



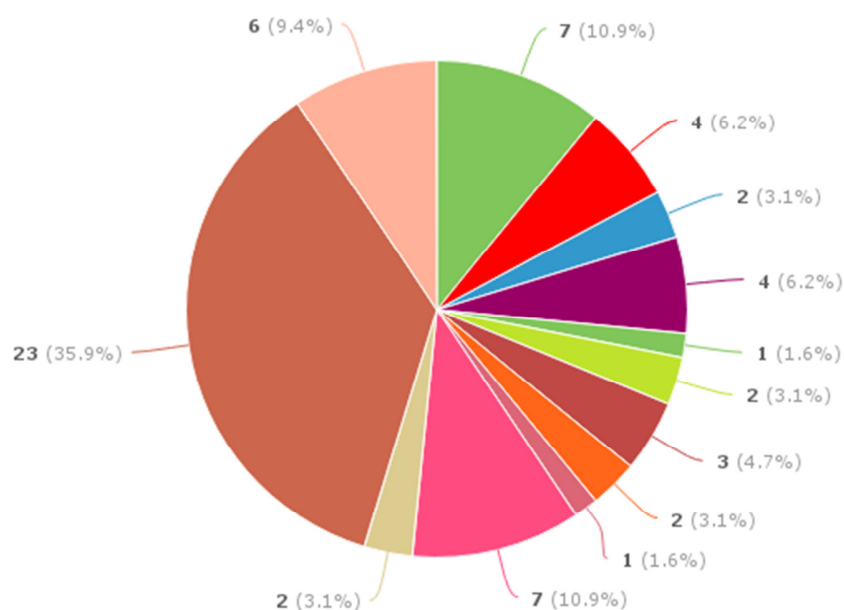
# Initial Parks Strategy Feedback 2016

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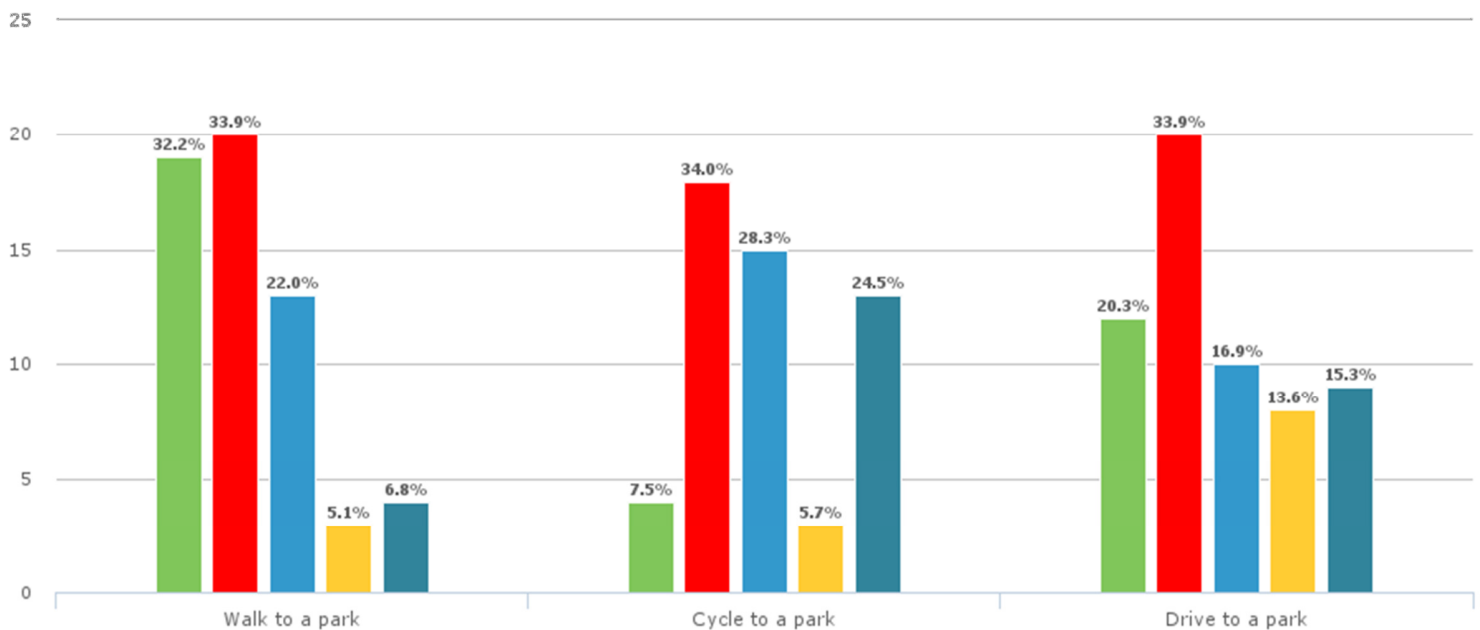
Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
An individual		90.6%	58
An organisation		9.4%	6
<b>Total Responses</b>			<b>64</b>

Name of Organisation: Friends of Wakatipu GardensWellSouthWakatipu  
Reforestation TrustUpper Clutha A&P SocietyAlberttown Community  
AssociationPlastic Bag Free Wanaka

What area of Queenstown Lakes District do you live in?



