

Community & Services Committee

3 April 2025

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [4]

Title | Taitara: Chair's Report

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko

The purpose of this report is to provide the Community & Services Committee with an update on projects of interest.

Recommendation | Kā Tūtohu

That the Community & Services Committee:

1. **Note** the contents of this report.

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Title: Chair, Community & Services Committee

19 March 2025

Context | Horopaki

Parks

1. Note: Parks already have 5 items at the Community & Services meeting and workshop on 3 April so to the below covers off other work happening in Parks that may be of interest.

Project Tohu (Coronet Forest)

2. The installation of perimeter fencing and gates was completed in February 2025 to secure the site. In March, a pest control operation was completed targeting goats, rabbits, and possums ahead of the first planting in late March.
3. Building of the trail network is underway with multiple contractors working on site. Trail building for the initial area (where the first year of planting is occurring) is on track to be completed by June 2025.

Rabbit proof fencing

4. New rabbit-proof fencing was installed in March 2025 at the Lake Hayes Pavilion and at the Queenstown Events Centre (QEC). The fencing at the Lake Hayes Pavilion is to create new areas for planting for the Whakatipu Reforestation Trust and the Whakatipu Rowing Club. The rabbit-proof fencing has been installed at QEC to protect the high-profile turf from rabbit damage.

Development plans

5. Work has begun on development plans for two reserves in the Whakatipu Basin. One is the Arrowtown Riverside Reserves, a grouping of reserves located along the Arrow River between the Historic Chinese Village and Jopp Steet. The second is Widgeon Park, located within Lake Hayes Estate adjacent to the Kawarau River.
6. Development plans are high-level design concepts that guide the future development of reserves.
7. The need for a development plan for the Arrowtown Riverside Reserves has been driven by community requests for consistency in how these reserves are used and developed.
8. At Widgeon Park, the increasing population in the surrounding residential subdivisions means a plan is needed to guide development in a reserve that is currently undeveloped.

9. Beca has been engaged as the landscape architect to create both design concept plans. Early insights will be gathered through meetings with key stakeholders in April 2025, including relevant councillors. These insights will be used to create draft development plans which will then be shared for public feedback in June.

Libraries

10. During March, Queenstown Lakes Libraries will be celebrating literacy across the district's libraries with Litfest, showcasing all forms of literacy with a wide range of events including panel discussions, open mic evenings, bookbinding and author talks. (See draft attachment – there will be a link on the library website today).
11. March is Library Sign-up month – now an annual event. This year, there is a focus on local businesses.

Community Partnerships

Welcoming Communities

12. Cultural Events: Supporting logistics for the Queenstown Multicultural Festival (15 March 2025) and Wānaka Festival of Colour Community Whānau Day (29 March 2025). Both events will celebrate the cultural diversity of our communities.
13. Funding: Central Lakes Trust have approved a grant of \$41,000 to QLDC to support the delivery of Queenstown Lakes Welcoming Plan initiatives. QLDC appreciate this support and acknowledgement of the Welcoming Plan.
14. Newcomers Guide: The Newcomers Guide will be launched in May 2025. This document (online and printed) has been developed with input from a range of community stakeholders and will provide useful information and guidance for anyone new to living in the Queenstown Lakes District.

Responsible Camping

15. Responsible Camping Summer Programme 2024-2025: The Queenstown Lakes District has experienced a busy tourism season this summer, with an increase in visitors freedom camping particularly in January/February 2025. Throughout the season, the team of summer ambassadors visited sites across the region, engaging with campers and educating about sustainable camping practices, cleaning areas when necessary, encouraging campers to make Tiaki Promise and promoting local campsites. Observationally the district still feels busy with campers moving into

Autumn, and the ambassador programme will continue until ANZAC weekend at the end of April 2025.

16. Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023: The Minister of Tourism last week announced a one-year extension for privately owned vehicles with a 'blue warrant' to become certified as self-contained under the new 'green warrant' standards. This means vehicles with the more permissive 'blue warrant' can legally freedom camp until 7 June 2026 if they have a valid warrant and aren't breaking other rules.
17. Development of a new Freedom Camping Bylaw: As part of early engagement with key stakeholders on development of a new bylaw, officers have met and are liaising with the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association, Land Information New Zealand, regional tourism organisations, the Department of Conservation and the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi. At the 20 March 2025 Full Council meeting, a report will be presented that identifies issues associated with freedom camping and options to address these issues. Following that, there will be a councillor workshop on 15 April 2025 to get feedback on draft options as an outcome of external supplier assessments, and a Council meeting on 29 May 2025 to present a draft bylaw for consultation with the community.

Community Investment Programme

18. The Funding Series: QLDC, huddl, Three Lakes Cultural Trust, Sport Otago and the Conservation Alliance have joined forces to establish *The Funding Series*, a collaborative initiative designed to strengthen the capability of non-profit organisations and support sustainable funding strategies. *The Funding Series* is open to individuals, groups and organisations who rely on funding or fundraising to support their operations, project or event. This free event series starts with Funding Fundamentals, facilitated by fundraising strategists Fi McPhee and Anna Mathieson in Wānaka on 25 March and Queenstown on 26 March.

