

## Submission on the Arrowtown Design Guideline

Lakes District Museum Inc.

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The Lakes District Museum Inc. committee represents over 350 members. The committee is elected each year at the AGM. The museum was founded in 1948 and is the district museum. As part of its constitution, the museum has a vested interest in protecting built heritage district wide, as well as ensuring the preservation of heritage character.

The museum committee has a specific interest in Arrowtown, specifically the Arrowtown Historic Management zones. Over the years it has provided a number of submissions to council, on historical matters. The museum itself has three heritage buildings on site, owns the historic Arrowtown Post Office and looks after the Arrowtown Gaol.

The museum supported the various Arrowtown Community workshops in 1994, and 2003 and the development of the Design Guidelines 2006

We understand that the Design Guidelines 2006 have been used to guide development, both private and public, in the Arrowtown Historic Management zone for the last 10 years and appear to have been worked very well. This has ensured Arrowtown remains a very desirable place to live and work in but has also had the economic spin off due to its popularity with tourists.

The committee supports the guidelines continued use to ensure heritage is protected and character and scale is maintained. At the same time, the museum committee supports the ongoing development of appropriate infrastructure to service the 'old' town's needs. This needs to be developed along side the guidelines recommendations.

We note that there is a requirement to use certain building materials in the heritage zones. We also understand that these materials are recommendations only and that colour steel, aluminium joinery and linear weatherboard for instance have been used and are acceptable in certain circumstances providing they fit in with other design criteria. We support the use of alternative materials on this basis.

The museum committee support the retention and under planting of the towns heritage trees.

In terms of the development and redevelopment of the new town the museum supports the intentions of the Guidelines 2016 to bring the scale, character and appropriate planting from the old town into the new town.

In conclusion the Lakes District Museum supports the 2016 Arrowtown Design Guidelines as the community has everything to gain their continued use.



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