## How often do you...



## What do you mostly use parks for?

The 63 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

## What do you value about our parks?

The 61 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

## How could QLDC improve the parks network?

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## Appendix

### What do you mostly use parks for? |

#	Response
1.	Relaxation, lunch breaks, walks, bike rides, read my book, take out the family.
2.	Recreational activities. Walking, disc golf
3.	Walk - exercise. Pulling out pine trees. Spend a week each year at Pigeon Is cleaning up tracks and around hut, replanting and weeding.
4.	Looking at the roses, inspecting the general upkeep ie dying trees, root damage from frisbee golfers etc in our Queenstown Gardens in particular.
5.	Enjoyment
6.	Space, recreation, sightseeing, meeting friends, picnics, meditaion, sport and exercise.
7.	To eat lunch during work week. Take friends children to. Run through when jogging
8.	Relaxing, playing in playground, picnics
9.	Children to play
10.	Playing there with my kids when we come on holiday to Qtown.
11.	Children and outdoor activities . Keeping fit and healthy for the whole family . Relaxing and enjoying the scenery.
12.	dog walking
13.	Playing with kids, walking dog
14.	Recreation activities i.e. kids playgrounds, picnics, breastfeeding
15.	Pleasant surroundings for walk,run or cycle and picnic
16.	To meet friends with children.
17.	Playing, relaxing, piknik, foraging
18.	The playground and having picnics and family time.
19.	walking, playing with kids, playgrounds, sports games
20.	Walking and leisure
21.	Sports practice, training and coaching
22.	Walking and running
23.	Walking the dog. Enjoying the quiet peace and serenity. Looking at the view.
24.	no option for a few times a week which is more accurate for me
25.	Walk my dog

26.	Walking the Dog
27.	meeting people, walking, playgrounds, community events
28.	Volleyball and walk
29.	Kids and teenage kids outdoor play time
30.	walking, relaxing, reading books, family time
31.	To walk our dogs. To enjoy relaxing in. To exercise and get fresh air.
32.	Entertainment for the children- swings and other play equipment. Picnics. Meet up with other families.
33.	Sport/leisure
34.	Walking around, watching sport, relaxing
35.	Letting my two toddlers play, meeting other mums.
36.	Exercise, play with kids
37.	Relaxing and enjoying the scenery, taking kids on excursion, taking dog for a walk
38.	Picnics, meeting with friends, gathering fruit & nuts and walks.
39.	Fruit gathering, frisbee, picnics, quiet time
40.	Playing with our kids
41.	Kids play ground and walk for dog
42.	Kids play, playgrounds. Occasional bbq.
43.	Play with my kids and for my jogging .
44.	Walking dog, cycling, playing with kids. Picnics.
45.	Walking on, and through, open, grassed spaces. Family fun laces for cricket, frisbees, kites etc.  our parks are treasures to be valued, enhanced and always protected. Our parks have been planned/bequeathed by persons of vision and generosity. They must be protected from persons who do not share the gratitude whilst they are blinded by financially blinkered imperatives.
46.	walk
47.	Mt Iron Deans Bank Hawea/Wanaka Tracks
48.	walking and running, picnicking
49.	Below I submit what the ATCA would like added to the next parks strategy Albert Town Community Association (ATCA) Parks and Open Space Strategy Submission

At the time of the 2002 Parks Strategy there were no reserves in Albert Town under the control of the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) only McMurdo Park in Dale Street mooted.

Albert Town now has

- McMurdo Park (Dale Street)
- Templeton Park (Kinnibeg Street)
- Possibly another park/reserve to be constructed in conjunction with the final stages of the Riverside Development.
- Albert Town Recreation Reserve (Both sides of State Highway 6)
- Albert Town Lagoon (Alison Avenue/Lagoon Avenue)
- Riverside Wetland Reserve (Rifleman Street)
- It is the junction of the three tracks making up the Upper Clutha Tracks Network.

The ATCA requests that all these are listed above are included in the updated Parks and Open Spaces Strategy, with the expectation funding will be provided for the development and maintenance of these reserves.

