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## COVID-19 Recovery: Rebuilding our future

The Queenstown Lakes District has a proud entrepreneurial spirit and we are doing all we can to support our businesses and communities with access to advice, innovative planning and care through this challenging time.

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## COVID-19 Recovery: Rebuilding our future

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# A message from Mayor Jim Boulton

**As a relatively small, multi-cultural community, we support each other when the going gets tough.**

QLDC will continue to support those who need it during the recovery period while working with the Government, business and the community to support initiatives which bring back jobs and steer us towards a future that even better aligns with our community vision for 2050 and beyond.

Driven by our district's adventurous, entrepreneurial spirit and passion for the region, we are already making big steps towards coming out on top of projections. We are doing all we can to support our communities and businesses with innovative planning and care through this uncertain period. In partnership with other organisations and supported by \$1.4m in funding from MBIE, we are working on creating redeployment options for some of our local workers that have lost their jobs. For example, we have been working in support of a Department of Conservation initiative to deploy a workforce into valuable projects to help our environment

through planting natives, maintaining and repairing tracks, and predator trapping. This has the potential to keep a much-needed workforce in the area for when we are ready to scale up in other parts of our economy.

I have been actively working alongside the local Chambers of Commerce and the Regional Tourism Organisations who are responding rigorously to assist businesses and work in new ways to promote the district to the rest of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Throughout the coming months, it's important we all support each other during this difficult time.

**Queenstown Lakes has always been a fantastic place to live, work and play. It still is, and always will be.**



**Jim Boulton**  
Queenstown Lakes District  
Mayor



If you need advice and missed out on a Kia kaha community session, check out the live recordings on the QLDC YouTube channel or visit [www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz) for a range of resources available to support you.

## A hub of community support

The community support service named Kia kaha Queenstown Lakes opened its doors on Thursday 4 June to help our people that have encountered hardship as a result of COVID-19 to move forward and make decisions about their future.

The service was established by QLDC in partnership with other organisations to empower and support people to make the best choices in their current situation, to access the right support and achieve a positive outcome for them and their whānau.

In the first week the hub was at maximum capacity with over 120 people attending four sessions.

Further sessions were added thanks to support by Wakatipu Community Foundation who have contributed under the Greatest Needs Fund towards establishment costs.

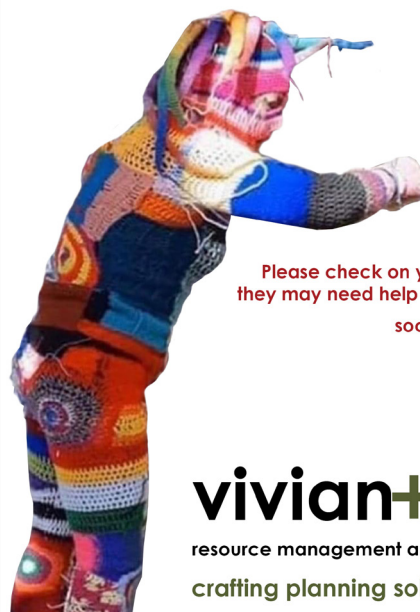
The sessions presented specialist information and advice from different agencies and groups, including Immigration NZ, immigration lawyers and advisors, travel agents, Citizens Advice Bureau and Salvation Army.

**A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to make the hub a success.**



*Recovery Team Community Lead Marie Day takes a short breather at the Kia kaha Community Hub while a workshop is underway.*

**Now that lockdown has finished...**



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# Climate Action: Key to recovery



Climate action is firmly on the agenda and will play an integral part in decision making as we shape the economic and social recovery.

QLDC recently adopted the first of many Climate Action Plans for the district. It outlines ways we can reduce emissions and sets a strategic direction for adapting to and mitigating climate change. The plan can be found at [qldc.govt.nz/your-council/our-vision-mission/climate-action-plan](http://qldc.govt.nz/your-council/our-vision-mission/climate-action-plan).

Any plans or proposals for economic diversification will be reviewed by the Climate Reference Group, which will have strong links to the recovery taskforces. All will be aimed at improving quality of life for those living and visiting the Queenstown Lakes district.



## Get involved in our recovery

**Do you have an innovative idea that could support our district's recovery?**

Keep an eye out for a new online ideas portal to be launched in July. The portal will help QLDC work with the community to look at challenges and find the best solutions.

You'll be able to submit your own ideas, as well as collaborate and help develop other submitted ideas through commenting and reviewing, helping us progress the ideas which will make the most impact. With so many great ideas already received, we can't wait to see what we can achieve together.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page or [www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz) for more details.

