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Submission on QLDC's Annual Plan

From the Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust (QLCHT)

28 March 2019



Submission on Annual Plan

Background:

The Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust (QLCHT) wishes to lodge a submission on QLDC's Annual Plan with regard to funding an Eco Design Advisor for the Queenstown Lakes District.

Eco Design Advisors offer free and independent advice on improving a home's design. They can advise on reducing energy and water use, improving warmth and comfort, using healthier and more environmentally friendly materials. Advice is based on the most up to date research and building science evidence, and tailored to individual situations for homeowners and building professionals working on home building or renovation projects.

Eco Design Advisors have access to a large number of specialist design assistance tools and assessment methods, leveraging the expertise of BRANZ, MBIE, Consumer NZ, the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority and more.

The Eco Design Advisor service is provided free by the other councils including Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Kapiti Coast, Upper Hutt, Nelson and Invercargill. We believe it is time QLDC also supports and encourages building homes above the basic building code,

QLCHT is committed to building better quality homes for our rental and Secure Home programmes. We believe better design provides greater long-term affordability for the occupants, which is a key objective in QLCHT house design principles.

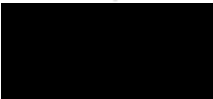
As such, QLCHT submits the following to Council's Long Term Plan;

- 1. That QLDC makes a provision for funding a full time Eco Design Advisor for the Queenstown Lakes district.**

QLCHT is happy to provide any additional information Council seeks in relation to the above submission.

Contact:

Julie Scott, Executive Officer



Q. FEEDBACK:

Grey Power members are absolutely delighted that the council moved quickly to establish a library at Frankton. Our group along with many others supported the proposal to have a library at Frankton following submissions to the 10 year plan last year, as Frankton is increasingly becoming the heart of the Wakatipu with so many residents living at Frankton and nearby suburbs. This year we would like to see the QLDC make the libraries available to more users by opening on Sundays. Many families have parents who work shift hours and variable days. By opening the Queenstown and Frankton Libraries even for limited hours would allow more users of this community facilities.

We are in support of the QLDC along with the ORC in developing more ferry use of the Frankton arm and below to Remarkables Park. This service would remove the need for more vehicles on the roads and hence, lessen congestion.

Kirsty Sharpe
Chairman
Queenstown Grey Power

Q. FEEDBACK:

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my sincere position that I think Queenstown and district already has too many flights and too many visitors. To warmly welcome our visitors we don't need too many. Disband D.Q. and slow the annual 15% tourist arrival growth. This is one more way to ease the ratepayer burden. It will also enhance the tourists' experience.

Greg Shuter (35 years resident)

Q. FEEDBACK:

I realise I have no option on the proposed rubbish changes but find it extremely annoying on several counts. We recycle and use Bokashi buckets and only put out a blue bag about every 3 to 4 weeks so I estimate our costs are only about \$50-00 a year nothing like the figure you show for someone putting out a blue bag every week, we now have to find somewhere to put 3 large bins and living in the back of Heritage Park we will have to get two bins out to Orchard road for pickup, I actually think rubbish may increase because there is not an incentive to recycle, we are facing a very hefty increase so why not fill the bins.

SMITH Peter and Dianne¹⁰

Wakatipu

Q. FEEDBACK:

We are opposed to any increase in funding for Destination Queenstown. The costs these days of administration, rent and staffing are far too high.

Council are struggling with the infrastructure for the community and visitors we have already, yet are wanting to spend huge amounts on more promotions. it doesn't make any sense.

Put the funds into infrastructure and leave the tourists taking selfies saturated by scenery to promote our region.

When cellphones on selfie sticks weren't around, DQ was a brilliant concept and worked well. It is a different world now, the internet has changed tourism forever.

Please do not be wasteful of our hard earned money.

Yours sincerely,
Peter and Dianne Smith.

Q. FEEDBACK:

As I write this submission I am wondering if Laura Gledhill is going to get back to me. I left a question on her phone today; Why are you asking for submissions when the new

waste management service starts 1 July 2019? The new bins have been made and will soon be delivered. End of story.

Points I would like you to consider:-

1) Replacing all existing recycling bins with new encoded bins is an enormous waste of energy. We have tracking on our rubbish bins now??? ... Really??

2) Buying blue rubbish bags is an incentive to reduce rubbish because if you don't put a rubbish bag out, you have saved. In Nelson we still use blue rubbish bags and in my household we probably fill one bag every 3 weeks. So for 2 out of 3 weeks we are saving, the rubbish collectors are saving (time and energy) and we are rewarded for reducing our rubbish. Under your new scheme we will be paying for 140L of rubbish removal every week whether we put the red topped bin out on the roadside or not. No savings for the householder. More profit for QLDC. Is this what you mean by a collective journey towards zero waste? We reduce the waste, you collect the fee increase?

3) "No more animals ripping blue bags apart" is one of your arguments. Animals are attracted to bags that smell, usually due to meat scraps and unwashed meat trays. Solution: wash your meat trays and store all meat scraps and bones in the freezer in a bag which you then throw into your blue rubbish bag just before you put it out for collection. We have been doing this for 20 years in sunny Nelson and no animals have ever ripped our blue bags apart.

4) Reducing single use plastic is another argument. I read an article the other day about campylobacter and raw chicken. For the sake of public safety single use plastic will continue to be used in this instance. There is a safety concern over rigid upright rubbish bins too, when you consider the increase in adverse weather events that we are now experiencing. Emptied rubbish bins left on or near footpaths will turn into flying missiles in strong winds with the potential to hurt someone. Or, the lids will fly open and rubbish will scatter more successfully than animals ripping blue rubbish bags apart. What kind of risk to public safety have we created with potentially 3 rubbish bins being left out on the roadside per household?

5) This cool new service, with electric rubbish trucks, RFID bin tracking and colourful pamphlets simply means that council are driving rent increases as landlords transfer their rates rise into higher rents, which means even less affordable accommodation for people who are already struggling.

Q. FEEDBACK:

Kingston Resident. Just an inquiry as to the thought process behind the new bins in Kingston. I am 100% behind the new recycling initiatives, and its great that the region appears to be starting recycling from 1st July rather than sending it all to landfill. My question is why the excessive new bin roll out? All properties in Kingston already have a red top bin (landfill) and a blue top bin (recycling). Would it not have made sense to simply issue a yellow top bin and allow the current two bins to remain in use? Why the need for a new red and blue bin (these are identical). We have been told that these are now ours and we can re purpose them? What a waste of bins, and indeed plastic. Ours are only 2 years old! 2 bins per household, 300 houses (guess), that's 600 bins for nothing? And we have to pay an additional \$160 in our rates for the privilege?

Regards,

Rich

Q. FEEDBACK:

GREEN WASTE

I would like to suggest that to save land fill, all green matter brought into the dump site should be no charge. It could be composted on site and sold to offset any costs

PARK & RIDE

I would suggest that a very large area be created in the Shotover Delta for a park and ride so that when the new bridge is built at the end of Boyd road, all the cars from Jacks Point area, Lakehays Estate, Shotover Country area and Arrowtown would use it.

Mabe a light rail or a good Shuttle service could work from there.

Q. COMMUNITY FUNDING GRANT SUBMISSION:

Please ensure your submission details how this investment supports both the Ten Year Plan vision and Vision 2050.

The Lakes District Air Rescue Trust has been involved with the provision of emergency helicopter services in the wider region since 1991..

Two years ago the QLDC assisted the Trust with a grant of \$25k towards the unfunded portion of operating costs. Last year due to a misunderstanding between the parties we neglected to make a further submission to the annual plan for continued funding support...

