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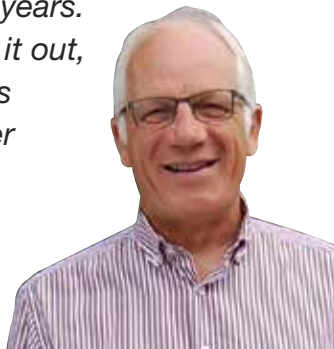
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The District Plan: Submissions still open



Some consider planning a bit of a yawn, but when setting the District's direction and rules for the next 10 years, I think we should all have a say (or at least have a look). The proposed changes are based on professional advice, community feedback and the lessons learned over the past 10 years. So please check it out, endorse the parts you like, and offer solutions where your views differ.

LYAL COCKS,
DEPUTY MAYOR



Have you made a submission on the proposed District Plan yet? If you haven't - no problem - there's still time, **submissions don't close until 23 October.**

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To recap, you might remember in the last edition of Scuttlebutt, we talked about the Strategic Direction, or the big picture vision we've got for the future of this district. The mayor described some of the key issues we're facing and how hard it is to get the balance right. We need to address increasing residential and visitor numbers, pressure on transport and roading networks, demands on services (including housing), increasing awareness of the impact of natural hazards, and much more.

We also talked about making changes before we have to. We can't effectively plan for growth and development using old rules and ways of looking at things. We won't find solutions to today's and tomorrow's problems using last century thinking.

So here we are with a brand new plan proposing to enable property owners to do things with their land, simplify rules, cut red tape, all while trying to protect what's really important. What's being proposed in this plan hasn't materialised from thin air – it's based on professional advice and years of community input via public workshops and things like the Growth Management and Urban Design Strategies.

What you've been telling us so far.

Over the past six weeks there's been a lot of talk about what's being proposed in the District Plan. Great! The whole idea of consultation is to get people talking, right?

So far we've heard a lot about the proposed changes to residential zoning rules. While housing is a key issue in this area, it would be a shame if it was the only conversation we had about the district plan – there's a lot more to it than that.

What about encouraging more vibrancy and better design in our town centres? Or if you live in a rural area you might be interested in the rules about subdivision, farm buildings or even airstrips.

Into heritage? Have a look at the Historic Heritage section. Like boats? Then check out the parts on what you can do on lakes and rivers. And if you're thinking of renting out your spare bedroom or building a granny flat, there are proposed new rules that cover those too.

Perhaps you're interested in our outstanding natural landscapes or protecting against wilding trees? Whatever it is, the most important thing is that you look at what's being proposed, ask questions if you have them, form your own opinions and tell us by making a submission.



Please look at the proposed District Plan. Submissions close 23rd October. If there are parts you don't like make a submission.

**SIMON STAMERS-SMITH,
WAKATIPU COUNCILLOR**



Have your say about the future of your district! Make a submission on the draft District Plan.

**MERV AOAKE,
WAKATIPU COUNCILLOR**



But yes, there is a housing problem here. And there's no silver bullet to solve it.

There are lots of things that contribute to improving affordability in a meaningful way. A recent high profile report by Auckland Council's Chief Economist discusses Housing Supply, choice and affordability in Auckland and recommends a long list of possible solutions.

Interestingly, many of the main options identified as helping to improve housing affordability there align with what's being proposed in this District Plan, for example:

- >> increased supply from intensification / attached dwellings;
- >> reducing the number of design rules such as minimum balcony and open space requirements;
- >> allowing for more competition across landowners, by freeing up potential development options across a much larger number of properties to reduce the incentive to "land bank".

Queenstown is not Auckland – we acknowledge that. But both areas are facing very similar issues and we're encouraged that our line of thinking is in line with, or even ahead of, the bigger players.

If you're interested in reading the report in full, it's called *"Housing supply, choice and affordability, Trends, economic drivers, and possible policy interventions"* and can be found on our website www.qldc.govt.nz/proposed-district-plan

Here are just some of the positive things being proposed by this District Plan:

- Banning wilding trees
- Creating entertainment areas for more vibrant town centres
- Setting urban growth boundaries for Queenstown, Arrowtown and Wanaka
- New business mixed use zones allowing more height
- Protecting the night sky

There's still time to get involved in the process.

If you're interested and you haven't made a submission – now's the time – we're keen for anyone and everyone in this community to get involved in the process.

If you like something tell us! We need to know the things you support as well as the things you don't – otherwise the plan could lose things that you think we got right. And if you don't like something, tell us! But please tell us why – with the future of the whole district in mind. And make sure you tell us your ideas for alternative solutions.

