


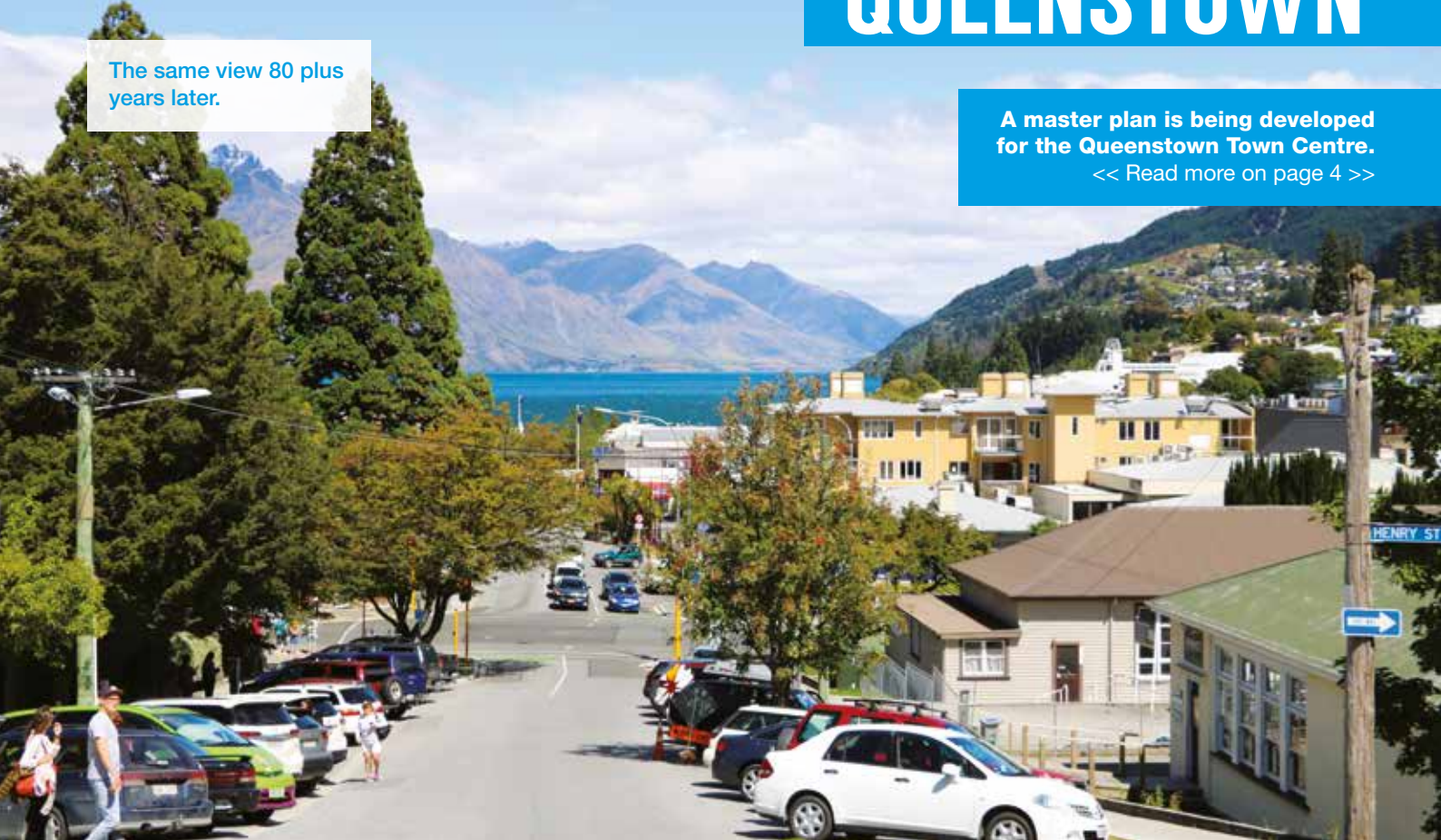
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Queenstown Town Centre,  
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## THE CHANGING FACE OF QUEENSTOWN



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**A master plan is being developed  
for the Queenstown Town Centre.**

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# EASTERN ACCESS ROAD

**It's getting closer – the ability to dodge the traffic by driving from the south end of Frankton through to the SH6 above the Shotover River without going through the BP roundabout.**

Stage One of the Eastern Access Road will be open before winter, creating a route around the end of the airport runway that will link Hawthorne Drive to Glenda Drive. Stage two, which is due to be finished by the end of this year, is a larger piece of work that will take Hawthorne Drive all the way through to the roundabout on SH6 near Pak n Save and Mitre 10.

