



**Queenstown Bay  
Reserve Management Plan Review**

**Hearing of Submissions**

Friday, 11 December 2015

commencing at 1.00pm

In Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road,  
Queenstown

## **Draft Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan**

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<b>TIME</b>	<b>NAME/ORGANISATION</b>
1.00	Introduction/welcome
1.05	Kevin Hey – Segway on Q
1.15	Marty Black – Harbour Master
1.25	Chris Hankin & Peter Wilsman – DoC and Wakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group
1.35	Evan Jenkins
1.45	
1.50	Andrew Husheer – Real Journeys (submitters name Fiona Black)
2.00	Jay Cassells
2.10	Chris Byrch

# Draft Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan

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I am making a submission as

*An organisation*

Name of Organisation:

*Flyboard Queenstown*

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- Please also include my name on this submission.
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First Name:

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Please select the statement that applies to you.

*I DO NOT wish to be heard in support of my submission.*

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Please select whether your submission supports, opposes, or partially supports/opposes the draft reserve management plan.

*Supports*

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- Area 1 - One Mile to Boat Ramp adjoining St Omer Park
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### General Comments on the Draft Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan

Your submission should include which parts of the draft reserve management plan you support or oppose and the reasons for your views.

*(No response)*

### Comments on Area 1 - One Mile to Boat Ramp adjoining St Omer Park

*(No response)*

## Shelley Dawson

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**From:** QLDC Services  
**Sent:** Friday, 13 November 2015 2:22 PM  
**To:** Esther Neill  
**Subject:** FW: Notification of Draft Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan [#20150I]  
**Attachments:** Qtown Bay Foreshore Management Plan Jun 2015.pdf

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Chris Hankin" <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 13 November 2015 12:52 PM  
**To:** "David Wallace" <[REDACTED]>, "services@qldc.govt.nz" <services@qldc.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "Mark Mawhinney" <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of Draft Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan

Hi David, thanks for notifying us of the Draft Queenstown Bay Foreshore Reserve Management Plan.

We would like to forward our informal submission dated 4<sup>th</sup> June (attached) as our formal submission to the draft plan notified on 12<sup>th</sup> September, with the accompanying clarification that (within Zone 4) there be a "rapid phasing out of the douglas fir growing in and around the foreshore area". We believe the succession process should occur in the near future as follows:

- The wilding species already in place are seeding new wilding trees around the town, according to wind speed and direction. Some seedlings may settle some distance from the parent trees, and grow into new trees that in turn require removal to prevent the wilding cycle continuing.
- The wilding trees already present are rapidly growing and thick on the ground. The amenity of the foreshore area, and health of non wilding trees, will be progressively compromised as the wilding species obscure more sunlight from reaching the ground.
- It will take some years for new plantings to provide shelter for the plants in the centre of the gardens. A succession plan needs to be implemented in the short term to begin the replacement process.

Let me know if any questions

Best Regards

Chris Hankin

Ranger, Partnerships -

**From:** Chris Hankin [REDACTED]  
**To:** services@qldc.govt.nz  
**Queue:** QLDC Services  
**Sent:** 4/06/2015 1:57:11 PM  
**Subject:** Feedback on Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan

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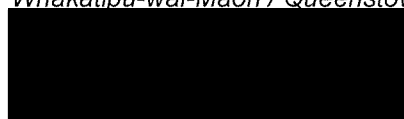
Hi, the attached letter is feedback from the Department of Conservation, the Wakatipu Reforestation Trust and Wakatipu Wilding Control Group on the Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan, we have written up our submission rather than use the online form.

Can you please forward this to the correct person in the council so it is lodged prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> June deadline?  
Let me know if any questions

Chris Hankin

**Partnerships Ranger**

*Department of Conservation;  
Whakatipu-wai-Maori / Queenstown Office*



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Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

File Ref: SAR-04 -01

4<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Queenstown Lakes District Council  
Att: Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan  
Private Bag 50072, Queenstown 9348

To whom it may concern,

**Review of Queenstown Bay section of the Lake Wakatipu Foreshore Reserve Management Plan.**

This informal submission is jointly made by the Wakatipu Wilding Control Group, the Wakatipu Reforestation Trust and the Department of Conservation Queenstown Office. The area of concern is that part of the foreshore from Horne Creek to the Gardens Headland (zone 4 as shown on the council map), the southern shore of Queenstown Bay.

Our feedback is that the Council should continue to recognise this foreshore as an essential part of a wider Queenstown Gardens precinct. Our view is that the southern shoreline of Queenstown Bay possesses many natural values that should be retained, and that this area has an important function for public access and recreation along the lake front.

A new management plan for this part of the foreshore should be complementary to the existing Queenstown Gardens Reserve Management Plan. We acknowledge the benefits of a shelter belt of large trees around the Gardens, however with growing public concern about wilding trees we urge for a more rapid phasing out of the douglas fir growing in and around the foreshore area. To maintain shelter these should be replaced by non wilding alternatives, or natives.

The southern shoreline of Queenstown Bay hosts a large number of established kōwhai trees. These should be retained and all the exotics on the shoreline should be removed and replaced with native species, such as southern rata. Such work would extend the established native section of the Gardens (adjacent to the Resort College).

The southern shoreline of Queenstown Bay is very popular for both residents and visitors to the town. It would be an excellent opportunity for the Council to work with both the Wakatipu Wilding Control Group and the Wakatipu Reforestation Trust on reducing the spread of wilding conifers, the planting of native vegetation and attracting more native birdlife into the heart of town. The foreshore would be a prominent location for education signage that informs and supports the hard work of our local environmental groups.

Yours sincerely

Greg Lind

**Conservation Partnerships Manager - Queenstown District Office**

Cc:

*Peter Wilsman, Co-Chair of the Wakatipu Wilding Control Group*  
*Neil Simpson, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust*



# Draft Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan

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## Page 1

I am making a submission as

*An individual*

First Name:

*Christine*

Last Name:

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Email Address:

[REDACTED]

Please select the statement that applies to you.

*I DO wish to be heard in support of my submission.*

Contact Number:

Please enter a contact phone number.  
(This will not be made public.)

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Please select whether your submission supports, opposes, or partially supports/opposes the draft reserve management plan.

*Partly Supports/Partly Opposes*

If you would like to comment on specific areas of the draft plan, please select the areas below.

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- Area 1 - One Mile to Boat Ramp adjoining St Omer Park
  - Area 2 - Boat Ramp adjoining St Omer Park to Town Pier
  - Area 3 - Town Pier to Horne Creek
  - Area 4 - Horne Creek to Gardens Headland
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### General Comments on the Draft Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan

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*For all areas - I do not think there should be any 'motorised' commercial activities operating from the Queenstown Bay reserves - only non motorised. Queenstown is so full of noisy motors in the air and on the lake and on the road. Queenstown Bay should be treated as a special area free of motors.*

### Comments on Area 1 - One Mile to Boat Ramp adjoining St Omer Park

*Something needs to be done about all the rubbish left by people partying in this reserve. Why can people not take their rubbish away with them? Is there some way of requiring this as part of being able to use the bbq?*

### Comments on Area 2 - Boat Ramp adjoining St Omer Park to Town Pier

*No motorised commercial activity.*

### Comments on Area 3 - Town Pier to Horne Creek

*No motorised commercial activity.*

### Comments on Area 4 - Horne Creek to Gardens Headland

*No motorised commercial activity.*

## Shelley Dawson

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**Subject:** FW: [Fwd: : Pre-Consultation phase- Queenstown Bay] [#19DD4O]  
**Attachments:** untitled-[2]

-----Original Message-----

From: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, 25 May 2015 7:55 PM  
To: "[services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz)" <[services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz)>  
Cc: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: [Fwd: : Pre-Consultation phase- Queenstown Bay]

Attention - Senior Parks and Reserves Planner

Dear Sir,

I am the owner of a property Unit [REDACTED], St Omer Court, Queenstown and I am writing to you in connection with the proposed pre-consultation phase for comments and feedback etc for the Queenstown Bay area.

I fully endorse all comments and opinions given by Ms Jennifer F Mollard in her email to you dated 25th May, 2015 and copied below for your easy reference.

Yours sincerely,

Donald John Lucy

From: Jenny Mollard [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]  
Sent: Monday, 25 May 2015 4:14 p.m.  
To: [services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz)  
Cc: Mike Weaver  
Subject: Pre-Consultation phase- Queenstown Bay

Attention- Senior Parks and Reserves Planner

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in connection with the proposed pre-consultation phase for comments and feedback etc for the Queenstown Bay area.

I am the owner of a property at Unit [REDACTED] St Omer Court, Lakefront Apartments, 26 The Esplanade Queenstown.

The property has an unobstructed view out over St Omer Park to Lake Wakatipu

and stunning views beyond that.

St Omer Park is a public park. The original intention for the use of the park is described as "Today, the park includes a playground area for kids <<http://www.mydestination.com/queenstown/travel-articles/722158/queenstown-for-kids>> , BBQ cooking facilities and plenty of space to enjoy the views. On warmer nights, the park is popular with groups and families enjoying the use of the BBQ cooking stations away from the hustle and bustle of downtown Queenstown <<http://www.mydestination.com/queenstown/regionalinfo/6181339/queenstown>> ."