We see McMurdo Park, Albert Town Recreation Reserve and the Riverside Wetland Reserve being mostly complete on-going Maintenance being required. Templeton Park is really a raw undeveloped block and the Albert Town Lagoon Is partially developed and will need future funding for both development and maintenance. The requirements for the proposed Riverside Reserve are unknown at this stage. The tracks are not limited to Albert Town but their presence requires a mention in the strategy as part of a district wide asset.

The ATCA has recently formed a sub group named the Guardians of the Albert Town Lagoon (GOAL) to assist in the Development of this unique wildlife reserve. The Guardians consists of wildlife specialists, residents adjoining the Lagoon, a QLDC Councillor and the wider community. It is only in the formative stage at the moment but it wishes to work closely with the Council and other groups to make this reserve one of local and national importance.

At this stage the ATCA does not need to deal with specifics as this consultation is to call for comments in order to compile a new Parks and Open Space Strategy so the purpose of this submission is to have the listed reserves in the proposed new document.

The ATCA will comment further once the new strategy has been drafted.

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50. Recreation,
51. I go to the Hawea Whitewater Park a few times a week to go paddling or surfing as well as going for walks in other parks around the district. I work in Arrowtown and often go down to the Arrow River or Chinese village for a break in nature at lunchtime or for time out when work is hectic/stressful - or walk along the river tracks.
52. Recreation, exercise with children, sports, walking
53. To bike and walk through
54. Playgrounds, community events, family cycling opportunities
55. The Wakatipu Reforestation Trust has been planting native species specific to the Wakatipu Basin on QLDC and DOC owned land. The Trust decides which locations are suitable to undertake a reforestation project based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is an area suitable for plants to thrive e.g. aspect, soil, water etc</li> <li>- It is an area that works in with QLDC</li> <li>- It is an area where weeds and pests can be managed, and access is available</li> <li>- It is an area visible and accessible to the local community, enabling community engagement with our natural heritage and a sense of ownership</li> </ul>
56. To play with my kids
57. Family time
58. Primarily with 5yr old son
59. Recreation
60. Let toddler run around stretch legs fresh air foraging for fruits and nuts
61. Walking and going to the playground . Feeding the ducks. Having picnics. Walking the dog.
62. fun
63. To enjoy and exercise. Take the grand children.

## What do you value about our parks? |

#	Response
1.	It's a lovely shared environment to enjoy nature and catch some sunshine and the opportunity for ourdoorsy activities.
2.	The Queenstown gardens is an asset to the town. Beautiful surrounds with multiple uses. A great attraction to many different people looking for different things to do.
3.	Peace. Beautiful gardens. Hugh tree specimens. Free for all to use - I have been asked at times how much it costs to visit them.
4.	There was great hindsight from our early pioneers to set aside the land for our Gardens, I believe the Council of the time gave 20 pounds for tree planting, yay that council. There are few reserves in downtown Queenstown. There is one on the corner of Stanley St and Gorge Rd which could be made more pleasant and some thought should be considered as to what will happen to Warren Park after the school moves, this is council land and as such I believe it will not be offered to Ngai Tahu. With increasing development in town trees are getting murdered. Cut down the pines, save and replant the natives.
5.	Firstly the Friends encompass the Wakatipu but there was not a Wakatipu option under the what area question so I have simply put Queenstown. The Queenstown Gardens in particular are a gift both to the community and tourists. It is a credit to the Gardens staff to see the rose garden etc maintained to a high level. But there are some issues with dead, dying or cluttered trees which need to be addressed. There are other reserves like the one mile and the little bit on the corner of Stanley St and Gorrge Rd which could be considered for attention. Warren Park's future should also be contemplated.
6.	The open spaces, the trees, the smell of nature, the accessibility. The very fact that we have them.
7.	Peaceful, well kept, beautiful flowers e.g. Wanaka Station Park and Queenstown Botannical gardens
8.	Trees, greenery, space, birdlife
9.	Clean and tidy
10.	Set in beautiful environments.
11.	Views Streams and gardens Children's activities /equipment
12.	open, and free access for everyone Ability to have dogs off leash in most parks. Love how QLDC allows dogs under control whilst not having to be on leash. Ability to play a variety of sports in some parks eg Frisbee golf, fun and interesting activities at parks.