Contractor Fulton Hogan's crews are working extended hours through the summer to take advantage of warmer weather and more settled conditions (notwithstanding that the weather gods haven't been very cooperative this season).



If you're picturing that building a road is similar to running a toy bulldozer through a sandpit, you'd be amazed at the complexity of the work involved in constructing the new route.

Extensive geotechnical testing was required to make sure that the underlying material will stand up to the compression and weight of a major route. A network of underground pipework and services are being installed, some of it 6 or 7 metres below the surface.

It's a complex project on a large scale, and some of the stormwater drainage pipes being installed under the route are the largest to be used anywhere in the country.

## SMART BINS

**QLDC is trialling ten new state of the art Big Belly bins at Earnslaw Park in central Queenstown.**

The smart bins are connected to a cloud based system that reports on how full they are and sends alerts when they need to be emptied.

The solar-powered waste bins compact to at least a five-to-one ratio, which means they can fit five times more rubbish than a standard waste bin.

The smart bins will help our infrastructure team get a better handle on the amount of waste that's being deposited downtown and the peak times when it's coming in to the bins. At the same time we can reduce our carbon footprint by reducing the number of times the bins have to be emptied. For the future, that could mean worthwhile savings to service bins in more remote locations.

The bins will stay in Earnslaw Park for a three month trial.



# UPGRADE TO THE JOHN DAVIES OVAL KICKS OFF

**Local sports teams are looking forward to getting more use out of the John Davies Oval at the Queenstown Events Centre and the Black Caps may once again be a part of our summer calendar, when the playing surface is upgraded to international standards.**

A comprehensive upgrade from a soil based turf to one that is sand based, began in early February with work on the site expected to be completed by late April.

The project will bring the turf into line with current international cricket standards, and will make it available for a wider range of high level sports fixtures from summer 2017-18.

In recent years, poor drainage has limited the amount it could be used. An improved playing surface and better drainage will not only make the oval more attractive to top level sports teams, it will also allow for a higher level of use by the community.

Sport and Recreation Manager Simon Battrick says the turf has essentially come to the end of its lifespan as it hasn't been upgraded since the Queenstown Events Centre was built in 1997. The existing soil profile doesn't allow for good drainage while old dead grass has built up a layer of 'thatching', which further impedes the draining process.

Without good drainage water sits on top of the playing surface making it slippery and muddy, and much more prone to damage.



*The outfield is a little rough ... work is underway on upgrading the turf at the John Davies Oval.*

Upgrading the 1.95ha surface is budgeted to cost \$640,000. It includes laying the equivalent of 2.2km of drainage, 520 tonnes of gravel, 2km of irrigation pipe and 96 new pop-up sprinklers.

The final surface will require 2500 tonnes of sand, 3.5 tonnes of fertiliser and 1 tonne of specialised sports turf seed.



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# TOWN CENTRE PLAN TO START

**Back in January, the Council agreed to move forward with a Master Plan for the Queenstown Town Centre.**

It's safe to say the Queenstown Town Centre has changed a lot over the years. And it's no secret that the area is facing some challenges. Transport and parking are recurring themes when more than two locals gather.

But with great challenge comes great opportunity... The master plan will provide an overall vision for the town centre, integrating things like public spaces, parking, transport, living, and civic and commercial projects. It's about considering these things as a whole and kicking the 'working in silos' approach to touch.

