggests many of the additional housing stock is constructed as holiday dwellings or homes for future retirement.

**Meanwhile, housing affordability remains a key challenge for the district**, with the median cost of housing currently at \$1.3M in Queenstown, \$1.27M in Wānaka and \$1.57M in Arrowtown. This has significant implications for the wellbeing of the people in our district.

**Learn more about affordable housing at [qldc.govt.nz/affordable-housing](http://qldc.govt.nz/affordable-housing)**

# Revegetation of Coronet Forest close to sprouting

The harvest of Coronet Forest has moved into its final stages and is likely to be completed in April 2023. This means we're one step closer to the second phase of the project: revegetating this reserve land in native plantings.

You could say we've got grand plans for the area on the lower slopes of Coronet Peak, but we hope we're not alone in envisioning a place the many organisations and groups in our district will connect with through tautiakitanga – to manage, protect, and preserve the environment – creating a reserve linked to our community, and shared by our community.

Later this year we'll be sharing plans for the Coronet Forest site and will provide ample opportunity for community feedback on how you see this public

space being used. We're already working with walking, biking and horse-riding groups and all ideas will be tested with you!

If you're chomping at the bit to access this space, we don't blame you.

However, it's important to note initial replanting of Coronet Forest is likely to take five years to complete and for flora to establish itself. In the end, the entire project may take around ten years, but they do say good things take time.

**We're confident this future reserve will be a public space cherished by our community.**

## INTERESTED IN THIS POTENTIAL REVEGETATION PROJECT?

Council currently has a Registration of Interest (ROI) open for parties interested in this revegetation project before we move into a closed tender process. More information on the project will be shared once the harvest is complete.



# Museum gets a makeover

Christmas came early for the Lakes District Museum in Arrowtown when the historic bank and stables buildings and a new display area were officially opened in December.

A large crowd showed up to see the ribbon cut after a two-year seismic strengthening, restoration and upgrade project.

Museum Director David Clarke said returning the bank building to its original 1870s look had certainly had its challenges, especially given most of the museum remained open throughout.

“Any work on heritage buildings can be fraught as you don’t know what you’re going to find,” he said.

“The walls had to be core drilled, steel rods inserted and grout pumped in to add strength. The central floors were replaced, ceiling lifted and everything repointed and replastered using traditional methods.”

The project required a number of specialist tradies including some French lead welders who had worked on European cathedrals.

David said the museum experience was now better than ever judging by visitors’ comments.

“We have upgraded our Māori displays and added in more contemporary exhibits about the development of tourism. Our education programme is roaring along, especially with the school curriculum’s emphasis on New Zealand history,” he said.

“The future of the museum has been secured for everyone in our community.”

QLDC contributed \$1M to the project alongside \$2M from the government’s Kānoa - Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit and a \$420,000 grant from Central Lakes Trust. The museum contributed more than \$250,000 of its own funds and also thanked several private donors.



Cutting the ribbon (L to R): Te Rūnaka o Ōtākou representative Paulette Tamati-Elliffe, Hon Stuart Nash MP, Joseph Mooney MP, Arrowtown School student Charlotte Peasey (11) and former Lakes District Museum Trust chairman Taylor Reed.

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# Remembering Pete

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In January we were deeply saddened to announce the sudden loss of our General Manager Property and Infrastructure, and true mate, Pete Hansby after a short illness.

Pete was a tireless campaigner for improving the way people lived, worked, travelled and played in the district and was a key member of the Kā Huanui a Tāhuna Project Alliance Board. He was an enormously respected and valued member of the QLDC Executive Leadership Team (ELT).

After holding a number of roles with QLDC from 1994 to 2004, Pete moved to work for City Care Limited for Christchurch City Council and became the Southern Regional General Manager. He was appointed Emergency Response Manager following the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes, a period in his career that he recently said prepared him for any future challenge no matter how big. Pete took on a short but critical stint with Aecom as Director Christchurch Rebuild in 2013 before rejoining QLDC in November 2014.

