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Our annual Quality of Life survey is currently open, and we're keen to hear from you!

The survey focuses on how residents feel about issues such as employment, housing, health services, the environment, transport, growth, and the ongoing effects of COVID-19.

This is the fourth year the survey has been conducted and the data collected will help us, and other public service providers, understand more about the issues and challenges facing our district.

Last year's survey found that most people rated their overall quality of life as extremely good (32%) or good (49%), while 16% said their quality of life was average and 3% poor or extremely poor.

It found that the impacts of COVID-19 were being felt across the district and were generally synonymous with changes to employment. Climate change was also a concern for people.

Once again, we are keen to see how people are feeling about living here. What are they hopeful for? What do people like about Queenstown and the Upper Clutha, and what would they like to change?

Anyone who lives in the district and is aged 18 and over can take part. The survey takes around 20-25 minutes to complete and is open until Sunday 7 November.

The survey is being conducted by Versus Research, on behalf of QLDC, and all responses are anonymous.

As a small incentive, all completed surveys will go in the draw to win one of four \$250 Prezzy cards or a \$50 equivalent spot prize drawn weekly. Winners will be selected at random by Versus Research.

To take part, visit  
[letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](https://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz)

and click the link to the survey.



# Business support during COVID-19

In May this year, Tourism Minister Stuart Nash announced targeted funding to support five regions most hit by the tourism downturn: Fiordland, South Westland, Queenstown Lakes, Mackenzie District and Kaikōura.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) was keen to see the funding distributed by local organisations and asked the QLDC Economic Development Unit to hold the contract for the funds.

Peter Harris, QLDC's Economic Development Manager, said the willingness of the finance team to take on the challenge of processing the payments was key to QLDC taking on the contract.

"The finance team was pretty busy with their normal work, but they were keen to do their bit to help local businesses," said Mr Harris.

"They have been working closely with the Otago Regional Business Partner Network, who are the contact point for businesses."

Two of the three funds are now operational – this includes a grant of up to \$5,000 per business for expert advice on planning and decision-making in response to COVID-19, and another grant of up to \$5,000 per business to help implement these plans and advice.

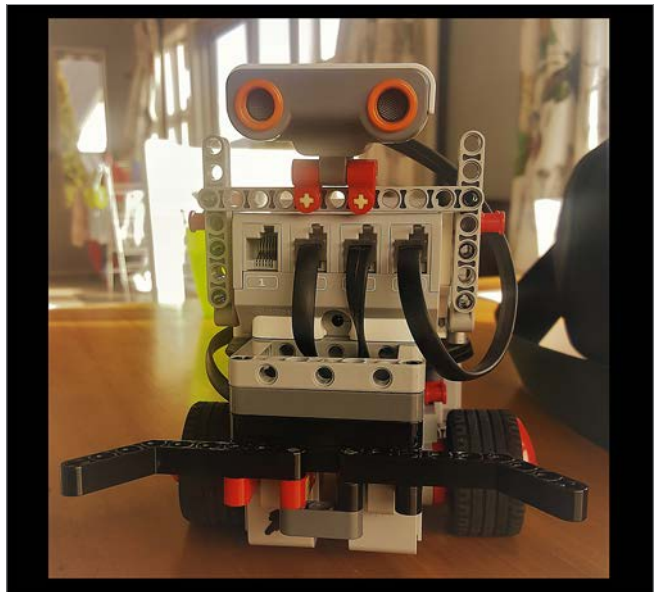
The third fund – a kick-start fund so eligible tourism businesses can receive funding to help scale up to respond to the return of international visitors – has been put on hold by MBIE until there is clarity about when the borders will open for visitors.

Mr Harris said he was pleased to see the funding start to flow.

"We know that this support is tiny compared to the lack of revenue businesses are suffering from, but if it helps them get good advice and act on it then it offers one small way they can move forward."

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE FUNDS ARE STILL OPEN.**

For more information, including eligibility criteria: [www.otagochamber.co.nz/business-support/queenstown-lakes-support-recovery-and-reset-plan/](http://www.otagochamber.co.nz/business-support/queenstown-lakes-support-recovery-and-reset-plan/)



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# From the Chambers

There's always plenty going on at our Council and Committee meetings, here's a snapshot of some recent happenings.

## **ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Since declaring a climate emergency in June 2019, Council has taken quiet but determined steps to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and to be resilient to the local impact of climate change.

Thanks to the leadership of the Climate Reference Group and the hard work of QLDC's Climate Action Co-ordinator Katherine Durman there are now numerous initiatives underway. For example, did you know that around a quarter of our vehicle fleet are EVs (electric vehicles)? That will increase as we replace existing petrol/diesel cars at the end of their lease.

Climate adaptation initiatives are progressing well with dedicated natural hazard projects underway in Glenorchy (flooding), Gorge Road (alluvial fans) and Mount Iron (wildfire). The Mount Iron Wildfire project was recently nominated for a regional Fire and Emergency New Zealand award and is the subject of a case study and national conference presentation at an upcoming Rural Fire Research event.

You can find out more by reading the Climate Action Plan update reports to the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee: [www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/council-documents/agendas-minutes/audit-finance-risk-committee](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/council-documents/agendas-minutes/audit-finance-risk-committee)

## **LAKEFRONT ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS ON THE CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Before the end of the year, Council will decide whether to declare a temporary alcohol restriction area in Queenstown and Wānaka on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Temporary restrictions in 2020 were in response to a police request to address high numbers of people gathering which had in previous years resulted in abusive language and large amounts of rubbish left behind. Police have made a similar request this year and it's understood they would like restrictions to be made permanent.

The permanent inclusion of such measures will be considered as part of a full review of the Alcohol Restrictions in Public Places Bylaw 2018 planned for next

year which will involve a full public consultation process.