**Keep an eye on  
our website or  
Facebook page for  
recovery progress  
updates.**





# Welfare Support – A big team effort

**QLDC's Emergency Operations Centre Response Team activated in March in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and grew to include 62 core Council staff, two Otago Regional Council (ORC) staff, over 80 volunteers and five contractors.**

While the focus is now on recovery operations, it's important to recognise the significant impact the EOC team has had over the past several months.

The Response Team provided regular communications and advice, took over the QLDC website as an information and resource hub, provided support to the Southern DHB response, planned for significant local outbreaks, liaised with support services, accommodation providers and food outlets for people self-isolating, assisted with repatriation efforts, and worked closely with central government to get the support needed locally.

By far the biggest challenge has been directly providing the welfare support and access to services for those directly, and financially, affected by the pandemic.

Since the lockdown kicked in during March, QLDC has provided emergency welfare assistance to thousands of people around the district. This crucial service helped those in need due to loss of employment or reduced hours, providing access to food, clothing, firewood, blankets and other daily essentials.

At its peak, an average of 415 welfare assessment calls were made daily over the course of the lockdown. While this has declined recently the team is still receiving around 200 registrations for welfare support every day.

Overall, 113 QLDC staff and volunteers have been involved with the direct welfare response so far, with additional vital assistance from voluntary and social sector agencies such as Volunteering Central, Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

On 8 May a new process for the funding of accommodation and utility costs was launched. This assistance is still available to everyone, both migrants

and those Kiwis that have exhausted welfare options and still can't pay their rent or power.

Details can be found at [www.qldc.govt.nz/covid-19](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/covid-19)

At time of publishing a new discrete support network for migrant welfare has been announced by Central Government. More details are expected soon.

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# Behind the scenes of welfare

When the government's Alert Level 4 lockdown began in March, QLDC staff rolled up their sleeves and set about supporting our community.

The result was an unprecedented welfare relief effort that involved over 100 Council staff and more than a million dollars, throwing a lifeline to those most in need across the district.

Leading the charge behind the scenes were the local controllers Meaghan Miller, Thunes Cloete, Peter Hansby and Tony Avery, supported by Simon Battrick and Jan Maxwell. In their day jobs Simon is the Sport and Recreation Manager and Jan is our Arts and Events

Relationship Manager, but over the past few months they were, respectively, Emergency Operations Centre Welfare Manager and Deputy Manager. Responsible for running the operation during its busiest moments, the two found the challenge draining, exhilarating, and immensely rewarding.

Simon Battrick  
QLDC Sport and  
Recreation Manager

Jan Maxwell  
QLDC Relationship  
Manager Arts and Events



## What were some initial challenges getting set up?



**JAN:** There was no existing system in place, so we had to create a registration system from scratch. As we couldn't meet face to face, the system had to be online.



**SIMON:** Everything was done virtually and we needed to ensure we had a big enough team to provide the needs assessment process. Red Cross, Salvation Army, Happiness House, Central Lakes Family Services, Volunteering Central and Community Networks were key partners in assessing and providing support for those in need.

## How did the effort go overall?



**JAN:** When we started the process on 25 March we had no idea the scale of the need. We met each challenge head-on, finding solutions and making sure our community made it through the experience feeling supported and connected.



**SIMON:** I think the welfare team did an amazing job in a very short period of time to respond to what was an unprecedented event for New Zealand and, particularly, the Queenstown Lakes District. Our community social service agencies are awesome and we should support them more!

## What were some key challenges you faced over the course of the relief effort?



**JAN:** Everything was virtual or online, which brought its own difficulties. Some days we went from meeting to meeting, constantly trying to explain the extremely difficult situation people were facing across the district.



**SIMON:** Initially we developed the welfare system to enable the delivery of food parcels and other welfare needs, but within 72 hours we realised we would have to change and develop a food voucher system as well.

The other biggest challenge was the upscaling and management of the large number of volunteers, QLDC staff and Red Cross personnel who put their hands up to help make the 500-plus needs assessment phone calls each day.

Also, because Queenstown Lakes is a very diverse community, there could be a language barrier to navigate at times.

## What were some of the most rewarding aspects of the experience?



**JAN:** Working with an amazing team of people, from the volunteers to the assessors and other welfare managers. We all worked long days but came together to support our community in one of its greatest times of need.



**SIMON:** Working with people who had a real passion for helping others in the community and knowing that you were making a difference.

Though QLDC's focus is now on recovery, the welfare effort is still ongoing. Further details on welfare and migrant assistance can be found at:

[www.qldc.govt.nz/community/emergency-management/covid-19/welfare-assistance](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/community/emergency-management/covid-19/welfare-assistance)

# How will you travel around Wakatipu in the future?

Are you keen to change up the way you get around but the current transport options don't quite work for you?

