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Wanaka's brand new pool is set to open its doors to the community with a free fun day for the whole family. Read more on page 11.



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FROM THE CHAMBERS

Did you know there's a Council or committee meeting happening almost every week of the year? Most of the items up for discussion are 'business as usual' but that doesn't mean they're not important. Every Scuttlebutt we'll give you a rundown on items recently considered by your elected members:

MORE TOILETS ON THE WAY

The Community and Services Committee recently committed to expanding the number of public toilets and upgrading the existing toilets in high profile areas across the district. This includes Glenorchy, Shotover Country, Lake Hayes, Kingston, Luggate Red Bridge and Albert Town Outlet. We'll be applying to the Government's Tourism Infrastructure Fund to help with providing the high priority toilet facilities.

AIRPORT SURPLUS

Queenstown Airport reported an excellent first six months of its financial year and has indicated that the dividend payable to the Council will be higher than originally budgeted. The airport provides an important income stream to the Council.

MORE CONSULTATION COMING ON NAVIGATION SAFETY

Watch out for more consultation on various aspects of the Navigation Safety Bylaw. The issues covered will include the speed of vessels on the Clutha River. Informal consultation is underway as you read this and a full special consultative procedure will happen over the next few months. Check out the website for full details.

WANAKA'S FIRST SPECIAL HOUSING AREA

The Bright Sky Special Housing Area in Wanaka has passed its first key milestone having received initial approval in principle from the Council. The next step is to negotiate a stakeholder deed to ensure the proposal meets the lead policy and any other relevant matters. The outcome of these negotiations will be reported back to Council on 3 May.

Read more at
www.qldc.govt.nz/agendas-and-minutes

BUILDING MOMENTUM

As you read this, we'll be busy compiling, summarising and reviewing submissions on the draft Ten Year Plan and getting ready for the public hearings in June.

We received 580+ submissions on a range of topics.

In particular there is a lot of community momentum around providing for more active travel options and making a move away from private vehicle transport.

Thanks to everyone who has taken part so far. We've got an ambitious work programme ahead and we're looking forward to getting stuck in and delivering some game-changing projects for our communities.

Keep an eye on the website or next Scuttlebutt where we'll talk more about the changes made as a result of community input on the plan.



LUMA SET TO SHINE

Queenstown's award-winning light festival, LUMA is back and set to light up the night sky this Queen's Birthday weekend.

Over 35,000 people braved the cold last year to go on a sensory journey through the Queenstown Gardens and lakefront. LUMA 2018 will be even bigger with organisers promising the most innovative, immersive and interactive experience yet.

Set within the Queenstown Gardens and on the town centre lakefront, visitors can expect to be dazzled by an array of interactive and unique light displays, each one designed to encourage them to engage with the art and the surrounding Queenstown landscape.

Get full details on LUMA at www.luma.nz

**WE'RE PROUD TO SUPPORT THE
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LUMA 2018

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waterfront

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SUPPORT FOR QUEENSTOWN GARDENS STRONG

Community feedback on a draft Development Plan for the Queenstown Gardens has highlighted how much our residents value the unique opportunity to relax in peaceful surroundings right in the heart of Queenstown.

Over 70 people and groups offered up feedback when the draft plan was put out for public consultation last year and while feedback was varied, the community was unanimous in its support for the park, known locally as 'the jewel in the crown'.

We've made a few changes to the plan as a result of submissions, including retaining the size and configuration of the much-loved rose gardens.

The concept development plan has now been adopted and the community will still have an opportunity to have a say on each project as it's delivered.

You can check out the revised Queenstown Gardens Development Plan and all of the submissions at – www.qldc.govt.nz

Getting things moving!

Three priority projects have been included in years 1-3 of the recently notified Ten Year Plan:

- Upgrade the existing pathways and complete the loop connection
- A new vehicle entrance and internal circulation
- A cycleway and streetscape upgrade along Park Street

OLYMPIC HOMECOMING

How great to see so many people out in Wanaka to celebrate the success of our locally-based Winter Olympic and Paralympic athletes! Zoi Sadowski-Synnott and Nico Porteous, pictured during their street parade, each brought home a bronze medal from PyeongChang 2018.

