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After the rain

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Resilience and recovery after rain event

On the night of Thursday 21 September, a once-in-a-quarter-century rainfall event resulted in localised flooding, debris flows, road closures and land instability across the district.

Emergency services evacuated 112 residents and visitors from properties on Brecon Street and Reavers Lane in Queenstown. We set up an evacuation centre at Queenstown Memorial Centre and established an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) at our Gorge Road office in the early hours of Friday morning.

When Glenorchy Lagoon was at risk of overtopping the community response group set up an emergency

hub at the school for potential evacuees.

Fortunately, no one in the district was seriously hurt and most areas remained open for business but the storm left scars. Most notably part of Queenstown Cemetery was covered in debris carried down from Ben Lomond Reserve. Within hours, staff were on site to identify which plots had been affected and begin contacting impacted families.

At 6.33am, in line with the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act, a Local State of Emergency was declared in Queenstown to help manage the necessary evacuations and cordons, and any escalating risk to public safety.

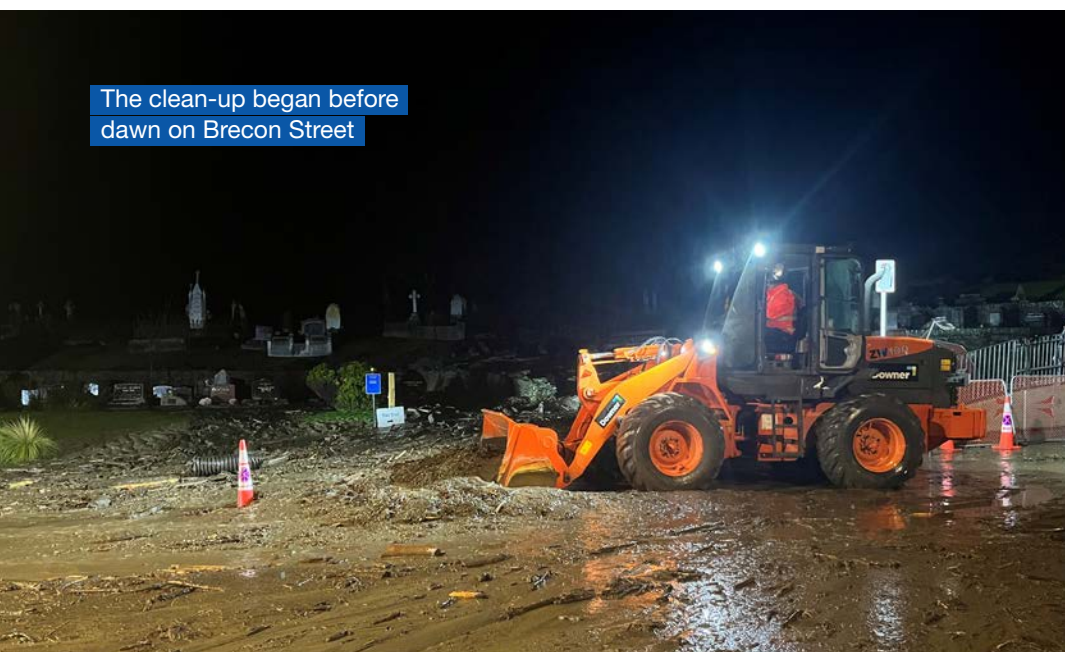
By dawn, the scale of the clean-up was clear. Council staff, local businesses and contractors got to work cleaning up the mud and debris, and reopening

roads as soon as possible. The EOC continued to support evacuees, carry out rapid building assessments, engage with affected businesses and call in geo-technical experts to ensure the community was safe.

By Saturday, most people who had to evacuate were able to return home, and at 3.00pm the local State of Emergency was lifted. By Sunday afternoon the EOC had begun the transition to recovery.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the response, from contractors to individuals, businesses and emergency services.

The clean-up began before dawn on Brecon Street



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otago.getsgetsready.net



Mana Tāhuna board member Ned Wepiha speaks during the blessing

Cemetery blessed ahead of restoration work

Following the physical and emotional impact of the slip, Kāi Tahu kaumatua Darren Rewi blessed Queenstown Cemetery in a whakamoemiti (thanksgiving) ceremony. His words ensured that those currently at rest in the cemetery will remain at rest while restoration work takes place.

Local religious leaders and Iwi representatives also spoke at the private ceremony that was attended by people with affected family graves as well as Council staff, the Mayor and other elected members.

Of the cemetery's 1,643 plots, 207 were affected by the slip.

Our Cemeteries & Heritage Officer Tarsy Koentges confirmed of those 207, 44 did not have interments, 33 were unmarked graves and another 47 had no plot holder listed because they are historical.

"We know how distressing this continues to be for those with loved ones interred here and understand the need to carry out restoration as sensitively as possible. Thank you to all those affected for your patience," said Tarsy.

As well as developing a multi-step process for restoring the cemetery, Council is also investigating what can be done to mitigate future risks.



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The recovery

After the local State of Emergency was lifted, QLDC shifted its focus from response to the longer-term needs of recovery.

We established a team of Council managers and experts to lead the recovery efforts. The initial priorities were to ensure public safety, reduce the risk from remaining hazards and restore the mana of the affected whenua (land) and urupa (cemetery).

