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HEY WANAKA! DIVE ON IN!

The new, three-pool swimming complex at Wanaka Recreation Centre opened to the community on Sunday 10 June with more than 700 people dropping by to enjoy a free family fun day.

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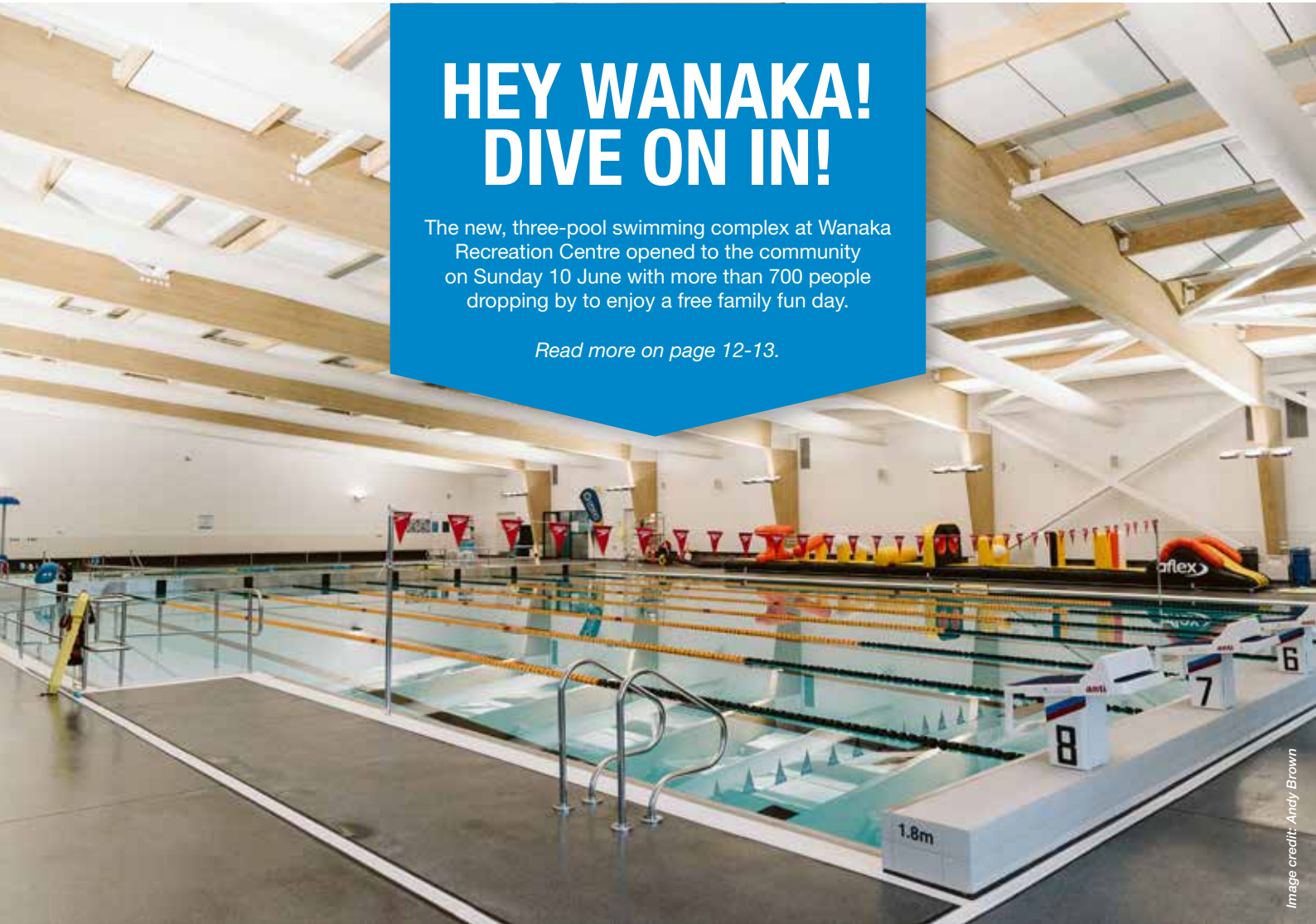


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FROM THE CHAMBERS

Did you know there's a Council or committee meeting happening almost every week of the year?

Most of the items up for discussion are 'business as usual' but that doesn't mean they're not important. Here's a quick summary of some of the issues that have been across the Council table recently.

SPECIAL HOUSING AREA MILESTONE

The Bullendale Special Housing Area ('SHA') in Arthurs Point has passed an important milestone and has been referred for final approval to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development.

If approved, approximately 92 new dwellings could be built adjacent to the existing SHA development on Arthurs Point Road. The proposal includes both houses and apartments and 10% of the developable area will be provided to the Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust for affordable housing.

NEW GARDENS ART

Dogs just love playing in the water, don't they? Well, as a permanent tribute to our canine friends the pond in Queenstown Gardens will feature a bronze statue of a dog leaping into the water.

This is a new art installation commissioned by the Queenstown Lakes District Art and Culture Trust from renowned local sculptor, Richard Wells.

The new artwork will be installed in Summer 2018/19.

BYLAW CONSULTATION COMING SOON

We'll soon be consulting on some bylaws that could affect you.

One that will have a major impact on everyone is the Speed Limit Bylaw, as this bylaw covers roads over the whole of the district. If you think speed should either be lowered or raised on a road near you, this will be an opportunity to have your say.

Other bylaws also due for review this year are the Trade Waste Bylaw and the Traffic and Parking Bylaw.