From the 1st of November last year the Government introduced a new system of operation with the effect that the whole of the South Island is now covered in a single contract with one company providing dedicated emergency operations using twin engine helicopters only, on a 365 / 24hr a day basis.

Prior to this, in our area the bulk of service was provided by single engine Squirrel helicopters on a semi dedicated basis. ie The machinery and pilots could also be used on other commercial work – thus lowering overheads (especially fixed costs) Before the new contracts were let any tenderers had to meet some very rigorous highly specific conditions and also had to prove that they had the support of all 7 air rescue trusts in the South Island before they could even place a tender. This support was agreed unanimously.

The outcome of the new system (completely speced by central Government agencies) is that Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (NZ) Ltd or HEMS was formed by Garden City Helicopters of Christchurch and Otago Helicopters of Dunedin. All South Island Trusts agreed to support the operation by the amount that remains unfunded by the various Government agencies – being ACC, MOH, the DHB, (collectively called NASO) RCC NZ - beacons and the Police – for SAR. NASO work as in the past takes up around 80% of work carried out and has never been fully funded.

Additionally in the new contract, training costs to meet and remain current to the new spec has no Government funding now. For LDART this has meant a big change - from being the operators and contract holder to becoming a vital support agency with some pretty serious commitments.

In Dunedin they have several big supporters such as the Regional Council (currently \$360k per year) but here at LDART we are operating at a much lower support / funding level.

However this year it appears that we will be funding the Regional service to a level around \$500k and we really need to up our community contributions above that of the past.

With more dedicated full time crew available it has been agreed with HEMS that the Queenstown portion of training and ancillary costs this year will be in the order of \$400k. Along with R&M on equipment and other costs involved with running LDART we estimate we will need around \$500k in annual funding. Note: There are no Trust

staffing costs.

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With this background LDART now wishes to apply for an annual support grant of \$50k towards its support commitment to the service and hope that like in other regions throughout New Zealand our local Councillors can see the value to the community for this essential service.

Although I will be unavailable to appear before the council in support of this submission I would appreciate if prior to 1 May council is needing further information they will contact me through the above contract points..

Sincerely

R Jules Tapper
Chairman
Lakes District Air Rescue Trust. .

Q. FEEDBACK:

See attached document

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Luggate Subdivision

We do not want any more subdivision at Luggate. Council needs to take notice of existing residents and stop pushing for more and more subdivisions. I think that the existing residents should be the ones to approve any further subdivisions. Luggate does not need to get any bigger than it is now. Families with young children should be able to live in Luggate peacefully and safely.

Affordable Housing

Just because existing housing is \$1,000,000 dollars, does not mean affordable is \$500,000. To find out what affordable is you need to know how much people earn and are able to pay back, and work it out from there. I would suggest that \$300,000 would be more affordable for young families.

There have been a lot of young families leaving Wanaka and surrounding communities because rent and mortgages are unaffordable. They have gone to places like Oamaru, Timaru, Dunedin and Invercargill to buy a home of good standard for \$350,000 and plenty of work.

Wanaka Town Centre

I feel that the Council is trying to cram too much into a small space. I think that the golf course should be re-located to the east side of the Cardrona River and use the existing golf course to expand the town centre. Have more shops and bigger shops and car parking to encourage more business to come here to create competition and get the cost of living down. Ballantyne Rd will get bigger and to have a road through the middle of a golf course is ridiculous. Some residents are telling their friends and family not to come and live here because of the congestion.

Water Usage

We have our own water supply (e.g. water tanks) which we were told by Council to install when we built the house. I feel that we should not be charged for water that we don't use. We have already had the cost of installing tanks and pumps and pipe work. The meters in our community have been getting read so you will be able to see that we do not use the town water supply.

Wanaka Airport

I, 100% do not want Wanaka airport to be extended to take international and domestic flights. People come to live at Luggate for peace and tranquillity and safety and do not want airplanes flying over the top of us all the time, nor do we want Luggate to end up like Frankton.

Jim Boulton and Councillors seem to have the attitude that existing residents do not matter because that property will keep paying rates regardless of who owns it. We want Luggate to be a place for families to want to live and feel safe and children to be able to play in parks and playgrounds safely.

I think Frankton airport should be re-located to Cromwell where there is an airstrip at Lowburn out of the way of townships and existing residents. Council could share the cost with CODC. That would give tourists more places to go (e.g. Cromwell, Alexandra, Tarras), not just Wanaka and Queenstown. That would take the pressure off the infrastructure for Queenstown and Wanaka.

Also, Cromwell is only half an hour away from Wanaka and Queenstown and it would take the pressure off the Crown Range. It would seem a logical step to me for the long term future for all of Central Otago.

I think that Jim Boulton and Councillors need to become existing residents friendly, instead of trying to get hold of every dollar that they can.

Fred Thomas
Luggate

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Detailed in supporting document

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Submission

2019/20 Annual Plan

WAKATIPU
REFORESTATION TRUST



History

Last year during the 2018/28 Ten Year Plan submission round the Wakatipu Reforestation Trust applied for an annual grant of \$5000 for the purchase of consumables required for the ongoing maintenance of the plants and the planting sites the Trust has established.

This request was successful. A copy of the letter from the mayor advising us of the grant is attached.

Commentary

The Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank the Council very much for that grant. As stated in the original application the funds were used to provide consumables to maintain the planting sites that the Trust is planting out. Simply planting young trees on these sites is not enough. The young plants need care and maintenance for several years afterwards to keep competing weeds at bay and to stop them being overwhelmed by grasses. The Councils grant allows the Trust to buy herbicide, fuel (for line trimmers), rabbit protection, potting mix and minor consumables.

This year the Trust is starting work on a new flagship planting site on Slopehill Road which will, ultimately, improve the quality of some of the water entering Lake Hayes. The site is adjacent to the Queenstown Cycle Trail and replace the existing willow trees with a mixture of hardy native plants.

In order to ensure that the funds are ongoing we are therefore taking this opportunity to apply for the amount of \$5000 be included in the 2019/20 Annual Plan for the QLDC

In all other respects our original submission from last year is still valid. If a copy is required please advise.

The Wakatipu Reforestation Trust does not wish to speak in support of our submission

Greg Thompson



for Wakatipu Restoration Trust

Tom Tusher, Cabo Limited and Wyuna Station²⁷

C/- Todd & Walker Law

Wakatipu

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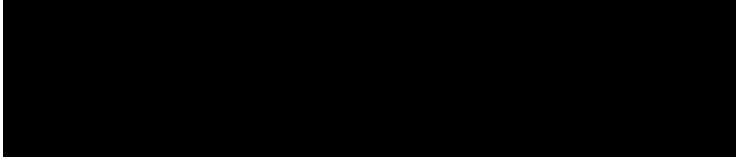
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Submission to Queenstown Lakes District Council Annual Plan 2019/20

Submitter Details:

Tom Tusher, Cabo Limited, and Wyuna Station
C/- Todd and Walker Law



The Submission is:

That funding be set aside in the Annual Plan in the sum of \$100,000 to enable completion of the construction of the stormwater diversion channel on Bible Terrace above Glenorchy to capture and divert stormwater to the Buckler Burn to mitigate the flood risk to the Glenorchy Township. We note as further information is obtained the actual figure required may be substantially less than that noted above.

Dated this 10th day of April 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Graeme Todd'.

