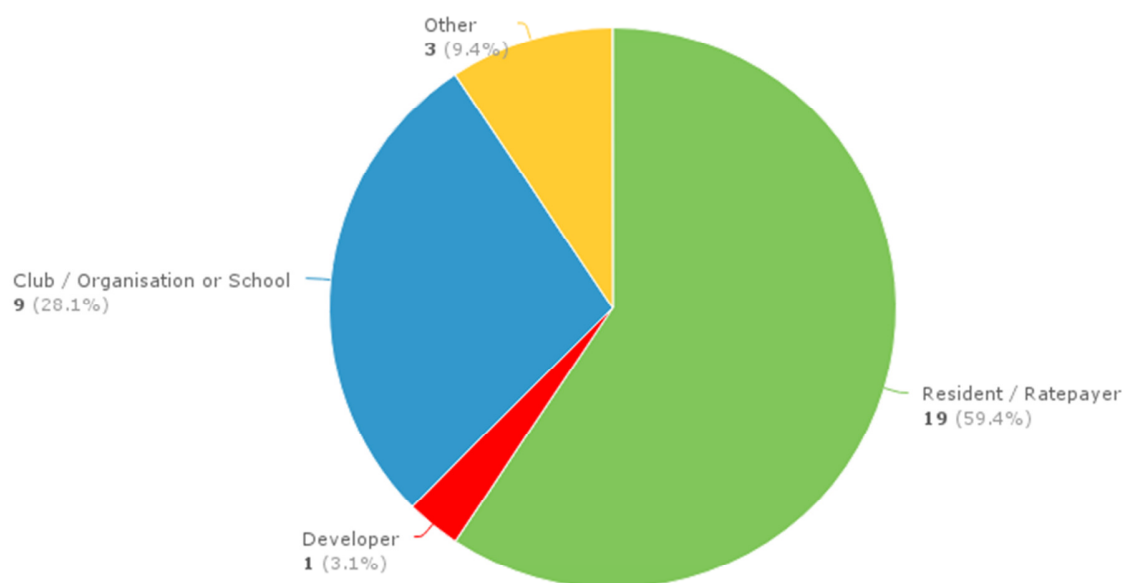


Parks and Open Spaces Strategy Feedback 2017

I am submitting as a:



Organisations:

Wanaka Disc Golf

Cancersociety,

WellSouth Primary Health Network,

Queenstown Trails Trust,

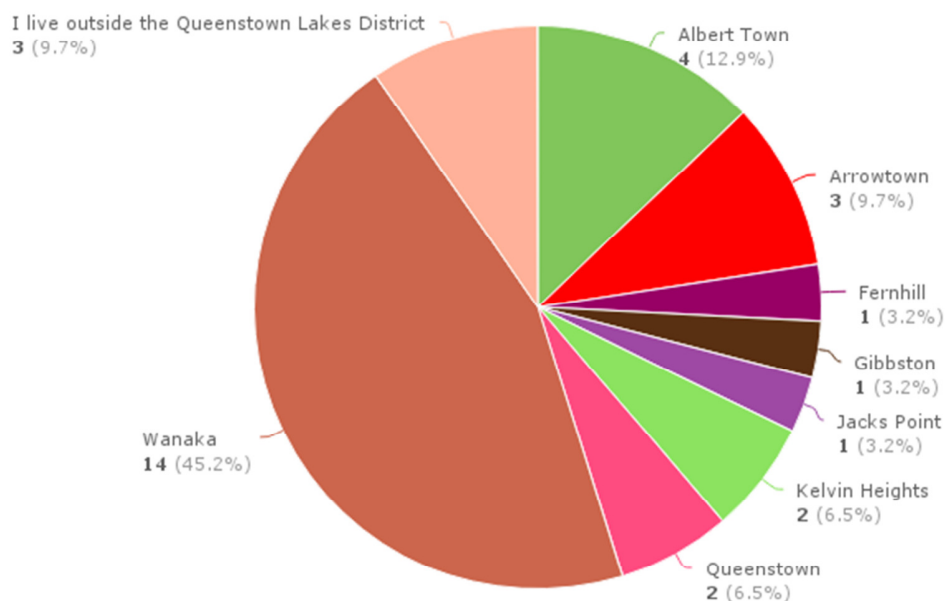
Wanaka Associated Football Clubs,

Kelvin Peninsula Community Association,

Gibbston Community Association,

Wakatipu United Youth Voice

Where in the district do you live?