## **NEW PARKING CONTROLS APPROVED**

At its 16 September meeting, the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee approved a number of parking changes which will gradually be rolled out over the coming months. Some have been made in response to requests from the public or businesses raising safety or accessibility concerns.

Safety is the primary reason behind stopping parking on the shoulder of the Glenorchy-Queenstown Road at the start of the Mount Crichton walking track (there is already a safe car park provided nearby for track users), and the danger of restricted visibility is the reason behind the decision to stop vehicles parking on the verge of Coronet Peak Road.

'No heavy vehicles' signage is on the way for the entrance and exit to Lake Street in central Queenstown to prevent vehicles like buses bottoming out on its very steep gradient.

The full list of parking changes can be viewed here [www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/council-documents/agendas-minutes/traffic-parking-subcommittee](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/council-documents/agendas-minutes/traffic-parking-subcommittee)

Note that Council only begins enforcing parking changes once signage is in place and after a period of education.

## **NEW PLANS FOR TEMPORARY LUGGATE HALL**

The new Luggate Memorial Centre is due to be finished in April 2022 but the temporary Luggate Hall has proved to be such a valuable community facility that it's not going to leave the district.

A number of communities and organisations could make good use of this building and there are seven options currently being considered around Wānaka and Queenstown. Some potential sites already have funding allocated in the Long Term Plan for community halls and all have different challenges, costs and benefits. Staff are currently working through the options with a view to Council finalising its decision by the end of this year.

# Does your business discharge trade waste?

There's a new requirement under the Integrated Three Waters Bylaw to apply for a trade waste consent.

This helps ensure all of the appropriate steps are being taken to protect both public health and our environment from harm.

QLDC Environmental Advisor Rebecca McLeod said the process would help Council work with businesses to implement sustainable, environmentally-conscious practices.

"While the Council is responsible for building, operating and maintaining the essential infrastructure, we all have a part to play to keep things running smoothly," she said. "Consenting of trade waste discharges is a new process for us here locally, though it is common practice nationally".

"It's so important we all work together to manage trade waste correctly to prevent blocked sewers, wastewater spills, or ineffective treatment at our wastewater treatment plants. When inappropriate waste enters the network it can have a negative effect on public health, the health of our waterways, and add to the costs of operating of our wastewater infrastructure," she said.

The new process applies to all trade premises in the Queenstown Lakes District.

Get full details about what this might mean for your business and apply online at [www.qldc.govt.nz/trade-waste-registration/](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/trade-waste-registration/)

Find out more about the bylaw itself here [www.qldc.govt.nz/bylaws](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/bylaws)

Trade waste is the discharge into the reticulated wastewater network from restaurants, takeaway outlets, food processors, car wash outlets, service stations, automotive workshops and more.

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# Street upgrade news

## Beach Street update

After seven months of investigating and replacing the network of underground services, lower Beach Street has new water, wastewater and stormwater pipes to service the town centre for many years to come. The concrete has been poured and we've started laying the final surface of granite pavers. By Christmas the street will be paved and ready for a busy summer season. Some finishing touches will be completed in February next year.

Underground services are also now complete on Upper Beach Street so we can now start rebuilding. A concrete base will be laid by Christmas and the street will be clean and clear for the summer holidays. The paving crew will return to complete the final surface from 24 January.

1 Crews have been pouring concrete on Beach Street in the early hours of the morning.

2 By Christmas, lower Beach Street is expected to be paved and open for summer.

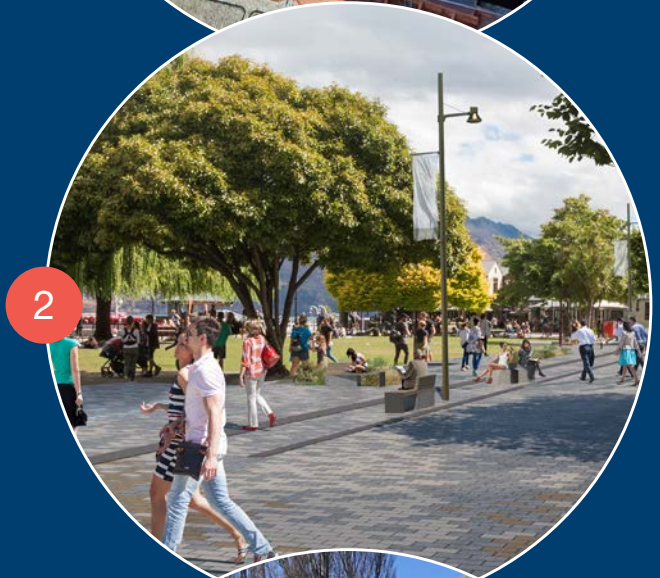
## Other updates

**PARK STREET** is on track to be largely completed ahead of Christmas with some finishing touches applied to the street in the new year.

Work to upgrade **BRECON STREET** is underway - the new street will have wide shared paths, completing the important connection from Gardens to Gondola.

A complicated piece of work to upgrade the underground services along **MAN STREET** is almost complete – the new stormwater and water pipes had to be woven between 35 other pipes under the ground!

The upgrade of **REES STREET** will begin in February 2022. We will meet with Rees Street business owners in November to talk through the construction programme.



## Investigation works in Queenstown for NZUP

Site investigations for the Queenstown Package of the NZ Upgrade Programme have started with crews completing geotechnical investigations along sections of Ladies Mile and at the Frankton roundabout.

The works on State Highway 6 will shape the design of the project which is to build a bus lane along Ladies Mile through to the Shotover River bridge to serve the adjacent residential areas. The lanes will help prioritise travel by public transport on SH6 and it will be supported by targeted bus priority measures on SH6A, from Frankton to Queenstown's town centre.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Owner Interface Manager Simon Underwood said it was one of the first public facing elements of the project.