Adam Hall won his second Paralympic gold medal (after similar success at Vancouver 2010) along with a bronze in Korea, while sit-skier Corey Peters also scored bronze. Adam is pictured (left) with Corey (centre) and para-snowboarder Carl Murphy (right), signing autographs after their street parade.



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Bob Moore



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Wanaka Mirror

DISTRICT PLAN UPDATE

If you're one of the 650+ people who made a submission on stage two of the District Plan review, you may be wondering what others have said and what happens next.

As you read this, the further submissions process would have just closed but you can still check out the summary of submissions at www.qldc.govt.nz/proposed-district-plan-stage-2

Hearings on stage two are planned to start in June. If you made a submission and indicated that you'd like to speak at a hearing, our team will be in touch soon with more details.

Visitor
Accommodation:
366



Wakatipu Basin:
244



Map changes/
rezonings:
208



Earthworks:
71



Transport:
69



Open Space
and Recreation:
61



Signs: **35**



Submissions
received:

650+

REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2018

It's more than a year before the next Council election but one very important task to do before then is complete a 'Representation Review'.

This important statutory process is underway and allows us to take a fresh look at how our communities are represented by elected members across the district.

There's a lot to consider as part of this process, including:

- > How many Councillors we need to represent the district
- > Whether they should be elected to represent specific areas or the district at-large
- > The future of community boards

A representation review proposal will be considered at the full Council meeting on 14 June. A month-long public consultation process will follow with hearings scheduled for August.

This is an important issue for all residents and ratepayers so keep an eye on the website for details.

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FOOTBALL KICKS OFF AT WANAKA REC CENTRE

Facilities at Wanaka Recreation Centre continue to expand with the opening of three new sports fields in March.

One full-size football pitch, an U14 pitch and a three-quarter training pitch are now available for bookings and casual use complete with brand new goals and netting. Council has made provision for permanent floodlights for the training pitch through the Ten Year Plan.

In addition, a one-lane 400m running circuit and two 100m sprint lanes have been marked out for squad training and athletics.

Wanaka Football Club (WFC) is the first local group to call the new pitches home. Players from all three of the club's rep teams in the Central Otago Football League – Athletic, Braves and Youth – train there two evenings a week with home matches played on the weekend.

WFC President, Yohann Bourdin said the club was 'over the moon' with the new facilities.

“Amazing brand new goals, outstanding grass quality, changing rooms and toilets – everything we’ve ever wanted is here,” he said.

“Participation in football has grown exponentially over the last ten years in New Zealand, especially in our district. Facilities at Wanaka Rec Centre now measure up against our ‘big sister’ Queenstown. We have more than 50 registered players – the most we’ve ever had – and hopefully the new set up at the Rec Centre will help us grow participation even more,” said Mr. Bourdin.



PLANNING FOR THE NEXT BIG QUAKE

The Alpine Fault is the South Island's most significant earthquake risk. It runs right through our district and is known to produce magnitude eight earthquakes approximately every 300 years.

With the last Alpine Fault quake happening 301 years ago, we all need to be looking at our own preparedness.

Hear more about what might happen and what we can do about it at an upcoming Catalyst Trust event featuring Dr Caroline Orchiston.

Dr Orchiston is the science lead for Project AF8 – a government funded, multi-agency initiative tasked to improve the South Island's collective response capability to deal with a future magnitude eight earthquake.


Dr Orchiston will outline the progress of Project AF8 so far and describe some of the key issues that will face Queenstown Lakes. She will cover both the science behind the Alpine Fault and why – and how – we should be working to improve our own preparedness for this inevitable future seismic event.