It was never intended as a venue for commercial activities or to be converted into a carpark!!

People constantly use the park to walk/ cycle/ push prams etc from the Glenorchy end to central Queenstown and back again.

It's a lovely walk along the lakeside and people use the BBQ and picnic facilities to make full use of the park.

The other side of the road from the park is a high density residential area and parking is difficult to find. Public car spaces in front of the units are taken very early in the day, and on the lake side of the road there is a yellow line and no parking is allowed. It's the main road from Queenstown to Glenorchy and gets very busy. Adding commercial activity to the area would make it even harder to park.

There is no parking on the grass of St Omer Park, and it would be dangerous to park users if there was parking allowed.

There's no way the road could be widened without levelling the residential properties on the inland side of the road, from Queenstown to the One Mile Roundabout.

More commercial activity would increase the road noise to an unacceptable level and discourage people walking.

Visually any commercial activity would detract from the lake views of all the owners of properties along The Esplanade from the head of the gardens to the One Mile Roundabout.

I strongly object to any suggestion there should be commercial activity along that area. The Flyboard operation which started on the park last year with a non-notified consent operating out of a tent and buzzing the bay all

day was dreadful. We had no idea consent had been given for the operation until the operator turned up with his tent!!!!

There's no parking or toilets in the park and it was never intended to have commercial activities operating into the lake from the park. They got moved to the Glenorchy end of the lake.

I am also concerned at the possible pollution of the lake and rubbish problems generally which would unavoidably arise from more commercial activity.

Overall the problems right on our doorstep would be detrimental to the value and amenity of our properties.

Any other possible commercial activities should be across the bay where there are no residential properties.

There's parking closer to that area of the Botanical Gardens and any noise made wouldn't have such an adverse impact.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer F Mollard

# Review of Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan

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*Filled Thursday, June 04, 2015*

## Page 1

### Review of Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan

Any person or organisation is welcome to make a submission on the Review of Queenstown Bay Component of Sunshine Bay, Queenstown Bay, Frankton, Kelvin Heights Foreshore Reserve Management Plan. Feedback closes on 5 June 2015.

#### I am giving feedback as:

An individual

#### First Name:

Elizabeth Boyd

#### Last Name:

Macdonald

#### Email Address:

[REDACTED]

## Page 2

Click to view a larger of this image in a seperate window.

### **1. When considering the reserve areas in the image above do you have any comments on how any of the zones (1-4) should be managed into the future?**

We are particularly interested in your thoughts about the mix of commercial and community use in each zone.

Commercial activity in Area One, ST Omer Park should be confined to the One Mile car park area and extending from the car park to the public toilets. The remaining area should be reserved for passive recreation, (walking/cycling, childrens' play area and picnic tables/barbecues). Commercial activity can be intensified in the area of jetties and wharves ( Area 2 ) and in temporary structures only for restricted periods in Area 3.

Positively no commercial activity or structures in Area 4 Queenstown Gardens. This area provides a peaceful oasis, away from the hustle of commercial operations. It is extremely valuable as a place, close to the CBD, where there is nowhere to spend money, simply an area for enjoyment of the extremely high quality of the visual environment and for peaceful relaxation and contemplation. In short somewhere beautiful to get away from it all. After all, "getting away from it all" is what people go away on holiday for. Local residents also value the area for quiet recreation close to town.

Care should be taken to retain the colourful vegetation characteristic of the Bay, namely autumn colour in the poplars and willows; young Spring greens in the willows and the yellow of kowhai ; with contrasting dark green of the shapely conifers of many species . Eucalypts are valuable for attracting birds at all seasons. Introduction of new species, either indigenous or introduced not currently characteristic of the lake shore should be avoided ( it creates a messy, unharmonious appearance).

### **2. Do you have a current lease on a foreshore reserve?**

No

### **3. Is there anything else you would like the Council to consider when drafting a reserve management plan for the Queenstown Bay Reserve areas?**

A great deal more attention needs to be paid to keeping grassed areas totally covered with green grass to avoid the current, ugly, patchy appearance of worn areas. A more manicured appearance as befitting this area of very high scenic value should be established and maintained.

The introduction of planter boxes with colourful annual flowers should be introduced to the commercial Area 2 to enhance the vibrant quality of this area, as is generally the case in similar public spaces overseas. Occupants of commercial premises should be encouraged to provide and maintain them.

Planting to partly screen and soften the appearance of the public toilet near the One Mile would be beneficial.



**Press the 'Submit' button below to complete your submission.**

## **re: 2015 Review of Management Plan for the Queenstown Bay Reserve.**

Kia Ora,

I would like to apologise for this submission being rather late. I have spent many hours, probably way too many, researching and completing this submission. It took me much longer than anticipated to compose and compile.

### **Area 1~ 1 mile to Boat Ramp:**

a) General - This is a well-used area enjoyed by many for walk and/or relax. The views afforded are, in places, wide and spectacular, the ambience is peaceful and gentle.

b) Beach - Small rock outcrops out into the water, interspersed with little beaches like a laced necklace, are set along this 750metre special stretch of the Bay.

c) Trees - At the western end are large poplars and as in the Gardens, very large redwoods (?). As you know, poplars grow quickly, very tall, with an extensive, vigorous, and invasive but shallow root system. Poplars are therefore susceptible to falling over, as evidenced by recent occurrences, (and weren't we lucky to have escaped a tragedy last year). Unbelievably, the trees that fell over have been replaced by more poplars. In country lanes poplars are felled by Council because of their inherent danger, but in town they are replaced with more of the same! There are hundreds of people sleeping, driving, walking and using the drop zone of the, 20 or so, tall poplars along this area. It's a disaster waiting to happen and we've had a recent "heads-up". Go and have a look and see if you would walk slowly or linger, during a good old Nor'wester or Southerly storm. Not only that, but these mature western poplars obscure a view that should be wide and clear. There are plantings of flowering cherries next to the new poplar saplings. Flowering cherries are great trees. I say pull out the saplings, cut down the dangerous and obstructive large poplars (firewood) and plant flowering cherries instead. These cherry trees are the ideal tree. They are low maintenance, easily trimmed and can be trained into an umbrella shape so as not too tall, the leaves turn in autumn, they burst with spectacular flowers in spring. What better tree could there be as theme tree to embrace our Bay? Ok, they aren't native. Native beech trees are as wrong as poplars. Beech trees grow best in river valleys such as 1mile. On a beautiful public waterfront they grow way too tall and wide and therefore obstruct otherwise wonderful views, their branches fall off in strong winds and they have no form. Intersperse the cherries with occasional native cabbage and/or low growing kowhai, and low growing (Japanese) acers.



d) Commercial use - Beside the boat-ramp is the St Omer wharf building currently used as office and operational space. Sometime in the next decade there will no doubt be redevelopment of this space. There is potential to develop something that could really enhance that area. Let's hope so. The couple of summers before last, a kayak business was using space midway along this area (tent, kayaks, other equipment, 2 car parks all

day and night for large trailer and vehicle storage). Thank goodness that has packed up and closed. Unfortunately it was permissible under the present management plan and sadly it set a precedent. There is now, at the western end near the roundabout car park, a new land-based, water-use business, 'Flyboard'. The ticket office is a tent with no sides. The wetsuits and towels are strung along a line to store, other business equipment, table, chairs etc., are scattered about. Signage too of course. It looks so tacky in such a pleasant and park like, lakeside location. The area there is so much more pleasing during the cooler months when the space is clear of commerce. Go have a look. When the business is operating the business vehicle and jetski trailer are parked daily on the grass at the car park. This is not sustainable.

e) Recreational use - Two BBQ areas and one children's play space. The western bbq area is not used very often. It's location is not ideal- a bit off the beaten track, dark/shaded and more near the road than the lake. The eastern bbq, although recently built and costing approx. \$30k, or so I'm told, is a good functional bbq but it is pretty basic, unprotected from wind or light rain and the uncomfortable seats are cheap and inadequate. The area has no character. I think it's a basic facility in a place that deserves much more. Many people use this bbq. I suggest amalgamation of the two bbqs to this eastern locale, and with a bit of imagination and \$\$ we can create a bbq and eating area worthy of its location and popularity, and able to be used if there's a light wind or a little passing rain. My home domestic bbq is far superior to this Queenstown (so-called by some, 'world class resort')'s. I've seen much better bbq areas in many other small towns around NZ. Nelson has a beauty for example. In fact we could take a few leaves out of Nelson's book in general, and Pahiia ditto and... Same with the children's play area. Wrong site. Move it adjacent to the, as suggested, larger and improved bbq area. There are new types of play equipment for children available. Let's design, commission and create some ourselves and make a playground for kids that befits a dynamic, "outdoor activity capital of the world" town. It's an excellent location for both these assets to be developed. Let's create NZ's (worlds?) coolest bbq and children's play space. ja?



