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Grow Well Whaiora

Help develop a spatial plan for the Queenstown Lakes District

Some of us are excited by growth and the opportunities it provides. Others feel challenged and unsettled by uncertainty and change. Wherever you sit on the scale, the fact is our district is growing.

Growth is something that can enhance our community wellbeing if it's planned for. We can make choices to grow well.

We're working with Central Government and Kāi Tahu on a Spatial Plan for the whole district, out to 2050 and beyond.

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THE FIRST STEPS AS A NEW COUNCIL

Ever wondered what the first six weeks would be like as an elected member?

The new group of elected members take part in an intensive induction programme to bring them up to speed as quickly as possible on our district's key issues, the major projects underway and in the pipeline, and getting to know the people they'll be liaising with regularly. There's also briefings on relevant legislation such as the Local Government Act, good governance, statutory obligations, finance and funding policies, and requirements under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

This is so they are prepared for making their first decisions with their elected hats on.

Highlights of the induction programme include:

- > Meeting QLDC leadership – Chief Executive, Governance, Legal, Finance – and other key departments
- > Being sworn in – this is 24 October for the Mayor and Councillors and 30 October for Wānaka Community Board and is when they are given the 'power to act'
- > Going on bus tours in the Wakatipu and Upper Clutha – they will visit sites for key community developments, Council projects which are underway or planned, and will talk about local issues such as transport, housing, water quality, the airport, and planning regulations
- > Learning about Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) and how it applies to their roles as elected members and to other legislation. They will also be introduced to local iwi at a hui.



If you're keen to listen to a Council or Wānaka Community Board meeting (or present on a topic in the public forum), we encourage you to come along or follow our live feed via Facebook.

You can view the dates for meetings and the agendas at: www.qldc.govt.nz/meetings.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEXT THREE YEARS

I'm delighted to have another three years to progress what this Council has been able to achieve since 2016.

It's very reassuring that the district has realised the importance of seeing through the really big pieces of work such as the visitor levy and spatial plan and that the momentum we have with Central Government and within our QLDC team is able to continue.

I would like to say an enormous thank you to my family, supporters and the QLDC staff for their commitment during the election period and to congratulate my new Council on their election.

This term I have a new set of goals I'd like to achieve.

Of high priority is further realisation of the Mayoral Taskforce for Housing Affordability, our Community Heart and Arterials project, the Wānaka Town Centre Masterplan and further enhancements to public transport for our district, especially in the Upper Clutha.

As previously, I very much have an open door policy. Please get in touch if there is anything you'd like to discuss.

Jim Boulton
Mayor



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BE A RESPONSIBLE CAMPER THIS SUMMER

It's warming up out there which means the return of days spent down by lakes and rivers, nights spent with friends around a barbeque, and of course, weekends spent enjoying the great Kiwi pastime of camping.

This year, we're rolling out two daytime Service Hubs as part of our Responsible Camping Plans for the 2019/2020 summer season. They'll be located on Hawthorne Drive in Queenstown and on Ballantyne Road in Wānaka. Visitors are welcome to drop into either Service Hub for up to two hours, and both sites will have temporary toilets, showers, rubbish and recycling disposal, and WiFi available.

Camping ambassadors will be out and about across the district, with plenty of information on hand about where to stay overnight and how to make sure you're camping in a responsible and sustainable way.

And for those who choose to camp illegally, we've increased the number of Freedom Camping Officers that will be patrolling too. We know most people just want to do the right and responsible thing, but those who don't can expect to be ticketed.

While we're on the subject of people doing the right thing, it pays to note that we won't have *overnight* camping hubs available this year. If you're planning to camp this summer, check out the Campermate App for all the different amazing overnight options available in our district.

And of course, if you're not staying in a campground, please ensure you only stay in areas where Freedom Camping is allowed, and that your vehicle is certified self-contained. That means meeting the Caravan Self Containment standard, which includes:

FRESH WATER TANKS: 4 L per person per day (12 L per person minimum); e.g. 24 litres is required for 2 people for 3 days and 48 litres is required for 4 people for 3 days;

A SINK: (via a smell trap/water trap connected to a water tight sealed waste water tank;

GREY/BLACK WASTE WATER TANK: 4 L per person per day (12 L per person minimum, vented and monitored if capacity is less than the fresh water tank);

EVACUATION HOSE: (3 m for fitted tanks) or long enough to connect to a sealed portable tank;

A RUBBISH BIN WITH A LID

TOILET (PORTABLE OR FIXED): Minimum capacity 1 L per person per day (3 L net holding tank capacity per person minimum).

Finally, if you're planning on camping this summer, please remember to leave no trace of your foray out into the wilderness. Help to keep our spectacular environment free from pollution and waste. And if you spot someone camping in a place they shouldn't be, or in an irresponsible fashion – give us a call any time on 03 441 0499 (Queenstown) or 03 443 0024 (Wānaka). We're available 24/7.

WE'RE ALSO CONSULTING ON A NEW FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW. CHECK OUT PAGE 6 FOR MORE.

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED ON THE PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN YET?

There's only a couple of weeks left to make a submission on Stage 3 of the Proposed District Plan.

WHAT IS THE DISTRICT PLAN?

The District Plan is a guide for how land can be used over the next ten years - what can be developed and where. It gets reviewed so the District Plan doesn't get out of sync with changing community needs, and to make sure the things that make our district a special place to live are retained.

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

Building on Stages 1 and 2 which have already been heard and decided, the Stage 3 topics include:

- > General Industrial Zone
- > Townships (Settlement Zone)
- > Three Parks
- > 100 Ballantyne Road, Wānaka – Active Sport and Recreation Zone
- > Wāhi Tūpuna (Sites of Significance to Iwi)
- > Design Guidelines for Residential Zones and the Business Mixed Use Zone
- > Variations to the Proposed District Plan - these include changes to waste and recycling storage; water storage capacity for firefighting; and clearer outdoor dining and water interface rules
- > Recently added Rural Visitor Zone.

Find out more about the proposals at www.qldc.govt.nz/proposed-district-plan-stage-3

WAIT... IS THAT ANOTHER CHAPTER I SEE?

Sure is! Following the Council meeting on 10 October, the Rural Visitor Zone has been added to Stage 3.

This zone currently covers Arthur's Point, Arcadia (near Paradise), Walter Peak Station, Cecil Peak Station, Blanket Bay, Cardrona, and land next to Wānaka Airport.

The proposals promote a zone primarily for visitor accommodation and tourist recreation activities in relatively remote rural locations. Development would be subject to rules designed to ensure buildings are limited to certain areas and are of a scale and height that protects the key qualities of the landscape in that area.

The deadline for Rural Visitor Zone submissions is a little later than the rest of Stage 3, and must be submitted **by 5.00pm on 2 December at: www.qldc.govt.nz/proposed-district-plan-stage-3**.

HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION

If you have opinions or suggestions about anything proposed in the other draft chapters, it's important to make a submission **before 5.00pm on 18 November**.