EVENT DETAILS:

Wednesday 16 May, 7.00–8.30pm
QT Hotel (accessed through the Rydges Hotel)
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Dr Caroline Orchiston, Deputy Director at the University of Otago's Centre for Sustainability and science lead for Project AF8.



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NEW GLASS RECYCLING BANKS FOR QUEENSTOWN

Three new glass bottle recycling banks have popped up around Queenstown, allowing about three tonnes of glass bottles to be recycled every week. This is all glass that would otherwise be sent to landfill.

The flash new bottle banks were installed with support from the Glass Packaging Forum, who provided a grant of \$10,215.



We're looking at how to improve glass recycling across the district as part of our draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. Get more details online www.qldc.govt.nz/WMMP



We're hoping to install a glass recycling bank on Gorge Road very soon!

WHERE YOU CAN RECYCLE GLASS IN QUEENSTOWN



ARTHURS POINT ON ATLEY ROAD

ARROWTOWN AT JACK REID PARK

FIVE MILE OUTSIDE COUNTDOWN

GIBBSTON ON COALPIT ROAD

WORKING TOWARDS A WASTE FREE FUTURE

We're currently reviewing community feedback on the draft plan to minimise waste.

With the ambitious goal of 'working towards zero waste and a sustainable district', the draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan (WMMP) charts the course for how to reduce waste generated in the district.

Council has looked at a range of possibilities and has proposed a preferred option that focuses on recycling glass and recovering organics, including food waste and garden material.

A submissions hearing will be held mid-May and a final plan adopted by the end of June.

Queenstown Lakes District Councillor and Infrastructure Committee Chair, Alexa Forbes knows our communities care deeply about their environment.

"Our communities see how we deal with waste as a key part of respecting it. Our aim of zero waste is ambitious and will require a much longer term commitment but it's an important goal and we need to work towards it."

Read the draft plan at
www.qldc.govt.nz

CHANGES COMING TO KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS

DISTRICT-WIDE

From 1 June, we'll be starting the daily kerbside collection service an hour earlier meaning bins and bags will need to be on the kerb by 7am.

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WANAKA AIRPORT CLEARED FOR TAKE-OFF



Great news from Wanaka last month with the signing of the long term lease between QLDC and Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) for Wanaka Airport.

While the Council remains the ultimate owner of the airport, the new 100 year long-term lease incentivises QAC to invest in and develop the airport. The lease signing marks the beginning of an exciting era in the history of Wanaka Airport and transfers the operation, planning, development and governance of the airport to QAC.

SO WHAT'S NEXT?

In the coming months, QAC will be hosting a series of community and stakeholder engagement sessions to bring people together to share their ideas to help shape the future of Wanaka Airport. This will help QAC to create a long-term Masterplan which ensures the airport is developed in a way that aligns with the community's vision and is sustainable, adaptable, affordable and memorable.

HAVE YOUR SAY. JOIN IN THE CONVERSATION.



JOIN THE CONVERSATION IN PERSON – Come along to the interactive community sessions to find out more and share your ideas/concerns.



JUMP ONLINE – Share your stories, images, thoughts, ideas and videos in Wanaka Airport's online community hub and see what others are saying.



Keep an eye on Wanaka Airport's Facebook page and website in the coming weeks for details about the community sessions:

F: www.facebook.com/WanakaAirport/
E: community@wanakaairport.com
W: wanakaairport.com

DATE SET FOR FIRST LAPS AT WANAKA POOL

The brand new Wanaka Pool will open to the community on Sunday 10 June with a special ceremony and free family fun day.

Construction of the three-pool complex at Wanaka Recreation Centre, Three Parks is set for completion by the end of May after which it will be handed over to the Council's aquatics team.

QLDC Sport and Recreation Manager, Simon Battrick said he was looking forward to welcoming the first swimmers very soon.

"This has been a major project for Council and our contractors and it's going to be a real community asset for the Upper Clutha. We'll certainly be throwing a big party when we open the doors so come along and don't forget your togs!" he said.

