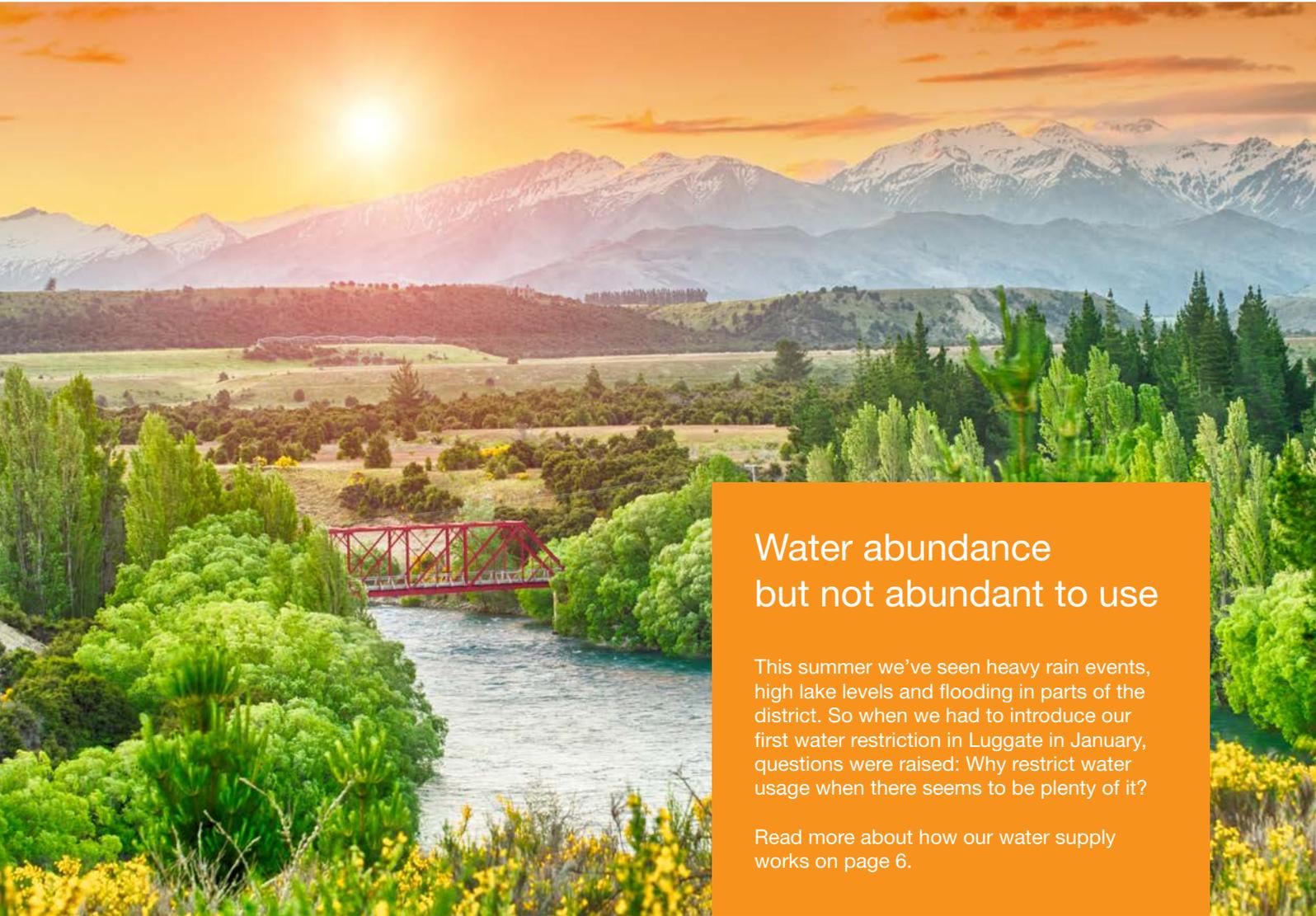


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## Water abundance but not abundant to use

This summer we've seen heavy rain events, high lake levels and flooding in parts of the district. So when we had to introduce our first water restriction in Luggate in January, questions were raised: Why restrict water usage when there seems to be plenty of it?

Read more about how our water supply works on page 6.

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# HOW DO OUR AIRPORTS AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO WORK, LIVE AND PLAY IN THE QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT?

It's time to have your say on our airports' future.

Back in August, Mayor Boulton and the Councillors unanimously committed to putting a hold on further development of Queenstown Airport's noise boundaries or introducing commercial flights into Wānaka Airport until the pros and cons were properly understood.

Last year, we announced that independent experts MartinJenkins had been appointed to conduct a combined economic and social impact assessment of various possible futures for the airports. The work will give Councillors the insights they need to make informed decisions.

As part of their assessment, the MartinJenkins team wants to hear from the community and other stakeholders about their views on future airport development. As well as meeting with a cross-section of people and groups in February 2020, they are running an online survey so that everyone can have their say as capacity is limited for the focus groups. There are some questions but there is also space to comment freely. But don't worry, the survey responses are just as important as the focus group findings.

