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*Mou Waho,
Wānaka*



Here's to a wonderful summer full of good times with friends and whānau. However you plan to celebrate we hope everyone has an opportunity to enjoy our beautiful corner of the world and the things that make it so special!

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Nau Mai, Haere Mai

It is my pleasure to write my first piece for Scuttlebutt as Mayor of the Queenstown Lakes District.

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for giving me the privilege of leading this Council. It is one I do not take lightly, and I look forward to driving some real change over the coming years.

Being a Mayor is a big job and one that could not be done without the support of a wonderful team of elected members. I feel supported and encouraged by the Councillors and community board members I have by my side and I know that they all have the best interests of our district at the heart of everything they do.

It has been a busy few months for us all as we settle into our new roles. There is a lot to learn to make sure we have all the knowledge required for us to do the best job possible, so we have had a jam-packed induction schedule to make sure we hit the ground running.

What I already knew but has been reinforced during these first few months is that QLDC staff truly are a bunch knowledgeable people highly committed to delivering the best possible outcomes for the community and our district. I feel proud to work with both my fellow elected members and Council staff.

There are some fantastic things going on in our district. So far as Mayor I have been to a varying array of events from Diwali – the festival of light which was a vibrant and fun evening hosted by our Indian community – to our first Citizenship Ceremony in over a year as well as our Upper Clutha Welcoming Communities Hui, the opening of the new Makarora firestation and the Diversification Snapshot 2022 event to name a few.

As we wind down for Christmas, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful festive season. If you are able to have a break, I hope you enjoy everything our district has to offer. For those of you, of which I know there will be many, who are returning to your home countries and re-connecting with friends and whānau for the first Christmas together in a long time – enjoy it. I will take the time to reflect on what a year it's been and enjoy time with my family. Of course, I would also like to say thank you to those of you who keep our district running during this time; hospitality staff, emergency service workers, those of us on call – you keep the wheels turning, thank you.

Kā mihi nui

Mayor Glyn Lewers

Looking back at 2022

As we say goodbye to '22 we thought it would be good to share just a few facts and figures about our work around the district.



We asked for your views on over 20 projects. From infrastructure upgrades to tree removals, your views helped shape decisions on topics right across the district



Reached an agreement to purchase nearly 100ha of Mt Iron in Wānaka to retain it in community ownership



Our libraries issued over 386,000 books, magazines or DVDs, and over 73,000 digital items



We've produced and treated approx. 10.5 million m³ of fresh water and 5 million m³ of wastewater



Issued 183 Trade Waste Consents, improving environmental protection



Introduced a new policy to protect and provide consistent rules for managing trees



Completed a new Passive House community facility at Luggate



Adopted a new Climate and Biodiversity Plan, including 70 actions for how the district will respond and adapt to climate change

Installed 6,500m² of paving in the Queenstown town centre

Completed almost 300,000m² of road resealing across the district



Awarded \$527,000 in funding to support events in the district

Provided \$122,000 in funding to 12 community waste minimisation projects

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Summertime and the livin' is easy

(with a few simple tips!)

STAY SAFE ON THE WATER

If you're planning to head out onto lakes or waterways over the festive season, there are some simple precautions we can all take to keep each other safe on the water:

- > you're safer when sober
- > conditions change quickly – always check the weather forecast before heading out and tell someone where you're going
- > carry two forms of waterproof communication – the Marinemate app has plenty of helpful suggestions
- > know what to do in an emergency – if you have a phone, dial 111 and ask for Police; if you have a VHF radio, call Channel 16 and say "mayday, mayday, mayday" then state your vessel name and location, then repeat. Channel 16 is monitored by boat users who are within range of the calling vessel; in most instances it will not be picked up by land-based monitoring stations.

LIFEJACKETS

Take them – wear them. Boats, especially ones under 6m in length, can sink very quickly. Wearing a life jacket increases your survival time in the water.



FOR MORE INFORMATION on boating in our district, or to check out the rules head to www.qldc.govt.nz/lakes-and-boating

USING SKI LANES

Getting some water-skiing in while the weather's warm and the water's welcoming? Please remember to travel in an anti-clockwise direction

within any ski lane, and keep right when entering and exiting the area. You must have an observer (over 10 years old) to report any mishap to the driver.

No swimming is allowed in ski lanes, nor is beaching a vessel within one. And finally, you must not exceed 5 knots unless you're towing a skier.

GET HOME SAFE

For many of us Christmas party season means enjoying a few drinks out with family, friends and colleagues. How will you get home? Always have a sober driver. It pays to have a Plan B in case Plan A enjoys itself a bit too much!

And remember there are temporary 24-hour alcohol bans in place in parts of Queenstown, Frankton, Arrowtown, Wānaka and Lake Hāwea over the busy holiday period. Full details at: www.qldc.govt.nz/alcohol-restrictions-in-public-places

Did you know that ash from chemical-free firewood can be great in the garden? Contact your local garden centre to learn more about how wood ash can breathe new life into your plants.