This means you will be able to help shape the proposed plan and will also be able to have a further say on other submissions received.

Make a submission online at www.qldc.govt.nz/proposed-district-plan-stage-3

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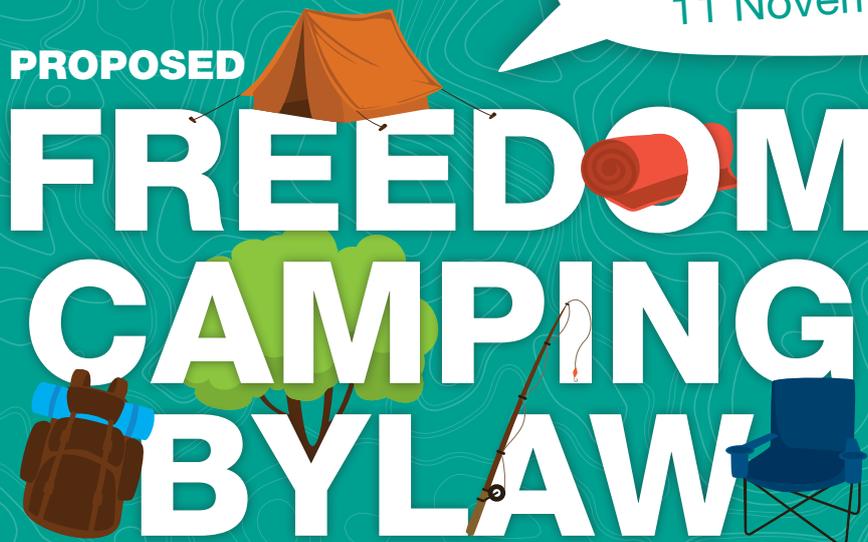


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Submissions close
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FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW

2019

We want to know your thoughts on a proposed new Freedom Camping Bylaw 2019. This bylaw will replace the existing Freedom Camping Control Bylaw 2012.

The draft bylaw 2019 adopts the same approach to regulating freedom camping as the 2012 bylaw, but it's drafted in a simpler way. We're also proposing to expand the areas in which freedom camping is prohibited.

Check out the proposed bylaw and have your say on it now at letstalk.qldc.govt.nz

IMPROVING YOUR ONLINE ACCESS TO COUNCIL

Our website has been around for a few years (some would say too many) and is getting a much needed revamp later in the year.

If you've ever tried to register your dog, find out about rubbish collections, or apply for a resource consent you'll know exactly what we mean.

Planned for go-live in December, the new website will give you an improved search feature, more logical navigation to find and do the stuff you need to, and prioritise hot topics and current issues (rates payment reminders, anyone?!).

The site has been designed around making sure you can get to the things you need easily and will be better at adapting to a mobile device so you can tell us about that pothole when you're out on the road. Just make sure you pull over before you do as we know people shouldn't drive and use their mobile at the same time!

We hope you find the new site a big improvement and much easier to use. We also think it looks great too. Coming to a www.qldc.govt.nz near you soon.

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Grow Well Whaiora

The Spatial Plan will also serve as our 'future development strategy' which we are required to produce as a high growth Council.

WHAT IS SPATIAL PLANNING?

Creating a Spatial Plan involves considering where and how we live over a long-term period. In this case the plan is looking 30 years into the future. It is a process where we look at the role of our townships and communities today, and what we collectively want them to be for generations to follow.

The Spatial Plan will look at the growth in our towns and townships and explore what this means for our infrastructure (three waters, transport and social infrastructure) and community facilities. It's

bigger in scope than any planning project we have done before. It looks to provide a holistic picture of the Lakes District and Cromwell, considering how we protect what makes this area special, how our townships and settlements work together and what actions and investments will be needed.

It's not a process that either promotes or limits growth, rather it is something that takes an intentional view of the future to ensure that development is strategic and integrated to create a well-rounded, holistic community across the district.

The Spatial Plan is being based around a Grow Well concept or Whaiora in Te Reo Māori which translates to "in the pursuit of wellness". It is our goal, as part of the Lakes District community, to support positive change that benefits the wellbeing of the whole district both now and in the future.

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO HELP DEVELOP THE DRAFT PLAN.

Community workshops have been planned across the district, starting in Wānaka on 4 November. If you haven't already, check out the workshop schedule and try to join us. If you're not able to make it along, we encourage you to share your views online or at one of our offices.

We want to understand what role you see your town playing in 30 years' time, and what aspects of future development you value more. For example, is it more important to you to have local facilities on your doorstep or centralised services with good transport choices to get to them.

This will be your first opportunity to take part in the Spatial Plan process. We will then use the findings to develop a **draft Spatial Plan**. Following this, the intention is to run a formal public

consultation process in March 2020.

For more details and an online feedback form go to letstalk.qldc.govt.nz.

Feedback closes
1 December.

The Spatial Plan builds on existing bodies of work such as the 'My Place', and Climate Change Action Plan engagement held with the community earlier this year, Proposed District Plan Stage 3, growth strategies, Vision Beyond 2050 and other key documents.

Community workshops are being held district-wide. Registrations are essential so register at Eventfinda.co.nz or give Council a call.

Grow Well
Whaiora

LET'S
TALK



**LOVE YOUR
LETTERBOX**

HERE ARE OUR TOP TIPS TO KEEP IT SAFE ON RUBBISH AND RECYCLING DAY.

TIP 1

Place all your bins one metre away from letterboxes, trees, lamp posts and other structures.

TIP 2

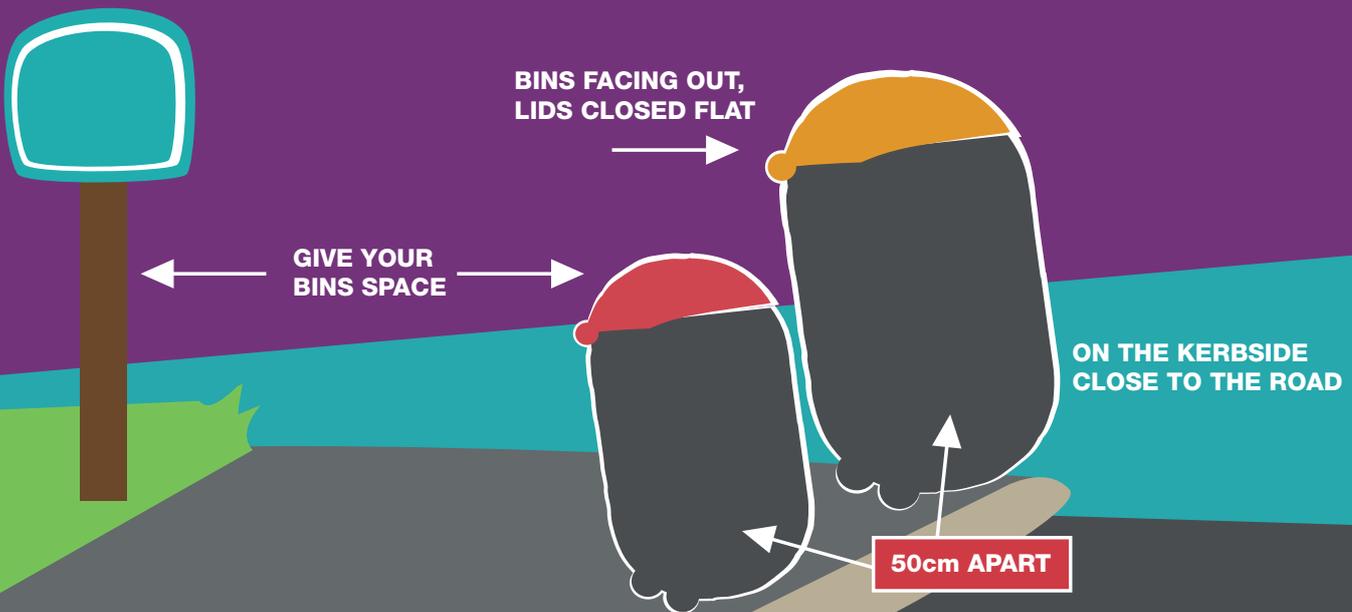
Park the bins up an arms-length apart so the truck driver can pick them up without damaging them.