Graeme Todd/Ben Gresson
Solicitors for Tom Tusher, Cabo Limited and Wyuna Station

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Please see attached submission documents



Where the Heart is

Annual Plan Feedback

Queenstown Lakes District Council

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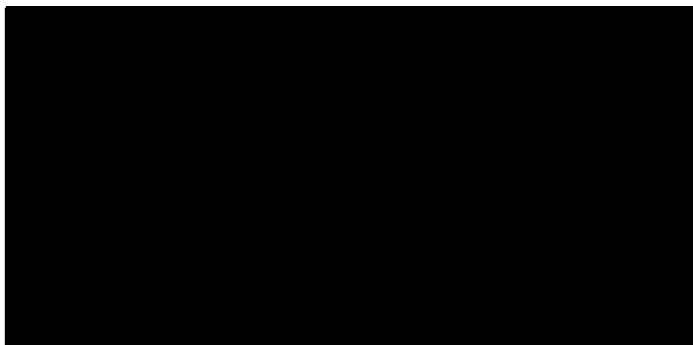
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QUEENSTOWN

Name: Wanaka Community House Charitable Trust

Contact: Dame Sukhi Turner

Chairperson



Queenstown Lakes District Council Funding Submission

On behalf of the Wanaka Community House Charitable Trust, we are submitting an application for \$100,000.00 to complete our Community House.

QLDC councilors Ross McRobie and Penny Clark met with members of the Trust on the 3rd of April and a submission was made on the 4th April to the full Wanaka Community Board Meeting at Hawea.

This building set up under one roof, is to provide a hub for social and cultural services in the Upper Clutha District. We have over 40 registered users, with Community Networks, Presbyterian support, Jigsaw, Food bank, District Health Board being the major secured users. We have a drop-in office for casual users and are fielding enquiries weekly for space. At opening we anticipate being fully subscribed.

To date we have raised \$2.9million, but another \$900,000 is needed for completion. The Trust has been working tirelessly since inception in 2004 to raise these funds and have done this by way of pro bono work, local fundraising, applications to major fund providers (see *Financials* in the enclosed brochure). We also bring your attention to the contents of the attached letter ***10 year plan 2015-2025 dated 7 august 2015 from Mayor Vanessa Van Uden***, where a future grant application will be entertained if our fund raising leaves us with a shortfall.

We have a number of Future fundraising initiatives:

- Wheels at Wanaka, Easter fundraiser
- Secured tenants have agreed to raise \$22,000 for fit out.
- Lion Foundation application pending
- Southern Trust application pending.]
- Graham and Olive West charitable trust pending
- Rotary application pending
- Ongoing raffles

- Personal pledges and loans
- Business pledges
- Stonewood Homes housebuild (anticipated circa \$130,000)
- Target funding for Wanaka Community House naming rights.

Our constitution has a policy of the building being self sufficient in terms of funding once completed. Tenants and users will cover all operating costs. We expect the Community House to have a very diverse range of users. Community Networks alone, had 3,300 people through their doors last year out of our total Upper Clutha population of around 12,300.

We have made every effort to use eco friendly building techniques and have committed to using solar power for the building. Along with this we are going to have communal gardens on site.

The house will be a place for friendship, youth and cultural groups to meet.

This is long overdue.

We have enclosed a brochure of our history and financial progress to date.

We ask that you assess this application on it's true merits; a well needed one stop centre for social and cultural services for all the Upper Clutha Region.

Yours faithfully



Dame Sukhi Turner

Chairperson



7 August 2015

Wanaka Community House Charitable Trust

Dear Dame Sukhi Turner

10 YEAR PLAN 2015-2025

Thank you for your submission to our 2015-25 10 Year Plan, which was one of 552 we received. Councillors took each submission into account when making the critical decisions which are reflected in the final plan that was adopted on 30 June. Community consultation is an integral part of the 10 Year Plan process and I would like to thank you for participating.

We consulted on 5 key issues this year and I have included the outcomes on these issues for you.

The Council is pleased to note that the Wanaka Community House Charitable Trust is making progress on raising funds for construction of a new community house. You indicate that you now have concept drawings, a working party, a budget and a fundraising strategy.

The Council has considered your application for funding. We feel that your project is not yet far enough advanced for a grant of ratepayer funds to be appropriate. The Council remains supportive of your proposal and will be happy to provide letters of support to community funding bodies and to entertain a future application for a grant if your fundraising leaves you with a shortfall.

Again I would like to personally thank you for your participation in this process and your valuable input.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanessa van Uden".

Vanessa van Uden
Mayor
Queenstown Lakes District Council

Potential tenants:

ACC	Community Law	Presbyterian Support
Adventure Development	Creative Fibre	Southern DHB - Public Health
Alzheimers Otago	Department of Corrections	South, Public Health nurse, Brief Intervention Service
Anglican Church	IRD	Stroke Foundation
Anglican Family Care	Jacqui Dean	Upper Clutha Senior Citizens Club - Prime Timers
Art Classes	Heartlands	Volunteering Central
Alpine Community	Immigration	Wanaka Community Board
Development trust	Jigsaw	Wanaka Community House - manager
- Community Networks	JP Services	Work and Income
Cancer Society	Kati Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki	YAMI Soundz Inc
Central Otago Budget Advice	Link Upper Clutha	
Central Otago REAP		
Community Food Bank		



Where the Heart is

Your chance to help, the time is **now!**



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Contact:

**Account
details:**

www.wanakacommunityhouse.org.nz

After more than a decade of hard work, building is underway for the Upper Clutha's new Community House. But we're not quite there yet. The Wanaka Community House Charitable Trust (WCHCT) needs to raise another \$900,000 to complete the project and get our House open. We are looking for supporters to help us finish the build and fit-out and have it ready to use on schedule in September 2019.

History

The need for a one-stop-shop for social services in the form of a community house was first identified in 2004. Community Networks, the main tenant of the new Community House, fulfils an important supporting role in our community. It's a resource hub where people can access social services including the Community Food Bank, social workers, budget advisors, JPs, community law specialists and more. The need increases every year - in 2017 one quarter of the population of the Upper

Clutha used Community Networks services. A permanent home has been on the wish-list of this vital organisation for a long time. After many years of dedicated fundraising, the Community House build started in August 2018 on a McDougall St site leased from the Anglican Church for a peppercorn rental - \$1 per year for 35 years. The Community House will be run by the WCHCT which is independent and non-secular.

Who will use the community house?

The anchor tenant will be Community Networks. As well there are already more than 40 registered users for the building, and thousands of people will be in and out of the house every year, making it a social hub where people can get support, connect, enjoy themselves, or simply have a cup of tea.

Recent clients have included:

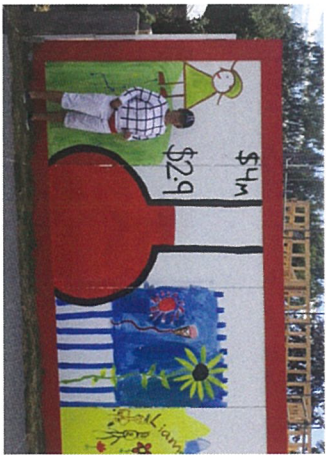
- a solo mother with 3 young children who had to go to Dunedin for major surgery and had no-one to look after her children
- a man who realised he would lose his family if he didn't stop drinking and didn't know where to go for help
- a family where the father had lost his job and he and his wife could not afford to pay their rent and feed their children

Community Networks also coordinates many other community services from Wheels to Dunstan Hospital to IT training for older people.

Other social service Community House tenants will include Presbyterian Support, the District Health Board's Children's Mental Health Service, Jigsaw and more.

The Community House will also be a base for art, craft, music and dance groups, and organisations needing somewhere to hold workshops or meetings or wanting office space on a regular basis.

There is a hall with capacity for 140 people and two adjoining meeting rooms (40 people) which are available for lectures, meetings, performances, concerts, funerals, weddings and other events.



