

# PARKS AND OPEN SPACE STRATEGY SUMMARY



QLDC has just released a Draft Parks and Open Space Strategy and would like to hear what you think. This is a summary of the Strategy – if you'd like to read the full document go to **[www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz)**

## WHAT IS OPEN SPACE?

We're lucky to have access to large areas of open space, lakes and mountains. The variety of open space and reserve areas is part of what makes our District so special and is a major draw card for many of the people who choose to live here or visit.



## WHY DO WE NEED A STRATEGY?

In a nutshell, to ensure our existing open space and new reserves are meeting the needs of the community and are protected for future generations.

The previous QLDC Parks Strategy was developed in 2002 – at the time it was intended to be a 10 year strategy. Since then, the District has grown a lot – both in residential and visitor numbers. New subdivisions are being created, and intensification of some of the existing urban area is planned.

Where intensification is planned, it's important that we recognise and enhance (where required) the existing open space to ensure a high standard of living can be enjoyed by residents in these areas. We also want to make sure the right amount and types of reserves are provided by developers in new subdivisions.

As well as ensuring we meet the local sport and recreation needs of the community (both passive and active), we need to consider whether we have enough space and adequate provision to cater for the regional, national and even international events held in both Queenstown and Wanaka.

## THE STRATEGY PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON

- > The types of open spaces and experiences that the community should be able to access
- > How much open space is expected be provided in greenfield developments
- > Future development and use of existing open space
- > Spending of Development Contributions
- > Ecological and biodiversity protection and enhancement

## HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

**Define Park Types:** Local Park, Community Park, Sportsground Parks, Premier Parks, Connections, Natural Reserves.

**Describe the sort of facilities you can expect to find at each park type:** where in the community they should be located, how they should connect, how big each park type should be. This will help Council create new parks or upgrade and enhance existing parks.

**Define and provide guidelines for open space requirements in new developments:** The provision guidelines will give a clear expectation to developers of how much open space should be included in new developments and where.

## ACTION PLAN

The Strategy contains an action plan setting out what will happen once the Strategy is adopted. For example in the Strategy it says everyone in a residential area should be within 600m (5-10 minutes easy walk) from a local or community park. It also says that individual open space network plans will be created for each area which will analyse what's currently available versus the community needs.

TELL US

WHAT YOU THINK

An online submission form is available at [www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz)  
Submissions close on Friday 16 December.

If you'd like to discuss any aspect of the draft Parks and Open Space strategy, please get in touch with our Senior Parks and Reserves Planner, **Jeannie Galavazi** on **03 441 0499** or email [jeannie.galavazi@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:jeannie.galavazi@qldc.govt.nz)