This complex but exciting piece of work is underway now and you'll be hearing plenty more about it in the coming months. But in the meantime, you can find more information on the Council website [www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz)

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## A new home for Boof

"Boof" is a slightly goofy, loveable Staffy cross found wandering near Cardrona over the summer holidays. We shared a photo and information about Boof on Facebook and his owner eventually made contact to explain that they'd parted company while pig hunting – turns out Boof wasn't much good at his job so the owner wasn't terribly keen to have him back.

Our animal control team looked after Boof at the Queenstown pound for several weeks while finding him a new home. Thanks to all the people who shared Boof's story on Facebook, he has been adopted in Arrowtown to an owner who will give him the affection and training he needs.



**Over 100 people took advantage of our dog registration amnesty to make their pet legal in December and January.**

Quite aside from the fact that the law requires all dogs to be registered and microchipped, registering your pet gives you – and it – security.

If your dog escapes from your property, it runs away while you're out walking or it meets with an accident, our animal control team can easily contact you through the information on its collar tag or its microchip.

We're often asked what dog owners get for their money when they register their dogs.

We provide a 24/7 animal control service, responding to reports of wandering or aggressive dogs; we care for lost dogs in our pounds; we work with all the primary schools in the district to teach new entrants the safe way to approach and handle dogs; we host free dog handling classes for owners, run by qualified animal behaviouralists. And we also install dispensers with plastic bags for dog poo around the district.

## OPEN DAYS AT THE POUND

**In January we opened the doors of the Wanaka and Queenstown dog pounds for two open days in each community.**

About 100 people took the opportunity to come through and have a look at how we care for lost dogs and the occasional delinquent that has to be taken into care.

Mostly the pounds' "guests" are dogs but last year a pair of roosters were cared for at the pound while we found them a new home. Our animal control team are so versatile!

We'll be holding more open days in the future so if you're interested to see what's behind the security fences, follow us on our QLDC facebook page and we'll let you know when we're going to do it again.



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# Carpooling scheme gets a makeover

**Sharing a ride to work on a regular basis not only saves you money, reduces wear and tear on your car, and gives you daily company on your commute, it could also score you a free park in Queenstown.**

We're revamping our carpooling scheme as one of the ways to reduce traffic congestion on our busy roads.

Applications to join the new scheme were opened at the start of February and close on 24 February.

It will reserve 29 free spaces at the Boundary and Ballarat St car parks for vehicles carrying three or more carpooling permitholders.

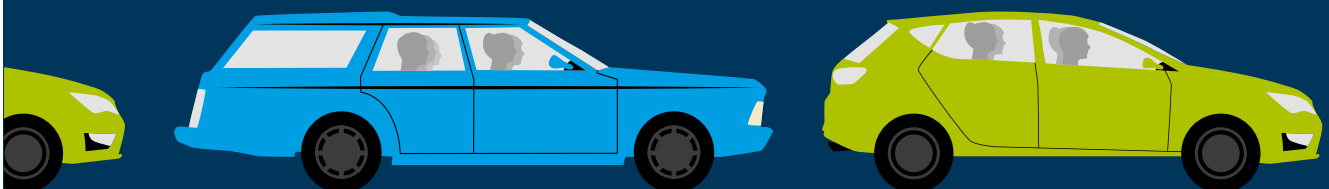
We will issue 100 permits to commuters living further afield than Queenstown and the area along Frankton Road / Queenstown Hill. Permitholders will arrange to rideshare among themselves.

Permits will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and be valid for 12 months. If demand outstrips supply, we will hold a ballot for places in the scheme.

Mayor Jim Boulton says the revamp of the carpooling scheme is part of an ongoing push by the council to address traffic issues in Queenstown. "This system will see around 60 fewer cars on the road during the peak commuter periods, and if successful we will certainly look at expanding the scheme. We're also in talks with the Otago Regional Council to improve public transport and I am optimistic of being able to make an announcement about that within months. That will provide a further option for commuters who are willing to consider changing their travel habits."

The new carpooling system replaces an old scheme, which has been underutilised, with on average fewer than five registered carpool vehicles using the reserved parking spaces each day.

The new scheme will take effect from March 10. Full details with terms and conditions of the scheme are on our website – just visit [www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz) and click the link under "what's new" on the homepage.