Pete's ELT colleague Meaghan Miller said he was passionate about his work, passionate about the Queenstown Lakes District and enormously proud of his family.

“If there is one small comfort we can all take from Pete's loss it is that his legacy can be seen right around the district in the multitude of projects he was very proud to deliver. Our thoughts and condolences are with Pete's family at this time,” she said.



# Glenorchy water supply upgrade

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This project will help make sure there's enough water supply for current and future demand as the community grows. It will also improve the resilience of the infrastructure and meet the needs of firefighting demand.

The work involves decommissioning the existing tanks, which are in a pretty bad state of repair. Then building two new tanks with a larger capacity. The new tanks will be located next to the existing tanks on the Bible Terrace.

As part of the work, contractors will be setting up three temporary water tanks early on to ensure the existing tanks don't fail during construction. This will also ensure continuity of water supply to the Glenorchy Township while the project is underway.

The site will be fenced off during construction to ensure work can be completed as safely and quickly as possible. Work is expected to be complete in late September 2023. Get more details at [www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/major-projects/glenorchy-reservoirs](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/major-projects/glenorchy-reservoirs)

## The need for speed (management)

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We're putting people and places front and centre as we develop a new Speed Management Plan for the district.

A recent change in legislation means there are new requirements for setting speed limits. We no longer need a bylaw process, in fact we revoked our Speed Limits Bylaw late in 2022. The Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 requires all Road Controlling Authorities (that's us) to outline speed interventions over a three year period. We're working on this now and taking into consideration other important guidance such as the Waka Kotahi One Network Framework and Road to Zero principles.

We're aiming to release a draft speed management plan for consultation in July. In the meantime, if you would like to read more about the process, go to [www.qldc.govt.nz/speed-management-plan-2024-27](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/speed-management-plan-2024-27)



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# Major events return to Wānaka

There'll be a mix of greasepaint and engine oil in Wānaka this autumn as two biennial local events return.

From 26 March to 2 April streets and venues will be buzzing as performers from around the world entertain audiences of all ages at the 2023 Wānaka Festival of Colour, presented by Milford Asset Management.

Then the buzz will turn into a roar over Easter weekend as hundreds of cars, bikes, trucks and machines gather at Three Parks for Wheels at Wānaka (see advert on this page for details).

The focus for this year's Festival of Colour is on reconnecting communities. Highlights include the Royal New Zealand Ballet performing the world premiere of a piece co-commissioned by the festival to mark the

centenary of Katherine Mansfield's death; *Force of Nature*, a musical and visual celebration of the centenary of Forest & Bird; Australian one-man show *Maureen: Harbinger of Death*; and, direct from Berlin, *Otto & Astrid Play the Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Concert You've Ever Seen*.

As always there'll be the Aspiring Conversations programme, SchoolFest and street theatre before Wellington pop, rock and psychedelic legends The Phoenix Foundation bring down the curtain on what promises to be another awesome festival.

For a full programme and tickets visit [festivalofcolour.co.nz](http://festivalofcolour.co.nz).



*Otto & Astrid - credit Andrew Wuttke.*

Save the date for another awesome local event: This year's NZ Mountain Film & Book Festival will take place in Wānaka and Queenstown between 23-30 June.

ThreeParks  
**Wheels AT Wānaka** 2023  
AUSTRALASIA'S BIGGEST ALL VEHICLE SHOW  
**IF IT'S GOT WHEELS OR TRACKS IT'LL BE ON DISPLAY!**  
EARTHMOVING PRACTICE DAY: Friday 7 April  
MAIN SHOW: Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 April  
[www.wheelsatwanaka.co.nz](http://www.wheelsatwanaka.co.nz)

# Boxed-up boost to libraries' world language collection

The team at Frankton Library will be launching the country's first World Languages Lilliput Libraries in March.

Thanks to funding from Te Hau Toka Southern Lakes Wellbeing, and in collaboration with Mitre 10 MEGA Queenstown, Arrowtown Menzshed, the Catalyst Trust and 15 local migrant artists, six new Lilliput Libraries will provide a book exchange for languages spoken in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world.