Financials

The budget for the Community House is nearly \$4,000,000. We have already raised nearly \$3m with local fundraising, private donations, pro bono work (\$130,000) and grants - from Central Lakes Trust (\$1.4million), Otago Community Trust (\$700,000), NZ Lotteries Commission (\$500,000), Sargood Bequest (\$150,000), Alexander MacMillan Trust (\$50,000), and others.

Can you help in any way?

We have many projects underway to raise more funds but we are also looking for sponsorship, donations and any other forms of support.

We are a registered charity which means that all donations are tax deductible. Potential sponsors can have naming rights and/or choose to contribute to specific parts of the project, (in cash or kind) including the following:

Windows and doors	\$165,000
Flooring	\$65,000
Landscaping	\$30,000
Carpark	\$50,000



Our vision is a diverse, resilient, connected community where everyone is valued & feels they belong.

Stonewood Homes is building a house for auction and has pledged \$130,000. Tenants have agreed to raise \$22,000 for fit outs. Arrow International is doing the build and has pledged a donation of \$16,000.

We have \$900,000 left to raise.

Once we have raised these funds the Community House will be financially self-sufficient, with leases covering running costs and maintenance.

Acoustic Fence	\$19,000
Kitchen	\$26,000
Transition Manager	\$10,000
Solar panels	\$37,000
Auditorium sound & comms	\$7,900
Meeting rooms	\$6,300
Waiting Room	\$1,200
Office Manager setup	\$1,800
Miscellaneous general fitout	\$7,000
Concrete pad for catering truck	\$10,000

Donations can be made online or through our bank account.

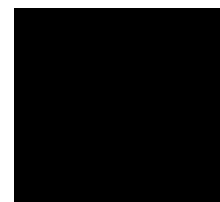
Q. FEEDBACK:

Hi there, I am not a ratepayer of the QLDC but I have been asked by our Eco Design Advisor to suggest that you consider employing an Eco Design Advisor due to the multiple benefits it offers you as a Council and what you can offer residents to allow them to make informed decisions about building houses that are healthy, warm and efficient. I have attached the submission document for you to read, please email me with any further questions.

Kind Regards,

Mark Ulrich
Residential Manager
Consents and Compliance Group

10.04.2019

ccc.govt.nz

Christchurch City Council submission to the Queenstown Lakes District Council 2019-2020 Annual Plan

Employment of an Eco Design Advisor

We would like to encourage the QLDC to employ an Eco Design Advisor (EDA).

Working within local Councils, EDAs advise residents (homeowners / builders / designers) on how to design, build, and upgrade homes to be warm, dry, healthy, as well as energy and water efficient. An EDA at QLDC could also lead residential action in support of the Council's zero waste ambitions to promote & support solutions to climate change.

The Role and its benefits

Backed by the Building Research Association of New Zealand (BRANZ) and overseas research, the Eco Design Advisor network has access to specialists, design tools, assessment methods and building material information. They provide a free 2 hours consultation.

EDA advocates for creating healthier buildings by improving its energy, water and material use. This includes minimizing waste, and reducing the environmental impact of buildings.

An Eco Design Advisor will help your ratepayers to:

- design a warm, dry, healthy and efficient home
- reduce their environmental impact
- save money on energy bills
- increase their home's resale value
- understand their options and how to ask for what they want
- take advantage of local programs

Our Eco Design Advisor in Christchurch is a qualified NZ Green Building Council [Homestar](#) Assessor and who offers regular workshops or presentations for the building industry and community groups.

Advice is available for homeowners, home designers, builders and industry professionals. Architects and architectural designers can earn 10 CPD points for a two-hour consultation with an Eco Design Advisor.

Further information

To talk with our Eco Design Advisor, 

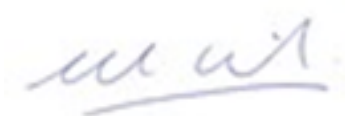
Conclusion

Councils provide considerable value to ratepayers in offering this free service by helping them make decisions on their future living conditions which not only benefits them personally but also the sustainability of our natural resources.

With the advisors being part of the EDA network, they meet up regularly to undertake training and attend industry conferences. They share resources with each other and to keep each other up-to-date with industry trends and latest researches which they then feed into their own Councils.

We encourage any Council to be part of this journey and should you need any further information or support please don't hesitate to contact the EDA network or visit the following website - <https://ecodesignadvisor.org.nz/>

Kind Regards,



Mark Ulrich

Residential Manager
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Submission to Annual Plan on behalf of Whakatipu Wildlife Trust

Contacts: Leslie Van Gelder (Executive Officer) and Tom Pryde (Chair)

We write in support of the central tenets of the QLDC 10 Year Plan and Vision Beyond 2050 documents in their relationship to the 2019-2020 Annual plan and humbly request \$25,000 from the 2019-2020 Annual Plan to support the work of the Whakatipu Wildlife Trust in achieving our region's goals of vibrant communities, enduring landscapes, and bold leadership. We believe most especially that our work supports directly the Vision Beyond 2050's desire for our district to have a Deafening Dawn Chorus where "our ecosystems flourish and are predator-free under our kaitiakianga" and where "we set the standard for combating biodiversity loss."

The Whakatipu Wildlife Trust was founded in 2017 to serve as a single umbrella organization to coordinate the activities and efforts of predator free groups throughout the Whakatipu Basin. Beginning with six existing groups in mid 2017, we have now supported the development and creation of an additional 22 groups so that currently the Trust is supporting the work of 27 predator free groups. These groups are made up of all of the diverse communities within our region, stretching from Paradise to Kingston, including neighbourhood groups, communities, local businesses who engage in trapping as part of their commitment to the natural world, students at Wakatipu High School, high country stations, and groups where the age ranges are from 8 – 84. The WWT is in many ways a mirror of our community and the over 150 volunteers who raise money for traps, spend thousands of hours annually checking their traplines and recording their data, ridding our community of predators, speaks to the growing commitment in the Whakatipu Basin to see our ecosystems flourish both now and in the future.

The groups within the Trust have over 1300 traps across the Basin, now many more than DOC, and have removed over 5000 predators from the region. Our capacity to coordinate the data from these groups through the Trust allows us to understand the patterns of predators in our regions, share skills, strategies, and best practices across the network and create an ongoing an enduring approach to predator free activity in the region that is both grassroots and coordinated.



(This trap map was as of January 2019. More traps and 8 more groups are proposed or are now online. The traps at the head of the lake are largely Routeburn Dart Wildlife Trust with 80 of ours at Paradise).

The Trust is also a bold leader in our sector and in 2019 we took the lead in a project with the Department of Conservation which had begun in 2018 to bring together all of the Predator Free organisations in the Queenstown Lakes District which included Makarora, Routeburn Dart, Wanaka, Soho Properties, and groups such as Forest and Bird among others. Thanks to financial support from QLDC, ORC, and DOC we were able to employ Wildlands Consultants to help us to develop a district wide strategy for pest management and eradication which, when complete, will look at us from a large landscape scale. This will allow us to then make decisions as a district and to create synergies among the groups who are already engaged in this work. The WWT has served as the administrator and center point of this project and in this we see our role as leaders both at the grassroots community level and in the thought leadership for predator free vision in our region.

The success of the WWT comes from our capacity to employ an Executive Officer who initiates, coordinates, and supports the work of the Trust. As a single point of contact for DOC and QLDC, this role streamlines the workflows of both organisations as requests for trapping on council land, or discussions of consistent signage, health and safety compliance, and other operational issues which otherwise would require working separately with 27 groups now go through a single point of contact and are resolved easily and efficiently. Communications are improved as information relevant for groups can be sent solely to the Executive Officer who then disseminates information across the network. The Executive Officer and Trustees hold the big picture vision for the district and are able to work with Council in strategic planning around predator free strategies which would not be possible otherwise.