To deliver these priorities the team identified the following four projects:

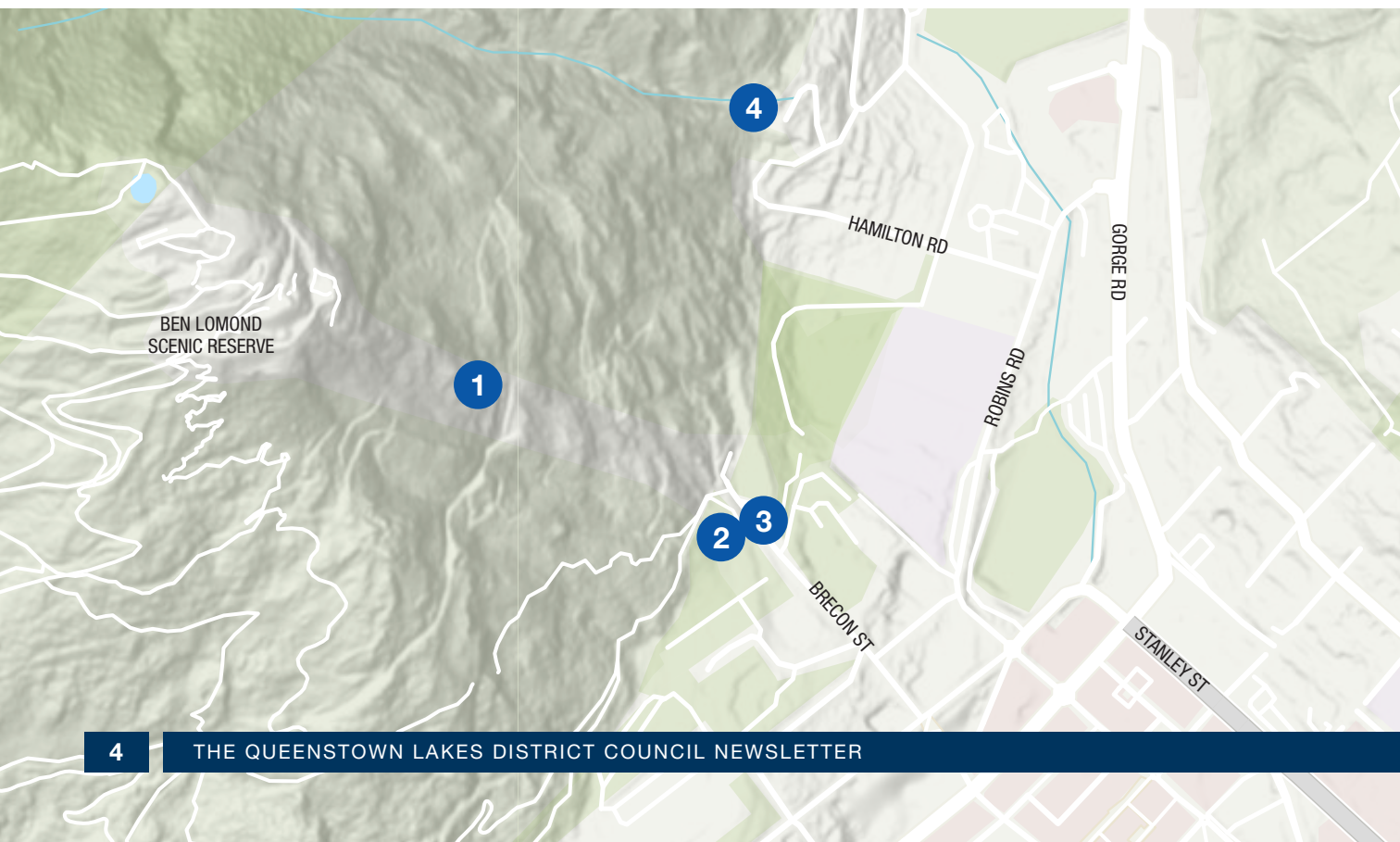
- 1 Ben Lomond Reserve Restoration
- 2 Queenstown Cemetery Restoration
- 3 Brecon Street Hazard Management
- 4 Reavers Lane Hazard Management

Each project has its own unique challenges and will be managed in partnership with iwi, key agencies, and affected stakeholders. The work will be complicated and will take some time, but Council is fully committed to providing regular updates to the community on progress.

Restoration work at the cemetery is being carried out in partnership with mana whenua to ensure the site's tapu is honoured and mana restored.

The recovery effort will also involve Council seeking answers to what contributed to the event's impacts. This is also a complicated and long-term process, but we will ensure all appropriate steps are taken.

For the latest information on recovery work visit qldc.govt.nz/weather-event-september-2023



Cryptosporidium: an update

Drinking water straight from the tap is something that's easy to take for granted. That has been put into sharp focus during a localised outbreak of illness caused by the water-borne parasite, cryptosporidium ('crypto').

Once notified by public health authorities of confirmed cases we responded by issuing a boil water notice for parts of Queenstown and Frankton serviced by Council-managed water supplies that could potentially be carrying it.

Boiling water (and storing it cooled), good hand hygiene and cleaning surfaces with an effective product have proved to be the best ways to prevent infection.

