

# Scuttlebutt

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## OUR GARDENS FOR 150 YEARS

The Queenstown Gardens have been a central and much loved part of Queenstown for 150 years.

The Queenstown Borough Council set aside the peninsula as a gardens reserve back in 1867 and today it's a legacy.

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*The Queenstown Gardens 1914.*

*Photo supplied by Lakes District Museum*

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LAKE WAKATIPU, N.Z. .54.

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## WANAKA WASTEBUSTERS CONTRACT WITH COUNCIL EXTENDED

**Two more years of waste minimisation education will take place in the Queenstown Lakes District as QLDC and Wanaka Wastebusters have extended their contract to 30 June 2019.**

Gina Dempster from Wanaka Wastebusters says Wastebusters has been delivering the education contract for 10 years which aims to reduce waste to landfill through education.

“We’re delighted to have the new contract and retain what has been a really positive relationship between Wastebusters and QLDC.”

The two strands of work Wastebusters deliver through QLDC are Dr Compost home-composting advice and education for sustainability in schools (Enviroschools and education in the classroom).

### EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY IN SCHOOLS

Supporting kids to take the lead on projects that will improve their environment. For example, Wanaka playscapes, water-testing at Waterfall Creek and a waste audit at Queenstown Primary.

Wanaka Wastebusters’ EnviroSchools Facilitator Simon Williams has delivered education in schools to nearly 1,200 students and EnviroSchools to 550 students in the last year alone.

Kids are our future leaders, so it’s vitally important to get them thinking now about how we can live in harmony with our environment!



*A school recycling tour.*

## Dr Compost

Dr Compost, aka Ben Elms is well-known around the district for his composting and gardening advice.

The Dr Compost project aims to give everyone in the district the skills to choose a composting system that suits their household and run it successfully.

As part of the new contract, we’ve set up a Dr Compost Facebook page. Not only will we be able to let people know about workshops coming up, but we can also give seasonal tips on composting and gardening and develop an online community who want local advice.

If people have any questions about what’s going wrong with their composting, they can message Ben through the page or email him on [drcompost@wanakawastebusters.co.nz](mailto:drcompost@wanakawastebusters.co.nz).

## Signing of Te Rōpū Taiao Otago

**A significant charter was signed in the Council Chambers on Friday 11 August by Kai Tahu ki Otago and QLDC.**

The charter brings us into the Te Rōpū Taiao Otago and aims to facilitate better mutual understandings, improve efficiency of Iwi engagement and grow Iwi capacity in local government activities.

Kai Tahu ki Otago represents the four Papatipu Rūnanga (various hapū unified as an iwi) of Otago. QLDC is also a member of the Southland Te Rōpū Taiao.



*From left to right: Edward Ellison (Otākou Rūnanga), Mayor Jim Boulton, Rewi Anglem (Chair Hokonui Runanga), and Matapura Ellison (Chair Kati Huirapa Rūnanga ki Puketeraki).*

## WANAKA COMMUNITY BOARD BY-ELECTION

**Our Upper Clutha community has had more than its fair share of elections this year but it's all in the interests of good democracy. Currently open for nomination is a new member for the Wanaka Community Board - due to the recent election of Quentin Smith as Wanaka Ward Councillor.**

Nominations are open until noon Thursday, 7 September. Until this date, the electoral roll is also open for updates, so if you're not on the roll - maybe you didn't receive voting papers for the recent Wanaka Ward by-election - it's a great opportunity to update your details. You can find out how at [www.qldc.govt.nz/elections](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/elections).

All local elections are undertaken by post so look out for your voting papers between 12 – 17 October. You'll have until noon on 3 November to vote. The new Wanaka Community Board member is likely to be sworn in at the Board meeting scheduled for 30 November.

Spring is here...



I'm so relieved!

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# THANKS FOR ALL THE FEEDBACK!

Feedback on the Queenstown Town Centre Masterplan proposal closed earlier this month. We received 289 comments representing a range of different ideas and views.

## NEXT STEPS

We are working through all of the feedback and refining the projects that make up the Masterplan. You can expect to hear more details about the project in September.



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**680**  
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ENGAGE  
**QUEENSTOWN TOWN CENTRE**

# POP-UP LIBRARY AT QEC!

**The Queenstown Lakes District Library has come to life at the Queenstown Events Centre! Look out for the new 'pop-up library' every Friday afternoon between 3pm – 5pm.**

The pop-up library has had a great first couple of weeks, with an impressive number of visitors so far.

There is a generous variety of books on offer for all ages and the collections are refreshed weekly to ensure there is a rich selection of genres and interests.

If you want to return your books, there is a returns box located permanently at QEC for library members to return their items at any time. Borrowers will also be able to place holds (and collect them from the pop-up) and join as a library member.

## WHEN:

Every Friday between 3pm-5pm.

## WHERE:

Queenstown Events Centre, Joe O'Connell Drive Frankton.

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# POP UP LIBRARY

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*Bringing stories to you*

# FRANKTON TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS AN IMMEDIATE SUCCESS

**Latest figures show the stage one opening of Hawthorne Drive, alongside several other changes implemented in June have made a significant improvement to traffic and congestion issues across Frankton.**

## HAWTHORNE DRIVE STAGE ONE

The opening of Hawthorne Drive immediately improved drive times between the BP roundabout and Queenstown Airport, most notably during the afternoon peak traffic. Travel times during the peak period average three minutes, greatly reduced from the previous 10-20 minutes, and a time saving of between 7-17 minutes for this stretch of road.