Here's how to submit:

>> ONLINE:

www.qldc.govt.nz/proposed-district-plan

>> POST:

Queenstown Lakes District Council, Private Bag 50072, Queenstown 9348, Attention: Proposed District Plan Submission

>> EMAIL:

services@qldc.govt.nz
(subject line: Proposed District Plan Submission)

If you decide not to make a submission using our online form, please be aware that written submissions must be on Form 5 as set by the Resource Management Act 1991. Your submission must include whether or not you wish to speak to your submission at a hearing. This form is available from all Council offices and public libraries in the district.

**SUBMISSIONS
CLOSE ON FRIDAY
23 OCTOBER.**

If you like something tell us! And if you don't like something, tell us about that too but please tell us why and your ideas for alternative solutions

Everything you need to make an informed submission can be found at **www.qldc.govt.nz/proposed-district-plan**



What will be the future for Queenstown Lakes and the people who choose to visit and to live here? The Strategic Direction section of the District Plan sets the goals for where we want to be. This is your chance to have a say. Have a look at it and get involved. We welcome your input.

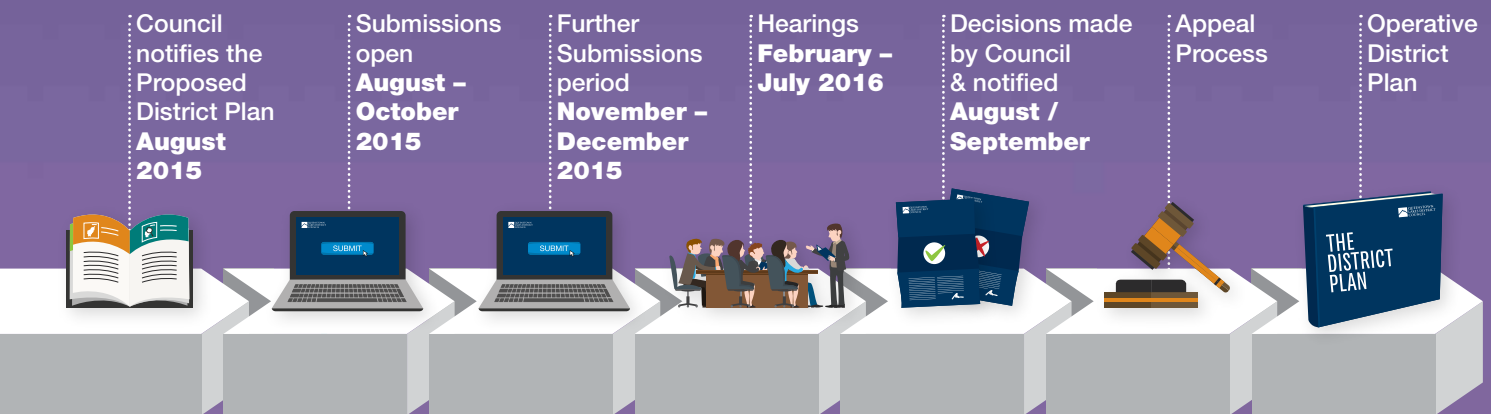
MEL GAZZARD, WAKATIPU COUNCILLOR



What happens next?

Once submissions close, we'll summarise the decisions requested and publicly notify them for further submission. This gives anyone with an interest greater than the general public interest an opportunity to make further submissions. So for example, if there's a possibility that your property development rights could be affected by a submission made on an area of the plan, you're entitled to make a further submission. Or groups like environmental groups, residents associations, the police or the council itself could also make a further submission.

The further submission period runs for ten working days then hearings will be held from February until July next year.



**WE
ARE
HERE**



We have worked hard for you - now we need you to help us. Let's work together.

**CRAIG (FERG) FERGUSON,
WAKATIPU COUNCILLOR**



Mythbusters.

Everyone is entitled to their own opinions on the proposals, but it's important they're informed ones. There's a bit of misinformation floating around out there – let's put that to bed:

Myth: More density will lower property values

A lot of people think this but there is very little evidence to support it. Increasing density, if anything, will usually promote higher land values, as they increase land owners' development rights.

If you want some more information about this, there is a range of articles on the website www.qldc.govt.nz/proposed-district-plan. Just scroll to the bottom of the page.

Myth: Extra density will lead to increases in rates

As development occurs, contributions will be charged to the developer creating the extra demand on services. These development contributions are used to fund any infrastructure upgrades required as a result. However, extra density is unlikely to have any significant impact on increasing rates over time.

Myth: Extra Density creates low cost 'slums'

The value of land and cost of building in Queenstown, together with limits on height and density, will mean that it's very unlikely that low value housing will be built. Our goals include more mid-cost housing, smaller houses and houses in locations that can reduce household transport and energy costs. Some higher density housing is likely to be 'high end'.