SPEAKING OF PARKING

There are parking changes coming in Frankton. In June the Council approved changes to parking in Boyes Crescent, Wilmot Avenue, Douglas Street, Robertson Street, Lake Avenue, Stewart Street and Yewlett Crescent. Further information about what is proposed is available on our website www.qldc.govt.nz

HERITAGE INCENTIVE

The Community and Services Committee recently granted \$1,500 to the owners of Preston's Cottage at 30 Kent Street, Arrowtown under the Heritage Incentive Grant scheme to help them with the costs of repairing their veranda.

Preston's Cottage is one of the many protected heritage items in private ownership in the district. If you have a heritage building or tree, you could also apply for funding help with any maintenance work. Further details are available here www.qldc.govt.nz/heritage-incentive-grant/

READ MORE AT

**[www.qldc.govt.nz/
agendas-and-minutes](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/agendas-and-minutes)**

A BOLD PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

As you read this, the 2018-28 Ten Year Plan is due to be adopted.

Since submissions closed back in April, we've held public hearings and deliberation sessions. This is where the Councillors sit down as a group and debate the things our community felt strongly about through the submission process and make decisions on what's in and what's out of the final plan.

With adoption imminent, our team is gearing up to implement the bold but exciting projects proposed for the next ten years and work towards achieving our vision: Vibrant Communities, Enduring Landscapes, Bold Leadership.

The 2018-28 Ten Year Plan is due to be adopted by the full Council at its meeting on 28 June. You can read it in full at www.qldc.govt.nz/ten-year-plan



QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY

This year, following our annual residents and ratepayers survey, we'll be conducting a Quality of Life Survey. This is a new approach that will ask how you feel about your overall quality of life, health and wellbeing, crime and safety, community, culture and social networks, our decision-making processes and much more. The intention is that we can paint a much more compelling picture of how we're doing as a community. You can read more about the survey at www.qldc.govt.nz/quality-of-life-survey

Your submissions were important

We received 586 submissions on our draft Ten Year Plan and 115 people chose to come along and speak at hearing held in Wanaka and Queenstown.

As a result of submissions a number of key changes were proposed. Some highlights include:

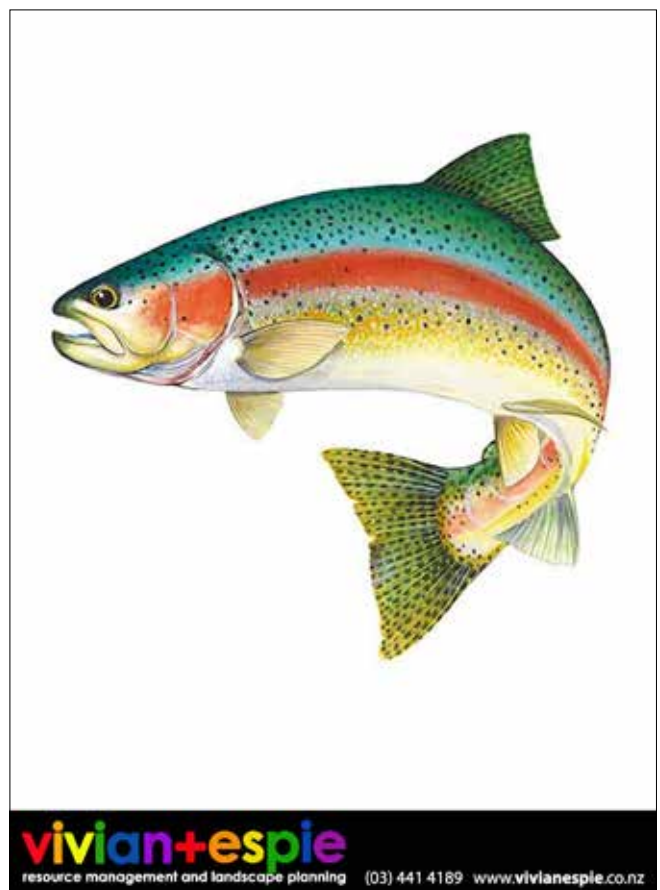
More investment in active travel in Wanaka (increased by \$2.3M to \$4.7M, subject to detailed business cases and NZTA support).

A range of grants to community and business groups (full list at www.qldc.govt.nz).

Increased investment in transport initiatives to ensure a safer and well planned network.

Increased funding to complete a community services masterplan for the whole district.

And much more – read about all of the proposed changes at www.qldc.govt.nz/ten-year-plan.



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Community Research Workshop held at Queenstown Events Centre this month.

COMMUNITY RESEARCH PROVING INSIGHTFUL

We're thrilled with the response to our Community Groups and Facilities research!

The workshops and library drop-in sessions held this month were well attended and we received a fantastic response to the surveys. We'd like to

thank all of the community groups, services and facility owners who have taken part and provided a valuable insight into how they are operating.

We have received a lot of really interesting information from across the district which will be

vital for all community groups, the Council and other funders to better plan for the future.

As expected, the effect of our growing population is reflected in an increased demand for the services and activities of community organisations.

We'll be analysing all of the data during July and hope to present a full report to the Council in September. In the meantime, check out some early insights from the research at www.qldc.govt.nz/community-research.