TIP 3

Remember to place your bins on the kerbside, right beside the road so the mechanical arm can reach them.

Make sure your bins are kerbside by 7.00am on your collection day!

And remember to bring them back in on the same day!



FRAZZLED OVER WHICH BINS GO OUT WHEN?

No need! We can send reminders straight to your inbox or mobile every week! Sign up at reminders.saveourstuff.co.nz





We're arranging a free Bin Take-Back collection to tidy up the last of the old kerbside wheelie bins.

BIN TAKE-BACK WEEK FOR QUEENSTOWN AND THE WAKATIPU BASIN IS 4-8 NOVEMBER.

Just put your old wheelie bins out on the kerbside in your normal spot by 7.00am on your normal collection day, and we'll take them away to be recycled. Now we know it's

tempting to put them out early, but please don't. We're as keen as you are to keep the streets looking nice and tidy.

Please make sure your old wheelie bins are empty and leave them out until they are collected (it may take a few days to pick them all up).

The bin take-back is not running in Wānaka as most people have found uses for their old recycling crates. Wastebusters can accept any unwanted crates for reuse.

THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE WHO GOT CREATIVE AND REUSED THEIR OLD BLUE BIN AND CRATES.

WHERE'S OUR GLASS GOING?

Wondering what's been happening to all the glass you've been putting out for recycling every week? Here's how we're tracking so far:

SINCE 1 JULY 2019:

- > Over 800 tonnes collected
- > 419 tonnes sent to O-I New Zealand for recycling
- > 85 tonnes to landfill due to contamination
- > Around 300 tonnes has been processed and waiting to be transported to O-I New Zealand.

CONTAMINATION KILLS RECYCLING:

Some of the things we've found in the glass recycling over the past three months include epi pens, a pillow, a soccer ball, general rubbish, pot lids, tin, beer boxes, nappies, window glass and plates.

The load containing epi pens had to go straight to landfill for health and safety reasons. But this could have been really easily avoided.

Remember, only clean glass jars and bottles go in the blue lidded bin. Do your bit to help make sure our glass can be recycled!

Put all window and mirror glass, drinking glasses, perfume bottles, lightbulbs and heatproof glass in the rubbish bin. Only glass bottles and jars melt at the right temperature to make new glass bottles and jars.

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ON YOUR BIKE

Improved walking and cycling facilities are on the cards for the Wakatipu Basin.

This follows the approval of \$14m in NZTA funding and endorsement of a Wakatipu Active Transport Network Business Case which clearly showed the need for significant investment in walking and cycling in the area.

The work is focused on giving locals and visitors genuine choices in how they move around the Wakatipu Basin. It includes improving and expanding the existing network of trails, building several new trails, creating better connections and providing more facilities for people who choose active travel as their everyday way to get around.

Stage one is planned to commence this financial year, and includes routes from Jack's Point to Frankton and from Lake Hayes Estate North through Frankton to the Frankton Track. Detailed design is about to get underway for a number of routes including from Lake Hayes Estate South across the Kawarau River to Wakatipu High School and Remarkables Park.

If you'd like to read the Active Transport Network Business Case, head to www.qldc.govt.nz/way-to-go

GETTING BIKEREADY!

Kids love to ride. But how can we make sure they have the skills and confidence they need for a lifetime of safely getting around by bike?

That's where BikeReady comes in – a cycling education programme delivered in primary schools across New Zealand.

Qualified instructors help school-aged children learn how to handle their bike, be respectful of others and how to ride on the road when they're ready.

BikeReady is underway this term at Hāwea Flat Primary, Wanaka Primary School, Kingsview School and Glenorchy School.

For more information, head to www.bikeready.govt.nz or contact your child's school.

BikeReady is a joint initiative of the NZ Transport Agency, ACC and local government, in collaboration with other government agencies. It's delivered locally by Exponential Performance.



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Thanks to everyone who recently provided their feedback on the draft Climate Action Plan.

A report summary will be posted on our website in the next few weeks but in a nutshell, we received 127 submissions from members of the community (13 were from organisations) with most in favour of taking climate action.

We're now working on a revised version of the Action Plan that takes into account your ideas and comments. This will go to Council to consider in December. Watch this space!

127 Feedback provided
(13 were from organisations)

918 Visitors to Let's Talk

782 Downloads of Draft Climate
Action Plan

DID YOU KNOW...

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.



CHARGING INTO THE FUTURE

State-of-the-art electric vehicle chargers are now up and running in the Queenstown town centre and Glenorchy.

The fast charging stations can re-boot electric vehicles (EV) in 20-40 minutes, meaning drivers and their passengers can have a coffee, get their shopping done and be on their way with a fully charged battery.

General Manager Property and Infrastructure Peter Hansby said the number of people owning and hiring electric vehicles is growing and providing the infrastructure to support this shift is vital.

"If you're choosing to drive, an EV is a much more environmentally friendly option and a very effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," Mr Hansby said.

"Adapting to emerging technologies and promoting behaviour change is a big part of our transport strategy for the district. We successfully introduced EV charging stations in Wānaka a while back and we hope they'll be a welcome addition in the Queenstown town centre and Glenorchy too," he said.

The charging stations are located at the Athol Street Carpark in Queenstown and on Mull Street, Glenorchy.

The new charging stations will be clearly marked for EV use only. Any other vehicles found parked in these spaces may be ticketed.

PLAN AHEAD – AIR NEW ZEALAND QUEENSTOWN INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

16 November 2019

The Air New Zealand Queenstown International Marathon is in its sixth year and expected to bring well over 20,000 runners and spectators to the area. Check out these tips to help you plan ahead for a stress-free marathon weekend.