Conversely, if we don't enable more housing, then we may see more of the overcrowding and 'slum-like' conditions that are increasingly being seen in Queenstown, often in large low density properties.

Myth: We can't have more density because the RMA protects amenity values

Yes. Amenity values do need to be considered. However this is one of many things that the RMA seeks to address. It also encourages efficient use of resource (including land), and looks at the overall wellbeing – social, economic, cultural, environmental – of people and the community. Housing is an important part of this wellbeing.

When Council considers rules, including those that protect amenity values, it must consider the social, cultural, economic and environmental costs and benefits of those rules. Rules that strongly protect amenity at the cost of not allowing more housing may have significant social or economic costs.

The New Zealand Productivity Commission has recently highlighted the importance of balanced cost / benefit analysis in a report that can be found on their website www.productivity.govt.nz/inquiry-content/2060?stage=3



WANAKA SPORTS FACILITY

Work is well underway on the new Wanaka Sports Facility.

If you drive by the site, you'll see that the footings have been poured and the steel columns are already in place.

The next phase is putting up the roof steel and then cladding the roof of the sports hall.

After that, work will start on the administration section, which includes the reception area and meeting rooms.

PROJECT SHOTOVER

If you glance downstream as you cross the Shotover River on SH6 and you'll see that work has begun on the \$23.6 million upgrade of Project Shotover, the sewage treatment scheme that takes the wastewater from most of the homes and businesses in the Wakatipu.

The first stage, which is under construction now, is a new wastewater plant that will deliver higher standards of sewage treatment for Queenstown, Arrowtown, Frankton, Quail Rise, Arthur's Point, Lake Hayes and Shotover Country.

There will be immediate environmental benefits, including a significant reduction in the amount of nitrate and ammonia being discharged into the Shotover River; less algal growth downstream; less potential for odour and a healthier river due to a drop in oxygen demand.

ALWAYS WITH THE QUESTIONS...

It's a rare day that QLDC isn't consulting our community on something. From the mammoth District Plan Review to the small-scale parking changes in Frankton, we're frequently looking for community views on proposed changes.

We always aim to contact people directly if they or their property would be impacted by what's under consideration. However, it's worth keeping an eye on the front page of our website, where we highlight issues that we're consulting the community about.

You'll also see the results of previous consultation, including what other people have said in their submissions.

Right now, you can have your say on the review of the District Plan, proposed parking changes in Wanaka and the draft Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan.

"The pessimist complains about the wind;
the optimist expects it to change;
the realist adjusts the sails."
William Arthur Ward

The District Plan Review is underway with the first round of submissions closing 23 October. For expert assistance on the District Plan Review or any other planning matters contact vivian+espie.





CHECK FOR LEAKS

Is there anything more irritating than a leaking tap? The constant sound of drip – drip – drip is hard to ignore. But leaks under your house or further away on your property may take longer to notice and can waste a lot of our precious water.

Frosts and frozen pipes are a common feature of winter in our alpine district, and this winter has been colder than most. So now is a good time to check for leaks that may have developed during the cold season, and have them fixed.

We estimate that up to a third of the water in our reticulated water supplies is lost to leaks. Just one dripping tap can waste 60,000 litres of water a year.

You may think that wouldn't be a problem in a district with so many lakes. But the water that comes out of your taps is treated, stored, pumped and piped through our community water supply systems and you're paying for that through your rates. So please help us use this valuable resource wisely, by checking for water leaks and getting them fixed.

EASTERN ACCESS ROAD GETTING CLOSER



You can't drive between Frankton and Lake Hayes without noticing the progress with the new roads servicing the developments on the Frankton Flats.

Some days it seems hard to believe there could be any road cones left in the Wakatipu Basin, with so many lining SH6 between Stalker Road and the BP Roundabout.

The next project will be the Eastern Access Road, that will link Hawthorne Drive with SH6 and eventually take pressure off the BP Roundabout in Frankton.

A contract for the design work and site supervision has been let and construction is scheduled to be completed by December 2017.

"This is another big step to improve our roading infrastructure," Chief Engineer Ulrich Glasner says.

ROADING UPDATES

Other major roading work that Transit NZ has underway in the area includes:

- Stalker Road roundabout – new construction providing safer access between Shotover Country and SH6.
- Glenda Drive access – within weeks, the new access arrangements to and from Glenda Drive will be in place. Traffic approaching from the east (the Shotover River) will make a left turn from SH6 into Glenda Drive. Vehicles coming from Frankton and all traffic coming out of Glenda Drive will use the new Eastern Access Road roundabout.

LITTLE CHANGE AT LAKEVIEW

Most of the privately owned cabins on land leased from the Council at Lakeview were transferred to the Council's ownership or removed before their leases expired at the end of last month.

