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Major transport projects underway in Frankton

Work is underway on the new airport park and ride facility which marks another milestone in the continuing drive to improve transport and congestion issues in the Wakatipu.

"In April through our Annual Plan consultation we said we needed to step up, that is exactly what we are doing through a number of transport, parking and traffic projects" says Queenstown Lakes Mayor Jim Boulton.

Queenstown Airport Chief Executive Colin Keel and QLDC Chief Executive Mike Theelen help turn ground at the Airport Park and Ride facility

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BY-ELECTION FOR WANAKA WARD SEAT

Nominations are open for a seat on the Queenstown Lakes District Council representing the Wanaka Ward and must be received before 12 noon on Thursday 1 June.

The extraordinary vacancy arose after Cr Ella Lawton resigned last month.

Electoral Officer Jane Robertson says that aspiring nominees do not have to live within the Wanaka Ward themselves, but must be nominated by two people who are registered electors in the Wanaka Ward.

Registered voters living or owning property within the Wanaka Ward will be eligible to vote in the postal by-election.

The electoral roll for the QLDC elections is based on the parliamentary roll – if you live in Wanaka you can check whether you are enrolled online at www.elections.org.nz. However, people who live somewhere else but own property in Wanaka can check their status on the roll at the QLDC offices in Ardmore St, Wanaka, at the Wanaka, Hawea or Makarora libraries or by contacting the Council's Electoral Officer, Jane Robertson, by emailing jane.robertson@qldc.govt.nz or by telephoning 03 441 0499.

Check the Council website www.qldc.govt.nz for more information about nominations, enrolments and voting.

Check before you sign up

QLDC's planners have a word of warning for keen buyers who may be thinking of signing up for sections in new subdivisions – get good legal advice first.

A small number of developers have been marketing sections in subdivisions that don't yet have resource consent. QLDC's General Manager of Planning and Development, Tony Avery, says that can leave purchasers high and dry if the planning permissions aren't granted.

"We're seeing a few examples where developers are going to market and selling sections without any approvals – sometimes even before they have applied for subdivision approval, let alone have titles to sell. In one recent case the developer didn't even have legal access to the land they were marketing."

Mr Avery says these cases are not the norm but they are happening often enough to show a pattern. He says they occur right across the district in both the Upper Clutha and the Wakatipu.

One case that has already been publicised involved a proposed affordable housing subdivision off Gorge Road in Queenstown. Buyers ended up disappointed when the landowner cancelled the development because they weren't able to deal adequately with the flooding hazard on the site. This meant that the proposal could not go ahead as intended.

In another case, some of the sections that had been pre-sold in a new subdivision were not approved by Commissioners considering the subdivision application.

"Sometimes the Council is put under pressure to grant planning approval because the developer has pre-sold the sections, and the clients get understandably upset when they think we are holding things up or putting obstacles in their way when actually the properties have been marketed before the planning process is complete."

He says the planning process is about making sure that proposed developments fit within the zoning provisions of the district plan; that developers make proper provision for infrastructure and take proper account of hazards affecting the site.

Mr Avery said that anyone contemplating buying a section in a new subdivision should get legal advice before signing up.

“ We know the market is hot, and we know that people are desperate to sign up for sections. We're just cautioning people to get proper legal advice before they buy.”

TASKFORCE LOOKS AT HOUSING SOLUTIONS

A new model of affordable housing is under consideration for the Queenstown Lakes District that will address the needs of moderate and low-income residents, including families, without distorting or devaluing the existing market.

Mayor Jim Boulton says that the new Mayoral Housing Taskforce chaired by QLDC Councillor John MacDonald, which met for the first time last month, was unanimous in supporting the concept.

“Let me state upfront that it is critical that what we do does not affect the value of housing on the open market in Queenstown now. That has never been our intention.

“This is about creating an affordable housing model that works alongside the existing private and commercial ownership system. We have a series of outcomes which we are interested in pursuing and which we believe will create non-market affordable housing which will significantly assist affordable living in our district.”

The new model would incorporate both rental stock and homes for purchase, with a variety of options for those wanting to buy their property.

Mr Boulton says it's too early to go into details. “This is a complicated piece of work that will require long-term modelling to assess the effects, but we know what we want to achieve.”

He estimated it could be several months before the taskforce was able to release more details, but he was confident that progress would be steady because all participants agreed on what they needed to achieve.

While the taskforce is developing its new model with Queenstown as the focus, Mr Boulton says “everything that we are envisaging would be replicated in Wanaka, and we will be sharing our findings with the Wanaka housing working group.”