This roading link has been a long time in the making and it's fantastic to see it making such a difference to motorists. This is a step in the right direction and shows the impact right-sizing our infrastructure can have on the day-to-day life in Queenstown.

## FRANKTON PARKING CHANGES

Cars parked along State Highway 6 are now a thing of the past. The result is a much better looking and safer stretch of highway. A dedicated parking officer is on the beat in that area to ensure it stays that way.

48-hour parking restrictions were also implemented on Frankton residential streets between SH6 and the lakefront. This is subject to an ongoing trial and we'll continue to talk to residents about whether it is working.

## AIRPORT PARK AND RIDE

When parking was removed from SH6, a dedicated airport Park and Ride facility was opened on Brookes Road. This was developed as a partnership between Queenstown Airport and QLDC and has seen immediate uptake. There is currently space for 150 cars, and this is set to double to 300 spaces when the construction of Hawthorne Drive is completed in December.

## BP ROUNDABOUT UPGRADE

The recently completed merge lane for Queenstown bound traffic has made a significant contribution to improving the flow of traffic at the BP roundabout.

## FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS

There are further projects planned for later this year, and early 2018, that will add to the improvements we're already seeing. These include the opening of the new two lane Kawarau Bridge, the completion of Hawthorne Drive, further work to the BP roundabout and significant improvements to public transport across the Wakatipu.





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# WILD SIGNS

**If you've been over the Crown Range recently or out and about on Queenstown tracks, you might have noticed more signage about Wilding Trees.**

The Wakatipu Wilding Control Group is working hard to increase awareness of the threats Wilding trees are having on our landscapes.

Read more about the Wilding Control Group here:

[www.wakatipuwilding.co.nz](http://www.wakatipuwilding.co.nz)

# GET INFORMED ABOUT WILDING CONTROL

**The Wakatipu Wilding Control group is holding their annual community reporting night on 12 September.**

This is a chance to hear about the important work being led by the group to take back our landscapes from Wilding Trees and the group's plans for the coming year.

This year's event will feature guest speaker Dick Hubbard, who is also an executive member of the group.

Special thanks to Skyline Enterprises for sponsoring the event.

**WHEN:** 6pm Tuesday 12 September

**WHERE:** Skyline

If you're interested in coming along, please RSVP to Briana Pringle – [briana.pringle@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:briana.pringle@qldc.govt.nz)

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## SAFER SURFING

**New signage is going up at the Hawea Flat Whitewater Park (also known as 'the Wave') on Camp Hill Road providing river surfers with information about riding the man-made features safely.**

Kayakers, bodyboarders and surfers all use the Wave but there is a risk that surfers who fall off their boards and drift downriver could become trapped around the Camp Hill Road bridge support. The flow of the river can prevent surfers from reaching upstream and releasing their leg leash, resulting in them being dragged underwater and potentially drowning.

Surfers and kayakers rescued one man from a near-drowning caused by this scenario earlier in the year.

The signs urge surfers to attach leashes to their biceps or waist rather than their leg to avoid similar incidents. One of the key messages, developed in partnership with the surfing community and Harbourmaster's office, is that surfing the river has specific hazards which makes it very different from surfing the ocean.

Signs will be positioned on the true left of the Hawea River by the flat changing/spectator area near the normal entry point for surfers riding the larger wave, with another sign upriver at the smaller wave. Another sign will be fixed to the top of the bridge support alerting surfers to the point of most danger.

The move follows the installation of a safety system on the bridge support and the removal of some overhanging trees.



## HOT ASHES REMINDER!

Spring is just around the corner, but cool temperatures will remain for a while yet. If you're still using a logburner to heat your home, please remember not to place any hot ashes in wheelie bins. This is a fire hazard. When you clean out your fire place the hot ashes in a metal bucket with a metal lid and allow them to cool properly before disposing of them.



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# HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE WAKATIPU REFORESTATION TRUST?

**The Wakatipu Reforestation Trust was established in 2013 with the goal of protecting and restoring the unique and beautiful native biodiversity of the Wakatipu Basin.**

**Many volunteers have been working hard to achieve this goal through replanting projects, education and advocacy.**

The Trust was formed by Neill and Barb Simpson

whose work began with the Wakatipu Islands Reforestation Trust in 2001, a project set up to replant bushfire-destroyed areas on Pigeon and Pig Island in Lake Wakatipu. Over the past 16 years the once bare islands

have become a haven for native birds. With the island work nearly complete, and 40,000 trees planted, they saw the potential in regenerating other areas, and the new trust was created in 2013.

## SPRING WORKS, GET INVOLVED!

The Wakatipu Reforestation Trust invites you to come and plant beautiful natives around the basin this Spring as part of their community native planting programme. Help restore our biodiversity and create more homes for the birds, bugs and lizards we are so lucky to find around Queenstown.

**Saturday 9 September –**  
Whitechapel, Arrow Junction

**Saturday 16 September –**  
Lake Hayes West Project Gold (access Rutherford Road)

**Saturday 23 September –**  
Walter Peak in conjunction with Real Journeys. Complementary TSS Earnslaw ride (numbers limited)

**Saturday 30 September –**  
Feehly Hill, Arrowtown

**Saturday 7 October –**  
Lake Hayes South (park at the Lake Hayes Pavilion)

**Saturday 14 October –**  
Peace Park, Frankton (access off Boyes Cres)

All planting sessions are on Saturday mornings between **9am – 12noon** (with the exception of the Walter Peak planting day). No experience is required. Bring a shovel and gloves if you have them, and your friends and family – all welcome!

