

# Kennedy, David

## SHAPING OUR FUTURE

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### Other Comments

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Would you like to comment on any other aspect of this draft 10 Year Plan?

Please see attached submission



## Submission to Queenstown Lakes District Council Annual Plan 2015-2016

Shaping Our Future Steering Group submits in support for a \$50,000 grant included in the 2015/16 Annual Plan.

The budget below outlines projects and costs. Please note this budget does NOT include Forum support to complete forum topics budgeted as part of the 2014/15 year. Forums such as the Conservation, Glenorchy and Transportation Forums are budgeted for support in the previous year. (Note: please see below this submission for a report outlining activity in the year ending June 30, 2016)

Projects requiring expenditure	Expenditure within financial year ending 2016
Community visioning process – reassess vision and priorities	6000
Coordination Services	38000
Forum support – minimum 2 new forums	8000
Membership drive and Advertising	2000
Annual progress report and AGM	2000
Web support and hosting	2000
Total	58000

**Total spend for 2015/2016 is currently budgeted at \$58,000**

The shortfall is to be made up by Corporate Membership Fees and Sponsorship.

Shaping Our Future plans a 'Sinking Lid' on requests for Queenstown Lakes District Funding that will see funding requests progressively reduce over future years.

*For more information about Shaping Our Future and its activities for the year 2014/2015, please see the attached Report to Queenstown Lakes District Council dated April 2015 and attached update report prepared for the AGM in Feb 2015.*

*For more information about the organisation and its future project planning please visit [www.shapingourfuture.org.nz](http://www.shapingourfuture.org.nz) or contact Chairman David Kennedy on [REDACTED] or [david.kennedy@nttourism.co.nz](mailto:david.kennedy@nttourism.co.nz)*

We would like to be heard in support of our Submission.  
Yours sincerely,

**David Kennedy**  
**Chairman Shaping Our Future Steering Group**

# Shaping Our Future Inc.

## Report to Queenstown Lakes District Council

### April, 2015

#### Summary:

Shaping Our Future is building its ability to engage the Lakes District community around a shared vision and set of priorities. The Shaping our Future process is becoming more well known within the district with support for the systems and independence offered by the society. Increasingly Shaping our Future is being approached regarding current issues within the community for consideration. Previous Shaping our Future Forum topics are now moving into renewal phase e.g. Events and Visioning.

Shaping our Future reviewed their membership categories in the second half of 2014 resulting in individual membership now being offered free. Following a membership drive in early 2015 individual membership is now at 156 (up from 50) with 14 (up from 8) corporate members and an additional 400 database members who have expressed an interest in Shaping our Future. Our target is 1000 individual members and 100 corporate members by June 2016.

Money from the QLDC grant is used to pay coordination and administration costs plus direct Forum and Speaker Series costs. Other costs include maintaining [www.shapingourfuture.org.nz](http://www.shapingourfuture.org.nz) and producing our annual progress report. We are a lean organisation run by a volunteer Steering Group. We try not pay meeting venue expenses using either Council facilities or donated boardrooms for meetings and always buy our own coffees! We do provide tea/coffee and minimal food at forums that are held in the evening. Shaping Our Future now has six forums established that will continue to provide feedback to the community and its agencies for the foreseeable future. The Steering Group envisages a 'sinking lid' policy regarding its current Council funding and is currently working on a strategic plan that will be presented in the next report. This plan will cover corporate membership, alternative funding bodies and sponsorship.

#### Governance

Shaping Our Future is an incorporated society with tax exemption. It is guided by an annually elected volunteer Steering Group. David Kennedy (chair), Alastair Porter, Celia Crosbie, Jim Boulton, Trent Yeo, Ralph Hanan, Ed Taylor, Mandy Bell, Kathy Dedo and Mark Edghill. Four live in Wanaka/Hawea and six in Queenstown. A new Steering Group will be elected at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for February 2016. During 2014 coordination services changed from the Centre for Sustainable Practice to a private contractor. The Centre remains available to assist as and when required.

#### Financials:

Shaping Our Future has been granted \$50,000 for the year ended June 30, 2015. This money has been committed in the following way:

\$38,000 for coordination services – support and administration

\$12,500 Forum and Speaker Series Costs

\$4,000 Advertising and Membership Drive

\$4,000 Annual General Meeting, Annual progress report, website maintenance

10,000 New Website

This budget will be fully spent or allocated by June 2015. Funding carried over from the 2013/14 year was used to complete MOU obligations (due to a six month delay in MOU establishment). Shaping our Future will be up to date with MOU obligations at June 2015.