Are you happy with the amount and size of parks and open space in your community?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>	64.5%	20
No	<div><div></div></div>	35.5%	11
Total Responses			31

Would you like to provide any further comment?

The 24 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.



Do you agree with the types of parks being described in the draft Strategy?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>	79.3%	23
No	<div><div></div></div>	20.7%	6
Total Responses			29

Are we missing anything in this area?

The 21 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

Have we got our priorities and/or actions right in the proposed action plan?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		40.0%	12
No		60.0%	18
Total Responses			30

Appendix

Would you like to provide any further comment? |

#	Response
1.	We would like better maintenance and care of what we have. This includes our reserve at Coal Pit Road and the cycle trails through Gibbston
2.	<p>In particular,I would like to raise the issue of horse riding...There are plenty of Mountain biking and walking tracks in our area,but pretty much horse riders are left to battle it out with trucks and traffic on roads.</p> <p>I have just experienced again today, speeding traffic making it difficult to keep myself safe...</p> <p>I'd like to have dedicated horse riding trails and and grass verge area to escape from traffic along our roads.</p>
3.	I feel like there are lots of subdivisions going on and we are slowly losing our open spaces and I am very concerned about the current status of "Sticky Forest"
4.	Too much land is being taken up by housing to the point that the Town is out growing itself. Areas and facilities that locals use and love are being destroyed to make way for more money makers. Especially poignant is the use of Sticky Forest and it's safety for the future.
5.	We need more recreational areas and parks. There are no open spaces within the community. We need recreational areas that are sheltered from the heavy weather that can belt this region. Something that is far and few between in central otago.
6.	There open space in the Wanaka area is quickly being taken over by large developments, many have no or very little open usable space that is of use to the community. Areas for outdoor activity are not available to the residents of Wanaka and the surrounding area. The constant talk of removing part of Penbroke Park for parking, the council changing zoning to help developers i.e. Sticky Forest.
7.	We need to ensure that this open space is protected and access is improved for all different types of recreation. Areas such as Sticky Forrest, Hikuwai and the wider lakefront need to be protected from development. They should all become public land, where possible.
8.	At the moment there is a good number of parks and open spaces for people to enjoy and it is important that we preserve those spaces.
9.	Bridleways which are safe for horses, as they have in the UK, are urgently required. In the UK cyclists and walkers can also use bridleways -- they are found in every town and village and throughout the country and marked on all the OS maps.. In New Zealand horses are not even recognised in the Highway Code. Horse riders require safe places to ride so that they do not have to cross busy roads. Forming bridleways as the government has done for cyclists in NZ would be another boost for tourism in addition to all the horse riders who live in NZ and have nowhere safe to ride.
10.	The existing parks in Wanaka and Albert Town cater well for the community, however with many more residential areas being developed there is an encroachment on open space. Soon Wanaka will have no open space to enjoy as the land or nearby land will have been built on.

11.	As the town grows Council should ensure sufficient land is set aside for parks. Was concerned to hear that in North Lake Subdivision, land set aside for storm water disposal, has been treated as part of the developers reserves contribution. I hope this is not the case
12.	I am submitting on behalf of the Wakatipu Riding Club, Inc., as President. We are an active, local club with over 70 adult horse owners/riders, and growing. I would like to express our concerns as described below.
13.	<p>1. Accessibility – All residents within urban/built up areas should live within reasonable walking distance to a Local Park. Pathways to the reserves should be easy for parents with young children, people with limited mobility and the elderly. This is becoming increasingly important with the ageing population.</p> <p>Unfortunately, at the Frankton end of the peninsula there are no parks or reserves until Bayview reserve, a considerable distance for the residents and visitors to the Queenstown Hilton Hotel and some consideration is necessary to adhere to the strategy. And as you are aware we have an ageing population on the peninsula which require close amenities</p> <p>2. Community Park – we are fortunate to have Jardine Park on the peninsula and as you are aware we have the KPCA workgroup and an Adopt a Plot programme working in the park and along the trails. However, there is no socialising area including picnic and BBQ facilities both of which are mentioned in the strategy.</p> <p>We look forward to receiving your comments.</p> <p>KPCA Committee</p>
14.	I am happy with the amount and quality of the Parks and open space that can be used by individuals, families and sporting groups, however there is no open space that could be safely used by the horse riding community, particularly for the younger riders in the community. The local Pony Club and Riding Club currently have the use of private land, however that could cease at any given time as the land could be sold and the new owners may not be conducive to horse riders making use of the land.
15.	Horses should be allowed to walk on all bike/walking trails.
16.	<p>I said yes, but I want to say this: the amount of people living here is going to grow. Some are happy with swimming pools and sports facilities like we have a new one now in Wanaka; of course we have to pay for this, every single ratepayer. Even if we do not use these facilities.</p> <p>This attempt at a submission is ... I would like to see Sticky Forest, my personal play ground since moving to Wanaka in 2000, included in what you call parks and open space in my community for recreational use - free of charge, haha.</p>
17.	WellSouth commends council on development of this strategy which acknowledges the importance of a planned approach to develop and maintain quality open space networks for a safe and healthy community now and in the future.
18.	Disc Golf Wanaka Incorporated Submission On QLDC Draft Parks Strategy