More details and updates are on the Wakatipu Reforestation Trust Facebook page

 /wrtqt.org.nz

*Spring planting at Lake Hayes.*



# ALBERT TOWN LAGOON PLANTING

**Recently a group of 30 people braved a frosty August morning and gathered at the Albert Town Lagoon to plant 200 native plants in the area surrounding the lagoon.**

The planting was a joint venture between the Albert Town Community Association, Te Kākano Aotearoa Trust and QLDC.

QLDC has been working with the Albert Town Community Association to enhance and look after this area for some time. Users will have noticed informative signage, a new path and seat appearing in the reserve as well as the native plantings and clearing of willow regrowth from the lagoon. A new picnic table is to be installed in the near future.

Thanks to all the volunteers involved in this successful project, the native plants will be a fantastic asset to Albert Town in years to come.



*Volunteers mucking in.*

## TE KĀKANO UPCOMING PLANTING DAYS:

<b>2 September</b>	Glendhu Bay
<b>16 September</b>	Diamond Lake
<b>30 September</b>	Bullock Creek
<b>14 October</b>	Diamond Lake

For up to date information, please see  
[www.tekakano.org.nz/](http://www.tekakano.org.nz/) or  
[www.facebook.com/tekakano/](https://www.facebook.com/tekakano/)

# LET THE CHILDREN PLAY!

**The children's playground on Queenstown Bay is set to get a major upgrade.**

The existing playground is over 22 years old and the equipment is well overdue for replacement. The upgrade will turn the iconic site into a 'Destination Playground', making it a major attraction to residents and visitors. Currently, the only destination playground in the district is Wanaka's Dinosaur Park.

Work is set to start late September.

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# FIGHTING THE THREAT OF AQUATIC WEED IN WAKATIPU

**QLDC is working with government agencies and commercial operators on a number of measures to prevent the spread of the invasive weed lagarosiphon into Lake Wakatipu.**

Lagarosiphon is an unwanted organism that is capable of smothering native aquatic plants and choking our waterways. It

spreads very quickly if left untreated.

Lake Wakatipu has been considered weed-free, but the risk of lagarosiphon spreading into the lake from boat users in the Kawarau River is high.

“Immediate action we’ve taken includes a boat-based spraying operation in the Frankton Arm,” says Land Information New

Zealand (LINZ) Biosecurity Manager Dave Mole.

LINZ is the lead agency responsible for pest control on the lake bed.

“This operation was done to target the less invasive aquatic weed Elodea which grows extensively in the area and could be hiding lagarosiphon infestations. Removing Elodea will really increase our ability to detect lagarosiphon in the lakebed.”

QLDC is part of the Lake Wakatipu Aquatic Weed Management Group, with LINZ, Otago Regional Council, Ministry for Primary Industries, Department

of Conservation, and commercial operators.

A checkpoint for boat users has also been set up just below the Kawarau Falls Bridge, and the Group will also be looking at the removal of Willows and installation of buoys in the Kawarau River.

NIWA has also been commissioned to develop a long-term management plan with solutions to reduce the risk of lagarosiphon spreading and establishing in the lake.

**Boaties and lake users are asked to make sure they check, clean and dry their equipment before they enter or leave the lake, and whenever they are travelling between different lakes or rivers.**



*Diver removing lagarosiphon.*



# DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HERITAGE INCENTIVE GRANT?

**Every year, QLDC provides a Heritage Incentive Grant to assist with the financial costs of maintaining, protecting and preserving the natural and built heritage of the district.**

The Grant can be awarded in different ways such as contribution toward the cost for professional advice, land use consent and building consent fees, or maintenance work.

In previous years, QLDC has helped fund a number of wonderful projects including McClintock's Cottage, Brunswick Mill, St John's Church, St Paul's Church, heritage trees in Albert Town and Arrowtown.

A list of heritage trees in our district is available on the Council District Plan as you can apply for funding to undertake maintenance and pruning by a certified arborist.

If you privately own a Category 1, 2, or 3 historic building, site or object then you might be eligible for this Grant.



*Saint Paul's Church in Arrowtown.*

Get in touch with QLDC Arts and Events Facilitator Jan Maxwell by phone 03 441 0469 or email [jan.maxwell@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:jan.maxwell@qldc.govt.nz)

Find out more about the Heritage Incentive Grant at: [www.qldc.govt.nz/events/funding/heritage-incentive-grant/](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/events/funding/heritage-incentive-grant/)



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# OUR GARDENS FOR 150 YEARS

>> *Continued from cover*

Since then the Gardens reserve has been the location for weddings (and marriage proposals), music, theatre, the wonderful local LUMA light festival, food and wine festivals, countless holiday snaps, tennis matches, bowling, croquet, disc golf, aimless strolls, dog walking, quiet thinking about life's crossroads, less quiet thinking

about life's crossroads, picnics with the family, and passive recreation of all kinds.

It is essentially a place to reflect and recharge and a refuge from its town surroundings and the world. As each of these gets busier, it becomes more and more important for these moments. So the Gardens are much valued not only by locals but also by the many overseas visitors it gets every week.

There have been many champions for the preservation and upkeep of the Gardens over the years who have advocated for the Gardens to remain as a cultural and historical treasure. This vigilance and legacy is carried on today by the Friends of the Wakatipu Gardens and Reserves group, along with many volunteers, which with QLDC, has instigated this birthday celebration.

So whilst celebrating, we can also reflect on how fortunate we are to have the Gardens as they are.