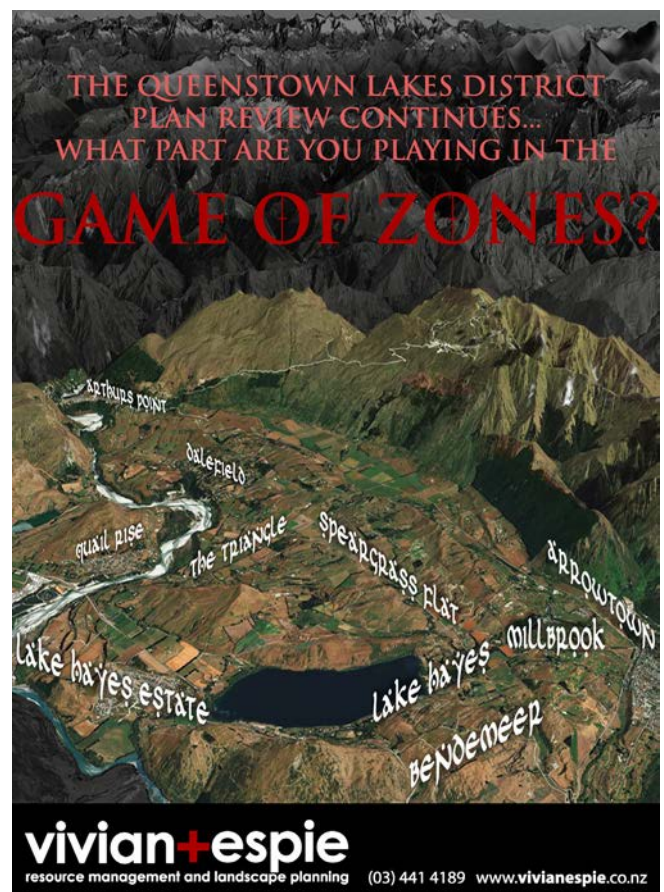
Free childcare extended to swim members

Playtime, the free child minding service at Queenstown Events Centre for Alpine Health & Fitness members, is extending its services to Alpine Aqualand swim members as a trial during Term 2.

Until 7 July, pre-schoolers aged 6 months to 5 can be dropped off for a maximum of two hours on weekday mornings while their parents and caregivers enjoy a workout or a swim.

Playtime is open 9am-12pm (Mon-Tue) and 9am-1pm (Wed-Fri).

Bookings are essential – call 03 450 9005 or ask at the Events Centre reception.



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Major transport projects underway in Frankton

Construction of the new facility, located behind Mitre 10 Mega on Brookes Road near Glenda Drive, began at the end of March. The service is expected to be up and running before winter and will see regular shuttles transporting people to and from the airport terminal.

Queenstown Lakes Chief Executive Mike Theelen is enthused about the progress being made, both for Queenstown Airport and the wider Queenstown transport network.

“It is fantastic to see work underway on the park and ride facility. This dovetails into a range of other major transport projects underway across the Wakatipu. The teamwork we’re seeing between QLDC, QAC, the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and the Otago Regional Council is great to be a part of and it’s beginning to manifest itself as real change is happening to our transport network which will have a very positive impact in the coming months.

“We’ve got several projects underway or about to begin and these are going to mean a range of changes for motorists around Frankton, particularly with regards to parking both in the short and longer term.”

One NZTA initiative that is timed to coincide with the opening of the park and ride facility is the removal of cars parked along Kawarau Road, which have become both a safety issue and an eyesore. Alongside the removal of these cars, QLDC is developing a new parking strategy for the wider Frankton area, ensuring that travellers’ cars don’t simply end up parked outside residents’ houses for extended periods.

Mr Theelen said the community will see some changes over the coming months. “We need to shift long-term non-resident parking out of the streets in the Frankton area, and while the details of the exact measures are ironed out it is clear that the changes will require further parking controls being put in place in Frankton.”



Hawthorne Drive construction is well underway - what you are looking at is kerb and channel formed along the Frankton end of the road.

Queenstown Airport Park & Ride Location



While this is underway, significant changes are scheduled to begin on Glenda Drive. Construction teams are working towards opening an initial link to Frankton around the back of the airport next month, as phase one of the Hawthorne Drive project gains momentum.

On-street parking is being removed from Glenda Drive to clear the roadway for heavier traffic flows while the interim route is in use. Instead, space is being allocated for 150 cars in the airport park and ride carpark to cater for Glenda Drive businesses until Hawthorne Drive is completed at the end of the year.

Construction work is continuing on the new two-lane bridge at Kawarau Falls and NZTA aims to have this open to traffic this summer. Meanwhile, NZTA is also considering ways to improve the section of the current State Highway network between 5 Mile (Grant Rd) and the new Kawarau Bridge, including the upgrade to the junction of SH6 and SH6A (the BP roundabout) which is well underway, to help reduce congestion.