Two days later, on 20 September, the national water regulator Taumata Arowai issued a compliance order that centred on the need for QLDC to install a protozoa barrier at its Two Mile water treatment plant.

Since then, Council's infrastructure team has been working to bring forward investment for Two Mile as well as other supplies around the district that, while unaffected by the outbreak, don't yet have a barrier.

The area under a boil water notice was reduced significantly on 5 October when effective separation of the Kelvin Heights supply (which is already fitted with systems effective against protozoa and also serves Frankton) was approved by Taumata Arowai.

At the time of writing (mid-October), businesses, residents and visitors in Queenstown CBD, Fernhill, Sunshine Bay and Queenstown Hill still needed to boil water for most uses.

A three-week investigation led by Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand concluded that human faecal contamination of the water supply was the most likely source of the outbreak. Consistently negative sampling results never excluded this possibility – crypto is known to be very difficult to test for.

Meeting the requirements of the compliance order will enable us to lift the boil water notice from all remaining areas. Until then, we recognise the ongoing impact this is having on affected businesses and households and thank everyone for their patience and co-operation.

We've set up a dedicated webpage where you can find the latest information including:

- > a map showing areas still under a boil water notice;
- > medical advice from Te Whatu Ora;
- > information for businesses including food outlets and accommodation providers;
- > information flyers also in te reo Māori and a range of languages spoken by our migrant community and visitors; and
- > best ways to minimise the spread of infection.

For all this and more head to qldc.govt.nz/crypto

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Mt Iron: join the conversation

Share your ideas, both big and small, for how you'd like to use and enjoy Mount Iron Recreation Reserve and see it managed in the future. We're looking for community insights to help guide the development of a Reserve Management Plan (RMP) for our newest community reserve in the heart of Wānaka.

It's important we hear from as many different groups and individuals as possible about what you love about Mount Iron and Little Mount Iron, what you want to see made available on the site and what you want protected or maintained.

Our Parks team will be out and about to meet, chat and listen. You can also share your feedback online, take part in a community workshop, or visit us at our on-site drop in session.

Share your ideas on letstalk.qldc.govt.nz by 5.00pm, 20 November.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1

WHEN: Monday 30 October, 6.00-7.30pm.

WHERE: Armstrong Room, Lake Wānaka Centre.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2

WHEN: Tuesday 7 November, 12.00-1.30pm.

WHERE: Armstrong Room, Lake Wānaka Centre.

ONSITE DROP IN SESSION

WHEN: Saturday 4 November, between 9.00-11.00am.

WHERE: Mt Iron track entrance near Allenby Place car park.

Register your interest for these events at [facebook.com/QLDCinfo/events](https://www.facebook.com/QLDCinfo/events)

Transport and connection front and centre

There are so many projects underway to help keep our district moving we could dedicate a whole edition of Scuttlebutt to sharing updates!

Instead, here's a snapshot of what's underway and we invite you to head over to our website to get the full picture.

QUEENSTOWN PUBLIC TRANSPORT BUSINESS CASE – consultation on a draft business case to guide future investment in public transport for Queenstown closed recently. The feedback received is now being used to shape a final report which will be crucial to making the right decisions for transport in Queenstown and its surrounding areas for years to come. For more head to orc.govt.nz/qptbc

ACTIVE TRAVEL – there's lots happening in the active travel space right across the district. Construction is underway on upgraded pathways between Arthurs Point and Queenstown, Fernhill to Queenstown and the Schools to Pool route in Wānaka. Visit qldc.govt.nz for more.

WĀNAKA ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS – this includes a new roundabout at the intersection of Aubrey and Anderson roads which is nearly complete. There are also plans for roundabouts at the intersections of Ballantyne and Riverbank roads in Wānaka, and Capell Avenue and Domain Road in Lake Hāwea, with construction to begin in the coming months. For more information on these improvements head to qldc.govt.nz/wanaka-road-safety-improvements

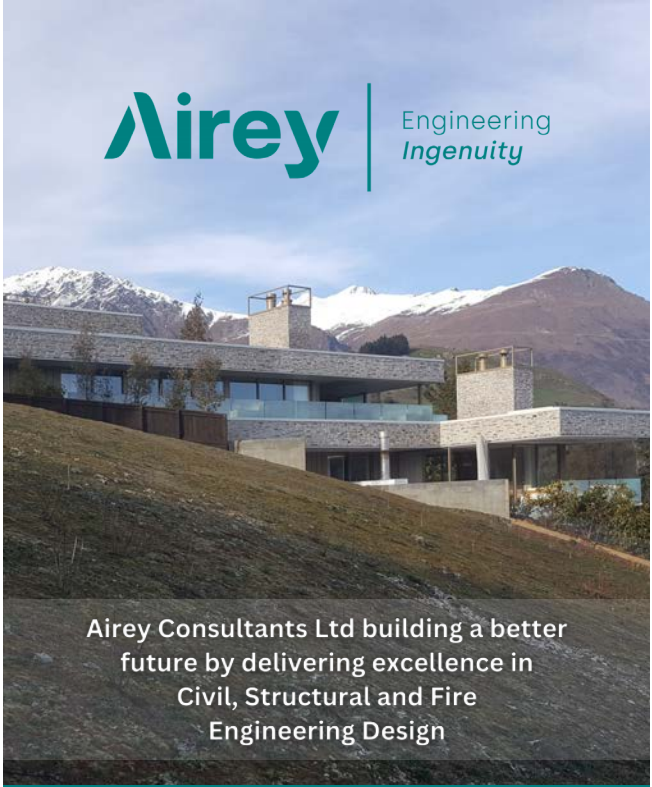
TACKLING PARKING IN THE DISTRICT – in November we'll be sharing a draft Parking Strategy for community feedback. Watch this (parking) space! We'll be looking for your insights soon. In the meantime you can read more about the project at letstalk.qldc.govt.nz