*Here are some pictures to remember the history and evolution of the gardens:*

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*The Garden's Rotunda early 1900s'.*



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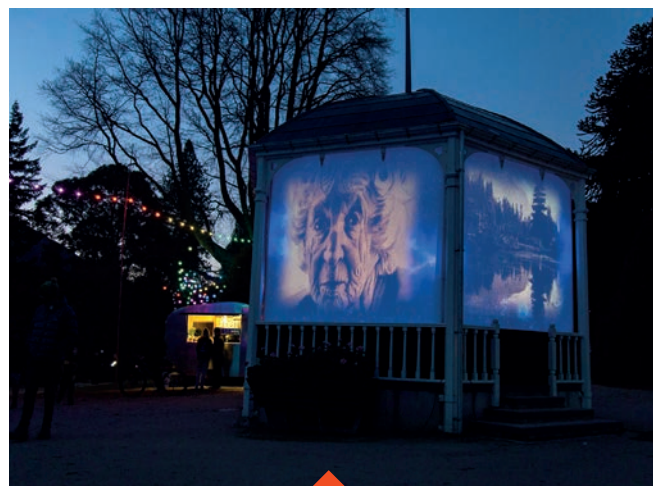
*C.1920s*







*This Time Traveller rotunda exhibit was produced by The Friends of the Gardens together with LUMA, QLDC and the very valuable historical expertise and resources of the Lakes District Museum.*



*An image of Margaret Templeton (Garden Champion) used in this exhibition for the 2017 LUMA Festival.*



## A little bit of history

The Queenstown Gardens peninsula is part of the moraine left by the ice stream which came down the gap between Ben Lomond and Bowen Peak. In early Māori history, members of the Waitaha, Kāti Mamoe and Kāi Tahu passed through the Wakatipu on visits to gather food and pounamu (greenstone), one route came up past the Kawarau and past the peninsula. Records in the whakapapa (genealogies) show that there was a Kāti Mamoe settlement at Queenstown Bay and defenses from Kāi Tahu attack would have been constructed on the peninsula with its wide views in all directions. However, there was no Māori settlement when the first European explorers reached the lake in the mid-1850s.

Once the Gold Rush had begun in 1862, it was apparent Queenstown would be a permanent settlement. In 1866 it was decided by the first Municipal Council the Queenstown peninsula would become a public reserve for recreation.

When William Rees arrived at Queenstown Bay in 1860 the peninsula seemed bare to the European eye. The initial design was drawn up by a local surveyor, with a gravel main walk from a Park Street entrance and meandering pathways, five feet wide leading off it. Realising the site was exposed to wind from several directions, the designer included a mixture of hardy species in groups and specimen trees.

In 1876, the Council spent 20 pounds on trees, and two English oaks were planted adjacent to Park Street, one by the Mayor James W. Robertson and one by Mr McConnochie, the nurseryman. A plaque beside the gates commemorates this.

The residents set about planting exotic trees enthusiastically with residents donating trees and shrubs which they could plant themselves wherever they chose.

By the early 1900s, tourism was encouraged by the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts and it promoted the Gardens internationally through flowery language and charming photos. Tree plantings were thinned to improve views, the natural pond was reshaped to make it suitable for skating, and a waterline put in to provide for a fountain.

During the 1960s and onwards, Queenstown was developing rapidly and many historic buildings and the Gardens came under threat. An ice skating rink was proposed and in 1966 the ice skating rink opened. Also in the 1960s, the formal rose garden was created with 850 rose bushes.

In the late 1960s, the Mount Cook Company proposed building a high-rise hotel on the reserve between Park Street and Horne Creek, but this was strongly opposed by residents. Ailsa Smeaton and Margaret Templeton founded the Guardians of the Park Street Reserve (now Friends of the Gardens), which rapidly gained membership and support across New Zealand. Their

objective was to retain the reserve as a public open space and over the next 15 years a series of Town and Country Planning Tribunal Hearing and court actions resulted in the company withdrawing its application in the 1970s.

By 1990 control of the Gardens was passed to Queenstown Lakes District Council. A Management Plan, drawn up in 1989, protected the park from large-scale development, and the Resource Management Act 1991 provided mechanisms for public consultation.

The Management Plan has since been revised in consultation with the Friends of the Gardens which is now consulted by QLDC on any proposals which might affect the reserve.

A development plan for the Gardens is under way. It is proposed that the Gardens and environs will become the centrepiece of a Queenstown cultural district designed and developed for the benefit of the whole Lakes District community and its visitors. You can expect to hear more about this soon.

*(Information obtained from The Queenstown Courier: Winter 2017, Issue No.97 and The Friends of the Gardens. Do visit the Lakes District Museum for more information) Thank you also to Jay Cassells, Chairperson of the Friends of the Gardens, for his help in collating this article.*

## Come and celebrate

The official birthday party for the Gardens will be held over Labour Weekend. Saturday and Sunday there will be jazz music, a community picnic and activities for the family, photo opportunities, historical tours of the gardens, afternoon teas and a horticultural workshop. Saturday will have the official acknowledgement and tree planting event.

### WHEN:

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October 2017 – Labour Weekend. 11am – 3pm both days.

*Details of the events will be confirmed closer to the time.*

As part of the year-long 150th celebrations, The Friends of the Gardens and QLDC wish to gather any stories, photos, films, letters or any other historical materials which might record the history of the reserve. If you have anything which you think might be of interest for that archive or any book based on it, please get in touch either with QLDC or email **[friendsofgardensandreserves@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgardensandreserves@gmail.com)**

We'd also love for anyone to share photos they have of the Gardens on Facebook and use the hashtag **#QTGardens150**.