Perhaps you're keen to use public transport more. Or walk or cycle but you don't feel as though it's a safe option for your regular route?

The Way to Go group is working on lots of projects to improve the Wakatipu transport network.

Keep your eyes peeled as we'll soon be engaging on the following:

A recommended programme of improvements for the Frankton to Queenstown route and the Queenstown Town Centre.

Options for an alternative Shotover River crossing at Arthurs Point.

Wakatipu Park and Ride facilities.

**Keep an eye on [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](http://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz) or QLDC social media channels for updates.**





# Wānaka Community Board invite you to 'Pop In'

The Wānaka Community Board (WCB) is set to relaunch its monthly community drop in sessions on Wednesday 1 July.

These sessions will kick off at the Wānaka Recreation Centre, coinciding with the Wānaka Food & Produce Market day. It's a great chance for locals to grab some veges and have a quick cuppa with board members while they're out and about.

The aim is to give local residents a regular opportunity to connect with the WCB and share issues and initiatives in the community. On the flipside, it enables WCB members to shed light on current QLDC projects and initiatives and any other processes, as well as services and decisions of the Community Board and the Council.

Going forward, the sessions will be hosted on the first Wednesday of the month. To find out more about who's who in the WCB go to [www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/elected-members](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/elected-members)

Come along and have a chat with WCB members about anything on your mind... (well almost anything!).

**'Pop In' between  
12.00-1.00pm,  
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1 July, Wānaka  
Recreation  
Centre meeting  
room, Sir Tim  
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# SPORT & RECREATION - WE'RE BACK WITH YOU!

All Council-managed sport and recreation facilities are fully open following the end of COVID-19 alert level restrictions.

While there might be some changes to how we do certain things in future, our core focus remains the same:

**GETTING MORE PEOPLE, MORE ACTIVE, MORE OFTEN.**

A full list of all the options for gym, group fitness and/or swim membership at Queenstown Events Centre (QEC), and swim membership at Wānaka Recreation Centre (WRC) are available on our website at [www.qldc.govt.nz/recreation/](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/recreation/). Or drop by to talk to our team.

Now we're back, here's a quick reminder of how you can keep active with us:

## QLDC SWIM SCHOOL

Online bookings for next term's learn-to-swim classes in Queenstown and Wānaka open on Monday 6 July.

## GROUP FITNESS & GYM

A packed weekly schedule of Les Mills classes and our own yoga, pilates, mobility and teenage sessions takes place at QEC. Just head to our website and click 'Gym & Group Fitness' to download a timetable. Over at the gym, why not book a session with one of our 'formidable five' personal trainers?

## AQUATIC PROGRAMMES

AquaFit classes return to QEC and WRC, AquaMix and 'You & Me' Maternity Fitness sessions are back at Aqualand, while the aquaboards are out again at WRC.

## INDOOR CLIMBING

The climbing wall at QEC is back open with more than 40 climbs available for leading and top roping. Kids' learn-to-climb classes start up again in Term 3.

## FRANKTON GOLF CENTRE

With its nine-hole course next to QEC, covered driving range, coaching and pro shop, Frankton Golf Centre offers some of the best value in town.

To find out more about QLDC Sport and Recreation's facilities, services and programmes around the district visit our website or contact one of our customer service teams: **Queenstown Events Centre** | 03 450 9005 | [qec@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:qec@qldc.govt.nz)  
**Wānaka Recreation Centre** | 03 443 9334 | [wrc@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:wrc@qldc.govt.nz)



# Cool reminders about hot ash

Who doesn't love a roaring fire during the long frosty nights of winter! Just remember that incorrect disposal of ash can be very dangerous and put others at risk.

Never, ever put hot ash in your kerbside bin as it can remain hot long after the fire itself has gone out. The ash could melt the bin and cause a fire in the collection vehicles or at the Transfer Station or Landfill.