Nelson

f) - The Future?- Of course commercial interests will be eyeing this area to exploit. They'll see the water, the little bays and the land for potential commercial use. So what!! Let them drool. This 750metre strip, St Omer Park, should remain

free of business. A few steps away to the east is hussle, hassle, bustle, jostle, noise, garish signage, in your face commerce and general BLAHBLAbla!!boollshirt.(sic). Leave Area 1, St Omer Park, an oasis. This new management plan is an opportunity to protect this area for the next 10, 25 or, if you are really bold and strong with a long term vision, 50 years. Cancel the 'Flyboard' contract and pay them compensation. It will be worth every penny in retrospect. Take the opportunity with this review to close the loophole that allows this kind of commercial activity on the only remaining commerce-free area left around the Bay. Future generations of residents and visitors will thank you (put your names on a plaque at the bbq area if you want) for your smart foresight. Otherwise the alternative is : where will the business vehicles be parked, what vehicle access to their facility will there be and where, what buildings would be needed?- storage, staffroom, changing room, hot shower, hot drink, cold drink, ablutions, jetty out in the water, how far out, how many, signage, neon, how many golf holes, how many activities,3,5,20 ?? Give in to short term commercial pressure in the next couple of years and it's gone forever, forever. Take time to walk the path from Earnslaw park to 1mile car park and back and you'll not only enjoy the stroll but you'll appreciate the imperative to improve,retain,maintain, and protect this special strip of foreshore for decades more of continued rest,recreation,relaxation and peaceful pleasure I'm sure.

### **Area 2 ~ Boat-ramp to Town Pier.**

a) - General. This is an area of increasing pedestrian use and predictably will be under pressure from commercial interests..O'Regan's Wharf is a valuable asset and an excellent facility. Steamer Wharf is, Steamer Wharf. Earnslaw Park has issues. The promenade around to the Pier is prone to abuse by non residents attempting to exploit, some would say entertain, and yes some do but there is no quality control on that, or sell to, the very large volume of pedestrian traffic. The steps down to the lake adjacent to Earnslaw are great.

b) - The grassed area next to the boat-ramp, O'Regan's Park- this used to be a lovely piece of uncluttered, the only uncluttered, green space left on the waterfront from the ramp to Horne Creek. A panoramic vista was clear from The Remak's right around past Cecil, Walter, and Nicholas. A wonderful wide view of majestic natural beauty. Professional photographers have been using this little park for group photos for many years. There was plenty of room to accommodate a 40seater coach tour party. The Bay as a foreground with the distinctive Remarks as background. This gem is now destroyed by the imposition of a metal monstrosity. The huge, totally inappropriate and out of place, „leaky boat/vessel' sculpture. What sacrilege of a fantastic view. I've asked many people their opinion of this stainless erection and their replies are either they are bemused by the thing or, usually, of a negative nature. Nobody has any positive comment that I've heard. The scale is wrong for this location. It's too big. What was wrong with the sculptures of nature to be seen and enjoyed from this little park pray tell? As for the pebbles and river rock planted with sick looking native grass around the bases of the posts. These are pathetic. Don't tell me to wait until they grow. They should have been planted with mature grasses now for goodness sake. Night lights!! Give me a break. So lacking in imagination, so obvious, blue and cold. Yesterday I watched a 40seater coach stop at the bus stop at the park and the Chinese group alighted not one glancing, let alone pausing, to look at this 'art'. One gentleman walked past it so as to get a clear view of the mountains for his photographs.





I read recently in a respected publication, an excerpt quoted from the Council's new 'art policy', "art is contentious, neither the Council nor the community are equipped to judge what form art should take." Really! really? What equipment IS needed? I think there should be some open discussion before such statements are set in a policy. Maybe there was and I missed it. I suggest the community is unanimous in their judgement of this piece of art in this location. We can't all be philistines or plebs from the proletariat. Pull the bloody thing out and throw it in the lake for moorings, or, send it back to the manufacturer for a refund under the consumer guarantee act (not fit for purpose) or move it to the airport where there is room for such a large piece. Give us back our view and space. Has the park been enhanced by the large artwork? That, actually, is the question, and the overwhelming community answer is no, proving that we are equipped!! The money spent on this misadventure could have, with creative thinking and a responsible attitude, commissioned a local design and build of some really cool street and park furniture [ala Dunedin and Wellington to name two].



Wellington



Dunedin

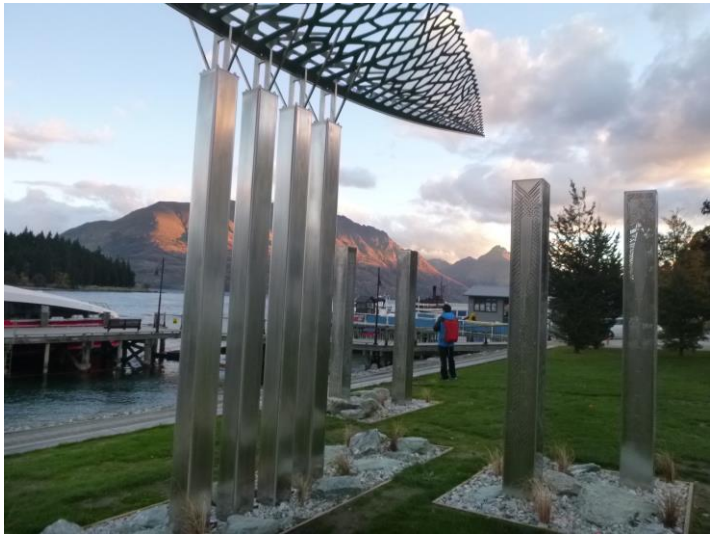


Kawakawa



That would have received widespread support I'm sure, or made a fantastic, non-controversial contribution to the enhancement of the whole Bay foreshore for the enjoyment of all :- replace most existing with more appropriate trees, some bbq funds, suitable rubbish bins, truck in some loads of fine white sand from Dunedin, or Fiji, for Bikini Beach. That would be great art with still money left or more. Put the art trust board in stocks next to the 'leaky vessel'.







c) - Trees lining this little park. - To the west there is a grove of 3 young beech trees. In time they'll grow huge and wide and occlude the view. They, again, are wrong for this location. Pull them out and replant them on the Sunshine Bay walk. Replace with, obviously, 2 or 3 cherries or Acers. To the east end are a line of 4 Silver birch trees. Silver birch grow very large also and wide and straggly with little shape. They are messy. The flowers emit much pollen. 50+% of people have allergies and pollen is the most common irritant. Silver birch trees should really be banned from the district as a health initiative, especially in areas of high density. My words. Now I quote Emeritus Professor, Ian Spellerberg, Lincoln University NZ., "Some trees are not suitable for urban environments for all kinds of reasons, including silver birch, because of all trees in NZ silver birch pollen is the main cause of allergic symptoms and should be removed from the urban environment. They are a menace and despite the wealth of evidence pointing to health problems, the tree is still found in public places." Replace the birches with the obvious. Yep, more cherries, and native cabbage/kowhai. Why are we planting trees on this foreshore strip that in 30 years will be a major obstruction to our famous panoramas and have health implications now? Should we not be opening the foreshore to width and space with distant horizons? People visiting from the cities of the world appreciate these things that are not available in their daily lives. It is the unique landscape that we are famed for. Open it up, value it, don't obstruct it.

d) - Earnslaw Park. - 1/ Trees. Those two large willows have to go. There are a few very good reasons why. The main one is to open up the wonderful views across the Bay to the Gardens and mountains etc. There should be no trees along the promenade there. Open it up. Plant a few, not too many, umbrella shaped cherries along Beach St. If you try to view the Remarkables from eastern parts of Earnslaw Park you can't because of 15 large pine trees behind the Novatel Gardens Hotel, up behind the hidden part of Horne Creek. Off subject a little here I know but foreshore views are relevant to Bay management. Cut down those pines and sell the firewood. Result, all positive. Morning winter sun on that part of town, views down the lake for all those residences-hotels and houses up behind, but most importantly allows views of the Remarkables from all along the promenade. Go have a look. See what a major obstruction to views and sun those pines are.



2/ The Moa. Enjoyed by many especially children. Big patch of worn out grass in front - photographers stand there. Move the Moa to the little utilised raised grass area over by the floodwater measure. Much better location for photos and for kids to play.

3/ The grassed area. It's a difficult area it seems. We haven't got the answer yet. It's patchy. Many hundreds of people enjoy the space in summer and it is a lovely place to lie around and snooze in the sun or chat to friends blabla. It has a nice relaxed culture. It must be kept free of commerce except for exceptional circumstance. This summer gone the Zumba dance people had permission to dance. The music could be heard at the bottom of the Mall !! Ridiculously loud. 20 people dancing and 70 people who were relaxing there prior to the arrival of the Zumba dancers and their loud music, disrupted. The zumba thing was just a pitch for business. Apart from the weekend market, and the occasional other community event, the park must be kept free of business.

4/ Earnslaw Rubbish containers. Not fit for location. Wrong design for predominant rubbish at the waterfront but fine around the other parts of town. Top opening too narrow for all the cardboard food and drink boxes needing to be discarded in this area. Pizza, 12pack beer, burger waste. Overflowing almost every summer night by 1900hrs. Extra wheelie bins this last summer helped but were only a temporary measure until replacement with appropriate receptacles hopefully.(world class resort)



5/ The Wharves. Great design and build but pretty much no vacancy. Can't build any more out into the lake.