The new complex features a 25m, eight-lane lap pool, adult hot pool and a dedicated learners' pool with separate toddlers' area. It shares its main entrance and reception area with the existing Wanaka Recreation Centre but with its own changing facilities including male and female change rooms, three family change rooms and one accessible change room.


"Moving from one pool to three enables us to meet the needs of a growing population and cater much better for the different needs of groups like kids learning to swim, older adults and lap swimmers," said Mr Battrick.

The existing Wanaka Pool on Plantation Road will close to the public on 9 June 2018 to ensure a seamless transition to the new facility. There will be an opportunity for the community to say goodbye to the old pool which was built in 1992.

A Council report with options for the future of the old pool site will be completed before the end of the year.

Once the new aquatics facility opens, Wanaka Recreation Centre will be open 6.00am–9.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am–8.00pm on weekends and public holidays. A range of membership options and concession cards are on sale now featuring special early bird promotions.

The family fun day on Sunday 10 June 2018 is free to attend and takes place between 10.00am and 4.00pm. More information will be available nearer the time on the QLDC Sport & Recreation website and Facebook page.



NEW WANAKA POOL

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QUEENSTOWN TOWN CENTRE

THE BENEFITS OF CHANGE

The Queenstown Town Centre Masterplan project is gathering momentum as we gear up to start implementation from July 2018.

While the Masterplan outlines a path towards 2050, there is a lot of change that needs to happen in the next ten years. That was outlined in our draft Ten Year Plan which includes \$327.7M of investment to start the process of transforming the area into a place that prioritises people and significantly improves the experience for all town centre users.

The plan is to implement the Masterplan in four stages, progressively unlocking these benefits:

- > A fundamental shift in town centre access that prioritises active and public transport and reduces the dominance of private vehicles.
- > Sustained tourism and economic growth without impacting environmental health or local culture.
- > Improved liveability, authenticity and attraction of the town centre.
- > A smart and adaptive town centre that uses technology and data to improve experiences and better manage assets.

Check out www.qldc.govt.nz/queenstown-town-centre to see how the key projects work together to transform the Queenstown Town Centre over four stages.

HEADS UP WANAKA!

We'll be starting conversations with you very soon to kick off a Masterplan for the Wanaka Town Centre. More details soon.

COMMUNITY RESEARCH SET TO START

Our growth challenges are not limited to infrastructure and visitor numbers. We're hearing more and more about community groups and facilities that are under pressure.

The good news is we're about to kick off a district-wide research project to better understand community groups and services, their current use of facilities, and their future demand for space.

The research is QLDC led and supported by the Community Trust of Otago, Central Lakes Trust and the Community Trust of Southland. The goal is to provide evidence so that our community can make smart decisions on investment in local facilities.

QLDC Community and Events Facilitator Marie Day is looking forward to connecting with groups and facility operators across the district to understand their needs.

"Our community groups and services are facing significant challenges finding appropriate locations to run their activities."

"We want to understand the challenges and get some solid data to support groups to collaborate with each other to come up with solutions, promote smart investments and assist with sourcing funding for future facilities."

"Part of the plan is to map and survey groups and facilities across the district to understand what's on offer out there and how they are contributing to building strong, healthy and vibrant communities," Ms Day said.

The research is set to start in May with surveys and community workshops.

For more information about the research project please get in touch with Marie Day, services@qldc.govt.nz

Community Connect

Our revamped community group database is now live! We'll be using this database as a way of getting in touch with groups about our facilities research.

If you're part of a community group, head along to groups.qldc.govt.nz and make sure your details are up to date.