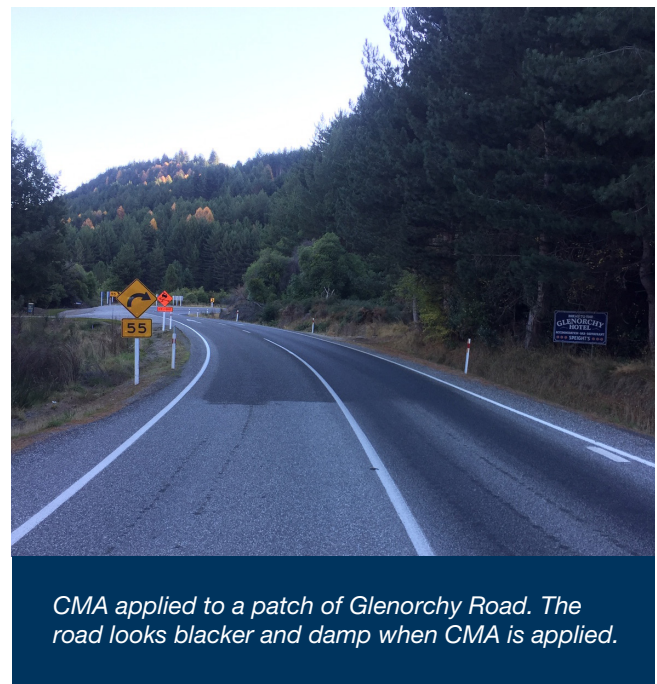
We recommend you let ash cool in a metal bucket for at least five days before disposing of it in the rubbish. Or if you're looking for an alternative to throwing it out, you could consider spreading cold ash on the garden as a fertiliser. Just make sure you're not burning treated wood.

# Have your say on CMA

This winter we're trialling the use of extra CMA (Calcium Magnesium Acetate) for winter maintenance in the Arrowtown area.

The trial area is clearly signposted and includes all Arrowtown urban streets, Speargrass Flat Road, Hunter Road, Malaghans Road (part), Lake Hayes-Arrowtown Road, Rutherford Road, Slopehill Road (east), Hogans Gully Road, Centennial Avenue, Mooney Road and McDonnell Road.

The trial will run until August so if you drive in this area regularly please be mindful that the roads will look a bit blacker and slightly wet when CMA is applied and there will be minimal grit (unless we have a snow event, then the usual clearing and gritting will apply).



*CMA applied to a patch of Glenorchy Road. The road looks blacker and damp when CMA is applied.*

To get more details or provide feedback at any time over the trial period head to [www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-road-reports](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-road-reports)

# Plastic Free July



Plastic Free July is a global movement inviting you to choose to refuse single-use plastics for the month of July. Anyone can get involved - you can start out small, or aim big and really challenge yourself!

To get started, here are the top four single-use plastics you can swap out for reusable alternatives.



## TAKEAWAY COFFEE CUPS

Most takeaway cups are lined with plastics and can't be recycled. Even the compostable ones end up in landfill because they need special commercial composting facilities that are not widely available in New Zealand.

The good news is that it's easy to get a waste-free caffeine fix. Simply bring your own cup, take five and sit in for your coffee, or borrow a cup through a cup lending scheme like Again Again (available throughout Wānaka and select cafes in Queenstown).



## PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES

Did you know it takes more water to make a plastic water bottle than the bottle can actually hold? Save water by ditching the disposable and using your own reusable, refillable water bottle. Check RefillINZ online to find out where your nearest water station is.



## PRODUCE BAGS

Now you've had plenty of practice doing without plastic shopping bags, it's a good time to ditch disposable plastic produce bags too. Opt for loose fruit and veggies, or use a light-weight reusable bag. Just like remembering your reusable shopping bag, bringing your own produce bag can become second nature too.



## PLASTIC STRAWS

Protect wildlife and reduce plastic waste by asking for your drink without a straw. For those who prefer straws or use them as an accessibility tool, opt for reusable metal, bamboo or glass straws.



Take the challenge at [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org) and find tips and inspiration on social media channels from Wastebusters, Plastic Free Wānaka and Sustainable Queenstown.



# RECYCLE LIKE EVERYONE'S WATCHING

IF IN DOUBT  
LEAVE IT OUT



Kerbside mixed recycling is back up and running, but did you know it relies on real people getting up close and personal with your recycling?

The recycling crew at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Frankton, hand sort and bale your mixed recycling after it's dropped off by the kerbside trucks.

Making sure you recycle right makes their job a lot safer and easier.

Remember, contamination kills recycling and following the COVID-19 lockdown, levels have been higher than expected.

We are ALL responsible for putting the correct items in the correct bins. If we just chuck any old thing in there we seriously impact our district's ability to continue to sort and sell our product to market.

Please take care to make sure there's no rubbish or contamination in your recycling bins.