Complete the survey at [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](http://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz)



Whatever you think about Queenstown and Wānaka airports – let MartinJenkins know your view.

## Things for you to know:

**THE SURVEY IS INDEPENDENT** – it is being delivered by MartinJenkins not by QLDC or the Queenstown Airport Company

**THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL BE ANONYMOUS** – although you'll be asked your name when you respond, this won't be identified in any final report or feedback

**ANYONE CAN COMPLETE THE SURVEY** whether you are a resident, business owner or just passing through our district

Findings from the survey will inform MartinJenkins' assessment of the economic and social impacts for future development scenarios

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The survey is open until **11 MARCH**

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# FROM THE CHAMBERS

## MEETINGS – WHERE AND WHEN

We might have only had a few meetings so far in 2020 but there is a full schedule of Council, committee and community board meetings until December 2020. You can check out our annual and monthly meeting schedule on the Council website.

While many meetings are held in the Council Chambers in Queenstown, there are also meetings held in Wānaka - the full Council will meet in Wānaka on 23 April and again on 8 October. The Wānaka Community Board is also meeting in a few different locations this year and although most meetings will be in the Lake Wānaka Centre, it will hold its 2 April meeting at the Luggate Community Centre and the 17 September meeting at the Lake Hāwea Community Centre.

## JOIN THE LIVE STREAM

Speaking of meetings, did you know we're now live-streaming full Council meetings on the QLDC Facebook page? You can follow the meeting on any device and if you subscribe you'll receive a reminder when the meeting is due to start. It's a great way of keeping up with the Council without leaving home or the office.

## 'YES' TO HEALTHY HOMES INITIATIVE

QLDC is a member of the wider Otago Mayoral Forum and has recently agreed to support the Forum in its approach to the local electricity company, Aurora Energy, to allocate any compliance penalties it receives into energy efficiency initiatives. This will include funding for insulation to make warmer and drier homes in our region – particularly important in our winter climate.

## SPEAKING AT MEETINGS

Anyone is welcome to attend all publicly-notified QLDC Council, community board, and committee meetings. You may address the Council, committee or community board during the section of the meeting called the *public forum*. Public forum happens at the start of every meeting and is part of the formal agenda and it's a chance to bring something to the attention of the meeting (as long as it's within their terms of reference – you can find that out on our website and the *Meetings & Committees* section).

You may not speak on a topic where you have taken part in a statutory process for engaging in submissions and evidence. This means that if you have participated in a defined submission and hearings process (such as District Plan changes) that involves Council or a third-party decision-maker, you may not discuss your submission in the public forum.

To help us manage the public forum we ask speakers to let us know before the meeting if they wish to speak and the general topic that they wish to cover. You can do this either with a quick call to the governance team (03 441 0499 or 03 443 0024) or an email to [governance@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:governance@qldc.govt.nz)

## SUPPORT FOR AN END TO WATER BOTTLING

The Council is joining with other local authorities and is writing to the Minister for the Environment asking government to place a moratorium on bottled water consents. This was originally an initiative of the Upper Hutt City Council and the aim of the request is to place a hold on any current or future consents to extract water from groundwater systems for sale as bottled water. Councils are concerned that the law as it currently stands does not provide an effective means to control this activity and the proposed moratorium would provide time for a broader policy review of communities' appetite for this type of activity.

# THE ANNUAL PLAN

That's right, it's the only one of our plans that happens every year and we're keen to hear your thoughts.

The Annual Plan determines budgets and projects for the coming year, based on variations from our Ten Year Plan. So keep your eyes peeled because in the next few weeks we'll be sending out details of our Annual Plan for 2020/21 so you can take a look and provide us with your feedback.

Keep an eye out for a copy in Mountain Scene and Wānaka Sun, in your mail, and online at [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](http://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz). Copies will also be available from Council offices and libraries.



Darren Rewi performing a Whakawatea at Frankton Campground earlier this month ahead of works beginning to return the site to a camping only facility. This ceremony involved a **karakia** acknowledging the many people who have resided in this area, followed by a **whakanoa te whenua** and **karakia timatanga** to bless the land and new endeavours.

# SCUTTLEBUTT ONLINE

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# HOW OUR WATER SUPPLY WORKS

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Measured in 2015 the average water use per household in the district was around 1,150 litres per day which is significantly higher than other councils benchmarked in Aotearoa New Zealand at 688 litres/household/day.

To provide this water to households, water is pumped from lakes or bore supplies, treated and piped into reservoirs on a hill or other elevated site. From there the water is distributed via gravity through pipes to users.

## So far so good, but why can't we use as much water as we like?

The reason is that water supply schemes are designed for a calculated demand for each household, commercial and industrial site.

Pumps, pipes and reservoirs are built to service that calculated demand. If the demand exceeds the supply that is when water shortage occurs. Some of the things that create additional demand include pump failure, a major leak, someone filling a pool or many people irrigating their garden at the same time.

## So why restrict water use and not just increase the supply?

The reason is at peak times some of our supply schemes are operating at their maximum capacity. Increasing the capacity would mean upgrading reservoirs, pipes and pump stations. This would have to be funded by the ratepayer which raises the question of affordability, necessity and environmental responsibility.

