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SUBMISSION FOR QLDC 2016 ANNUAL PLAN

This submission is on behalf of the Glenorchy Community Association Committee.

The growth of tourism to the Queenstown Lakes District is reflected in an increased number of visitors taking the drive to Glenorchy. The town has traditionally been a holiday spot for domestic visitors, especially those from Otago and Southland, many of whom own cribs in the town.

However, since the sealing of the Queenstown – Glenorchy road there has been a renewed focus on day trippers. Add this to Glenorchy's other attractions such as ambience, heritage and recreation and there is the potential to put even greater pressure on the local infrastructure, which is already seriously stretched during the busy season of October to April with the peak in January to April.

Destination Management is essentially about communities and cross agency co-operation in all areas to both capitalise on and maintain what is special in this place. The notion of managing a destination calls for a whole-of-community approach.

1. Effective and efficient infrastructure that meets the needs of growth

Queenstown Lakes District Council plays a major role within the tourism industry in providing appropriate infrastructure not just for the local community but for visitors to the region. This includes public water supplies, wastewater systems, parks and reserves, refuse and roading.

With more visitors venturing up the lake to Glenorchy demand for toilet facilities have increased dramatically and the influx of visitors have also increased rubbish volumes to a point where bins are regularly overflowing within days of emptying, resulting in rubbish blowing around the lakefront in particular and the township. The overflowing rubbish creates an eyesore and reflects badly on the community and district as a whole. Add that along with overflowing public toilets and sewage bubbling out of the ground highlights an immediate need for effective and efficient infrastructure. Specifically we request budget be allocated for additional waste bins and/or increased frequency of emptying during peak periods in the lake front reserve area.

As overseas tourism promotion is aimed to increase international visitor numbers we would like to see improved infrastructure that will benefit the locals as well as enable tourists to have a wonderful experience. It is essential to have a water supply and waste water system delivered in the most cost effective manner that meets the needs of Glenorchy now and into the future.

2. Quality landscapes and natural environment with enhanced public access

We value our environment and would like to enhance our natural and built environment. To create safer, more welcoming public spaces, community facilities and services are important to us. QLDC has invested in commissioning a waterfront plan for Glenorchy and with the plan now finalised we would like to see the key priorities carried out to ensure continuation of the waterfront development –

- Establish clearly defined parking facilities at the northern end of the waterfront (near the start of the Glenorchy walkway) and ensuring the entrance to the walkway is not blocked by vehicles parking inappropriately.



- Continue the walkway along the lake shore from the Glenorchy walkway to the iconic Red Goods Shed.
- Improve landscaping and planting to connect the different interest areas and encourage appropriate use of the waterfront.

The Glenorchy Community Association supports the proposed budget allocation to fight the spread of Lagarosiphon into Lake Wakatipu, and beyond (such as our Lake Diamond).

3. The District's parks, libraries, recreational and other community facilities and services are highly valued by the community

- The Community Hall is the only big venue option available in Glenorchy and as our Mission Hall is tiny, a large venue for community events and gatherings (funerals and larger weddings) is needed. The last funeral packed out the hall and the supper room with standing room only in the foyer and porch. In the last 12 months the hall has seen a wide variety of users, from local committee meetings to community events and seminars, in all totally 25 different groups. We would like to see continued investment in this facility in the form of upgrading seating and fixtures and fittings, such as curtains and light fittings.
- The recent community fundraising and consequent investment in our Community Pool has seen a huge increase in the number of people using the facility this summer, where an increase of use has seen a large increase in chemicals required and volunteer labour to clean the pool more frequently. We ask that QLDC consider purchasing a robotic pool vacuum for next season at an approximate cost of \$2,500, which would see the pool cleaned to a higher standard every night.
- The foresight of QLDC in purchasing the land that is now the Glenorchy Village Green is proving a great asset to the community. However to reinforce its role as a community hub we would like to see a plan developed for the use and maintenance of the area so that it is fit for purpose.
- The Glenorchy Airstrip functions well for the community and the tourism operators without detracting from existing quality of life. With the increased use of this facility we would like to see the management plan finalised and the road system completed.

4. Road User Safety and Level of Service

At a time when local tourist numbers reach record highs and the practice of self drive increases in popularity, Glenorchy faces the twin pressures of reduced NZTA funding of the Queenstown-Glenorchy Road and at the same time the demand to increase standards to increase safety and tourists positive experiences.

- **Slow Vehicle Bays**

With its mountainous nature, high value scenery and proximity to a lake the Glenorchy Road meets in every way the NZTA criteria for slow vehicle bays. Since the five SVB's were constructed approximately four years ago (anecdotally) residents report a reduction in frustration with slow tourist drivers and the resulting improved experience for the tourist themselves, and the obvious safety improvement from drivers waiting for a SVB to undertake a passing manoeuvre.



Unfortunately the level of funding at the time restricted the south bound (GY-QT) lane to only one SVB (just south of Bennetts Bluff). Budget to construct further southbound SVB's is requested.

- Seal extensions

There are four popular unsealed roads used by Tourists at the head of the lake;

- a) Rees Valley
- b) Paradise
- c) Routeburn
- d) Kinloch and beyond

Anecdotal evidence and crash history demonstrate that tourists unfamiliar with safe driving practices on unsealed roads often become an accident statistic. Whilst we support education and other initiatives in the QLDC visitor drivers' project these are mitigation measures only, the only way to remove this risk entirely is to seal the road. Options should include both chip seal and otta seal depending on traffic volumes.

We believe the priorities to extend the sealed road network are the roads to Paradise and the Routeburn, both as far as the entrance to the Aspiring National Park. In particular we urge the Council to consider the Routeburn seal extension within next 3 years while 100% SPR funding is guaranteed.

- Unsealed road maintenance

There is a poor level of service with pot holed and corrugated unsealed roads the norm at the head of the lake at certain times of the year. We urge the Council to increase funding and implement a programme that is based on road user numbers not on a periodic basis.

- Winter maintenance

The Glenorchy Road has many sections that do not receive direct sun light over the winter and remain covered with a layer of frost 24hrs a day. This causes significant concern for local residents but the risk is even higher for tourists who do not have an appreciation of the risk nor an understanding of how to adjust your driving behaviour as required. We request that more budget is allocated for winter maintenance activities.

- SPR funding

From the NZTA website:

The funding assistance rate for special purpose roads will remain at current levels for the 2015-18 NLTP to allow approved organisations to develop individual plans to transition special purpose roads to the normal funding assistance rate by 2023-24.

The Transport Agency will engage with affected councils individually to review each special purpose road to determine its role, condition and transition arrangements.

<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning/investment/far-review/index.html>



There is a very real risk that the funding of Glenorchy-Queenstown Road by the Government will be reduced from its current level of 100% down to 48% with the balance of costs being met by the ratepayer. This would have a direct bearing on the rates paid by Glenorchy residents, in a town already facing significant rates rises in coming years to pay for its wastewater treatment plant. Residents also fear a reduction in the level of service on the road and a resulting drop in safety and economical benefit.

Whilst the 350 residents at the head of the lake enjoy the benefits of the high standard of the road it is not constructed and maintained to that standard for them. The road has its SPR status because it carries a high proportion of tourist traffic, has high tourism value, has high maintenance costs and is located in a remote area with a low rating base. Very few SPRs in the Country can claim all of these reasons. The basis for the SPR status remains valid today, the situation has not changed since 30 June 1992 yet the NZTA now propose to reduce the funding by more than 50%.

A high standard of Glenorchy road is required to cater for the tourist traffic on what is a mountainous and windy route with many scenic distractions. As has been heavily reported on in the media, shown to be true based on crash history, and accepted as an issue by QLDC tourist drivers pose a real risk to others on our roads here. There is also a high volume of small to large busses that service the scenic tour and tourism activities market at the head of the lake.

Clearly the very small ratepayer base in Glenorchy cannot be expected to meet these costs, and no one wants the standard of the road to drop with the resulting increase in accidents and reduction in positive tourist experiences. This issue is a very significant issue for community members who are quite rightly concerned about reduced road safety and increased costs as a result of the NZTA funding review.

We support the inclusion of the \$50k budget allocated in next financial year for investigating (traffic surveys etc) and engaging with the NZTA to fight their proposal. We also request that funding is allowed for in subsequent years to enable an ongoing effort.

- Resilience

- a) Kinloch Road flooding

The road to Kinloch and beyond is repetitively flooding in recent years and the problem seems to be getting worse. In addition to the obvious inconvenience this isolation poses a serious safety issue for local residents and the many thousands of tourists who access the area for walking, fishing, hunting and much more. This issue is urgent. As a minimum interim measure we would like to see a range of drainage improvements implemented.

- b) Rees Bridge protection works

Approximately \$200k is budgeted every 2 years over the next 10 years to excavate the gravels under the Rees Bridge to maintain river flow. Whilst acknowledging we are not experts in the field of river engineering, it is obvious to those involved that the exercise completed last time had little impact as the "hole" was filled up in the next decent rain event. As a result it appears that this approach is futile and that a long term solution such as lifting the bridge may be a better use of funding. We urge a review of current practices and a focus on a long term solution.



Thank you for your consideration of these items. We look forward to a positive response to the enhancement of our community facilities.

A representative of the GCA may wish to be heard on this submission.

Ingrid Temple

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ingrid Temple".

Secretary
Glenorchy Community Association

HAWEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CUNNINGHAM, PAUL

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The HCA feels strongly that the following items should be put in the annual plan. 1/ Domain toilets, there are three user groups which would benefit from toilet facilities; Hawea pony club, Hawea picnic racing club and the new walking/cycling track users. The state of the current facilities is unacceptable for the intended use. Recent large public events on the Domain have used portable toilets hired at a cost of \$250 per day to the organisers. 2 / Kerb and Channelling for Capell Ave from the Hotel to the Lakeview Terrace intersection. The Northern side of Capell Ave over this stretch has a number of deep sections in the present storm water drainage ditch, to the extent that some householders have placed protection blocks to define their driveways and minimise the chance dropping a wheel into the storm water drain. Parts of the current storm water drain are deep enough to be a personal safety hazard ? e.g. the Eastern corner of Noema Tce/Capell Ave. All streets connecting on to Capell Ave, have curbing and channelling and from an aesthetic point of view it seems incongruous that the main street through the township still has ?country road? storm water drains. 3/ Street lighting for the night sky, Hawea is willing to be a trial case for QLDC. The majority of the street lighting in the Lake Hawea township is highly visible sodium lighting. The installation of less obtrusive lights on newer streets and as replacements for their sodium predecessors has highlighted the benefit of these replacements. 4/ Parking solution required between Sailz and Bodkin st. (Proposed Commercial zone extension). The land next to Sailz is privately owned but has become, by default, a public parking area for visitors to the ?commercial? centre of Lake Hawea. A ?rope and waratah? fence has been erected along the frontage to minimise the issue but a longer term solution to parking generally in this area needs to be addressed. 5 / Post and rail fence at Flora Dora Parade (the car park on council reserve land). A series of concrete blocks currently restrict vehicle access to the reserve land. Given the number of tourists accessing this area to photograph the Lake etc. considerable benefit would be gained by erecting a more visually attractive fence. 6/ The corner of Camphill Rd and Kane Rd (This is right by the school and is poorly designed and dangerous). Although speed limits and a Compulsory Stop have recently been introduced, this corner is still considered dangerous. Traffic, generally, has to move through the Compulsory Stop to see South down Kane Rd and be seen by approaching Kane Road traffic. Suggested solution ? block Camphill Rd at St Ninians Way and Kane Rd and route traffic through St Ninians Way.to Kane Rd. The roading

around the school corner would then become school access only. 7/ Lakeview rd to Muir rd. The sharp bend at the end of Hawea is extremely dangerous. We understand the local land owner has gifted land on this corner to enable reshaping, but traffic entering Lakeview Tce from Muir Rd has poor visibility of the corner due to the raised pedestrian walkway on the inside of the corner. Paul Cunningham HCA Chair

HAWEA FLAT SCHOOL HEATH, SUE

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Submission on the Hawea Flat School Community Swimming Pool. Please see attached document.