We request \$25,000 to support the role of the Executive Officer for the Trust. We have made a similar request of the Department of Conservation to support our work, as we believe the role of the Executive Officer allows us directly and boldly to advance the aims of the District's goal of a "Deafening Dawn Chorus." We have found that while local individual donors are willing to assist in the purchase of traps for groups, we have not yet built up enough community awareness support to keep this role going simply out of the community. These things take time and we ask for Council to support us during this time when we are growing the awareness for the work we're doing and its necessity in the community.

In the last 18 months since the inception of the Trust, we have:

- Grown from 6 trapping groups to 27
- Supported their work through capacity building by way of teaching trapping techniques, fundraising strategies, communications, grant writing, and general support
- Engaged volunteers from all age groups and sectors of the Whakatipu community
- Significantly reduced predators (over 5,000 since all groups began trapping)
- 1300 traps on the ground
- Raised public awareness through presentations, print media, social media, public events (Lake Hayes Show, Remarkables Market), Scuttlebutt, Relay for Life (where our team raised \$4000 for the Cancer Society)
- Received the region's Trustpower Award and represented QLDC at the National Awards in Tauranga where our work was well received
- Received a \$10,000 grant from the ORC Eco-Fund in support of our Filling in the Gaps strategy
- Coordinated the region-wide Wildlands Consultants study on Predator Free potential in the region
- Working with Council, developed consistent signage which will be used by all groups within the Trust to educate locals and visitors and teach correct etiquette around traps.

In the next year we expect to:

- Form more trapping groups, especially in areas where we currently have gaps such as Lake Hayes Estate, Frankton Track, Frankton, and Dalefield among others
- Work with high country station owners to develop trapping strategies and activities on stations that are within the Basin
- Work with local businesses to create synergies with staff and/or financial support to be able to support community trapping activities
- Raise public awareness with more community events, courses in how to engage in trapping, and lectures from national leaders in biodiversity which benefits the whole Whakatipu community
- Use the outcomes from the Wildlands Study to develop strategies which will link our work with our geographic neighbours in the district
- Develop a newsletter for the community on our work to help to educate, celebrate, and encourage a wider engagement in conservation activities
- Work in partnership with the other conservation organisations in the region to develop synergistic strategies which benefit conservation goals as a whole and make best use of the resources available to us all
- Work in a leadership role with QLDC and DOC leadership as together we all look to make the district's predator free activities a priority.
- Seize opportunities as they arise to further broaden our activities, work in partnership with others, and improve outcomes for both our trapping groups and conservation as a whole in our region.
- Create cloth shopping bags and durable coffee cups to sell in the community to encourage individuals and businesses to use more sustainable products and support our environment

We thank you for your time and consideration and appreciate all of the hard work in which you engage on behalf of the community.

Q. FEEDBACK:

There is a traffic jam at high season where traffic trying to turn right at the corner of Helwick St and Ardmore St, Wanaka holds the traffic up. Please consider a free left turn parallel to right turning traffic (a tree will need to be removed to make space).

Wyuna Station

Wakatipu

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**Submission to QLDC on flood channel at Wyuna Station
9 April 2019**

Previously there has been flood control work authorised by QLDC done on a water channel on Wyuna Station to divert water flows in the event of heavy rain from flooding the Glenorchy Township. This work was to divert water back in to the Buckler Burn and away from the Township, however to date this work has not been completed and an approximately 100m long section remains to be completed.

I submit a request that QLDC authorise completion of this work now to prevent the risk of further flood damage to Glenorchy in this location. I have corresponded with Ulrich Glasner of QLDC on this matter and he advises that a budget of up to \$150,000 is required to complete the work.

Yours Faithfully

Alistair Wallace
Farm Manager - Wyuna Station

Q. FEEDBACK:

We are residents of Kingston with my husband & have been paying rates for the past year & we do not understand why Kingston rates are going up more than every other area governed by QLDC, especially as we are more self sufficient than other areas (our own tank water & septic system).

We have read part of QLDC explanations to other residents' request (see below) but still, the explanation doesn't justify the rates increase.

We don't see how a 17% can affect a household budget in a neutral fashion. So not happy about the proposal in regards to Kingston.

We look forward to hear back from you.

"Rates for residential properties are going up across the district by a similar fixed dollar amount in relation to the new waste management contract which kicks in on 1 July 2019.

The documentation included with the annual plan provided some worked examples of how the additional rates for waste management would be offset by savings in the purchase of blue bags or a refuse bin via Allwaste (the current provider). We generally expect this component to be neutral to the overall household budget assuming that 1 blue bag per week or a refuse bin is currently in use.

The reason the % increase for Kingston is higher than the rest of the district is due to the fact that the underlying rates for Kingston do not include all Council services, e.g. water supply and waste water are not currently provided by QLDC to Kingston residents. Therefore, the dollar increase appears larger than the rest of the district but should hopefully be neutral as explained above."

Q. COMMUNITY FUNDING GRANT SUBMISSION:

Please ensure your submission details how this investment supports both the Ten Year Plan vision and Vision 2050.

Please see pdf submission emailed to services@qldc/govt.nz



John Wellington
Trustee
Upper Clutha Tracks Trust



11th April 2019

SUBMISSION ON QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL PLAN 2019/2020

To Queenstown lakes District Council
Private Bag 50072 Queenstown 9348

Name of Submitter Upper Clutha Tracks Trust

Address



Prepared by John Wellington on behalf of The Upper Clutha Tracks Trust

The Trust was established in October 2006 and has been creating cycling and walking tracks in the Upper Clutha basin for the last 13 years. The Trust has created a range of trails including both recreational and commuter trails.

The Trusts mission is to create an integrated and functional network of tracks in Upper Clutha Basin, and has implemented or assisted with the implementation of many of the projects in the QLDC's Upper Clutha Walking and Cycling Strategy 2006.

The Trust has been working on the new Upper Clutha Tracks Network Strategy 2019 – 2025 and this will be finalised shortly. The new strategy includes both new projects and the consolidation, maintenance and upgrading of the existing network.

The Trust is also working with and represented on the Wanaka Active Transport Network and is working to integrate the existing commuter and recreational track network with the proposed urban active transport network. This is especially important from a social and lifestyle perspective for our residents as pressure grows on our transport infrastructure and the community seeks alternative modes of transport. This is important for commuters from Albert Town and the Northlake development, and in relation to safe off-road access to the Wanaka recreation centre and pool by all users but especially school pupils.

The Trust also prepared a Great Rides Application for a track from Wanaka to Clyde which was unsuccessful at the time of application. The Trust continued its development planning on the section from Wanaka to Clyde. The feasibility study it commissioned was used as part of the successful application to link the track networks in the Wakatipu Basin, and the Upper Clutha Basin via the track network in Cromwell and through to Clyde. This project is now being actioned by the Queenstown and Central Otago Trails Trust, with the active participation of the Upper Clutha Tracks Trust.



The track network created and expanded by the Trust is extensively used by both locals and visitors to the town and has become a key part of Wanaka's attraction for recreational cyclists and cycle tourists.

Administration Grant

Thank you for your support of the Trust for the last 13 years in respect of the annual administration grant. When the Trust was formed in 2006, there was an agreement to support the Trust in the form of an administration grant. This was like the support grant given to the Queenstown Trails Trust although at a substantially lower level to reflect the lower ward population. It is noted however that the area covered by the Trusts are not dissimilar. The Trust further notes that due to its smaller population size and level of commercial development, the Trust has a much smaller commercial base from whom to seek additional financial support or sponsorship when compared to the Queenstown Trails Trust. This means that the QLDC support is especially important for us.