# PROJECT SHOTOVER UP AND RUNNING

**When you flush your toilet or rinse food scraps off the plates and down your kitchen sink, do you ever give a passing thought to where it all ends up?**

If you're in the Wakatipu Basin, the answer is most likely to be Project Shotover, where QLDC has just completed and commissioned a \$30 million upgrade.

The new components of the plant are fully operational and will be officially opened by Mayor Jim Boulton on February 27.

Two thirds of Queenstown's wastewater will be treated at the plant using a biological nutrient removal system in huge concrete tanks on the Shotover Delta.

The new biological nutrient removal plant uses bacteria to transform the organic material in wastewater into simple substances that will not decompose further, resulting in a much cleaner end product.

QLDC Senior Project Manager Lane Vermaas is happy to see the plant in use and working as it should. "This has been a major investment by QLDC and is part of futureproofing our infrastructure needs and environmental concerns both now and into the future. Downer have done a fantastic job on this project and it's satisfying to see the plant working as planned."

This upgrade has been designed with population growth in mind so it can easily be expanded. It will also offer a far cleaner end product, with E-coli at the levels accepted as safe for swimming under the recreational bathing standards.



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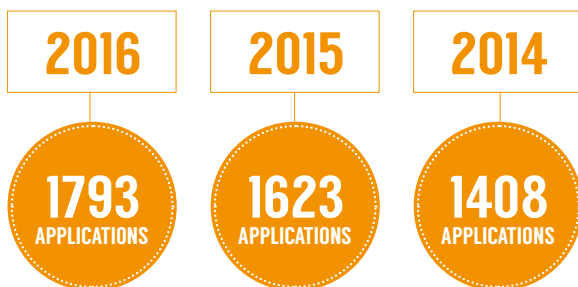
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# NEED A BUILDING PERMIT? THINK AHEAD

**Constant growth means that our building control team remains one of the busiest in the country, with applications for building consents rising year on year.**

Last year QLDC received 1793 applications compared with 1623 in 2015, and 1408 in 2014.



We've hired extra staff, brought in contractors and streamlined our internal processes in response to the demand. In spite of those efforts and staff working overtime, we're still struggling to keep up with the flow of applications and we can't always process them within 20 working days.

Tony Avery, QLDC's Manager of Planning and Development, says his team recognises the disruption and inconvenience this causes the building industry. "We are doing everything we can to process applications within the statutory deadlines."

Average processing times were close to the 20-day turnaround time at the end of last year but an influx of applications before Christmas has meant that staff haven't been able to keep up with demand in the new year. "There will inevitably be a delay in some people getting their consent applications approved," Tony Avery says.

People can help themselves by checking that all applications for building consents are fully completed and supported by the right documentation before they submit them, and by lodging applications well in advance of when they were intending to build.

The increased number of applications would also flow on to higher demand for building inspections, so builders are being advised to plan ahead and book inspections as early as possible to minimise delays.

Our building control unit is looking to recruit more qualified and experienced building control staff, in a highly competitive national market.

## WELCOME TO OUR DISTRICT

**Moving to a new town can be a challenge, as well as a big adventure. If you've recently arrived in our community, we'd love to help you settle in.**

Our Newcomers Guide to the District is a great place to start. It's full of local knowledge and tips for getting set up, easy to read and guaranteed to make you feel right at home.

You'll find copies in our libraries and offices, in support agencies around the district, and it's always available on our website [www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz) – just type "newcomers guide" into the search box.







# FOOD ACT BRINGS CHANGES FOR MANY BUSINESSES

**If you're involved with a business that makes food, you're probably already aware that the Food Act 2014 has made lots of changes to the rules around how you operate.**

New food businesses have to register under the Food Act straight away but existing businesses are changing over to the new regime in stages. If your business is in one of the categories listed below, you need to apply for registration by 31 March.

- > Food Service business with an Alcohol License (eg restaurants, cafes and caterers)
- > Early Childhood Education Centres that make food
- > Processors of nuts and seeds (including coffee roasters)
- > Manufacturers of food for vulnerable people, sauces and dips that need to be kept cold and ready to eat salads.