13.	Space to run around and exercise the dog
14.	They are maintained well by the council, they are clean and inviting.
15.	Their tidy uncluttered natural environment and to provide birdlifr and tree cultivation
16.	Clean, tidy, shaded areas, sometimes a barbecue, toilets, maintained landscape.
17.	large, location, space,
18.	That we have so many great open green spaces in this area.
19.	Well maintained, safe environment for our children (except when dogs off leash). Great spaces to exercise and play in! Beautiful green oasis amidst other dwellings.
20.	Green spaces that add huge value to the look and feel of our town and neighbourhoods; community recreation and meeting spaces
21.	<p>Park locations are Good. Close to schools and in town.</p> <p>Enjoy the frisbie golf option at Lismore park. Good to see more people using this space now</p> <p>Since the upgrade of Kelly flat. Lots more people there now using the park which is great.</p>
22.	Beautiful locations, although do you mean reserves too?
23.	WellSouth highly values the development and maintenance of attractive and accessible open spaces and parks and significant improvements to community health can be made from investment in them. Access to green urban spaces, open public spaces and playgrounds have been associated with better perceived general health, reduced stress levels, reduced depression and increased walking.
24.	<p>That people can walk their dogs freely.</p> <p>That there aren't buildings or man made features such as skateparks on them - please keep it this way.</p> <p>That there isn't litter on them.</p> <p>That they are kept green - please don't stop watering grass and trees in our parks in summer. This year many of our green spaces in Wanaka looked like a desert - it was an insult.</p> <p>That they are natural without man made things on them ie just grass and trees. (Haven't been very happy to see the new wave of 'freedom campers' lying in their sleeping bags in the parks, stringing up their washing lto dry by putting up a makeshift line between the</p> <p>Trees or the posts between barbecue shelters or coved tables that are in the park. Our parks are not campgrounds.</p>
25.	Having green spaces, native plantings, mature trees, fruiting trees for foraging - all of this is part of why I live here. Having access to beautiful spaces that provide amazing views to our mountains and lakes that are free of litter are very important to my sense of wellbeing and help keep me connected to the environment.
26.	Swinging bins
27.	Some are green
28.	open type areas that lead to lakes, streams etc, pleased that they are not fenced, its an asset

	we need to protect
29.	Full with plastic bags
30.	Time spent with family and friends, being surrounded by community and our beautiful natural environment.
31.	How quiet, peaceful and relaxing that usually are. I love the open space.
32.	Space! Generally kept pretty tidy and equipment is maintained fairly well.
33.	Accessibility, open space and aesthetic values.
34.	Clean green open space. Beautiful nature
35.	The cleanliness of the equipment is generally good, as are the open space/grass areas.
36.	Good size
37.	I value the established trees, wide park areas and natives. I think the fruit & nut trees bring the community together through gathering and harvest. I feel the established trees, especially natives are a valued commodity that provide a sense of culture and heritage and help to attract bird life.
38.	Fruit trees, old trees, open spaces
39.	Clean, open spaces, good quality playgrounds, the lake Hayes playground bike track is awesome for our young kids!
40.	It is very good for children to be able to play safely and also good chance to meet other children in our neighborhood. Some big park like Queenstown garden is good to take a dog for a walk too.
41.	Lots of space and cleanliness
42.	Clean , comfortable and good views.
43.	Green space, diverse community activities.
44.	Wanaka- they are a civic amenity with open access to all. I value the lack of fences, availability, size and spread out locations. I value the regular mowing and the maintenance that the park near me receives from Council staff and contractors.  The value of green spaces in built up areas cannot be over valued.
45.	Beauty Open space Trees
46.	Open space, peace and quiet, natural environment, green space
47.	open space. colour, particularly in autumn ( therefore keen to maintain planting of have exotic trees as well as native).  Not impressed when major central parks like Pembroke Park and the Wanaka waterfront are not properly irrigated.

48.	The green open space
49.	Getting into the outdoors & enjoying nature.
50.	Green space, place for recreation and exercise, helps community to keep active, play sport and appreciate our beautiful surroundings
51.	The council keep them looking fantastic
52.	free safe space for all green space community gathering places
53.	<p>Parks and reserves are an important place to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreate: which can range from formal team sports activities through to wild play of children and interaction with nature</li> <li>- Socialise: a public place where the community can meet and connect, eg. be a part of volunteering activities such as public planting days</li> <li>- Connect to our natural heritage: if the right species are planted and maintained, this can be a place where the local community and tourists can connect with our important natural heritage. This can also be an educational experience to show what the Wakatipu Basin would have once looked like before the vast majority of original forest was removed by early settlers. “Without endemic touchstones visible to the resident population on a daily basis, their appreciation of the history of their own land and identification with it will gradually atrophy. As northern temperate images fill people's' experience and imagination, these foreign elements become entrenched in tradition with an inevitable global loss of both biological and cultural diversity.” Merc C, 1997</li> </ul>
54.	Everything they are amazing
55.	Good equipment in good condition
56.	Each parks individuality; we go to different parks for different experiences, if they all had the same play equipment then it would be less interesting.
57.	well maintained
58.	<p>There are lots of them</p> <p>Variety</p> <p>Great areas for kids</p> <p>mostly tidy and rubbish free</p>
59.	Nice outdoor space to spend time with the kids
60.	everything
61.	The open spaces and beauty of the scenery.