The Trust has achieved a lot over the past 13 years and this grant has been vital to the Trusts ongoing work. As you will be aware, the Trust is a Charity with a hard-working group of volunteer Trustees and to date has had no paid employees. All the Trusts work is carried out by those volunteers. The trust also receives admin support and advice from a Department of Conservation Representative and a QLDC representative.

We are committed to working to develop and improve the Track network and will be working with partners such as Bike Wanaka, Active Transport Wanaka, QLDC and DOC to deliver the tracks in the Upper Clutha Track Network Strategy 2019 – 2025, plus any other opportunities that may arise.

The level of the Admin Grant has given the Trust little scope to engage professional services such as project management and marketing support for the Trust. To date much of the project planning and management has been done by the volunteer Trustees, but this has inevitable constraints around the time that they are able to donate to these services. The Trust believes that being able to access professional Project management and marketing services would increase the Trusts ability to deliver more projects.

The Trust notes that the administration Grant was remained unchanged at \$25,000 for 13 years and further notes that the Queenstown Trails Trust admin grant was increased from \$50,000 to \$75,000 a couple of years ago. We request that QLDC continue to support the Trust by way of an annual administration grant and further request that this amount be increased to \$40,000 for this year and subsequent years.

Track Development support – Maungawera Valley – Dublin Bay Link track

The Trust, Council and other parties have been working on public access issues at the end of the Maungawera road, and in April 2015 a proposal - Agenda item 4 - was put to and supported by the Wanaka Community Board. Subsequent to this a sum of \$50,000 was provided in the following annual plans to assist with the construction of a track linking Dublin Bay to Maungawera Road that this road realignment would facilitate.

The proposal stalled when the Commissioner of Crown Lands refused to support an element of it. The project is on hold rather than cancelled and alternatives are still being investigated. It is likely that the access issue will be resolved when the Crown Pastoral lease is renewed in the near future.

The Trust has submitted on the previous annual and 10-year plans for this funding to be carried forward. The Trust again request that this project funding be carried forward.

Trust Website, Network Map and Route Marking for the Upper Clutha Track Network.

The Trust currently has a simple website created by volunteers 9 years ago. The Trust has identified the need to completely redesign its website to provide more detailed and easily accessible information regarding the Upper Clutha Track Network and the Trust itself.

The Trust has further identified the need to provide a detailed and definitive map of the Upper Clutha Track Network.

There are currently several Wanaka and Upper Clutha Basin maps available to the public and these show the approximate alignment of some of the tracks.

These maps are multipurpose and only contain alignment of the track but little or no further information regarding the tracks. The space for information on many of these maps are severely limited by advertising that is used to subsidise or fund the production of these generic maps.

The Trust wishes to create a network map similar in scope to that created by the Queenstown Trails Trust for the Wakatipu Basin track network.

The Trust also believes that there is need to individually waymark a series walks/rides of different lengths and ability ranges. These will involve a combination of existing tracks and will aid wayfinding for those not familiar with the tracks or area. The wayfinding signage of the tracks around the Wakatipu basin that form the Great Ride is a good example.

The Trust proposes that there would be a series of loop tracks some of which would start and finish at the lakefront and utilise existing tracks and create connections between them. This would create an easily accessible range of options for visitors to the area to experience the local tracks at a level that suits them. There is also potential to start the foundations of a round the basin long distance track similar in nature to the Queenstown Trail

The Trust believes that these 3 ideas fit well as one overall project and is seeking QLDC support for this to proceed. The Trust is seeking a \$30,000 funding grant to cover the development of a new website, definitive map and the way finder marking of a series of walking/cycle trails.

Summary of the Submission

The submission of the Upper Clutha Tracks Trust is to request the following

- 1. An increase of the annual QLDC Administration support grant from \$25,000 to \$40,000 for the year ending 30th June 2020, and all subsequent years.**
- 2. The carry forward of \$50,000 allocated in the prior annual plan towards construction of a track from Dublin Bay to the Maungawera Road.**
- 3. A grant of \$30,000 toward the cost of the Trusts project to totally rebuild and update its website, develop and print a definitive map of the track network in the Upper Clutha Basin, and way mark a series of loop tracks.**

Q. FEEDBACK:

I propose that a visitor levy already exists in Queenstown. 100's of companies that charge tourists for products and services in town that collect GST and pay this to the government (including our hospitality business). Charging a visitor levy through hotels wouldn't be fair on hotels as it would make a vast difference to the price of backpacker accommodation (dorm bed rates could be 25% higher) and even at \$100-200 per night for a double room that could be 15% before any costs come out. This would actually make most small businesses in Queenstown quite unprofitable and allows the huge companies in town such as Real Journeys and Skyline to completely escape collecting any levy at all. Where's the issue with hotels collecting a levy you might ask - well a room night is made up on comparing and price matching the competition in town - for this reason the levy would be largely paid by hotels rather than the tourists making it actually a tax on hotels and not a levy on tourists. Far better would be to approach the IRD with the 34 visitors to each rate payer figure and ask for a higher % of the taxes paid by companies with registered offices or premises inside the 9300 postcode (and maybe surrounding area) so that all companies in and around Queenstown pay their fair share in the revenue generated by our 34:1 numbers!

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Wanaka/Upper Clutha

Q. FEEDBACK:

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Contact:

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Submission to the Queenstown Lakes District Council's 2019 Annual Plan

The Queenstown Lakes District, in its entirety, is served by Cosy Homes and as such the Council's Annual Plan has an impact on our own constituents and stakeholders.

Cosy Homes made a submission to the Council's 10 Year Plan in 2018; many of the issues raised in that submission are still valid, namely:

- Housing availability and affordability are key issues in the district; however, housing quality must also be addressed in both existing and new housing stock.
- There are currently limited financial resources available to QLDC residents to make capital changes like adding efficient heating appliances and insulating older homes.

We have two recommendations to address these issues that we request be included in the Annual Plan:

- 1) Establish an Eco Design Advisor position at QLDC; and
- 2) Establish a Voluntary Targeted Rates programme to assist homeowners in upgrading insulation and clean heating.

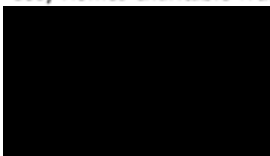
Recommendation One – Hire an Eco Design Advisor

QLDC has a mix of older homes, a significant amount of newer homes and many more currently planned/under development.

Older homes in Otago are often under or uninsulated, lack efficient and whole house heating, and often have moisture issues. They require remedial updates to increase the health and thermal performance. After three years of providing education in the Otago community, Cosy Homes can say with confidence that there is a general lack of home performance knowledge in the community; this cuts across all socioeconomic categories. Additionally, new residents to the region may also need additional assistance understanding how to live in a kiwi home and/or in the Central Otago climate.

The building boom in your district is an incredible opportunity to build high quality housing that has positive impacts on health and energy efficiency. Most homes will be built to the NZ building code minimum standards (as with most new NZ homes). Viewing this another way, constructing a home that just meets the building code is ***the worst house you are legally allowed to build***. Most new built-to-code homes in New Zealand only rate a 4/10 on the nationally recognised Homestar rating standard, which provides a clear framework for home sustainability and performance. By contrast, a new home receiving a 6 rating would be 38% more efficient than a code-built home while adding

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only 1.5% to the costs of construction. Homestar is a convenient example, but is just one of many options available as a guide to building better housing.

Cosy Homes strongly encourages the District Council to create a full-time Eco Design Advisor position to provide high quality, independent advice regarding healthy, energy efficient homes. Through this service, residents are able to consult with an EDA on their new build, renovation or current house free of charge (1-2 hour consultations). This provides people with practical, highly tailored information about behaviour changes, minor fixes and measures, siting/design, and more.