6/ Trees again. Grassed area. Toilet block to Rees statue. Prime, Pog's, Voodoo, Patagonia. 10 trees, 1 very large, others going to be in a few years. Wrong trees. Replace with umbrella cherries again of course. The businesses here would be very pleased to see these existing trees removed. Ask them. They would much prefer a few umbrella acer or cherry trees for shade and green.

7/ The Pier. Currently covered with tacky signage. Flags, contravening our toothless bylaws, flap at the entrance. Looks like it could be a car sales yard. More Vegas than Southern Alps. The Pier itself is overdue for a tidy up.





8/ Mr Rees statue. Now there's a sculpture, but what would I know, as the art policy decrees. One of the best contemporary pieces that I've seen in NZ and the 2nd best legacy of Mr Cooper's mayoralty in my opinion. Great art, oops, wrong location. Creates congestion and closes down the sense of space at the bottom of the Mall. Best place is just along to the corner where Earnslaw Park begins. There is a space there just waiting for Mr Rees to relocate. It would open up that intersection where it now stands. The statue is very popular for child's play, photo ops. and just looking at and admiring, unlike the other unmentionable!

9/ Buskers. The wall from the Pier to Million\$cruises ticketing office is our 'wailing wall'. Some buskers are great, some are not. Many use amplification which is unnecessarily loud and disturbs the use of the area for all those who just want to enjoy a quiet wander along our promenade or to watch the sunset in peace. Many buskers have no permit and some that do ignore the conditions of the permit. There is no, or ineffectual enforcement. Ditto for unpermitted street trading. Abuse of our community and our waterfront.



The main area for the crowd pulling buskers is the Pier,Mall,Rees space. This often has a crowd of 150-200 people as spectators. It's worse than trying to negotiate the BP roundabout if you don't want to watch the show.



Once the Earnslaw willows are gone and the area they now occupy is paved, there will be an excellent busking place that is not an intersection and can accommodate a large crowd without obstructing the flow of walkers.

10/ Seagulls. The seagull family has grown quickly in numbers the last few years. Plenty of food. Pizza, chips, burger scavenged or fed by tourists. They are very noisy and pushy, as seagulls are, however there are much too many now. They need culling. I know a guy.

### Area 3 ~ Pier to Horne Creek.

a) Pier to Memorial gates -1) - main walk route to Gardens. Used by hundreds of people daily, any season. Pathway too narrow now and in the next few years we'll have to accept the 18 or so angle car parks will have to go to allow widening of the pathway because of the amount of foot traffic and because it'll be a big improvement.

2) - leaning on the wall. Watching sunset in summer months, or just lounging or eating. Hundreds each day.

3) - the beach : hundreds each day in summer. many families. Very nice atmosphere, peaceful, acoustic only, talking laughing. A part of the beach comfortable for all.



b) Gates to toilets "Bikini Beach" - 1) - Trees - an avenue of Silver birches( about 20+ trees). Same comment as previously regarding the choice of tree. I know this area and tree has historical significance but today, 100 years later, this birch type of tree is not the best choice. Again I put forward the notion of an avenue of cherries. Imagine all the spring blossoms encircling the Bay. Spectacular. Note also the Village Green has already cherries, and the long row of trees along the Earl Street side of the Novotel Gardens Hotel are all cherries. These Silver birches prevent wide vistas down the lake, they grow too high, they're messy in appearance, they spread their pollen(sniff, sneeze!!), they offer little protection from the sun. Cherries on the other hand have none of these negatives.!



Before



After



- 2) - the Toilet block - 350 people drinking alcohol for 15-16hours -3 toilets.!! usually a queue of 5-7, from 5pm on. A portaloo is not the answer (world class resort?). A male urinal building would be a big help. Better than them using the planted area behind the toilets as they do presently.

- 3) - Rubbish containers and disposal - same issues as previously mentioned but exacerbated because of the hundreds of alcohol and food containers used in this area. Councillor, Mr Merv. did what he could by facilitating extra wheelie bins as an emergency measure this last summer but it appeared he was restricted in some respects by beauracracy and a lack of resources. Next summer this situation(wheelie bins[world class resort]) would be unacceptable and the replacement rubbish bin design and the refuse collection contracts need to accommodate this 4month period. This area is an unsupervised, unrestricted bar, open 16hours a day and a pizza and burger café with no service by the vendors. The only public space in NZ where this is allowed let alone encouraged.



- 4) - the Willow Trees. They grow in and out of the beach. They ruin the wonderful western view down the lake and the sunset but I quite like them and a couple are really good for climbing. They are messy and drop branches during strong winds and nobody clears them up for weeks(world class resort) The trees need their bottom weeping branches trimmed, ala Earnslaw Park, shorter so there is at least a view out under the trees. They need a real tidy up but nothing was done this summer. There appears to be a lot of sight-impaired decision makers employed in the parks and reserves dept. Is this a council policy?

- 5) - "Bikini Beach". Despite being a dusty, dirty, unkempt, uncomfortable to sit or lie on beach, it is used by hundreds each summer day weather permitting. A Queenstown treasure but used, frequently abused, and dominated by the tour groups for under 30yrs of age customers, to the exclusion of many others who would like to use the area but are uncomfortable with the culture of alcohol and, usually, loud music and often in the evening drunkards. Disrespected also by local authorities by their neglect of this jewel. We are blessed with a beautiful beach like this in the middle of our town and it is an untidy disgrace. It's a pretty poor image for our town.



I've been to many beaches in poor 3rd world countries which are respected and cared for daily by the local people and authorities. This area should be where families feel comfortable but families do not often use this part of the shore in the evenings. Same goes for our Asian visitors. They usually stay towards the Pier end of the beach. Ditto the 'older' demographic. I don't think this segregation is healthy or good. Surely everybody should feel comfortable on any part of the beach. One group should not control an area of public beach. Later, after sunset 2100hrs ish, the epicentre of usually about 350 people can get a bit loose. The alcohol effect starts to show. I have been physically pushed, threatened, verbally abused with foul language and sneered at by groups of drunkards at night in this area. There are often up to 50-100 people still on the beach drinking until near midnight, despite the law. There is no signage to give notice of the drinking law, the Police hardly ever visit the area. The people do not know the alcohol rules. They are told or read that Queenstown is the party town in which you can drink anywhere, anytime, so they do. Some evenings at sunset the atmosphere is really great along from the Pier to the toilets, which is where most people congregate. This ambience exists when there is no loud music, no loud drunk stag parties from Australia. This 'go to the beach to see the sunset' culture has been a developing trend the last few summers but this summer it has become a daily, large, on average 350-450 people (weather dependent) event. There were 670 people (December, 2100hrs, Tuesday 16th, 2014) plus all the people walking to and from the Gardens, plus those outside dining, on the waterfront from Steamer to Bathhouse to watch and photograph the sunset. That is 1000+ people using the waterfront at one time, on one day. These figures are not guesses or anecdote, they are statistical fact. I counted them (it's not difficult). I have a log of my waterfront visits with sub-area breakdowns of numbers and conditions at the time, for reference if needed. Thousands therefore use the waterfront each day, so we MUST allocate many more resources to the area and give it and them, due respect. Sunset is an event and anyone having an event of this size would need resource consent, a traffic management plan, security, an alcohol licence, toilet facilities etc etc. This huge nightly event is the Council's responsibility to manage but I doubt they are even aware of the situation. From mid-December 2014 through to the end of March this year I visited the waterfront at sunset hour 36 times out of a total 48 visits. I would therefore consider myself an expert on the waterfront use this last summer. My calculations and observations log is available for further analysis of the issues confronting the area if you wanted to base decisions on facts. I hardly saw a familiar face but I did witness some stunning sunsets and some beautiful evenings at the beachfront. Never a Councillor, very rarely a police uniform, and if, usually in a vehicle. Almost every time I saw overflowing rubbish bins etc. Every bar in town, and there are quite a few, has loud music, so it is not as if there is nowhere to go, if that is what some want, if we were to restrict the amplified music and excessive drinking on the beach. This summer this culture emerged every Sunday usually with a DJ or pole-dancing iPod blasting out or local guys with a big mobile (car battery and a car sound-system in a wheelie bin. Yes, clever, but on the public beach?) sound systems blasting along the beach. Read a book while relaxing at the beach? No chance. Sometimes the music can be heard at 1 mile ! On Australia Day, Monday, Jan. 26th, a DJ played Triple FM commercial Australian radio !! through huge speakers from noon until 2230hrs. So a group of 50-60 people who drank alcohol all day, discouraged anybody else from using the beach for the whole 10.5hrs. They were all pretty smashed by the time the music stopped. (world class resort) I approached the DJ to ask how he had enough electricity to power such volume for ten hours, and he boasted that the council electricity supply by the Gates was not locked so he just plugged in to that and that nobody from council cared as he'd done it a few times.