Generally they are quite well kept and are safe places to be.

They have good access.

Use of for sport and recreation.

### How could QLDC improve the parks network? |

#	Response
1.	<p>It'd be nice if there could be more regulation in the QT gardens (and possibly other parks?), so they stay a shared space that is enjoyable and relaxing for more people by restricting activities that impact strongly on other park visitors.</p> <p>Just a few examples would be - no drinking in the QT Gardens due to the same reasons why we have bans in the whole town at certain times of the year.</p> <p>Have loud music at events but restrict it as an everyday thing, when people play it on their phone every five metres. We are not lacking places in Queenstown where it is about the music and the drinking!</p> <p>Restrict slacklining - slacklines take up a lot of space, often by just one person, and often in the best spots ie in the rose garden or next to the duck pond. There are not a lot of places in the gardens left to sit down that are not ie in the way of the Frisbee golf, so if those get taken up by one or two people with their lines there is no space left to share.</p> <p>Nice dog poo campaign by the way!</p>
2.	<p>Just speaking for the QT gardens. Because of its popularity, especially during the warmer months, I think more rubbish jobs would be an asset to the area. A lot of people use the gardens, picnickers, walkers, disc golfers, tourist etc. sometimes you can see, the bins that are provided, overflowing with rubbish. More bins or bigger bins would cure this.</p>
3.	<p>Cull more pine trees in the Queenstown Gardens and let the Kowhai trees which are being smothered grow and flower so they may seed and we can have a planation of Kowhai's.</p> <p>Larger rubbish bins, with recycling ones in the Queenstown Gardens.</p> <p>I note the trees during summer weren't watered in summer and a lot have died. Put in a water system for the dry months around the trees.</p> <p>Reinstate the rubbish bins at One Mile car park as the freedom campers are still camping there and putting their rubbish in the toilets. The toilets at One Mile are disgusting some days with rubbish bags.</p> <p>Drainage at Warren Park, I know a few years ago something was done to do this but it didn't work, it's still a pond after rain.</p>
4.	<p>Consult with the Friends of Wakatipu Gardens and Reserves Inc and the Jean Malpas nursery</p>
5.	<p>The Friends are to have a walk around the Gardens with some of our members, including an arborist and Tim, the new QLDC parks and reserves manager next week. We will then be</p>

	<p>able to identify areas, trees etc which need some loving care. We are also in touch with the Jean Malpas nursery which can provide trees such as kowhai.</p> <p>QLCD might well do a new assessment of our reserves.</p> <p>The Friends would like to be updated on any further developments on this issue.</p>
6.	Don't meddle in what works. Keep them well maintained. Promote activities designed for certain parks. Make dog leads compulsory in parks.
7.	Please can you designate them Smokefree to make it a nicer environment for everyone and reduce cigarette litter. Signage needs to be visible too. I see Smokefree parks and reserves in most other parts of the country so it would be great if ours could be too.
8.	Making them smokefree. Ensuring they are clean and tidy with the grass mown regularly
9.	Making them all smokefree with visible signage
10.	<p>Plant some edible trees. eg apples, pears, walnuts.</p> <p>Make them all smokefree with clear signage. Most parks in other areas of NZ are smokefree. These are places for kids to play!!</p>
11.	Smoke free. With signs! Very difficult having your children enjoying the outdoors when people nearby are soloing
12.	<p>Keep dog access available.</p> <p>Would like to see toilets in all parks</p> <p>Smokefree parks</p> <p>develop walking/cycle, trails link the parks together (within reason of course)</p> <p>bike areas for children to practice riding in a safe environment</p> <p>more fun and interesting sculptures and art work</p> <p>ensure all parks are disabled access friendly.</p> <p>would be good to have cycle trails that are on the perimeter of childrens play grounds eg- Wanaka dinosaur park, there are bench seats on the other side of the walking path which separates seats from playground. If the path could go on the other side of the seats, then less likely to have accidents between children/adults and bikes. Gets very busy with people coming and going all over the place.</p>
13.	Smokefree in all parks. They are a place for kids and families to enjoy being outdoors, not inhaling cigarette smoke and playing amongst the dropped butts.
14.	<p>Signage regarding smoking and as a "breastfeeding friendly" venue please. I have notice in Wanaka there are often people smoking at the playground and there is no signage - well, nothing I can see. I also feel that a breastfeeding friendly sign would be great. Many families frequent the parks in Wanaka and having this sign would make it more inclusive.</p> <p>I also think the parks should become alcohol free zones.</p>
15.	Create more of them