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Dear Council Members

SUBMISSION: Hawea Flat School Community Swimming Pool

Hawea Flat School is fortunate to have a Community pool located on reserve land adjacent to the school. The Department of Conservation owns the land which is administered by QLDC. The school is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the pool during the summer season and in previous years the council has contributed \$2500 per year to help offset the costs associated with keeping the pool open at weekends and over the summer holidays. This hasn't happened for the last 2-3 years despite an invoice being sent. While the Board of Trustees appreciate that there is a lot of financial pressure on the council, it is imperative that the pool remains operational. To this end the Board is seeking an annual grant from the council of \$3500. The actual cost to the school each year is in excess \$7500 and this is likely to increase as equipment needs replacing and the pool needs painting before opening in October.

Pool Usage

The pool is usually open from late October to mid-March depending on the weather. It is used on a daily basis during this time to teach younger children how to be safe and confident in the water and the more confident swimmers practise swimming lengths. Children attending school also use the pool during the lunchtime break. There are often up to 70 children in the pool during this time. Teachers have noticed that an increasing number of 5 year olds are not confident in the water. This could be partly due to the limited opportunities for pre-schoolers to swim in a pool as the local Wanaka Community Pool is not really suitable for pre-schoolers. As the Hawea Community Pool is outdoors and the weather can be unreliable in Term 4, all children have ten swimming lessons at either the Cromwell or Wanaka pool depending on availability. Being safe around water is a survival skill especially given the local environment and the school views this as an essential part of the curriculum.

Lots of local families use the pool after school, in the evenings and at the weekends. During the summer holidays the pool is in constant use not only from families living in the area but also from people holidaying here. It is truly a community pool. It is a wonderful facility for our school, community and visitors to use but the costs continue to rise.

In the next 5 years

Over the next five years a number of areas need to be addressed to ensure the smooth operation of the pool. An assessment of the plant equipment has revealed that the following work will need to be undertaken in the next five years:

- Repaint inside of the pool (materials and labour) - \$5500
- Pool cover anywhere from \$4800 - \$15000 (depending on the type of cover)
- Upgrade changing rooms - \$4000

These costs are all estimates but have been provided by people with experience in this area.

Recently a tree branch fell across the power lines going into the pool shed during a storm. This resulted in a power surge destroying most of the electrical equipment in the pool shed. The cost of repairing the damage is significant and is not covered by the school's insurance or the Ministry of Education. The tree concerned was on reserve land, not school land. Any grant from the council would certainly mean that the pool will be operational for the coming summer season.

Yours faithfully



Sue Heath
Principal

HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND

O'DEA, JANE

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Our Ref: 33002-104

29 April 2016

The Chief Executive
Queenstown Lakes District Council
Private Bag 50072
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Dear Sir

**RE: QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2016-17: SUBMISSION BY
HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Annual Plan 2016-17 for Queenstown Lakes District Council. Heritage New Zealand provides the following comments:

1. Roles and Responsibilities of Heritage New Zealand

Heritage New Zealand is an autonomous Crown entity, with responsibilities under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 (HNZPTA) to promote the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of the historical and cultural resources of New Zealand. This includes working with local authorities to advocate for the recognition and protection of heritage resources.

2. Council Responsibilities for Historic Heritage Management

Queenstown Lakes District is one of New Zealand's richest and most diverse Districts in terms of historic heritage. Recognition and valuing of the District's heritage is fundamental to maintaining and enhancing community wellbeing and the economy. Furthermore, with the promotion of heritage as a reason to visit the Queenstown Lakes, the economic contribution of heritage to the District is a strong reason for council to proactively lead the protection and promotion of the District's heritage resources.

Heritage New Zealand will continue to support Council on local heritage issues, but is also increasingly focussing specifically on safeguarding heritage of national importance, for example through the National Historic Landmarks programme introduced under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. This focus on nationally significant historic heritage may mean that Heritage New Zealand staff will no longer be in a position to become involved in certain matters where we have previously

provided specialist advice to the Council and/or worked with heritage owners to achieve better heritage outcomes through resource consent processes.

With Heritage New Zealand's increasing focus on nationally significant historic places, Heritage New Zealand considers it crucial that the Council increases its in-house expertise and capacity in this area.

Heritage New Zealand considers that the most effective means of increasing capacity and expertise in the area of heritage would be to create a position within the Council for a heritage planner or co-ordinator. This could initially be trialled as a project post and potentially a shared position with other Councils in the area and in this regard Heritage New Zealand has also submitted to the Central Otago District on this topic.

Responsibilities and benefits of such a role could include:

- Work with local volunteer heritage organisations. Fostering a strong relationship with local heritage organisations is very beneficial to heritage management in the district;
- Liaise with heritage building owners in relation to building strengthening and adaptive reuse;
- Facilitate across Council departments to assist owners dealing with multiple processes and members of staff in relation to heritage building upgrades and reuse;
- Provision of advice to owners on funding opportunities;
- Provision of in-house heritage advice in relation to Council projects and comments on resource consent matters;
- Establish heritage incentives;
- Review or write Council information/guidance brochures for heritage building owners;
- Prepare design guidelines for heritage precincts;
- Provide a Council-led solutions driven approach to heritage survival;
- Build the Council's reputation and relationships with heritage owners, the volunteer sector and wider community.

3. Outcome sought

That that the Council allocates funding to create a a heritage planner/coordinator role within the Council. As discussed this could be an initial 2-3 year project post with the possibility of the position being shared with other councils in the area.

4. New Zealand Archaeological Association Site Record Database

Queenstown Lakes District contains a very high density of inland archaeological sites in New Zealand, many of which are associated with Maori occupation and European/Pakeha and Chinese goldmining and pastoralism. To demonstrate the density of archaeological sites in certain parts of the District, the attached Archsite extract displays recorded archaeological sites around Lake Hayes, Arrowtown and Gibbston Valley.

In previous Annual Plan submissions, Heritage New Zealand has encouraged QLDC to purchase access to the online New Zealand Archaeological Association Site Recording Scheme, Archsite. This is also identified as a high priority and low cost action in the 2010 QLDC Heritage Strategy. Heritage New Zealand would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of this database as a tool for local authority heritage management.

Archsite can be live-streamed to the Council's GIS system or used as a separate online database. Access to this information would enable Council staff to view information relating to existing NZAA recorded sites, and to download details of newly recorded archaeological sites. Heritage New Zealand believes that this information has a variety of valuable uses such as -

- Land Information Memoranda - the presence of recorded archaeological sites on a property is relevant information pursuant to section 44(3) of the Local Government Official Meetings and Information Act 1987. It would be straightforward to provide Archsite information on LIM reports along with advice/notification of legal obligations under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.
- Resource consent processes –pursuant to section 6(f) of the RMA 1991 Councils are required to recognise and provide for historic heritage as a matter of national importance. Council staff who administer the resource consent process need access to information about the presence of archaeological sites in order to properly identify and assess the potential effects of land use activities on historic heritage.
- Potential cost and time savings to owners and developers as a result of having timely knowledge of the presence of archaeological sites on their land.

The current situation, as Heritage New Zealand understands it, is that Council staff do not have access to Archsite and accordingly are not able to advise applicants/owners about the presence of recorded archaeology on properties, nor can this information be factored into resource consent deliberations in order to properly identify and assess potential effects on historic heritage.

Lack of knowledge on the part of owners has done, and will continue to lead to accidental site damage and destruction. Such damage cumulatively and unnecessarily diminishes the heritage resources of the district.

Heritage New Zealand would be happy to provide free introductory training to Council staff on the NZAA Site Record Database if the Council genuinely considers subscribing to the database.

Improved identification and communication about the presence of archaeological sites through the use of Archsite is a straightforward action available to the Council to achieve better heritage outcomes for the District and is in line with the QLDC Heritage Strategy 2010.

5. Outcome sought

Heritage New Zealand recommends that money be set aside for Council access to the New Zealand Archaeological Association (NZAA) site record information.

6. Conclusion

Heritage New Zealand may wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Please address any enquiries concerning the above in the first instance to: Jane O'Dea, Heritage Adviser (Planning), DDI (03) 477-9819, email: jodea@historic.org.nz

Yours sincerely



Jonathan Howard
Area Manager (Otago/Southland)

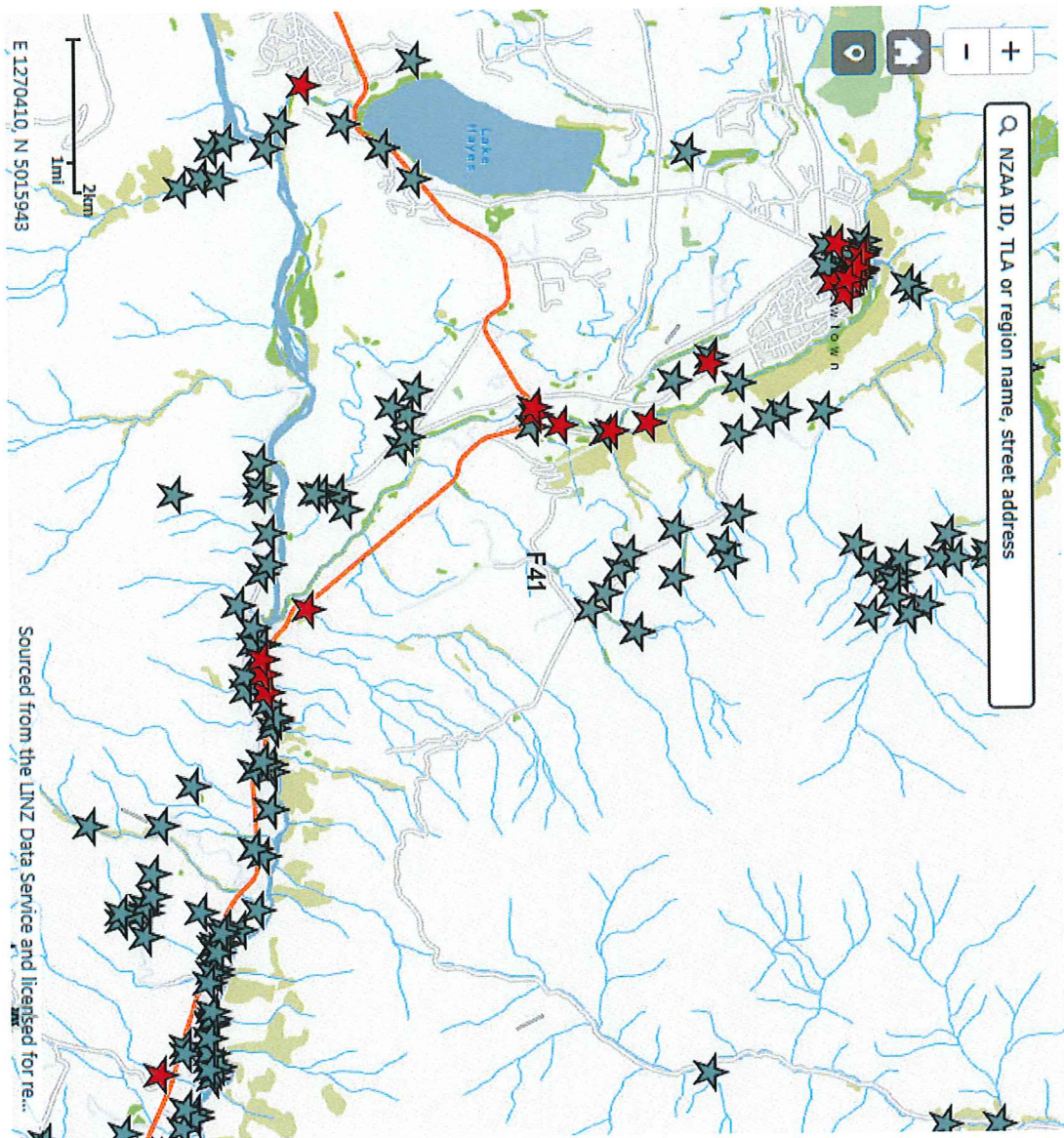
Appendix A: Archsite map view – Lake Hayes, Arrowtown, Gibbston area, accessed 28-4-2016



Browse Map

Legend Tools Summary ?