BE FIREWISE

The risk of wildfire in our district is high and there are several areas subject to a total fire ban all year round. If you live or play in any of these areas, you may not light a fire or use fireworks at any time:

Queenstown Red Zone, Pig Island, Albert Town Recreation Reserve and Campground, Coronet Forest, Mt Iron, Pigeon Island, Ruby Island.

There are other steps we can all take to reduce the risk:

Take care with ash from BBQs or fireplaces – they can stay hot long after a fire has gone out. Empty them into a metal bin and allow to cool. Once completely cold they can go into your red rubbish bin.

Fireworks can be a lot of fun (outside of the fire ban areas, obviously), but they also pose a high fire risk. **Never dispose of used fireworks until they are completely cold.** Try dousing them with water and leave to cool for 24 hours before placing in your red rubbish bin. And if you have unused or faulty fireworks, contact our transfer stations for advice on safe disposal.

NZ's first Passive House community facility opens in Luggate

The Luggate community has a new 'warm house' to call home after the Luggate Memorial Centre | Whare Mahana was officially opened in early December.

The first community facility in Aotearoa New Zealand built to Passive House standards already has bookings from local groups and is expected to welcome the Wānaka Festival of Colour next autumn as one of the biennial arts festival's regional venues.

Speaking at the official opening, Deputy Mayor Quentin Smith thanked the Luggate Community Association for its involvement and acknowledged the time between the closure of the original Luggate Memorial Hall, which failed a seismic assessment in 2017, and the opening of the new centre.

"It was a devastating day for this community — from that day, there was never any question that we needed to replace the facility for the people of Luggate, and I am really proud that we have not only done it, but in a way that is responsible and efficient," he said.

The centre's Māori name Whare Mahana meaning warm house has been gifted by Kāi Tahu in response to the facility's ultra-low energy Passive House standard and its warmth and comfort for the community.

The \$5.56m project has been supported by significant grants from Central Lakes Trust and Otago Community Trust. The design and project teams included staff from WSP, Salmond Architecture, Hiberna, The Building Intelligence Group and Rider Levett Bucknall. The main contractor was Breen Construction.

Anyone wishing to enquire about the facilities or make a booking can contact the QLDC venues team via bookings@qldc.govt.nz.



Councillor Ferg and Deputy Mayor Quentin Smith at the official opening with members of the Luggate community.

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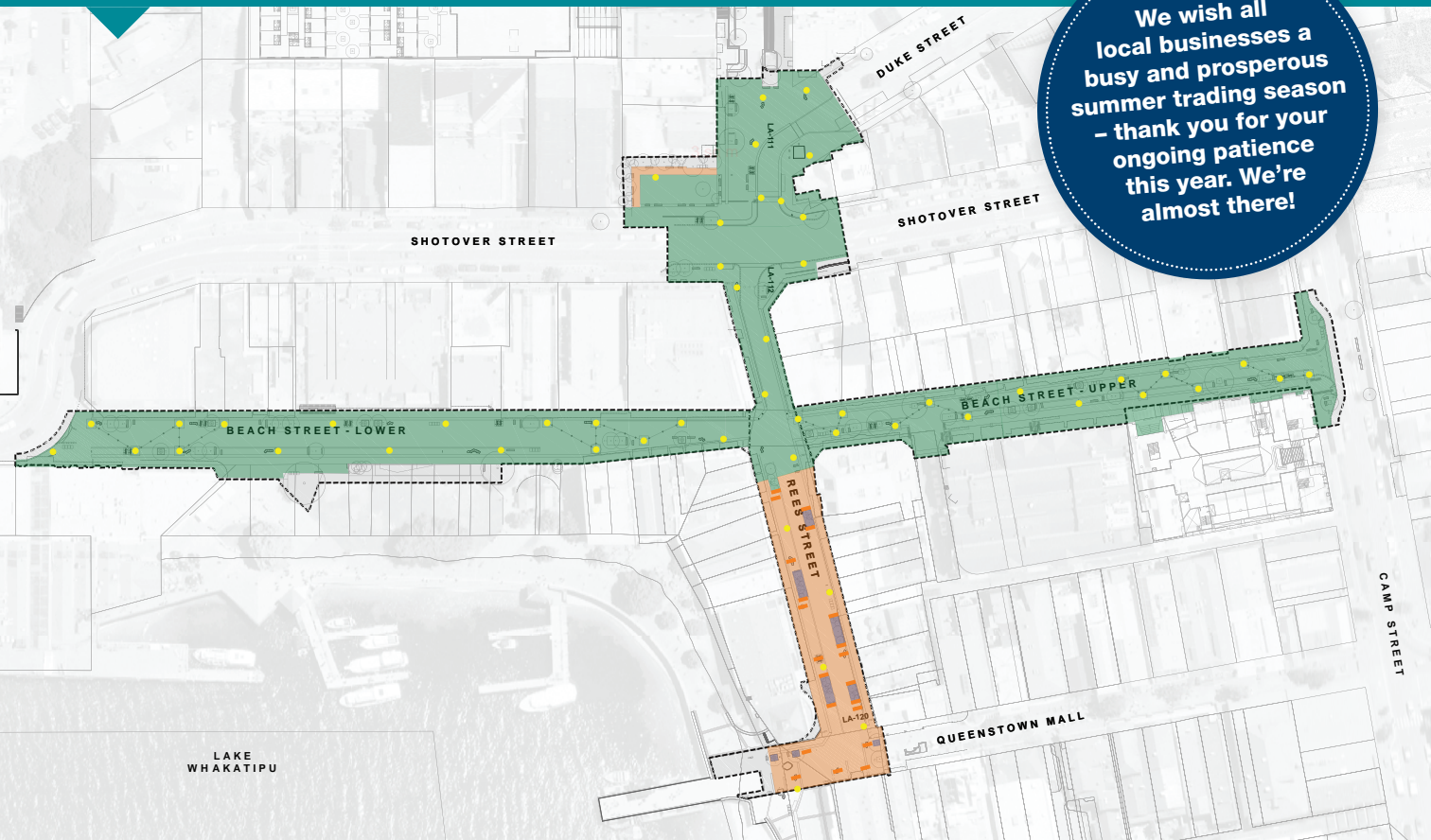
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Queenstown street upgrades nearing completion