“For Queenstown residents, this is some of the first physical works they will see when it comes to NZUP. It is great to get these site investigations underway ahead of construction starting next year.”

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*Works on State Highway 6 got underway recently. The geotech investigations will help shape the project design*

## Arterial underway

Construction of the long-awaited Queenstown Town Centre Arterial Road started on 27 September.

This major milestone started with the construction of a stormwater outfall into Lake Whakatipu and a new stormwater line along Suburb Street, from Park Street to Frankton Road. We expect this work to take approximately three months

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*Proceedings began with a karakia by local Kāi Tahu kaumatua Darren Rewi.*

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# Kā Huanui a Tāhuna has a new logo

The icon was developed by Aukaha and carries a lot of important meaning. The central negative space carries a semblance of the lake, Whakatipu Wai Māori. Two forms either side reinforce mana whenua and enduring responsibilities in relation to this place. Tapered, curving negative spaces trace the trails that lead here, both ancestral and contemporary.

Kā Huanui a Tāhuna is the name of the Whakatipu Transport Programme Alliance, delivering a range of capital projects on behalf of Queenstown Lakes District Council and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.



# Preparing for a flood – what you need to know

Did you know floods are the most common civil defence emergency in Otago and Aotearoa New Zealand?

Flooding can occur at any time of year. However, spring melt combined with heavy rainfall after winter means that flood risk is high at this time of year.

Here in the Queenstown Lakes District we have three emergency management officers to help the community and businesses prepare for any emergency event: Dan Andrew, Craig Gibson and Oliver Varley.

**We asked them for their top tips when preparing for a flood.**

**DAN:** Make a plan. It sounds basic, but a lot of people never think about emergencies until they happen. Talk to your loved ones and your household about what you will need to do in a flood. And, if you run a business, talk to your staff. Think about where you will meet if you can't go home, and how will you communicate with your children, staff or loved ones in an emergency if phone lines are down.

**GIBBO:** Review your insurance policy. This one is really important: read the fine print. We know it can be boring, but it's worth it. Sit down with a cuppa and make a date of it! Also, keep your valuable items up high (and secure, just in case of earthquakes too!). Store fuel containers and chemicals like weed killers and insecticides up high and secure the lids.

**OLI:** Sign up to Otago Gets Ready [www.otago.getsready.net](http://www.otago.getsready.net) It's an emergency alert system where you can also register friends or whānau that may need extra assistance in an emergency, as well as your own skills and resources that could be useful during an emergency.

For more information about preparing for a flood, check out [www.otagocdem.govt.nz/hazards/floods](http://www.otagocdem.govt.nz/hazards/floods)

*Oli, Gibbo and Dan share their top tips for preparing for a flood.*





# Grassroots climate action

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## Have you heard of the WAO Summit?

It's a six-day event held in Wānaka at the end of October with a focus on sustainability and climate action. The line-up includes lots of interesting workshops, speakers, films, and events to participate in.

The summit is organised by WAO Aotearoa, a Wānaka-based community non-profit working towards a regenerative, low carbon future and beyond. The team believes we all have a responsibility to leave this place better than we found it for the next generation.

This year's summit will feature 40 different kōrero, workshops, films and tours. Topics range from changing the fashion industry, regenerative tourism and food resilience to calculating your carbon footprint.

QLDC is supporting the 2021 Summit, which will be held from 26-31 October. Find out more at [www.wao.co.nz/summit2021](http://www.wao.co.nz/summit2021)



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## Boardwalk open

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Mayor Boulton and Wānaka Community Board Chair Barry Bruce officially open Stage Three of the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan which includes a new boardwalk, shared pathway and 4,000 new native plants between the Dinosaur Park and marina.

## A note about RD Petroleum

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Some readers may notice that this issue of Scuttlebutt doesn't feature an advert from RD Petroleum. These have appeared regularly in previous editions. We recently made the decision not to offer advertising opportunities to

companies working in the fossil fuel industry on the basis of our aim to align Council activities and partnerships with our carbon emission goals in general and the Queenstown Lakes District Climate Action Plan in particular.

We recognise that RD Petroleum provides a service to many members of our community and would like to take this opportunity to thank the company's board and staff for their previous advertising support.



# Keep calm and carry a lead this summer

This summer we're asking dog owners to make it their mission to always carry a lead no matter where they're walking their pooch.

Our district may have plenty of spots where dogs are allowed off-lead but it's important to have a lead ready for any time you might need a bit of extra control.

Your dog must be on-lead in residential areas, and if you're out and about in an area where your dog can trot without tether you must still have it under voice control. That means actually stopping your golden retriever from ruining someone's romantic fish and chips on the lakefront as opposed to yelling at them (the dog that is) in futility.

It's also important to remember that not everyone is a 'dog person', and that you should only let your dog approach someone who wants to be approached. Dogs can be frightening, especially to kids!

Remember that QLDC's Dog Control Bylaw 2020 **permits** dogs to be on Buckingham Street in Arrowtown and in Matakauri Park provided they are on-lead, and **prohibits** dogs from being on Queenstown Hill.

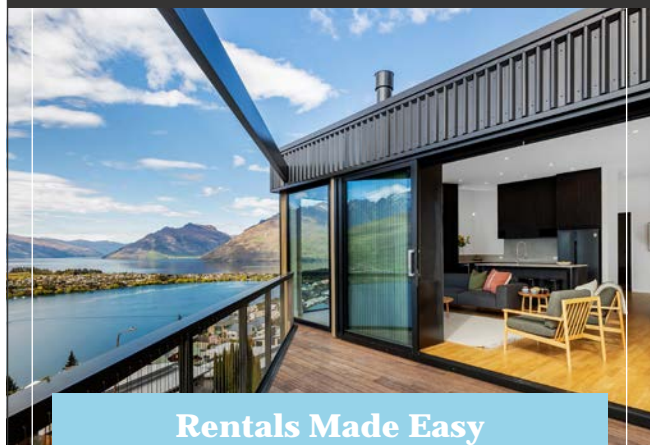
For more information on the bylaw head to [www.qldc.govt.nz/bylaws](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/bylaws), and if you're looking for spaces where you can walk your dog off-lead check out our handy dog control map at <https://gis-qldc.hub.arcgis.com/>.