# WANAKA RECREATION CENTRE TURNS 1

**Thanks to everyone who came along to Wanaka Recreation Centre's 1st birthday party in July.**

A total of 24,866 people used the facility in its first twelve months – that's about four times the population of Wanaka!

It's shaping up to be a busy year ahead too, especially with the opening of the new Wanaka Pool complex in 2018.

Our 'Sport 10' social league is back by popular demand with some new sports to challenge the mix of new teams and stalwarts from the first ten-week season earlier this year. Dodgeball was again a particular

favourite with some team members really getting into the spirit by dressing up as their favourite characters from the movie.

**Here's to more fun and games in the years to come!**



*People of all ages enjoyed the Wanaka Recreation Centre's 1st birthday party (credit – Jodie Rainsford).*



*Sport 10 teams enjoying a game of dodgeball.*

Wanaka Recreation Centre is located on Sir Tim Wallis Drive off Ballantyne Road. For more details visit QLDC's dedicated sport and recreation website [www.sportrec.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.sportrec.qldc.govt.nz).

**Wanaka Recreation Centre**  
QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

# GET ON BOARD WITH SOFT PLASTIC RECYCLING

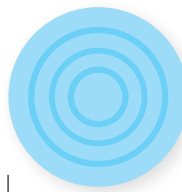
**The Love NZ Soft Plastic Recycling Programme is a voluntary, industry-led initiative where customers can recycle a range of soft plastic packaging such as empty bread and frozen food bags, plastic shopping bags, and wrapping which includes chip wrappers.**

Supermarkets throughout the district are providing recycling bins for the bags as part of this programme. Smart Environmental then collects the soft plastics, then bale for export out of various South Island ports. From

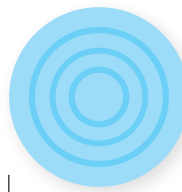
there it is shipped in bulk to Melbourne Company Replas, who turn it into things such as bollards, traffic speed bumps, decking and furniture.

Some of the participating stores in our district are Countdown, PakNSave, Fresh Choice, Four Square (Arrowtown), New World (Queenstown & Wanaka), The Warehouse, LuLu Lemon, and Kathmandu and soon to be Mitre 10 (Queenstown & Wanaka). We are hoping more stores will come on board and support the programme going forward!

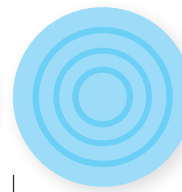
Since the official launch in March, Smart Environmental has collected enough soft plastics to make four bales, each weighing approximately 640kg. At a conservative estimate each bale contains between 90,000 to 100,000 plastic bags diverted from the landfill.



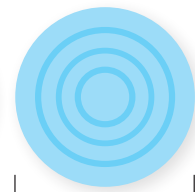
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*An example of a soft plastics recycling bin.*



## DID YOU KNOW?

New Zealanders currently use around 1.6 billion plastic bags in the home every year!

Refer to [www.recycling.kiwi.nz/soft-plastics](http://www.recycling.kiwi.nz/soft-plastics) for FAQs and to find out more about your nearest participating stores.

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## CLEAN UP WEEK 2017

**It's Clean Up Week between 11 – 17 September and Keep New Zealand Beautiful (KNZB) are calling on volunteers to get involved in New Zealand's largest litter clean up.**

All you need to do is gather a group of colleagues, friends, neighbours or family members, pick a day and adopt a spot to clean up.

KNZB provides everything you need for your clean-up project including, rubbish bags, gloves, rubbish disposal

contacts, event guides, promotional posters, participation certificates and classroom lesson plans.

QLDC have a list of recommended locations to choose from for your clean-up project to ensure maximum impact across the district. Get in touch with the QLDC Customer Services team by email [services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz) or phone 03 441 0499 (Queenstown) or 03 443 0024 (Wanaka).

Find out more or register your group here:

[www.knzb.org.nz/calendar/clean-up-week-2017/](http://www.knzb.org.nz/calendar/clean-up-week-2017/)



# BROOM IN BLOOM

**Daffodils aren't the only yellow flower set to bloom as we head into spring.**

Broom is an invasive weed that spreads rapidly and densely. Originally brought into NZ in the 1800s to use as hedge plants, Broom soon showed its true colours and began to invade the landscape.

Otago Regional Council manages pest control (both plants and animals), but did you know that any broom on private land must be cleared by the landowner?

It's best to cut back Broom in spring when the plant is most vulnerable, using most of its energy to flower. A single Broom plant can produce up to 18,000 seeds, so any help to stop them spreading is very worthwhile.

## HOW TO CUT THE 'BLOOMIN BROOM'

- > Cut at ground level and treat the stump (spray or apply Tordon 2G granules)
- > Deal with single bushes or small invasions first
- > If broom is blooming near an un-infested area, try cutting off the yellow flowers to minimise any further seeds entering the soil.

For more info, visit the Otago Regional Council website and use the search word: Broom.



*A large amount of Broom was recently cleared by a private property owner on Queenstown Hill. This will make a huge difference to the spread of the invasive plant in the area.*

## Require specialist resource management advice?

Our team of committed experts has an impressive depth of knowledge in all aspects of resource management law.

Our local presence means that we understand the challenges and opportunities in the Queenstown District, including the consenting of developments and the Queenstown Lakes District Plan Review and any variations to it.

Our expertise means we are well placed to advise and represent you in these and all other areas of resource management.