Alongside the work being done in Frankton, QLDC is partnering with the Otago Regional Council to provide a vastly improved public transport system, aiming for a flat \$2 concession fare across the Wakatipu Basin. This has been consulted on as part of both Councils' annual plans. ■

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IMPROVED TRAFFIC FLOWS ON THE WAY FOR BUSY ROUNDABOUT

Drivers using the SH6/6A BP roundabout at Frankton should start to see improved traffic flows soon at what is one of the most congested parts of the local highway network.

Work that started in January to improve traffic flows at the roundabout is being completed in plenty of time for the busy winter ski season. This job delivered by the NZ Transport Agency on behalf of the Government, involves adding a second departure lane on the west side of the roundabout, heading towards Queenstown. Along with two circulating lanes around most of the roundabout this will help reduce delays for people heading in either direction - towards the Shotover Bridge and into Queenstown. Included in the contract is a significant water main upgrade carried out on behalf of the Queenstown Lakes District Council.

This additional lane is the first project in a wider programme of work to reduce the delays drivers

experience at the BP roundabout and wider Frankton area. The programme includes improvements provided by the new SH6 Kawarau Falls two-lane bridge and QLDC's eastern access road around the eastern end of the Queenstown Airport runway. Both projects are expected to open to traffic by the end of this year.

There are also safety components to the BP roundabout upgrade with improvements for pedestrians crossing SH6A, Frankton Road, near the roundabout. Additionally, the shared walking and cycling path along Frankton Road is being connected to McBride Street. Longer term more work is planned to make this area more accessible for pedestrians and cyclists.

Other traffic improvements on the highway network in the Frankton area in the medium term involve double laning the highway from the BP roundabout to near the Airport, and also from Five-Mile/Grant Road roundabout to the BP roundabout.

WINTER IS COMING!



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You may be in denial after that long, warm autumn but winter is coming.

That means it's time to check your snow chains and sign up for the QLDC winter road reports, which will begin sometime in May, depending on weather conditions.

We will send you an email around 6.30am every day with the latest information about road conditions across the network from Glenorchy to Mt Aspiring 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 and Twitter feed for the latest information about road conditions.



**YOUR
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HERE?**

It's not too late to sign up for the QLDC carpooling scheme, which offers commuters free space in the Boundary St or Ballarat St carpark as long as there are at least three permit-holders in each vehicle.

We have 29 spaces set aside for carpooling as one of the ways to reduce the number of vehicles coming in and out of central Queenstown.

Apply online at **www.qldc.govt.nz** – just type “carpooling” into the search box. We will continue to accept applications until the scheme is full.



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Wanaka Recreation Centre growing as a community sports hub

Community use of Wanaka Recreation Centre is growing with the completion of its outdoor artificial turf and a new social sports league underway.

The artificial turf can be configured to different sizes for netball, futsal and hockey with Upper Clutha Hockey Club now calling the 'Rec' home. Two afternoons per week are dedicated to senior netball grades and usage will increase further in Term 2 as junior netball begins on Saturday mornings.

Grass football pitches next to the artificial turf were seeded in early April after additional topsoil was laser levelled. The two pitches will be ready in the summer once the grass has thickened.

The 'Sport 10' social league began in the indoor stadium before Easter. Teams compete in ten different sports each week including basketball, futsal, volleyball and dodgeball.

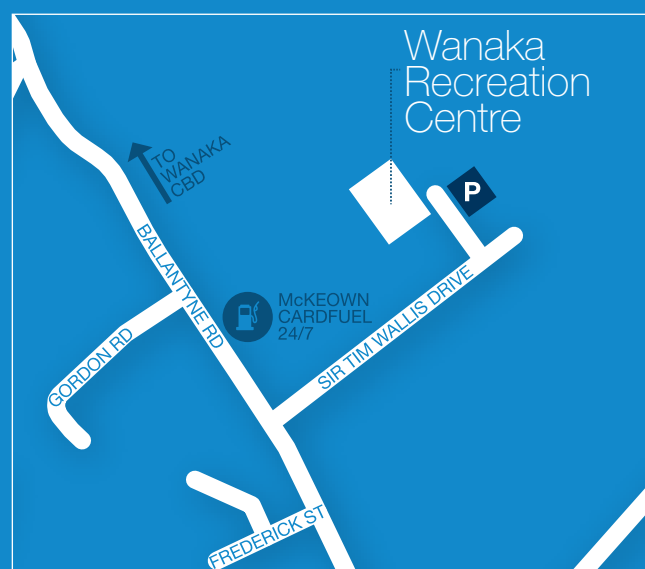
Angie Calder, Wanaka Recreation Centre Team Leader, said the response had been so good that the initial plan of ten teams had been expanded to twelve – the same number as Queenstown's league.