- 6 - The Future of this area. I think this public beach area should be more about everyone rather than the domination of the "beach party" culture that has developed. It is our main beach, not a day/nightclub. A restriction on the frequency of having loud music, and no commercial activity except in exceptional circumstances, e.g. community events. Surely not another bar set up there this coming Winter Festival. Aren't there enough bars already without allowing one on our beach? Of course, the kayak and watercraft business operates from on the beach. Having one of these is

accepted in most places with beach life.. I think the management plan should restrict any on-beach commercial use to this one business. (lucky them)

- 7 - The Bathhouse children's

playground area. There are no seats here for caregiver's while they supervise the young.

#### **Area 4 ~ Horne Creek to the Gardens Headland .**

A bit messy but not much of an erosion problem and doesn't need kayak hire or mini golf, a coffee shop or a bar. No room for more moorings except for small vessels. Another jetty? Probably not.

- a) The Reef from the headland out to the navigation light. This reef is only 1 metre deep. Fill it in to create a walkway out to the light. Include a little bridge near the gardens for the kayaks to pass under. This walkway would make an efficient breakwater for the Bay during strong storm winds and floods. It would be a great attraction to walk out and sit and watch the jet boats skim and the Earnslaw glide past. I'll donate a seat for out on the end edge. A walkway such as this would not be high enough to restrict views. Most of the Bay boat operators are positive about the idea. During Mr Cooper's mayoralty he facilitated the big rock breakwater and infill around the west and south of the peninsular. It served three purposes: the erosion problem was alleviated, it saved trucking all that excavated rock way out of town to dump it and it created the wonderful perimeter walkway. This was the best initiative Mr Cooper accomplished, in my opinion. Should have gone out further while they were at it though. There is more shallow reef there and to infill it would potentially expand the size of the Gardens by 25%. How good would that be?







Kawakawa – Northland, New Zealand

Conclusion :- Because of a fluke of nature we have this wonderful picturesque, cosy, deepish water Bay. It is, along with the surrounding mountain-scape, a precious gem/taonga that we are blessed with and gives Lake Wakatipu a unique point of difference from the likes of, for example, Lake Wanaka and Lake Te Anau, which don't have a pretty little bay around which to develop their town. Therefore we/you are the guardians/kaitiaki and we must protect it from exploitation. This management review is our/your opportunity to do that. There are plenty of places to do business without further infecting our Bay and it's shore. Mini golf at St Omer Park !!! Don't even think about it. We ask you to, with a long term vision, cherish, protect and manage with respect Queenstown Bay/Whanga with revised management protocols in the future Plan. You have the power/mana to place a tapu on the Bay. Do not further upset the Taniwha. The next decade is crucial to Queenstown Bay's destiny. Last chance.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit ideas for consideration.

Evan L. Jenkins.

Kia Ora.  
Kia Kaha.  
June, 2015.



# Review of Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan

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*Filled Wednesday, June 03, 2015*

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### Review of Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan

Any person or organisation is welcome to make a submission on the Review of Queenstown Bay Component of Sunshine Bay, Queenstown Bay, Frankton, Kelvin Heights Foreshore Reserve Management Plan. Feedback closes on 5 June 2015.

#### I am giving feedback as:

An organisation

#### Name of Organisation:

Friends of the Wakatipu Gardens and Reserves

- Please also include my name on this submission.

#### First Name:

jay

#### Last Name:

cassells

#### Email Address:

[REDACTED]

Click to view a larger of this image in a seperate window.

**1. When considering the reserve areas in the image above do you have any comments on how any of the zones (1-4) should be managed into the future?**

We are particularly interested in your thoughts about the mix of commercial and community use in each zone.

Please note the interest of the Friends in this matter generally .

The Friends reserve its rights to provide further and more detailed feedback and to make any submission in any further process to do with the determination of this Plan

In that regard,the Friends submits that this process must be publicly notified and adequate time given for such submissions and public consultation generally

As immediate feedback, we refer to the submissions made by the Friends and DJ and EJ Cassells on the Gardens Management Plan to the extent that these relate to any of the zones, but, perhaps, especially Area 4. These are dated respectively 14 and 16 November 2010

**2. Do you have a current lease on a foreshore reserve?**

No

**3. Is there anything else you would like the Council to consider when drafting a reserve management plan for the Queenstown Bay Reserve areas?**

(No response)

**Press the 'Submit' button below to complete your submission.**



*Intention to prepare a Management Plan*

*The Council invites written suggestions on a proposal to prepare a management plan for the following reserves:*

*Queenstown Gardens*

*Section 7, Block LI SO Plans 13226 and 13716*

*Section 1 & 2 Block L II SO Plan 16567*


*Section 3 Block L II SO Plan 17993*

*Recreation reserve adjoining the Queenstown Gardens PT SEC 4 and Sec 5 BLK LI QUEENSTOWN.*

*An information sheet is available at [www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz) or from the Council office. Suggestions should be sent to [Hannah.ponton@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:Hannah.ponton@qldc.govt.nz) by Wednesday 31 March 2010.*

*This notice is pursuant to Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.*

**SUBMISSION OF JEWELL AND JAY CASSELLS**

  
Queenstown

Dear Hannah

Please excuse this in abbreviated form but time is against us.

We would be glad to amplify any of this at the meeting we suggest occur between Friends and QLDC or otherwise.

This submission is in respect of the above Management Plan (MP) Notice and following the walkthrough on 17 March.

The main heads of our submission are as follows:

1. There should be substantive meetings with representatives of the Friends prior to or in the early stages of the drafting process and throughout. Friends should play a major role in preparation and implementation of the MP.
2. The status of the Friends as the pre-eminent community representative organisation in respect of the Gardens should be confirmed in the MP.
3. Parking in the Gardens must be ordered on a basis which gives priority to Gardens users whether visitors or members of the long established clubs in the reserve. However allowance must be made for commuters on the basis that that is good for the Gardens and the town. (W.Cooper). This provision should be less than at present and the FREE PARKING IN GARDENS sign should be removed
4. The southern lakeshore Gardens area should be cleaned up. This might be a place of quiet contemplation or have a distinct character

5. Any provision for the lease of the Fun Centre must be considered on an in globo basis and take into account the overall requirements of the Gardens including parking.
6. The general spirit and intent of the existing MP be taken forward into the new MP with specific provision for substantive consultation by Council with the clubs and community and appropriate safeguards for use of delegated powers by CEO
7. Some appropriate provision be made regarding the existence and maintenance of the *Necropolis*; and an appropriate policy of commemorative seats etc be established.
8. Frisby Golf to be encouraged with the present level of monitoring of “friction”, if any, to continue.
9. The green shed, which is now “redundant”, should be kept because of the character it imparts to the gardens. It can however be painted and better presented. It could be a modest but instructive Gardens museum or heritage exhibition centre. Those who have preserved the reserve should be honoured here
10. The Tennis Club should be fully consulted and its prior consent obtained regarding any planting programme, which may affect its grounds or operations.
11. There should be adequate provision for appropriate, occasional play production and other community enhancing entertainments in the reserve
12. There should be appropriate process for community consultation regarding plant or tree removal and planting generally; see removal of hydrangeas etc on installation of path immediately to south of Bowling Club and Lorraine Cooper’s concerns about this. Also planting of mature trees should occur regularly and certainly where there have been any removals.
13. There should not be an undue bias against exotic plantings or trees including gum trees
14. The rose climbers on the Bowling Club fence should be enhanced and continued along the Tennis Club fence or otherwise by design, which allows visual interaction between Garden visitors and players.
15. Dogs should be on leads in the main public areas. Perhaps not in the pines?
16. Rubbish should be monitored and assiduously collected.
17. The area by the Horne Creek Bridge should be beautified as discussed
18. Where possible the amenity of the Gardens should favour people rather than vehicles
19. The grass areas should be well watered and maintained. The park areas should not suffer by an emphasis on annuals and beds planting.

## Shelley Dawson

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**From:** Stephen Quin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 May 2015 8:39 AM  
**To:** David Wallace  
**Subject:** FW: Pre-Consultation phase- Queenstown Bay [#19DB3L]

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**From:** QLDC Services [<mailto:SERVICES@QLDC.GOV.T.NZ>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 May 2015 8:37 AM  
**To:** Stephen Quin  
**Subject:** FW: Pre-Consultation phase- Queenstown Bay [#19DB3L]

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Jenny Mollard" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 May 2015 4:14 PM  
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**Cc:** "Mike Weaver" <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Pre-Consultation phase- Queenstown Bay

Attention- Senior Parks and Reserves Planner

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in connection with the proposed pre-consultation phase for comments and feedback etc for the Queenstown Bay area.

I am the owner of a property at Unit [REDACTED] St Omer Court, Lakefront Apartments, 26 The Esplanade Queenstown.

The property has an unobstructed view out over St Omer Park to Lake Wakatipu and stunning views beyond that.

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St Omer Park is a public park. The original intention for the use of the park is described as "Today, the park includes a playground area [for kids](#), BBQ cooking facilities and plenty of space to enjoy the views. On warmer nights, the park is popular with groups and families enjoying the use of the BBQ cooking stations away from the hustle and bustle of downtown [Queenstown](#)."

It was never intended as a venue for commercial activities or to be converted into a carpark!!

People constantly use the park to walk/ cycle/ push prams etc from the Glenorchy end to central Queenstown and back again.