The owners were given the choice of transferring their cabin to the Council's ownership by 30 September or removing it at their own expense.

All the tenants and resident owners of the privately owned cabins who want to stay in the precinct are able to do so in the meantime, even if the cabin they have previously lived in is being removed.

The only change for most of the occupants is that the Council has become their landlord, and they are paying market rental under a standard periodic tenancy agreement. Superannuitants have been offered a lower rent and a place on the waiting list for one of the Council's pensioner units.

"We have been able to accommodate all the tenants previously renting private cabins," Chief Executive Adam Feeley says. "No-one has been forced to leave Lakeview."

There were originally 77 privately owned cabins on the Council's land and when we went to print, 56 had been transferred to the Council.

Of the rest, 17 are being taken away by their owners, with a deadline of 30 October for the removal to be completed. The Council will be removing another three and recovering the cost from the owners.

One other cabin is on land held under a perpetual lease and not included in the transfer-or-remove arrangements.

The Council is planning a substantial redevelopment of the prime Lakeview land. As well as being the site of the proposed Queenstown Convention Centre, the land will contain a mix of public and commercial space, housing and visitor accommodation. Ngai Tahu has already signalled its intention to develop hot pools on the site and a market square is an integral part of the concept.

Once the plans for the site have been confirmed and the timing of development finalised, the remaining cabins will be removed from Lakeview to enable the project to proceed.

DRONES

We've fielded a few queries about the use of drones recently.

QLDC isn't giving approvals for remote controlled aircraft (including drones) to fly over our parks, reserves and roads at present.

We're working on a new policy that will consider all the implications for our public spaces and the community who use them.

In the meantime, if you want to fly drones in the Queenstown Lakes District you will need to approach private landowners independently for their approval.

Please remember to obey all the CAA rules including those that restrict the use of remote controlled aircraft (including drones) within controlled airspace and within 4km of aerodromes.



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"DOGGED" BY
PROBLEMS?**

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US!**



Sometimes man's best friend can drive you barking mad.

Last year our animal control team responded to over 1200 complaints about dogs. Most of them related to wandering dogs and serial barking, but there were over 90 reported attacks on people, livestock and other dogs.

We suspect there are many more incidents that we don't get to hear about.

That's based on anecdotal reports and also posts on local social media sites, often complaining about neighbourhood pets raiding rubbish tins, harassing cats or just wandering the streets. But sometimes we also see posts referring to serious incidents like killing lambs or attacking other dogs out with their owners.

Our animal control team can't act if they don't hear about problems so please let them know about these incidents so they can investigate. Just call 441 0499 (Queenstown) or 443 0024 (Wanaka) any time.

WHERE CAN I WALK MY DOG?

Wondering where you can take your dog for a walk? Just about anywhere except schools – as long as your dog is under direct control at all times.

Dogs have to be kept on a leash in residential areas and downtown, cemeteries and playgrounds.

In most other places you can let them run free as long as you always keep them under your direct control.

Have a look at the map on our website www.qldc.govt.nz – just type "dog control" into the search box.

It also shows the location of bag dispensers – remember to always pick up after your dog.



PADDLE BOARDERS TAKE NOTE!

It is now the law to wear a lifejacket while paddle boarding - every time.

Other guidelines for keeping safe include:

- always carry a waterproof way to communicate (it could be as simple as a mobile phone in a ziplock bag).
- Consider using a leash, this will keep you and your board together.
- Avoid areas with heavy boat traffic.
- Keep a safe distance from swimmers.
- If you're new to the sport, get a lesson from a professional paddleboard instructor/school.
- Always let someone know where you are going and when you'll be back.
- Check the weather forecast before heading out.
- Stay safe and paddle with a mate.

CONDITIONS CHANGE – BE PREPARED

The weather is warming up so it's time to ditch the snow skis and dust off the boat and water skis.

We want everyone to have a safe and fun season on the lakes and rivers and it starts with being properly equipped and checking the weather forecast before you go.

Conditions change very quickly and people get caught out. Lifejackets are important and must be worn at all times. But a lifejacket won't prevent hyperthermia or raise an alarm that you're in distress.

When you're out on the water, please make sure you've got the safety equipment you need to save your own life when conditions change.

And think about your Plan B. What would you do if your boat broke down or bad weather struck suddenly?

Here are some tips to keep you, your family and friends safe on the water:

- Check the boat, engine and equipment before launching and setting off.
- Check the weather forecast before leaving.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Know the rules – get a copy of the Waterways Bylaw.
- Never overload the boat.
- Make sure there are enough life jackets on board for everyone on the boat.
- Make sure you have an anchor, bailer, spare fuel, torch and warm clothing on the boat.
- Avoid alcohol.
- Always have two means of communication, for example cell phone, flares.