Disc Golf Wanaka Incorporated support QLDC's Draft Parks Strategy. Disc Golf is a passive recreational pursuit that works well with multi-use reserves. Disc Golf courses are designed to use seldom used parts of reserves and parks. We have one very popular course on Lismore Park and a second under development at Eely Point, Wanaka.

We aim to continue to grow the sport of Disc Golf through providing more courses for free public use in the future. Our courses are designed to be sympathetic to natural and other features and require minimal change to existing parks and can co-exist with walking and cycling tracks and other facilities.

We seek to continue our good relationship with QLDC and approve of the Draft Parks Strategy as one that meets our needs and ambitions.

Sincerely,

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19. I live in the Dublin Bay area and am appalled at the lack of maintenance and total neglect by Council in this Reserve, that prior to the late 1900's was maintained on a regular basis. There is a management plan in place for this reserve and in this plan it specifically mentions the control of wilding pines. Nothing has been done to remove or control them and as a result there are many mature pines which are now seeding and adding to the problem. Council has a policy on wilding pines but does seemingly can't be bothered to implement it. These trees impose a huge fire risk to neighbours in the area and it is only a matter of time with the added popularity and use of this reserve, for there to be a disaster. Cars are being dumped in amongst the manuka, and what was once a natural swamp area has now become a racetrack for 4wd and motorbikes creating an ugly rutted mudflat. There are a couple of 'No Dumping' signs but of course these are not adhered to, and I suggest that the Reserve be fenced on the trackside which goes to the Outlet to prevent vehicles accessing this area. The area of Reserve that the public enjoy nearest the lake and in front of the 3 houses in the immediate bay should be mowed regularly to lessen the fire risk over peak season, and all of the wilding pines on QLDC reserve should be removed as an example that QLDC lives up to it's own policies. The removal of dumped cars also needs to be addressed.

20.	<p>On page 20, Pembroke Park is listed as an example of a "Sportsground Park"</p> <p>On page 26, the chart shows a "Sportsground Park" as having Changing Rooms.</p> <p>Please refer to the Pembroke Park Reserve Management Plan 2007, Policy 14.1: "Erection of new buildings.....shall not be permitted....</p> <p>Under this Policy, the building of Changing Rooms is not a permitted activity, and therefore, Pembroke Park IS NOT, AND CAN NOT BE a "Sportsground" park.</p>
21.	<p>Pembroke Park- community park or sports ground park? The skate park is great but the remainder of the park has very little to offer the community. It is several acres and whilst provides space for ball games and kite surf practice, it offers no shade, walks, landscaping, cultural/visual appeal etc. I believe Wanaka would really benefit from a portion of the park the have beautiful planting and landscaping as in Queenstown or even lower Bullock Creek in Wanaka. A much underused asset!!</p>
22.	<p>Parks and Open Spaces should be better connected with off road cycle and walking trails</p>
23.	<p>There is no account of the Legend of the Lake in Queenstown. Youth could design a mural depicting this - refer attachment for further detail.</p> <p>In order to attract more families and children to the gardens we believe that there should be a kids 'Sensory Garden' which not only will provide entertainment for youth in the gardens, but will be useful in teaching youth about nature. Again, refer attachment for details</p>
24.	<p>Provision of developed sportsfields is at/over capacity in Wanaka - refer detailed submission</p>