16.	More water fountains, more smoke free signage.
17.	<p>Having a rule about number of dwelling and park square meters in particular in new developments,</p> <p>Imagining a corridor, most useful for wildlife</p> <p>Dedicating a percentage of parks to 1-wildlife, 2-food production, 3-children, 4-open space/various other uses</p> <p>Ensuring no one use forbids the others (eg. it is fine to have flying disks but this is a public park and disc-throwers are to be careful of other users, not other users are just out or they-may-be-hit-by-a-flying-disk-too-bad). Public space is public space and this comes with a lot of respect and gratefulness</p>
18.	Make sure all pawls are smokefree, including the immediate perimeter.
19.	Make them smokefree, alcohol and other drug-free, and ensure dog owners get the message that dogs should be on leads. Too many come to soccer games or visit playgrounds with dogs that can intimidate children. Not necessarily that the dogs are menacing, but as the parent of a dog-fearing child, their mere presence scares her.
20.	Add more seating to inner city parks; add more gas bbq's to lake edge parks; continue a programme of planting to replace fallen or felled trees. Add another children's playground to the central Queenstown area. The current one on the beach is fantastic, but gets too busy at times. Don't ever allow green spaces such as the Village green to be built on.
21.	<p>More proper sports facilities. At present not enough grounds for growing sports clubs. Having to spread all over town to accommodate training's and game days.</p> <p>Wanaka needs a big sports field. It was disappointing that the new wanaka sports facility was not located next to a big green space like the event centre in queenstown. It is only going to have very limited fields outside. A missed opportunity.</p> <p>Allenby park was left with out maintenance for so long it became very run down.</p> <p>They stopped watering the grass in areas at Pembroke park mid summer and now there are large areas of dead grass that need alot of work.</p>
22.	More public, local artwork - walking trails and creative inspiration.
23.	<p>WellSouth advocates that QLDC adopt a Smokefree Parks and Reserves Policy in its Strategy, with the inclusion of visible signage and the condition that any council and private events run at them are promoted as Smokefree. Smokefree Parks and Reserves are now the norm across New Zealand and this is an opportunity for QLDC to extend its current Smokefree Playground Policy.</p> <p>Smokefree outdoor spaces helps de-normalise smoking, reduces cigarette butt litter and helps those who are trying to stop smoking by removing visual environmental cues. The government has committed to a Smokefree New Zealand 2025 and local government has an important and powerful influence on the health and wellbeing of communities and populations.</p>

WellSouth also suggests that more water fountains are installed at the parks. Water fountains serve the dual purpose of encouraging children, young people and adults to drink water and reduces plastic bottle use.

WellSouth affirms the Council's local consultation on this strategy, which is essential to ensure that changes made address the needs of the community.

24. Mow them regularly.

Water them regularly in summer.

Leave them natural - don't let buildings be put on them.

Don't encroach on park land for car parking as you have done with Pembroke Park - against the will of so many of us who felt it was hopeless to say anything because the council does as it sees fit.

Put up drinking fountains.

Keep letting people walk their dogs on almost all parks.

25. More drinking fountains.. it would be great to have another spring water fountain closer to town that provided clean clear spring water. This would help to reduce plastic waste in Wanaka. I am often astounded by the number of tourists I see buying bottled water at Wanaka New World. If they knew how pure and clean our local spring water is and they had an easy way to fill their bottles up this would help to reduce the amount of plastic bottles used in Wanaka.

It would also be great to see some free personal training equipment at some of our parks. To help encourage people to be outside getting fit and healthy. Play equipment should not just be for children or families.

I also think we need to provide more public toilets and other amenities (picnic tables and seats) at freedom camping locations.

26. Pretty happy with the parks atm

27. It would be great to install done water fountains so we could refill our water bottles rather than buy more plastic

It would also be good to have more dog waste bag stations around to encourage others to pick up after their dogs.. Could even be coin operated to cover costs rather than rate payers footing the bill

28. drinking fountains first and shaded areas including trees in all parks, lots of rubbish bins, and maybe an enclosed areas where dogs can go away from children even if its just to be tied up away from little hands and faces while families are with children, i love the bbqs in our wanaka parks, fantastic