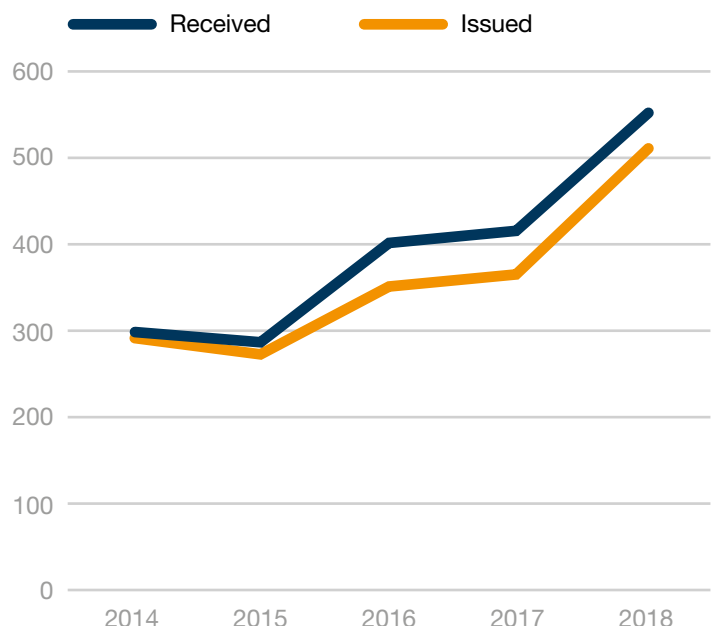
CONSENTS AT ALL TIME HIGH

A staggering 508 resource consents have already been issued in the first four months of this year compared to 363 last year.

QLDC Resource Consents Manager Quinn McIntyre says the increased numbers reflect both our districts ongoing growth levels as well as the need for his team to respond through developing a resource consent unit that is appropriately resourced and capable of dealing with these higher volumes.

"We're working really hard to close the gap between the number of consents received versus how many are issued. In the last couple of years we issued 88% of the applications we received, whereas we're now sitting at 92%. We're thrilled to be trending in the right direction."

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS/CONSENTS WE HAVE RECEIVED/ISSUED BETWEEN JAN-APR FROM 2014-2018



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE REPRESENTED?

How many Councillors do you think should represent the people across our district?

Should they be elected by wards or would it be better if everyone in the district could vote for all the Councillors?

Should Arrowtown continue to be its own ward?

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Get informed and have your say using the online survey
www.qldc.govt.nz

Feedback closes 16 July

These are just some of the things the Council has been grappling with as part of its six-yearly representation review.

Earlier in June, the Council adopted a proposal that is out for consultation right now.

Largely it recommends the status quo remains. However the proposal does put forward an option to enlarge the boundary of the Arrowtown ward to support the argument that it remains its own ward.

While this is not compliant with the representation requirements under the Local Electoral Act, the Council recognises that Arrowtown is a special community of interest and supports retaining the ward.

You can read the proposal in full at www.qldc.govt.nz/representation-review or pick up a copy at any Council office or Library.



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Community Connect is your online directory connecting groups and services to the people of Queenstown Lakes District.

It's a hub where people can find a new hobby, useful services for families, sports clubs, volunteer opportunities and so much more. Community Connect contains details of over 300 groups and services, so head to **groups.qldc.govt.nz** today and explore the community.

If you'd like to join, you can register your details on the website for free, and promote multiple groups under your single registration!

Please note: Community Connect is not intended for businesses to sell or market and advertise their products.

WAKATIPU WILDLIFE TRUST TRAPPING FUNDING

The Wakatipu Wildlife Trust is looking to more than double its trapping network, with 360 new traps announced due to funding from the Department of Conservation and Queenstown Lakes District Council. These new traps will join the 654 existing traps maintained by volunteers, playing a vital part in expanding predator-free zones around Lake Wakatipu.

Of the 15 groups already actively trapping around the district, 11 applied for the funding grant, whereby Wakatipu Wildlife Trust provide traps to the approved groups who then match this by providing their own.

Executive Officer Ting Zhang said the Trust was able to honour all community group applications.

"It's great – you want a grant that's fully subscribed and not oversubscribed, so we've hit that sweet spot."

With over 1,000 traps soon to be around Lake Wakatipu, last year's 1,636 predators caught by volunteers looks like a number set to increase with native species to benefit as a result.

If you're interested in volunteering your time with the Wakatipu Wildlife Trust, fundraising, or having your group take part in their trap matching offer, please get in touch with them by emailing **hello@wakatipuwildlifetrust.org.nz**. The WWT also offers discounted supplies to help with trapping projects.



*Sir Bill English
has recently
been named
patron of the
Wakatipu
Wildlife Trust.*



Mayor Jim Boulton officially opens our new Pride Crossing. QLDC is proud to support the Queenstown Pride Pledge, committing to using our voice and influence to support visibility, safety, tolerance, love diversity and inclusion of all LGBTIQ+ people. You can take the pledge too - register your interest at www.surveymonkey.com/r/PridePledgeSignup



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DRIVING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Winter has well and truly arrived, and that can sometimes mean pretty dicey road conditions around the district.

So, what can you do to keep yourself and others as safe as possible when driving?

First and foremost, if you don't have a set of chains for your vehicle, get a pair and keep them in your car at all times. We've already had a number of days where chains have been required to get around parts of the district, and we're sure to have more.

With that in mind, it pays to always check road conditions before heading out in your car. There are lots of ways you can get informed but we'd recommend signing up for our Winter Road Reports. You'll get an email from us every morning with a heads up on what to look out for. We'll always update our Facebook page if conditions change, so make sure you like our page [@QLDCinfo](#).