Our environmental health officers held drop-in sessions in Wanaka and Queenstown earlier this month to help people get up to speed with the new requirements. If you missed out and you would like some advice on complying with the new requirements, just give them a call on 4410499 (Queenstown) or 4430024 (Wanaka).

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# GET READY

Here our 12 top tips for emergency preparedness in case you missed them before Christmas:

**Amid all the pre-Christmas madness, you might have noticed a quirky little campaign we ran on the QLDC social media channels in December, reminding people to be prepared for emergencies.**

Our “12 Days of Preparedness” hints were a light-hearted way of raising a serious topic – this beautiful district of ours has a variety of natural hazards.

Severe earthquakes are just one of them. Flooding, fires, snowstorms, landslides and gales can all disrupt our normal routines, isolate us, stop food supplies and fuel from being delivered, and cut the power as well.

This can happen at any time – just ask your friends in Glenorchy what happened last month when the fire at Rat Point closed the Glenorchy Road and cut off the electricity supply for 24 hours. That was a relatively minor event, so imagine a significant earthquake that closed road access, brought down pylons, damaged buildings and cut all lines of communication – possibly for weeks. Think that couldn't happen? Just remember Kaikoura.

You can help your family, workmates and friends cope with the impacts of emergencies by talking and making a plan for what you will do, where you will meet up, and how you will contact each other.

QLDC's Emergency Management Officer, Trevor Andrews, is working with our smaller communities to develop community response plans that will help residents become more resilient, support each other in emergencies, and know where to find information and help. The plans identify local hazards, civil defence centres, and have simple templates for family plans.

So far, Arrowtown, Jacks Point / Kelvin Peninsula, Lake Hawea / Hawea Flat and Makarora have completed their plans. You'll find them all online at the Otago civil defence website [www.otagocdem.govt.nz](http://www.otagocdem.govt.nz) along with lots of useful information about being better prepared for emergencies.







## 1 Make plans for your whole family

Plan for the unexpected – talk to your family over dinner tonight and make a family plan for when the unexpected happens. Discuss how you'll contact each other if landlines and mobile phones aren't working; where you will go if you have to evacuate; and what you need to manage at home if you can't leave.

## 2 Please make sure you're ready

Can you lay hands on everything you need to look after yourself and your family for between 3 and 7 days? That includes water, food, BBQ or camp stove to cook if there's no power; torch and batteries, a bucket and plastic bags for an emergency toilet (or a spade to dig a long-drop)

## 3 With no cellphone, could you call me?

Make a back-up list of the important numbers on your cellphone so that if you lose it or it goes flat, you can contact your family, employer and friends. Keep copies in your car, at home and at work.

## 4 Readiness on the go is easy

Create a simple preparedness kit to keep in your car. Walking shoes, water, snack food, raincoat, a first aid kit, torch and a foil blanket are good basics. Include a phone charger so you can top up your cellphone battery if the power's off at home.

## 5 Are your kids safe in an emergency?

If your kids are in a holiday programme while you're working over summer, ask about their plans for an emergency. Talk to the organisers so you and your kids understand what happens if you can't pick them up.

## 6 Tie down that widescreen TV

Quake-safe your home. Secure bookshelves and cabinets to the walls with brackets, use straps to keep the TV from falling over or mount it on the wall. Put blu-tac or non-slip mats under ornaments and store heavy or fragile objects on lower shelves or in closed cabinets.

## 7 Let's all be more neighbourly

Go next door and say g'day to your neighbours. Talk about how you could help each other in an emergency. Swap phone numbers.

## 8 Make sure the car's not empty

Agree with everyone who drives your car that you will always keep it at least half full of petrol. If road access is blocked, fuel may be difficult or impossible to buy. Store a container of fuel for your vehicle alongside the petrol for your lawnmower.

## 9 Think about the needy

Plan for those who depend on you – children, elderly, the disabled and those with particular health needs – and make sure you have sufficient medication, special food and supplies to manage for several days if you can't get to a doctor, pharmacy or hospital.