29.	ban Plastic bags
30.	<p>More free / ongoing activities in shotover area/ lake hayes for older kids - BMX track, pony paddocks, climbing mountain, swimming spot at shotover river...</p> <p>Places older kids have something to do - easy accessible by bike.</p> <p>...no need to engage in trouble.</p>
31.	Provide more clearly marked bins for rubbish and different types of recycling. Also, more water fountains and fountains to fill up reusable water bottles.
32.	Water stations/ to drink from and to fill up water bottles.
33.	<p>Water fountains for drinking in all parks.</p> <p>(And fix ones that don't work well- domini park water fountain is impossible for children to use as they can't independently push the lever down)</p> <p>New and up to date play equipment.</p>
34.	Water fountains!! To help reduce waste such as plastic pump bottles etc!!
35.	Install more water fountains at parks to encourage everyone to drink water and reduce plastic bottle use.
36.	<p>1) Think about replacing metal slides - these get very hot when the sun is on them and many are not shaded, eg. Dino Park in Wanaka has a toddler slide that has no shade and hence is actually dangerous to touch in the summer!</p> <p>2) Signage (in simple, cross-language pictography) to inform adults that they are not to play on/abuse the equipment, since I have frequently noticed young adults and groups of tourists without children jumping on the climbing frames with such force as to move the whole thing and using the see-saws much too vigorously for their strength. Something like "13+" in a barred circle would be ideal as all nationalities can read this.</p> <p>3) Better provision of recycling bins in parks, as many mums have take-away coffee cups and they all go in the one rubbish bin when they should be recycled.</p> <p>4) Drinking water fountains MUST be provided!! Follow Australia's example and place fountains everywhere - hydration is so important when children are playing. Most mums bring a water bottle but have nowhere to refill it. Also, we should be DISCOURAGING the use of single-use disposable water bottles as much as possible.</p> <p>5) Alongside the fountains, there should also be a small sink just for basic hand-washing, as kids get very mucky and then run over to open their box of lunch or snacks with god knows what all over their hands. Then, after eating, sticky fingers go straight back onto the equipment.</p>
37.	Water fountains. More trees in Lismore park
38.	<p>Install more drinking fountains so as to help reduce plastic water bottle waste in the area.</p> <p>Look to add community garden space for harvest of fruit/herbs etc...</p> <p>Install more sculpture/artworks</p>
39.	I would like to see more native trees planted, wetlands in our parks and I would like to see the installation of more water fountains at the parks to encourage everyone to drink water,

	to bring their own bottles and to encourage people to stop buying one-off plastic bottles.
40.	More natives planted in Faulks Reserve, including planting out the gully that runs through the park. Also the corner of the park that regularly floods (corner Faulks Tce and Cardrona Road) could be made into a wetland. Would be nice to get birds back into our parks with native trees rather than being mostly grass.
41.	Some more water fountains would be good
42.	Lake hays estate and Jacks point has a very good park. It would be good to keep updating the old parks. Quail Rise park is due for upgrade.
43.	Some of the playgrounds around the place are pretty boring, sparse and uninspiring. Maybe include more exciting play equipment that interconnects like a fort or ship or train and interesting slides, towers, places for kids to hide and explore. More kid friendly bike tracks like the park at Lake Hayes. Also more toilet facilities near some of the parks, especially in Fernhill. More playgrounds like Lake Hayes & Jacks Point.
44.	A toilet near by and rubbish bins available.
45.	Reduce rubbish, plastic bags no thanks. Go plastic free.
46.	Better enforcement of no camping, dog litter, and other strictures designed to prevent the abuse of public amenities.
	Continue to improve Council signage at the our parks.
	Continue to be mindful that safe and adequate parking enhances the park experience.
	Promote community activities at our parks.
	Recruit community volunteers to be friends of our parks in order to promote community involvement and ownership, of QLDC parks and reserves.
47.	Will need more with increased population and must not allow any current areas to be used for roading building etc
48.	Some of the parks could be developed into amphitheatre type which allows outdoor theatre. Perhaps area for lighting (electrical outlets) and more drinking water outlets.
49.	<p>Think that the Council is doing a reasonable job, and slowly and surely we are improving the public parks. One park in particular near where I live needs attention, in terms of preventing/stopping of park land being used for car parking, dumping of materials etc etc.</p> <p>This is the park adjacent to Faulks Terrace in Wanaka. On the upper corner closest to Mt Roy, up to 13 vehicles have been parked. These are trades vehicles working on adjoining properties. If some parking in the location is required, then part of the park should be fenced and made part of the road reserve. At present a very large flat area is used for general parking, unloading of diggers etc etc. Much of the grass has been removed and it is basically a utility area, not a park. Something urgently needs to be done to remedy the</p>

current misuse.

50. Upgrade fencing, mowing more consistency

51. I'd like to see some input from QLDC into maintaining the grounds around the Hawea Whitewater Park at Camphill Bridge (which has the cycle trail going through it) even if it was just to get some weedeaters in to tidy up the grass from time to time. The local kayak club has working bees for planting & weeding from time to time but their main focus is the west bank (DoC owned) as they have an MOU with Doc for maintenance of the carpark & toilet area on that side. QLDC weedeating the grassy east banks (QLDC owned) 3 or 4 times a year would make a huge improvement. The whitewater park & cycle trail have generated a lot of use of this area so it deserves to be kept looking nice.