Pre-race tips

ATHLETE REGISTRATIONS

This year athlete check-in will be held at Queenstown Events Centre on **Thursday 14 November 3.00pm-7.00pm** and **Friday 15 November 9.00am-9.00pm**.

There's likely to be more traffic than usual over this period. Please be patient and allow extra time for your journey if you're travelling in this area while check-in is underway.

Race day tips

LOCAL TRAILS

On race day the Queenstown Trail will be very busy. If you're thinking of heading out for a walk or bike ride, we'd recommend taking the opportunity to try out one of the other stunning trails on offer around the Wakatipu area. Or better yet, pop down and cheer on the athletes!

PARKING AND ROAD CLOSURES

There will be a number of road closures and parking restrictions on race day (see map). Please make sure you check all on-street signage before parking your vehicle. There is likely to be a lot of traffic so the closer you park to the finish line, the longer it could take to leave the area after the event finishes up.

Remember: Only people with permits can park in the car pool spaces. Our wardens work hard to keep the traffic flowing in the busy town centre and patrol the area until 9.00pm daily.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Consider taking our \$2 bus. Remember you'll need a 'Go Card' to get the \$2 fare, without it you'll be charged \$5. Route options and a timetable can be found at www.orc.govt.nz/queenstown-buses. If you're catching the bus from town, you'll find the bus stop on Stanley Street.

SPECTATOR VIEWING LOCATIONS

Whether you're cheering on an athlete or you're just keen to enjoy the atmosphere, there are a number of safe viewing locations to choose from. Head to queenstown-marathon.co.nz/race-day-info for a map.

FINISH LINE

Head down to the Queenstown Recreation Ground to cheer on the athletes, soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the entertainment. The first runners are expected to arrive from 8.15am.

Parking options close to the finish line include: Boundary Street (off Gorge Rd), Warren Park, accessed from Fryer Street (\$5 donation applies), Man Street carpark or Stanley Street carpark.

For more information head to queenstown-marathon.co.nz

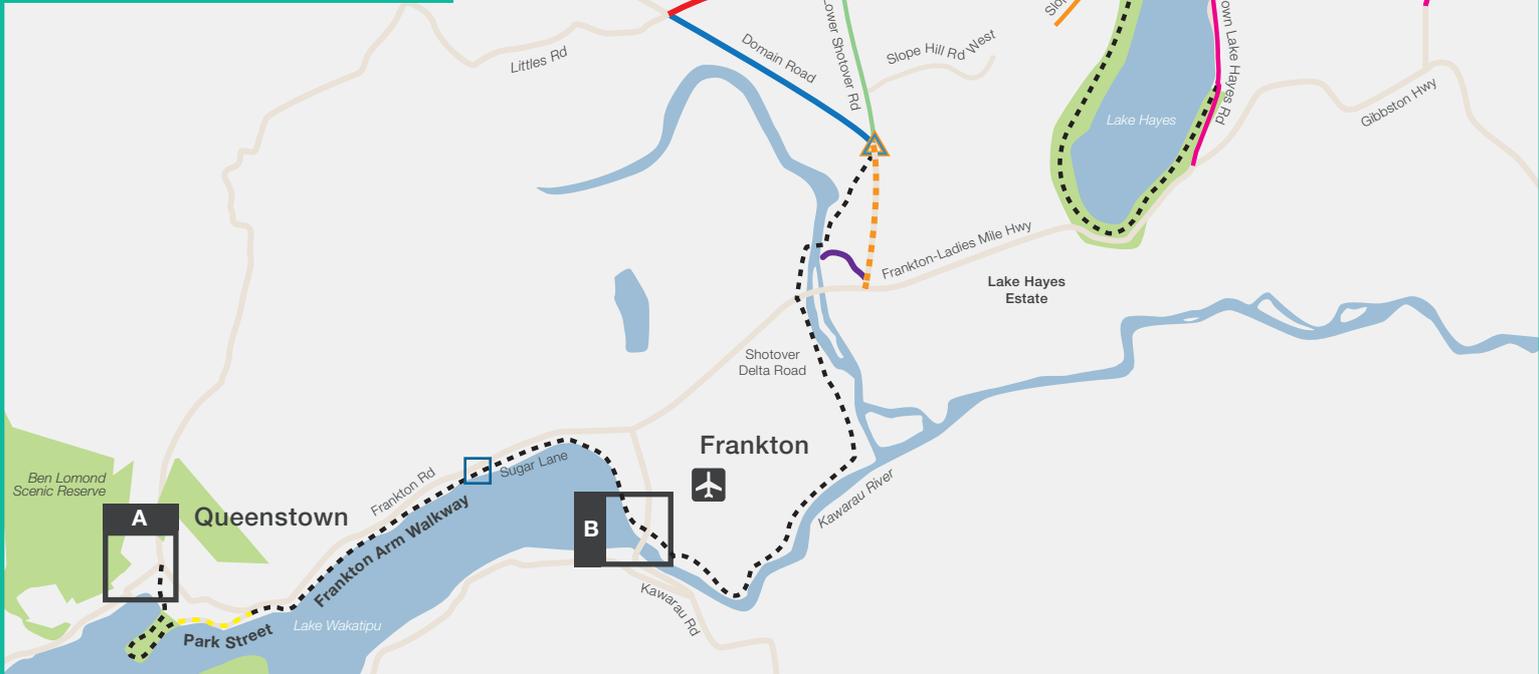


Runners at Milbrook Resort.

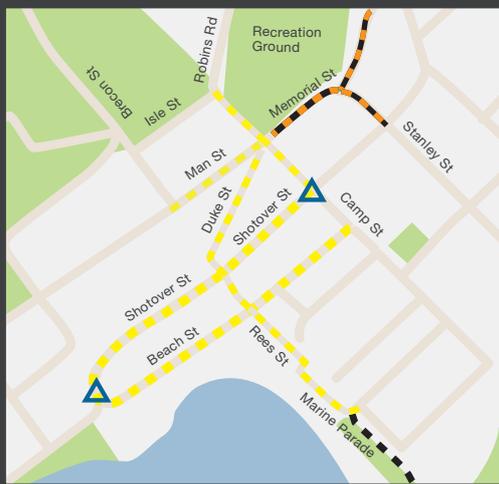
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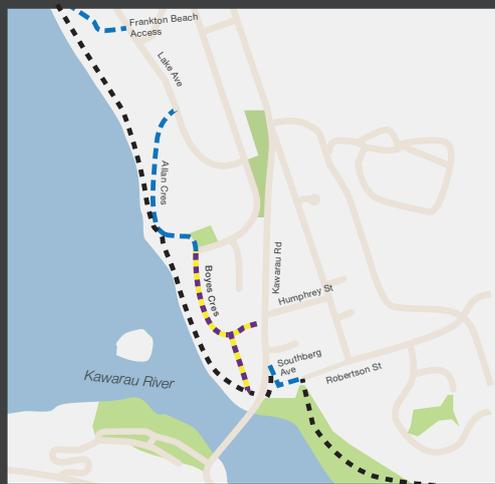
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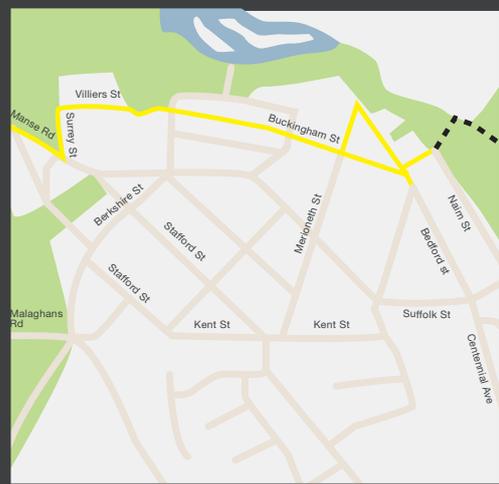
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MANAGED CROSSING POINTS