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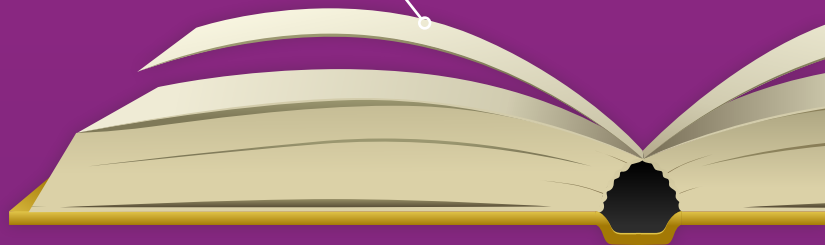
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HOW'S LIFE?

KEI TE PĒHEA TŌU AO?

The annual quality of life survey is now open so grab a cuppa and let us know what really matters to you.

Whether you live in Queenstown, Wānaka or one of our smaller communities, our daily lives and the challenges or opportunities we face every day are different. For some parts of our district

this is more relevant today than ever.

By taking 15-20 minutes to take this year's survey, you'll be helping us plan for the future by better understanding the issues, challenges and opportunities facing our communities. Past findings have helped shape QLDC's Long Term Plan, supported our advocacy

with government agencies and guided other projects such as the recently adopted Joint Housing Action Plan.

We've had input from Destination Queenstown, Lake Wānaka Tourism, Queenstown Chamber of Commerce, Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand and Rewiring Aotearoa to develop the survey.

Together we use the insights to plan for a better tomorrow, and ultimately improve the quality of life of our residents.

It doesn't matter if you've completed the survey before – a lot can change in 12 months so taking part every year provides an up-to-date snapshot of what life's like for people living in our district.

The survey is open until 19 November.

If you're aged 18+ and live or own property in the district, grab a cuppa, scan the QR code and have your say today. All responses go into the draw to win a \$250 Prezzy card, along with a \$50 spot prize drawn every week the survey is live.

**SCAN TO
TAKE THE
SURVEY**





Pictured (L to R) at the KUMA awards ceremony: Amber Bridgman (KUMA Board Member), Cory Ratahi (MC), Karen Hattaway and Dean Mehana (both from award recipient Kana Queenstown), and Mayor Glyn Lewers.

Celebrating business success

Recognising diversity and inclusion

QLDC is proud to support the 2023 Queenstown Business Awards by sponsoring a new category, Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion.

This award recognises an organisation that has put people at the heart of its business by successfully developing and implementing initiatives that foster wellbeing, connectedness and belonging, in turn benefiting employees and the wider community.

These same values are reflected in our participation in Welcoming Communities | Te

Waharoa ki ngā Hapori – a programme to support newcomers to our district – and also our Economic Diversification Plan which looks to develop, attract and retain workers for our local business sector.

Best of luck to all finalists at the 2023 Queenstown Business Awards which take place on 4 November. Find out more at queenstownchamber.org.nz

Leadership in Māori business

We were also honoured to sponsor a category at the 2023 KUMA Southern Māori Business Awards held in Tāhuna Queenstown at the end of September.

Kana Queenstown, known locally as the Hattaway Hospitality Group, took out the He Tohu Rangatira Whakahaere Leadership Award with Taste Nature highly commended.

Mayor Glyn Lewers attended the gala event which saw a record number of Māori

businesses across a range of industries throughout Otago and Southland acknowledged as finalists.

Ngā mihi nui e te whānau! Congratulations!

Find out more about Te Kupeka Umaka Māori ki Āraiteuru (KUMA) at kuma.co.nz

What's the latest on roads around Queenstown?

For many, spring is all about warmer temperatures and cute lambs, but the real star of the show is the return of sealing season! Here's the latest on progress by Kā Huanui a Tāhuna (Whakatipu Transport Programme Alliance) to upgrade several streets around Queenstown.

Brecon Street taking shape

The new wide footpaths on Brecon Street were a hit for crowds of pedestrians enjoying some time off during school holidays at the end of September. At the time Scuttlebutt went to print, crews had nearly finished upgrades and sealing at the Brecon and Man Street intersection.

We plan to have the intersection open from Monday 30 October, with access to Man Street between Brecon and Hay streets restricted to residents and Man Street carpark users. We expect the street to be completely open in December.

Second scheduled closure for Gorge Road

After temporarily reopening Gorge Road to keep traffic flowing during the busy winter season, the section of road between Stanley and Weaver streets is now closed until Friday 22 December. This will allow for planned works to rebuild footpaths, undertake some landscaping in the area and install streetlights. A two-way detour is available using Robins Road and Memorial Street.