"It's so great to see more than 100 people turn up every Monday and get amongst it. The league is competitive but very social and designed to be a fun way to play familiar sports and try some that you've never played before. Four-corner soccer sounds like a blast!" she said.

The facility is available for a variety of community uses as well as sport. It has already hosted a charity clothing

sale and an Upper Clutha Plunket garage sale this year and Rotary District 9980 (lower South Island) is holding its annual conference there in May.

The centre is located at Three Parks off Ballantyne Road and open seven days a week. Casual rates are just \$5/adults or \$2/kids when courts are vacant and no equipment set up is required. Plans are underway to mark its one year anniversary in July so watch this space!



Wanaka Recreation Centre
QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOT BARKING MAD!



There's no doubt that man's best friend can occasionally drive you barking mad. Particularly when habits that were cute or easily overlooked in a puppy turn into trouble as the pup grows up.

Last month, QLDC held free training sessions with animal behaviourists Mary Chaffey and Gary Wulff for owners whose dogs were exhibiting troublesome behaviour such as constant barking, territorial behaviour or aggression, and poor socialisation with other dogs.

In all, 14 owners and their dogs attended the sessions in Queenstown and five in Wanaka.

Anthony Hall, QLDC's Principal Enforcement Officer, says that the sessions were designed to provide owners with practical skills to manage their dogs' challenging behaviour. "Simple commands and consistent training can go a long way to stopping and reversing bad habits."

This is the second set of courses QLDC has run for dog owners. We'll look to run more in the future.

SAFE PLAY WITH DOGS

Our animal control team spent part of Term 1 visiting primary schools around the district to help pupils learn how to play safely with dogs.

The schools outreach programme was supported by animal behaviourist Mary Chaffey, and ran in eight schools, including Hawea Flat and Makarora.

Children in years one to three learned about the body language and signals that dogs use, so they could understand when animals were ready to play and when they needed space. They also learned the appropriate way to approach an unfamiliar dog.

In all, 589 pupils attended the short sessions.

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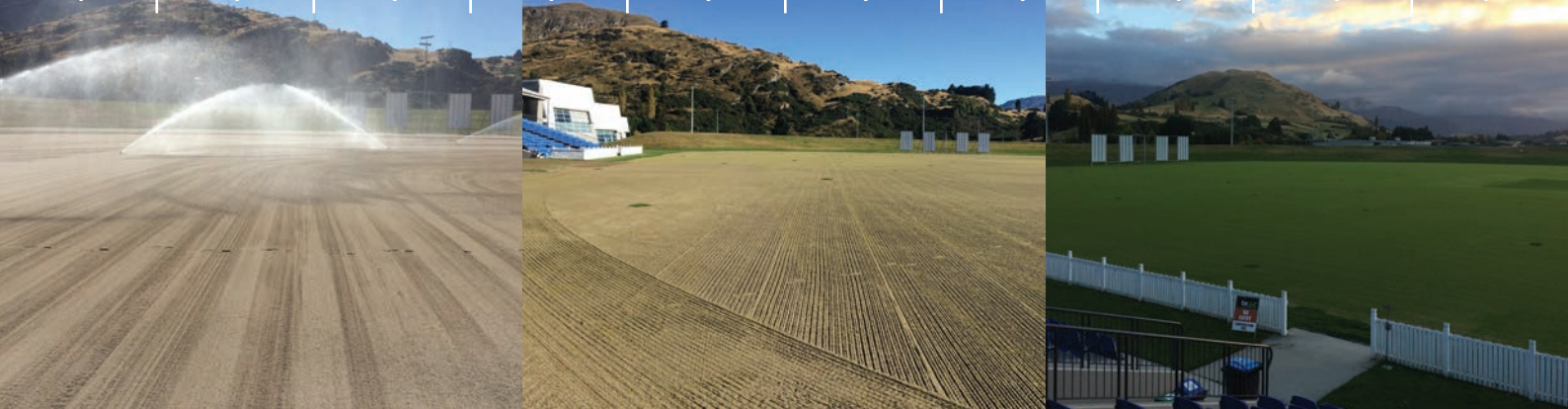
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First cut at the Oval

The region is one step closer to securing international cricket and other high-level sports fixtures after the John Davies Oval at Queenstown Events Centre received its first cut since reseeding in March.

The images above show amazing progress in just 10 days.

The Oval, which will also be available for local sports teams and community use, has undergone a comprehensive upgrade from soil-based to sand-based turf for an improved playing surface and better drainage.

The new grass is now sufficiently established to resist frost (and seagulls!) so ground staff are focused on regular feeding and mowing over winter to help it thicken out ready for the 2017-18 season.