The Kā Huanui a Tāhuna team is working hard to wrap up as much as they can before Christmas. Here's what to expect leading up to the holiday season and into early 2023.

We wish all local businesses a busy and prosperous summer trading season – thank you for your ongoing patience this year. We're almost there!



Paving and street furniture complete by 23 December



Concrete completed by 23 December. 1,300m² of paving expected to be completed between 23 January and 31 March 2023



Street lights and signals completed by 23 December



Street furniture to be installed early 2023



Garden beds completed by 23 December



All underground services (stormwater, drinking water, wastewater and other utilities) completed by 23 December

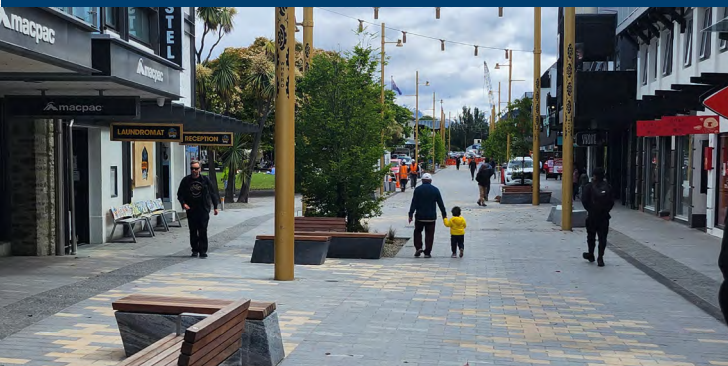
Access updates

- > Work on Upper Brecon Street will stop between 24 December and 22 January.
- > Gorge Road will reopen to general traffic from 24 December – 8 January.
- > Beetham Street will remain closed other than for residential access.

Lower Beach Street to reopen to traffic

When Lower Beach Street reopens at Christmas time, it will become a high quality shared zone, prioritising access for pedestrians and cyclists.

While general parking will be removed from this area, you will be able to pick up and drop off passengers and goods at any time. Mobility permit holders will be able to park for up to 60 minutes. CCTV cameras will be operating in this area.



Other Town Centre news:

The Marine Parade upgrade is also due to be largely finished by Christmas, improving access and connection to the Queenstown Bay lakefront. A new town centre carpark will open at the former QPACT site on Ballarat Street. This along with the new carpark at Lakeview will provide improved parking access over the busy holiday period.

New Year countdown back on!

After a year off, the big New Year celebrations are heading back to the Queenstown and Wānaka lakefronts.

Both events kick off with family-friendly entertainment from 2.00pm followed by live music and, of course, spectacular fireworks displays at midnight.

There'll be safe zones in both towns from 29 December through to the main event thanks to the awesome efforts of Red Frogs volunteers.

Here's what's planned:

QUEENSTOWN

2.00-5.00pm Family fun at Earnslaw Park including face painting and roaming entertainers

MAIN STAGE: EARNSLAW PARK

7.30-8.00pm – Estrogen

8.00-9.30pm – The Strait Shooters

9.30-11.00pm – LA Social

11.00pm-1.00am – Freefall

DJ STAGE: MARINE PARADE

9.00-11.00pm – DJ Pops

11.00pm-1.00am – DJ Cuz

Fireworks at midnight

WĀNAKA

2.00-4.30pm Family fun at Dinosaur Park including face painting, roaming entertainers and games

MAIN STAGE

8.00-8.30pm – Powder Chutes

8.35-10.45pm – LA Social

10.50pm-1.00am – The Execs

DJ STAGE

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Fireworks at midnight

From the chambers

Meet your new elected members

Following October's election, your new Councillors and Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board members were formally sworn in and have attended their first meetings and workshops.



Councillors

Left to right: Matt Wong, Deputy Mayor Quentin Smith, Niki Gladding, Lisa Guy, Cody Tucker, Mayor Glyn Lewers, Craig 'Ferg' Ferguson, Esther Whitehead, Neeta Shetty, Gavin Bartlett, Lyal Cocks and Barry Bruce.

Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board

Left to right: Lyal Cocks, Barry Bruce, Chair Simon Telfer, Linda Joll, Deputy Chair Chris Hadfield and Cody Tucker (John Wellington not pictured).

Ways to stay engaged

SPEAK before Council, Community Board and committee meetings:
www.qldc.govt.nz/public-forum

ATTEND a Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board drop-in session

REGISTER on our Let's Talk website and have your say:
letstalk.qldc.govt.nz

DOWNLOAD the 'Snap Send Solve' mobile app from Google Play or the App Store

CALL OR EMAIL with a fix-it request:
www.qldc.govt.nz/contact-us-fix-it

FOLLOW US on **social media** (meetings are live streamed on Facebook):



Did you know we live in the driest region in the country?

We need your help!

Meteorologists are forecasting another La Niña summer with an elevated risk of dryness here in our district.

We are some of the biggest water consumers in the country, and a

leading cause is that people need to work harder to maintain lush green lawns over the dry summer months.

Increased water usage can put a strain on our infrastructure and increase the potential need for temporary water restrictions.

So we're asking everyone to consider how you use water this summer and become wai wise to save us from needing to introduce restrictions.

Check out qldc.govt.nz/wai-wise for ideas to start saving water at your place, and to enter the draw to win water-saving prizes.

Tip:

If you have an irrigation system at home, help reduce pressure on the network by turning it on later in the evening outside of peak demand times!

Gladstone Track upgrades

Upgrades are underway on Lake Hāwea's picturesque Gladstone Track following a recent inspection by QLDC's Parks team and the Upper Clutha Tracks Trust. Forming part of the Te Araroa Trail and the district's world-class trail network, we're improving drainage and laying a new surface, widening and repairing the track where required.

The track will remain open while we carry out these upgrades but please be mindful of any signage in the area warning of narrow sections.

We hope to have everything done by February.

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Tourism: carbon zero by 2030

Public feedback has informed a revised vision for our district's destination management plan, spearheaded by Destination Queenstown and Lake Wānaka Tourism, in conjunction with QLDC.

The plan, 'Travel to a thriving future', now commits to decarbonising the tourism industry to carbon zero by 2030.

It sets out to ensure that tourism supports a thriving community both environmentally, socially, culturally and economically. As the plan had taken shape over the last 20 months, with

wide-ranging feedback from the community, it had become clear that there is no regeneration without decarbonisation.

Mayor Glyn Lewers said he was excited about the hugely ambitious goal, and that the support and enthusiasm from the wider community had provided the permission to start the journey.

"I'm emboldened by the collective response we have had from the community, Council, our airport and businesses – both large and small. We know it won't be easy but everyone realises the urgent need to decarbonise. This is not only the right thing to do for our extraordinary environment and of course the planet, but also secures the future

of tourism, our biggest industry. We see huge benefits in leading this on the global stage," he said.

Following the support for this ambitious goal, 'Travel to a thriving future' is being developed further and scheduled for public release before the end of 2022. It will be presented to Queenstown Lakes District councillors in February 2023.



Showcasing the local film industry

Ngāwari

1. (verb) to be affable, easygoing, kind, flexible.

The perfect word to describe the film industry in the Queenstown Lakes District.

Our district is a treasure trove for filmmakers. Recently, Lake Wānaka Tourism and Film Queenstown Lakes (part of Council's in-house Economic Development Unit) collaborated on *Ngāwari*, a short film celebrating and showcasing the local film industry. Check it out – you might recognise some familiar places and faces!

Head to [youtube.com/@lakewanakanz](https://www.youtube.com/@lakewanakanz) and click 'NGAWARI film'



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Did you know that six times a year we produce around 25,000 copies of Scuttlebutt to distribute to our local residents and out-of-town ratepayers, including those who live overseas. That's a lot of paper and postage.

From 2023, we'll no longer be posting Scuttlebutt to overseas ratepayers. If this means you, and you still want to receive it, you'll need to switch to our email distribution list before mid-February next year.

Just email services@qldc.govt.nz with the word "newsletter" in the subject line, and be sure to include your name and postal address so we can cross you off the mailing list. We'll send you a website link to view/download all future Scuttlebutts instead.

Anyone can do this even if you live in NZ. You'll be helping us reduce the number of copies we print and distribute.

And remember, every issue of Scuttlebutt is also on our website www.qldc.govt.nz/scuttlebutt



‘Postcards’ from recent events

We thought it would be fun to round-up some recent events around the district with a few photos to tell the story.



Community all fired up

Makarora’s new \$2.2M fire station was officially opened recently. Aptly described as “more than a building” by FENZ Deputy Chief Executive (Service Delivery Design) Steph Rotarangi, the facility will also be a community hub and base for other agencies. Pictured (L to R): Steph Rotarangi, Anita Middlemiss and Nikki Holmes (DOC), Phil Vink (Wānaka Police), Makarora Rural Controller Careen Kemp, Mayor Glyn Lewers, Councillor Ferg, FENZ Region Manager Mike Grant, Otago District Manager Phil Marsh and Otago Group Manager Rodger Smith.