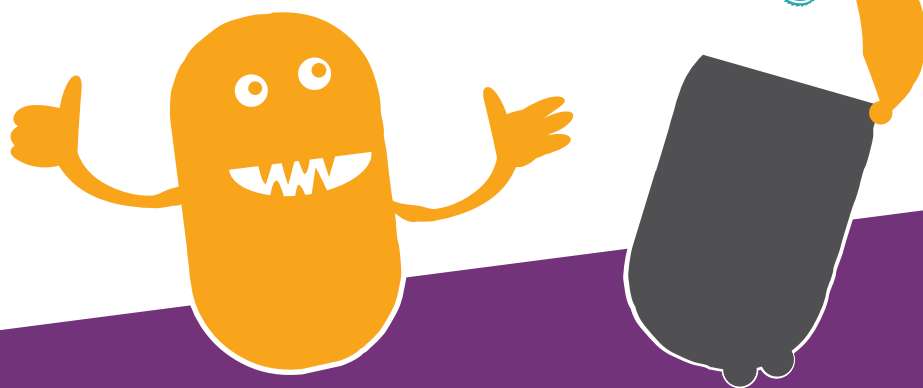
Contamination is anything that doesn't belong in your recycling bins. Common contaminants include soft plastics, takeaway cups and containers, paper drink containers, clothing, rubbish, dirty recycling, nappies and food scraps.

Only plastic bottles and containers (1-7), cardboard, paper and cans go in the yellow mixed recycled bin. Only clean glass bottles and jars go in the blue glass bin. Only plastic bottles and containers (1-7), cardboard, paper and cans go in the yellow mixed recycled bin. Only clean glass bottles and jars go in the blue glass bin.

Everything else goes in the red bin and if you're not sure if something can be recycled, it probably can't – put that stuff in the red bin too.



# BIN SPOT CHECKS



While most people are doing a great job with their recycling, a few of us need a bit more help to get it right. We'll be carrying out regular bin spot checks to help everyone to recycle properly and reduce contamination so

our district's recycling can meet quality standards.

If we're checking your area and find you have put the wrong things in your bin, our bin checkers will let you know. Heavily contaminated bins can't

be collected, as they could contaminate the whole truck load of recycling and risk it all being sent to landfill.

Use the red bin for rubbish and keep our recycling bins for clean

recycling only. If in doubt, leave it out.

For more information about what goes in your blue and yellow recycling bins visit:

**reminders.saveourstuff.co.nz/s/#inbin**

## Funding boost for local zero waste initiatives

Thanks to our Waste Minimisation Community Fund, grants totalling \$60,000 have been allocated to a range of local community-driven projects. Applicants were asked to propose initiatives that would support our district move towards a zero waste future.

### THE GRANTS APPROVED THROUGH THIS FUNDING ROUND INCLUDE...DRUM ROLL:

- > Wastebusters & One New Zealand, Better Building Resource Circulation: Resource recovery campaign aimed at trading or donating excess construction material instead of sending it to landfill.
- > The Hawea Grove, Hawea Grove Eco Building Webisode Series: A project aimed at raising awareness about the waste generated from a house built by documenting the process and sharing learnings, from decision-making right through to completion.
- > Sustainable Queenstown, Bringing RefillNZ to Queenstown: Preventing plastic pollution by making it easier to refill reusable water bottles rather than buying water in single-use plastic bottles.

- > Queenstown Chamber of Commerce, Undertake waste audit process for Queenstown Lakes businesses: Helping a representative selection of businesses within our district to improve their waste and recycling practises.
- > Queenstown Golf Club, Composting Organic Waste: Reducing organic waste by implementing a system to compost the Golf Club cafe food waste and green waste from onsite operations. Learnings will be shared with club members and local golf associations.
- > Chunky Limited, Chunky Loan Cup: Reusable loan cup scheme for Queenstown cafes.

Thanks to all those who took the time to apply. We're stoked to see so many innovative and inspiring ideas coming through for the second year running. We'll share more about these awesome initiatives over the coming year so keep an eye out for them!

**Congratulations to the six successful applicants!**

# More commitment to wilding removal

In a major boost to the ongoing battle against the spread of wilding conifers, Central Government recently committed \$100 million of funding over the next four years.

This funding is part of a ten-year programme that will deliver a \$6.3 billion economic benefit to the country. QLDC has put in a bid for funding.

QLDC Parks & Open Spaces Planning Manager Briana Pringle said funding would greatly help tackle the problem in the Queenstown Lakes District.

“Wilding conifers are a big issue for our district and removing them requires a range of people with different skills,” Ms Pringle said.

“Any additional funding would go a long way to help keep the problem under control in our district.”

## QLDC commits \$500,000 per annum to fight the battle against wilding pines.



Earlier in the month Biosecurity Minister Damien O'Connor announced a further \$100,000 in funding for wilding pine removal in the Shotover area, which includes the creation of 16 additional jobs.

# Scuttlebutt online

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# Forward Works Viewer coming soon

This July we'll be introducing Forward Works Viewer, a free, secure online mapping tool for anyone planning or managing projects in the Queenstown Lakes District.