- ☒ Dynamic Data
 - ☒ NZAA Site
 - Pending
 - Approved
 - Inactive
 - ☒ NZAA Site Area
 - ☒ NZAA Site Accuracy
 - ☒ Map Grids
 - ☐ NZAA File District
 - ☐ NZ TLA
 - ☐ NZ Region
 - ☐ Islands
 - ☒ NZ Mainland Contours (Topo, 1:50K)
- ☒ Basemap
 - Background
 - Topo



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Wakatipu

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The 2015 QLDC Economic Development Strategy is to be commended for recognising the outstanding opportunities for the innovation sector, and benefits from pursuing such, within the District - economically, educationally, and socially. Innovation Queenstown seeks council support to give effect to those laudable ambitions: While there is indeed tremendous potential for this high value sector in Queenstown - that potential is currently only being realised ad hoc, almost accidentally, and despite the absence of any local structural support. As a non-profit trust led by in-sector operators and experts - drawn from the local, national, and international innovation ecosystems - Innovation Queenstown will provide focused support to realise and magnify the innovation opportunities and activities Queenstown already possesses, to fully integrate innovation opportunities and assets within the Queenstown community, as well as mobilise the sector for community benefit. To resource the activity streams required to accomplish this, Innovation Queenstown respectfully requests QLDC commit to funding support of not less than \$50,000 per year for two years. We welcome to opportunity to speak to this submission.

LAKE HAYES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION PIRIE, CLARK

Wakatipu

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We request that funding is moved forward for traffic improvements in Frankton. The Council has identified that funding is being brought forward for Queenstown CBD congestion, ignoring the fact that residents and tourists can't get through Frankton. With increased flight arrivals at the airport, and the continued residential growth in the Lake Hayes estate area (Shotover Country and Bridesdale) this will only get worse. There doesn't appear to be any recognition of this issue, and the need to contribute to NZTA assessment of options for improvements.

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We question why rates in the Lake Hayes Estate subdivision is increasing so much more than other areas; why is it that LHE residents have to pay an additional \$210 for the Shotover treatment ponds when Arthurs Point residents are only facing an increase of \$60 and the Shotover Country residents face an increase of \$120 per household.

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Ladies Mile Trees. As an organisation we support retaining the trees, and the one off rating charge. However, QLDC should clarify that the levy is a one off charge, and that there also needs to be assurance that the trees will be protected in perpetuity via the District Plan review. Given the increase in rates for LHE residents any levy added to rates for the costs of placing the lines underground should be minimised.

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There are a number of other items requiring immediate attention from QLDC and some as medium to long term issues requiring attention over time: - QLDC should be considering funding for improvements to the reserve land at the base of Widgeon Place, and Council support for our planting of natives in this area. - Our community group is concerned that every winter we have power cuts within our subdivision. With heating in our subdivision being dependant on power supply, this is a health and safety issue for our residents. It would be of great assistance if Council could assist us in identifying these issues to Delta/Aurora. These may be request for service issues, but

Council should consider the following: - Maintenance and upkeep of the reserve ponds in the LHE subdivision. LHE has a huge mosquito problem in the early summer months. The stagnant waters of the ponds are likely to be attracting mosquito to lay larvae. Council should be maintaining these ponds to ensure removal of weeds and reeds for water movement through the ponds to prevent mosquito larvae being laid and spraying of the ponds to control the mosquito problem. - Street tree replacement and maintenance; in particular the trees on Hope Ave that have been removed need replacement, and a greater level of attention is needed. This is similar to the ponds issue; there needs to be a greater level of maintenance provided for street trees and park areas - The street light on Hope Ave that was hit by a car; this has been replaced with a pole that doesn't match, and still has construction fence around it months after it was put in place. - The parking area beside the playground; this needs to be formed properly as cars parking on the grass verge will continue to damage the verge until such time as a parking bay is formed. - Security cameras at the playground

LAKE WANAKA TOURISM HELMORE, JAMES

Wanaka/Upper Clutha

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To whom it may concern Lake Wanaka Tourism would like to submit on the ownership of Sticky Forest as this is an important asset for our visitors and locals alike. The development and promotion of mountain biking is a key element of our strategic and promotional activity. Lake Wanaka Tourism actively collaborates with other entities (DOC, QLDC, Bike Wanaka, Upper Clutha Tracks Trust) to progress our collective aspiration to be known as a great mountain biking destination. The network of tracks within Sticky Forest represent the best collection of intermediate/advanced single track in our region and compliments the broader track network. Having this within public ownership allows it to be managed and developed appropriately to provide a top quality riding experience. Mountain biking is one of the 10 key reasons Lake Wanaka Tourism promotes to attract visitors to our region. Tourism New Zealand also promotes biking as a key reason to visit New Zealand and the biking offering in the Wanaka region is an important part of this story. Data from our visitor surveys show that 1 in 5 visitors see mountain biking / cycling as a must do activity. Mountain bikers typically skew to a higher social economic group and their visitation and behaviour generates a positive economic and social benefit to our community. Sticky Forest is not only an asset that attracts visitors to our region but a key recreational asset for our local population of intermediate to advanced mountain bikers to enjoy. Lake Wanaka Tourism support all endeavours by Council and the Community to work with the Sticky Forest land owner in an effort to continue to allow community access. This is with the ultimate aim of securing long-term access for the community either through a lease or purchase of the land. Kind regards James James Helmore General Manager Lake Wanaka Tourism

LAKE DISTRICT MUSEUM INC

CLARKE, DAVID

District-wide

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Lakes District Museum Arrowtown 2016/17 Submission from the Lakes District Museum to the Annual Plan and the 10 Year Plan. Once again the Lakes District Museum board presents a submission to the annual plan and thanks Council for their ongoing support of this important institution. Ongoing funding ensures that the museum is able to carry out important heritage work, not just within the institution, but also in the wider QLDC district. We consider that the present rate payer contribution presents good value for money considering what we are tasked to do on behalf of the community. Once again we have enjoyed a busy visitor season but revenue gained from this source provides us with only some of the income to continue to carry out our various projects. As per past submissions, we submit the following key points in support of our present level of funding. ? We are not a council entity but a Charitable Society. We have over 400 members who elect the board each year. The board then hire the Director who hires all other staff. ? The Lakes District Museum has enjoyed some council financial support since 1972. For many years this was \$15,000. This increased to \$30,000 in circa 2004 and increased each year based on CPI. We were not required to apply each year as funding became part of the 10 year plan. Due to financial problems in 2012, the museum board met with the Mayor, CEO and CFO and discussed increasing the grant to \$80,000 PA and this was agreed. (This equates to about \$4 per rate payer across the district) This has given the museum stability and the ability to consolidate funds. ? Whilst we have consolidated funds, there is still a call on these funds and we continue to have rapidly increasing operating costs. ? Almost all communities the size of the QLDC have a museum. We are now considered a regional museum. Support of museums is a core council function under the Local Government Act 2002 ? The museum is almost unique in that it is one of only a few museums of its size in the country, that is not a council run entity. ? The Lakes District Museum is recognised by the museum profession as one of the best and most innovative small museums in the country. This has been achieved through volunteers giving huge amounts of time to fund raise and with some staff working considerable free hours on wages below what they would earn in Council run museums. Community benefit comes from the museum comes in many forms: ? Over 600 hours of oral history recordings of the districts residents. This is an ongoing project that will be incredibly valuable in generations to come. A new project recording stories from the period 1970-2015 is underway.

? The creation of an excellent archive facility with a database that has digitised our collection including our 14,000 photographs. ? The museum has provided a public art gallery space showing an amazing array of changing exhibitions- both historical and art based.(this is 24 years old this year.) ? The museum employs a full time educator and two part time teachers to run a highly respected education programme. Every school in the QLDC area uses this programme. ? The museum runs the Arrowtown Post Office and Arrowtown's Information Centre. We hold the Arrowtown Hall keys on behalf of the Council and monitor the hall use by vetting who receives these keys. ? Museum staff have lobbied and undertaken continual work in the heritage sector both in Arrowtown and Wakatipu wide. We sit on Trusts to further heritage aims and undertake research work for council especially in the interpretation of the reserves and who they are named after and other property searches. We also protect council historical records that include the Minutes and Rate books. In conclusion The museum has been a highly valued institution since 1948. Its functions, responsibilities and activities have expanded considerably and this needs to be recognised by council going into the future. Supporting the District Museum is a core function of council. Thank you for your support. David Clarke Director

How the Council Grant will be spent in 2016-17 year Currently we still have a number of capital projects we are working on and this is the reason we are accumulating funds. Our financial year is 1 August-31 July. They are: ? Seismic strengthening of the 1875 Bank building. We have presently engaged a conservation architect and civil engineer to produce reports and drawing as to what is required to strengthen the former Bank of New Zealand building which is part of the museum. The cost of this phase is \$30,000 and they are halfway through the project We already have indications from our engineers that the total cost of the actual seismic strengthening work will be in the vicinity of \$150,000-\$200,000 ? New storage capacity. Over the last year we have got the resource consent in place for this project and are presently awaiting engineering drawings before we apply for building consent. As stated in our last submission, the museum is woefully short of storage capacity. We are currently getting working drawings completed for a new lower level storage room. Expected construction costs are \$130,000-\$150,000 ? New Geology and Maori displays. We have completed « this programme but wish to finish the remaining work over the next 2 years. Estimated cost \$50,000. ? Support of Danny Knudson Book on the History of Skippers. This project has just been undertaken by the Queenstown and District Historical Society and ourselves and the book was launched last week. The cost escalated to \$11,000. This will be recouped over the next 4 years as the book sells ? A book about Lindsay Kennett. Glenorchy resident who became a famous fashion milliner. This project was to be a short movie but is now a book. This book is at the designers at the moment \$5000 ? Oral History Project Programme. Interviewing residents about Queenstown 1960- present day first stage \$5000 ? Support of the Arrowtown Gaol restoration project. This is a Council owned Category 1 building. The museum along with the Wakatipu Heritage Trust are undertaking to restore this building with little cost to the QLDC and rate payers. The museum is contributing \$3500 towards this project. This totals over \$450,000 expenditure anticipated over the next 5 years (subject to getting other grants from charitable trusts) As per other years we tag the Council grant to assist us with operating costs which are between \$350,00- to \$400,000 per annum i.e energy, telecommunications, insurance and personnel (wages costs). This 2014/15 financial year saw the museum make a small profit but if the council grant was removed that profit would disappear. Insurance is now over \$30,000 annually. Energy costs in the winter are over \$80 per day. Our wages are still quite low by industry standards and need to increase to retain experienced staff. We also need to employ extra staff members to undertake the museology work that needs to be done, especially in the archives area which is a core function of the museum. A full financial breakdown was sent to Council at the end of our financial year (September 2015) David Clarke Director Lakes District Museum Arrowtown April 2016

LUGGATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HALLIDAY, HEATHER

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To whom it may concern, Please could we have Dog litter bins and bag supplies at the start and finish of the Luggate tracks?