Newly-hatched Kiwis

A large flock of 91 new Kiwis gathered in November to celebrate gaining New Zealand citizenship. In the first such ceremony since the pandemic, our new citizens were welcomed by Mayor Glyn Lewers and enjoyed performances from Queenstown Primary School students and the Ngā Manu Hou waiata group. Haere mai!
Image credit – Photos by Leigh.



Local group wins, wildings lose

Ka pai to the hard-working volunteers of the Whakatipu Wilding Conifer Group (WCG) for picking up a national award. The willing wilding whackers took out the BioHeritage Challenge Community Award at October's NZ Biosecurity Awards. They thanked the Wilding Pine Network for its nomination and everyone who supports their conservation efforts.



Dazzling Diwali

Always one of the brightest events of the year, this year's celebration of the Festival of Lights at Queenstown Events Centre on 29 October did not disappoint. Badhaai Ho to Bhartiya Samaj Queenstown Charitable Trust for hosting such a dazzling evening. *Image credit – Matt Bennell.*



Students wave the flag

Remarkables Primary School students and staff celebrated Culture and Heritage Week (31 October to 6 November) with a fantastic range of events including a food festival, origami and dancing. It all kicked off with a colourful parade where students wore costumes from their heritage countries.



Lilliput Library grows legs

Huge shout out to the 13 local artists from our migrant communities (including João Paulo, Victoria Bálamo, Lucas Rodríguez pictured here) who painted purpose-built Lilliput Library boxes to represent different regions around the world. The Frankton Library team will stock these with books in different languages next year. Special thanks to Mitre 10 Queenstown, Arrowtown Menzshed, Resene Colour Queenstown, The Catalyst Trust, The Japanese Family Society and Te Hou Toka for their amazing support.

KIDS' BOREDOM BUSTERS



The summer holidays can be a tricky time for parents as there are plenty of days to fill with activities, toys and festive cheer. If you're wanting a simple solution then look no further than the Queenstown or Wānaka school holiday programmes.

They're packed with great activities for ages 5-12. Simply head to our website qldc.govt.nz/shp and look for the programme that suits you.

Alpine Aqualand and Wānaka Recreation Centre also offer holiday swim weeks. They're a great way to start the day and really tires them out with a 30-minute swimming lesson. It's also a fantastic way to quickly advance their skills!

A READING CHALLENGE FOR KIDS

The libraries have issued a reading challenge to young kids across the district! There are two categories – child and teen. Read as much as you can before 1 February for your chance to go into a draw to win prizes! Search for 'summer reading challenge' on the library website – codc-qldc.govt.nz

Shelve your library fines for good

Racked up a few fines on overdue books? As in previous years, your friendly neighbourhood librarians will happily clear \$10 of overdue fines from your account for every donation of non-perishable food, toiletries or a gift for kids or adults.

All donations go to Happiness House Queenstown Community Support Centre and Glenorchy Community Food Bank (Whakatipu) or Community Networks Foodbank (Upper Clutha).

FOODBANKS SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES

Every Christmas, the Community Networks Foodbank provides parcels to local families. Your donations will give someone a helping hand this festive season and beyond.

On average, for a family of four it costs:

- > \$10 for toddler snacks for a week.
- > \$20 for a meal or toiletries kit.
- > \$50 for a Christmas dinner hamper.
- > \$100 for a standard food parcel for a week.

Community Networks is accepting donations via its Givealittle page, or you can donate gifts or food before 17 December.

New mental health crisis support

A new mental health crisis support service for local residents is expected to be operational before the end of the year.

Mainly for adults aged 18+ it will have the flexibility to provide services for younger people from time to time if needed.

Te Whatu Ora Southern confirmed Central Lakes Family Services (CLFS) as the provider. With branches in Queenstown, Wānaka and Alexandra, CLFS runs the regional Women's Refuge service and provides a range of social services to support families and individuals experiencing family violence, sexual harm, parenting support, perinatal support, Ministry of Justice and Corrections approved programmes.

The new mental health support service will be a two-stage launch, with the first stage – outreach support – expected to start as Scuttlebutt was going to press. It will sit alongside the current 24/7 regional crisis response service, providing more local options to support people in mental distress including those who may otherwise have needed to be admitted to acute inpatient mental health services.

Services will include home-based support for people experiencing acute distress, as well as education and support for whānau and carers. The workforce will include registered health professionals, social workers and support workers. Value will also be placed on peer support from the perspective of lived experience and recovery, so peer support staff will be an essential part of the team.

More details on the second stage of the service – providing short-term residential care – will follow once a suitable location is confirmed.



Central Lakes Family Services Clinical Manager Fiona Young and General Manager Tina Mongston.

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Have a Merry (waste-free) Christmas!

There are lots of neat things you can do this Christmas to keep your waste down to a minimum. Many of them are free or low cost. Small changes can make a big difference! Here are some useful tips:

REPAIR

Instead of buying a new gift consider repairing a beloved item.

GET CRAFTY IN THE KITCHEN

Consider baking, making or creating something special.

LOOK TO NATURE

Use alternatives to plastic trees. Why not try a potted native, make your own from materials like driftwood, or source a wilding pine and compost it after use?