QLDC Sport & Recreation in numbers (for the last 12 months)



4,000

balls at Frankton Golf Centre's driving range



25,572

ice creams sold



140 employees (38% of the entire QLDC workforce)



750

holds on the Rockatipu indoor climbing wall



22,460

participants in our community programme leagues and events



3,853

new pool and gym members (an average of 11 per day)



36

number of 'code brown' closures at Alpine Aqualand



320,000

visits to our venues and facilities

ANNUAL PLAN – WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

If you gave comments on our proposed Annual Plan and budget, you may be wondering what happens next.

Our staff are processing all the feedback that was received and it will be considered by the Councillors in two days of hearings on 31 May and 1 June.

The hearings are an opportunity for people who gave feedback to come and speak to the Councillors in person. Don't worry if you didn't

ask to speak at the hearings – all the written comments are given careful consideration, whether or not they are supported by a personal appearance.

A few days before the hearings, all the feedback will be made public on our website so that everyone can see what others have suggested. This includes not only comment on what the Council put forward but also other ideas that people have for new activities, services and facilities or support for other organisations.

After the hearings the Council will consider everything that has been said, and whether amendments should be made on any aspect of the plan and budgets.

A decision needs to be made by the end of June.



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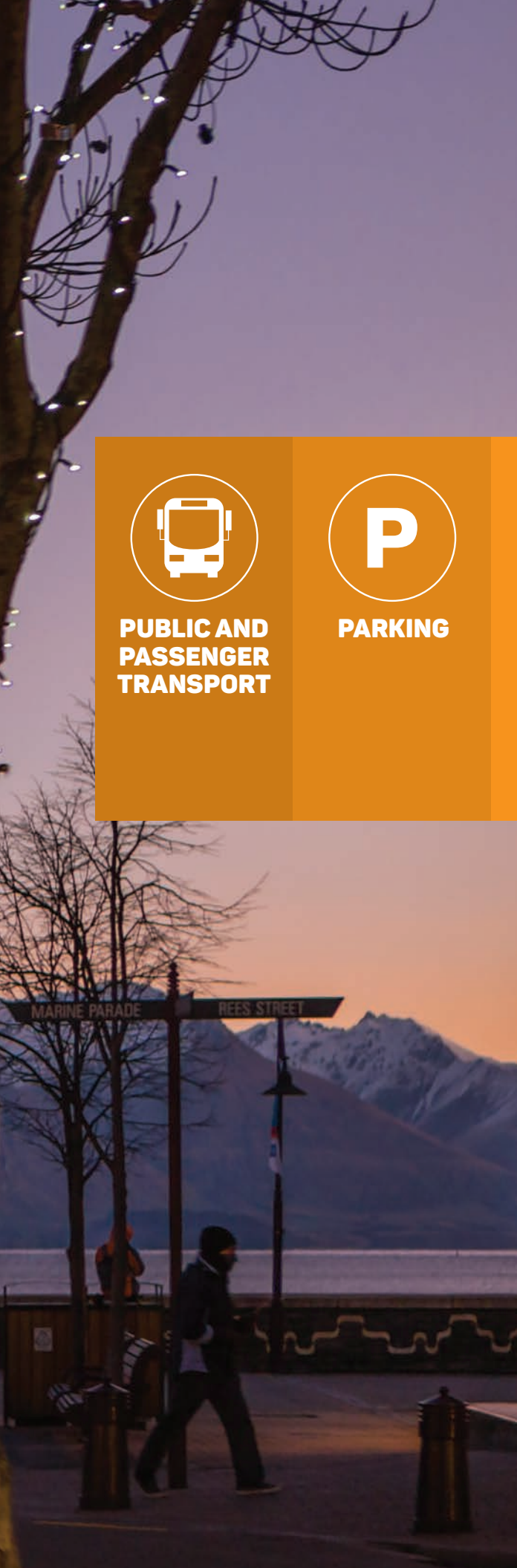
IMAGINE...
a town centre full of happy, relaxed people taking in the views and enjoying the vibrancy and energy that only New Zealand's premier alpine destination can offer.

Now peer into your crystal ball at a future Queenstown. How's the town centre looking when you project ahead say 10, 20, 30 years? If your vision is anything like ours, you'll be looking at a thriving and vibrant area that exceeds the needs of its locals AND visitors.

Now we don't really have a crystal ball... but what we do have is a unique opportunity to shape what the town centre looks like in the future; to look really carefully at what's going on at the moment and come up with a solid plan to create a place that people are proud of and want to spend their time.

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The Council has been working on the Town Centre Masterplan project for a few months now. It's a complex beast, with a lot of moving parts and external influences. But if you strip it right back it's all about providing the infrastructure to ensure a high quality of life and a robust local economy.

To do this, we're developing business cases for each key project area:



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**TOWN
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ROUTES
(INNER
LINKS)**



**SPATIAL
AND PUBLIC
REALM
FRAMEWORK**



**COMMUNITY
AND CIVIC
FACILITIES
(ONE
COUNCIL
OFFICE)**

This is the background work, helping us to understand the gaps, gather evidence, analyse data and clearly show that we're choosing the right projects to achieve the community's goals for the town centre.