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# ILLEGAL DUMPING OF RUBBISH



**This is a friendly reminder that non-recyclable household rubbish needs to be disposed of right – in a blue council bag, red topped wheelie bin or at a refuse centre.**

While the vast majority of people get rid of their rubbish correctly, we're seeing an increase in the amount of household rubbish being dumped in community bins, which isn't what they are designed for. This means they fill up very quickly and often overflow leaving an unsightly mess that is costly to ratepayers as extra collections need to be made.

Illegal dumping of rubbish in our reserves is another issue that costs the ratepayer. Last year we responded to a number of instances of dumped rubbish at a cost of over \$11K on top of our collections budget. The list of things we pick up is fairly varied – from beds and chairs through to BBQs and the all too common dumped rubbish bags.

Understandably, we take a very dim view of those who choose to dump their rubbish and where possible will use identifying documents to track down the culprits and hold them responsible. We ask that anyone who spots someone doing this to let us know. Call or email the Council.

## MEET CHRIS ENGLISH – BUILDING SERVICES MANAGER

Chris English has recently joined QLDC as the new Building Services Manager. He is responsible for leading the building team through a continued period of sustained growth, making sure the team is resourced and managed effectively.

*Here's how Chris sees his new role and what he's looking to achieve in the next 12 months:*

"Our district is in the middle of an unprecedented period of demand

for both residential and commercial properties. The Building Services team play an important role in ensuring Building Consents are processed and issued as efficiently as possible.

One of my priorities is to improve the communication

and relationships between the Building Services team and the building industry by improving our contact email database of builders, designers and architects. If

you would like to be part of this database please contact me directly and I'll make sure you're on the list.

I'm aiming to get an improved structure in place to help relieve the pressure our team is under, and ensure building consent timeframes improve.

I'm more than happy to meet anyone to chat about any ideas, issues or challenges they have, so please drop me a line on (03)4500305 or email [chris.english@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:chris.english@qldc.govt.nz)."

*Chris English at Dublin Bay.*





## DID YOU KNOW...

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.



# DO YOU USE YOUR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION?

**Short-term accommodation is where you rent your property (or a part of it) to paying guests for periods of less than three months. If you're doing this, there are a number of requirements you may need to meet.**

There's a new guide available to help you understand the requirements. So if you rent out your property on a short-term basis, head to **[www.qldc.govt.nz/services/rates/short-term-accommodation/](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/services/rates/short-term-accommodation/)** download the guide and have a good read.

If you need help understanding the requirements, call us on 03 441 0499 or email [services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz)



# REVAMPED COMMUNITY GROUPS WEBSITE COMING SOON

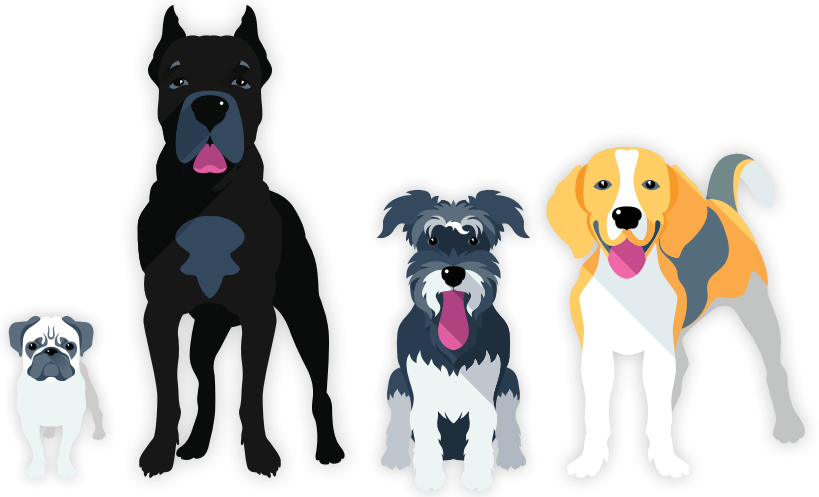
**The QLDC Community Groups website - <http://groups.qldc.govt.nz/> - is undergoing an upgrade and the revamped site will be launched later in the year.**

This fantastic online resource is a database that holds details of community groups and organisations in the Queenstown Lakes District, linking them to the community.

If your group or organisation is already listed, seize this opportunity to make sure your details are up to date. An official "rollout" of the new and improved website will happen once it's ready and this will offer great coverage for your group.

If your group or organisation is not listed on this database, then sign up and help the community connect with you!

# READING TO DOGS AT THE LIBRARY



**Recently Wanaka and Queenstown Libraries have begun a unique programme which involves school-aged children practising their reading aloud in the presence of some furry friends.**

The Reading to Dogs programme is a joint venture sponsored by St John and the SPCA and supported by volunteer dog owners. The sessions have a relaxed and non-judgmental atmosphere where children can freely practise their reading and speaking skills and in turn foster confidence in reading for enjoyment and a motivation to share a good story with others.

This literacy initiative has the added benefit of increasing children's awareness of behaviour around dogs.

**WANAKA LIBRARY:** Every Wednesday afternoon during school terms between 4–5pm (no booking necessary).

**QUEENSTOWN LIBRARY:** Sporadically, keep an eye out on Facebook or contact the Queenstown Library on 03 441 0600 to find out when the next session will be.

**SESSIONS ARE FREE**

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# FESTIVAL INSPIRES WITH WASTE REDUCTION

**The recent NZ Mountain Film and Book Festival not only showcased a number of movies about the natural world and climate change, it also made an impressive effort to minimise its own carbon footprint.**

Inspired by a zero waste scheme at this year's WOMAD festival, Festival Director Mark Sedon and his wife Jo set themselves an ambitious target: produce only one bag of landfill rubbish during the five-day Mountain Film Festival held at the Lake Wanaka Centre.