It's easy to sign up – just head along to: www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-driving

HOT TIPS FOR COOL DRIVING

- >> Always accelerate smoothly and brake gently, and never overtake a grit truck when it's applying grit.
- >> Don't rush and always plan for extra travel time. Seriously... slow down! That's an order!
- >> Remember, if you don't de-ice your car windows, you could be fined. Grab yourself an ice scraper from one of our offices or libraries or use a card from your wallet.
- >> Bridges, decks and shaded areas are often icy areas and more slippery than other places.

- >> Finally, take a moment to assess the risks before you travel, and if you've got an important meeting or a hot date, consider an alternative. There's always Skype or a game of Words with Friends online.

Check out www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-driving for more ways to stay safe on the roads this Winter!

OUR WINTER ROAD REPORTS – DISCLAIMER:

The information contained within our road reports are based on the information we have at the time.

Remember - conditions in this district can change very quickly. We do our best to keep you all updated and treat the roads but our roading crew can't be in every place at once.

If there's one thing we can all learn from recent winter conditions, particularly in the Wakatipu, it's to carry chains at all times during winter, know how to fit them, use common sense and drive to the conditions.

It's winter so chances are the roads are slippery – take it easy out there and stay safe.

FREEDIVING NATIONALS SET TO MAKE A SPLASH IN QUEENSTOWN

Freedivers from around New Zealand and Australia will be heading to Queenstown in September, with the 2018 Freediving New Zealand Pool Nationals set to be held at Alpine Aqualand in the Queenstown Events Centre.

Registrations are now open for the event, which will run over three days from 14 to 16 September. The competition is made up of three separate events: Static Apnea (breath hold time), Dynamic Apnea (distance swam on a single breath wearing fins), and Dynamic Apnea without fins (distance swam on a single breath doing breaststroke underwater), with sessions set to get underway each morning starting at 10.15am.

Several former world champions will be present and competing, including our very own national champion Kathryn Nevatt. While the pros will be duking it out, recreation grades are available for those new to diving who are keen to submerge themselves in the sport. Queenstown Freediving Club also runs regular introductory sessions at Alpine Aqualand and they can be found on Facebook.

Don't hold your breath until September. Mark the dates on your calendar because spectators are welcome!

REMINDER – STREET FRONTAGE BOND REFUNDS

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



Last year's national champions Kathryn Nevatt (Queenstown) and Guy Brew (Titahi Bay Wellington).

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THE ALPINE FAULT IS A PREDICTABLE NEIGHBOUR


Have you ever looked at the Remarkables and wondered how that stunning jagged profile was created?

They're a product of upthrust from earthquakes over millennia, and a sign that we live in a seismically active part of the world.

The Southern Alps are another visual cue that we should be prepared for regular earthquakes. They sit on top of the Alpine Fault, which is part of the boundary where the Pacific and Australian tectonic plates meet. The faultline runs for over 800km up the spine of the South Island.

While we can't predict when any earthquakes will occur, geological research has shown that the Alpine Fault has an unusually regular history of producing large earthquakes. By analysing sediment from two sites in Fiordland, scientists have established that the Alpine Fault has ruptured 27 times over the last 8000 years, averaging out at every 300 years.

The last significant quake on the Alpine Fault was in 1717. That means the next severe event on this faultline is likely to occur within the lifetime of most of us – or our children.



Dr Caroline Orchiston, who is coordinating the AF8 science programmes, stands on the Alpine Fault where the plate boundary surfaces on the West Coast.

PROJECT AF8 HELPS US GET READY

While many people know about the Alpine Fault, and a lot also understand that it causes big earthquakes, until now there hasn't been a comprehensive study of the impacts a rupture would have on the people living in the South Island, and on our modern-day infrastructure. In 1717 there were no roads, power lines, water pipes, cellphone towers or permanent buildings here.

Project AF8 stands for Alpine Fault Magnitude 8. It's a three-year programme of scientific modelling, response planning and community engagement that's designed to address those gaps in our knowledge.

While the scientists, emergency services, lifelines companies and other partners are looking at the broader impacts, Project AF8 gives us all a chance to understand the kind of disruption we can expect in an Alpine Fault earthquake, and to get ourselves prepared for it.

Find out more at www.projectaf8.co.nz

BEING BETTER PREPARED

Being well prepared for emergencies isn't as hard, expensive or time-consuming as you might think.

It starts with a plan.

Next time your family's all together, maybe at teatime or in the car, start the conversation. Some good questions to talk about are:

What if we can't get home?

What if the phones aren't working and we can't get hold of each other?

What if the power is off?

What if there's no water in the taps?

What if we can't get to the shops to buy more food?

The answers will form the basis of your family emergency plan.

They'll probably lead to other questions, like "what plan does the school have to look after our kids", "has my boss planned for emergencies at work" and "what happens to our pets if we have to leave home in a hurry". You might also be thinking about your extended family, and whether you have neighbours and friends who might need your help.

Being aware of the hazards in your area is also a good basis for planning. Earthquakes are just one of many natural hazards that could interrupt our everyday life and if you're ready for the impacts of those, you'll be able to deal with any other kind of emergency too.

There's lots of information to help you prepare for emergencies. Have a look at www.happens.nz and www.getthru.govt.nz

CHECK OUT THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLANS

Emergency Management Otago is working with communities across the Queenstown Lakes District to develop community response plans in every area.