There are some external business cases being developed that will form part of the planning process too:

New Zealand Transport Agency is currently leading a Queenstown Integrated Transport Business Case which sets the high level implementation programme over the whole of Queenstown

Otago Regional Council are leading a Wakatipu Public Transport Review Business Case which should see a new bus system introduced by October

Plus there's a lot of private development going on that needs to be considered.

All of the business cases will feed into a Masterplan which draws everything together. Because telling the story as a whole is much more compelling for anyone (private or public) considering investing in the area.

WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?

Back in March we sat down with elected members and stakeholders to understand what they wanted to achieve out of the Masterplan project.

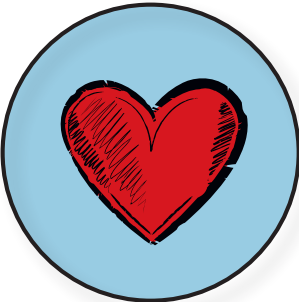
We will continue to revisit and check ourselves against these things as options for the development of the town centre are considered.



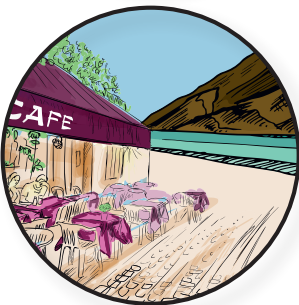
People enjoy spending time in town, because the built environment complements the natural environment, referencing local history & culture



Improved access to the town centre for both locals and visitors



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Increased commercial activity, without major negative impact on the environment or local residents' peaceful enjoyment.

THINGS ARE MOVING QUICKLY

We want to be ready to press go come **1 JULY 2018**. That means creating a compelling case for investment. Here's where we're at so far.

ADVISORY GROUP APPOINTED – A highly experienced group of people bringing local and national context to the project, helping us test ideas and options

TECHNICAL DESIGN SPECIALISTS APPOINTED – they are beaver away on options for each project area

EARLY STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT STARTED – ideas and insights campaign ran during March and there will be plenty more where that came from. Watch this space

DISCOVERY PHASE / BACKGROUND ANALYSIS UNDERWAY – understanding all the issues we're facing and how the town centre functions currently

IMPROVEMENTS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY – Public Transport review, Queenstown Bay playground upgrade.

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Coronet Forest Management Plan 2017

Photo credit: Doreen Mear

Submissions have just closed for the updated Coronet Forest Management Plan 2017.

After seeking public feedback last year on a proposal to harvest the Coronet Forest early, QLDC formally consulted with the public on the updated management plan.

The new plan was put together after public consultation last year saw 85% of respondents in favour of the option to harvest the forest early, as a way to reduce the spread of wilding pines in our district.

Coronet Forest has become a major seed source for the spread of wilding pines in our

district, and wildings can now be seen creeping up the hills behind Arrowtown. In order to stop this spread, QLDC is proposing to harvest Coronet Forest early to eliminate the seed source. While this will not be as profitable as letting the forest grow to maturity, it will negate the need for costly wilding control over this time.

The plan describes the management proposals and revegetation recommended for a 2017 harvest. It has been projected that the harvest will produce 67,940 m3 of recoverable wood product from the forest and is expected to take two years.

Coronet Forest is a prominent landmark within the Wakatipu Basin and

one of the key objectives of the revegetation programme is to start replanting as soon as possible after harvest, in order to reduce the visual effects of the site. Another important factor is to prevent the establishment of competing woody weeds, especially Douglas fir seedlings.

The plan is to establish 30% of the site with planted beech forest, while a further 10% of the site will be planted in grey shrub-land species and at higher altitudes tussock alpine species. The remaining 60% of the site will be planted with introduced grasses to suppress woody weeds and to encourage vegetation cover across the site.

What happens next?

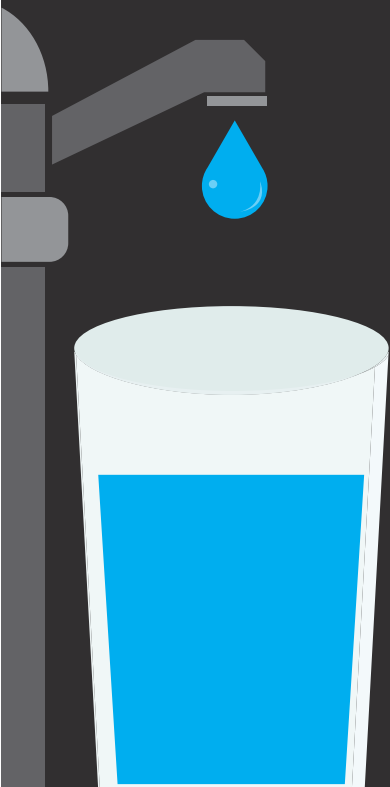
Submitters have the opportunity to present their submissions in person to the hearings panel on 29 May – this will be open to the public. The hearings panel will then consider the Coronet Forest Management Plan 2017 and will make any amendments necessary after reviewing the submissions. The plan will then be recommended to the Council for approval on 29 June.