-  Lower Shotover/ Domain Road intersection 6.30am to 1.30pm**
-  Shotover Street (restricted access for essential vehicles only) 7.00am to 5.00pm*
-  Malaghans Road 8.00am to 9.30am*
-  Centennial Ave 8.30am to 10.30am*
-  Sugar Lane restricted access 7.00am to 3.30pm

--- Recommended no access for recreational cyclists, walkers or runners from 7.30am, re-opening after last runners past from 10.00am to 4.00pm

ROAD CLOSURES

-  8.00am to 10.00am
-  8.30am to 10.30am
-  8.30am to 1.00pm
-  5.00am to 9.00am
-  7.45am to 1.30pm
-  7.00am to 9.00am
-  6.00am to 11.00am
-  6.30am to 9.00am**
-  7.45am to 10.30am

ROAD CLOSURES

-  5.00am to 3.30pm
-  7.45am to 9.00pm
-  7.00am to 5.00pm
-  5.00am to 6.00pm

Please note: Roads that are closed will have no on-street parking. Roads will be opened as soon as practical and safe to do so.

*Delays expected **Access to start line and car park only, no through traffic

NEW PROGRAMMES MAKING A SPLASH

The team at Wānaka Recreation Centre has launched two brand new programmes offering fresh ways to have fun and keep active in the pool.

FLOAT FIT is a full-body workout while balancing on a semi-rigid floating mat. A mix of high intensity and yoga-inspired exercises combined with the gentle movement of the pool water helps build core strength.

It's designed to be fun – if you're not falling in you're not trying hard enough!

Term-time programmes run on Monday evenings in five-week blocks with the next one starting 18 November. Pre-booking is essential with a maximum of eight people for each block. The cost is \$25.00 for members and \$75.00 for non-members to include normal pool entry.

There are also casual drop-in sessions every Wednesday morning from 9.15-10.00am. These cost \$5.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members.

For the time being Float Fit is for ages 16 and over; however, the second new programme at Wānaka Rec Centre is just for kids.

FLIPPA BALL is a form of water polo developed especially for juniors and played in shallow water. Free taster sessions before and during the school holidays proved popular and players can now sign up for ten-week terms led by an experienced coach.

Friday evening sessions are split by ages: under-11s from 5.00-5.45pm and over-11s from 5.45-6.30pm. Numbers are capped at ten per group and all players need to be able to swim 25m. Flippa



Ball costs \$30.00 per term, excluding pool entry.

Regular Aqua Fit sessions continue to run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and there are also regular sports programmes in the indoor stadium including badminton for juniors

(Mondays, 3.30-4.30pm) and adults (Wednesdays 7.00-9.00pm).

For more info on all programmes at the Rec Centre, call 03 443 9334, email wrc@qldc.govt.nz or drop by and speak to customer services.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLANS

Two more communities will shortly have emergency response plans that provide a guide for locals to help and support each other in times of adversity.

Community Response Plans are already in place for Arrowtown, Gibbston Valley, Jack's Point / Kelvin Peninsula, Kingston, Hawea, Makarora and Shotover Country / Lake Hayes Estate.

The newest plans will be for Cardrona Valley and Arthur's Point, which will include Skippers and Coronet Peak.

Emergency Management Officer Trevor Andrews says that the draft plans are being considered by the local residents' associations, who have already been involved in their development. Once finalised, copies will be delivered to each household and the plans will also be on the Emergency Management Otago website www.otagocdem.govt.nz

Glenorchy's plan is almost complete and work is also underway on other community response plans, including for Closeburn.



BLOOMING AMAZING QUEENSTOWN GARDENS

Spring has sprung and in our humble opinion, the Queenstown Gardens are looking *blooming* amazing.

Our gardeners have been hard at work over the chilly winter months, mulching away and keeping weeds at bay, and now we're pleased to report that the roses are pruned and ready to be viewed in all their glory.

Arguably better than that though – the annuals. We don't want to start an argument about what's better in the gardens, but the annuals have flowered and they're currently the hot topic around town.

The flowerbeds by the Band Rotunda and at Scott's Rock (the southern entrance) are particularly popular. You might say they're *pollen* people in! And staff are receiving so much feedback about them, we might have to consider an auto-response on the subject.

Regardless of whether you're near or far, do not miss the opportunity to visit the Queenstown Gardens.



Anybody can fuel up in Arrowtown

Enjoy 7 day access to fuel at Arrowtown's self-service pump

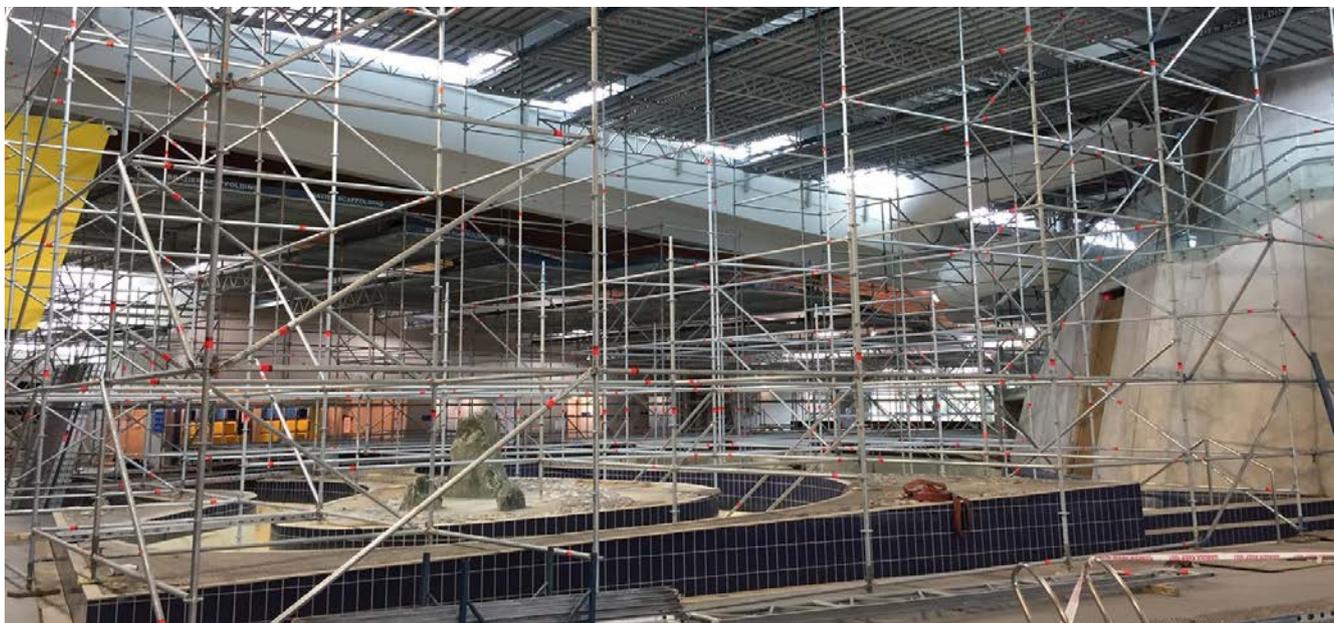
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ONE POOL CLOSES, ANOTHER OPENS