## How can we conserve water?

Conserving water starts with using water wisely. Over summer demand for water soars. There are many simple changes you can make to the way you use water to make sure there's enough for everyone. When watering your garden, always use a hand held hose, a timer and irrigate at night between midnight and 6.00am. Only use your dishwasher and washing machine when the load is full and think about long you're showering (perhaps five minutes is enough). Remember to fix leaks on your property and report any leaks you see in public places.

# WE ALL HAVE A PART TO PLAY

We all have a role in making sure water leaks don't damage property and waste a precious resource.

Whether it's a slow dripping leak or a sudden burst, water inside a property can be devastating. But water leaks also have a large impact on the environment, highlighting the need to get a leak fixed as soon as possible.

In the past 12 months we've received around 1,566 service requests relating to water leaks.

One of the biggest problems with a leak is the amount of water that is wasted. Not only is it an unnecessary waste, but it can be a huge economic loss due to the energy required to extract and supply the water.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

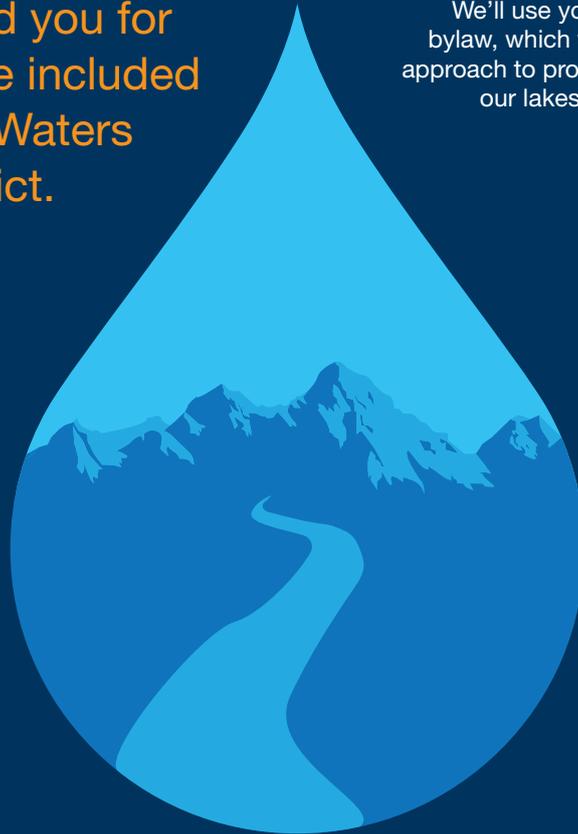
While you can't always stop a burst pipe or a leak from happening, taking good care of your pipes and having them checked if you suspect a leak can greatly reduce the risk of damage both to your property and the surrounding environment.

If you spot a leak outside of your property or in the street, make sure you report it to us straight away.

# 3 WATERS BYLAW

Last year we asked you for ideas that could be included in an integrated 3 Waters Bylaw for the district.

We'll use your feedback as we develop a draft bylaw, which will allow us to take a more holistic approach to providing safe drinking water, keeping our lakes, rivers and environment clean and looking after our infrastructure.



We're aiming to publish a draft Integrated 3 Waters Bylaw for formal consultation in June.

If you're interested in reading the feedback, head to [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/proposed-3-waters-bylaw](https://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/proposed-3-waters-bylaw)

## TO FLUSH OR NOT TO FLUSH

We're often telling you that flushing anything other than pee, poo and paper down the toilet is a big no no.

But what are your options for safely disposing of this stuff and helping to keep wastewater flowing easily through the pipes?

Head to [www.qldc.govt.nz/water-services](https://www.qldc.govt.nz/water-services) for tips and advice.

# OUR WEBSITE JUST GOT A WHOLE LOT BETTER

We've been working on a brand new website over the summer holidays, and by the time you're reading this, it should be live in all its glory and available to use.

The driving force behind this project has been to make it easier for you to get the information you need. It's about helping you find that Annual Plan document you want with a quick search, letting you register your new pooch without having to sit, lie down and roll over, and getting you the information you need right when you want it.