Five have already been completed and the rest are either in progress or will be underway within a few months. If you live in Arrowtown, the Gibbston Valley, Jacks Point and Kelvin Peninsula, Lake Hawea or Makarora then you'll find your community response plan at www.otagodem.govt.nz. In fact you should have one in your home – copies were delivered to every household.

If you're interested in being involved in preparing your own area's community response plan, contact Trevor Andrews, the Emergency Management Officer for our district. You can reach him on **03 441 0499** or trevor.andrews@otagodem.govt.nz





HEY WANAKA! DIVE ON IN!

Continued from cover.

Two-time Olympic triathlete Nicky Samuels, a Wanaka local who trained regularly at the old pool, and Queenstown Lakes District Deputy Mayor Calum MacLeod cut a specially-themed 'ribbon' decorated with goggles, togs and kids' inflatables to officially open the \$12.8m facility.

Image credit: Andy Brown



They were joined by representatives from key funding partners Central Lakes Trust, Otago Community Trust, Lottery Grants Board, Graham and Olive West Charitable Trust and Rotary Wanaka plus other Councillors, Wanaka Community Board members, QLDC Sport and Recreation staff, project contractors and ten current pool members who won a competition to swim the first laps.

The new facility features a 25m, eight-lane lap pool, adult hot pool and a dedicated learners' pool with separate toddlers' area. It shares its main entrance and reception area with the existing Wanaka Recreation Centre but with its own changing facilities including male and female change rooms, three family change rooms and one accessible change room.

The day before the official opening, Neville Harris from Wanaka & Districts Lions Club performed a ceremonial last lock-up of the old Wanaka Community Pool on Plantation Road.



Neville Harris of Wanaka & Districts Lions Club locking up the old pool for the last time.

The Lions were instrumental in fundraising for the old pool which opened in 1992. Neville was joined by several current club members including three others who had been present at the opening: Kevin Scurr, Richard Hewitt and Maurice Duckmanton MBE, a former New Zealand representative swimmer who managed the pool in its first few years.

WANAKA POOL QUICK FACTS

WATER VOLUME

Total volume of water in the lap pool is
654,105 litres
 +
 Water contained in pipework, gutters, sumps, filter etc
82,442 litres
 =
 Total operating volume
736,547 litres

STRUCTURE

All plant and equipment constructed from corrosion-resistant materials and finishes suitable for a design life of 10–20 years

Volume of concrete in the floor slab

183m³

POOLS AND FILTRATION TYPES

Nature stainless steel lap pool and learn-to-swim (LTS) pool with vacuum sand filtration system

In-situ concrete hot pool with a Nature gutter for water collection; served by two pressure sand filters

THE POOLS

Lap Pool (130 max people)

27.5°C ±1°C

LTS Pool (79 max people)

32°C ±2°C

Hot Pool (22 max people)

39°C ±2°C



Image credit: Andy Brown

A Council report with options for the future of the old pool site will be completed before the end of the year.

For more info visit sportrec.qldc.govt.nz or Facebook @QLDCSportRec.



Image credit: Andy Brown

The first ten official swimmers (existing members selected by random draw).

All facilities at Wanaka Recreation Centre (Three Parks off Ballantyne Road) are now open 6.00am–9.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am–8.00pm on weekends and public holidays.

CAMP GLENORCHY SHOWS WHAT RESILIENCE MEANS

Glenorchy residents are used to being cut off. Slips, snow and even fires can all close the Glenorchy Road, affecting residents and visitors alike.

Most of the locals are well prepared to manage when this happens but what of the 1,000-plus visitors who could be stranded on the wrong side of a rockfall in an emergency?

Camp Glenorchy has been conceived and built as a resilient development, and its emphasis on environmental sustainability has a big spinoff for emergency preparedness.

It generates its own power through a 200kw solar farm. There's 30,000 litres of stored rainwater in its tanks, and the composting toilets aren't dependent on reticulated water or sewerage systems. Even better, the main building has been constructed to the highest earthquake standards, so it's ready to act as a civil defence centre where anyone in the area can go for help.

Check out the location of civil defence centres in your own community on the Emergency Management Otago website www.otagocdem.govt.nz

HELP KEEP OUR STREETS NEAT

Three new commercial rubbish collection points are now available in Arrowtown.

The collection points allow Arrowtown businesses to dispose of their waste and pre-paid cardboard recycling every weekday.

The three collection areas are located on the corner of Arrow Lane and Berkshire Street, the corner of Arrow Lane and Wiltshire Street, and Ramshaw Lane (behind Athenaeum Hall).

Commercial rubbish must be at the collection points by 3.00pm but no earlier than an hour beforehand.



CH-CH-CH- CHANGES

Changes to rubbish and recycling collections are on the way, providing a much more consistent and streamlined service.

FROM 1 JULY, 2019 we'll be saying goodbye to the blue plastic bags and recycling crates, and hello to a three bin system for residential waste in both Wanaka and Queenstown.

HOW WILL IT WORK?

Every residential property in Queenstown and Wanaka will be supplied three bins:

- >> A mixed recycling bin
- >> A glass recycling bin
- >> A refuse bin

The refuse bin will be collected every week. The glass and mixed recycling bins will be collected on alternate weeks.

WHY CHANGE?

QLDC contract manager Laura Gledhill says there are lots of benefits of changing the services but most importantly it's about streamlining the service and improving the safety for our collection crews.

"Moving to bin collection significantly reduces the risk of injury, removing the need for our crews to physically pick up heavy bags and crates."