Originally developed to support a coordinated approach to recovery following the Canterbury earthquakes, the Forward Works Viewer has also recently been introduced in Auckland and will soon be implemented in Wellington. The future goal is to create a single portal of capital project information for the whole of New Zealand.

## How does it work?

Anyone involved in managing or delivering a large scale project in the Queenstown Lakes District can sign up and add details of their project. Users can then see what other work is planned in the same area enabling communication and collaboration across projects to identify efficiencies and opportunities and importantly minimise disruption for our communities.

## Interested?

To find out more or request a demo, please contact the Forward Works Team by email at [forward-works@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:forward-works@qldc.govt.nz) or phone **03 441 0499**.

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# Court is now in session in Kingston

Work is now complete on a revamped tennis court in Kingston.

Our Community Services team has finished giving the area a facelift, with new asphalt surfacing and fencing in place. What's more, with New Zealand moving through COVID-19's emergency alert levels faster than Burt Munro, the Kingston community is now able to get out onto the court and serve up some fun.

You'll also notice two brand new toilets nearby on the Kent Street Reserve, as the old toilet block was demolished while we undertook court repairs. This was in part thanks to Central Government's Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF), and will help to support both residents and visitors to the area.



*The tennis court in Kingston has had a recent facelift.*

# Helping to protect our waterways

## Three Waters Bylaw consultation coming soon.

Following early community engagement last year, we're putting the finishing touches on an integrated Three Waters Bylaw.

The new bylaw uses an integrated and holistic approach that recognises Te Mana o Te Wai, using water stewardship initiatives, that will provide safe drinking water, keep our lakes, rivers and environment clean and protect our infrastructure from misuse. Not just for our people but everyone living and playing downstream from us.

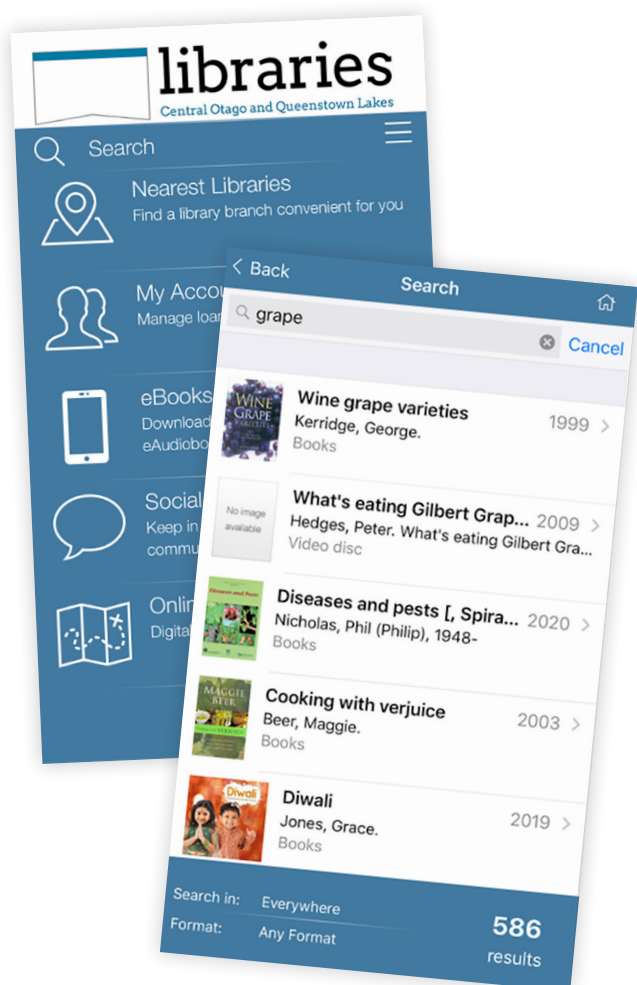
The integrated bylaw will consist of a set of rules that will regulate the management of our three waters infrastructure (water supply, wastewater, including trade waste, and stormwater) and an administration manual that sets out operational guidelines that will assist in managing our three waters network.

The draft bylaw will be presented to Council on 23 July. If approved, a special consultative procedure will start on 30 July and run for eight weeks.

You'll find all the details at [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](http://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz)

# Libraries? There's an app for that!

The new Queenstown Lakes District and Central Otago libraries app makes it easy to manage your account and explore the ever-expanding range of library services from your mobile device.



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The app also lets you access a world of free digital resources like eBooks, eAudiobooks, newspapers, magazines, movies and documentaries via links to partners like Beamafilm and PressReader.