FLOOD AWARENESS

Spring is the time of year when thoughts turn towards flooding so if you own property or run a business on the shores of a lake or near a river then read on!

It's normal for lake and river levels to rise as spring rain combines with melting snow. That doesn't mean that we expect flooding – in fact floods occur at any time of the year – but it's wise to be alert and take simple precautions to protect your property.

The Otago Regional Council monitors lakes, rivers and rainfall and all the data is on their website www.orc.govt.nz. It's easy to interpret the information and see whether the lakes are approaching levels that could impact low-lying areas.

We recommend that businesses think about their own vulnerability to high lake levels.

QLDC's responsibility is to maintain the essential infrastructure like drinking water supplies and wastewater systems. Insuring your stock and premises is your responsibility, or your landlord's.

Now is the time to dust off your plans and clean your grease traps.

We have produced a useful guide to floodproofing a building and its contents and also simple guides to flood responses in Queenstown, Wanaka and Glenorchy. You'll find them on our website www.qldc.govt.nz

GOING WALKABOUT

Every year about this time our Emergency Management Officer teams up with the Otago Regional Council's hazards staff to visit shops and businesses in downtown Queenstown and Wanaka to talk about flooding.

This year you can expect to see Trevor and friends in the week starting 19 October. They'll be dropping in to shops that are in the flood zone with useful advice about how to reduce the risk or loss and damage.

FIRES

Spring is often burning time for farms and stations in our district, as they take advantage of the opportunity to burn stubble, hedge trimmings and other material while conditions allow.

We're currently in an open fire season. That means that people in rural areas are able to light a controlled fire, provided they meet the Otago Rural Fire Authority's Open Season conditions. These conditions include such things as distance from powerlines, houses and

other combustible materials, letting Otago Rural Fire know you are lighting up and making sure you're not in a permanent Restricted or Prohibited area.

The rules are different for people living in towns, where burning is not allowed at any time of year. This is largely because of the nuisance that smoke from backyard burning causes to neighbours but also the risk of damage from fires getting out of control.

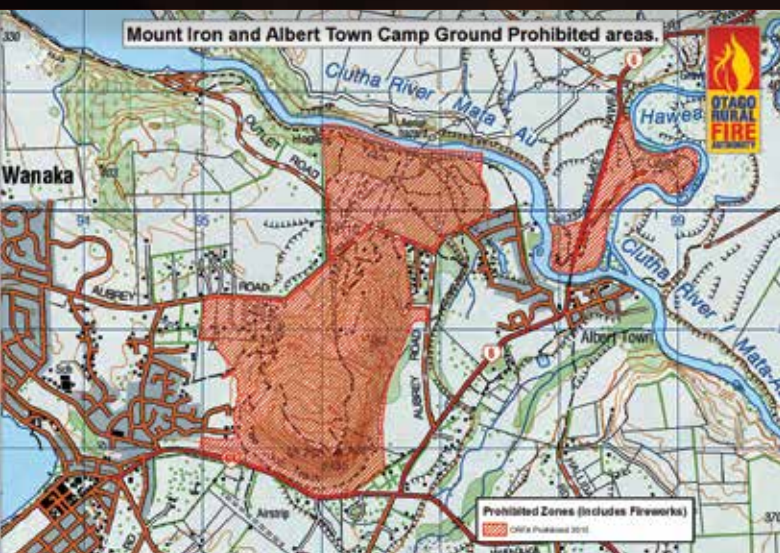
FIREWORKS REMINDER

Fireworks will be on sale again in a couple of weeks during the lead-up to Guy Fawkes Day.

If you're new to this area you should know that fireworks are banned in the heavily forested areas from Queenstown Hill to Wilsons Bay, known as the "Red Zone", the Islands in Lakes Wakatipu and Wanaka and Mt Iron in Wanaka.

Because of the extreme fire risk in these areas, all open fires, including fireworks, are banned there all year round.

If you're thinking of lighting a fire in the open air, including fireworks at anytime of the year, check the Otago Rural Fire Authority's website www.otagoruralfire.org.nz or give them a call on 0800 673 473 first.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Graeme Dear, whose name was drawn from all those who took part in our annual residents and ratepayers survey. Graeme wins a \$1000 rates rebate.

SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to everyone who took part in our annual independent survey of residents and ratepayers. Over 800 people told us what they thought about the services and facilities that the Council provides.

In most areas there's little change from last year's positive results – people love our parks, reserves and the trails; they're very happy with the libraries, sports grounds and playgrounds; and feel we could do better with public toilets and pools – Wanaka residents in particular are more likely to be dissatisfied with swimming pools.