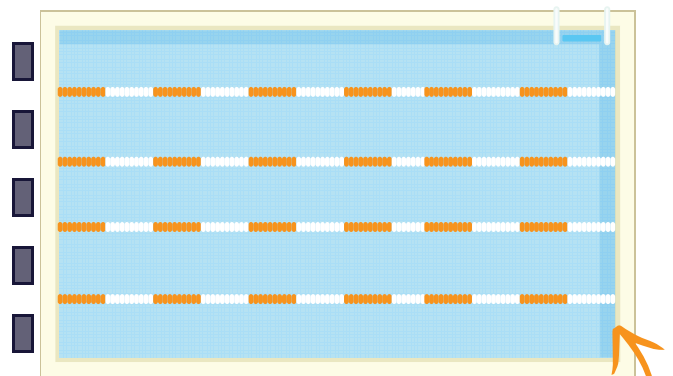
PROJECT SHOTOVER UPDATE

Project Shotover, Queenstown's state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant, has reached an important milestone.

The plant has been in operation for over a year and performing perfectly through all the conditions our challenging seasons could throw at it. It has also worked exactly as expected coping well with the large seasonal fluctuations in population we see in Queenstown.

Since the plant's commissioning in April last year it has processed about 36,000,000 cubic meters of wastewater or 36 billion litres – that's the equivalent of 14,400 Olympic swimming pools.

The end product from the treatment plant is very clear and has about 5 mg/L of E. coli, far below 250 mg/L which is the national swimming standard. The total nitrogen level is also very low, averaging around 5 mg/L.



The equivalent of 14,400 Olympic swimming pools in wastewater has been processed.

BE A BACKYARD TRAPPER

A local community group in Wanaka is calling for volunteers who want to make their backyards predator free and help native species thrive.

The newly formed group, Wanaka Backyard Trapping has recently been awarded a grant of \$5,000 from Kiwibank Predator Free Communities programme to help in their efforts to create a community-led backyard trapping programme in urban areas of the Upper Clutha.

Local Wanaka resident Kris Vollebregt started the group when she realised that although volunteer-led trapping projects are already making a difference to native species in conservation areas around the district, there was no trapping in the neighbouring urban communities.

"In the Upper Clutha we are lucky that our backyards are home to a broad variety of threatened native river, lake, and forest birds. We also have native skinks and lizards endemic to our area which require protection just as much as our native birds do," she said.

"In order for us to enjoy the benefits of thriving wildlife not only in conservation areas, but also in our backyards, we need to reduce predator numbers in urban areas."

The Wanaka Backyard Trapping Group plans to hold public workshops in the future as more people get involved in the programme.

Even the smallest actions can make a difference!

For full details or to join the Wanaka Backyard Trappers, email wanakabackyardtrapping@gmail.com

THE SHIELDED SITE PROJECT

We're proud to support the Women's Refuge Shielded Site Project, making it safer than ever for victims of domestic violence to ask for help.

This online resource provides victims of domestic violence access to a shielded portal through which they can contact Women's Refuge, find out how to make a plan to safely get out of a dangerous situation, learn how to stay safe online and get answers to questions about what comes next – all without fear of it showing up in their browser history for anyone else to find.



You'll find a link to the Shielded Site at the bottom of our website – www.qldc.govt.nz

For more information about the Shielded Site Project, head along to <https://shielded.co.nz>

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A NEW LOOK FOR AN OLD FOSSIL

We're working with the Upper Clutha Arts Council to give Wanaka's most famous dinosaur a makeover!

Local artist Chrissy Wickes has designed a playful new look that incorporates the region's snow-capped peaks and the Moa, Wanaka's 'dinosaur' which was found across the area in prehistoric times.

Work should be finished in May – watch this space!

POP UP LIBRARY PROVING POPULAR

The temporary 'pop-up' library at Queenstown Events Centre has been going from strength to strength since first appearing in August last year.