Download the new libraries app today! Just search the Apple App Store\* or Google Play\*\* for 'Queenstown Lakes Libraries', or drop by your local branch to find out more.



\* Requires iOS 9.0 or later



\*\* Requires Android version 5.1 or later

## All libraries open

All eight library buildings in the Queenstown Lakes District are back open after a deep clean and with ongoing sanitisation procedures in place. In addition, more eLibrary services than ever before are available online 24/7. Most of them completely free.

For full details and a list of library locations and opening hours please visit our website <https://codc-qldc.govt.nz/>

We'd love to see you!

# Stage Three of the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan starts to take shape

## Running from Bullock Creek through to the Wānaka Marina, Stage Three of the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan is starting to take shape.

A detailed design of the area was near completion when this edition of Scuttlebutt went to print, and a number of artist's impressions are now available for viewing.

Stage Three will see the implementation of a shared pathway for pedestrians and cyclists and a separate boardwalk along the lake's edge. This has been guided by valuable community feedback in support of continuous access.

As before, development and restoration of ecology continues to be an integral part of the project. Plans are afoot for wide scale planting in the area to maintain a rugged, wild look, while also providing a welcome injection of native flora and fauna. Local organisation Te Kākano will be involved to help eco-source as many locally grown plants as possible, with plans for continued collaboration in planting for future stages of the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan.

Stage Three will be the perfect combination of ecology and accessibility, with increased planting also working to create an improved ecosystem for the much-loved Grebe, and the majority of Wānaka's waterfowl which nest in the area.

The project will also take what is currently an underutilised part of the lakefront and make it a destination, with pedestrians and cyclists able to move safely through the area, and ample space for picnics, relaxing and taking in one of the best views Wānaka has to offer.

It's also an opportunity to bring to life more of Wānaka's rich past, with subtle information panels to be placed sporadically throughout the environment to highlight the area's cultural significance to Kāi Tahu and Māori people, and showcasing some of the native plant and animal life found nearby. Furthermore, the Wānaka Community Board has high hopes to help facilitate community science projects in the area, with plans forming to support Wai Wanaka and the Freshwater Improvement Million Metres Fund in studying the effects of riparian planting over time.

For more on the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan and Stage Three work, head to [www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/major-projects/wanaka-lakefront-development-plan](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/major-projects/wanaka-lakefront-development-plan)



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# Looking back at the Frankton Camp

The Frankton Campground site clearance is underway, taking it one step closer to its new beginning as a recreational camping facility for holiday makers. As the campground looks ahead to its future, it's a good time to take a look back at the early history of the site.

Before European settlement, the Frankton beachfront was known as Te Kirikiri (the gravel shoreline). At the end of the harvesting season Māori would arrive by wooden waka from the head of the lake and spend time there making their much smaller mōkihi (rafts made from flax, rushes and raupō), which enabled them to travel down the Kawarau River to the Mata-au Clutha and back to the coast.

Māori also used their time at Frankton beach breaking their harvests, including pounamu, down into smaller sizes which could more easily be carried on the mōkihi through the rapids.

Te Kirikiri was also a harvesting village. Weka and other bird life were abundant higher up on the flats, so the location was also a nohoaka (a seasonal food gathering campsite occupied over summer).

While the redevelopment has been delayed due to COVID-19, the hope is the campground will reopen for the 2020-21 summer season. We'll keep you updated as things progress.



*The Frankton Camp Ground site is currently being cleared to allow for a redevelopment of the area into a 'camping only' site.*



# Know before you go this winter

## A big part of living in the mountains is ice and snow on the roads over the winter months.

For many driving in wintry conditions is a way of life but it can also be pretty daunting, especially if you haven't had much experience or when conditions change rapidly. There's plenty you can do to keep yourself and others as safe as possible when you're out on the roads. Here are our tips:

### CHAINS ARE A MUST HAVE

All drivers should carry a set of chains in the boot during the winter months and know when and how to use them.

### CHECK CONDITIONS BEFORE SETTING OUT

There are a few ways to get informed about road conditions or how they might change over the course of the day.

- > Sign up to our Winter Road Reports at [www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-road-report](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-road-report) and you'll get an email every morning with a heads up on what to look out for on the roads.
- > Sign up to our community text alerts and we'll send you a txt message about any road closures due to snow.
- > Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates during the day.
- > Check Metservice for the forecast.
- > Check NZTA's Journey Planner for any known road issues.

### UNDERSTAND THE RISKS

It's also important to understand the different risks on our roads during winter, the main one being black ice. Black ice can resemble a simple damp spot on the road, and exist even if your car suggests temperatures outside are above freezing. The sun might've risen, but that doesn't mean it's had enough time to warm the road where ice has formed.