I think in general the parks around the district are fabulous - we are very lucky to have such lovely public areas in our district.

52. Plastic Bag Free Wanaka would like to see clearly labelled water drinking fountains placed at the Dinosaur Park, Station Park and Kelly's Flat, which would allow people to fill bottles or drink directly from the fountain.

Kelly's Flat is now the main sports ground for junior football (U10 and below) - up to 40 Central Otago junior teams play on it during tournaments, and up to 16 local teams practise on the fields several days during the week. Access to water for children during strenuous activity is very important to keep them hydrated, especially as practices start in February when temperatures can be up towards the high 20's.

Benefits of placing drinking fountains in the above reserves and sports grounds:

No need to buy water if have good access to free, drinkable water

These are places where our children go to play and be active. Using drinking fountains lessens the need for disposable water bottles and reinforces the positive environmental messages that primary school children are getting through QLDC funded Enviroschools programme and preschool children through Wanaka Wastebusters funded Enviroschools programme.

Drinking fountains encourage children and adults to drink water which is essential to good health and essential hydration. Providing water fountain has the potential to reduce the consumption of sugary drinks.

Drinking fountains can be a place where the community and/or council displays positive messaging about choosing not to use single use plastic (as done on drinking fountains outside the Queenstown Event Centre)

Locating drinking fountains in lakefront reserves would help Wanaka to meet tourist expectations about looking after our beautiful environment by showing we are trying to reduce the use of disposable plastic bottles.

More drinking fountains could help to reduce litter from plastic bottles and can, resulting in less pressure on rubbish bins and reduced costs to council for clean up.

53. Make them Smokefree

54. show brave leadership and adopt a spray-free policy for weed control

adopt a strategy that embraces planting that requires minimal maintenance and minimal irrigation

have a stronger requirement for early engagement with developers in their creation of new parks to ensure they fit council strategy

55. Note: The Wakatipu Reforestation Trust wishes to continue to plant natives on QLDC land, however we also wish to see the QLDC having a more direct role in both undertaking their own native plantings, and implementing policies that support the restoration of our natural heritage.

A) Ensure that all parks and reserves have a minimum percentage of the area planted in native species specific to the Wakatipu Basin, with seed eco-sourcing preferred.

B) Ensure that the above planting policy is also mirrored in requirements for developer led parks in future.

C) Remove all exotic invasive species, both weeds and pests.

D) Ensure that when exotic species are planted, that they not invasive species.

E) Identify a number of high profile parks to have larger stands of native plantings e.g. Queenstown Gardens and:

- Provide information to enable local communities and tourists alike to understand more about our natural heritage.

- Ensure that there is special designation for rare species

- Ensure that the design allows for people to engage directly with the forest – e.g. walking trails into the forest, areas designated for wild play for children. A great example of this is the NatureScape area of Kings Park in Perth <http://www.bgpa.wa.gov.au/kings-park/area/naturescape>

F) As these resources develop, allow for eco-sourcing within these reforested areas.

G) Continue to support community groups in a wide range of conservation initiatives	
56.	More rubbish bins would be good.
57.	Some don't have rubbish bins or not enough equipment, Please consider adding more to the Amber Close park-thank you :)
58.	More sun shades / sheltered areas.
59.	many parks do not have picnic tables, enough bins or bbqs. the parks that have these facilities are over utilized and the user experience suffers when the summer backpacker crowd descends on the limited facilities.
60.	<p>Plant more fruit and nut trees and make the public aware where the trees are, what they are and the fruits are free to take.</p> <p>Id love to see an educational food forest planted a great way to teach kids safely what they can and cant eat in the wild.</p>
61.	I think playgrounds should be fenced, especially the ones near busy roads such as the fernhill Rd playground and the one on road leading to fernhill/Glenorchy. Also think they should have sun shades and the playgrounds themselves are pretty boring bog standard playgrounds. Maybe some one from qldc should check out the playgrounds in Invercargill for ideas. The parks should have more bins and lighting.
62.	leaving them as they are
63.	<p>This is a large subject - too large to adequately cover here in a few words.</p> <p>Lismore Park - develop a management plan ensuring we maintain its open glacial moraine nature. Enhance with selected native shrub and tree species. Disc Golf course management. Roading and parking issues around the park.</p> <p>Pembroke Park.</p> <p>Roys Bay lake front reserve from Edgewater to and including Eely Point.</p> <p>At a more appropriate time and place I would like to have more input. Sorry for lateness of feedback.</p>