Colourful and eye-catching, these are small boxes of books for people to keep, swap, pass on, return and/or share among themselves.

The boxes will be located outside Frankton Library and represent a different continent or group of countries. There'll be books in languages from Africa and the Middle East, Asia, Central Asia, Europe, Latin and South America, South-East Asia and the Pacific.

An official launch will be held on Saturday 4 March. Come along and enjoy cultural performances and activities like salsa dancing, a Chinese calligraphy workshop, kimono wearing, traditional green tea ceremony, translated meditation in the library, multilingual Storytimes for kids, talks from local migrant authors and more.



Artists from our migrant communities have painted the six mini-libraries to represent different regions of the world.

# Life and work on the road

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## Have you spotted our Responsible Camping Ambassadors out and about this summer?

They're charged with protecting, enhancing, and maintaining our environment by interacting with and educating campers on sustainable practices while they're visiting.

With four staff serving the Upper Clutha and another four based around the Whakatipu basin, each ambassador also works to monitor camping hot spots and some of those 'not so secret' little locations where freedom camping is prohibited. They collect data to help inform Council's future responsible camping initiatives, and assist our enforcement officers with information if required.

Over the summer break our ambassadors logged chats with more than 3,000 campers in certified self-contained vehicles, and another 4,400 in non-self-contained vehicles. That means around 10,000 people have been given info and advice about how to camp responsibly, helping them to make better choices, care for our environment and camp within the rules!

A lot of the time, campers visiting our district simply don't know where they're allowed to sleep and where they can dispose of rubbish. By having a friendly chat, our ambassadors can promote local campgrounds as places to stay overnight, the different places campers can safely dump their waste, businesses and facilities they should visit, as well as advice on tourist attractions and other spots to see while they're here.

Our ambassadors aim to build and maintain links with our local community as well as visitors. They're out on the road to ensure everyone has a positive experience and that starts with a bit of understanding, patience and plenty of information.

With a bit more carrot and a bit less stick, campers and visitors to our district have become significantly better at taking only photos and leaving only footprints. With the help of ambassadors, our enforcement officers still have the clamp ready for when it's needed but we're seeing far less of that every year!

*Image: Responsible Camping Ambassador Matt Shone in his lakefront 'office'.*



# SUMMERDAZE

Look out for the last of our Summerdaze pop-ups at parks across the district.

You'll find our event trailer packed with balls, games and activities free for you to play with, along with our pop-up library ready for you to explore.

WHAKATIPU	
THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY	
3.00pm - 5.00pm	Library Green, Arrowtown
THURSDAY 9 MARCH	
3.00pm - 5.00pm	Frankton Beach, Frankton
UPPER CLUTHA	
SATURDAY 18 MARCH	
10.00am - 1.00pm	Dinosaur Park, Wānaka
WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH	
2.30pm - 4.30pm	School Grounds, Makarora

Seed swap, mindfulness colouring in or borrow a book to read in the sun.

**THERE'S SOMETHING**

**FOR EVERYONE!**

Head to [www.qldc.govt.nz/summerdaze](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/summerdaze) for up-to-date information

## Website improvements coming soon

We're working on some changes to make it easier to find what you need on our website.

Our focus has been on improving accessibility, creating a new drop-down menu and putting more of the important stuff you need to know or use up front. Keep an eye on [qldc.govt.nz](http://qldc.govt.nz)

NEW ZEALAND BLACKCAPS

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The poster features two New Zealand Blackcaps players in their black and teal kit, one holding a cricket bat and the other a ball. The background is a vibrant yellow and orange geometric pattern.

# THE DOGGY EVENTS OF THE YEAR



— COMING IN MARCH —

Noticed your dog's tail wagging a bit more recently? That might just be because the Queenstown and Wānaka Dog Walks are taking place this March, with both events featuring competitions and giveaways, sausage sizzles, stalls, and plenty of pooches!

The time is fast approaching to make some new furry friends, so mark your calendar now and prepare for a pawsitively fun time with your pup.