"The wheelie bins have lids meaning less risk of dog and cat strike and windblown litter."

WHAT'S THE TIMING?

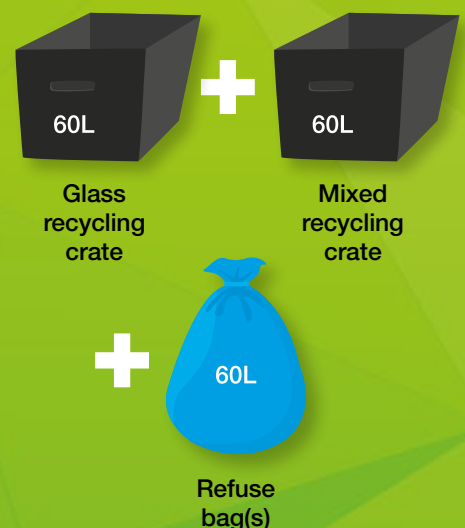
We're working through the details now and will be launching the new service from 1 July 2019.

We'll keep you updated as we get closer to launching the new service.

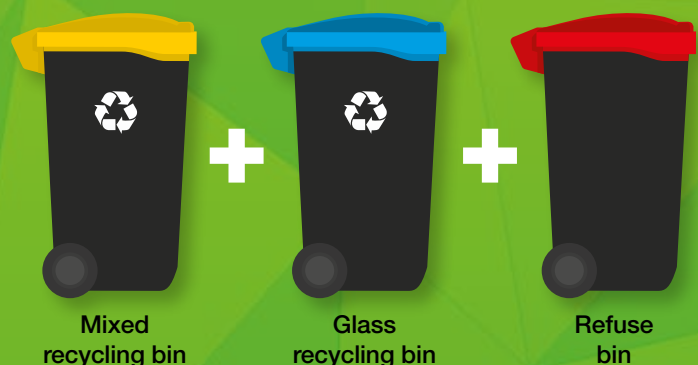
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CURRENT WANAKA SERVICE



NEW WAKATIPU AND WANAKA SERVICE (1 JULY 2019)



TOWARDS ZERO WASTE

Do you give your rubbish or recycling a second thought after you've put it out for collection? You should. We all should because one thing's for sure – it doesn't 'just go away'.

In New Zealand, every one of us throws away an average of 734kg of rubbish each year. What could you do around home or work that would reduce that number?

We've included some tips for food waste as a great way to start!

Back in May the Council consulted on its draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan – a plan for how this community can work together to achieve Zero Waste. 199 submissions were received, public hearings were held and changes made to reflect what people said.

The plan is draft no more and has now been adopted by the Council. This means in the coming months and years, you're set to see a number of changes to the way we all deal with rubbish and recycling.

The focus will be on organics and glass recycling and we'll work hard to give you the information and tools you need to start making a move towards zero waste. Watch this space for more details coming soon!

Read the plan in full at
www.qldc.govt.nz/rubbish-and-recycling

LOVE YOUR FREEZER

It may sound obvious to some, but one great way to reduce your food waste is to use your freezer like a pause button!



FREEZE BREAD

Use straight from frozen as toast or make sandwiches for work – by lunchtime they'll be defrosted!



FREEZE BANANAS

Peel and chop them: perfect for making smoothies!



FREEZE CHEESE

Grate it first: great for cheese on toast, omelette, etc.



FREEZE EGGS

But separate yolks from whites first!



FREEZE MILK

You can freeze milk in its plastic container. Pour out a small amount (and use in a cup of tea) to allow for expansion. Shake well before using!



FREEZE LEFTOVERS

Cool them fast and freeze as soon as possible!

MAYOR DISHES THE DIRT FOR NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Queenstown Lakes District Mayor, Jim Boulton, kick-started Volunteering Central's National Volunteer Week campaign by spending time with local event waste reduction project, Dishrupt.



Jim is pictured with Esther Whitehead, founder of Sustainable Queenstown and Dishrupt.

Dishrupt is committed to reducing the amount of waste going to landfill by using stainless steel dishes instead of disposables at events, as well as auditing all waste, recycling and composting.

Esther Whitehead, founder of Sustainable Queenstown and Dishrupt, worked with Volunteering Central to invite Mayor Boulton to learn more about Dishrupt's involvement with this year's LUMA Southern Light Festival.

"In the past, events have been completely dependent on disposable cups and plates. Our waste was piled together and just went to the tip as there isn't a commercial compost here in Queenstown. This year, a large percentage of LUMA's waste has been avoided altogether by simply 'dishrupting' our dependence on disposables by washing reusable ware instead," said Esther.

Mayor Boulton said he was impressed by the simple but powerful idea behind Dishrupt.

"The Queenstown Lakes District is a national hotspot when it comes to hosting high profile events and you only have to look at the amount of rubbish in bins, especially from food and drink, to realise how much of an impact this initiative could have," said Mayor Boulton.

"It's great to see the passion of groups like Dishrupt and Sustainable Queenstown celebrated across the country during National Volunteer Week. Volunteers drive organisations like this and I encourage as many people as possible to find out more about how to get actively involved in their communities."

National Volunteer Week ran from 17-23 June to celebrate the 1.2 million Kiwis who give their time and energy every year.

Volunteering Central is an initiative of Central Lakes Trust and seeks to raise awareness of and support volunteering across the Central Otago Lakes District. Anyone wishing to find out more about local volunteering opportunities can contact Gillian White via www.volunteeringcentral.org.nz.