Shaping Our Future has also raised \$3115 through membership fees and donations.

**Forums established over the past year:**

**Visitor and Tourism, Conservation, Economic Futures, Events Review, Glenorchy Visioning Forum and Transportation.** Visitor and Tourism, Conservation, Energy and Economic Futures (draft Economic Strategy) are all expected to be completed by the end of financial year 2015. Glenorchy Visioning, Transportation and 2 other forums (possibly Governance and Wakatipu Conservation) are expected to be completed in FY ending June 2016. The Events Forum and Community Visioning are also due for review. At this point, Shaping Our Future has caught up with its obligations under the MOU (2 Forums per year at stage of report delivery).

**Full Forum update:**

**Events Review** – first round of recommendations completed in 2013. In response to that Task Force report, an Events Office and funding regime has been established. First public reports filed. In the Shaping Our Future process at some future point (expected to be around March 2015) this new baseline will be established, a forum convened and, if required, a new task force established to measure progress against vision, re-establish vision if required and new recommendations made if required.

**Economic Futures** – first round of recommendations responded to by council. An Economic Development Report has been commissioned by Council and is currently under consideration. As with Events, at some future point a forum will be reconvened. **Economic Futures** – Draft Economic Development Strategy – Forum held and Task Force established. Recommendations submitted to QLDC.

**Energy** – The task force has reported back on 3 occasions and have on each occasion been asked to reconsider a number of its recommendations to the Council and ORC. Final report and recommendations presented to the Steering Group in March 2015.

**Innovation** – A forum was convened in Wanaka – a task force is yet to be successfully established.

**Visitor and Tourism Futures** – Forums convened in Queenstown and Wanaka – task force established. Recommendations and Task Force final report presented in late 2014.

**Conservation Forum** – Upper Clutha – in partnership with Department of Conservation – task force established. Final recommendations and report due by June 2015.

**Speaker Series** – Martin Snedden and Kauahi Ngapora Speaker Series held September 2014.

**Glenorchy Visioning Forum** – Forum held 11/12th April 2015. Task Force is in the process of being established. Final recommendations and Report are expected by June 2016.

**Transportation** – Forum scheduled to be held in Queenstown 5th May 2015 with final recommendations and report due by June 2016.

**Community Engagement:**

Shaping Our Future has 170 members including 14 corporate members.

Over 1500 people have participated in one of our forums, workshops or Task Forces. In 2014 over 1000 hours of volunteer time was donated by the Steering Group, Task Forces and businesses. Since 2011 we have completed eight forums on Shaping our Future visioning, Events, Economic Futures, Energy, Visitor and Tourism Industry, Upper Clutha Conservation and Glenorchy Visioning.

*Shaping Our Future Inc. The next report will be provided by end July 2015.*

# February 2015

Shaping Our  
**Future**

## *Annual Progress Report*

Committed individuals working together to find creative ways to build better lives, for now and for generations to come.



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Let us know what you think at [www.shapingourfuture.org.nz](http://www.shapingourfuture.org.nz)

# What is Shaping our Future?

A framework for collective, future focussed decision making. A process harnessing and applying local expertise to local issues. An independent organisation dedicated to delivering a shared vision of the future for the Queenstown Lakes District.

## Who's behind it?

A volunteer Steering Group, a part-time paid coordinator, individual and institutional members and volunteer taskforce members committed to the district's vision of a great future.

Steering Group 2013/14: David Kennedy (Chair), Jim Boulton, Alastair Porter, Trent Yeo, Pete Bullen, Ralph Hanan, Prue Kane, Celia Crosbie, Ed Taylor

Previous Steering Group Members: Steve Henry, Ella Lawton, Vanessa van Uden, Sue Coutts, Alexa Forbes, Debra Lawson, Sally Battson and the late John Aspinall.

Co-ordinator: Anita Golden

Partners: Chamber of Commerce Queenstown, Chamber of Commerce Wanaka, Destination Queenstown, Lake Wanaka Tourism, Otago Polytechnic Centre for Sustainable Practice, Queenstown Lakes District Council, Queenstown Resort College, Westpac, SBS Bank, Queenstown Airport, Vivian Espie, Queenstown Rafting, Chevy Chisholm, Creeksyde Holiday Park.

# The Vision

“Spectacular environments, enterprising people, exceptional solutions”

Individuals and groups committed to finding creative ways to build better lives, for now and for generations to come. A district embracing the concepts of Kaitiakitanga\* and Manaakitanga\*\*. Applying these values reflects our intention to move forward together, based on a shared approach.

\*Kaitiakitanga means guardianship, care and protection. It includes the management of natural, cultural and built environment resources for current and future generations.