## 10 What about Fluffy?

Animals suffer in emergencies too. Make sure you have enough food and water for pets and plan to take them with you if you have to evacuate, if it's safe to do so. Ensure larger livestock have shelter, food and water.

## 11 Be ready for a tsunami

Are you going to the beach this summer? Remember "Long or Strong – Get Gone". If you feel an earthquake that lasts more than a minute or makes it hard to stand up, there is a risk of tsunami. Don't wait to be told: move to high ground or go inland immediately.

## 12 Forget the socks and hanky...

Solve the last minute present problems – a simple preparedness kit is a great gift for those hard-to-buy-for family members.



# VISITOR ACCOMMODATION

**With accommodation often hard to come by, many people owning property in our district are choosing to rent out their houses, holiday homes or even their spare rooms.**

If you're thinking about doing the same thing on a short-term basis, check our website to see if you need to register your property as visitor accommodation or apply for a resource consent.

This doesn't apply if you are getting flatmates to live with you, letting family or friends use your home for free, or renting out your house to the same tenant for at least three months.

All the information you need is at [www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz) – just type “visitor accommodation” into the search box. The easy questionnaire will walk you through the process and show you whether or not your proposed activity will be classified as providing visitor accommodation.

If you have any questions, give our rating team a call on 4410499 (Queenstown) or 4430024 (Wanaka).

## CODE BROWN

**There's no polite way to talk about this, really. Sometimes kids do poos in the pool. And when they do, we have to close the pools for four hours to let the filtration system get rid of all the contamination and make sure it's safe and clean to swim again.**

That's inconvenient for everyone, even though we refund swimmers their entry money.

This isn't a Queenstown problem, it happens in every public swimming pool in the country. Some councils just don't talk about it very much.

We love seeing babies and youngsters having fun in the water and learning to swim is a basic survival skill that we want every local kid to know. So we've decided to be more upfront and talk about a “Code Brown” when we have to close the pools after these unfortunate accidents, with the aim of raising awareness and reducing the extent of the problem.

As a result, you'll see posters and information about toileting when you visit our pools. Every parent enrolling young children in our swimming classes is reminded about the need for their kids to go to the toilet before entering the pool. And all babies and toddlers must wear tight-fitting swimmer nappies in the water.



**COMING SOON**

# **ANNUAL PLAN 2017–18**

**You've heard about the cycle of life – in local government we have several life cycles and one of the most important of them is our 10-year planning and budgeting cycle for all the routine business and special projects that the Council carries out on your behalf.**

In 2017 we are in Year 3 of the 10-Year-Plan cycle. That means that staff and elected members are beavering away on budgets, activity plans and projections so we can present you with a draft Annual Plan at the end of March.

This is a proposal for how we will deliver on this year's portion of the work we committed to in the 10-Year-Plan.

It goes out as a draft so that you as residents and ratepayers can have a say on any proposed changes to major projects or strategic decisions. That includes how much we will spend on essential infrastructure and services if there is likely to be a significant change to what was laid out in the 10-Year-Plan three years ago.

We'll be sending you more information at the end of March about this and how you can have your say.



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# CELEBRATING OUR PARKS

**When you're feeling stressed, a walk in the local park or a trip to the playground with your kids can be an easy way to relax – and it's free!**

We're going to be celebrating Parks Week from 4-12 March, so by the time you read this we will be posting information about local events and activities that we hope you'll want to join in.

There are parks, reserves and playgrounds in every community – how about choosing one you've never visited before, packing a picnic and heading out to explore? You could – ahem – “reserve” some time to visit the new-but-historic Rees Homestead Park accessed from the Kelvin Heights Trail at the Lakes Edge Development in Frankton.

Or what about Wanaka Station Park, Wanaka's best-kept secret?

To top it all off, our iconic Queenstown Gardens turn 150 this year. The gardens are recognised as one of the must-visit attractions in Queenstown, thanks to the tireless efforts of QLDC's parks team and the countless volunteer hours put in by Friends of the Wakatipu Gardens and Reserves.

You'll find a list of parks, playgrounds and where to find them on our website [www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz) – just type “parks” into the search box. And keep an eye out for more information about local activities during Parks Week.