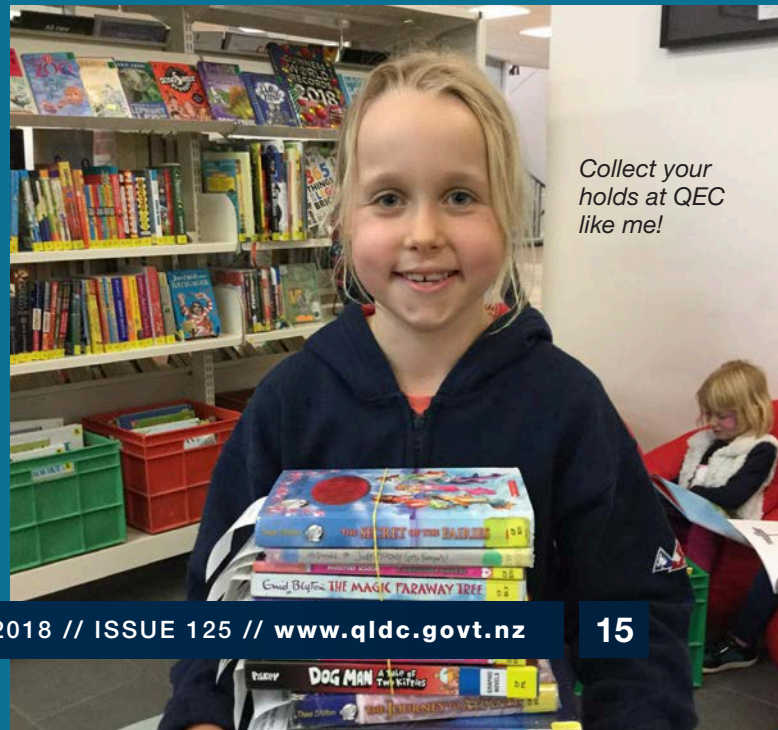
Librarians are now on-site between 10.00am-12.00pm on Mondays in addition to the original opening hours of 3.00-5.00pm on Fridays.

In March alone 263 books, magazines and DVDs were checked out – that's around one every four minutes – and the returns bin (available all the time) has to be emptied three times a week.

Children's fiction remains the most popular genre accounting for more than half of all books checked out. Children's DVDs have been added to the pop-up collection which is refreshed with new titles every month.

Borrowers can collect reserved items from the Events Centre, even when the pop-up library itself is not staffed. Once you receive a notification email just drop by to collect your items from the customer service team at reception. Easy as!

A bit further south down SH6, Kingston Library on Kent Street is currently trialling different opening hours to help provide access for more borrowers. Residents can now visit between 11.00am-1.00pm on Saturdays and between both 4.00-4.30pm and 7.00-8.30pm on Wednesdays.



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KEEP CALM AND SIGN UP FOR WINTER ROAD REPORTS



Whether you're excited about the snow or dreading its icy embrace – winter is coming.

This means it's once again time to dust off your snow chains and put them in the boot of your car (and make sure you still remember how to fit them).

The colder temperatures also mean it's not long until **QLDC's famous Winter Morning Road Reports** begin again!

These reports are emailed out before 7.00am every morning over winter, giving drivers the latest road conditions across the network from Glenorchy to Mt Aspiring and including the State Highway network and the Crown Range.

It's easy to sign up – just look for the winter road report link on the front page of our website

www.qldc.govt.nz

You can also use the same link to register to receive text alerts, which are tailored to the areas you're interested in (Crown Range, anyone?).

Also keep an eye on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/QLDCinfo/) and Twitter feed (@QueenstownLakes) for the latest information about road conditions.

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www.qldc.govt.nz

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47 Ardmore Street
Wanaka
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Office Hours:
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Queenstown 10 Gorge Road Phone: 03 441 0600
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Thursdays 9.00am–7.00pm Saturdays 10.00am–5.00pm

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Thursdays 9.00am–7.00pm Saturdays 10.00am–5.00pm

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Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00am–5.00pm
Saturday 10.00am–2.00pm

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Hours: Saturday 10.00am–2.00pm

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Hours: Tuesday 11.00am–1.00pm & Wednesday 6.00pm–8.00pm

Frankton Pop-up Library at Queenstown Events Centre
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Every Friday 3pm–5pm

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