\*\*Manaakitanga implies a reciprocal responsibility upon a host, an invitation to a visitor to experience the best we have to offer.

# The Priorities

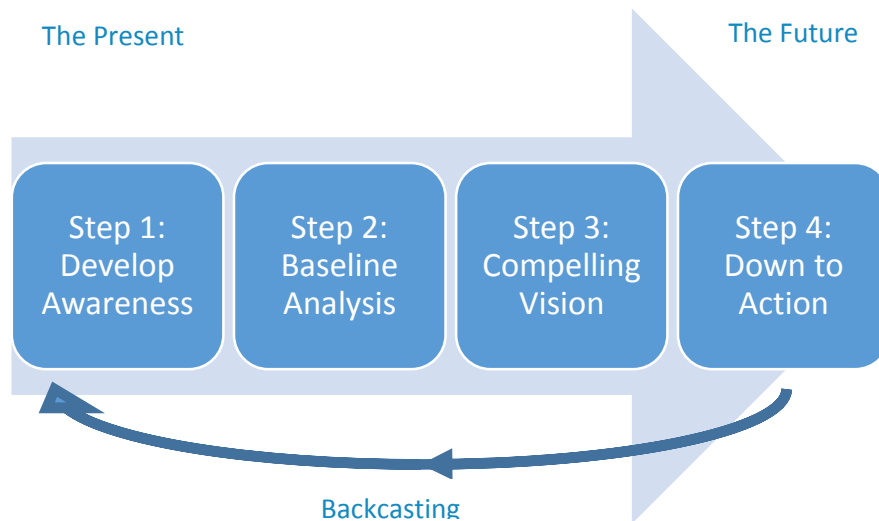
As we create the district we want, each Forum considers the agreed priorities established in the visioning process.

- Preserve and enhance the natural environment
- Community Development
- Education
- Engagement in governance
- Diverse economy
- Infrastructure/facilities
- Build self-sufficiency
- Connectivity
- Tourism
- History
- Town Development

# How does it work?

## The theory

The framework sets up a continuous spiral of visioning, establishing baselines (where are we now), raising awareness and working on steps towards the vision (where we want to go). Each step further raises awareness and further moves the baseline towards the vision.



Does it move us in the right direction?  
Is it a flexible platform?  
Is it a good return on investment?

## The practice

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It starts with public forums and online discussion where people can identify issues that inhibit our path towards or shared vision of a great future. This progresses to putting together volunteer task forces which investigate the issues and ultimately present recommendations to local and national agencies.



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# What's happened in 2014/15?

- Appointed new Executive Co-ordinator Anita Golden
- Visitor and Tourism Forums held in Wānaka and Queenstown, Task Forces formed and Final Report presented
- QLDC commissions Martin Jenkins Report in response to Economic Futures recommendations
- Over 1000 volunteer hours contributed by Steering Group and Task Force members
- Approximately 500 hours of community participation in forums
- Upper Clutha Conservation Forum held in Wānaka and Task Force formed
- Discussions held with Glenorchy about using SOF process for Community Visioning (to begin in April 2015)
- Discussions with Ministry of Education re using SOF process
- Russell Goulding - Otago Centre for Sustainable Practice Community Engagement Research
- Membership drive
- Shared Shaping our Future principles with other New Zealand regions
- Media releases and Public Relations activity
- Website and online management
- Quarterly member update newsletters

# Public Forums and Task Force Reports to date

	Public Forum	Task Force Formed	Public Forum on Draft Recommendations	Final Report	Recommendations Actioned
Upper Clutha Conservation Forum (2014)					
Visitor and Tourism Industry Forum (2014)					
Innovation (2013)	Wanaka Forum held (no task force formed)				
Energy Forum (2013)					
Economic Futures Forum (2012)					QLDC Draft Economic Development Strategy (2014)
Events Forum (2012)					Formation of the Events Office (2012)

# What's Happening in 2015?

- Presentation of the Visitor and Tourism Task Force final report
- Upper Clutha Conservation Task Force Report presentation to community forums
- Glenorchy Community Visioning Forum
- Potential Forums:
  - Infrastructure/Transport
  - Queenstown Conservation
  - Education
- A new interactive website
- Increasing membership for individuals and corporate.
- Review of the Shaping our Future Vision.

# Get Involved

- Register your interest at [www.shapingourfuture.org.nz](http://www.shapingourfuture.org.nz)
- Indicate the task forces you'd be interested in
- Comment on task force reports, vision or priorities
- Initiate a forum on a subject you feel strongly about.