Following the 'reduce, reuse, recycle' principle, they began by creating a digital ticketing system rather than

relying on paper tickets. They also provided free tea and coffee to people who brought along their own mugs, provided real soup bowls and drinking glasses, and refused to sell bottled water, instead providing a free water fountain complete with an old beer tap that Mark bought off TradeMe.

Reusable 'KeepCups' were sold at cost and take-away cups and plates were compostable thanks to Ben 'Dr Compost' Elms' local hot composting system.

In the end the festival produced just two bags of waste-to-landfill from the Lake Wanaka Centre – one more than its target but still a remarkable achievement given audience numbers of around 3,000 people over five days.



# COMMON GARDENING PRODUCTS BANNED FOR SAFETY REASONS

**The Environmental Protection Agency has banned a number of gardening products that contain chlorothalonil, a broad-spectrum pesticide used to control fungal leaf diseases in vegetables, ornamental crops and turf.**

Chlorothalonil is acutely toxic, especially when it is inhaled, and is a suspected carcinogen.

The following products cannot be manufactured or imported into New Zealand after 11 May 2017 and will be banned from sale to anybody in New Zealand from 11 November 2017.

**For more details go to [www.epa.govt.nz](http://www.epa.govt.nz) and search for Toxic Fungicides.**

**These products include:**

- > Yates Bravo
- > Yates Greenguard
- > Yates Guardall
- > Tui Disease Eliminator

Further to this, the following products can only be used by trained and certified operators in a workplace setting:

- > McGregor's Black Spot and Fungus Spray
- > Watkins Fungus and Mildew Spray
- > Taratek 5F

If you have these products in your garden shed, we recommend contacting the Frankton or Wanaka Transfer Station to arrange their safe disposal.



## Reminder – Street frontage bond refunds

Have you lodged a street frontage bond as part of your building consent lately? Don't forget to apply for a refund! Get an application form at [www.qldc.govt.nz/application-forms/](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/application-forms/)

## SPRING FUN AT SNOW FARM

QLDC owns the land where Snow Farm is located and manages it as a recreation reserve. The Pisa Alpine Charitable Trust (PACT) manages Snow Farm on a not-for-profit basis with any surplus reinvested in the facilities and equipment. The base building has a café, bar and restaurant and there is full-service accommodation at Snow Farm Lodge. For more information visit [www.snowfarmnz.com](http://www.snowfarmnz.com).

It's not too late to experience Snow Farm this year – there's still a lot going on as winter changes into spring. The Merino Muster Worldloppet event takes place on 2 September with races for all ages and abilities. There's also a Full Moon Feast ski and dinner night on 5 September and a locals' day with free rentals on 17 September.



# Coronet Forest Management Plan adopted by Council

**Coronet Forest will be harvested early. Council agreed to adopt a revised management plan for the forest.**


This comes after the community was consulted on the early removal of the forest as a measure to help curb the spread of invasive wilding pine trees through the district's alpine tussock land.

The forest was originally planted on Council land in the 1980's as a joint venture between QLDC and Central Otago District Council (CODC).

Work on a detailed harvest plan will begin soon and spell out timeframes and exactly how the operation will be carried out. Following agreement from CODC, it is hoped that work to begin the harvest will start in early 2018.

The harvest is expected to take two years and will be completed in stages. The area will first be replanted with alpine grasses to help soften the visual impact of the logging operations, and subsequently with native tussocks, scrub and trees.

Once the harvest is complete and the area is considered safe, the Council will look at options for opening up the area for recreational activities. Watch this space!



*Wilding pine spreading from Coronet Forest into tussock country.*

## Would you rather read this online?

**We publish Scuttlebutt six times a year, deliver it locally through the community newspapers and post around 7,500 copies to ratepayers who live outside the district. That's a lot of paper!**

You can help us reduce the number of copies we print by switching to our email distribution list. Just email [services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz) with the word 'newsletter' in the subject line and be sure to include your name and address of the property you own. If you know the valuation number, include that too.

You'll not only receive Scuttlebutt earlier, but also help us trim the amount we spend on printing and postage to keep you informed – that's a win for everyone!

**Every issue of Scuttlebutt is also available on our website [www.qldc.govt.nz/scuttlebutt](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/scuttlebutt)**

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## LOOKING AHEAD 10 YEARS AND BEYOND

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**Work is underway on our next 10 Year Plan. This plan details the next ten years.**

The 10 Year Plan is reviewed every three years. It's an opportunity to talk about what we can do to make our district better. Councillors and staff have been working together on the draft for a while now, looking at how we address our challenges, what it's going to cost and how those costs translate into our rates.

Some of the key issues you can expect to see in the draft include the Queenstown Town Centre Masterplan, Water Management Plans for the whole district, the future of the Lakeview site in Queenstown and much more.



# CELEBRATE SPORT AND RECREATION IN WANAKA!

**Keen to try a new sport or get the kids off their devices and into something new? Come along to the fourth annual Festival of Sport and Recreation, hosted by the Upper Clutha Sports Community.**

Meet local clubs to find out what's on offer for all ages and abilities. The 'Have a Go' day is a great chance to try something new – you never know – it could be the start of something big!

Plus, if you'd like the opportunity to promote your club and celebrate being part of the thriving Upper Clutha sport and recreation community then give Bronwyn (027 4733 141) or Diana (027 468 0048) a call to book your space.