Are we missing anything in this area? |

#	Response
1.	<p>YES. On page 20 of the brochure under 'Types of Parks / Experiences' Pembroke Park is described as a 'Sportsground Park'. IT IS NOT A SPORTSGROUND PARK. PEMBROKE SHOULD BE UNDER ' COMMUNITY PARK ' CATEGORY AND DELETED FROM SPORTSGROUND PARK LIST.</p> <p>This is a serious error by the QLDC in my view, and has serious implications if this isn't clarified.</p>
2.	<p>I support the concept of providing safe multi purpose areas for residents and locals but feel that the horse riding section of the community do not have this availability.</p> <p>As the population in our area is rapidly increasing...quiet country roads are no longer that!</p>
3.	<p>While there are mentions of cycleways and trails, I feel like the types of cycleways and trails mentioned are more flat, minimal gradient shared walkway/cycleway especially within Wanaka. I feel like this draft Strategy is currently missing recreational singletrack for mountain biking in Wanaka itself. I think this is particularly important as many other City Councils (eg Christchurch City Council) are seeing the importance of mountain biking and</p>

	the economic effect it can have to a region.
4.	Open access land just like Sticky Forest!
5.	cycle ways and trails sheltered by forest with a gradient suitable for single track and downhill mountain biking.
6.	Open space that can be used by the community and beyond. If we continue to remove these areas there will be no reason to visit the area. Having parks and reserves are great but the community requires more than just these spaces. At the moment there is no evidence that QLDC have any effective and efficient infrastructure to meet any growth including open space. In the proposed plan it is stated that open spaces are treasured and protected, this does not appear to be the case in Wanaka as the zoning of open spaces appear to be able to be changed including those of outstanding natural beauty and sold off to developers.
7.	There is no account of the Legend of the Lake in Queenstown. We should get youth to paint an illustrated story depicting the Legend of the Lake on the wall along the beach front.
8.	<p>Bridleways for horses:</p> <p>Bridleways which are safe for horses, such as they have in the UK, are urgently required. In the UK cyclists and walkers can also use bridleways -- they are found in every town and village and throughout the country and marked on all the OS maps.. In New Zealand horses are not even recognised in the Highway Code. Horse riders require safe places to ride so that they do not have to cross busy roads. Forming bridleways as the government has done for cyclists in NZ would be another boost for tourism in addition to all the horse riders who live in NZ and have nowhere safe to ride.</p>
9.	Yes I think there should be bridle ways for horses in the local area. There are many people who ride and there is limited areas to do this
10.	Multi purpose range of parks could become very prescribed, we need to keep areas of natural beauty as open space to protect the land and activities on that land.
11.	By way of note, interesting that neither the Faulks Terrace Recreational Reserve, or the Stone St reserve was listed/mentioned as an example.
12.	The Wakatipu Basin is missing a dedicated open space for horseback riding; specifically, for horse owners/riders, not commercial trekking companies. There are well over 100 horses and ponies in the Wakatipu Basin area that are ridden by children and adults on a regular basis. Other than a handful of privately-owned arenas and paddocks, there is no flat land available on which to exercise and train these horses/ponies and their riders. Equestrian sport is extremely popular in NZ, and especially here with a concentrated number of horses and riders in a small geographic area. Unfortunately, the local NZ Pony Club branch does not have permanent grounds, nor does the Wakatipu Riding Club. And, the cost of land in the basin prohibits either club from purchasing . Thus, we must rely on the goodwill of private land owners, which can change at any time. Therefore, we are appealing to the QLDC to identify and provide some land (minimum size approximately 5 acres) for horse riding and float parking, where riders can exercise their horses and ponies, as well as a place where riding instruction and competitions can be organised. There is currently a proposal to vest some land at Shotover Country for this purpose, which we would like to see prioritised ASAP.

13.	Community Park – we are fortunate to have Jardine Park on the peninsula and as you are aware we have the KPCA workgroup and an Adopt a Plot programme working in the park and along the trails. However, there is no socialising area including picnic and BBQ facilities both of which are mentioned in the strategy.
14.	Whilst Queenstown has a superb number of parks and reserves (one of the reasons we love living here). As mentioned previously we would love to have a dedicated area (approx. 5 acres) where horse owners could take their horses to train and hold small, local competitions would be wonderful.
15.	More horse riding/ combined walking trails.
16.	I'm sure you don't miss anything, it's just me! saying yes again without really being sure. Like many of your questions, you are fishing for positive stuff. Sure I agree to everything and anything except: stop using poison such as 1080 and diquat in our recreational areas - better yet: anywhere! and yes the water is recreational as well. There are torgon, cyanide and pindone too, everywhere. May be in your future planning can you consider that there is a part of the population who would like to exercise outside in our beautiful nature, without all the poisons being present all the time.
17.	No. Prioritising different types of parks and open spaces acknowledges the wide range of parks and open spaces in the district and different levels of service required.
18.	Botanical Gardens at Pembroke Park
19.	Better trail connections
20.	x
21.	Pembroke Park should be a Community Park