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.



Fresh concrete around the plant room foundation beams with the learn to swim pool behind and the lap pool just visible to the left.

See it – believe it: the Wanaka Pool is getting closer

Work on the new Wanaka swimming complex has reached another significant milestone with the outer walls of the three individual pools now in place.

The complex is set to open in March 2018 and will feature a 25m eight-lane

lap pool, a 20m learn to swim pool with separate toddlers' area and an adult spa pool plus separate changing facilities. It will be joined to the existing Wanaka Recreation Centre located at Three Parks off Ballantyne Road.

65 cubic metres of concrete was poured around the plant room's foundation beams just

after Easter following an initial pour of 118 cubic metres in early March which formed the main floor slab.

The next step is to complete the ground floor structure by back-filling with compacted gravel around the pool walls. Contractors will then erect the main building over winter.

LUMA FESTIVAL TO LIGHT UP QUEENSTOWN

Queen's Birthday Weekend will see Queenstown illuminated with art and sculpture for the second LUMA light festival.

Over 10,000 locals and visitors from all over the world attended LUMA last year, where it scooped up the 2016 Trustpower Award for Arts and Culture. This year, the free festival is back to transform Queenstown's famous gardens and lakefront into a dazzling display of glowing art from local, national and international artists.

"LUMA is about celebrating darkness with light," LUMA Trust Chairman Duncan Forsyth says. "It's now one of several fantastic events in June that welcome the start of winter."

This year visitors can expect light sculptures, art walks, an open-air cinema and interactive installations. There will also be several new pieces on display to celebrate the Queenstown Gardens' 150th birthday, created by Friends of the Gardens, Lakes District Museum and local schools.

Chairman of Friends of the Gardens Jay Castells says they're very excited to be showcasing the gardens' history at the festival.

"It's a great project that will help culturally enrich the town and raise an appreciation of the gardens."

"Queenstown Gardens have a fascinating and important story which should be shared."

Igniting when the sun goes down, the four-day festival will kick off during Queen's Birthday Weekend at 5pm-10pm each evening, from 2 - 5 June.



LUMA 2016 - Jordan McInally

LUMA Gardens 2016 - Nick Silars

Hazardous waste disposal

A range of hazardous waste can now be disposed of at the AllWaste transfer stations in both Queenstown and Wanaka

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QUEENSTOWN FILM SOCIETY

Queenstown Film Society's 2017 season has just got underway and new members are welcome to join for a winter's worth of weekly viewing.

The Film Society programme of 20 films includes world cinema, classics and documentaries. All films are at Dorothy Browns in Arrowtown on Tuesday nights.

www.queenstownfilmsociety.co.nz



As we head into winter, QLDC is teaming up with the Police and GoBus to remind drivers to take care when passing school buses on dark mornings.

Thanks to funding from the Otago Motor Trust, organised through Queenstown Rotary, new signs are being installed on school buses in Wanaka and Queenstown. They include the traditional yellow **SCHOOL** text and also incorporate a "20km when stopped" message.

By law, vehicles must slow to 20km/h on both sides of the road when passing a school bus that has stopped to pick up or drop off children.



REES HOMESTEAD HISTORIC PARK

If you're looking for somewhere different for a Sunday stroll, have a look at our newest heritage site, the Rees Homestead Historic Park at Kawarau Falls on the Kelvin Peninsula.

It marks the site where William Rees built his permanent homestead in 1864.

Two of the original buildings remain – the dairy and the meat shed. They have been carefully restored and the site has become a reserve as part of the new Lakes Edge development.

It also includes laurel plants which have been grown from clippings taken from the original laurel hedge at the homestead.





NZ Mountain Film & Book Festival

The 15th NZ Mountain Film and Book Festival will run from 30 June to 9 July in Wanaka, Cromwell and Queenstown. The event will host international and NZ speakers, a world-class line up of films, and a broad range of literary events all honouring adventurous sports and lifestyles. From off-the-cuff storytelling to highly crafted filmmaking and written works, all events champion the love of adventure and the outdoors, the environment and foreign cultures.