SHOP LOCAL

Shop at local businesses and check out our fantastic markets across the district. There are lots of items with low or no packaging available. Second-hand stores are another goldmine for gifts – from books, clothes and games to kitchen items and much more.

DIY DECORATION

Make your own Christmas decorations and crackers out of alternative home compostable material like flowers, twigs, salt dough or paper. This is a great way of avoiding plastic waste and spending fun time together as a family.

LOVE LEFTOVERS

Create less food waste by planning out your food purchases and portions, and get creative with leftovers and utilise your freezer. Love Food Hate Waste has lots of tips for what to do with Christmas leftovers: lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz

WRAP GIFTS IN CLOTH

Instead of buying paper wrapping use old paper packaging, kids' drawings, magazines, newspaper, fabric, tea towels or scarves. Have you heard of furoshiki? It's the Japanese tradition of wrapping gifts in cloth and there are lots of tips and videos online for beautiful wrapping techniques.

Did you know that Kiwis produce 30% more waste than usual over the holidays?

Did you know more food goes to waste during Christmas week than any other time of year?

Reducing waste at our venues

Council's Sport and Recreation team is excited to increase its commitment to waste reduction with the introduction of new retail products and the removal of plastic bottled water – but don't worry the ice creams are still available!

This change has been on the cards for a long time as we began to take a look at our waste and impact on the planet. The new products come from companies that are committed to re-investing their profits into the environment – something we can all get behind.

Here's what this means for retail areas at Queenstown Events Centre (QEC) and Wānaka Recreation Centre (WRC):

All new food and drink products will be sold in home-compostable packaging

Plastic water bottles will no longer be sold

Re-usable drink bottles are available to buy with free water fountains to fill them up

We've also started composting with bins dotted around both venues. You can buy one from us if you want to start composting at home yourself.

Learn more about the products and our waste journey:

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Summerdaze coming your way

Our Summerdaze events are popping up all over the district so get outdoors and get involved!

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

STRIDE, RIDE AND SLIDE

Teddy Bears Picnics are coming to Queenstown and Wānaka! There's fun for kids of all ages, including story-telling, bouncy castles, music, a free sausage sizzle, food vendors, face painting and games. So bring your favourite cuddly toy and join the fun. It's free to attend with koha donations to Plunket welcomed.

There'll also be a Stride, Ride and Slide mini triathlon for kids aged between 2-6. Run, bike and slip 'n' slide around a fun course.

QUEENSTOWN EVENT CENTRE

Saturday 28 January, 11.00am-2.00pm

WĀNAKA RECREATION CENTRE

Sunday 29 January, 11.00am-2.00pm

WATERFRONT GAMES

LIBRARY POP-UP

Our events trailer will be packed with games to enjoy at parks around the district until April. Get a crew together and challenge others to a game of cornhole, badminton, kubb, or spikeball. You can also have a yarn with our friendly library team about free online resources, borrow a book to read in the sun or get busy in the garden with a seed swap. There's no better way to spend your lunchbreak and improve your wellbeing!

For more details and the full Summerdaze schedule head to qldc.govt.nz/summerdaze and keep an eye on Facebook [@QLDCSportRec](https://www.facebook.com/QLDCSportRec).

'Tis the season for... camping!

The summer break is just around the corner and plenty of residents and visitors to our district are planning to spend a bit of time in the great outdoors with a spot of camping.

With the help of funding from the government's Freedom Camping Transition Fund we're providing new ambassadors and an increased enforcement officer presence amongst a range of initiatives to promote responsible camping this season.

Responsible camping ambassadors will meet with visitors and campers, checking out popular locations to share information on how we can all camp in a sustainable way and promoting all the amazing campgrounds we have around the district.

While most campers do the right thing, our extra enforcement staff will monitor an increased area of the district and be available 24/7 to respond to any unlawful behaviour meaning we can take better care of our environment.

If you've got camping on the mind and you're planning to get that tent out of the garage or prepare your campervan for an adventure, please remember to take only photos and leave only footprints.

Looking for a place to park your campervan while you check out the local sites?

Please note overnight camping is not allowed in these locations.

QUEENSTOWN

33 parking spaces are available at the Boundary Street Carpark.

WĀNAKA

Five spaces are available at the Mt Aspiring Road Carpark with plenty more in the parking lot near That Wānaka Tree and the Wānaka Watersports Facility.

ARROWTOWN

Eight spaces are available at the Ramshaw Lane Carpark.

GLENORCHY-QUEENSTOWN

12 spaces are available at the Bennetts Bluff carpark on Glenorchy-Queenstown Road.

Waste not, want not

Our community shares the responsibility of being guardians of this stunning landscape. We invite our visitors to make the most of our wild playground and care for it by leaving no trace. Whether you're a seasoned local camper or visiting for the first time, these tips will help to protect this special place:

DRINK TAP WATER

It's free, healthy and delicious, and will help reduce single use plastic waste. The RefillNZ website map or app makes it easy to find locations where you can refill your reusable water bottle for free.