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# Three waters reform: where we stand



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stands on this issue  
on our website:  
[www.qldc.govt.nz/  
three-waters-reform](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/three-waters-reform)

Queenstown Lakes District Councillors held an extraordinary public meeting at the end of September to discuss and agree a position statement on the government's proposed reform of the country's three waters infrastructure.

Central government had asked for feedback on its proposed reform which would see all council-run water supply, wastewater and stormwater services transfer from local councils to one of four new water entities across Aotearoa New Zealand.

QLDC Chief Executive Mike Theelen said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss Council's position and shape its future involvement in the reform process, however it was not a formal opt-in or opt-out decision.

"The request from government for feedback was optional and councils have not been asked for any formal decisions about continued participation in the reform programme at this stage," he said.

Councillors considered the government's latest proposal and information on the reform, including data and modelling we've received to date, as well as the implications for community wellbeing.

A range of recommendations were considered including about the pace, timeline and integration of the proposal within other significant reforms such as the Resource Management Act and review of local government. The proposed governance model and the proposal's implications for emissions reduction, regenerative approaches and carbon accounting were also addressed.

Issues with the technical and fiscal modelling of the proposed reforms were discussed, including recommendations to better reflect the district's high visitor numbers in addition to the resident population.

Councillors voted unanimously to approve a position statement that has since been sent to the Department of Internal Affairs Te Tari Taiwhenua and Local Government NZ Te Kāhui Kaunihera o Aotearoa.

## In summary:

QLDC supports the need for regulation, a strong strategic framework and the key outcomes that the Government seeks to achieve.

QLDC will strongly and actively oppose Government mandating the proposed entity-based model for water services delivery.

Government needs to demonstrate leadership and transparency in the delivery of this reform programme and establish a full programme of meaningful engagement with New Zealanders before taking further steps. An undue burden has been placed upon councils to broker this proposal with their communities, despite a contested evidence base and the profound implications such a change could have on the nature of local democracy.

Prior to this meeting the Mayors and Chairs of Otago Southland, including Queenstown Lakes District Mayor Jim Boulton, had written to the Minister of Local Government to express their concern about a lack of information, and to formally request a pause to the process to allow councils time for meaningful engagement with their communities.

"QLDC fully supports the government's intention to ensure that all New Zealanders have access to safe, clean water, and that our environment is protected and regenerated as a priority. But it's also vital we have a clear understanding of whether the proposed approach is right for our district," Mayor Boulton said.

The government is now expected to announce next steps which will likely include details on implementation of the proposals, timeframes and responsibilities for any community or public consultation, and transition arrangements.





# Creative approach to lakeside sewer renewal

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How do you rehabilitate more than a kilometre of ageing sewer pipe running along a walking track with no machinery access in an environmentally sensitive area?

That was the challenge facing Council and its contractors when renewing two sections of gravity sewer along the Kelvin Peninsula Trail – one at Bayview Reserve and the other below Loop Road.

Traditional open-trenching techniques in this area would not only have been time-consuming and expensive, they would also have been extremely disruptive to the local

community and recreational users of the trail. There was the additional risk of wastewater overflow into the lake.

Instead, QLDC engaged Veolia to use innovative SWP (Spiral Wound Pipe) technology to insert a new structural liner into the existing host pipe which was then expanded to provide a close fit. As a result, most of the replacement work was done from existing manholes with only limited excavation.

With access to this narrow stretch of track limited, the team got creative and used a barge for supply, storage and shelter.

As a result of this approach, the track remained open throughout the project and nearly 50 properties were reconnected to a much more resilient wastewater pipeline.

# RECYCLE AND WIN!

There's a lot going on in the world of recycling this spring including the launch of QLDC's own recycling campaign in the district and a national competition to win \$25,000!

We know recycling can be a bit confusing at times so we've set up a new hotline you can call with any recycling questions. From what can go in your yellow bin to understanding where our recycling goes – ask away!

One question we often get asked is why we can't recycle meat trays, biscuit trays, and fruit and veggie punnets. The reason is that these items can be made of different plastic

types, like PET or PVC, which look identical. Our plastics are currently sorted manually and it's difficult to distinguish between them.

We can recycle clear PET with a reprocessor here in Aotearoa New Zealand, but unfortunately the PVC-type plastic can contaminate a whole bale of PET. Because of this risk our reprocessor will not accept PET trays or punnets unless they are sorted using an optical sorter. These are very expensive and we don't yet have one in our district.

Hence those trays and punnets have to go in your red rubbish bin (if you can't avoid them).

The good news is that the Government has announced that from late 2022, PVC meat trays, polystyrene takeaway packaging and degradable plastic products will be banned so we're hopeful we can accept this type of

packaging in the future if suppliers switch to PET.

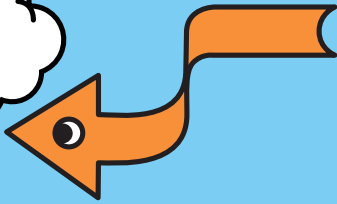
We'll be answering more of your questions throughout our campaign so keep an eye out for our posters, a new video featuring local wrestling legend 'Hooligan' Marcus Kool, social media posts, radio ads and more.