Keynote speakers include Leo Houlding, one of the world's best climbers. He is a veteran of a score of epic ascents, including Everest, but specialises in free climbing the most technical peaks and biggest walls in the world. Chris Jensen Burke will also speak at the event, she is the first NZ woman to complete the Carstensz list, a challenge to climb to the summit of the world's highest peaks on each of the seven continents. She has climbed nine of the world's 14 peaks over 8000m, including Everest, K2 and Annapurna.

The festival line-up includes a packed programme of adventure, cultural and environmental films, informal storytelling, workshops, author readings, an adventure trade show and a free youth programme.

The festival programme will be announced when tickets go on sale on 1 June. The 2017 festival begins in Wanaka on Friday 30 June and in Queenstown on Thursday 6 July.

FILM FESTIVAL WANAKA 30 June to 4 July

FILM FESTIVAL CROMWELL 5 July

FILM & BOOK FESTIVAL QUEENSTOWN 6 to 8 July

BOOK FESTIVAL WANAKA 7 to 9 July

You'll find more details online at mountainfilm.nz



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AUDIOBOOK USER PROFILE

Nine-year-old Queenstown local Jorja Dawson commutes in the car with her mum at least 40 minutes each day so tuning in to her audiobook has been the perfect boredom buster.

We asked Jorja a few questions about audiobooks and found out why she is hooked on them!

Jorja Dawson tuning in to her CD audiobook after school



WHAT AUDIOBOOK ARE YOU LISTENING TO AT THE MOMENT?

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TIME OF DAY TO LISTEN TO YOUR AUDIOBOOK?

Any time is fine but we mostly listen in the car.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS PRETTY COOL ABOUT AUDIOBOOKS?

It draws me in to the story more than just reading.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE AUDIOBOOK? WHY IS IT YOUR FAVOURITE?

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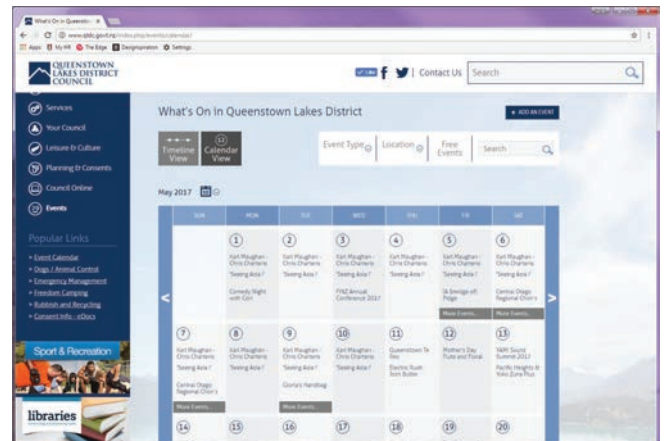
- A Central Otago/Queenstown Lakes District Library membership and card
- An internet connected computer (or Wi-Fi) connection or mobile device
- Visit our Queenstown Lakes District Libraries website and click on the “e-Library” section
- There you will find instructions on how to use Bolinda BorrowBox and Overdrive

Remember the public’s friendly neighbourhood librarians are always happy to lend a hand – on the phone, via email, or in person!

**MUM LIKES
AUDIOBOOKS
BECAUSE...** they are a great way to use the time while we are travelling. It is also a good way to introduce different stories or authors to Jorja in an engaging way.

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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 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.

VISIONS OF THE PAST

Our Wanaka-based parks team are looking for old photos of Pembroke Park to add to new interpretive signage for the area.

If you can help then Diana Manson, our Parks and Reserves Officer, would love to hear from you. Please contact her on 03 443 0024

Michael Hill Violin Competition

Queenstownians will be treated to a sublime show of music over Queen's Birthday weekend with the Michael Hill Violin Competition running from Friday June 2 – Monday June 5 at the Memorial Centre.

There will be a special session for locals on the afternoon of Saturday June 3, with competitors performing works by Bach, Paganini, a Salon Piece and an 'individual's choice' – an exciting new category where competitors choose a piece to showcase their individual skills. Attendees can come earlier at 1.30pm to hear about violin technique and what judges are looking for.

Later that evening the Queenstown Gardens will be lit up by the LUMA festival to celebrate a very special 150-year anniversary, including a violin installation bringing music and light to the gardens.

Prices: Children (8+) and students \$15, seniors \$30, adults \$35. Pre-booking recommended through www.violincompetition.co.nz.



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QUEENSTOWN EVENTS CENTRE

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Queenstown Memorial Hall
Lake Hayes Pavilion
Lake Wanaka Centre
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Sports fields
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WANAKA RECREATION CENTRE

Wanaka Pool
Sports fields
Phone: 03 443 9334

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& Riverbank Roads
Phone: 03 443 6063

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Hours: Wednesday 1.30pm–3.30pm Friday 1.30pm–3.30pm
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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
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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: Tuesday 11.00am–1.00pm & Wednesday 6.00pm–8.00pm

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