SAY NO TO SINGLE USE TAKE-AWAY CUPS

Sit in, bring your own reusable cup or use a deposit/return system in participating cafes. Local loan cup examples include Wanakup and Chunky.

COMPOST YOUR FOOD SCRAPS

Some campgrounds have separate food scrap bins available or you can drop by a local composter using the Sharewaste platform. Sharewaste connects people who wish to recycle their food scraps and other organics with their neighbours who are already composting, worm-farming, or keep farm animals.

RECYCLE WITH CARE

Put only the right things in recycling bins so it can meet quality standards. Recycling is available at campgrounds, in public recycling bins near the lakefront, at the Wakatipu Recycling Centre in Frankton and at Wastebusters in Wānaka (a small fee applies).

For more info head to www.qldc.govt.nz/responsible-camping-in-the-Queenstown-Lakes-District

Arrowtown Memorial Pool now open!

The 2022/23 season runs until Sunday 5 March. Normal opening hours are Monday-Sunday, 11.00am-6.00pm with an early closing at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. We can't wait to welcome you back to the pool and look forward to celebrating summer!

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Wānaka lakefront's new view

Wānaka is sporting a new and welcoming green space on its lakefront this summer.

The latest stage of the lakefront development plan opened just as newly sown grass was creating a vivid green strip between Dungarvon and McDougall Streets in front of Pembroke Park.

Head down to discover a beautiful open space complete with picnic

tables, sun loungers and a new shared pathway.

We've also incorporated a paved area featuring a recreation of Te Huruheru's Map – the first map of the area which aided early European explorers – adding an extra cultural element for people to enjoy.

Next year, the pathway will also feature a reimagining of the much-photographed Millennium Pathway with hundreds of etched tiles highlighting historical information about the Upper Clutha, Aotearoa New Zealand and the world.

More than 100 parking spaces for cars (but not campervans) have been created as part of the development. These no longer encroach onto the green space, leaving an unobstructed view across Roys Bay.

Lake buoys launched

Two new scientific freshwater quality monitoring buoys were anchored in lakes Wānaka and Whakatipu in November, by contractors for Otago Regional Council (ORC).

The buoys have been anchored in depths of about 350 metres in Lake Whakatipu and 220 metres in Lake Wānaka, and may well be the deepest tethered freshwater monitoring buoys in the country.

ORC's Scientist-Lakes Hugo Borges says the measurements taken from the surface to 120m deep will include water oxygen levels, phytoplankton (algae) growth, water temperature, conductivity and clarity.

Mr Borges says it's important to understand what's happening at the bottom of the lakes to better understand hydrodynamics and nutrient cycling in those systems.

"Lakes that can form different layers in the water column that don't interact with each other will have different environmental conditions in each" he says.

"It's important to monitor temperature, dissolved oxygen and nutrient levels in the bottom layer because if it becomes oxygen depleted it can induce chemical reactions with the sediment that will in turn release phosphorus into the water and eventually fuel algal blooms."

The data set will allow ORC scientists to monitor changes in the water over time, including the amount of sediments entering lakes both during and after storm events.

The public will be able to access the data, as will universities, environmental organisations and lake managers who are researching waterway projects.

This includes the relaying of near real-time weather conditions from a meteorological station on each buoy.

Read more the full story at www.orc.govt.nz/news-and-events



Merry Christmas from Gerard & Hadley

“Thank you for your support in 2022... immensely grateful and delighted to be able to help so many wonderful people. Thanks for having us with you. Merry Christmas and wishing you and your loved ones a healthy and prosperous 2023!”



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Bullendale: preserving a powerful heritage

Marion Borrell of the Whakatipu Heritage Trust sent us the fascinating tale of Aotearoa New Zealand's first industrial use of hydro-electricity at Bullendale, one of the most remote goldfields in the country located up Skippers Creek, and the trust's recent restoration project.

The original scheme was a remarkable feat of engineering completed in 1886, just eight years after the world's first hydroelectric power scheme built in Northumberland, England. Mine owner George Bullen and his manager Fred Evans needed extra power to run their 30-stamp quartz-crushing battery and, with their waterwheel inadequate and coal for steam power expensive, decided to invest in some of the latest technology of the time.

In 1885 they commissioned R.E. Fletcher & Co of Dunedin to design and install the generating plant at a cost of £2,200.

The plant was located in a powerhouse at the base of 60-metre bluff. Water was diverted to fall onto two Pelton wheels which drove two arc dynamos generating up to 2,000 volts.

As well as the stamper battery and other equipment, the electricity also lit a community hall, school, streetlights and houses. By comparison, Queenstown didn't have reticulated electricity until 38 years later!

The mine closed finally in 1907 with Bullendale village and the dynamo powerhouse abandoned.

An archaeological survey completed in 1986 placed surviving items of machinery in their correct positions on a reconstructed timber framework but, being out in the open, they continued to deteriorate.

The Whakatipu Heritage Trust was established by DOC and QLDC in 2012, primarily to undertake the preservation of publicly-owned heritage sites. Its initial priorities were Arrowtown Gaol (restored in 2017) and Bullendale, a Category 1 Historic Place with Heritage NZ.