Eco Design Advisors are currently operating at councils in Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Nelson, Hutt City, Kapiti Coast District, Dunedin and Christchurch. The network of EDAs is supported by BRANZ, the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority and Beacon Pathway.

Benefits:

- The NZ Building Code is outdated and lags behind international standards. Without the ability to require measures that go beyond the Code, and with conditions/covenants designed to improve the performance of new housing stripped out of draft District Plan, QLDC needs another approach to ensuring high quality homes are being built. An Eco Design Advisor is a mechanism by which to achieve this;
- Existing housing stock is improved in the short and long-term through expert advice;
- Residents are healthier, and have lower costs associated with keeping their homes warm and dry;
- Council's climate change and carbon goals are supported through higher efficiency homes and reduced waste;
- Council's image is lifted by provided a highly useful, resident-specific service.

This is an approximately \$75,000/pa investment, with excellent outcomes.

Recommendation Two - Create of a Voluntary Targeted Rates Programme

Many property owners lack the funds needed to make capital improvements, such as installing insulation and clean heating, that will improve the health, warmth and energy efficiency of their homes. Given the cost of housing in the Queenstown Lakes District, many homeowners will be cash poor after the purchase of their homes. Still more may lack access to responsible financing to make those improvements, and will either defer making improvements or potentially borrow money at unsustainable terms to do the work.

Voluntary targeted rates programmes offer a safe, sustainable financing option to property owners. This is effectively an advance on a property's rates, paid directly to approved installers for interventions approved by the Council such as floor/ceiling insulation and clean heating appliances like woodburners, heat pumps and pellet fires. An interest rate encompasses any costs related to the

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Council's staffing needs; these programmes are cost neutral to councils. The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) assists Councils across New Zealand in establishing VTRs. Recently, Environment Canterbury launched theirs on 1 July 2018. Clutha's Warm Homes VTR launched mid-2017 and has served 140 households with very little promotion. The Warm Dunedin VTR has assisted more than 1,400 households in 6 years, and the Dunedin City Council has committed to retaining the programme.

A creation of a VTR in Queenstown-Lakes is an essential resource that will complement the newly announced heating appliance subsidies via the Government's Warmer Kiwi Homes programme. This will allow a subsidy of 67% on the cost of a new heat pump, pellet fire or woodburner for eligible households (capped at \$2500+ GST). Although generous, this subsidy is likely not enough to help eligible people get across the line financially, with the average cost of ceiling and underfloor insulation in Otago being around \$2300 (source: Warm Up NZ 2017/18), but ranging up to approximately \$4500 for larger homes. The costs of installing a heat pump or woodburner will definitely exceed \$2500, potentially leaving balances in the thousands of dollars. The Warmer Kiwi Homes programme is targeted towards low-income owner-occupied households, a demographic less likely to be able to afford an additional balance without assistance.

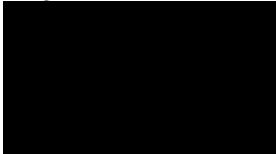
Additionally, some residents of Arrowtown are able to access subsidy funding from the Otago Regional Council's Clean Heat/Clean Air programme to swap out inefficient burners, but subsidies of up to \$2500 (income dependent) similarly fall short for many households.

Many residents of your district will not qualify for subsidy programmes, but will be unable to afford capital changes without assistance. VTRs address the gap in the market for the 'working poor.'

Debt servicing on VTRs costs residents as little as \$10/week. Councils are able to customise their VTRs in terms of interest rates, length of terms, approved service providers and allowable interventions.

EECA works with Councils to create a cost-neutral voluntary targeted rates programme for the Queenstown Lakes District as a mechanism to help people to improve energy efficiency in their homes and improve health outcomes. There are existing frameworks that can be adjusted for your Council's needs and applied; there is no need for Council staff to manage this work on their own, as EECA is available to assist.

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About Cosy Homes

Cosy Homes is a charitable trust with a mission of making all Otago homes warm and healthy by 2025. There is strong recognition that much of the housing stock in the lower South Island is old and inefficient, and as such Cosy Homes carries out work across Otago, though the initial 24 months of the Trust's operations were focused on Dunedin where we are headquartered.

The Trust had its genesis when those working at the coal face of the community identified that the existing fragmented approach to improving insulation and energy practices for homes in Otago was not yielding the desired results. Further, the impact of living in cold, damp housing was eroding the health and wellbeing of many families, disproportionately affecting those with high social needs.

A workshop in Dunedin in September 2013 brought together representatives of 76 stakeholders, from energy experts to insulation providers, through to social service agencies and relevant government agencies. Broad agreement was reached that a coordinated approach was favoured and Cosy Homes was launched. The Trust has a broad vision ("Everyone lives in a warm and healthy home") and clear objectives including an objective to provide education and information for householders on energy efficient practices and heating/insulation options.

Cosy Homes Trust Objectives:

- Connect householders with service providers of insulation and heating and available financial assistance;
- Educate householders about good energy practices and healthy homes environments;
- Communicate between all relevant parties, including to the general public;
- Co-ordinate funding, information and processes to create more financial and technical resources for the region;
- Facilitate collaboration amongst all parties;
- Advocacy work at local, regional and national levels;
- Monitor and measure the progress of Cosy Homes through appropriate processes.

We are led by an all volunteer board from a range of key community backgrounds including local government (Dunedin Mayor Dave Cull), regional government (Otago Regional Council Science Manager Julie Everett-Hincks), iwi (Manager of Aukaha, Chris Rosenbrock), health (SDHB Medical Officer of Health Dr. Marion Poore), funders (Otago Community Trust CEO Barbara Bridger), the community energy sector (Blueskin Resilient Community Trust Manager Scott Willis) and two former directors at Otago Regional Council (Jeff Donaldson and Scott MacLean).

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**SUBMISSION ON QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL PLAN 2019/2020**

To: Queenstown Lakes District Council
Private Bag 50072, Queenstown 9348

Name of submitter: Queenstown Trails Trust

Address: [REDACTED]

Prepared By: Mark Williams, CEO on behalf of the Trustees of the Queenstown Trails Trust

Thank you for the opportunity to seek community funding through the 2019-2020 Annual Plan.

It's been another busy year for the Queenstown Trails Trust (QTT). We have partnered with council to bring several projects to fruition, which have improved the trail experience and safety at the Shotover Delta, Domain/Lower Shotover Road, the Arrow River and Kawarau Falls Bridge. Not only have these improvements been welcomed by visitors to our trails (in excess of 2 million since opening in 2012), but more importantly have enhanced the lifestyles and recreational opportunities for those who choose to make Queenstown their home. Once again, our status as one of New Zealand's Nga Haerenga 'Great Rides' has allowed us to leverage Govt funding for development and maintenance of new trails, saving rate payer funds.

Perhaps of even greater significance is the role which QTT is now playing as a key stakeholder in several important business cases which are looking to solve our future transport needs as identified in councils Vision 2050, ensuring that our growing community has a sustainable future with an integrated network of 'greenways' and trails.

We are advocating for provision of an integrated 'Active Transport' network, and lobbying developers to provide transport choices which aren't reliant on private vehicles, instead encouraging a behavioural change to more active modes and public transport. This is especially important for commuters and students biking to the re-located high school. Not only can Queenstown's trail network become a legitimate way of reducing congestion on our roads, it is also increasingly important from a health and lifestyle perspective for our residents to enjoy the environment.