MISSION WOW GUEST, JO

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Sticky/ Plantation Forest, Wanaka Re-zoning from rural to residential status- this area provides a unique place for locals and tourists to enjoy the outdoor lifestyle for which Wanaka is well known for. There have been many years of voluntary effort put into creating the biking trails which are used heavily through the year by locals and tourists alike. The contours, terrain, trees and views are unique and once removed cannot be replaced. There is nowhere else in Wanaka which would be able to provide the terrain to create another set of biking and running trails like this. Sticky Forest is one of the only purpose made bike trails in Wanaka. As the QLDC is probably well aware, mountain biking is a booming industry and many other districts within New Zealand, and the world, are using mountain biking as a destination tourism activity. One good example is Christchurch with their city council putting in \$2million to invest in a new bike park. Other great examples in New Zealand is Queenstown, Rotorua, Nelson... I feel like it would be extremely short sighted of the QLDC to rezone this land considering mountain biking is such growing so rapidly. Thus, one can argue Sticky Forest has economic value beyond that of a few houses and sections of land. These trails are such a big draw card for people with it this close to the town itself. This is one of the reasons why house and land prices have continued to soar in this region. People are willing to pay more to have a part of this Wanaka lifestyle. In addition to this, good town planning requires a diverse use of land within the town. Good town planning requires there to be a mixture of green spaces, housing, public spaces and areas for different types of recreational activities. A well designed town will positively affect tourism, jobs, property values and quality of life. I should hope the QLDC doesn't forget that not only do people need places to live, but also places to enjoy a lifestyle outside of their homes. I would prefer to see QLDC purchase or lease the land to save a place of recreation for those who live in the region and visitors alike. Thank you.

MT NICHOLAS STATION COCKS, KATE

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Submission Form



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Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kate Cocks".

Date: 29 April 2016

☐ **Tick if you would like to present your submission in person**

(I am happy to be contacted for comment if required)

Submission on Road Maintenance and Signage on Mt Nicholas-Beach Bay Road and Von Road:

My family has owned and lived at Mt Nicholas Station for the past 40 years, during that time and especially over the last 5 years we have noted a marked increase in the traffic utilising the road and also the evolving type of road user. Although there has been some recent maintenance on the road we feel this hasn't always been suitable for the road users and insufficient to cope with increased demands placed on the road on a day to day basis, especially from October to April which sees its highest use time.

Examples of Road Users:

Real Journeys who operate at Walter Peak High Country Farm at the road end at Beach Bay have been a very successful company and as they have continued to grow, as has the amount of traffic required to service their growing business, including heavy vehicles and trailered vehicles which have particular impacts on gravel roads.

As more "off the beaten track" travel has become popular and with more people having access to GPS mapping and navigation systems in their vehicles there has been a huge increase in people just coming in the road for a sightseeing drive, including many campervans, motorbikes and cars as well as 4WD vehicles.

A large number of fishermen also frequent the area, (including fishing guides with paying clients) mainly for access to the Von River which runs alongside the road for approximately

20km, anecdotally there are often up to 15 vehicles a day of fishermen during the peak fishing season.

A number of businesses also operate on the road including Track-net buses, Nomad Safaris and Round the Mountain cycle Buses, as these businesses have grown and expanded it has put more pressure on the road.

There has also been a large increase in the number of cyclists using the road as a pseudo bike trail as part of the Round the Mountain Cycle Trail, we have talked to many cyclists on the road who find the condition of the road extremely difficult to bike on and not what they were lead to expect the quality of the "trail" would be.

More worryingly, many of them do not seem to understand that it is a public road and they have been lead to believe that they probably won't see any vehicles, which is both highly unlikely and highly dangerous.

It is commonplace to meet cyclist riding 2 abreast around blind corners, cyclists riding on the wrong side of the road, cyclists stopped in the middle of the road taking photos on blind corners or over rises or to find bikes lying in the middle of the road whilst the riders relieve themselves behind a bush as no toilet facilities have been provided for them.

During the summer months we stop cyclists daily that we observe undertaking these very unsafe behaviours and remind them of the road rules and that they are on a public road. We feel if nothing changes it will only be a matter of time before there is a cycle fatality on the road.

Recommendations:

1: Signage - there is a dire need of appropriate signage for both cyclists and other road users, especially regarding

- Keeping left
- Riding in single file on blind corners or hilly sections
- Sharing the road
- A sign letting vehicular road users know that the road is also a cycle trail
- This needs to be visible travelling in both directions on the road and spaced appropriately as a reminder for cyclists who take a lot longer to traverse a section of road than a vehicle.

2: Maintenance

As the road has had so little maintenance for so long in many places there is no longer any gravel cover and the road is down to the underlying bedrock. The gravel that has been applied has been largely unscreened and uncrushed and straight from gravel screes near the road, this has resulted in boulders up to the size of soccer balls and frequently the size of softballs being spread on the road, this has been rolled which has pushed the rocks down however they are unearthed as soon as the road is graded and provide a significant hazard for road users. In our view using screened material, both crushed or uncrushed is vital and would be a much more effective use of resources and provide a much longer lasting result that could be more easily maintained.

We have seldom observed any other road maintenance such as keeping culverts clear and river crossings in good order or repairing large potholes on the road. At Mt Nicholas we spend approximately 200 hours a year voluntarily on the upkeep of potholes, culverts and river crossings on the road, while we shouldn't have to do it as it is a public road we are happy to help contribute in keeping the road passable, safe and prevent further damage occurring such as is caused by blocked culverts, however the road needs a vast amount more maintenance than that and the occasional grade for the amount and variety of traffic it now receives.

OTAGO CHAPTER OF PROPERTY COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND THOMAS, GEOFF

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29 April 2016

Queenstown Lakes District Council
Private Bag 50072
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By email: services@qldc.govt.nz

Re: Submission on the Draft 2016-17 Annual Plan

Property Council New Zealand's Otago Chapter (Property Council) welcomes the opportunity to submit on Queenstown Lakes District Council's (the Council) Draft 2016-17 Annual Plan.

Property Council is a member-led, not-for-profit organisation representing the country's commercial, industrial and retail property owners, managers, investors, and advisors. Our primary goal is the creation and retention of well-designed, functional and sustainable (including economically) built environments which contribute to New Zealand's overall prosperity.

Property Council supports the formulation and implementation of statutory and regulatory frameworks that enhance (and do not inhibit) productivity-driven economic growth and development. To achieve these goals, our advocacy and research focuses on urban strategy, infrastructure, compliance, legislation and capital markets.

Over the years, Property Council has built and maintained good rapport with Central and local government agencies and is often relied upon for advice, comments and feedback on matters of local, regional and national importance. We are, at the moment, working closely with the Central Government on projects of national significance.

Property Council values the constructive and collaborative approach adopted by the Council. In particular, Property Council is appreciative of the regular opportunity it has to engage with the Council. We support a range of proposals in the Draft 2016-17 Annual Plan, have concerns about some others, and take the opportunity to start thinking about some specific matters. Our submission is set out in detail below.

General submission

At first look, the Council's bank account balance can give the impression that the Council is running a tight budget; however, upon closer inspection, it is clear the incoming cash is promptly applied towards debt servicing, infrastructure spending, and general running of the Council, as opposed to the Council merely withholding cash collections and earning interest. Property Council supports such cashflow management.

Property Council also notes the Council has budgeted for a surplus in the 2016-17 financial year.

Property Council supports fiscally responsible councils that can appropriately manage debt while continuing to provide essential services. We note the Council is proposing to repay more debt than

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forecast, that is, \$129.4m instead of \$126.79m. We support the proposal to improve the Council's debt position.

Property Council congratulates the Council for the prudent management of its financial affairs and is encouraged by the Council's conservative cash flow.

We do note the Council has fixed assets worth more than \$1.15b – we encourage the Council to consider the disposal of non-core assets at, at least market prices so as to reduce the cost-of-capital burden. Sale of non-core properties will not just supplement the Council's cashflow (with proceeds being able to be used for infrastructure funding), but it will also add to the district's rating base.

Property Council supports the Council's proposal to bring forward some of its capital projects, such as the upgrade of Project Shotover and the Wanaka pool.

Property Council supports the Council's approach to modelling development contribution charges in principle.

A one-stop-shop for the Council

Property Council is pleased to note the Council intends to house all staff in one building (to be situated on Council owned land). We agree it is inconvenient for all stakeholders if staff operate from three different locations.

Property Council supports the Council's proposal to allocate \$250,000 for full investigation and design work, and with the proposal to be put to the community for consideration in the 2017-18 year.

Queenstown Convention Centre

We support the Council's proposal to place its convention centre project on hold while it tries to attract outside funding.

Property Council submits that development contributions, and Government and ratepayer funding cannot be the only sources of infrastructure funding – the Council needs to be innovative and look at other funding mechanisms. Property Council requests the Council to seriously consider alternative funding mechanisms for the Queenstown Convention Centre project, such as a public private partnership where the Council and ratepayers have limited exposure.

Property Council supports innovative and cost effective solutions in developing the Queenstown Convention Centre, and recognises the need to apportion costs as equitably and as practically as possible. In this respect, we request transparency and efficiency by the Council on its cost management to ensure the commercial sector does not bear an undue burden and that there is no inappropriate cross-subsidisation in funding other areas.

Auckland, Christchurch and Wellington are all working to provide convention centres – Queenstown will effectively be competing with other convention centres. It is therefore important that attendee projections are robust and realistic. The Council may also want to differentiate its convention centre just as Wellington has, so as to attain a competitive edge.

Contingent Valuation Method

The below is an excerpt from the Council's consultation document:

When Delta announced that a row of iconic trees on Ladies Mile would be cut down because they were encroaching on power lines, the community response was swift – a way needed to be found to save the trees. The trees are on private land but many people think they are an important part of the landscape. Although we have not yet set aside funds, we could allocate \$500,000 to pay half the cost of putting the powerlines underground along the Ladies Mile. This would be on the basis that the lines company contributed the other 50%. This would increase rates in the Queenstown/Wakatipu wards by between 0.6 to 0.75% for median residential properties (around \$12 to \$20 per year). The impact on median businesses will be an increase of between 1.4 to 2.2% (around \$61 to \$124 per year).

Often, ratepayers who are the most passionate are the most vocal. Disinterested ratepayers are unlikely to be as vocal. With regard to the trees along Ladies Mile, it is therefore important that the Council undertake a detailed survey of ratepayers in the Queenstown/Wakatipu wards so as to better gauge what the level of support to retain the trees is like. We further suggest that the Council make use of a contingent valuation method (CVM) to apportion any rates increases.