When we asked about the essential services like roads, water and sewerage, the results were generally the same or slightly better than last year. Satisfaction levels with water supplies, sewerage and street cleaning were all up slightly while people felt we could do better with street lighting and roading.

Perceptions of our consenting services are generally improving, while regulatory results are generally stable or down a little – we're hearing that many people want us to take a tougher line enforcing the freedom camping rules, dog control and noise control.

This newsletter is still the most popular way for people to keep informed about what the Council's doing, with a strong emerging preference for emails – particularly among younger people.

You'll find the complete set of results on our website.

SAFE BOATING WEEK STARTS THIS WEEKEND

Last year our very own William Rees sported a lifejacket to mark the occasion – don't be surprised to see him decked out in a buoyancy aid again this year!

QLDC will be working with our harbourmaster on a series of safe boating activities over summer – coming soon to a beach near you.



TREES ON COUNCIL RESERVES

We're often asked whether people can cut down or trim trees in the Council's parks and reserves.

Sorry, but the answer is no.

Occasionally if our contractors have felled a tree in an accessible place like alongside a carpark they may leave the sawn up wood for people to help themselves, but that's as far as it goes.

Only QLDC's authorised arboricultural contractors are allowed to use chainsaws on our reserves. That means no-one else may cut down trees, trim them or saw up fallen trees or branches.

Cutting down trees is a potentially dangerous activity that can risk the safety of others. That's why we only use our own authorised contractors, who are competent to manage tree works in parks and reserves safely.

You'll find a list of our authorised arboricultural contractors on our website.



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What's on at our Libraries

There's lots of great stuff happening in our libraries all over the district. Whether you've got pre-schoolers or a love of food or you just want to get a bit more reading time in, we've got just the thing.

The best part –
it's all
free!

For the kids:

TODDLER STORY TIME

Kids love listening to stories! Not only is reading to your toddler great for brain development and imagination, it encourages a lifelong love of books and learning. Story time is ideal for toddlers aged 2-4 years.

We run toddler story time at most of our libraries during term time:

Queenstown Library, Mondays 10.30 – 11.30am

Arrowtown Library, Wednesdays 10.30am – 11.00am

Kingston Library, Saturdays 10.30am – 11.00am

Wanaka Library, Wednesdays 10.30am-11.00am

Hawea Library, Mondays 10.30am-11.00am

Come along with your littlies and immerse yourselves in a world of imagination and fun at the library.

WRIGGLE AND RHYME

Free fun for parents and babies aged 6 months-2 years. There'll be wriggling, rhyming, songs to bop along to and even a few props to play with. It's great for brain and physical development and encouraging a love of reading from an early age.

Queenstown Library

Every Saturday during Term Time: 10.30am-11am.

Wanaka Library

Every Wednesday morning during term time:
10am-10.30am

Hawea Library

Every Monday during term time: 10am-10.30am

The times and days of pre-school sessions in Wanaka may be changing soon due to popular demand. Keep an eye on local advertising and posters at the library for details.

For the adults:

FOODIE BOOK CLUB – WANAKA

This is a brand new book club for the foodies of Wanaka held once a month. There's no set format allowing for the chatter to flow – last month the discussion went from fermenting food to cheese making to foraging to eating the local rabbit population!

It's all about sharing knowledge, swapping recipes, getting inspiration and of course meeting up with others that love food and cooking as much as you do.

Next Foodie Book club meetings:

Thursday 22 October, 6pm – 7pm

Guest speaker: Jeremy Heath, The People's Bread

Thursday 19 November, 6pm-7pm

Guest speaker local cheesemaker Dominic Stayne.

Everyone welcome.

A BOOK GROUP IN QUEENSTOWN

Do you want to become a more motivated reader or talk to other people about the books they've read? We're starting up a book club at Queenstown Library for adults keen to get a bit more reading time into their lives. Get together with like-minded people and read a mix of 'top 100 good reads' including a mix of classic fiction and new titles.

Last Thursday of every month starting 29 October from 6pm-7pm during school term time. All welcome.

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Queenstown Lakes

HAWEA LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Do you live in Hawea and regularly use the library? We're keen to hear from you on the library opening hours.

Currently it's open on Mondays (10am-12pm), Tuesdays and Wednesdays (10am-5pm) and Saturdays (10am-12pm). How does this suit your needs? Too much or not enough? Or perhaps you'd prefer a longer opening period on a Saturday or a late night?

Over the past year we've already changed opening hours at the Queenstown, Wanaka and Kingston Libraries as a result of community feedback – now it's time to test whether the Hawea library hours are meeting its community's needs.

Please visit www.qldc.govt.nz to give feedback online, or next time you're at the library, complete a form and drop it in the box at the counter. Feedback closes on Friday 13 November.