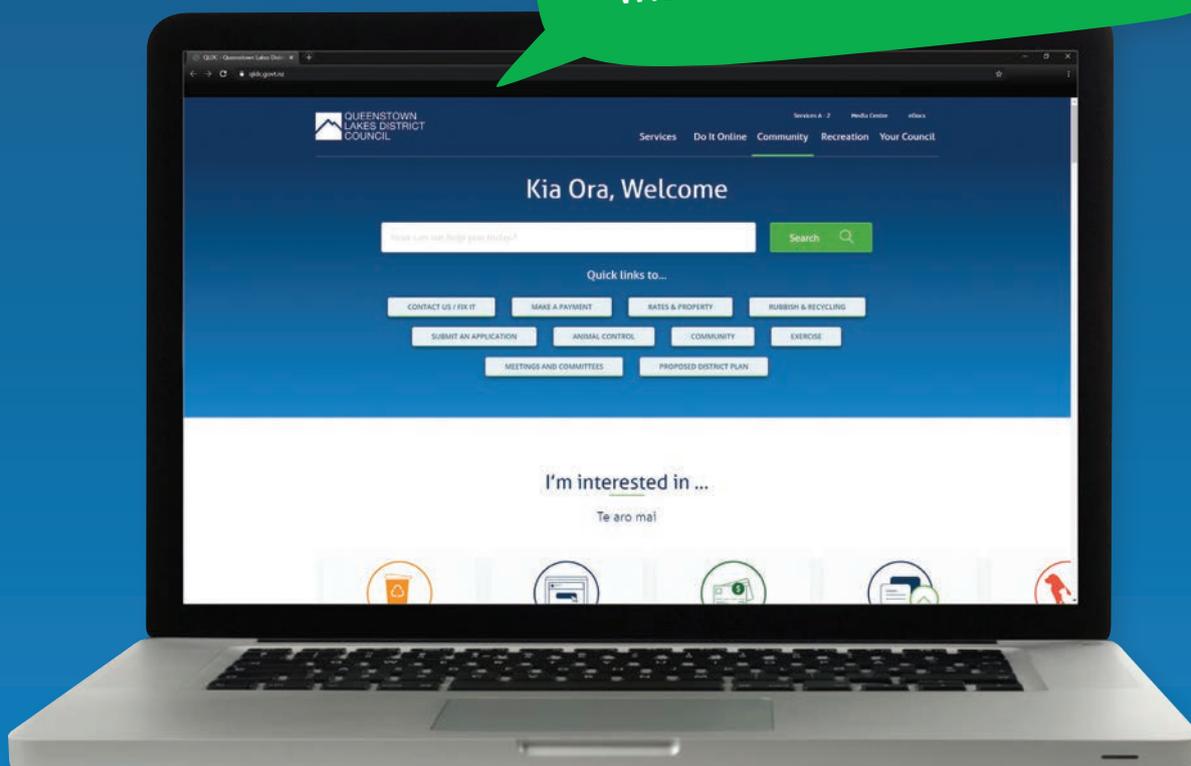
We've worked to reduce clutter on the new site, providing quick ways to get to popular pages and clearly signposted avenues to all Council's core functions. This new website's easy to navigate and even easier to use.

You'll also notice our 'search' function is head and shoulders above what you've used on our previous website. But if you're old school, the traditional menus are still there and ready to be used.

And that's not all. Our new website takes accessibility seriously. We know that we've got a wide variety of people with different needs and abilities trying to access information. As part of the redesign and build process, our new website now exceeds government-set guidelines for text displays of colour, size, contrast and colour blindness ranges.

So, if you haven't already, make sure you check us out online. Head to [www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz) and browse around. And if you stumble across something you feel we need to include, change or remove, flick us an email. We're always keen to hear your feedback and know how we can improve things for our users!

Email [services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz) with any website feedback



# GROW WELL | WHAIROA

Thanks to everyone who took part in the early stages of developing a Spatial Plan for our district.

We've collated all of the feedback to inform the next stage of the process. You can read a short summary or delve into the full details of the feedback at [www.letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/spatial-plan](http://www.letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/spatial-plan)

**Grow Well**  
Whaiora

## TAKE THE LAKE!

We're another step closer to adding a ferry to the public transport network in Queenstown.

Otago Regional Council has agreed to subsidise the existing commercial ferry service, while it sets in motion plans for a subsidised public ferry in the long term. The proposed ferry service will be included in ORC's Draft 2020-21 Annual Plan.

For more details on this and the other Way to Go group transport projects, head to [www.qldc.govt.nz/way-to-go](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/way-to-go)



### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We're now developing a draft Spatial Plan with our central government and Kāi Tahu partners and will be using the findings from the community to help guide a preferred scenario for the district.

We'll be asking the community to have a say on the draft Spatial Plan when it is released in May-June 2020.

Keen to be notified  
on the draft release?

Subscribe for project updates by selecting the 'stay informed' icon at [www.letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/spatial-plan](http://www.letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/spatial-plan)

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# ONE FOR THE DEVELOPERS

Over the next 18 months we'll be completing a full review of the Land Development and Subdivisions Code of Practice, based on NZS 4044:2010.

This code provides guidelines to ensure land development and subdivision infrastructure is designed and constructed using best practice.

The review will be completed in three stages and include a number of amendments to the Code. These amendments will reflect local working knowledge and practical issues we face in this district.

## Stage 1 – Feb 2020

Changes are primarily clarifications, updated references, and alignment with referenced standards. These changes are considered minor as they will not result in a significant change in cost to developers.

## Stage 2 – April 2020

Includes items that may include cost implications and will require consultation with the developer community. We'll provide more details on this soon.

## Stage 3 – TBA

Includes changes that may require external reviews, studies, or further consultation.

The new Code of Practice and related documents can be found on the QLDC website: [www.qldc.govt.nz/land-developments-and-subdivisions/](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/land-developments-and-subdivisions/)

# BEE THE CHANGE

QLDC  
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INITIATIVE



The essence of Neal McAloon's crusade is pretty simple: more bees, please.