## GOT A RECYCLING QUESTION? CALL THE HOTLINE

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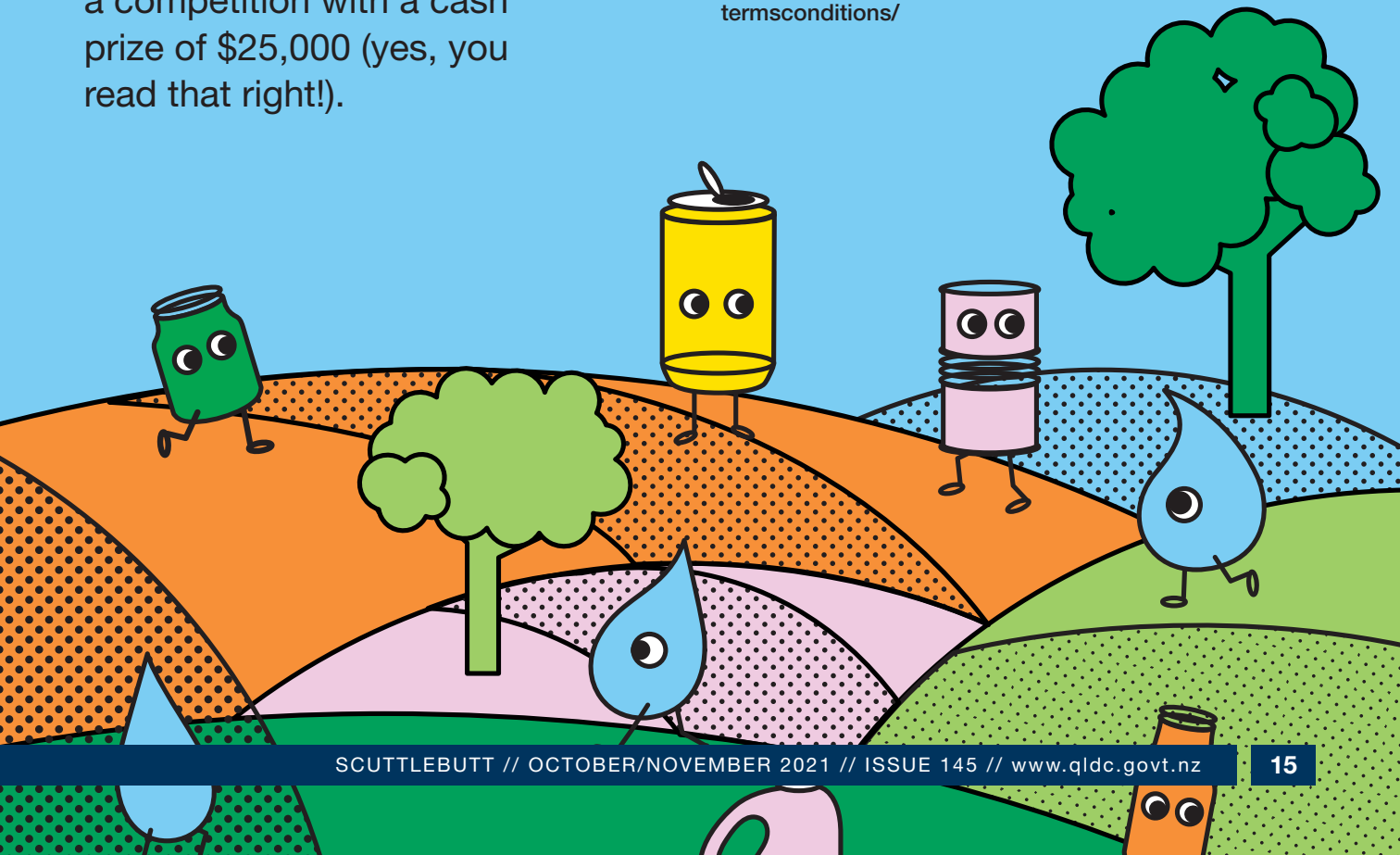
# WASTEMINZ COMPETITION

Also this spring, our friends at WasteMINZ are running a competition with a cash prize of \$25,000 (yes, you read that right!).

To enter the Rinse, Recycle, Repeat competition all you need to do is create a video or photo that shows how you make sure all your recycling is clean before it goes into the recycling bin. Then post it on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok or LinkedIn, tagging **@RinseRecycleRepeatNZ** (or **@RinseRecycleNZ** on Twitter) in your post.

One lucky entrant will win the cash prize and we'd love it to be someone from the Queenstown Lakes district!

Entries close 5 November. To enter, check out [www.wasteminz.org.nz/home/rrrcampaign-termsconditions/](http://www.wasteminz.org.nz/home/rrrcampaign-termsconditions/)



# Funding supports local arts and conservation groups

## Arts

Every year Creative New Zealand provides funding to councils across the country to allocate within their districts via the Creative Communities Scheme. The successful local recipients after the most recent funding round were:

Marc Blake – Exhibition

EchoKnot – Show: A Place of Air and Light

Baroque Music Community and Educational Trust – Concert

Tess Sheerin – Community Mural: Rejuvenate

Rakuto Kurano – Concert: Duplexity

Bhartiya Samas Queenstown – Diwali Festival 2021

Queenstown Arts Centre – Arts workshop series

Rockformation – Central Sound Wave

Wānaka Arts Society – Exhibition: Arts Alive 2021

Blaise Barham – Dracula: The Bloody Truth

Niki White – Jewellery workshops

Holy Family Catholic School – School production.

QLDC advertises funding rounds in February and August each year. To find out more visit [www.qldc.govt.nz/community/community-funding](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/community/community-funding)

## Community

QLDC confirmed a community grant fund of \$1.99 million in our 2021-31 Ten Year Plan. For the next few issues of Scuttlebutt we'll be profiling some of the good causes and committed groups we're supporting.

First up is the Whakatipu Wildlife Trust (WWT) who will receive \$30,000 Council funding each year for the next three years.