ARROWTOWN LIBRARY – HAVE YOUR SAY

More community space could be created at the Arrowtown Library. But the question is, what does the Arrowtown community want to see happen in this new space? More books? More study space? More computers? Or perhaps something completely different?

We're also wondering about the opening hours. Currently its open Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm and Saturday 10.30am-12.30pm. How does this suit your needs? Too much or not enough? Or perhaps you'd prefer a late night?

Over the past year we've already changed opening hours at the Queenstown, Wanaka and Kingston Libraries as a result of community feedback.

We want to hear from everyone who uses the Arrowtown library so that we can be sure it continues to meet community needs.

Visit www.qldc.govt.nz to fill in an online form or drop in to the library, complete a form and put it in the box. Feedback closes on Friday 13 November.

DID YOU KNOW...

If you took out one item a week, it would take you 2164 years to read your way through all the books in our libraries!



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WASTE FREE PARENTING WORKSHOPS IN NOVEMBER

The Nappy Lady returns in November to give new and expectant parents tips for minimising waste at home with a baby.

The workshops aren't just about nappies, you'll also get lots of information about:

- different ways to save money and reduce waste at home with the little ones running about,
- sustainable household products,
- the environmental impact of how we live,
- the different styles of cloth nappies available and how to choose which product is best for you.

**PLUS – GET A
FREE STARTER
PACK WORTH
\$100**

WORKSHOP DATES:

WANAKA:

9 November,
Lake Wanaka Centre,
6pm-8.30pm

QUEENSTOWN:

10 November,
Queenstown Memorial
Centre, 6pm-8.30pm

Cost: \$25 per couple
(or individual) plus
booking fee.

Bookings essential!

Visit www.thenappylady.co.nz/workshops-book



DR COMPOST WORKSHOPS

Did you know that around 30% of the material that goes to landfills is organic, including garden cuttings and food? Once in the landfill, organic waste can break down releasing methane, a potent greenhouse gas which contributes to climate change.

Composting your organic waste is better for the planet and it's also better for your garden. You can turn your kitchen and garden scraps into a plant-boosting food for your soil. Dr Compost will tell you how to get started and solve any problems you encounter. He'll also help you figure out which type of composting system will suit your household best.

Workshops are free, thanks to QLDC funding to reduce organic waste going to the landfill, and are delivered by Wanaka Wastebusters.

WANAKA WORKSHOPS

Get Growing

Thursday 15th Oct 6-8pm

*Grow your own healthy, fresh vegetables.
Tips on raised beds, seedlings, local climate.*

St John's Rooms,
4 Link Way

Get Composting

Saturday 17th Oct
10am-12pm

*Hot composting
SPECIAL: novices - experts.
How to do it, experimental ideas, trouble-shooting.*

Ben Elms Place,
730 Kane Rd, Hawea Flat

QUEENSTOWN WORKSHOPS

Venue for both workshops:
Shotover Garden Centre,
150 Frankton Ladies-Mile
Highway (SH6)

Get Growing

Wed 28th Oct 6-8pm

*Grow your own healthy, fresh vegetables.
Tips on raised beds, seedlings, local climate.*

Get Composting

Wed 4th Nov 6-8pm

Make plant-boosting compost to feed your garden using bokashi, worms or traditional composting.



BEACH CLEANUPS

We'd like to give a big thumbs up to the Next Generation Rotary (NRG) members who have been making a huge difference down on Queenstown Bay.

They've pledged \$2,500 towards cleaning up the bay and have been organising monthly beach cleans.

THANKS NRG!

SCUTTLEBUTT ONLINE

Going by the results of our annual survey of residents and ratepayers, most of you reading this find our newsletter the best way to get information about what your Council is up to.

We publish Scuttlebutt six times a year, deliver it locally through the community newspapers, and post around 7500 copies to ratepayers who live outside the district – that's a lot of paper!

You can help us reduce the number of copies we print by switching to our email distribution list. Just email services@qldc.govt.nz with the word "newsletter" in the subject line, and be sure to include your name and postal address so we can send you the link to Scuttlebutt instead and take you off the postal distribution list.

You'll not only receive Scuttlebutt earlier, but also help QLDC trim the amount we spend on printing and postage to keep you informed – that's a win for everyone.