### DRIVING TIPS

Here are some general rules of thumb for safe winter driving:

- > Always accelerate smoothly and brake gently – don't put sudden force on the pedal and you'll go a long way to maintaining traction.
- > Don't rush. Plan for extra travel time and take it slow. The road ahead might not be icy, but grit can cause your vehicle to skid and slide. The faster you're going, the worse the effect.
- > Double your following distance, and don't overtake grit trucks.
- > Always scrape ice off your windscreen and car windows. If you don't have a scraper, use a card from your wallet.
- > Bridges, decks and shady spots are often far icier than other areas in the district.

Sign up for our daily winter road report at [www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-road-report](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-road-report)



# Let's talk about the future of parks

## A reserve management plan for Lake Hayes Estate, Shotover Country and Bridesdale.

With substantial residential growth seen in the suburbs of Lake Hayes Estate, Shotover Country and Bridesdale over recent years, now is a great time to take a holistic look at how the parks in the area might be used by the community in the future.

Early work is underway to develop a Reserve Management Plan (RMP) and we need your ideas and input to feed into a draft document. The RMP will guide what activities and facilities can happen on the following reserves and enable the improvement of these spaces to provide a more diverse range of recreation opportunities for all ages.

Nerin Square | LAKE HAYES ESTATE

McBride Park | LAKE HAYES ESTATE

Widgeon Place | LAKE HAYES ESTATE

Richmond Park | SHOTOVER COUNTRY

Shotover Wetlands | SHOTOVER COUNTRY

Walnut Grove Reserve | LAKE HAYES ESTATE

If you're interested in having a say on how these reserves are used in the future, head to [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](https://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz) and let us know.

**Feedback closes at 5.00pm on Sunday 5 July.**

Following this, QLDC's Parks & Reserves team will use the information received to prepare a draft RMP before notifying it for further public submissions.



# From the chambers

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## MEETINGS DURING LOCKDOWN

Two full Council meetings, a Wānaka Community Board meeting and several committee meetings all took place via Zoom between April and early June. Elected members quickly gained their 'virtual' meeting wings but an earlier than expected return to level one means that the high-flying world of Zoom will soon be replaced by a return to normality - the Council meeting on 25 June to adopt the 2020/21 Annual Plan will take place back in the Council Chambers at 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown.

Our experiences during the lockdown have made us muse whether virtual meetings – or blended live and virtual meetings – will be the way of the future. There's not only the timesaving aspect but also the environmental benefit of minimising vehicle use. However, such a system would need to provide for effective public participation and complete transparency. It would also require a change to the Local Government Act and Standing Orders because at present any member joining a meeting via electronic means does not count in the quorum.

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## PLANNING FOR THE 30-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

If you're the sort of person who likes making a 'to do' list to plan your day, you'll have some appreciation of the complexity of developing a 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy. What will it look like halfway through? What's the end goal? How much will it cost? These are the sorts of issues the Property and Infrastructure team is grappling with. However, they also recognise that like anything large, the best approach is to break it down to manageable pieces and because the work in the plan will cost millions of dollars, it's not surprising that a plan of how to make the plan has been prepared. This is exactly what the Infrastructure Committee considered at a recent meeting, with a Strategic Outcomes Framework presented for acceptance.

The Framework forms the first part of the 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy and is a cascade of outcomes, goals, and objectives that connect the district's 'Vision Beyond 2050' to the Council's infrastructure investment planning. We will consult on the 2021-2051 Infrastructure Strategy as part of the formal public consultation process followed for the 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan.

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## NEW WASTE FEES AND CHARGES

Council reviews waste fees and charges each year to ensure that all costs are covered. However, in recognition of the challenging times ahead for the community, changes to the fees this year have been kept to a minimum. These were considered at the Council meeting on 4 June.

There are three drivers for the review, being increases in the costs associated with the Emissions Trading Scheme, the landfill gas capture and the e-waste waste diversion.

The landfill gas levy is no longer collected, meaning these costs have to be recovered from somewhere else. E-waste diversion was successfully established in July 2019 at the Transfer Stations, but a small charge of \$3.00 has been introduced for e-waste as a way of encouraging people to use this waste stream.

The new fees and charges will be in place from 1 July 2020.





## SIGN UP FOR OUR DAILY WINTER ROAD REPORT!

Every morning over the winter months, we send an email providing a general overview of the road conditions, as provided by our crews who are out monitoring the roads from the wee small hours.

For more details on what to expect and to sign up, head to [www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-road-reports](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-road-reports)



## FLUSH IT OUT

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you **flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use** to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

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