With bee numbers dropping across the world, Neal has created Bee the Change to tackle the problem in the Queenstown Lakes District. Calling it a 'corporate social responsibility initiative', Bee the Change seeks to place sponsored apiaries – bee hives – around the district.

The hives have been installed in three locations so far: Arthurs Point, Queenstown Gardens and Whitechapel Road.

Neal says the project will raise awareness not only of the plight of bees, but how we can help them thrive.

"Honeybees are under so much pressure around the world. More than ever, it's important for people to realise just how important they are to our food sources," he said.

"In the long term, we're looking to establish a strong collection of colonies – nucleus hives – that can be shipped around the world to help repopulate depleted colonies. Bees need all the help they can get."

Along with the apiary's sponsors, information signs will be installed around the hives to help spread the word.

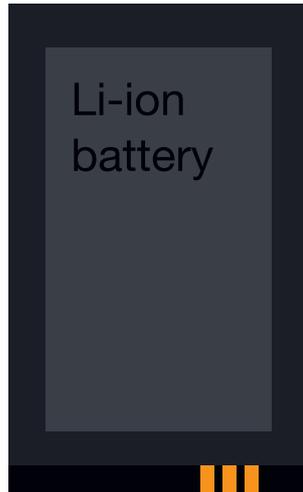
On an individual level, people can also help by avoiding spray products and leaving space for flowers to grow. Like Neal said, every bit helps.

For more info head to [beethechange.nz](http://beethechange.nz)



# UNSAFE BATTERY DISPOSAL 'SPARKS' CONCERN

Batteries have caused multiple fires in rubbish trucks, landfills and recycling centres in New Zealand and around the world.



If you're wondering what steps to take to safely dispose of these hazardous items, a good starting point is making sure you never put them in your rubbish or recycling wheelie bin.

Batteries can be damaged during the collection process which can cause them to combust. This is particularly the case for Lithium ion batteries such as those in cell phones, laptops, power tools,

e-bike batteries and other rechargeable items. You can tell if it's a lithium ion battery because it's normally marked Li-ion.

Many types of batteries can be dropped off for recycling at the Wakatipu Recycling Centre and Wastebusters in Wānaka.

For more details on how to dispose of your used batteries such as those in cell phones, head to [www.qldc.govt.nz/hazardous-waste](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/hazardous-waste)



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# LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

John Taylor knows a thing or two about volunteering. Now he also knows a thing or two about having a Queen's Service Medal.



*Local Hawea volunteer and Queen's Service Medal recipient, John Taylor.*

Born and raised in Hawea Flat, Taylor was awarded the QSM for services to the community after nearly 50 years of volunteering in community organisations. As outlined in a feature by the Wanaka App, the list of organisations he's been involved in is startling.

Mr Taylor helped found the Lake Hawea Volunteer Fire Brigade in 1972; has been a member of Wanaka Search and Rescue since 1982 with stints as chair, training coordinator and chair of southern region; is chairman of the Lake Hawea District ANZAC Committee; is a member, and three-time chair, of Guardians of Lake Hawea; and is a committee member of the Hawea Community Association, the Hawea Dip Trust, the Upper Clutha Tramping Club, and the Lake Hawea Foreshore Working Group.

He began volunteering after leaving high school. At the time, Hawea was a busy area with plenty of organisations working within the community.

"There was lots of activity around the district, and also a lot of older folk who encouraged us to become involved," he says. "I had various mentors who were happy to pass on knowledge."

It's a passion that hasn't dimmed. Then, as now, Mr Taylor says volunteering is vital to the wellbeing of the community.

"It's part of the community spirit, I think," he says. "You meet people with a real passion for the community, and there's a real sense of comradeship. It's inspirational."

And he doesn't seem to have any plans to slow down just yet. "It's easy to keep busy, I'll tell you," he says, with a laugh. "It's great to see people out there being involved, getting cracking and getting things done."

# VOLUNTEERING CENTRAL – CREATING MORE CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

If volunteers are the heart of our community, then Volunteering Central helps to keep it beating.

Established in 2011 as an initiative of Central Lakes Trust, Volunteering Central promotes and supports volunteering to create stronger, more connected communities around the Queenstown Lakes District and Central Otago.

Connections Coordinator, Kirsty Miles and Manager, Gillian White match volunteers with organisations that need them and work with community groups to support their recruitment and retention by providing support, advice and networking opportunities.

“Our goal is to encourage people to volunteer and make it a positive and rewarding experience for everyone involved,” said Gillian.

Volunteering Central’s assistance during last year’s floods in Queenstown and Wānaka highlighted its important role in strengthening community resilience.

“In line with our agreement with Civil Defence, we helped coordinate hundreds of offers from volunteers to help with the local support effort,” said Gillian.

“It was humbling to see people from all walks of life putting their hands up, from entire office teams, local groups and sports clubs to individuals including lots of tradies offering trucks and tools.”

Roles included shifting sandbags, providing equipment, and removing goods and furniture. In Wānaka around 50 volunteers helped remove driftwood from the lakefront during a community clean-up organised by QLDC that Volunteering Central helped promote.