Gorge Road will reopen from 6.00pm on Friday 17 November till 6.00pm on Sunday 19 November for the Queenstown Marathon weekend.

Night owls busy on Frankton Road

At the time of reading this, night works to install stormwater pipes and remove the guard rail on Frankton Road are expected to be nearly complete. Once done, crews will be shooting over to upper and lower Suburb Street to continue replacing important water infrastructure for the area.

Lake Street opens

There was a collective sigh of relief when Lake Street reopened ahead of schedule.

This small and steep stretch of road has been the talk of the town – and we get why! We'd like to acknowledge the disruption faced by many who travel between Glenorchy, Fernhill, Queenstown and beyond while Lake Street was closed.



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Charting a course for Otago

Within our district's stunning landscape, is there a special river, stream or lake in your life? Or an Otago waterway you've grown up around, holidayed by, gathered kai from? Or does your business involve using or discharging to these waterways in any way?

Now's your chance to show how much you care by adding your voice to the draft Land and Water Regional Plan (LWRP) for Otago, put together by Otago Regional Council (ORC) and Kāi Tahu.

The proposed new rules and regulations may change the way certain activities are managed across the whole Upper Clutha catchment and Otago's great lakes. They could also affect activities on land given that these can also impact our waterways.

To check out the activities affected and the proposed new rules, head to ORC's website. Then let ORC know if you think these are fit for purpose, or what could be done better:

orc.govt.nz/landwater

Feedback is open on the draft LWRP until 6 November. Public notification of the proposed new plan will follow next year.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape the way we protect our precious waterways for the future.

Plane spotters unite!

Queenstown Airport is set in one of the most spectacular locations of any around the world, so it's no surprise it attracts some very enthusiastic aircraft spotters. The airport recently set up a private Facebook group 'ZQN Aviation Spotters' to build an informal online community to share info, advice and – of course – great photos. Everyone is welcome to join – scan this QR code to link straight to the group:



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'Postcards' from recent events

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



EARLY START FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The call went out in the early hours of Friday 22 September for Council and Emergency Management Otago staff to set up an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) at our Gorge Road office. Coffee helped focus blurry eyes on the immediate priorities during the weather event. Many of our staff are trained to transfer skills from their day jobs into specific response roles like operations, logistics, public information and welfare. So when the time comes we're ready to respond.



THE WORLD IN A DAY

A world of stunning national costumes, traditional arts and delicious food were all on offer at this year's Queenstown Multicultural Festival. Held in early October, the event was a hugely entertaining showcase for our migrant communities from Scotland to Singapore, Brazil to Belgium. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen. Credit: Tomomi Ito Photography.



WONDERWALL OF NATIVES AT LAKE HAYES OASIS

We've been working with Whakatipu Reforestation Trust to transform a previously barren site by Lake Hayes Pavilion into a native oasis. More than 100 volunteers planted 660 trees there in early September. Thanks to everyone who pitched in. Heaps more weeding, mulching and watering in the future should see these saplings grow into a glorious biodiversity habitat and CO₂-busting machine.



MAYOR'S SUPPORT HELPS DRIVE DEBATE

By the time you read this the general election will be over and the new government in place. To help ensure local voters were informed beforehand, Queenstown Chamber of Commerce hosted the ASB Great Debate in mid-September. Mayor Glyn Lewers supported the event via the Mayoral Discretionary Fund and also worked with other mayors to bring similar events to New Plymouth and Northland. Pictured (L to R): National's Nicola Willis, David Seymour of ACT, moderator Jack Tame, James Shaw of the Green Party and Labour's Grant Robertson.

Lake Hayes A&P Show cuts waste to landfill by 55%

In 2023, organisers of the ever-popular Lake Hayes A&P Show sought to increase sustainability initiatives while decreasing the waste generated during the event. Fittingly, the theme of this year's show was 'Going Waste Free', which brought the issue of waste minimisation to the forefront of people's minds and set the tone for the event.

To achieve this, they created a 'hub' that showcased ways to minimise waste, including composting, reducing

food waste at home, and displaying eco-friendly food packaging options. People were on hand to actively engage with the public on waste minimisation topics, as well as give cooking demonstrations using leftover food.

Additionally, the organisers set up food waste collection bins throughout the event to prevent as much as possible ending up in landfill. The 'mug library' encouraged visitors to borrow a ceramic mug for their hot drinks, and

then return it to be washed and reused. Visitors were also encouraged to bring their own reusable cups and water bottles, further reducing the use of single-use cups.

Thanks to these initiatives, the show produced 580kg of waste, compared to 1,290kg in 2021 – that's a whopping reduction of total waste to landfill by 55%!

With the support of QLDC, event organisers were able to secure funding through

the Council's Waste Minimisation Community Fund to increase their waste minimisation practices and introduce better sustainable options to the event.

It was an incredible achievement from the team and everyone involved. We can't wait to see what they'll accomplish in the years to come, while inspiring other events to include some of these awesome ideas themselves.



Time to talk about safer speeds (but be quick!)