It's a lovely walk along the lakeside and people use the BBQ and picnic facilities to make full use of the park.

The other side of the road from the park is a high density residential area and parking is difficult to find. Public car spaces in front of the units are taken very early in the day, and on the lake side of the road there is a yellow line and no parking is allowed. It's the main road from Queenstown to Glenorchy and gets very busy. Adding commercial activity to the area would make it even harder to park.

There is no parking on the grass of St Omer Park, and it would be dangerous to park users if there was parking allowed.

There's no way the road could be widened without levelling the residential properties on the inland side of the road, from Queenstown to the One Mile Roundabout.

More commercial activity would increase the road noise to an unacceptable level and discourage people walking.

Visually any commercial activity would detract from the lake views of all the owners of properties along The Esplanade from the head of the gardens to the One Mile Roundabout.

I strongly object to any suggestion there should be commercial activity along that area. The Flyboard operation which started on the park last year with a non-notified consent operating out of a tent and buzzing the bay all day was dreadful. We had no idea consent had been given for the operation until the operator turned up with his tent!!!!

There's no parking or toilets in the park and it was never intended to have commercial activities operating into the lake from the park. They got moved to the Glenorchy end of the lake.

I am also concerned at the possible pollution of the lake and rubbish problems generally which would unavoidably arise from more commercial activity.

Overall the problems right on our doorstep would be detrimental to the value and amenity of our properties.

Any other possible commercial activities should be across the bay where there are no residential properties.

There's parking closer to that area of the Botanical Gardens and any noise made wouldn't have such an adverse impact.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer F Mollard

## Shelley Dawson

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**From:** Marty Black <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 June 2015 4:06 PM  
**To:** David Wallace  
**Cc:** Dave Black  
**Subject:** FW: Queenstown Bay Reserves 5/6/15, Finished Comments, photos to follow.

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**From:** Marty Black  
**Sent:** Sunday, 7 June 2015 2:16 p.m.  
**To:** [services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz)  
**Subject:** FW: Queenstown Bay Reserves 5/6/15, Finished Comments, photos to follow.

Many thanks, now finished, would welcome further discussions on the points I have made.

Regards Marty

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**From:** Marty Black  
**Sent:** Friday, 5 June 2015 2:55 p.m.  
**To:** [services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz)  
**Subject:** Queenstown Bay Reserves 5/6/15

To Whom this Concerns, unfortunately can't finish this today so can I finish off over weekend.

Many thanks.

Marty

From Marty Black:-

This year is my 30<sup>th</sup> year as Harbourmaster so I have had a involvement with all Reserves around the Bay as there is a direct link between what occurs on the land and on the Lake.  
It should be noted the combined number of all commercial craft operating in or out of Queenstown Bay is around 30 units, it is a very busy area especially during the summer period.

### General Comments:-

Queenstown Bay and it's surrounding Reserves are the jewel in the crown so to speak and enjoyed by many thousands of visitors annually that visit Queenstown.

In my opinion however we let ourselves down in that all Reserves are not that well maintained especially given the number of daily users on the main beach areas especially the main beach in Queenstown Bay which in this past summer season saw record numbers of folk enjoying the area especially with the great weather. Rubbish during these busy periods was an issue at times and main beach area should be groomed on a daily bases.

We are indeed fortunate in that we have a group of young Rotarians who on a monthly bases have a thorough clean up of the Main Beach between the Main Town Pier and Horne Creek picking everything from cigarette butts etc.

Given the high use age of the area there needs to be a Reserves Guardian especially during busy times to ensure safety of users ie Slack liners between the Silver Burch trees on the Main Beach are not only ring barking the trees but create H&S issues with other users as they setup two or three lines having no consideration for other parties.

Cars parking on the grass on St Omer Park in area 1 by the Barbeque also are creating an issue which needs to be stopped.

There also needs to be a clear policy on numbers of commercial operators especially on the key beach areas like the main beach from Main Town Pier to Horne Creek, also there have been numerous applications for Hole in One Golf pontoons however in Queenstown Bay there just isn't the room to have such an activity safety setup and run given the confinements of the Bay.

#### **Area one:-**

- Requires an major tidy up of trees ie trimmed up so visitors can sit underneath and enjoy the view across the Bay towards the Remarkable.
- One Mile car park, requires a tidy up of rock wave protection, creek adjacent carpark made into a feature or tidied up.
- Along foreshore to eastern end of this zone there are a number of low rock walls that where placed there to assist in gathering shingle and to enhance beaches, rocks require re stacking and tiding up or even removed.
- Commercial operations, to be limited to Fly board operation and kayak operation. Both these companies not have vehicles on reserve.
- Beach adjacent new sculpture eastern end needs rocks tided up.

#### **Area 2:-**

- Commercial area including Earnslaw Park, this whole area is a very busy area with high foot traffic, an issue during winter months is the various sections of board walk become extremely slippery with frost/ice and when wet rain.
- Given the high usage the grass needs to be replaced with a more durable surface, as during the year many events are based on the Park, these Events must be allowed to continue as they are for the general good of the whole Community.
- Sea wall from Butson/Lapsely Wharf to Main Town Pier, during high Lake levels wall can undermine and holes quickly appear in the main foot path , must be monitored closely, on front of sea wall pipes and electrical cables hang off the wall. In the Lake old Jetty pile need to be removed.
- Main town Pier, condition/structural integrity questionable, during periods of rough Lakes s/w whole end of pier moves, cross braces can be seen not attached properly. With regard new buffer piles on berth 3 of the Pier, from the report from the S/D engineer these were not suppose to be supported by the pier, it appears they are and this may well weaken the Main Town Pier.
- Board Walk in front of the Pier very slippery during wet and winter periods.

#### **Area 3:-**

- As already mentioned above the past summer season has seen extremely high numbers of folk enjoying this beach area, numbers would be daily between 200 and 500 people, with numbers staying at this level into late evenings 7 days a week. Given this high usage the beach requires a constant grooming which must take place very early morning, fine shingle needs to be added to especially to the crown of the Beach all the way along the low concrete wall.
- The weeping willow trees need to be trimmed regularly so people can sit under them and shelter from the sun and enjoy the view.
- Extra rubbish were added during these peak periods but this did not help the problem, rubbish bins simply needed to be empty regularly or removed all together??
- Willow trees south end of beach need to be tidied up or removed.
- Horne Creek could be developed with water features in it, also rubbish must cleared from actual Creek and from delta which goes out into the Lake, regularly.
- Slack liners mentioned above should be banned.
- Swimming Pontoon needs to be regularly checked and maintained.

- The one Beach Concessioner Queenstown Bay Watersports has been on current location for over 30 years, it is well run and during busy periods maintains a safety watch in the Bay not only for their own clients but for other issues or problems also. Given the high usage of this main Beach Area there simply isn't room for any further commercial activities.

Given the high usage of this area I believe especially during busy period a reserve custodian should be patrolling the area regularly, unfortunately we do check the beach from land and water regularly but given high usage more needs to be done as it is a Council controlled Reserve, Police can't recall them patrolling the area at all over past summer. Alcohol, well it is consumed by all this doesn't seem to be to much of an issue, Liqueur ban, not sure if this is a good thing or not as many folk do simply enjoy having a drink with no issues except the rubbish.

#### **Area 4 :-**

- This whole reserve area needs to be tidied up, there is one commercial Jetty belonging to Evalda that is in a reasonable state of repair, then out to end of the Peninsular a number of Pile moorings that need to be removed, these are only a few meters from the shore.
- Two large vessels which haven't moved for at least 5 years, the City of Dunedin and the yacht NZL 14 have been basically abandoned, it is to valuable an area to have vessels such as these be stored there, they need to be removed.
- In the past it has been suggested that a board walk be build extending from the Evalda Wharf the same distance from the shore out along the shore to the end of the Peninsula, something of this nature would enhance the area and tidy it up.

While not covered in this Reserves brief the issue of the power lines out to power the main beacon at the entrance to Queenstown Bay comes up from time to time, ideally the lines and poles should be removed and a better system of identifying the reef developed.

Some years ago there was a suggestion that a series of floating sculptures be installed however that never eventuated.

Trust my comments are of assistance, I have a collection of photographs I have taken to further explain my comments.

Marty Black



## FEEDBACK FORM

Review of Queenstown Bay Part of the Sunshine Bay, Queenstown Bay, Frankton, Kelvin Heights Foreshore Management Plan – Queenstown Lakes District Council

Person / Company Name:	MILLION DOLLAR CRUISE
Name of contact (if different):	WAYNE PERKINS
Contact date:	22ND APRIL
Email / Contact Address:	[REDACTED]

When considering the Reserve areas over the page do you have any comments on how any of the zones (1-4) should be managed into the future?

ZONE 2: COULD CONSENT ~~NOT~~ BE GRANTED TO ALLOW THE WHARVES AND JETTIES TO BE PAINTED AND GROOMED TO BE MORE VISUALLY APPEALING AND TIDIER IN APPEARANCE  
(i.e. include in licence conditions or whatever)

Do you have a current lease on the site & if you do what is the lease for?