We'll let Executive Officer Joanne Conroy take up the story:

Imagine the Queenstown Lakes District free of introduced predators and filled with native birds – even kiwi! A place where native insects, reptiles and bat populations grow and thrive.

Our native wildlife species evolved without the predators that humans introduced, in particular possums, stoats, weasels, ferrets, wild cats and hedgehogs. The populations of these predators needs to be controlled to give our wildlife an opportunity to survive and grow.

WWT coordinates the efforts of nearly 60 trapping groups who are passionate about making the district predator-free. Between them, these groups removed more than 3,600 predators in the year to August 2021!

We offer support through information sharing, shared resources, fundraising and networking. One of our latest initiatives is setting up a 'trapping library' in conjunction with DOC. So if you want to give trapping a go but aren't sure how to get started we can lend you a trap or two and the tools and information you need. It's easy and a great way to combine exercise and conservation.

We rely totally on grants and donations. A huge thank you to our supporters including the DOC, the Hugo Foundation, ASB, Mactodd Lawyers, Mitre 10 and many others in addition to QLDC.

If you would like to help preserve our native wildlife head to [www.whakatipuwildlifetrust.org.nz](http://www.whakatipuwildlifetrust.org.nz) and find out how to volunteer and/or make a donation.



# Upgrades for reserves across the district



We're thrilled to have received Tourism Infrastructure Funding (TIF) for several projects across the district:

## MARINE PARADE, QUEENSTOWN

A number of upgrades will be made to Marine Parade in Queenstown starting in 2022, with a new path, lawn and drainage installed to improve accessibility and connection between Queenstown's town centre and the lakefront. New public toilets will also be installed near the current facilities. **Watch this space for more updates on the project in the future!**

## WĀNAKA LAKEFRONT DEVELOPMENT PLAN: STAGE FIVE

A concept plan for Stage Five of the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan is currently available for feedback. Community suggestions will assist in shaping a detailed design for the area of the lakefront by the marina and Yacht Club. **Haven't had your say yet? Check out the concept plan and share your thoughts at [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](http://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz).**

## THAT WĀNAKA TREE CARPARK

The carpark by That Wānaka Tree is set for a revamp, with new surfacing to be laid down and designated car parking spaces provided in the area. Work in the area will also include a new path to improve access and connect pedestrians and cyclists with Wānaka's town centre.

## GLENORCHY CARPARK

Plans are currently in place to upgrade the carpark by Glenorchy Marina, with a concept plan available for feedback now. The proposed upgrade includes new surfacing and some additional planting. **Want to have your say? Check out the plan and share your thoughts at [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](http://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz).**

# Christmas Show promises to rock



Organisers are promising 'A Rockin' Christmas' at this year's annual Queenstown Lakes Christmas Show. There'll be two fun-packed family performances at Queenstown Events Centre on 12 December featuring a forgetful Santa and a gang of kids on hand to help. Enjoy watching some great local talent and heaps of great music along the way. Koha entry on the door with proceeds to St John New Zealand, but you'll need to secure your tickets online in advance. For all the details go to [www.christmasshow.co.nz](http://www.christmasshow.co.nz)

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# Mīharo Art Exhibition

Be prepared to be impressed. Artwork for the 2021 Mīharo Art Exhibition is now being showcased at Frankton Library.

Creative entries from early childhood, primary and secondary schools across the Central Lakes District have been judged and curated, and are now on display until 19 November.

The theme this year is Tangaroa which embodies the theme Toitū te marae a Tāne-Mahuta, toitū te marae a Tangaroa, toitū te tangata which translates to “If the land is well and the sea is well, the people will thrive”. Stories have been told through print, drawing, painting and sculpture.

Originally scheduled to start in September, the event was put on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions.

We are delighted that we are still able to enjoy the artistic efforts and storytelling of the tamariki of the district.



*One of the entries to a previous exhibition in Invercargill.*

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# New guide for mental wellbeing

Keen to provide people with tips on how to access support and help them look after their wellbeing?

The Te Hau Toka Southern Wellbeing Group has put together a handy traffic light guide outlining what to do in an immediate mental health crisis (red), where to get extra support (orange), and how to keep well (green).

The guide is available from a range of locations around the district including medical centres, and you can also download it from the QLDC wellbeing page or the Southern Health website, where you can also find out more about Te Hau Toka:

[www.qldc.govt.nz/community/community-wellbeing](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/community/community-wellbeing)

[www.southernhealth.nz/tehautoka](http://www.southernhealth.nz/tehautoka)

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# Natural hazards community sessions

We'll soon be starting community engagement on natural hazards in the Brewery Creek and Reavers Lane areas of Queenstown, and we'll be offering a number of different ways to be involved. Drop-in events will provide locals the opportunity to meet with technical experts to learn about the potential hazards and how they might be affected. These will be followed by discussions about risk response where Council staff will seek feedback on the options for managing risk. We'll keep you updated on timings for these sessions.