Find out more and have your say at letstalk.qldc.govt.nz

The way speed limits are set throughout Aotearoa New Zealand is changing. Like other councils, QLDC is responsible for setting safe and appropriate limits on our local roads and we've responded to new national guidance by proposing a new speed management plan for the district.

The five-week period for feedback on the draft plan closes on 5 November. That's a few days after this edition of Scuttlebutt hits the streets so get in quick if you want to have your say.

We recognise people have differing views on how lower speed limits will affect them. So it's important for us to capture as wide a range of views as possible.

However you travel, the most important thing is that you get there safely.

While the draft plan covers the next ten years, we've identified the following priority areas for implementation in the first three years (2024-2027):

- > 30km/h speed limit around our district's schools.
- > Safer speed limits around community-focused areas such as town centres, cemeteries, playgrounds and active travel routes.
- > Lower speeds for key unsealed tourist routes.
- > Introducing consistent safer speeds for new developments around the district.

What about state highways?

State highways are managed by Waka Kotahi NZTA and therefore not included in these proposals. However, our work on local roads is closely aligned with its national Road to Zero vision where no one is killed or seriously injured on our roads. Waka Kotahi will begin consulting on its own draft plan early next year.

Protecting your home from wildfire

If you live in a rural area or on the edge of town, now's the time to take some simple steps to protect your home from wildfire.

Embers are the leading cause of home losses due to wildfire. They're carried on the wind and ignite flammable material, causing spot fires well ahead of the main fire itself.

Clearing away things that can easily catch fire from around your home and creating defensible space will significantly reduce your risk and make it easier for fire crews to protect your home if required.

REMOVE THE HAZARDS CLOSEST TO YOUR HOME FIRST:

- > Clean your gutters.
- > Enclose decks and verandas so vegetation and debris can't gather and sparks won't get blown under your house.
- > If you have plants against your house, consider removing them or replace them with low flammability species.
- > Keep grass short and well watered.
- > Use stone, cement or tiles to make a clear zone around your house.
- > Only prune trees to a height of 2m or more so a ground-fire can't ignite them.
- > Thin trees for at least 30m from your house so there's 3-6m between the crowns.

For more info visit fireandemergency.nz/outdoor-and-rural-fire-safety

Local arts funding

The Creative Communities Scheme works to strengthen the local art community. Projects that get funded do at least one of the following:

- > encourage participation;
- > support diversity; or
- > enable young people.

It's time to start planning for the next funding round which runs from 1 to 23 February. You can find a detailed applicant guide on our website at qldc.govt.nz/community/community-funding



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From the chambers

SOMETHING POSITIVE FROM CYCLONE GABRIELLE

In February 2023, Cyclone Gabrielle made history as the costliest tropical cyclone in the southern hemisphere. Both central and local government stepped in to help affected communities struggling to respond to this event, but support can happen in lots of different ways.

After the initial emergency response, it helps if life can return to some sort of normality as soon as possible. Legislation was enacted soon after the event to help ensure that governmental activity could continue. One measure was a small but significant change to the way in which councils counted their quorum.

A quorum is the minimum number of members who must be at a meeting for it to proceed and it is usually half if the total number of members is even, and half plus one if the total is odd. Previously members could attend a meeting via electronic means, but this did **not** count towards the quorum.

The interim cyclone response legislation relaxed this provision in recognition that for many, travel was impossible due to damaged roads and bridges. This change was to remain in place until September 2024, but the government has introduced new legislation, the *Local Government Electoral Legislation Act 2023*, which replaces the interim cyclone response legislation to make the provision permanent.

This is a pragmatic response to the reality of 21st century life and also helps minimise unnecessary travel and carbon emissions.

LINES, SIGNS AND AUTOMOBILES

“Everything happens for a reason... and the reason is you” might be the rather cheesy lyrics from a song, but this is one example where complaints definitely do not reach deaf ears.

Parking and its management is one of QLDC’s major challenges and we do our best to respond when people complain about illegal and inconsiderate parking. However, if a particular pattern of complaints emerges the roading team will start to consider if there needs to be a change in parking controls. One such report was recently presented to the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board, which is delegated to oversee parking in the Wānaka-Upper Clutha area.

These are changes under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018 but they are known colloquially as the ‘lines and signs report’ because any parking restrictions cannot be enforced until there is signage in place and lines have been painted on the road. And there is usually a period of ‘education’ (that is, warning) before enforcement notices are issued.

HAS THE SECTION 10A REPORT GONE TO THE DOGS?

It was once a ‘highlight’ of all October or November Council meetings... the annual Section 10A Dog Control Report.

It was an annually produced report under the Dog Control Act 1996 that shared such nuggets of information as the number of registered dogs in the district, the number of barking complaints received and the number of infringements issued, and it was usually received with much good humour by the Council.

However, Section 10A(4) has been repealed meaning that the Council no longer needs to ‘adopt’ the report. Instead, the report is now deemed an operational matter delegated to the Regulatory Manager.

The report will still be published however, so look out for it on the Council website towards the end of October 2023.

Lights, camera, workshop!

A series of film-related workshops are shining a spotlight on our local industry and nurturing fresh talent.

They're supported through funding, facilitation and promotion by Council's in-house film office and local industry trust, Film Otago Southland.