3 JETTY LEASES FOR SIGHTSEEING VESSELS

Do you have any other general comments you would like Council to consider when drafting a reserve management plan for the Queenstown Bay Reserve areas?

You can give feedback by email to [services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz), with "Queenstown Bay" in the subject line; or post to Queenstown Lakes District Council, Private Bag 50072, Queenstown 9348, marked for the attention of the Senior Parks and Reserves Planner.



**Shelley Dawson**

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**Subject:** FW: Pre-consultation phase- Queenstown Bay [#19E84D]

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Neil Johnston" <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 May 2015 4:36 PM

**To:** "services@qldc.govt.nz" <[services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Pre-consultation phase- Queenstown Bay

I am writing to you in connection with the proposed pre-consultation phase for comments and feedback etc for the Queenstown Bay area.

I am the owner of a property at Unit [REDACTED], St Omer Court, Lakefront Apartments, 26 The Esplanade Queenstown.

The property has an unobstructed view out over St Omer Park to Lake Wakatipu and stunning views beyond that.

St Omer Park is a public park. I am strongly of the opinion that it should remain a Park and that commercial activity in this area short be severely restricted. We need this green space and unobstructed access to the lakefront for it's use by all, not a select few.

It is well used by walkers, runners and locals and visitors alike enjoying its fantastic amenity value. We must preserve this value for future generations.

Regards

Neil Johnston

## Shelley Dawson

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**Subject:** FW: Pre-Consultation phase- Queenstown Bay [#19F6ET]

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "PJSewhoy" <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 27 May 2015 3:04 PM  
**To:** "[services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz)" <[services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Pre-Consultation phase- Queenstown Bay

Attention- Senior Parks and Reserves Planner

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in connection with the proposed pre-consultation phase for comments and feedback etc for the Queenstown Bay area.

I am the owner of a property at Unit [REDACTED], St Omer Court, Lakefront Apartments, 26 The Esplanade Queenstown. The property has an unobstructed view out over St Omer Park to Lake Wakatipu and stunning views beyond that.

St Omer Park is a public park. The original intention for the use of the park is described as "Today, the park includes a playground area [for kids](#), BBQ cooking facilities and plenty of space to enjoy the views. On warmer nights, the park is popular with groups and families enjoying the use of the BBQ cooking stations away from the hustle and bustle of downtown [Queenstown](#)."

It was never intended as a venue for commercial activities or to be converted into a carpark!!

People constantly use the park to walk/ cycle/ push prams etc from the Glenorchy end to central Queenstown and back again.

It's a lovely walk along the lakeside and people use the BBQ and picnic facilities to make full use of the park.

The other side of the road from the park is a high density residential area and parking is difficult to find. Public car spaces in front of the units are taken very early in the day, and on the lake side of the road there is a yellow line and no parking is allowed. It's the main road from Queenstown to Glenorchy and gets very busy. Adding commercial activity to the area would make it even harder to park.

There is no parking on the grass of St Omer Park, and it would be dangerous to park users if there was parking allowed.

There's no way the road could be widened without levelling the residential properties on the inland side of the road, from Queenstown to the One Mile Roundabout.

More commercial activity would increase the road noise to an unacceptable level and discourage people walking. Visually any commercial activity would detract from the lake views of all the owners of properties along The Esplanade from the head of the gardens to the One Mile Roundabout.

I strongly object to any suggestion there should be commercial activity along that area. The Flyboard operation which started on the park last year with a non-notified consent operating out of a tent and buzzing the bay all day was dreadful. We had no idea consent had been given for the operation until the operator turned up with his tent!!!!!!

There's no parking or toilets in the park and it was never intended to have commercial activities operating into the lake from the park. They got moved to the Glenorchy end of the lake.

I am also concerned at the possible pollution of the lake and rubbish problems generally which would unavoidably arise from more commercial activity.

Overall the problems right on our doorstep would be detrimental to the value and amenity of our properties.

Any other possible commercial activities should be across the bay where there are no residential properties. There's parking closer to that area of the Botanical Gardens and any noise made wouldn't have such an adverse impact.

Yours sincerely,  
Peter Sew Hoy  
[REDACTED] mobile

## Submission Form



### Contact Details

Civic Centre, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown  
Private Bag 50072, Queenstown

Phone: 03 441 0499 Fax: 03 450 2223

Email: [services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz)

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Name or representative: **Fiona Black**  
Organisational name (if applicable): **Real Journeys Limited**  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Business hours telephone: [REDACTED]  
After hours telephone: [REDACTED]

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fiona Black".

Date: 12 November 2015

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### Real Journeys Background:

In 1954 Les and Olive Hutchins began operating the Manapouri-Doubtful Sound Tourist Company, running four day excursions to and from Doubtful Sound. In 1966 Les and Olive acquired Fiordland Travel Ltd., with its Te Anau Glow-worm Caves and Milford Track Lake Transport operation and began trading as Fiordland Travel Limited. Continued expansion followed with the purchase of the vintage steamship "TSS Earnslaw" in Queenstown in 1969 and with the establishment of cruises in Milford Sound in 1970.

Since 2002 Fiordland Travel Ltd has operated all its tourism excursions under the 'Real Journeys' brand and in 2006 changed its company name to Real Journeys Limited. Real Journeys is now the largest tourism operator in the region with operational bases in Milford Sound, Te Anau, Manapouri, Queenstown, and Stewart Island. The company offers a range of quality tourism excursions including: day time and overnight cruises on Milford and Doubtful Sounds (with daily coach connections from Te Anau and coach connections from Queenstown); trips to Te Anau Glow-worm Caves; guided Milford Track day walks and in Queenstown, cruises on Lake Wakatipu aboard the "TSS Earnslaw", combined with Walter Peak High Country excursions and dinning options at the Colonel's Walter Peak Homestead.

## Our Submission on the Draft Queenstown Bay Foreshore Reserve Management Plan

Submission Point	Plan Provision	Relief Sought	Reason or concerns
1		Passive recreation needs to be defined in this plan as it obviously has a specific meaning in the context of this plan. Also temporary needs to be adequately defined. Hence a glossary of relevant terms needs to be incorporated in the plan.	Terminology should be adequately defined to ensure this plan is interpreted correctly.
2		There should be stronger policies and objectives recognising that an integrated approach should be taken with respect to the management of these foreshore Recreation Reserves; the waterway and the adjacent land of the Queenstown Town Centre.	Since Queenstown Bay is effectively the port for Queenstown; the this Reserve Management Plan should also facilitate the safe operation of this port and not allow the proliferation of water based activities and or amusement activities which conflict with the safe unimpeded operation of the “TSS Earnslaw” in particular. The “TSS Earnslaw” has special operational requirements including an exemption from the 5 knot rule, the requirement for ample “sea room” for manoeuvring in Queenstown Bay and other provisions which are enshrined in the QLDC District Plan and Navigation Safety Bylaws and these provisions should also be reflected in the Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan.
3	Objectives	Include an objective to allow “appropriate” access across the reserve to facilitate commercial vessel operations which embark and disembark passengers and goods in Queenstown Bay.	Some commercial vessel operations mainly based in “Zone 2” rely on the provision of access across the reserve to undertake their business.

4	Objectives	In some places bicycle access should also be provided for in the Queenstown Foreshore Reserves.	In some zones it would be beneficial to provide for cycling in the reserves to reduce the number of cyclists on the road.
5	Policies	Include a policy that advocates for the management the foreshore reserves in a manner that promotes opportunities for the enjoyment of lake views and the surrounding outstanding natural landscapes.	From the lakes edge visitors and residents alike can experience uninterrupted views of the lake and the mountains beyond and this opportunity should be preserved and maintained.
6	Policies	Amend the first policy to enable existing commercial water based activities which rely on access across these reserves. That is amend the wording as follows: “....permits commercial activity in defined areas <del>only</del> when that activity does not <u>significantly</u> detract <del>inappropriately</del> from free public use of reserves or conservation of natural qualities.”	This policy fails to appropriately acknowledge existing water based commercial activities which rely on access across these reserves.
7	Policies	Amend the second policy	With respect to this policy “Prepare development plans including concept designs for all the reserve areas, when funding permits, to ensure a sustainable planned approach to development of these key reserve areas of the District.” Is it realistic to require the development of additional plans when the Foreshore Reserve Management Plan has not been reviewed since 1991.
8	Policies	We support the fourth policy	
9	Policies	Amend the wording as follows:  Ensure <del>any</del> adverse visual effects arising from commercial activities are temporary <del>and</del> <u>or</u> minimised or <u>mitigated</u> so they do not detract from the visual	It could be argued that all commercial surface water activities have adverse visual effects on the visual amenity of reserves and we want to ensure this plan can be used to curtail such commercial surface water activities on Lake Wakatipu.

		amenity of reserves.	
10	Policies	Amend the wording as follows: Special care and attention be paid to all protected trees <u>provided such trees are not Wilding species</u> , noted in the District Plan within reserves.	Some of the protected trees listed in the District Plan are effectively weed species and should not be retained.
11	Policies	Amend the wording as follows: <del>To</del> Facilitate the development of directional signage where necessary and interpretive information relating to historical, cultural and ecological values of reserve areas	
12	SPECIFIC POLICY - ZONE 1 – ONE MILE TO BOAT RAMP ADJOINING ST OMER PARK	Amend the wording as follows: Allow for consideration of commercial activities only in a defined reserve area 200m in length from One Mile towards the town centre <u>when such activities can only be reasonably located in this area and provided public access along the reserve is maintained.</u> (see Appendix 1).	We believe where possible this reserve should be maintained free from development therefore alternative locations should be investigated prior to allowing commercial activities to be developed in this area. Moreover because the space in Queenstown Bay is limited the Reserve Management Plan should focus on providing for essential services not “flash in the pan” amusement activities which do not offer visitors a quality Queenstown experience and impeded pedestrian access around the bay.
13	SPECIFIC POLICY - ZONE 2 – BOAT RAMP ADJOINING ST OMER PARK TO TOWN PIER	Objectives and policies need to include a provision that acknowledges that this reserve zone abuts the main commercial vessel embarkation and disembarkation area on Lake Wakatipu and these commercial surface water activities are of economic significance for the district.	
14	Objective	Amend the wording of this objective as follows: To promote use of this area for passive recreation and events of benefit to the community and District	Real Journeys wants to ensure that events in this area do not adversely affect the operation of the “TSS Earnslaw” in particular.