We'll be sharing more details about the Queenstown Dog Walk and Wānaka Dog Walk on QLDC's Facebook page, so be sure to follow us and keep those ears on high alert.

## **THE QUEENSTOWN DOG WALK**

10.00am – 12.00pm  
Saturday 25 March  
Frankton Domain

## **THE WĀNAKA DOG WALK**

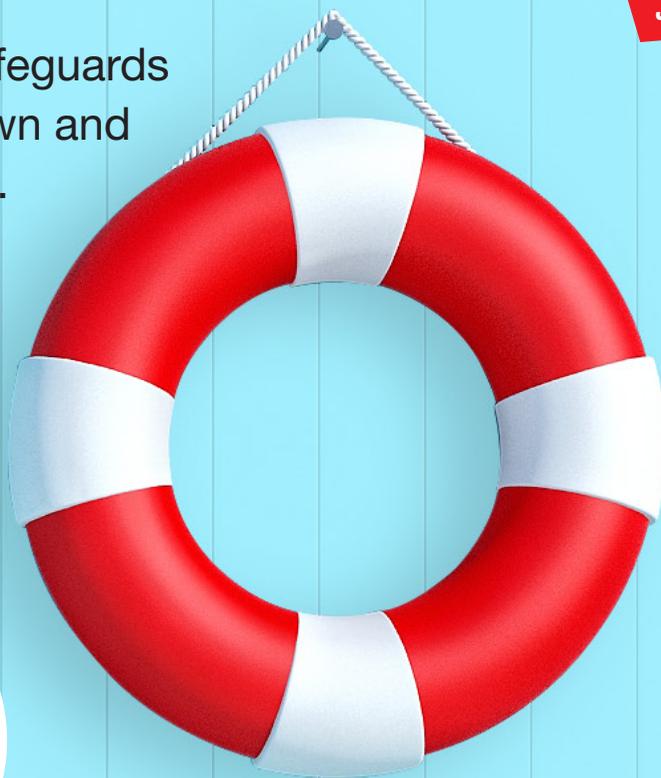
10.00am – 12.00pm  
Sunday 26 March  
Wānaka Station Park

# SWIM INSTRUCTORS AND LIFEGUARDS WANTED!

We're after swim instructors and lifeguards at our Queenstown and Wānaka facilities.

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# Let's talk

Register and find full details of these projects and more at [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](http://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz)



An update on key consultation topics happening in 2023

We've got another busy year ahead with plenty of topics and projects we'd love your input on. From the 2023-24 Annual Plan, to the Future Development Strategy, speed reviews and almost everything in between, there's sure to be something that'll spark your interest. The best way to stay informed on what's coming up for consultation is to register on Let's Talk. Join loads of other locals signing up to get involved – head to [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](http://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz) and register today!

## CURRENT CONSULTATIONS:

### PARK ST TO CBD SHARED PATHWAY

A preferred option to deliver a key active travel commuter link between the Frankton Track and the Queenstown Town Centre.

**Status:** Feedback open until 1 March.

## UPDATES ON RECENT CONSULTATION TOPICS:

### PROPOSED INCLUSIONARY HOUSING DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE

Proposal to introduce Inclusionary Housing rules into the District Plan to help more people access affordable housing in the district.

**Status:** Hearings planned later in 2023.

## WHAT'S COMING UP:

### DRAFT 2023-24 ANNUAL PLAN

And looking ahead to the 2024-34 Ten Year Plan

### QUEENSTOWN PUBLIC TRANSPORT BUSINESS CASE

(via Way to Go Group)

### NZUP NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT

(via Kā Huanui a Tāhuna, Whakatipu Transport Programme Alliance)

### DISTRICT-WIDE SPEED REVIEW

### FUTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

(review of Spatial Plan)

### JOINT HOUSING ACTION PLAN

### AND MUCH MORE

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## QUEENSTOWN EVENTS CENTRE AND VENUES

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Queenstown Memorial Hall  
Lake Hayes Pavilion  
Lake Wānaka Centre  
Luggate Memorial Centre  
Alpine Aqualand  
Alpine Health & Fitness  
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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