*Kirsty Miles is the Queenstown based Connections Coordinator for Volunteering Central.*



Anyone interested in finding out more about Volunteering Central can browse roles and sign up online, or make an appointment for one of its weekly drop-in sessions:

Kirsty is at Queenstown Citizens Advice Bureau on Tuesdays from 10.00am–2.30pm.

Gillian is at Wānaka Community Hub on Wednesdays from 9.30am–1.00pm.



[volunteeringcentral.org.nz](http://volunteeringcentral.org.nz)



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# SEEING CORONET FOREST FOR THE TREES

*The first load of harvested timber is transported out of Coronet Forest earlier this month.*



The Coronet Forest harvest started in January, kickstarting a mighty blow to a seed source of wilding pines in the area.

Planted between 1984 and 1996, Coronet Forest's purpose was for planting, tending, managing and harvesting trees for timber production. And while Douglas fir is a valuable source of timber, quick to grow and widely used in the building industry, it's also an extremely aggressive tree. Sure, it doesn't have a ban from Night n' Day (yet), but the tree colonises ungrazed tussock land at an alarming rate and is a pest in the Wakatipu.

It goes wherever the wind takes it, literally, and has invaded areas around Arrowtown (and further afield) previously populated with native alpine flora and beech forest. Now, Douglas fir is the dominant species and is destroying our native ecosystem.

But not for much longer.

Once all Douglas fir trees have been harvested, a significant seed source for the spread of wilding conifers will be eliminated. Income from selling the harvested timber will contribute towards the replanting efforts. Native species will be returned to their rightful place, swaths of Mountain Beech mixed with areas of Mānuka and native grey-shrub land - all in an effort to support biodiversity in the region.

# THE ARROWTOWN CHOPPERS

Fighting against the scourge of the wilding pine was once seen as futile, and would be still, if it wasn't for the Arrowtown Choppers.

It's a group made up of unsung heroes, people who head along to community days and dedicate their spare time to a vital mission – removing wilding pines from the landscape. Each member balances full time work and family life, heading up into the hills when they can to chop down Douglas fir trees and pull out seedlings.

Their dedication and hard work has just had a major boost when Biosecurity New Zealand announced it would provide \$175,000 to complete \$1.4 million in

funding for the Arrowtown Wilding Group's wilding pine control programme. Other key funders for the project include Central Lakes Trust and Community Trust South, contributing \$600,000 and \$120,000 respectively.

With this funding secured, the Arrowtown Wilding Group is confident they can win the war against wilding pines they started back in 2017.

And you know who will be there, helping them along the way and working tirelessly to protect our district's iconic landscape for future generations? The Arrowtown Choppers.

## WASTE MINIMISATION COMMUNITY FUND

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Dr Compost's free Winter Veggies workshop will inspire you to get growing and harvesting from your garden this winter. Find out how to deal with our harsh climate by using cloches and your garden's existing microclimates. Learn about which crops grow well in our region and when to plant.

The Dr Compost home-composting project is funded by Queenstown Lakes District Council and delivered by Wastebusters to reduce organic waste to landfill.

## EASY WAYS TO COMPOST WORKSHOP

6.00pm - 8.00pm

4 March, Sherwood Hotel, Queenstown

25 March, St John Room, 4 Link Way, Wanaka

## WINTER VEGGIES WORKSHOP

6.00pm - 8.00pm

18 March, St John Room, 4 Link Way, Wanaka

Places are limited.  
Book your ticket at  
Eventbrite or through  
the Dr Compost  
Facebook page.



*Ben 'Dr Compost' Elms.*



*Anna van Riel as 'Waste Free Wanda'.*

# WASTE FREE WANDA HITS THE STAGE

## Powerhouse anthems? Superheroes? Environmental ... awareness?

With a combination rarely seen since the days of Captain Planet, Lake Hāwea singer/songwriter Anna van Riel is bringing back a bit of the magic in the form of the district's very own environmental superhero, Waste Free Wanda.

Van Riel's alter-ego will be touring the area's primary schools during Term One this year. Wanda's enemy is single use plastic, which she'll tackle through a powerful combination of 1980s costumes, retro power ballads and some pretty sweet jokes.

The show will last just over half an hour, snugly fitting into a classroom period with plenty of time for questions afterwards.

Van Riel said the show, which appeals to adults as well as kids, seeks to empower audiences to take control and "be the change."

"There's a growing consciousness around plastic waste," she said.

"Waste Free Wanda is a fun way for kids to become involved in the conversation, letting them know the effects of plastic pollution and what they can do to help. Not only do I hope the show entertains people, but it inspires them as well."

# TACKLING PLASTIC

Though plastic is all around us, it can be easy to forget just how much of it we really use.

Last year WasteMINZ carried out a national audit to find out and their report, now released, makes for some pretty tough reading.

The Truth about Plastic Recycling in Aotearoa New Zealand 2020 has more than a few eye-opening stats: Kiwi households throw out 1.76 billion plastic containers every year; 97 million plastic milk and drink bottles go straight to landfill when they could potentially be recycled; and 39 per cent of household plastic bottles and containers go to the landfill when they don't really need to be.