The CVM approach is the most widely used method for estimating economic values for ecosystems and environmental services. It involves asking affected individuals in a survey how much they would be willing to pay for a specific service. The CVM approach is designed to create the missing market for public goods by determining what people would be willing to pay for a particular service or to protect particular characteristics.

Those who place a higher value on the proposal would be willing to pay more, while those who place a lower value would be willing to pay less. The CVM approach can help the Council apportion any rates increases accordingly.

Financial contributions

The Local Government Act 2002 no longer allows development contributions to be collected for library facilities. Property Council notes the Council is using financial contributions as an off-setting mechanism to make up for the shortfall by charging financial contributions for library facilities.

The Resource Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 proposes to phase out financial contributions, a proposal Property Council strongly supports.

Property Council encourages the Council to start quantifying and start planning for the effects the ensuing Resource Legislation Amendment Act 2015 will likely have on the Council's finances.

Concluding remarks

Property Council appreciates the opportunity to submit on the Council's Draft 2016-17 Annual Plan, and would welcome further engagement with the Council on the issues raised in this submission.

Yours sincerely



Geoff Thomas
President
Otago Chapter of Property Council New Zealand

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The Otago Regional Council supports in principal the submissions made to the QLDC Annual Plan by both Neill Simpson on behalf of the Wakatipu Islands Reforestation Trust, and Geoffrey Thompson requesting an update of the Lake Wakatipu Islands Management Plan. As part of the Otago Regional Councils Regional Pest Management Strategy (2009) we believe it is important that there is both a co-ordinated and co-operative approach to pest control in the region. A number of undesirable pest plant species including gorse, broom and Spanish Heath occur on the Wakatipu Islands and we believe it is prudent that an effort is made to reduce their spread to the adjacent mainland areas free of these weeds. In addition we support the initiatives? made by the community in restoring biodiversity to the Wakatipu islands.

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Sticky Forest is vital to the recreation needs of Wanaka and the thousands who holiday here. We hugely oppose rezoning sticky forest for residential purposes.

QUEENSTOWN ALCOHOL ACCORD (QAA) BURGESS, MIKE

Wakatipu

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The Queenstown Alcohol Accord (QAA), formed in Dec 2014 represents 31 Bars in the Queenstown CBD. The goal of the QAA is to help minimise the impact of alcohol related harm in the Queenstown CBD whilst maintaining the vibrancy of the local hospitality industry. The QAA is be governed by a seven person committee that meet quarterly with Police, Council and Public Health South to discuss ways to reduce the impact of alcohol in the Queenstown CBD. The QAA is applying to council for funding to cover the cost of a CBD Security Night Patrol. the estimated funding requirements is \$25,000. This funding will cover 2 guards Fri & Sat 10pm-4am for peak season 7 months (Dec-Mar and Jun-Aug) (plus 2 x chest cameras and radios) Queenstown CBD Security Patrol -Aim. The initiative will see a Security Patrol (consisting of two Fully Licensed Security Guards) working alongside the current Bar Security/ Crowd Controllers as well as Queenstown Police to reduce the level of Intoxication, anti-social behaviour and alcohol related harm on the streets of Queenstown by patrolling the CBD during busy periods. This high visibility approach will aim to provide both locals and visitors information regarding local alcohol related laws as well as providing information to people who may be unfamiliar with the town and the location of it?s amenities and local laws. Helping local Police in identify illegal/anti-social behaviour and identifying individuals who may be unsuitable to be admitted into Licensed Premises within town. Queenstown CBD Security Patrol - Objectives. 1. To reduce the level of consumption of alcohol on Queenstown's streets after 10pm once the Liquor Ban comes into effect by educating people as to the presence of the Liquor Ban being in place. Informing the public of the penalties in place if found/continuing to consume alcohol within the Liquor ban area. 2. To reduce the amount of violent altercations on Queenstown's streets by providing a Security presence and by education people about the CCTV System in place around Queenstown. 3. To gather evidence (using personal CCTV cameras also) of anyone who is acting in a violent or anti-social manner or breaking the law. 4. To share information via radio with Police and Security Companies regarding any troublesome

or anti-social members of the public who may prove problematic if allowed entry into a licensed premises, may have been witnessed to have broken the law or may have been previously witnessed being involved in an altercation. 5. To assist Bar Security and the Local Police as deemed necessary should a large incident/altercation take place within the town CBD. How will the Queenstown CBD Security Patrol be identifiable? All CBD Security Patrol Guards will be in High-Visibility Clothing including Polo Shirts and Jackets with wording on the back of the jackets as determined by Queenstown Liquor Accord. By ensuring the Security Patrol Guards are highly visible they will be easily identifiable to members of the public and will contribute to creating a sense of authority/supervision alongside Queenstown Police and Security Guards/Crowd Controllers working within and on the doors of Licensed Premises. How much will The Queenstown CBD Security Patrol Cost? The hourly cost per Licensed Guard will be \$26.50 per hour plus GST and \$39.75 per hour on Public Holidays. Mike Burgess Chairman Queenstown Alcohol Accord

QUEENSTOWN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY BORRELL, MARION

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Parks and Reserves Dept - Historical Signage at the Old Stone Library, cnr Stanley and Ballarat Sts, Queenstown. Two years ago the Queenstown and District Historical Society offered the Council \$2000 towards the cost of signage which would welcome visitors to our historic town centre and give information about the history of stone library building. We wish to make good on our offer. There is space under the tree on the Ballarat St frontage to place signage well clear of the busy footpath so that interested people could walk across to see it. If paving is considered necessary, it should be loose pavers like the path to the Citizens Advice Bureau, as the tree's roots need to receive water and they keep rising, and the pavers can be repositioned when the roots lift them. We ask that the Society's details, logo, and QR code for our heritage app be included on the sign. There are already signs about the Courthouse and the Trees of Justice, but people have to read these when standing on the footpath, which is not ideal at such a busy spot. We look forward to working with the Parks and Reserves Dept on this proposal. Marion Borrell Chairperson Queenstown and District Historical Society

QUEENSTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LOCKHART, ANN

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**SUBMISSION ON QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL PLAN 2016-17**

TO: Queenstown Lakes District Council
Private Bag 50072, Queenstown 9348

Name of submitter: Queenstown Chamber of Commerce

Address: Level 2, The Forge, 20 Athol Street,

Attention: Ann Lockhart and Richard Thomas

1. This is a submission on the Queenstown Lakes District Council ("the Council") Annual Plan 2016-17 ("the Plan").

The Queenstown Chamber of Commerce welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission on the Queenstown Lakes District Council Annual Plan.

The Chamber is motivated by the best long-term outcomes for the business community and is an independent voice with no vested interest. Therefore, the Chamber is pleased to be able to present this submission on behalf of the 580 Queenstown businesses it represents.

We believe enhanced community wealth and a higher quality of life comes as the result of a strong economic base built by a business community which generates employment opportunities and contributes significantly towards the District's GDP. As such, the Chamber's members are large stakeholders in the economic, social and environmental future of the Queenstown Lakes District.

The Chamber has submitted on and has been involved in discussions on a number of issues relating to the Queenstown Lakes District and we thank Council for your open dialogue with us.

The Chamber as a representative of the business community in Queenstown continues to support Council in helping to achieve its goals.

2. The Queenstown Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber") agree in principle that the Queenstown Lakes District Council Annual Plan is fiscally restrained and the Chamber would like to make comment on the following areas:
 - i. Economic Development in Queenstown Lakes District
 - ii. Rates Review, Fees and Charges
 - iii. Council Offices

- iv. Transport Summary / Traffic Issues
- v. Queenstown Convention Centre
- vi. Sister City

i) Economic Development in Queenstown Lakes District

Summary:

The Chamber has resolved to undertake the setting up of an economic entity on behalf of the business and wider communities.

The Chamber requests Council set aside \$300k to fund the setup of an economic entity for Queenstown Lakes District.

Background:

The Queenstown Chamber of Commerce is an incorporated society that represents the interests of its 580 members - the business community of the Queenstown area. The Chamber communicates with local and central government to achieve effective outcomes for its members.

Its' key services include the provision of current and relevant information to the membership, advocacy on behalf of the members, recognizing and rewarding achievement through the Business awards and generally contributing to the vibrancy of the business community.

The Chamber is also currently coordinating a number of projects on behalf of the wider district including a labour force strategy, housing and worker accommodation solutions, visitor levy, sister cities, set-up of DowntownQT Association and a number of one-off projects e.g. Regional Research bid.

The Chamber considers that it can further build business capacity and facilitate the growth and expansion of the local business communities.

The Chamber has, for some time, been a proponent of having an economic entity set up for Queenstown Lakes District and has made various submissions to council on this in recent years.

As stated in the Economic Development Strategy 2014 undertaken by Council, the District has experienced very strong economic growth over the last decade – over double that of the New Zealand average. However, the District is very concentrated and reliant on industries that service visitors and the growing population. The key strengths of the economy are summarised by the study as the outstanding natural landscapes which underpin the tourism experience; the visitor economy which supports a range of industries such as accommodation and food services; the talent base (highly skilled population workforce) and the entrepreneurial culture of the residents.

The economic constraints for the economy are listed as the being the relative size and location of District, the concentration of industry and housing affordability and the high cost of living.

For some years now, there has been an increasing realisation by a wide range of stakeholders that there has been no structure or pathways for planned economic development in the district. The Economic Futures Task Force 2012 recommended that an “Economic Futures Agency (EFA) or equivalent be established to develop and deliver a detailed economic strategy in line with the District’s Economic Vision.”

Recommendations from the Economic Development Strategy 2014 also stated: “Encourage expanding economic development activities for the district including facilitating the growth of knowledge-based industries which Queenstown Lakes has some genuine advantages on which to build, particularly education, health, screen and some professional service industries.”

Why support Economic Development?

In considering the role of economic development, the following actions provide a framework for the operational responsibilities of the economic development entity:

- Attracting and encouraging new business
- Supporting and assisting current businesses
- Expanding the local economy
- Stimulating through direct investment
- Utilising land resources
- Building community capacity
- Promotion, marketing and event attraction

It is the Chamber’s view that it can be the enabler for a number of the projects outlined below, as has been the case with the setting up of DowntownQT. And by further building capability in film, education, events and other new investment opportunities.

Projects which have economic outcomes and are currently being undertaken in the District by a range of organisations would be suitable for management under an Economic Entity. These include but are not limited to:

- New investment - Hotels, Worker Accommodation, Convention Centre
- Destination Management – Town Centres, Transit, Transport
- Technology – Queenstown Tech, Co-Design Lab, The Cell
- Study Queenstown
- Sister Cities
- Film
- Events – Marathon, Golf Open, New
- Private hospital
- Research facilities

Advantages:

- Co-ordinated commercial governance structure
- Streamlining functionality and reduced number of boards in the district
- Alignment and implementation of the community/district strategic plan
- Co-ordination of special interest groups e.g. IT, Queenstown Tech, Co-Design Lab
- Rationalization of administration and overheads

Recommendations:

It is a well-recognized principle that efficiency comes from doing what others are not doing and adding value to a process rather than duplicating or providing competing services.