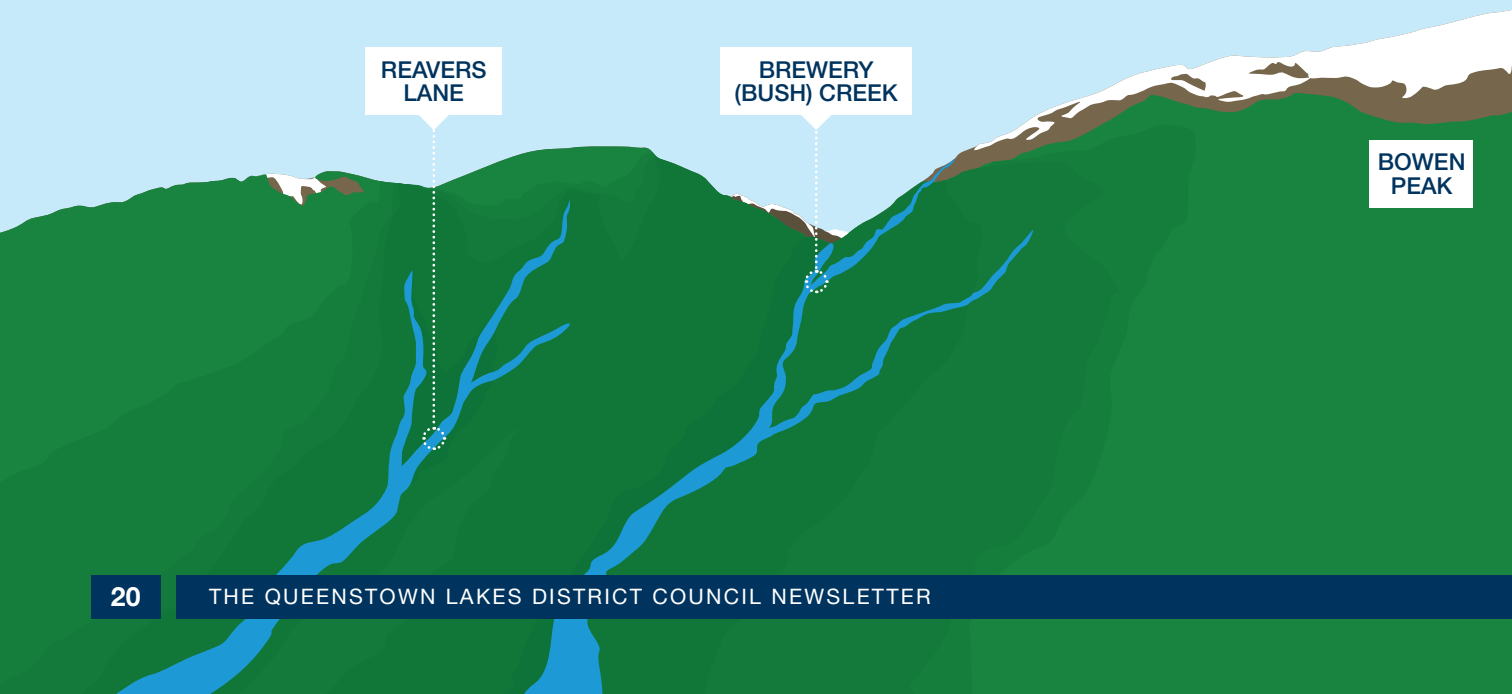
## So far, technical assessments undertaken for the Brewery Creek and Reavers Lane areas include:

- > an assessment of the possible risk from natural hazards in the area (by Beca Limited);
- > an assessment of the ability of engineering options to manage risk from potential rockfall and debris flows (by Beca Limited);
- > a report on potential property damage and losses (by GNS Science);
- > an assessment of the social and economic impacts of the different options being considered to manage elevated levels of risk.

If you're interested in attending these events or want to learn more about the work so far simply head to [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](https://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz). You can also contact us via email at [letstalk@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:letstalk@qldc.govt.nz) or phone us on 03 450 0350 with any questions.

## Glenorchy Liquefaction Study

Otago Regional Council (ORC) is carrying out a liquefaction study in Glenorchy to understand better the potential risks and impacts of earthquakes in the area. Field work was planned for early October involving 20 to 25 cone penetrometer tests (CPTs) and several boreholes across the township area. The findings will help plan and prepare for earthquake events and other natural hazards in the area. To find out more, please visit [www.orc.govt.nz/managing-our-environment/natural-hazards/head-of-lake-wakatipu/glenorchy-liquefaction-study](https://www.orc.govt.nz/managing-our-environment/natural-hazards/head-of-lake-wakatipu/glenorchy-liquefaction-study)





# DRIVE SMOKEFREE

— FOR TAMARIKI —



## Supporting families to make their car smokefree

To limit children's exposure to second-hand smoke, from 28 November it will be illegal to smoke and vape in a vehicle carrying children. It doesn't matter if the vehicle is stationary or moving.

### WHY IS THE LAW CHANGING?

Communities around Aotearoa New Zealand have long been advocating for this law change because:

- > smoking in cars is harmful to children – children who are exposed to second-hand smoke have increased risk of sudden unexpected death in infancy and are more likely to develop illnesses such as chest infections, glue ear and asthma;
- > children don't have a choice to move away from the smoke in vehicles and may not be able to object to adults smoking in the vehicle;
- > children and young people who have friends/family/whānau who smoke are more likely to take up smoking.

### HOW WILL THE LAW CHANGE?

From 28 November, the Smoke-free Environments (Prohibiting Smoking in Motor Vehicles Carrying Children) Amendment Act 2020 will come into effect.

Smoking or vaping in a vehicle carrying a child may result in the individual being liable for a fine of \$50, or a court imposed fine of up to \$100. Police will explain the new law to anyone smoking or vaping in a car with children present and provide information about changing behaviour, including how to get in touch with stop smoking services. They will be able to use their discretion about fining people who break the law and it's expected the use of fines will be a last resort.

### WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

For more info about the law change, please visit [www.smokefree.org.nz/drivesmokefreefortamariki](http://www.smokefree.org.nz/drivesmokefreefortamariki)  
To learn more about the support available to stop smoking visit [www.quitstrong.nz](http://www.quitstrong.nz)



# Welcoming Silvia

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QLDC recently signed up to Welcoming Communities, an initiative led by Immigration New Zealand, to welcome new residents settling in the district.

As part of the programme, we're excited to introduce our new Welcoming Communities Coordinator Silvia Dancose. We asked Silvia to share a bit about herself and her passion for community work.