The good news is steps are being taken to make the process more efficient, easier and better for the environment. Recyclers and councils are currently working out what can be collected from the kerbside, and manufacturers are being encouraged to make recyclability clearer.

There are a few simple ways to reduce your plastic waste. Why not give one of these a try:

Where possible make the switch to plastics labelled 1, 2 or 5 so your plastic can be recycled onshore in Aotearoa New Zealand.



Always carry a reusable coffee cup, food container and water bottle when you're out and about.

Always put single-use plastic drink bottles and milk bottles in your recycling bin with the yellow lid.

## HOW MUCH LANDFILL IS IN YOUR SHOPPING TROLLEY?

THE TRUTH ABOUT RECYCLING PLASTIC CONTAINERS

### HOW MUCH PLASTIC DO WE USE IN NZ?



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## MAKING SOME NOISE ABOUT LIBRARIES

Thanks to everyone who took part in our recent survey about how library services might evolve to meet the needs of our growing community.

We received a whopping 737 responses including those collected by our smaller community libraries in Kingston, Glenorchy and Makarora.

We also hosted several focus group sessions with library users and key stakeholders including school children on both sides of the Crown Range.

We're now crunching the numbers which will inform Council's Future Libraries Strategy for the whole district. We'll be sharing more details on this online, in future issues of Scuttlebutt and in the libraries themselves. Watch this space!

## MANAGING AN EVENT?

Your life just got easier!

By the time you read this we should be up and running with a more user-friendly events permit process. This will include clear requirements and information for anyone planning an event in our district. Most temporary events which used to require a separate resource consent will now be covered by this simplified permit.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with our events team who are eager to help: [events@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:events@qldc.govt.nz)

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# DON'T SNIFF AT REDUCING YOUR RISK

As worldwide efforts to contain the spread of a new coronavirus continue, it's timely to think about what steps we as individuals, families and communities can take to be better prepared, should such an outbreak affect New Zealand.

Travel restrictions are in place to help reduce the risk of an outbreak here. If you have travel plans, make sure you're aware of any restrictions in place - [www.safetravel.govt.nz](http://www.safetravel.govt.nz)

For the rest of us, there are a few simple actions we can take to be prepared here at home – no matter what type of emergency we might be faced with.

## 01 | Have a plan

If a disaster or emergency strikes, you may need to stay at home for several weeks. Make a plan with family and friends, think about:

- > who will help with food and supplies
- > how you will get prescription medicines (e.g. for blood pressure) before you run out
- > the telephone numbers of people who live near you, and your doctor's number.

## 02 | Build up your emergency kit

Have a supply of food and drinks to last for at least a week. Choose long-lasting foods in cans and packets, and dried foods. Include some paracetamol or Ibuprofen in your kit.

Think about things to do, if you and your family have to stay home for more than a week (books, games and videos).

## 03 | Hygiene – keeping clean

- > Washing and drying your hands properly is one of the best ways of protecting yourself against the spread of germs. Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap or an alcohol-based rub. Drying hands well is important too.
- > Keep your coughs and sneezes covered.
- > Try to stay a metre away from sick people to reduce the spread of germs.

For more information on how to be prepared for any emergency, visit [www.otagocdem.govt.nz/get-home-ready](http://www.otagocdem.govt.nz/get-home-ready)



A number of changes to local speed limits were introduced earlier this month.

As our district grows so too does the number and type of vehicles on our roads. While we're also working on providing more transport choice to reduce people's reliance on their car, lowering the speed limits plays an important role in making our roads safer for everyone.

The following new speed limits are now in place:

Road	New permanent speed limit from 10 February
Within the Arrowtown Urban Boundary	40km/h
Aubrey Road (from Anderson Road intersection to Albert Town roundabout)	60km/h
Gorge Road (from Coronet Peak junction to Watties track junction)	50km/h
Cardrona Valley Road (from township to distillery)	80km/h
Peninsula Road, Kelvin Heights	50km/h

Expect to see more speed limit changes introduced before June 2020.

## IT'S ALL ABOUT SAFETY

Setting speed limits on our roads can be an emotive issue but there is only one objective – to make our roads safer for everyone.

Whatever your opinion on how fast people should drive on our roads, there is one fact that is undeniable: speed determines the seriousness of the outcome of a crash.

There are many myths and misconceptions about speed - head over to [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/myths-and-misconceptions](http://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/myths-and-misconceptions) and have a read for yourself.

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# Let's be smokefree

To take part in the short survey on the beachfront trial, head to: [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](http://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz)

This summer we're running a smokefree (and vape-free) trial on our local beachfronts.

If you haven't already, we'd love to hear what you think about the trial and your ideas for what should be included when a comprehensive smokefree and vape-free policy is developed later this year.

We'll keep you updated on the draft policy and your next chance to get involved in supporting our district to be smokefree. Watch this space.

## Did you know?

Our sportsfields are already covered in our current smokefree policy. To encourage players and spectators to put the butts away, we'll be rolling out 'Play Fair. Clean Air.' signage in the coming months.

# UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURES FOR EVENTS

Several large events will be held across our district over the coming months. This means there may be traffic management and road/track closures in place.

The key closures to be aware of are listed below and you can also find the latest information on our website at: [www.qldc.govt.nz/scheduled-road-closures](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/scheduled-road-closures).

<b>Hanley's Farm Community Festival 2020</b>	<b>Friday 6 March 10.00am - Midnight:</b> Bannister Street from Jack Hanley Drive to Ward Street, Jack Hanley Drive from Muster Road to Shepherd Road and the southern end of Shepherd Road for approximately 50m from the Jack Hanley Road intersection.	<i>Note: controlled access with be available for residents within the closure area.</i>
<b>NZ Golf Open 2020</b>	<b>Thursday 27 February - Sunday 1 March (6.00am to 6.00pm daily):</b> Butel Road, Arrowtown.	<i>Note: residents of Butel Road will be given access via Lake Hayes – Arrowtown Road.</i>
<b>Wānaka A&amp;P Show 2020</b>	<b>Wednesday 11 March 6.00am - Sunday 15 March 12.00pm:</b> McDougall Street from Ardmore Street to Brownston Street. <b>Friday 13 March - Saturday 14 March (6.00am to 8.00pm daily):</b> Brownston Street from McDougall Street to Youghal Street and McDougall Street from Upton Street to Brownston Street.	<i>Note: access to this area will be available for residents, campground users, trade exhibitors, Park and Ride buses and for disabled parking.</i>
<b>Motatapu Sporting Event 2020</b>	<b>Friday 13 March:</b> > 3.00pm – 8.00pm: Nairn Street <b>Saturday 14 March:</b> > 4.00am – 1.00pm: Motatapu Road (from Wānaka - Mount Aspiring Road intersection) > 7.00am – 8.00pm: Macetown Track (to Macetown) > 9.00am – 8.00pm: Nairn Street and Ford Street from Nairn/Criterion Street intersection to Tobins Track <b>Sunday 15 March:</b> > 6.00am – 10.00am: Macetown Track (to Macetown) > 6.00am – 10.00am: Motatapu Road (from Wānaka - Mount Aspiring Road intersection) > 7.00am – 4.00pm: Nairn Street > 7.00am – 12.30pm: Ford Street from Nairn/Criterion Street intersection to Tobins Track > 8.00am – 11.00am: Tobins Track from east of Ford Street to the Tobins Track/Glencoe Road intersection and Glencoe Road (a one kilometre length from the top of Tobin's Track)	<i>Note: from Friday 13 March 8.00am – Sunday 15 March 4.00pm there will be a no park zone in effect for Nairn and Ford Streets (with the exception of residents). Residents of Butel Road will be given access via Lake Hayes – Arrowtown Road.</i>
<b>Akarua Arrowtown Autumn Festival 2020</b>	<b>Saturday 18 April (7.30am – 7.00pm for the Festival Parade and Market):</b> Buckingham Street from Butlers Green to Bedford Street; Berkshire Street from Ramshaw Lane to Wiltshire Street; All of Ramshaw Lane; All of Romans Lane; All of Camp Lane; All of Arrow Lane; All of Villiers Street; All of Surrey Street; All of Nairn Street; Bedford Street from Merioneth Street to Cardigan Street; Wiltshire Street from Anglesea Street to Ramshaw Lane; Merioneth Street from Hertford Street to Bedford Street; Hertford Street from Wiltshire Street to Denbigh Street. <b>Sunday 19 April (8.00am – 1.00pm for Tobins Rush):</b> Tobins Track. <b>Sunday 19 April (10.30am – 7.00pm for Pie, Pint and Pinot):</b> Buckingham Street from Wiltshire Street to Merioneth Street.	

# NEW POP-UP LIBRARY



## AT WĀNAKA REC CENTRE

If you're heading over to Three Parks for some grocery shopping, school pick-up or a swim, why not try out the new 'pop-up' library service at Wānaka Recreation Centre.

Open every Tuesday and Thursday from 3.00-5.00pm you can sign up to become a library member, borrow and renew books, DVDs and magazines, place holds and find out about upcoming events and kids' programmes.

You can also return books in the box provided anytime, even when the pop-up isn't staffed. Easy as!



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[www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz)

Office Hours:  
Weekdays 8.00am – 5.00pm

### QUEENSTOWN EVENTS CENTRE

Arrowtown Athenaeum Hall  
Queenstown Memorial Hall  
Lake Hayes Pavilion  
Lake Wānaka Centre  
Alpine Aqualand (Temporarily closed)  
Sports fields

Phone: 03 450 9005

### ARROWTOWN POOL

Phone: 03 442 0145

### WĀNAKA RECREATION CENTRE

Wānaka Pool  
Indoor Courts  
Phone: 03 443 9334

### TRANSFER STATIONS

**Wakatipu:** 110 Glenda Drive  
Frankton Industrial Area  
Phone: 03 451 0106

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& Riverbank Roads  
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Phone: 027 434 5289  
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### LIBRARIES

For library opening hours  
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