Those already in the can include NZ Cinematographers Society's session on camera/lighting for drama, Developing Your Short or Feature Film hosted by Script to Screen (both in Queenstown), and a workshop hosted by Bunker Street in Wānaka on body language techniques for screenwriters.

COMING SOON TO A VENUE NEAR YOU!

- > **Fight for Camera:** Beginners stunt workshop with NZ Stunt School; 18-19 November at Queenstown Gymnastics Club.
- > **From your imagination to the screen – screenwriting masterclass with Dame Gaylene Preston;** 11 November at Te Atamira, Queenstown (part of Queenstown Writers Festival) - qtwritersfestival.nz.

For more information about these workshops and how QLDC supports the local industry visit:

- > filmotagosouthland.com
- > qldc.govt.nz/film

Presenters and participants at the body language workshop

Community Board catch-ups



The Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board hosts a regular series of 'Share with us' events for locals to catch up with their elected members.

Usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at different locations around the Upper Clutha, they're an opportunity to talk directly with board members who in turn are on hand to shed light on current projects and decisions as well as explaining how the community can have their say.

Venues and times will be announced in advance on our Facebook page and website. Or why not scan this QR code with your phone to receive email updates.



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Help create a more active and sustainable transport network

Climate action non-profit Wao Aotearoa and its working group Get SMART, Get Moving has launched its second localised survey to help understand the current transportation challenges in our community.

Wao developed both the current survey and a previous one in 2021 in consultation with Southern District Health Board, LINK Upper Clutha and QLDC. The aim is to find out how the way we move around the district has changed in the last two years.

To this end, Wao established Get SMART, Get Moving comprising secondary school students and passionate community members alongside its own trustees and staff.

Creating a more active and sustainable transport network is a long-term vision for our district. The survey will help inform the planning process and ensure future networks align with our community's needs and preferences, while championing low-emission sustainable modes of active and resourceful travel.

Transport emissions make up 50% of our total emissions as a district and changing the way we move is one of the easiest ways we can make an impact on reducing these. This can involve more biking, walking and collective transport options.

Knowledge gained from the latest survey will help Wao identify barriers and opportunities to change lives and track our impact over time to see how long it takes to flip the fleet.

Scan the QR code to complete the survey (which takes less than five minutes) or visit wao.co.nz/getsmart



WHO IS WAO?

Wao Aotearoa, founded six years ago, delivers climate action events and educational programmes in response to the urgent need to accelerate climate action across Aotearoa New Zealand and the globe. It is a community approach to tackling climate change, recognising that we can all make positive changes – whether big or small – and together accelerate action.

Find out more, including details of the Wao Summit 2023 (24-29 October), at wao.co.nz

Get SMART, Get Moving



Float your ideas

Water-lovers and river roamers are encouraged to share their thoughts on how the safety of the district's waterways are managed.

Feedback will help inform the development of a new draft Navigation Safety Bylaw that we expect will go out for full public consultation next year.

The large number of private and commercial boats living in our district know our waters better than anyone. Local knowledge and experience are critical to making sure we have the right rules in place to keep things sailing smoothly.

As well as general insights about how you feel about the current rules and regulations, we're looking for specific feedback on a range of water-related topics, including:

- > lifejacket use;
- > the location of ski lanes on several lakes;
- > board tethering to ensure safe use of 'The Wave' on the Hāwea River;
- > Council's role in relation to people jumping recreationally off the Albert Town Bridge;
- > vessel identification; and
- > events on the water.

So whether you're a seasoned sailor or a lakeshore-loving landlubber, have your say before 5 November to help us adjust our bylaw's sails!

Navigate straight to letstalk.qldc.govt.nz



Eventful planning

The busy summer season is fast approaching and sure to be packed with a variety of great events across the district.

Our events, venues and parks teams can help guide you through the process if your event requires Council input on things like permits, bookings and signage. We even have a free BBQ trailer available for local groups, clubs and schools!

For more info and some useful resources head to qldc.govt.nz/events

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COME AND PLAY AT PAETARA ASPIRING CENTRAL

Paetara Aspiring Central – the former Mitre 10 building in Wānaka – was officially opened by Mayor Glyn Lewers on Sunday 1 October.

The community open day was a huge success with hundreds of people walking through Paetara's doors to play pickleball and badminton, try some yoga and ride skateboards in the yard.

The new facility has two multi-use indoor courts, a separate studio that can be used for dance, yoga and fitness classes or as a meeting space, and dedicated areas for Kahu Youth and Aspiring Gymsports.

Term four activities are in full swing with a range of regular programmes running now and more to come.

COME AND PLAY!

PICKLEBALL –
Monday nights.

TABLE TENNIS –
Tuesday nights.

YOGA – Monday,
Wednesday and Friday.

KARATE – Wednesday
and Thursday.

**CASUAL PLAY (BOOK
A COURT)** – badminton,
pickleball, table tennis
and netball.

For full details visit qldc.govt.nz/paetara, call 03 450 1721 or drop by the facility during opening hours.

OPENING HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY
9.00am-9.00pm

SATURDAY
9.00am-3.00pm

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A YOGA CLASS IN

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Reviving the lost art of repair

In a world that often feels dominated by disposable culture, where it's often easier to replace than repair, a quiet revolution is taking place.