## **CAN YOU TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF?**

I have been living in New Zealand since 2011. I am Canadian-born and come from a mixed background; my father was French-Canadian and my mother was Mexican, hence I am fluent in English, French and Spanish. I recently completed a Certificate in Intercultural Studies to complement my Post-Graduate Diploma in Adult Education and my Bachelor's Degree in Education.

## **WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN THIS ROLE?**

My previous roles have naturally led me to work alongside newcomers, migrants, and refugees. I've always had a natural inclination to connect with people from all ethnic backgrounds and walks of life. It's probably due to my upbringing spent in many developing countries because of my Dad's work. It is truly a passion for me to mix and chat with all ethnic groups and learn about their language and customs. So this new role is a natural fit for me. I do feel very privileged and excited to take up this unique role in a beautiful part of the country and work alongside skilled people and community stakeholders, especially local migrant communities.

## **WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES FOR A WELCOMING COMMUNITY?**

Equity, diversity, and inclusion are key to any welcoming community. Though QLDC is already celebrating initiatives that linked into these key concepts, most people are unaware of it. I think that by taking a gentle approach to demystify these concepts and by celebrating

what's already out there our district will become even more welcoming.

## **WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT?**

Other than fresh mountain air, the four distinct seasons and hiking, I really like the people of this area - they're warm and generous but above all genuinely interested in you.

## **WHAT WERE YOU DOING BEFORE THIS ROLE?**

I worked for New Zealand Red Cross for nine years in the areas of settlement and employment of refugee background persons as team leader, manager and facilitator. During this time, I was mainly based in Hamilton but did a lot of traveling throughout the country to support different settlement locations. One of my most recent roles was as Regional Manager in Central Otago for Visitor Care Manaaki Manuhiri, a COVID-19 relief programme funded by DIA that supported temporary visa holders facing hardship. My new role with QLDC allows me to reconnect with wonderful people and community agencies with which I had the privilege to work last year.

## **IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?**

I share my daily life with my loving Kiwi partner in Queenstown as empty-nesters after our respective children have left home. I have two young adult children, both born in Canada. My son has embraced New Zealand as his current home while my daughter is living in Canada. In my spare time, I develop my skills as an Essentrics instructor. What's Essentrics? It's a full, dynamic but low-impact workout with fluid movements and music. I am very passionate about it!

Welcome Silvia!

# Awards gala celebrates the spirit of giving

The second biennial Spirit of the Wakatipu gala and awards take place on Saturday 27 November at Queenstown Events Centre, Frankton.

The event is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate those individuals, organisations, groups and corporate entities who put their hand up and contribute in a philanthropic way to the Wakatipu community, and who hold true to the values that collectively define what is unique about the place.

QLDC Sport and Recreation is honoured that its Leisurelys programme has been shortlisted in this year's senior support category.

The Leisurelys features a mix of regular exercise classes designed especially for seniors including Pilates, balance, aqua fit, tai chi and RPM bikes plus golf, gym and circuit sessions. There was even a Leisurelys Olympics earlier this year which saw some truly spectacular performances!

The Leisurelys are a social bunch led by Sport and Recreation instructors Andi Smilie, Suze Hansen, Maria Bradley, Debs Walders, Pip Smith, Deni Zawalski and David Concha.

"Our instructors pour their heart and soul into delivering fun and fulfilling sessions for this special group, and the award nomination is testament to the positive impact the programme has on our members' wellbeing," says QLDC Sport and Recreation Manager Simon Battrick.

For more details on the Spirit of the Wakatipu gala and all those shortlisted for an award visit [www.wakatipucommunityfoundation.co.nz](http://www.wakatipucommunityfoundation.co.nz)

For more info about the Leisurelys drop by Queenstown Events Centre or visit [www.qldc.govt.nz/leisurelys](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/leisurelys)

One notable face missing from this year's awards gala will be long-serving local volunteer weatherman, David Crow.

David passed away aged 88 in August having posted his last forecast only a few weeks before. For nearly 60 years David took his own measurements and made uncannily accurate predictions come storm, shine and everything in between.

Mayor Jim Boulton was due to present David with a special mayoral recognition award at the gala and will now deliver a tribute to this local legend.

"He was enormously appreciated and is much missed," says Jim.

David Crow (photo courtesy of Mountain Scene)



# LET'S TALK

## KÖRERO MAI

Here's an update on some of our key consultations happening. There's lots of important topics to talk about this year so keep your eyes peeled for when we'll be seeking your input.

### STAY UP-TO-DATE

We'll keep you updated on the latest news for these projects. In the meantime, make sure you're registered on 'Let's Talk' – our online community engagement website. There you'll be able to read about all the latest consultations and have your say on the things that are important to you.

### THE LATEST ON CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

#### THE QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY

Asks residents what the big issues and challenges facing our communities are so we can plan for a better tomorrow.

**Status:**  
Survey underway.

#### HÄWEA WASTEWATER UPGRADE

A preferred option for a future long-term solution to manage wastewater in Häwea.

**Status:**  
Starting later this year.

#### WĀNAKA LAKEFRONT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Review the proposed concept plan for Stage 5 which runs from the marina through to the Wānaka Yacht Club.

**Status:**  
Consultation underway.

#### LAKE HAYES BUS STOPS

Proposed improvements to public transport infrastructure at Lake Hayes Estate.

**Status:**  
Consultation underway.

#### BREWERY CREEK AND REAVERS LANE - NATURAL HAZARD REVIEW

An opportunity to ask our planning team about natural hazards in the Brewer Creek and Reavers Lane areas.

**Status:**  
Engagement underway with community sessions to be held in November.

#### DRAFT BEN LOMOND AND QUEENSTOWN HILL RMP 2021

Prior to drafting a reserve management plan for these reserves we're keen to know what they mean to you and what activities you'd like to see permitted here.

**Status:**  
Consultation underway.

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