		<u>provided such events do not interfere with commercial activities undertaken in the area</u>	
15	SPECIFIC POLICY - ZONE 3 – TOWN PIER TO HORNE CREEK	Include policies for Zones 3 and 4 to ensure structures are not installed around the margins of the reserve in these Zones.	Because the natural scenic beauty of Queenstown still remains key to the success of Queenstown as a tourism destination Real Journeys believes the Management Plan should focus on preserving the landscape and intrinsic values of Lake Wakatipu and the mountains enclosing the lake. The Queenstown Bay Reserves creates the foreground for views across Lake Wakatipu to the surrounding mountains hence any development on these Queenstown Bay Reserves should not significantly impinge on the vistas of Lake Wakatipu and beyond. Accordingly the area from the navigation beacon at the southern end of the gardens, around the edge of the gardens; and along marine parade to Kawarau Jet (the Town Pier); we contend should remain unencumbered and free of commercial structures and developments.
16	SPECIFIC POLICIES - ZONE 4 – HORNE CREEK TO HEAD OF THE GARDENS		



# Draft Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan

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## Page 1

I am making a submission as

*An organisation*

Name of Organisation:

*Aotea Gifts*

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- Please also include my name on this submission.
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First Name:

*Richard*

Last Name:

*Hanson*

Email Address:



Please select the statement that applies to you.

*I DO NOT wish to be heard in support of my submission.*

## Page 2

Please select whether your submission supports, opposes, or partially supports/opposes the draft reserve management plan.

*Partly Supports/Partly Opposes*

If you would like to comment on specific areas of the draft plan, please select the areas below.

You may select more than one area.

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- Area 2 - Boat Ramp adjoining St Omer Park to Town Pier
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## General Comments on the Draft Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan

Your submission should include which parts of the draft reserve management plan you support or oppose and the reasons for your views.

*(No response)*

## Comments on Area 2 - Boat Ramp adjoining St Omer Park to Town Pier

*There is an inherent conflict between the objectives of the businesses adjoining Earnslaw Park and the operations of Market days on the park.*

*This is particularly so when market participants sell products in competition to businesses.*

- 1. Community events should have priority of booking space over the market days.*
- 2. Market days should be limited*
- 3. QLDC should ensure that fees paid by market participants are fair and and there is no risk of being seen to be providing subsidised competition to local businesses. These fees and timetable of market days should be communicated proactively to neighbouring businesses.*

# Review of Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan

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## Page 1

### Review of Queenstown Bay Reserve Management Plan

Any person or organisation is welcome to make a submission on the Review of Queenstown Bay Component of Sunshine Bay, Queenstown Bay, Frankton, Kelvin Heights Foreshore Reserve Management Plan. Feedback closes on 5 June 2015.

#### I am giving feedback as:

An organisation

#### Name of Organisation:

Segway on Q

- Please also include my name on this submission.

#### First Name:

Kevin

#### Last Name:

Hey

#### Email Address:

[REDACTED]

Click to view a larger of this image in a separate window.

**1. When considering the reserve areas in the image above do you have any comments on how any of the zones (1-4) should be managed into the future?**

We are particularly interested in your thoughts about the mix of commercial and community use in each zone.

Having foreshore areas that can provide a variety of recreation and leisure activities is good for the town. Both locals and visitors should be able to enjoy these areas in a private or commercial capacity provided no undue risk or nuisance is caused to other users. Any commercial operations that have successfully co-existed with the public over this time should be regarded favourably in the new management plan.

Segway on Q has been operating Segway Tours through this area since 2006. As founder/owner/operator of this business, please be assured that pedestrian safety and consideration has always been of utmost concern. There are numerous steps we go through to achieve this starting with proper training. All riders most confidently display control in riding, stopping and manoeuvring around cones before being allowed out of the training area. Then riders must stay behind the lead guide so that it's easy to slow the group down when necessary. We supervise riders to ensure they are showing the appropriate level of care and consideration around pedestrians. Speed levels are also limited initially to about half the top speed of the Segway for their first pass through town. Only if riders prove they are confident and responsible will speeds be increased to the top level outside of the town centre. Our safety management has been effective as in almost 9yrs of operations we've never had a collision with a pedestrian despite passing in close proximity to hundreds of thousands of people in that time.

Segway on Q pays for using these areas through operating licenses generating some income for the council. We're also supportive of numerous community fundraising causes. Our operations therefore facilitate us to provide benefits for the community.

Trip Advisor has consistently rated Segway on Q as one of the top activities in Queenstown and we've recently been inducted into their 'Hall of Fame' for receiving the Certificate of Excellence for 5 years in a row. Customers are thrilled to be able to experience more of Queenstown foreshore areas in a highly enjoyable way. This ultimately reflects positively on Queenstown as a whole.

**2. Do you have a current lease on a foreshore reserve?**

Yes

**2a. What activities do you carry out under your lease?**

Segway tours

**3. Is there anything else you would like the Council to consider when drafting a reserve management plan for the Queenstown Bay Reserve areas?**

(No response)

**Press the 'Submit' button below to complete your submission.**

## Queenstown Market Proposal

The ongoing "Saturday Craft Market" effects our commercial operations out of Queenstown Bay.

Our companies pay commercial rates to operate in this area and we find that there are serious matters that need to be resolved.

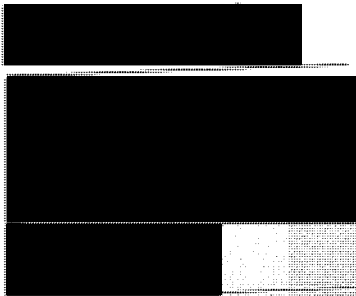
- **Restricts access to our operations causing congestion in the area.**
- **Blocks the visibility of our branding/business in this area.**
- **Restricts access to emergency services, if needed.**


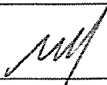
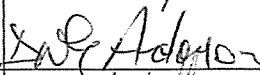
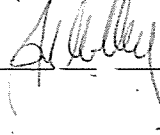
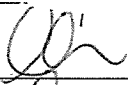
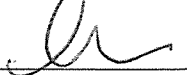


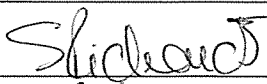






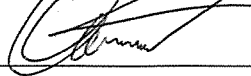
We find the craft markets have positive aspect of downtown Queenstown, and enjoy the stalls and crafts on offer. We agree that the continued growth in the market stalls would see best suited to an area, which readily accommodates the growth. Please see suggested areas.

**Option 1:** The area after the "Fallen Soldiers Memorial" has a wide path, which are which can be lined with market stalls, and is not directly affecting any surrounding business.

**Option 2:** Up by the band rotunda in the Queenstown Gardens, this is an iconic locations in Queenstown and has ample room for market growth, a wide area which is paved for stalls, This is an area which could create more of an atmosphere without causing congestion and disruption to any local businesses.

**EVILLE KELLY**  
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Business	Name	Signature	Position
UNREEL FISHING	Mike Johns		Chief
QT WATER TANK	NEVILLE KELLY		MANAGER
ANDERSON OUTFITTERS	D ANDERSON		OWNER
Central Art	Julia Milleg		owner
Moa Design	Christie Jones		Director
Queenston Gallery	C. Jones		Owner
The Shepherd	MTT Yamauchi	→	Owners
Thunder Jet	Gemma Kelly		manager
Queenston Fish	Stuart Dewar		Director
RESORT	SLR Clouds		Director
SELETTI BOUTIQUE	S Richards		Director, Option 1
Happy Travel	J Baker		Manager
Thaitavee Massage	Ally Spahak		Staff
Apotea Gifts	Nicole N'Lean		Administration Manager
Georcadis	Ivan Hamilton		Cabo Owner
HYDRO ATTACK	DAVID LYNETT		DIRECTOR
KJET	GRACE LIVOCK		FRONTLINE MANAGER
Curanda	Dean Short		Managing Director