MASTERPLAN MOMENTUM

With the Queenstown Town Centre Masterplan set to move into implementation phase shortly, momentum is building on masterplan's for Wanaka and Frankton.

TRANSFORMING THE QUEENSTOWN TOWN CENTRE

The soon to be adopted 2018-28 Ten Year Plan includes budget to start implementing the Queenstown Town Centre Masterplan.

The plan is to transform the town centre in four stages.



STAGE ONE

2019 – 2022

The first three years of the Masterplan programme addresses high priority issues and allows the town centre transformation to take shape.



STAGE TWO

2022 – 2023

The second stage of the arterial route is set to be delivered during this time, supporting further town centre transformation activities.



STAGE THREE

2023 – 2025

The third stage of work will complete the arterial route, significantly enhancing access into and around the town centre and creating a more people-friendly environment.



STAGE FOUR

2025 – 2028

With the enabling projects delivered, this fourth stage demonstrates how the town centre spaces can improve and transport arrangements can be continually optimised.

All of the projects still require detailed design work and some further consultation but we'll keep everyone updated as things progress. Read more about how we propose to deliver the work at www.qldc.govt.nz/queenstown-town-centre



OTHER UPDATES

The Spatial Framework and Public Realm Design Guidelines have now been adopted by Council. These documents will guide the vision and form of the Queenstown Town Centre in the future. Read more at www.qldc.govt.nz/queenstown-town-centre

FRANKTON MASTERPLAN

We are in the early stages of starting a masterplan project for the Frankton area.

So far we have held some early workshops with commercial and community representatives to understand the situation, including where the issues and gaps might be and what the priorities for a Frankton Masterplan could be.

The next step involves preparing a project establishment report which will outline the situation and approach we'll take. This is likely to be presented to Council for sign-off in July.

Stay updated at www.qldc.govt.nz/frankton-masterplan

WANAKA MASTERPLAN

Similar workshops have been underway in Wanaka and the project establishment report will be presented to Council in July. You'll see this project start to gather momentum very soon – expect to see some early community engagement in September.

Stay updated at www.qldc.govt.nz/wanaka-masterplan

SMALLER COMMUNITIES

Although there is no budget included in the 2018-28 Ten Year Plan to produce Masterplans for our smaller communities, we are very aware of the challenges these areas are facing as a result of visitor and resident growth. The Council is looking at a programme of work to help address some of these challenges and provide some relief for these communities.

POOL SAFETY CHANGES

Recent rule changes for pool owners mean stronger controls to ensure children are less at risk of accidental drowning.

It's hard to imagine losing a child so needlessly and for good reason the Government changed the Building (pools) Amendment Act 2016 back in 2017 to further decrease the risk of this happening.

The new legislation increases responsibility for pool owners and the Council to ensure pools are compliant and there's appropriate fencing in place.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR COUNCIL

QLDC must now inspect every residential swimming pool in the district every three years to ensure they are compliant.

QLDC Building Services Manager Chris English said to make this happen, the Council has recently appointed a pools inspector.

"The inspector will be contacting pool owners very soon to arrange for a first inspection. This visit will determine if the pool complies with the law, and if not, what needs to happen to make sure it does. If remedial work is required, a second visit will be arranged to confirm it can be signed off as compliant."

WHAT IT MEANS FOR POOL OWNERS

Pool owners must ensure their pool has an appropriate fencing and gate system.

Mr English said a point of interest for many locals will be the rules around hard pool covers.

"Recently our friends at Marlborough District Council asked for advice on whether hard pool covers comply with the legislation. The Ministry of Business and Innovation determined they did not, however spas and hot pools will be compliant if they have lockable safety covers over them when not in use."

PADDLING POOLS ARE PART OF THE PICTURE

"One other thing to think about when summer arrives is if the pool is over 460mm deep, it's captured by the new legislation and must be fenced. This is something to keep in mind when blowing up the inflatable pool in the back yard next summer."

If you have any questions regarding this new legislation please visit www.MBIE.govt/pools or email our building services manager, Chris English chris.english@qldc.govt.nz

GREEN MAINTENANCE

We all want to do what we can to protect our special environment and our new parks maintenance contractor is no exception.

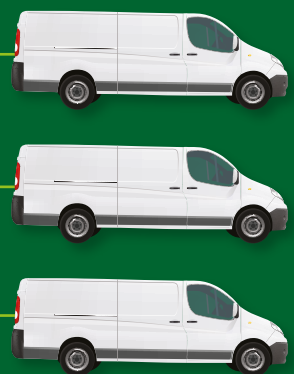
Recreational Services took over our parks maintenance contract back in March this year and have committed to ensuring their work ethos contributes to protecting our national environment.

HERE'S HOW:

THE 'GREEN' MOWER POWERED BY LITHIUM BATTERIES

3 ELECTRIC VANS COVERING QUEENSTOWN, ARROWTOWN AND WANAKA CBD

90% OF THE SMALLER EQUIPMENT USED FOR PARK MAINTENANCE BATTERY POWERED.





Our library teams are inviting young people aged 12 and above to connect, share and present their talents at special evening exhibitions to be held in Queenstown and Wanaka libraries on Thursday 2 August.

Whether you're into photography, poetry, music, public speaking, film making, art or something else – they want to see it!

Both libraries will be transformed for one night only into an exhibition space dedicated to showcasing the huge variety of skills and passions possessed by young people in our communities.