# SUMMER HOLIDAYS

**Changes to the way QLDC, our contractors and partner agencies provided services over the Christmas and New Year period resulted in cleaner streets and fewer issues in both Queenstown and Wanaka.**

That was the consensus after this month's debrief, QLDC Chief Executive Mike Theelen says.

"We arranged that the rubbish and recycling bins would be emptied on a continuous cycle rather than having scheduled collection times, and that reduced the problems with overflowing bins."

Traffic congestion was still an issue, with vehicle counts up an average 20 percent around the district. Signage that pointed drivers to the alternative route in and out of Queenstown via Arrowtown had helped ease pressure on the BP roundabout.

Mr Theelen says that by next summer Hawthorne Drive (the Eastern Access Road) will be fully open, changes will have been made to the BP roundabout to reduce congestion there, and the two-lane bridge at Kawarau Falls is due to be open.

In Queenstown, QLDC opened temporary overflow parking at Queenstown Primary School, which was full every day, and Warren Park on Gorge Rd, which had more use as the summer progressed. By contrast, overflow parking at the Wanaka showgrounds was poorly patronised and there were ongoing issues with people parking on the grass along the lakefront.

Mr Theelen says that the decision to stop running a youth camp at the council-owned Lakeview Holiday Park this year had resulted in a noticeable drop in unsupervised teenagers around Queenstown over New Year.



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# DISC GOLF

**Disc golf is a popular drawcard for visitors to the Queenstown Gardens, and there will be more action than usual next month when the 22nd annual Helicopter Line Queenstown Classic tournament is played out on 25-26 March.**

This is a four-round singles tournament in several divisions ranging from the under-18s to Grand Master and Open. Contact Paul Child, tournament director, if you're interested in joining the field by emailing [pd14472@gmail.com](mailto:pd14472@gmail.com)



# SHOW UP!

**One of our region's most anticipated annual events, the Wanaka A&P Show, is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year with a jam-packed entertainment programme.**

Held March 10-11 at the Wanaka Showgrounds, this year's highlights include live cooking demonstrations by local celebrity chef Annabel Langbein and performances by classic Kiwi entertainers the Topp Twins. More than 400 trade stalls will also feature, along with a Life & Style Marquee, Kids Zone, novelty activities (including the famous Jack Russell race), wood chopping and old-fashioned sheaf tossing.

The Show attracts 40,000 people each year and injects more than \$10.9 million into the local community. You can buy your tickets at the gates, 8am-5pm on both days.



# QUEENSTOWN AVIATION PIONEERS REUNITE



**Former staff and families of pioneer post-war Queenstown and district airlines will hold a local reunion on 7-9 April 2017.**

Airlines being celebrated are Southern Scenic Air Services, West Coast Airways, Ritchie Air Services, Tourist Air Travel and early years of Queenstown-based Mount Cook Airlines. These airlines pioneered local scenic, agricultural and scheduled services from the grass airfield at Frankton.

The reunion will include social events, church service and veteran Dominie ZK-AKY and four Cessnas from the 1950s and 1960s returning to Queenstown.

**Contact Hank Sproull [info@airmilford.co.nz](mailto:info@airmilford.co.nz) or Richard Waugh [rjw@ecw.org.nz](mailto:rjw@ecw.org.nz)**



# Southern Lakes Festival of Colour

Known as New Zealand's best little arts festival, the seventh Southern Lakes Festival of Colour takes place on April 4-10, 2017. Held biennially, the Festival brings an outstanding programme of local, national and international arts to the Southern Lakes region, including world-class music, dance, theatre, comedy, visual arts and the renowned Aspiring Conversations.

This year the festival includes seven international shows "bringing the world to Wanaka" including four hit shows from Edinburgh Festival Fringe – New York cabaret star Lady Rizo, worldwide smash hit *Every Brilliant Thing*, the funny and tender Irish one woman play *How To Keep An Alien*, and the enchanting *Portraits in Motion*.

Visit [www.festivalofcolour.co.nz](http://www.festivalofcolour.co.nz) for full details of the programme and to buy tickets.