Based on the Chamber's previous evaluation of a number of EDA structures in both New Zealand & Australia, it is recommended that the Chamber, in conjunction with the Queenstown Lakes District Council, undertake the following:

Staged Approach:

1. Council support the establishment of a commercial governance board which can provide strategic guidance and local input.
2. Terms of reference and new constitution drawn up for the governance board.
3. Develop a position description and implement a recruitment process for a Chief Executive of Economic Development to report to the board. (The position should be at a level high enough to attract candidates who have strategic and analytic skills and can lead the development and implementation of a district economic development strategy aligned to the community plan).
4. Chief Executive undertake review of current organizations involved in economic development activities in order to recommend the streamlining of the provision of these various activities, including identifying improved economies of scale. This will also include investigating a strategy for integrated destination management.
5. Identify industries and business that could be introduced or developed in Queenstown to help diversify the economy and make it more sustainable during tougher economic times and/or a downturn in tourism. Opportunities include health, education, film, knowledge, IT, as well as new tourism and sporting industries that could be developed. A number of these opportunities could also be maximized through the sister city relationship.

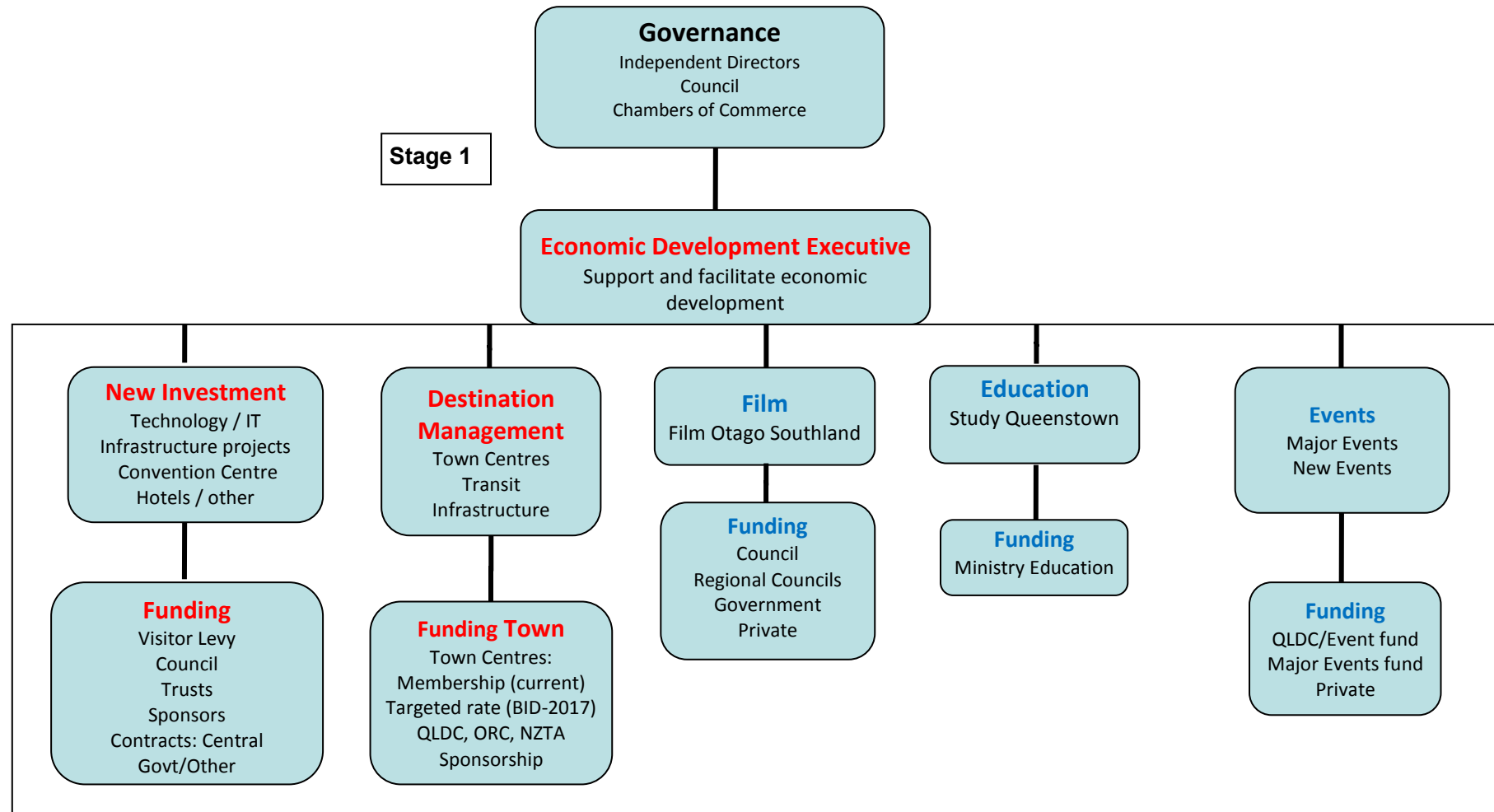
Find below a diagrammatical organization chart. Note the staged approach to integration over the period 2016-2019.

- Stage One:
 - Secure seed funding
 - ED executive appointment
 - Review of entities involved in economic development activities
 - Facilitate destination management with stakeholders
 - New projects e.g. IT, new hotel investment, worker accommodation
- Stage Two:
 - Integration of organizations and entities into Economic Development structure.

Funding:

- Chamber will contribute towards seed funding and administration resource for the establishment of an economic entity. This is on the understanding that Council supports the project with the requested seed funding.
- Maintain current funding mechanisms for individual entities i.e. Film, Study Queenstown, Events etc until such time as the economic entity is established.

Proposed Economic Development Structure – Queenstown Lakes District



Notes:

- The chart is a proposal based on achieving a staged approach to an integrated economic structure for district by 2019
- Proposed timeline:
Stage One (Red) - Seed funding, ED executive appointment, review of entities involved in economic development activities, New Projects.

ii) Rates Review, Fees and Charges

Summary:

The Chamber suggests Council take on debt at this time to address some of the pressing issues facing the district and Queenstown in particular.

The Chamber is of the view that the budget is, on one hand, fiscally restrained including ongoing debt reduction. However, we previously noted in the 10 year plan submission 2015 that ongoing debt reduction would allow for potential increased future borrowings if required. While reducing debt is important, debt is also a mechanism for spreading costs fairly over future generations rather than having current ratepayers sacrificing a 'quality of life' they might otherwise have expected.

With the exception of the mid 70's, interest rates have historically stayed low, with economists suggesting these will remain so for the foreseeable future.

Some of the longer term projects, particularly under the transport strategy, need to be advanced earlier than currently indicated in the long term plan. These include the Inner Links and Man Street Bypass projects, transport hub, public transport and parking.

The Shaping our Futures Visitor Industry Taskforce report, November 2014 estimates that by 2025, visitor numbers could reach five million per annum. Because of the highly disproportionate number of visitors to ratepayers the Chamber argues that it necessitates Council to also find additional funding methods, preferably based on user-pays models. The Chamber does not believe the current rating system is the appropriate mechanism to fund every project.

The Chamber asks Council to continue to be supportive of the Chamber's initiative to have Central Government allow for Council to implement a visitor levy. Because of the disproportionate number of rate payers - approx. 28,000 compared to maximum visitor days of up to 100,000 plus, the Chamber believes it is important that visitors contribute towards essential infrastructure which they are users of. This will assist with the financing of new projects which are otherwise unaffordable. It is suggested that the levy be used in the first instance to fund transport projects e.g. subsidized public transport.

Charges for various Council activities such as dog animal control, resource consents and pool charges – while the Chamber agrees with recovering costs where applicable, without knowing the actual justification on which the proposed fee increases are based, it is difficult to comment. It is suggested that Council review their internal systems and look for greater efficiencies in the first instance, before undertaking a review of rates, fees and charges.

Proposed initiatives to increase the supply of affordable housing by reducing rates; charges for residential flats and increasing rates for farm land zoned of development. Chamber applauds initiatives which Council is taking towards finding solutions to the pressing issue of housing and rental affordability.

The Chamber *agrees* with reducing rates charges for residential flats.

The Chamber *disagrees* with increasing rates for farm land zoned of development.

The Chamber cautions that a balanced approach to integrating affordable housing in the Queenstown area is required. Continued so called 'urban sprawl' is not necessarily appropriate for the immediate Queenstown area. This may be suitable in other areas of the district where the land is not so geographically constrained. Other initiatives, currently being considered under the district plan which encourages increased density and higher building limits in certain areas are considered by the Chamber to be the preferred initiatives.

In the meantime, the Chamber urges Council to maintain high standards of quality, design, aesthetics and consideration of environmental impacts when facing the current demand for "quick fix" housing solutions.

iii) Council Offices

Summary:

The Chamber supports the proposal to allocate \$250k for the investigation and design work of new Council buildings.

The Chamber recognizes the current constraints of housing staff in multiple locations and that the current buildings are not fit for purpose. When considering building new offices, the Chamber strongly urges Council to maintain its presence in the Queenstown town centre. The success of the entire district relies on retaining a balanced mix of civic as well as other activities.

iv) Transport Strategy/Traffic Issues

Summary:

The Chamber supports the business case for the inner links project being advanced in the next financial year and see this as being a priority for Council.

The Chamber welcomed the confirmation of the transport strategy late in 2015 but notes that the strategy is not widely understood and has not been communicated well to stakeholders. Most importantly, the next stage of implementation needs to be developed and communicated to the business community.

The current transport and parking issues in the downtown area are well documented and the Chamber does not support a reduction of on-street car parks within the town centre until such time as the implementation plan for the downtown area is completed as referenced above.

The Chamber supports the business case for the Eastern Access Road (Hawthorne Drive extension) to be completed prior to winter 2017.

The Chamber welcomed comments from the minister that the Eastern Access road will be commenced later in 2016. However the Chamber is disappointed, on behalf of our Frankton based members in particular, to hear that the completion of this road is not scheduled until November/December 2017.

The traffic issues in the Frankton Flats are continue to cause loss of business to members, or loss of amenity to both residents and tourists. The winter peak is going to cause more disruption to this area. The establishment of Hawthorne Drive will

alleviate the majority of the issues, especially for member businesses that are located in the Frankton Flats.

The Chamber therefore supports priority being given in any tenders for this project for work to be completed prior to Winter 2017.

v) Queenstown Convention Centre:

Summary:

- a) The Chamber remains in support of building an international standard convention centre at the Lakeview site in downtown Queenstown.*
- b) Supports Council pursuing alternative funding options in order to reduce the burden on ratepayers.*
- c) Seeks agreement from Council for provision of rates relief in the future event of further commercial development at the Lakeview site and/or the implementation of a visitor levy.*
- d) Supports the Queenstown Convention Centre project remaining in the 10 Year Plan.*

The Chamber supports the proposal that the Lakeview site be developed in the future to accommodate the convention centre, hot pools and other developments (mixed commercial/residential precinct). The Chamber believes this could reduce the reliance on commercial and residential ratepayer funding going forward. Feasibility analysis suggests that the development opportunities adjoining the convention centre could conservatively deliver between \$30m and \$45m in 'land' based payments to Council, in the longer term.

vi) Sister Cities:

Summary:

Requests Council continues to support the sister city initiatives and contribute \$10k from the 2016/2017 annual plan.

A working group was formed in 2013 to encourage new business, tourism & investment opportunities for a Queenstown-Hangzhou sister city relationship. The formal sister city relationship agreement was subsequently signed in Hangzhou late in 2014 and at which time local businesses had the opportunity to meet with potential investors and partners.

The Chamber also now administrates the Aspen Sister City relationship. This relationship is being reinvigorated and new opportunities for the commercial sector identified. The long standing high school exchange programme continues to have active support from the high school community.