Every issue of Scuttlebutt is also on our website www.qldc.govt.nz

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concertseries

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GA: \$40 + booking fee, 18 & Under: \$20

Hollie Smith Trio (NZ) with support from The Nudge
Prepare for a powerhouse performance like no other
Saturday 24 October 8:30pm (Doors open 8pm)
GA: \$30 + booking fee

Hetty Kate (AUS) & the Queenstown Jazz Orchestra
A sensational night of big band swing
Sunday 25 October 7:30pm (Doors open 7pm)
GA: \$30 + booking fee 18 & Under: \$15

Concert Series Venue
Queenstown Memorial
Centre



Get your tickets

Online: www.eventfinder.co.nz
Phone: 0800 BUY TIX (0800 289 849)
Queenstown i-SITE: 22 Shotover Street
For the full festival programme visit
www.queenstownjazzfest.co.nz

ANNUAL REPORT

At the end of the month the Council will consider and adopt the audited Annual Report for the 2014-15 financial year.

It sets out what the Council achieved and how we measured up against what we said we would do in our performance indicators.

You'll find the Annual Report on our website from 1 November.

WANAKA LAKEFRONT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Wanaka Lakefront characterises Wanaka and is a major drawcard for both locals and visitors. Shortly, the Council will begin working together with the Wanaka Community Board on a development plan for the Wanaka Lakefront.

The plan will enable Council to implement policies in the Wanaka Lakefront Reserve Management Plan, which was adopted in October 2014 following consultation with Wanaka residents and ratepayers.

Objectives include integrating the lake and reserves with the CBD and improving the environment for pedestrians, cycleways and boat facilities.

Soon we'll be asking for feedback on some concept landscape plans which will show

how the lakefront will be developed. This feedback will then be used to help create the draft development plan which will go through formal consultation next year.

Fun for all at Open Day

Queenstown Events Centre and Frankton Golf Centre played host to hundreds of locals and visitors earlier this month as they enjoyed free entry to all of the facilities on offer.

"Despite some pretty average weather we had a great turnout and enjoyed being able to open our doors free of charge. Everyone had a great time and got involved in all of the facilities and activities we had on offer. Now we hope they'll spread the word about what an amazing facility we have," Sport and Recreation Manager Rachelle Greene said.

Thanks to everyone who came along and supported our fundraising effort – we managed to raise \$662.60 for Coastguard Queenstown and their project to build a new base building.



FootGolf First

Ever heard of FootGolf? It's a new craze spreading across the world combining two of mankind's most popular sports, football and golf. And in a South Island first, we've just opened an official 9-hole FootGolf course at Frankton Golf Centre.

FootGolf is fun for all ages and abilities making it a perfect family activity: "FootGolf is the perfect addition to Frankton Golf Centre because it's so family orientated. Mum, dad and the kids can come out and have a game together without needing any special equipment or skills. It's played exactly how it sounds – you kick a football into a hole in the least number kicks," says Frankton Golf Centre manager Jamie McIsaac.

Keep an eye out for details about a FootGolf Social Sports league, kicking off in Queenstown in November.



Left to right - Lily Rumball, Victoria O'Connell, Henry Rumball, Jack O'Connell, Joe O'Connell, George O'Connell.



Some of our Alpine Aqualand Lifeguards Matias Torres, Julien Facci, Martin D'Orso and Adela Ledvinkova recently took out third place at the National Pool Lifeguard Competition held in Dunedin. The team participated in a quiz and a scenario-based mixed relay event which showcased their expertise in dealing with different types of casualties quickly and efficiently. It was a close race to the top spot with just four points between first and third place.

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QUEENSTOWN JAZZFEST 2015

DATES: Friday 23 - Monday 26 October

LOCATIONS: Queenstown, Arrowtown, Gibbston Valley

Four days of fantastic music with over 50 events & 80 performers.

Mark your diaries... jazz fever takes hold in the Queenstown district with a four day feast of cool blues, big band swing, funky R&B, soul and contemporary jazz.

There are over 50 events featuring musicians from NZ, Australia and the US. The programme offers a variety of music for everyone to enjoy and most events are free to attend. Events include pop-up street performances, free gigs in cafés, bars and restaurants, outdoor community stages, ticketed concerts at the Queenstown Memorial Centre, development workshops and masterclasses.

The headline line-up features renowned New York bassist David Friesen, Kiwi favourite Hollie Smith and a special big band concert with celebrated Melbourne vocalist Hetty Kate.

Check out the Festival page on Facebook, or www.queenstownjazzfest.co.nz for the full programme.

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Queenstown Memorial Hall
Lake Hayes Pavilion
Lake Wanaka Centre
Alpine Aqualand
Wanaka Pool
Sports fields

Phone: 03 450 9005

TRANSFER STATIONS

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Frankton Industrial Area
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Hours: Wednesday 1.30pm – 3.30pm Friday 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Queenstown 10 Gorge Road Phone: 03 441 0600

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Wanaka Dunmore Street Phone: 03 443 0410

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Hours: Tuesday 11.00am – 1.00pm & Thursday 3.00pm – 5.00pm

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