Although the events are aimed at students aged 12 and above, younger children can still take part if they have something they're keen to share with others.

Participation is free and there will be spot prizes on the night. The Queenstown event is in support of Orphans Aid.

For more information and to book your space contact your local library:

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Queenstown Lakes



Our Animal Control Officer Kimberlea Shipley and furry friend Harry visiting a class of 5-6 year olds at St Joseph's school. The duo taught the kids about staying safe around dogs. Today's children will be tomorrow's dog owners, so it's really important we teach them how to confidently act around dogs.



WHEN LOCALS UNITE!

The Allenby Park upgrade is set to be completed by the end of July.

The community-driven project will transform the reserve, featuring new 'natural themed' play equipment, a family BBQ area and native planting.

QLDC Parks and Reserves Officer Diana Manson thanked the community and local funders for getting on board.

"This is a project that has been made possible by our local people and funders and it's set to be something we can all be proud of."

"On behalf of the wider community, we'd like to thank the Friends of Allenby Park for their drive to create something unique to the community and the Community Trust of Otago,

Central Lakes Trust, Upper Clutha Lions and the Leos Clubs for their financial support and fundraising initiatives. This shows what can be achieved when our local people come together," she said.

Play equipment, safety surfacing and the BBQ area has now been installed with landscaping and pathways to follow.

EASY READ FIRST

You wouldn't make a pizza without cheese right? Equally you wouldn't create a disability policy without ensuring it's as accessible as possible.

That's why we've created an easy read version of the policy, making sure that anyone, of any ability, can understand the document.

QLDC Community and Events Facilitator Marie Day says easy read is a recognised way of transforming sometimes very technical content into very simple, accessible language.

"The process involves translating technical language, explaining key terms and laying out the content on a page in a way that's very easy to read. It's simply about making sure anyone with an interest can have equal opportunity to understand the policy and what Council is planning to do to ensure inclusivity and celebrate diversity around the district."

While this is the first 'easy read' document published by the Council, we're hoping to expand our easy read library in the near future.

Read the full Disability Policy online at www.qldc.govt.nz/policies The Easy Read version will be available on the website soon.

MORE WAYS TO KEEP ACTIVE

Alpine Health & Fitness at Queenstown Events Centre has launched late night gym opening and new group fitness classes to help you keep active over winter.

The two-storey gym is now open until 11.00pm every Tuesday night after an initial trial proved popular with users. There are new weights and a new layout downstairs with a range of cardio equipment like running and rowing machines upstairs.

Health & Fitness Supervisor, Craig Stott says gym members can bring a guest along for free after 7.00pm on Tuesdays.

"It's a great time to head in for a work-out. The rush hour is over so you can take your time to focus on your programme and bringing a friend is an added bonus!" says Craig.

"If you're new to town, or just new to the gym, we'll happily design a programme just for you and introduce you to our personal trainers if you want to push your fitness even further," he says.

Over in the group fitness studio, 'Grit' is the latest Les Mills class introduced to the weekly timetable.

Grit is a challenging high intensity interval training (HIIT) workout with seven classes between Tuesday and Saturday, including two lunch-time sessions.

Alpine Health & Fitness caters for all types of people. One of the most social groups is the 'Leisurelys'. Members take part in an ongoing daytime exercise programme designed for the young at heart who wish to maintain physical fitness, strength and flexibility in a relaxed environment.

In addition to instructor-led gym sessions, the Leisurelys can also attend a range of classes including tai chi, aquafit, pilates, RPM (exercise bikes) and a brand new 30-minute balance class on Thursday afternoons.

Anyone wanting more information about Alpine Health and Fitness should call (03) 450 9005, visit the QLDC Sport & Recreation website or drop by Queenstown Events Centre reception.



Members of the Leisurelys in the gym.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**Monday
9 July –
Friday
20 July**

See customer services for a brochure and booking form, or visit:
sportrec.qldc.govt.nz/kids



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Choice

The **CHOICE** app brings together bus, taxi, water taxi, ski bus, shuttle, and ride share information for the first time in New Zealand. Choice is available in English, Mandarin, Japanese, and German.

Queenstown is the pilot location for this project and Choice is constantly looking for feedback to make the app better. You can either provide your feedback directly through the app using the "Contact us" button, or email mobility.
marketplace@nzta.govt.nz directly.

Whether you need to get from Frankton to Queenstown or Jack's Point to the Remarkables, you can view, compare, book, and live track a trip with any of the following providers:

TAXIS: Corporate Cabs, Green Cabs, Queenstown Taxis

BUSES: ORBus

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Hours: Wednesday 1.30pm–3.30pm Friday 1.30pm–3.30pm
Queenstown 10 Gorge Road Phone: 03 441 0600
Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am–5.30pm
Thursdays 9.00am–7.00pm Saturdays 10.00am–5.00pm
Wanaka Bullock Creek Lane Phone: 03 443 0410
Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am–5.30pm
Thursdays 9.00am–7.00pm Saturdays 10.00am–5.00pm
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Hours: Monday 10.00am–12noon
Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00am–5.00pm
Saturday 10.00am–2.00pm
Kingston Phone: Queenstown 03 441 0600
Hours: Saturday 10.00am–2.00pm
Makarora Phone: 03 443 8342
Hours: Tuesday 11.00am–1.00pm & Wednesday 6.00pm–8.00pm
Frankton Pop-up Library at Queenstown Events Centre
Hours: Every Monday 10am–12pm
Every Friday 3pm–5pm

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