Alpine Aqualand, the aquatic facility at Queenstown Events Centre, closed temporarily on 30 September for essential repair work to its ceiling tiles and ventilation system. Once work began it became clear that significantly more work is needed than initially estimated and unfortunately the facility will remain closed until the end of March 2020. We're all frustrated by this and by the knock-on effect this has on the community. We can only apologise and offer our thanks for your continued patience. Further updates will be available via our website sportrec.qldc.govt.nz and Facebook page @QLDCSportRec.

Arrowtown Memorial Pool opened with a new heating system more than two months earlier than normal on the same day that repairs began at Alpine Aqualand.

The new boiler is working flat tack to help us reach our target pool temperature of 28 degrees (half a degree warmer than Aqualand's lap pool) but we're also counting on Mother Nature to put on her togs and come to the party with higher ambient temperatures, especially overnight.

Several hundred hardy locals have already been enjoying some early season fun and we're looking forward to another awesome summer at the open-air community facility.

All regular groups and clubs have made the shift across from Aqualand for which we're very grateful. They have

dedicated lanes booked at specific times, usually before and after work and school, but at least two lanes are reserved for public swimming at all times every day (there are usually more!).

You can see a daily timetable showing when different lanes are free for public swimming on our website: sportrec.qldc.govt.nz/arrowtown-pool

Until Alpine Aqualand reopens, Arrowtown Memorial Pool will be open to the public from **6.00am-7.00pm weekdays** and **10.00am-6.00pm on weekends**. Give the pool crew a call on **03 442 0145** if you'd like an update on the temperature before you head over.



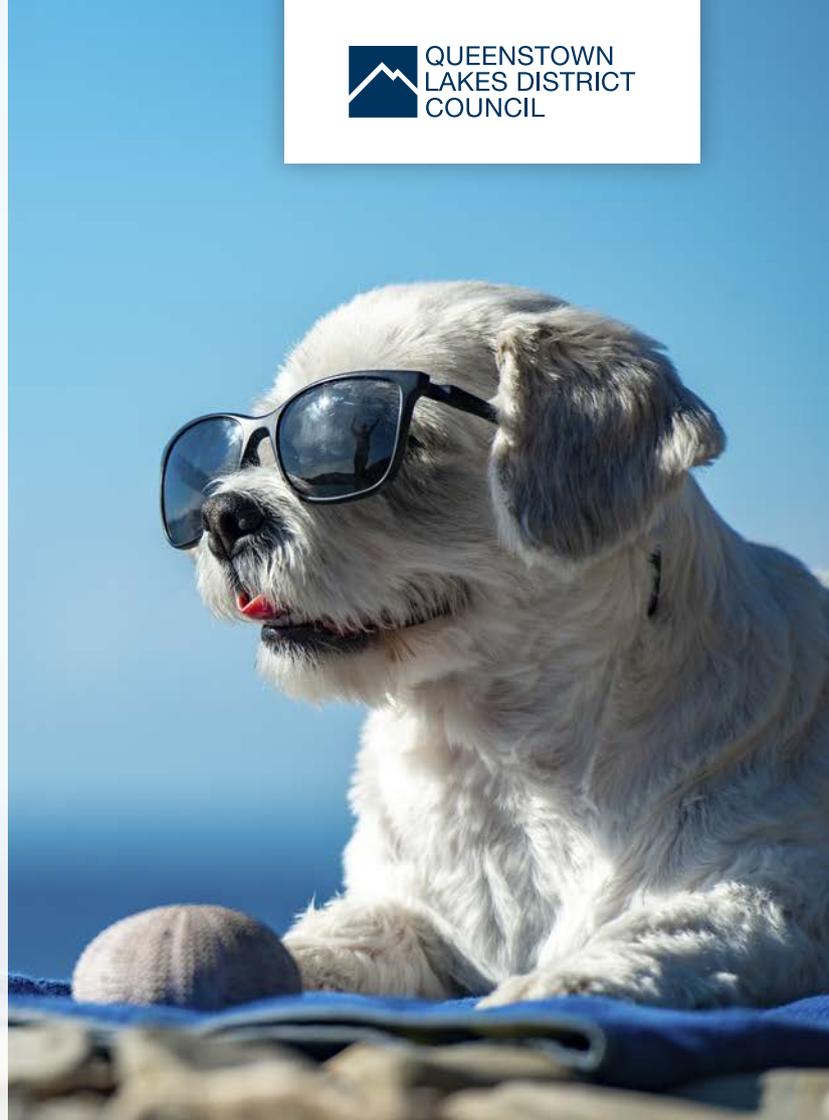
THE GOOD BOYS OF SUMMER

Long hot summer days are just around the corner. Remember that where there's summer there's heat, and where there's heat there are hot dogs, *and not the edible kind.*

So if you've got a pooch at home, take the time to consider how they'll be affected during the hot summer months, and take into account your dog's needs while planning any trips for the Christmas and New Year break.

CHECK OUT THESE POINTERS THAT ARE SURE TO KEEP THAT TAIL WAGGING:

- > Dogs get hot in cars. As a rule of thumb this summer, don't leave your dog in the car – even for a short period of time
- > If the footpath is too hot for your feet, then it's too hot for your dog's feet
- > This summer's essentials for dog owners are a collar, poop bag and a water bowl. Carry them with you wherever you take your dog
- > Know where you're allowed to have your dog off-lead. If it's an *on-lead only* area, you know the drill
- > If your dog rides *dog-shotgun* in the car (back of the tray), the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) requires that they're secured in a cage or crate, or tied up safely. That means enough leeway to stand and lie down in a natural position, while preventing them from reaching their legs over the side of the vehicle
- > MPI also requires dog owners to provide poochies with a clean, dry place for shelter that can be accessed any time of day, protecting them from the extremes of heat and cold. They need constant access to water and their droppings and urine shouldn't accumulate
- > Routine tail docking (or banding) is prohibited by MPI, and they have new restrictions in place on removing a dog's dew claws
- > And always make sure your dog is wearing their collar and showing off their registration tag proudly to all who pass by.