Summerdaze

19. Summerdaze is a collection of events happening district-wide over the summer months. It's all about encouraging residents and visitors to enjoy the outdoors, celebrate their neighbourhood and spend time with each other.
20. Teddy Bears Picnic (Queenstown and Wānaka): These popular community events were held in the first weekend of February 2025, enjoyed by children and families from across the district.
21. Picnic in the Park BBQs: a series of free family-friendly community events delivered across the district throughout summer. These relaxed, fun-filled afternoons enabled connection with

friends, whānau, and community leaders. These events provided an informal opportunity for the community to meet with Councillors and Board Members, to have an informal chat about open consultations and the future of our community. The final event for the season was hosted at Lower Shotover Skatepark on 13 March 2025.

Sport & Recreation

22. Queenstown Events Centre (QEC) Indoor Courts project: The next steps for the programme include ongoing Governance engagement through the Mayor and Councillors. It is planned to report back April 2025 the next steps progressing the QEC Indoor Courts project.
23. The QEC Outdoor Netball/Tennis/Pickleball courts are nearing completion of being upgraded to a Rebound Ace TSA surface. The courts are looking fabulous and feedback from the community has been positive!
24. The Upper Clutha Sports Facilities Working Group met again on the 13 March to finalise the recommendation for use of the Wānaka Sports field and sports floodlighting funding available in the Long Term Plan from July 2025. Engagement around this has been positive with a clear understanding from all parties around the implications of the different options presented. This recommendation will form part of the ongoing Community Services capex delivery programme for 2025-2027.

Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka

A	Libraries Litfest 2025 Presentation
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Neurodiverse Panel Discussion

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Blaise Pascal famously said of tight writing: "I would have written a shorter letter but I did not have the time!" Tight writing is essential for all types of writing, whether you need it for poetry, creative writing, in the business world, for your website, or blogging.

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Songwriting and Cello with Jane Shearer

Saturday 3 May / 3.00 – 6.30pm

Join local author Jane Shearer as she shares her process of writing songs and lyrics for the cello. She'll explore the inspiration behind her music, how melody and words interact, and the creative choices that bring a song to life.

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Thursday 8 May / 6.00 – 7.00pm

Ngāoi Marsh Awards presents Lawbreakers by the Lake – A Mystery in The Library event at Wānaka Library. Local Wānaka authors Kate Gordon-Smith and LA Joye (aka Lauren Sleeman) are joined by two Dunedin authors: two-time Ngāoi Marsh Award for Best Novel finalist Paddy Richardson and literature professor turned historical thriller novelist Wendy Parkins for a fun and fascinating kōrero.

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Compelling Non-Fiction with Peta Carey

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Documentary filmmaker and writer, Peta Carey has spent her life telling true stories. The focus of her presentation is the art of writing compelling nonfiction. Whether it's memoir, local history, or the story of your bike trip to Timbucktoo, what exactly makes a good read?

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Micro-Fiction Writing Workshops with Steph Fieldsend: Part 3

Saturday 5 April / 11.00am – 12.00pm

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Arrowtown Library	<p>Body Language for Spoken Word with Steph Fieldsend Saturday 3 May / 11.00am – 12.30pm</p> <p>Learn to use directional body language, emblems, speech illustrators, manipulators, proxemics, and more in performance. Bring an existing piece of performance poetry or prose or create one on the day. And, if you want to, you can share your work with others.</p> <p>Bookings essential: Email arrowtown.library@qldc.govt.nz or call 03 442 1607.</p>
Frankton Library	<p>Songwriting and Cello with Jane Shearer Saturday 3 May / 3.00 – 4.00pm</p> <p>Join local author Jane Shearer as she shares her process of writing songs and lyrics for the cello. She'll explore the inspiration behind her music, how melody and words interact, and the creative choices that bring a song to life.</p> <p>Bookings recommended: Email frankton.library@qldc.govt.nz or call 03 441 3680.</p>
Wanaka Library	<p>Lawbreakers by the Lake: A Mystery in The Library Thursday 8 May / 6.00 – 7.00pm</p> <p>Ngaio Marsh Awards presents Lawbreakers by the Lake – A Mystery in The Library event at Wanaka Library. Local Wanaka authors Kate Gordon-Smith and LA Joye (aka Lauren Sleeman) are joined by two Dunedin authors: two-time Ngaio Marsh Award for Best Novel finalist Paddy Richardson and literature professor turned historical thriller novelist Wendy Parkins for a fun and fascinating kōrero.</p> <p>Bookings recommended: Email wanaka.library@qldc.govt.co.nz or call 03 443 0410.</p>
Queenstown Library	<p>Illustrating the Story: A Conversation with Holly Dunn and Dine the Fox Thursday 8 May / 5.30 – 6.30pm</p> <p>Join cover designer Holly Dunn and Illustrator Dine the Fox for a behind-the-scenes discussion on the art of visual storytelling in publishing. Learn about their creative processes, how they work with authors, and what makes for a successful collaboration.</p> <p>Bookings recommended: Email queenstown.library@qldc.govt.nz or call 03 441 0600.</p>
Arrowtown Library	<p>Coptic Book Binding 101: Part 1 Saturday 10 May / 10.30am – 1.00pm</p> <p>Learn the ancient art of Coptic bookbinding, a technique dating back to 4th-century Ethiopian monasteries. Join Natasya from Tāhuna Kōketei for this two-part workshop and craft your own bound book. Attendance at both sessions preferred. Materials provided.</p> <p>Bookings essential: Email arrowtown.library@qldc.govt.nz or call 03 442 1607.</p>

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