**A free community event for everyone!**

**Saturday 23 September  
9am-1pm  
Wanaka Recreation Centre.**

Email [festivalofsportandrec@gmail.com](mailto:festivalofsportandrec@gmail.com) or contact Bronwyn or Diana for more details.

# THE LATIN AMERICA AND SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL

**The only Film Festival in New Zealand dedicated to showcasing the work of Latin American and Spanish filmmakers is coming to Queenstown this September for the first time.**

The Latin American and Spanish Film Festival (LASFF) kicks off on Friday 8 September and will screen 11 films at the Queenstown Arts Centre.

Among the impressive line-up there will be five comedies, five dramas and one true story with four of the films being award-winning titles.

Queenstown locals Carla Spring and Eliza Sánchez, who are the brainpower behind the festival, are excited to bring locals together and enjoy some of the cultures that make up our community in the Queenstown Lakes District.

"A special thanks to the local sponsors who could bring the Festival to life: Patagonia, Limousine South, Lakes Weekly Bulletin, Mountain Scene, Fluid and Bound, and of course the talented filmmakers from Latin America and Spain."



**WHEN:** Beginning Friday 8 September through to Sunday 17 September. For more details visit: [www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/the-latin-america-and-spanish-film-festival/queenstown](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/the-latin-america-and-spanish-film-festival/queenstown)

**WHERE:** Queenstown Arts Centre

**PRICE:** Screenings for the festival are all free.

Please register your interest on the Eventfinda website, use "Latin American and Spanish Film Festival Queenstown" as a keyword.

# Celebrate Māori Language Week

It's Māori Language Week between 11 – 17 September and we are encouraging everyone to celebrate the Māori language as a unique cultural treasure for all New Zealanders.

The theme for this year is "Kia ora te reo Māori". This theme not only picks up our national greeting but Māori Language Commission Chief Executive Ngahiwi Apanui says the words 'Kia ora' are an exact description of the intent of the new partnerships for te reo Māori revitalisation between the Crown and Māori.

There is a variety of resources on the Māori Commission website to use including pronunciation audio tips and a downloadable Hākinakina booklet with plenty of helpful tips.

To celebrate the week, QLDC is encouraging everyone to give te reo Māori a go at one of the **FREE** public "taster" sessions:

**Queenstown Library**  
Thursday 14 September  
5–7pm

**Wanaka Library**  
Thursday 14 September  
5–7pm

## Did you know?

**Queenstown Hill** was called *Te Tapu-nui* which signifies intense sacredness.

**Cecil and Walter Peaks** were known as Ka Kamu a Hakitekura which means "the twinklings seen by Hakitekura" and refers to Hakitekura seeing the tops of the mountains winking like eyes in starlit sky.

**Lake Hayes** was called *Waiwhaka-ata* and the translation of this is "water that reflects objects".

**Wanaka** is possibly so named because there was a Wanaga (school of learning) here. The southern dialect means that Wanaga would be pronounced Wanaka.

**The Hector Range** was called *Tapuae Uenuku* which means "the footsteps of Uenuku – the Rainbow God".

The area we now know as **The Neck** was the site of a village called Manuhaea which is said to mean "the split bird".

**Arrow River** was called Haehae-nui which means "big scratches" referring to the river having gouged itself out a number of channels.

**Fern Burn** which flows into Glendhu Bay was called *O-te-ti* "the place of cabbage tress".

Several names have been given for **Mt Aspiring** although Tititea which means "upright glistening mountain" is the most accepted.

*Information gathered from "Maori Place-Names in the Lakes District" produced by the Lakes District Museum, Arrowtown.*

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**Wanaka Office:**  
47 Ardmore Street  
Wanaka  
Phone: 03 443 0024  
**Office Hours:**  
Mon–Fri 8.00am–5.00pm

### QUEENSTOWN EVENTS CENTRE

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

### WANAKA RECREATION CENTRE

Wanaka Pool  
Sports fields  
Phone: 03 443 9334

### TRANSFER STATIONS

**Wakatipu:** 110 Glenda Drive  
Frankton Industrial Area  
Phone: 03 4510106  
**Upper Clutha:** Cnr of Ballantyne  
& Riverbank Roads  
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Phone: 027 434 5289 and 027 414 2270  
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### LIBRARIES

**Arrowtown** Buckingham Street Phone: 03 442 1607  
**Hours:** Monday–Friday 10.00am–5.00pm Saturday 10.30am–12.30pm

**Glenorchy** Islay Street Phone: 03 442 4378  
**Hours:** Wednesday 1.30pm–3.30pm Friday 1.30pm–3.30pm

**Queenstown** 10 Gorge Road Phone: 03 441 0600  
**Hours:** Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am–5.30pm  
Thursdays 9.00am–7.00pm Saturdays 10.00am–5.00pm

**Wanaka** Bullock Creek Lane Phone: 03 443 0410  
**Hours:** Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am–5.30pm  
Thursdays 9.00am–7.00pm Saturdays 10.00am–5.00pm

**Hawea** 14 Myra Street Phone: 03 443 9371  
**Hours:** Monday 10.00am–12noon  
Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00am–5.00pm  
Saturday 10.00am–2.00pm

**Kingston** Phone: Queenstown 03 441 0600  
**Hours:** Saturday 10.00am–2.00pm

**Makarora** Phone: 03 443 8342  
**Hours:** Tuesday 11.00am–1.00pm & Wednesday 6.00pm–8.00pm

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