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WE ALL HAVE A PART TO PLAY

Wastewater flows easily through the pipes when only human waste and toilet paper is flushed, and when only soapy water is put down the drain. You can take steps to help reduce wastewater overflows in our district.

SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN OUR WASTEWATER DOESN'T FLOW EASILY?

When blockages and breaks occur, the flow of wastewater is restricted. This can result in a build-up of pressure in our pipes and can cause wastewater to back up. Sometimes this wastewater back up results in an overflow into our environment, typically out of manholes or at our pump stations.

If these overflows can't happen at a pump station or from a manhole there is a risk that wastewater will release back up through our toilets, showers and sinks. This exposure to wastewater could affect our health and wellbeing.

WHAT'S SAFE TO PUT DOWN THE SINK, OR TOILET?

Flushing anything other than pee, poo and paper can cause pipe blockages, so does putting fats and oils down the sink. If you're not sure, here's a simple checklist of what's safe to put down the sink or toilet:

-  **Water**
-  **Human waste**
-  **Toilet paper**
-  **Soaps**
-  **Food**
-  **Fats**
-  **Sanitary items**
-  **Wet wipes**
-  **Building materials**
-  **Hazardous liquids (including garden chemicals)**
-  **Unused medication**

WHAT ELSE CONTRIBUTES TO BLOCKAGES AND BREAKS?

Blockages can also be caused when cafes and restaurants pour fats down the sink. We're working with businesses on ways to better manage the way that fat and other trade wastes are disposed of to reduce the likelihood of blockages occurring.

Breaks in our wastewater pipes are also caused by tree roots. Before planting large tree varieties, you can ask us for information about the location of pipes to help to avoid this.

WHAT ABOUT STORMWATER DRAINS?

We've all heard stories of people who wash out their paintbrushes or construction waste into a stormwater drain. Cigarette butts and hazardous liquids like motor oil and radiator fluid are a big no no.

The only thing that should go down stormwater drains is rainwater.

INTEGRATED THREE WATER BYLAW

High growth in our district means more water is being used, more sewerage needs catered for and more education is required to ensure businesses, residents and visitors know how to do the right thing to protect our environment.

Currently we have an existing Water Supply Bylaw 2015 (due to be reviewed in 2020) and a Trade Waste Bylaw 2014 (due to be reviewed this year). We've also recently identified the need to introduce a stormwater and wastewater bylaw to cater for increased demand on infrastructure.

Integrating these bylaws would 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.

Over the past month we asked for your ideas to feed into a proposed integrated Three Waters Bylaw. We're working through this feedback now and will share more about next steps in the December Scuttlebutt.

To read more head to letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/proposed-3-waters-bylaw

LIBRARIES BUZZING WITH NEW ACTIVITY

With the spring term well underway, Queenstown Lakes District Libraries are abuzz with regular programmes attracting all kinds of people, even those not there to borrow books!

Conversations in English



'Conversations in English' at Wānaka Library (and coming soon to Frankton) is an informal programme for visitors and overseas residents keen to improve their English and meet others on the same journey. Drop-in sessions run between 10.00-11.00am on the second Thursday of every month and include a free morning tea. Children are welcome and prior bookings are appreciated for catering purposes.

SPANISH STORY TIME

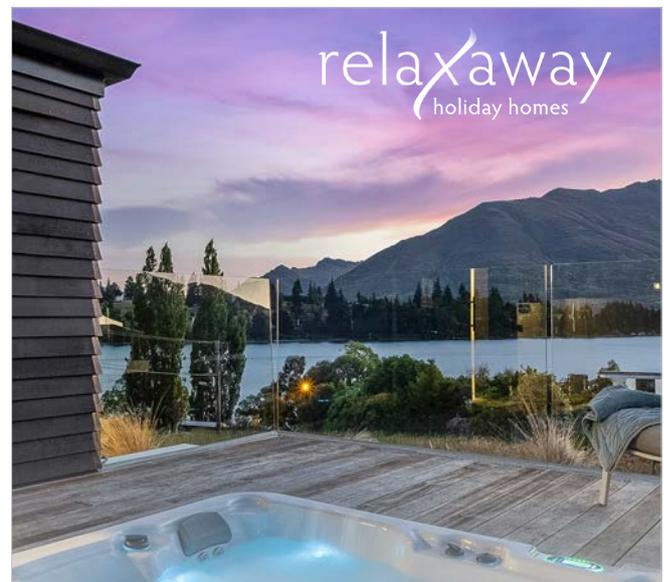


'Todos bienvenidos' (everyone is welcome) at Queenstown Library for its 'Spanish Storytime' held from 10.30-11.30am every other Saturday during school terms. It's an opportunity for primary-age children (and their carers) to learn basic Spanish through stories and fun activities. 'No se requiere reserva' – just turn up!

After-school programmes at various locations include weekly art sessions, LEGO clubs, reading to dogs (now running at Frankton Library in addition to Queenstown and Wānaka) and, launched earlier this year at Wānaka Library, 'Game Day'. Every Wednesday from 3.30-5.30pm, families and groups of friends are invited for an afternoon of board games including Scrabble, chess, backgammon, Connect Four and any others that people bring in to play themselves or challenge someone new.

Look out too for details of the brand new Book Bingo Challenge for children and young adults running over the summer holidays. There are some awesome prizes up for grabs!

For more info on all current activities, programmes and events drop by your local library or visit codc-qldc.govt.nz/ for dates and locations.



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NO BUTTS ABOUT IT

While everyone knows smoking is catastrophic for your health, it can be easy to forget just how bad it is for the wider environment too.

Recent research from Keep New Zealand Beautiful found that cigarette butts make up almost 80 per cent of all litter in New Zealand, and that nearly half of all littering happens within 5 metres of a bin.

Cigarette butts often make their way into our lakes and rivers via storm water drains. There's nothing pretty about a beach covered in cigarette butts.

Because cigarette butts contain a kind of plastic that never fully breaks down they don't biodegrade, meaning they will continue to float around the environment for a very long time.

Our existing Smokefree Policy doesn't allow smoking at playgrounds, swimming pools and sports fields. We're currently working on a more comprehensive Smokefree policy for our district, which we're gathering data for in the annual Quality of Life Survey.

To share your views on smokefree public spaces, head to letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/qol and complete the Quality of Life Survey.

For more information about the research done by Keep New Zealand Beautiful and their follow up campaign 'Mama Nature' check out their website: www.knzb.org.nz/mama-nature/



Please dispose of your butts responsibly - you never know where they might end up.