2015/2016 Activities:

Hangzhou:

- Investigate commercial opportunities in Hangzhou – wine & food, education, tourism, film
- Ziptrek Eco tours presentation on Queenstown adventure tourism at Hangzhou Cultural Festival – 19 October 2015
- Film Otago Southland presentation to China International Cartoon and Animation Festival - 27 April 2016
- Visit by Hangzhou Women's Community delegation – June 2015
- Hosted Chinese business delegations - various

- Chamber hosted Business Seminars on Doing Business in China and Chinese Investment in New Zealand

Aspen:

- Delegation of representatives from Queenstown to Aspen – study of transport and transit, housing affordability, worker accommodation, community planning, environmental protection, education and events, town centre and tourism.
- Aspen findings reported and integrated into community planning

2016/2017 Activities:

Hangzhou:

- Host delegation of senior business people to Hangzhou – March 2017
- Investigate commercial and investment opportunities for Queenstown businesses
- Doing Business in China Seminars
- Facilitate intern exchanges
- Host other visiting delegations – various

Aspen:

- Implementation of Aspen findings
- Invitation to Aspen Council and Commercial operators to visit Queenstown
- Investigate commercial and investment opportunities for Queenstown businesses

Actions Sought

Address the issues raised in this submission including:

- *Economic Development:* Requests \$300k for the setup of an economic entity for Queenstown Lakes District.
- *Rates Review, Fees and Charges:* Agree with reducing rates charges for residential flats.
- *Rates Review, Fees and Charges:* Disagree with increasing rates for farm land zoned of development.
- *Council Offices:* Supports the proposal to allocate \$250k for the investigation and design work of new Council buildings.
- *Transport:* Supports the business case for the inner links project being advanced in the next financial year
- *Convention Centre:* Supports the Queenstown Convention Centre project remaining in the 10 Year Plan.
- *Sister City:* Requests \$10k to support the administration of the sister city relationships.

The Chamber wishes to speak in support of its submission.

The Queenstown Chamber of Commerce

Ann Lockhart

Chief Executive Officer

Date: 29/04/2015

QUEENSTOWN CRICKET CLUB INC PIRIE, CLARK

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Council should be planning for the growth of our sporting communities and the provision of adequate facilities to accommodate those sporting groups. The cricket club has experienced exponential membership growth over the last two years in all age groups and player levels. We expect that growth will only continue in years to come, mirroring the growth that the schools in the district and community in general are witnessing. Council should be planning for new sporting reserves and parks in our district together with increased funding for maintenance and upkeep costs of those new facilities. The extent of current playing grounds/facilities will not be sufficient in the near future to accommodate the Cricket Club's expected growth in membership.

QUEENSTOWN DISC GOLF CLUB SMITHELLS, JAMES

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Dear Sir/Madam Submission from the Queenstown Disc Golf Club regarding remedial work on the Queenstown Gardens disc golf course I'm writing on behalf of the Queenstown Disc Golf Club (QDGC) in regard to remedial work required on the Queenstown Gardens disc golf course. Background Information The Queenstown Gardens disc golf course became permanently marked in 1996, under my initiative. The course has been continually developed, with assistance from many others, over the last 21 years. Playing disc golf in the Gardens is now one of the most popular activities in Queenstown e.g. recently we celebrated the millionth person playing on the course. Over this whole time I have been the main person who has liaised with both the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) staff and Gardens staff about issues related to the course. Our guiding mission statement has been to promote harmony between disc golfers and both other users of the Gardens and the physical environment. We have made numerous changes to the course in the interests of decreasing the risk to the public, protecting specimen and vulnerable trees and plants, and minimising wear and tear. Some of these changes have been requested by QLDC Gardens staff and many have been made proactively by us e.g. in February 2014 Club members spent two days creating four new holes and significantly altering another. At this time we noted wear and tear areas e.g. around chain basket targets on sloping grassy areas, and volunteered to assist with the remediation of these. However we were advised that no further work could be done on the course until an arborist's report had been prepared. 2015 Arborlab QLDC Gardens Report (the Report) Later in 2014 Arborlab Consultancy Services Ltd was engaged by QLDC to carry out an arboricultural assessment of the trees in the Queenstown Gardens. As noted on Page 3 of the second draft of their report (March 2015) 1.2. The assessment is to record and comment on any conflict observed between Frisbee Golf and the trees. The Report noted that there was both impact damage to trees caused by frisbees, and that there was soil compaction from repeated foot traffic. The QDGC agreed that this was the case, noting that some of the damage was historical e.g. in 2006 Gordon Bailey noted ground compaction issues around bases of trees which were being used as targets. The QDGC therefore raised funding and installed eight new basket targets, however the compaction areas were largely never remediated. Some of the branch and trunk damage was also historical e.g. in areas where disc golf holes had been removed. The Report also recommended that the disc golf course be confined to the shelter

belt area. The QDGC was unhappy with this recommendation for a variety of reasons, including the historical nature of much of the compaction and damage. Action following production of the second draft of the Report A series of walk around meetings in June 2015 followed the production of the Report, to examine the damage and consider options. The first of these involve QLDC Counsellors Alexa Forbes and Craig Ferguson, Clare Tomkins and Stephen Quin from QLDC, and David Spencer from Arborlab. The second of these was on 16 June, with the previous personnel present except Alexa and Ferg, and the addition of James Smithells, Hemi Te Awhitu and Ellie Howell, all from QDGC. A third meeting followed, involving Jay Cassells, in a personal capacity, Clare, Steven, and David. All areas of concern were examined. A Summary of discussion points and agreements from the second meeting was produced and is available if needed. Summary of Summary document The main points agreed were that: 1. The course would remain in its current configuration i.e. doing an anticlockwise loop around the Gardens. 2. New structures on the course would be minimised e.g. levelling the areas around the target baskets. 3. Four tees would be relocated and one basket would be shifted. N.B. QDGC agreed to take full responsibility for this. 4. Improved synthetic grid materials could be installed in some places exhibiting wear and tear e.g. around baskets in grassy areas. 5. Low retaining walls could be created where necessary e.g. on worn path areas, below baskets on sloping grassy ground. These would be sympathetic to the Gardens environment e.g. created with wood and then have stones stacked against the wood. Subsequent Action It was proposed that a Disc Golf Course Work Plan be drawn up by QLDC, detailing the required work, with the costings of this outlined. QDGC advised that they could contribute to the physical work required, and possibly to the financial cost. However Clare subsequently advised that there was no budget available to produce such a Work Plan. Request The Queenstown Disc Golf Club is therefore requesting that QLDC consider setting aside finances specifically for the creation of a Disc Golf Course Work Plan, and the associated remedial work. We believe that this work needs to be done professionally, to a consistent high standard, and that once completed future maintenance requirements would be minimal. The QDGC is willing to match QLDC, dollar for dollar, to a ceiling of \$20,000, towards the creation of the Work Plan and the remedial work. In addition we are willing to assist with labour/non-specialist work. We are in agreement with the Friends of the Gardens and Reserves that our request for funding needs to be considered within a global context approach to funding for all work in the Gardens. Thank you for considering our request. Yours sincerely James Smithells Queenstown Disc Golf Club Liaison Officer

QUEENSTOWN GYMNASTICS CLUB INCORPORATED CARRAN, MONICA

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The Queenstown Gymnastics Club ("QGC") is seeking QLDC support to have its future needs incorporated in to the Annual Plan 2016-17. Currently QGC operates out of the annex to the Wakatipu High School (WHS) sports stadium, however with WHS relocating to Frankton with effect 2018, the future of QGC is uncertain. BACKGROUND - QGC was established in the early 1980s - In the mid 1990s, WHS was given \$150,000 by QLDC towards the extension of their stadium to incorporate a gymnastics "annex", with the proviso that the annex be available for community use, specifically, for QGC. - WHS is relocating in 2018 and has advised QGC that the new WHS location will not host a site for QGC - There is uncertainty as to the future use of the current WHS site once WHS relocates QGC TODAY - an incorporated society registered as a charity, affiliated to the national governing body GymSports NZ - 120+ members, aged 5-13, from four Wakatipu primary schools, providing recreational and competitive artistic gymnastics - works closely with Invercargill Gymnastics Club as part of the Southland Gymnastics team for regional and national competitions - our membership is actively restricted due to the following limitations: a) class times restricted to commence from 330pm weekdays; b) class numbers restricted due to safety and space constraints at the WHS annex (no foam pits, equipment cramped close together); c) floor space at the WHS annex is insufficient for Nationals' (and competition) level minimum sprung floor of 12m x 12m QGC TOMORROW - WHAT WE SEEK in the ANNUAL PLAN 2016-17 The QGC seeks from QLDC a commitment to provide in its Annual Plan 2016-17 either: a) a dedicated new annex (minimum 20m x 28m, with 6m high ceiling) at the Queenstown Events Centre, sufficient in size to allow a full sprung floor of 12m x 12m plus space for all other Women's and Men's artistic gymnastics equipment together with foam pits and sufficient spacing between equipment to provide for safety in training, for use also to other like-community focused clubs such as ski team training, karate etc.; OR b) QLDC owned land for long term lease by QGC at nominal cost, with QGC to solicit funding for build of a dedicated new gymnasium (minimum 20m

x 28m, with 6m high ceiling), for use also to other like-community focused clubs such as ski team training, karate, etc: OR c) noting the initial \$150,000 contribution by QLDC to WHS for the purpose of QGC's needs, and that the current WHS annex is built partially on QLDC-owned land (50sqm of Warren Park), an agreement to stay in our current premises at the current WHS annex once WHS relocates, with ability to extend to either the current WHS sports stadium or the current WHS pool facility which QGC would convert (via funding) to a dedicated gymnasium meeting the QGC's minimum space requirements (20m x 28m, with 6m high ceiling), for use also to other like-community focused clubs such as ski team training, karate etc. QGC have approached QLDC staff via written submission of the above proposals, both in May 2014 and May 2015, to date with zero-sum result. We now approach the elected QLDC councillors to hear our case via the Annual Plan 2016-17 process, to provide a future for the affected 120+ families of the Wakatipu.