## GOLF NZ OPEN

Golf fans, visitors and locals are all encouraged to enjoy Arrowtown's famous Welcome Party for this year's ISPS Handa New Zealand Open, from 9-12 March.

A free street party from 5.30pm to 9pm will see hundreds pack into historic Buckingham Street to enjoy great entertainment, fantastic food and drink stalls, and face painting, games and more in a kids' entertainment area.

New this year is a celebrity signing area featuring superstars of sport and entertainment, and music from

Celtic Sounds – an amazing 12-piece band comprising pipers, drummers, singers, keyboard and a drum kit. Their brand of Celtic Rock belts out a wide variety of music ranging from rock to folk, contemporary and traditional Scottish music.

Organiser Sue Patterson says this year's Scottish theme relates to Scotland being the home of golf. "It also gave us an opportunity to provide really great family entertainment to suit all ages but with a contemporary edge," she says.



# DR COMPOST IS BACK

**Gardening is like taking up running or giving up smoking – anyone can do it; it's never too late to start; even the smallest effort is beneficial; and you'll get a warm fuzzy feeling afterwards.**

Dr Compost is back with another series of free workshops to help you get the most out of your garden.

There are two on offer this autumn – one will teach you how to make great compost and the other is about winter gardening. There's one near you – grab a friend and come along.

## WINTER GARDENING

1 March, 6-8pm at St John's, Wanaka

2 March, 6-8pm at the Shotover Garden Centre, Frankton

## EASY WAYS TO COMPOST

8 March, 6-8pm at St John's, Wanaka

9 March, 6-8pm at the Shotover Garden Centre, Frankton

## THREE QUESTIONS

**GROWTH:** it's not happening "to" us, it's something we're a part of.

**LINK** is a government-supported, locally-driven community development effort in Wanaka, identifying actions our community can take to preserve what's special about our place and keep us connected as we grow.

That's where you come in! Being community-led means uncovering strengths to build on and what to address as we move ahead. Being a citizen means thinking about what's good for all, and offering your skills to help if you can.

**LINK** invites Upper Clutha citizens to answer three simple questions. Thanks for giving us 3 minutes to answer 3 questions!

## GIVE YOUR IDEAS FOR OUR FUTURE

### 3 QUESTIONS, 3 MINUTES, 3 WAYS TO RESPOND

*Share your thoughts, there are no right or wrong answers, all community-building ideas welcomed.*

**1. What do you love about your community?**

**2: How could it be even better?**

*(changes or actions you'd like to see)*

**3. How could you help?**

*(the knowledge, skills, passion, resources you could offer)*

#### ARE YOU:

Full time resident ☐ Part time resident ☐ Visitor ☐

#### WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

NAME:

EMAIL:



### YOU CAN ANSWER THE 3QS...

- **Online** at [www.link.org.nz](http://www.link.org.nz)
- **On paper** here and drop off at Wanaka Library, Community Networks, Hawea Library, Luggate Hotel, Albert Town store, Makarora Tourist Centre or Cardrona Hotel.
- **In person** catch us out and about around town

**Deadline:** March 6th 2017, all responses go in the draw for prizes!

**WHAT NEXT?** The LINK team will identify themes and priorities for community building. Stay tuned for the community-led initiatives that emerge, along with your chance to participate.

**QUESTIONS?** email [info@link.org.nz](mailto:info@link.org.nz)

[www.link.org.nz](http://www.link.org.nz)

# EVENTS CALENDAR

**Wondering what's on, where to go and what it costs? Check out our online events calendar. You can search by date, location and category, as well as looking for free events.**

Just go to our website [www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz) and click on the "Events" link on the homepage.

It's easy to add an event, so if you have something coming up that you want the world to know about, promote it for free by clicking on the "Add an Event" button – it's really simple.

*Ulrich and son Felix Glasner were among the 1000 participants who had a blast at our Colour Burst event last month. If you'd like to ensure you get a ticket for next year's Colour Burst, keep an eye on the events calendar!*



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### QUEENSTOWN EVENTS CENTRE

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

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*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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