HOW'S LIFE?

The second annual Quality of Life Survey is just around the corner.

This year's survey focusses on the four aspects of community wellbeing - social, economic, environmental and cultural.

Open to all members of the community 18 years and over, this is a chance for you to provide feedback on key issues from the comfort of your home.

By taking part, not only can you go in the draw to win a prize but you can help guide Council and social service decisions, and what should be prioritised.

The survey will open on 1 November and run for four weeks – take part at letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/qol

Did you know?

The 2018 Survey data highlighted a number of key issues such as a need to take climate action, more active transport options, and a shortfall in maternity and healthcare.

Various projects have been prioritised based on these findings, such as drafting a climate action plan and holding discussions with the SDHB and Ministry of Health about access to health services.

The 2019 Survey will build on the 2018 data and will also guide Council decisions including the next Ten Year Plan.

WASTE FREE LIVING WORKSHOPS

What steps are you taking at home to reduce your waste?

If you need some pointers, and a good laugh while you're learning, head along to a Waste Free Workshop with Kate Meads. There are two on offer this November.



WASTE FREE PARENTING

Did you know that each baby goes through approximately 5,500 nappy changes throughout their childhood? That's a lot of single-use items being thrown out across New Zealand. The popular Waste Free Parenting workshop offers some great advice, inspiration and a pack of waste minimisation products so you can give it a go.

Monday 18 November 2019

Queenstown Event Centre, 6.00pm - 8.30pm
Tickets \$25 - Includes a \$100 goodie bag

FOODLOVERS MASTERCLASS

The average family throws out three full shopping trolleys of edible food every year. At the Foodlovers Masterclass you'll learn lots about what Kiwis waste and how we can save money. This workshop is suitable for all households, flats, ages and stages. In fact, everybody should attend!

Tuesday 19 November 2019

Lake Wānaka Centre, 6.00pm-8.00pm
Tickets \$15 – includes a \$60 goodie bag

Get tickets at www.thenappylady.co.nz/workshops.html

WHY COMPLEAT IT?

We've all binned our stalks, abandoned our peels and forgotten our bread ends. 'Compleating' is simple – it's where you eat the whole ingredient or food and not let any edible parts go to waste. When food that is grown and produced for us to eat goes uneaten, all the resources that have gone into bringing that food to our plates – land, water and energy – go to waste, too. This has a huge effect on our environment, as those

resources could be used for something else, or saved entirely, to reduce our impact on the planet.

Don't just eat – compleat!

Find out how to do your bit at

www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/dont-just-eat-it-compleat-it



DEVELOPING OUR ECONOMY

Did you know we have a dedicated Economic Development team here at Council working to help encourage a higher value and more diverse economy?

WHY? More career choices, better pay and a thriving arts and culture scene all make our district a great place to live and help raise our quality of life.

HOW? By supporting and working closely with the rest of Council, Chambers of Commerce, and also Startup Queenstown Lakes, Film Otago Southland and Study Queenstown.

WHAT HAVE THEY BEEN INVOLVED WITH RECENTLY?

- > Funding recent research on the remote earner economy (those earning their income outside the district). This revealed over half of respondents are interested in starting a business locally or helping others to
- > Creating a district-wide Labour Working Group to address issues around attracting, recruiting and optimising talent in the district
- > Developing a framework of common issues to collaborate on with all the Economic Development agencies across Otago. This has helped secure government funding for coordinators who will support projects with a regional benefit
- > Awarding over \$500K in events funding in June – including support for new events such as the National Schools Aerobics & Hip Hop Championships and cultural celebration Polyfest
- > Partnering with Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) and central

government to introduce the job platform 'Go with Tourism' locally. This will offer another avenue for employers to attract and recruit Kiwis into tourism jobs.

WHAT ELSE HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

- > The first *Tourism Tech Expo* was held in August with over 100 attending, showcasing technology for the tourism sector
- > Startup Queenstown Lakes hosted *Start Up Weekend* in Queenstown on 18-20 October where attendees could develop and pitch their ideas
- > Study Queenstown has secured funding from Education New Zealand towards matching international students and local employers through internships
- > Queenstown recently hosted the *Edmund Hillary Fellowship cohort 5* - a global community of investors, entrepreneurs and changemakers committed to making a positive impact in NZ and around the world
- > Film Otago Southland won 'Outstanding Film Commission' at the *Location Managers Guild International Awards* in September
- > Amazon announced their series based on *The Lord of the Rings* will be filmed in New Zealand. Securing a production of this scale will create flow-on benefits for regions
- > Crime drama series *One Lane Bridge*, from Great Southern Television, will be filming in Queenstown over the next few months.

WHERE TO FIND OUT MORE? Stay in the know by adding the Economic Development News webpage to your favourites:

www.qldc.govt.nz/economic-development-news



Pictured left to right: Jan Maxwell, QLDC Arts and Events Facilitator; Peter Harris QLDC Economic Development Manager; Kevin 'KJ' Jennings, Film Otago Southland Executive Manager; James Burnes, Startup Queenstown Lakes Chief Executive; Kahli Scott, Film Otago Southland Coordinator; Aaron Halstead, Study Queenstown Manager; Sharon Fifield, QLDC Economic Development Advisor.



PHOTO CREDIT: TEAUKURA MOETAUA

Mayor Boulton stands with representatives of the region's fire departments after handing out the QLDC Mayoral Award

COMMUNITY SPIRIT ON SHOW

On a chilly September evening, over 500 people packed the Queenstown Events Centre to pay tribute to some of the region's most tireless helpers.

The inaugural Spirit of the Wakatipu Awards saw a range of awards handed out to people, groups and organisations who help make the community a better place. Over 100 parties were nominated across a wide range of award categories, including corporate citizenship, education and senior support.

The night, on 14 September, was organised by the Wakatipu Community Foundation and QLDC. Trustee Simon Green said the turnout exceeded his expectations.

"It went really well," he said. "It had been so long since the community had something like this, so we had a lot of catching up to do."

Among the awards handed out, the QLDC Mayoral Award was given to the combined fire brigades of Wakatipu – Queenstown, Arrowtown, Frankton, Kingston and Glenorchy – to recognise the efforts of their volunteer firefighters.

In addition, Sir Eion Edgar – who also received a lifetime contribution award – pledged \$1 million to the Wakatipu Community Foundation.

Mr. Green said the night served as a reminder of all the good that's done in the community.

"The big thing for me was seeing a room full of good people," he said. "The atmosphere on the night, the chance to catch up and learn about a lot of the good that's done in the community ... it really shed light on the work that's getting done."

"It raised awareness of charities, of groups ... it was a great reception."



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Sir Eion Edgar discusses his \$1m donation

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If you're a dog owner or particularly fond of hanging out with as many dogs as you possibly can, clear your diary on Sunday 8 December! We're planning a little something we're calling The Great Big Queenstown Dog Walk. So save the date and keep an eye on social media for more details.

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER.

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