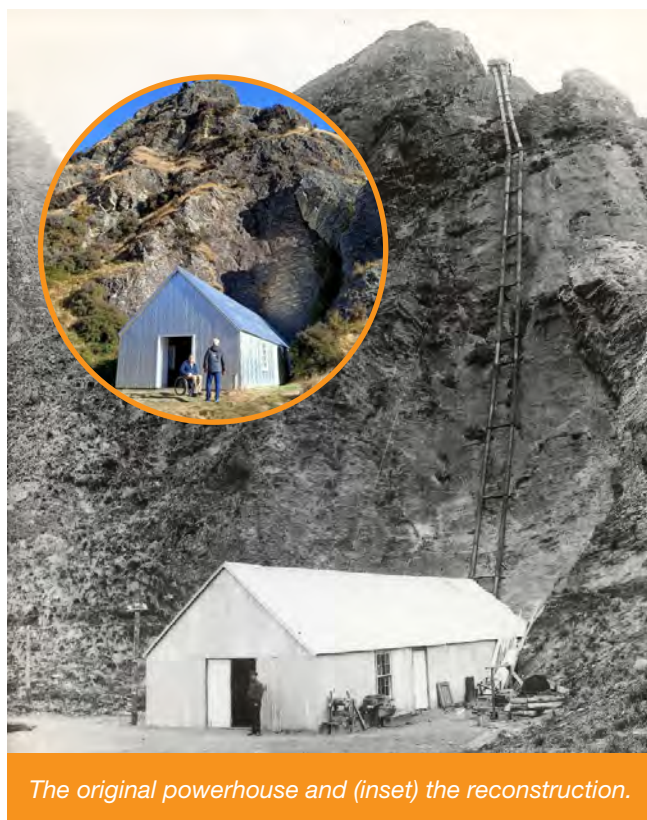
After initial investigations involving the Trust, DOC, Heritage NZ and Dr Peter Petchey (who had carried out a detailed survey in 1996) it was decided to build a replica dynamo shed to protect the remaining machinery.

John Henderson Construction Ltd from Glenorchy contended with the disruptions of COVID-19, winter weather and other delays to carry out the work between early 2021 and May 2022. Even with the assistance of helicopters for the heavy lifting, it was quite an achievement in a location without vehicle access.

The project cost was \$330,000 plus unquantifiable time and perseverance from those involved!

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The original powerhouse and (inset) the reconstruction.

Social justice spurs Rangatahi Māori representative



Olivia Plimmer-Jones is just finishing her year as our local representative on the Tuia Programme.

Designed to develop the leadership capability of young Māori in communities throughout Aotearoa New Zealand, the programme involves local Mayors selecting rangatahi (meaning youth or young person) from their district to mentor on a one-to-one basis, to encourage and enhance leadership skills. We asked Olivia to tell us a bit more about the programme and what she's learned.

Tell us a little about yourself. I grew up in Queenstown with my family and have just finished five years studying at the University of Otago, from where I hold a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts majoring in Psychology. This led to a graduate position at Anderson Lloyd in Queenstown. I'm involved with QLDC because of my roles as the Rangatahi Māori representative and on the Welcoming Communities advisory board. I'm super passionate about social justice which is why I studied law and also why I joined the programme. I wanted to learn more about how I could better my community for Māori, and for all. In my personal life, I am currently training for the Motatapu Marathon and love spending time enjoying the outdoors.

How did you find out about the Tuia programme and what motivated you to apply? I found out through a mutual friend and someone who'd previously been involved. It seemed a great opportunity for me to continue to reconnect to my Māori background.

What has your role involved? It's been very diverse! I've been involved in mentoring with the former and current mayors, joining them at events including opening this year's Matariki celebrations in Arrowtown. I've been able to discuss issues with the community – including the lack of Māori safe space – and attended wānanga around the country on weekends where I would travel to different marae. I've gained leadership skills that I can implement in my different roles, been given opportunities to continue working with Council, and also represented young people at various events around the country.

What have been the highlights and benefits? Definitely the amazing people I've been able to meet. This includes

the other rangatahi representatives, the speakers we've learned from (my personal favourite being Marcus Akuhata-Brown who is on the strategic leadership team at the Ministry of Justice), and the people at Council especially former Mayor Jim Boulton.

Any challenges you've had to overcome? Feeling out of my depth at times, when I was travelling to different marae. It was super rewarding but also quite daunting to meet people who were a lot more knowledgeable than me. I made sure I got everything I could out of the programme.

How have your future goals been influenced by your participation? I was always passionate about wanting to learn more and contributing to social justice so if anything Tuia has just accelerated these. It made it possible to realise how important recognition of Māori is in any community, including our district.

What would you say to someone considering applying? Just apply! You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Don't worry if you feel you don't understand a lot around about your Māori background or that you aren't connected – it's never too late.

For more info visit mtfj.co.nz/our-work/tuia-and-mtfj-rangatahi/

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Another option for non-urgent issues is Snap, Send, Solve – a handy little app that allows you to report issues in your local area on the spot, using your mobile device. These issues are then automatically sent QLDC's way! *Please note, these will not be monitored over the Christmas closedown.*



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