QUEENSTOWN LAKES COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST SCOTT, JULIE

District-wide

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Submission on Annual Plan From the Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust 29 April 2016 Background: The Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust (QLCHT) has been operating since 2007. It was created by Council as one of 32 recommendations to come out of the HOPE strategy. This strategy set out a range of actions that the Council and community should take to address issues of housing affordability. The Council and QLCHT have a strong relationship which is cemented through a recently updated Memorandum of Understanding, and regular meetings with three Councillors who act as liaisons for the Trust. Council does not have a housing department and the Trust fills this role on behalf of the community. QLCHT submits the following matter to QLDC's Annual Plan; 1. Request a discussion on an increase of QLDC's annual grant from the current \$50,000 to reflect the QLCHT's true operating costs (2016 audited accounts to be provided when complete). 2. Raise an expression of interest for the Wakatipu High School sportsfield site for the purpose of building an affordable housing development. 3. Renew QLCHT's expression of interest for the transfer of the Lynch Block to QLCHT for the purpose of building an affordable housing development. 4. QLCHT is focused on creating affordable housing developments for low to moderate income workers. The Lynch Block is viewed as an ideal site for a large scale, mixed tenure development including rental, shared equity and senior housing. A feasibility study will be essential prior to committing to such a project and QLCHT requests a discussion on funding for such research into the development of the Lynch Block as well as other pieces of bare land. QLCHT recently engaged an independent contractor to undertake a land investigation study in the Wakatipu with a view to finding potential tracts of land which may be suitable for development. 5. With very few State houses in the district, QLCHT is regarded as the chief provider of social and affordable housing. With over 100 homes in its portfolio, the Trust is an experienced landlord and property manager. As such QLCHT wishes to discuss with Council the transfer of all Council-owned residential rental properties in the District to QLCHT. These will remain

as rental properties in QLCHT ownership on behalf of the community in perpetuity. QLCHT believes it would be better placed to manage these properties and tenants, especially as it has access to the Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) which would mean receiving full market rent for IRRS-eligible households. 6. QLCHT would like to work alongside Council during the review of part II of the District Plan in relation to affordable housing. This would include the creation of a new Housing Plan for the District to supersede the HOPE strategy. QLCHT is happy to provide any additional information Council seeks in relation to the above submission matters. Contact: Julie Scott, Executive Officer Julie@qlcht.org.nz (03) 450 1702

QUEENSTOWN MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB

CARLSON, ADAM

Wakatipu

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The 10 year plan provided for the Queenstown Mountain Bike Club to undertake a Economic Impact study to assess the economic impact of mountain biking in the Queenstown area. Following this, the QMTBC has engaged a consultant to undertake this study. The consultant "TRC" has indicated that the best time to gather data for the study will be through the summer of 2016-2017. This will allow the consultant to develop a survey and from that survey gain a broad cross section of data from all visitors throughout the summer season. This will result in quality data and hence a higher quality report. This will be beneficial to all users of the reports outcome, QLDC included. The Queenstown Mountain Bike Club therefore requests that the funds for the study be allocated to the 2016-2017 budget. Many thanks

QUEENSTOWN TRAILS TRUST KENNEDY, MANDY

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See attached documents

Queenstown Trails Trust Submission to QLDC Annual 2016/2017

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the QLDC Annual Plan. On behalf of the Queenstown Trails Trust (QTT) please find our submission below.

The Queenstown Trail officially opened in October 2012 as one of the 22 'Nga Haerenga – The New Zealand Cycle Trail Great Rides' and has been a huge success with trail user journeys in excess of 806,000 (as at March 31, 2016) making it one of the busiest and most successful Great Rides in the country. We have seen a huge increase in the use of the trails, in particular this past quarter (January-March 2016) with a 32%, or 35,615 trail users increase on the previous year – this is quite outstanding.

Since opening, Queenstown's trail network has expanded to become a serious contributor to the destination in terms of economic and social benefits with the trails network now providing improved commuter linkages, recreation and tourism experiences and business opportunities. This also gives Queenstown - the destination - an opportunity to capitalise on the success and further development of cycle-related tourism for the future. New housing developments (such as Shotover Country) have embraced the trail concept providing shared pathways and connections to the recreational trail network for its residents, which in our opinion is vital for future developments (sub-divisions, retirement villages, SHA'S) to do their bit for our community by providing suitable trail connectivity for the benefit of current and future generations of Queenstown's.

In June 2015 the Trust commenced research and development of its new 10 Year Strategic Plan in collaboration with QLDC, DoC, the tourism industry, walking, cycling and community groups, NZTA and other stakeholders. The outcome of this research was 'Queenstown Trails for the future 2015-2025 – a strategic plan for the Queenstown Trails Trust'. This strategy was launched in November 2015 with the focus for the next decade - 'commuting and connecting communities within the Wakatipu and ensuring our trails are world class' – the key strategies being to: -

- Expand and enhance the existing trail network
- Protect future opportunities for access
- Increase use of the trails by residents and visitors
- Build the network's national and international reputation
- Develop sustainable funding strategies for ongoing trail maintenance and improvement to safeguard the future of the trails visitors and community

QTT has made a considerable contribution to the Trail network in terms of development/maintenance/enhancement of the trail network since our last Annual Plan submission 12 months ago.

- Queenstown Trails for the future 2015-2025 – the Trust's new 10-year strategic plan (\$40k investment)
- Twin Rivers Trail, the Kawarau River Slip repair project. A commercial partner engaged to implement and co-fund the repair project and to maintain both the upper and lower trails (from Riverside Rd to the Shotover Delta) for a period of 15 years. QTT facilitated a grant from MBIE's 'maintaining the quality of great rides fund' (MGR) of \$121k to assist with this project.

- Kelvin Peninsula Loop Upgrade complete (\$92k) and the introduction of access to two new beach coves for the community and visitors to enjoy. Plus, the addition of a third sculpture – Presence
- Completion of repair to storm damaged trails - a JV with QLDC Parks & Reserves and MBIE - work totalling \$443k, QTT facilitated and secured grants (from the MGR fund) of just over \$270k for the Glenda Drive and Twin Rivers Trail (x2) projects
- QTT is working closely with the Department of Conservation to secure funds (via a DOC Business Case for this financial year) for the upgrade to 'Great Ride' standard of the Lake Hayes Track (\$140k)
- An application for a funding grant of \$300k is currently with MBIE's MGR fund, this application being a JV with QLDC Parks & Reserves and QTT for trail maintenance/upgrade/signage

In summary, QTT has generated \$523,000 in revenue for trail enhancement/development/repairs and has a further \$440,000 it hopes to confirm within the next few weeks.

As a key partner of the QLDC's Transport Strategy, we are committed to ensuring that the Queenstown Trail recreational off-road trail network connects our communities via a commuter trail network. The Trust looks forward to continuing to work with the relevant stakeholders to achieve this goal. To follow are the points QTT wishes QLDC to consider: -

1. Maintain existing 'Great Ride' off-road trails to a world-class standard

- a) New trails which may be formed and comprise part of the Queenstown Trail 'Great Ride' we request maintenance to be accommodated by QLDC's annual maintenance budget as per the MOU signed between QLDC and the NZ Government
- b) At this point in time, we ask for the Kelvin Peninsula Loop be included in the future QLDC maintenance plans in perpetuity. Currently QTT pay for the maintenance for this trail of \$500 per year by way of a SKYCITY Queenstown Casino Community Grant

Annual Plan 2016/17 Budget Request: \$500.00 p.a.

2. Connectivity

The Trust is committed to implement improvements that will connect Queenstown communities and people of all ages abilities with business centres, key hubs and the Queenstown Trail as per QLDC's Transport Strategy and in-line with NZTA's One Network strategy. Referring to QTT Trails for the Future 2015-2025, key routes have been identified for connectivity via the off-road recreational trails to form commuter routes. QTT is prepared to work with QLDC in the future to plan and ascertain funding solutions for these routes. In the first instance the following opportunities have been identified: -

- a) Jack's Point Loop (connecting the fast-growing communities of Jack's Point/Hanley Downs to the Kawarau Falls Bridge by way of an off-road trail for commute and recreational purposes and an easy/intermediate grade trail from Jardine Park to Jack's Point)
We ask that QLDC allocate funds for the forming of a trail above the proposed sewerage pipeline which is being undertaken as part of the Hanley Downs development. We propose the route of the trail follow the sewerage pipeline and to connect with the Kawarau Falls Bridge in order to provide a safe off-road connector/commuter trail for Hanley Downs and Jack's Point Residents.
- b) Arthurs Point to Arrowtown, to Tucker Beach and Gorge Road connector

3. Protection of future opportunities for development of trails

Identify existing public access and work with partner agencies to protect these for future generations and to ensure opportunities for future trail development.

4. Minimize conflicts between different users (walkers and cyclists on and off-road) to maximise community and visitor safety

- a) QLDC to consider a way forward for mandatory inclusion of cycle lanes on roads (new and existing). These designated cycle lanes on roads to be supported by relevant signage (emblem on road and roadside signage) to clearly identify cycle lanes to cycle users and motorists
- b) QLDC to drive/support in education of shared off-road trails use via additional and relevant signage on trails and via QLDC's extensive communications network. QTT happy to work with QLDC on this project re trail signage asset register and installation/development of relevant signage to clearly communicate to trail users to share the trails, keep to the left and pass on the right, cyclists to utilise bells and the incorporation of international road-type signage where appropriate.

5. Encourage growth in participation in cycling and walking thru programmes focussed on health and the environment

Below are examples to promote trail use/cycling as a viable alternative transportation option, QTT a willing partner to support these and other such initiatives.

- a) QLDC SportRec month long promotion to encourage our community to explore and engage with the trails within the Wakatipu
- b) Go By Bike Day (www.bikewise.co.nz – NZTA's cycle advocacy website), NZ's Favourite Places to Cycle promotion (also an NZTA initiative)
- c) The new Wakatipu High School – it is important to ensure the various residential communities that have or are developing have established resilient trails that students can use to commute to and from school.

6. Partnerships for infrastructure and services that support growth in active recreation and trail use

QTT is already and further prepared to work with QLDC and relevant stakeholders on the following but not limited to: -

- a) QLDC to implement increased visibility and clear signage instruction of where to find cycle parking along with an increase in cycle parking and relevant amenities to support the strategies as outlined in the QLDC Transport Strategy and 10 Year Plan. An online format (mobile friendly) of the signage/mapping system would be hugely beneficial in assisting visitors to our town in reference to cycling options. QTT is very willing to work with QLDC to achieve these points.
- b) Extension of cycling to transport hubs and ability to accommodate bikes on buses
- c) Increased water based transport with cycle related facilities
- d) Well-connected and more direct walk/cycle connections for greater connectivity
- e) Facilitate access to the trail network for wheelchairs/strollers
- f) EBikes charging stations
- g) Bikes on buses
- h) Bike Share system
- i) Development of the Coronet Loop trail as part of the QEII National Trust covenant, we understand QLDC will manage/maintain this trail. QTT is already and wishes to continue to assist QLDC in the development of this trail and assist with a plan for sustainable maintenance.

7. Ensure positioning of the trail network as a key element of the tourism offering to generate growth in visitor numbers
- a) Queenstown Lakes – International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) accreditation – note QTT has made a submission to DQ's business plan for this initiative
 - b) Include cycling/cycle trails as an important part of the tourism communication
 - c) Maps - development of commuter/connector trail maps which incorporate the recreational trail maps (hard and online) - \$30,000.00

Annual Plan 2016/17 Budget Request: \$30,000.00

8. Administration Grant

Thank you for the past support of the QTT in regard to the annual administration grant. When the Wakatipu Trails Trust was formed in 2004, there was an agreement between QLDC and the WTT (now known as QTT) for support of the Trust in the form of an administration grant. Over the past year a lot has been achieved by the QTT and this grant is vital to the Trust's ongoing work. As you are no doubt aware, the Trust is a Charity with a hard-working volunteer Board, two part-time employees and a supportive team of volunteers known as Friends of the Trust. We are committed to ensuring a viable pathway for taking the QTT network to the next level of development and management, in particular as our town changes we too have adapted (refer [Queenstown trails for the future 2015-2025](#)) and ask that QLDC continue to support the Trust by way of the administration grant of \$75,000 for the coming financial year.

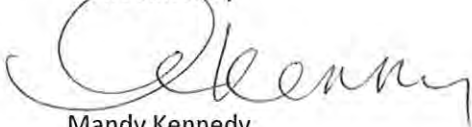
Annual Plan 2016/17 Budget Request: \$75,000.00 p.a.

We would like the opportunity please to speak to our submission.

Kindly direct any questions in reference to the above points to Mandy Kennedy, CEO, Queenstown Trails Trust – mandy.kennedy@queenstowntrail.org.nz / 021333321.

Thank you again for the opportunity for us to submit to the 2016/2017 Annual Plan.

Yours sincerely



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