As a key partner in the Wakatipu Way To Go collaboration, QTT are committed to ensuring that the Queenstown trail network connects our communities via a series of offroad Active Travel pathways as outlined in our 10-year plan; [Queenstown Trails for the future 2015-2025](#)

Queenstown Trail Realignment Update

Since our last submission to the Annual Plan 12 months ago, QTT has been evolving plans for significant trail development, with completion of its Realignment Business Case. Stage 1 of this business case includes development of a trail from Arrowtown to Arthurs Point, and onwards to Tucker Beach via an overbridge, while Stage 2 links the communities of Jacks Point/Hanley's Farm to Frankton via a direct trail/bridge, and a route along the southern bank (true right) of the Kawarau River with a 2nd bridge at Lake Hayes Estate.

Stage 1 feasibility and funding is now confirmed for these routes, and the consenting process is about to commence. Additionally, Stage 2 feasibility study is underway, and will coincide with completion of the QLDC Active Transport Business Case (which shares common preferred routes).

Administration Grant

We thank you for the past support of the QTT regarding the annual administration grant. When the Wakatipu Trails Trust was formed in 2004, there was an agreement between QLDC and the WTT (now known as QTT) for support of the Trust in the form of an administration grant. Over the past year, a lot has been achieved by the QTT and this grant is vital to the Trust's ongoing work. As you are no doubt aware, the Trust is a Charity with a hard-working volunteer Board, two part-time employees and a supportive team of volunteers known as Friends of the Trust. We are committed to ensuring a viable future for our trail network and the future of our town and ask that QLDC continue to support the Trust by way of the administration grant of \$75,000 for the coming financial year.

The Trust looks forward to continuing to work with QLDC and achieve great trail connections to enhance the lives of our community and maintain Queenstown's world-class image.

We would appreciate the opportunity please to speak to our submission.

Thank you again for the opportunity for us to submit to the 2019/2020 Annual Plan.

Yours sincerely



Mark Williams
CEO
Queenstown Trails Trust
March 22, 2019

Q. FEEDBACK:

Simon Williams - Feedback on QLDC Proposed Annual Plan 2019/20

I applaud the coverage and investment that has finally been made by council to attempt to solve our ever growing waste issues. I am extremely pleased to see that Wastebusters have been engaged to help out with this mission. I only hope that you listen to their expertise and advice. The decisions made many years ago by council to walk away from them haven't exactly worked out so well.

After this, I find myself wondering what else there is to celebrate. As I view the news, both from journalists across many platforms and also from Council itself, I see a community that is a long way from happy. I see many members of our community expressing their frustrations and views only to be poo poo'd at best or quite simply ignored.

To ignore the views of the community of Hawea in terms of the SHA decision blew me away. The complete lack of respect is disgraceful. The housing development will not serve the people of Hawea and the Upper Clutha, it will not provide what they are actually looking for, it will simply be yet another way for a developer to make an enormous financial profit.

When community speaks up against the SHA's on Ladies Mile, hear them and take action, do not defer to the next meeting hoping the fuss will have died down by the time that rolls around. Please stop acting like cowards.

If you want to preserve Ladies Mile, you don't need to spend millions on a farm, you simply need not change the zoning. I'm flabbergasted that this property was bought when an incredible resource such as Sticky Forest hangs in uncertainty.

Where is the leadership for our community?

In terms of communications from Council, I see that money has been spent making the electronic communications look great, which I like. It's important. Yet the level of communication is severely lacking, especially in terms of respect for views.

Recently, during the massive communication about speed limits, the information was so confusing. The surveys were done in a way that made most people just think why bother, it's too hard. When asked for feedback on the Crown Range speed limits on Facebook, the response from Council was yet another disgrace. We were told all our idea were great in theory, but none of them would be considered in practice and the speed limit will change anyway.

To say you can't have more pull over points because the road travels through an ONL, yet you don't immediately reject applications to develop ONL's quite simply beggars belief. I'm referring to the proposed development of Mount Dewer.

How is this even possible? Are you simply manufacturing community feedback burnout?

Who knows what's happening with freedom⁷³campers. In a 36 hour period in the early new year, we had three freedom campers appear on our road. They'd seen the signs and though, you know what, we can camp anywhere we like. 2 of which weren't self contained, and when I phoned the helpline, nothing happened.

How is it possible for you to make all your properties no freedom camping zones, yet you allow campers to park on rural residential streets? This is a total lack of respect for your residents and ratepayers. It's weird having unknown teenagers camping at the top of your drive when your young children are camping out in the garden of their homes.

Do you wish for residents to make our visitors feel unwelcome? The people answering the helpline had no idea of the actual law or what could be done. There was money to be made and you couldn't be bothered, also signalling to the campers to spread the word because chances are you'll get away with it.

Once again, where is the leadership?

Do you understand the value of our waterways? From what i'm observing, new developments appear to be able to get away with anything they like. The situation from the storm water runoff from Northlake was a total disgrace. How is it possible that when a developer operates like this it has no repercussions for them? We know they can't cope with stormwater runoff, yet consent is granted for them to build yet another development in the catchment to Lake Hayes.

What is it going to take for you people to actually understand how much our environment is being destroyed?

I seem to remember that the feedback from the Crux water forum was that you don't really understand the issues. So why aren't you pressing the hold button on developments? It was also stated that you would be strengthening your working relationship with ORC. Remember the boat? That was the perfect opportunity to work together and do something for community to show you're listening. Once again a wasted opportunity.

Do I dare ask again, where is the leadership?

In terms of infrastructure. I'm so tired of hearing NZTA being blamed for the overcrowding of our roads. How about we actually press pause on developments until we've got this sorted. I was always under the impression that council were the ones who issued consents. You know that NZTA can't keep up so why keep agreeing to more developments? It's cowardly to blame someone else, it's time to face up to your responsibilities to your community and not keep serving the private developers.

In terms of the airport, what a farce this is becoming. Great, you listened to community about the Queenstown Airport, but you appear to be ignoring them about Wanaka. Slow down. This is time to make the most of what we have. Fix what's broken and create a world class experience for all of our visitors.

Through the barrage of communications I see from council, full of terrible jokes, photographs of different regions, it's almost like this feedback process on your plan has been ignored. There was one at the beginning. Where are the reminders? How is this even possible?

I'd like to add in my support for Quentin Smith at this point. From what I see, he is doing everything he can to support the community he serves. I'm sure it's not easy for him. I get the impression a few other councillors are trying to follow suit. To them,

I'd like to say we need you, we need your support in listening and acting for your community.

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I have to stop now because this is becoming depressing, but before I do, I'd like to reiterate the common theme of my year in terms of all matters council, where is the leadership?

Q. FEEDBACK:

Wanaka is one of the most naturally beautiful places in the world natural being the the operative word, PLEASE stop trying to make it into Blackpool.

The CBD is looking a little less scruffy than it did earlier this year and most of last 3 years, although the Millennium Track from the Roys Bay Bridge to Waterfall Creek appears to have been totally neglected. I have been informed that this area has been DOWNGRADED!!!

This track is walked by hundreds if not thousands a track that in past years was an area used by many locals to picnic on and have the most wonderful view of our beautiful town. This now would be impossible as the Lupins are between 1 and 2 meters high. These need chopping down at base then given weed killer as there are thousands of seedlings. I personally picked up 40 in less than 10mins.

The area infant of the Morrows Mead reserve has been totally neglected the dried grass which I considered earlier this year as a fire hazard was nearly a meter high.

I feel passionately about our town and would like to think the council do also.

Q. FEEDBACK:

We wish to have angle parking both sides of Ardmore Street from McDougall through to Dungarvon so as to provide clear access to the lake for picnics, water activities etc for locals as well as visitors. Also we think the main streets, e.g. Helwick St, Ardmore, Brownston, should remain two-way with parking until such time as Three Parks is developed.

Regarding the Millennium Track (Eely Point to Waterfall Creek) we would like to see a massive clean up occur. It has got completely overgrown with lupins as well as broom and believe the budget for this maintenance definitely needs to be increased.