Enter the Repair Revolution, a movement that's empowering our communities to renew, revive and repair their beloved items, keeping them out of landfill and breathing new life into the things we cherish.

Leading the charge is local waste minimisation champion, Wastebusters. Since its first event in 2020, superstar volunteer fixers have repaired hundreds of items from favourite clothing and much-loved toys, to electronics, jewellery and ceramics.

WASTEBUSTERS' REPAIR REVOLUTION AIMS TO:

- > Reduce waste by offering an alternative to our 'throwaway culture'.
- > Share repair knowledge and skills.
- > Demonstrate how satisfying making repairs can be.
- > Build community connections.
- > Model the circular economy in action.

So grab that broken toaster, favourite jeans with a hole or wobbly chair that you can't bear to part with, and join the Repair Revolution. Together we can help build a more sustainable world one cherished item at a time!

QLDC's Zero Waste District Programme is proud to support the initiative as part of Wastebusters' Resourceful Communities project. Sustainable Queenstown is helping deliver events in the Whakatipu Basin.

To find out when the next Repair Revolution workshop is happening, visit wastebusters.co.nz/repair-revolution-wastebusters/

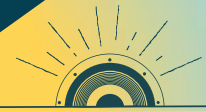
And if you've got treasures that need fixing, a long list of local repairers is available at wastebusters.co.nz/local-repairs/



A young man learning some electrical repair skills

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Tasty tales behind community kai

Kai (food) is more than an essential basic need for life, it's also a vital way we connect with others. We use it to welcome friends and newcomers, to celebrate important events, and to show manaaki (respect, generosity and care).

So we're delighted to capture all its meaning in a new book 'Our Community Kai Story – tales of food, people and connection across Queenstown Lakes'.

It's been created as a tribute to the local community as a way to celebrate our collective resilience and manaaki following the effects of the global pandemic. It shares stories to honour where we've come from, to give thanks to our communities and to look forward with a sense of renewal and hope.

On the way, it shines a light on many of the superstar organisations, community groups and individuals who work together to make sure no one goes without.

Our Community Kai Story details some local sources of kai and shares knowledge about how to grow, gather, cook and care for these resources.

DISCOVER DELICIOUS RECIPES AND PERSONAL FOOD MEMORIES FROM OUR COMMUNITY!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL CONTRIBUTORS AND ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY



We'd love you to join us over a cuppa and good kai at one of our launch events:

QUEENSTOWN

Thursday 9 November, 5.00-6.30pm
Frankton Library, 26 Hawthorne Drive.

WĀNAKA

Thursday 16 November, 4.00-5.30pm
Wānaka Community Hub,
34 McDougall Street.

ALL WELCOME – FREE TO ATTEND

Keen to buy a copy?

Our Community Kai Story is available for \$20 at the following locations:

- > Frankton, Queenstown and Wānaka libraries.
- > Council offices in Queenstown and Wānaka.
- > Te Atamira, Frankton.
- > Wānaka Recreation Centre & Paetara Aspiring Central.
- > Launch events (see left).

All proceeds will be donated to KiwiHarvest, a food rescue organisation dedicated to preventing good food from ending up in waste.



New Chair for climate group

Councillors recently unanimously approved the appointment of Dr Leslie Van Gelder as the new Chairperson of the independent Climate Reference Group (CRG).

Dr Van Gelder is a Glenorchy resident with an extensive background in academic research, conservation, strategy development and professional governance.

She is also Co-Chair of the Southern Lakes Sanctuary, Chair of both the Glenorchy Heritage and Museum Group and Glenorchy Dark Skies Sanctuary Group, and has served on QLDC's Vision Beyond 2050 Steering Group, Regenerative Recovery Advisory Group, and Economic Diversification Advisory Group.

The CRG was established in 2020 and has been instrumental in delivering projects, embedding climate action into Council planning, and helping develop the Queenstown Lakes Climate and Biodiversity Plan 2022-25.

For more information on the CRG, its members, and QLDC's work in the climate and biodiversity space visit qldc.govt.nz/your-council/climate-change-and-biodiversity



Paws and reflect

A reminder of dog leash rules in our district.

As the weather warms up and nature springs back to life, dogs and their humans are spending more time frolicking in our parks, adventuring along waterways and enjoying walkies around our neighbourhoods.

Now is the perfect time to 'paws' and reflect on the local rules for controlling your pooch.

We have a Dog Control Bylaw 2020 to guide responsible dog ownership in our district. It sets out where dogs must be on leash to ensure the safety of people and other dogs. Leashes help keep dogs under control, preventing them from running into traffic, approaching other animals or accidentally frightening people, especially children and those with a fear of dogs.

There's an interactive map on our website showing where you can walk your dog and where it must be on a leash. Head to qldc.govt.nz/services/animal-control

Remember, dogs are not allowed on Queenstown Hill and walkway.



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Let's talk

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An update on key consultation topics happening in 2023.

Get the latest status update on key consultation topics here. And remember, the best way to stay informed on what's coming up for consultation is to register on Let's Talk – it's easy, head to letstalk.qldc.govt.nz

CURRENT CONSULTATIONS:

NAVIGATION SAFETY BYLAW 2024 Early insights to help shape a revised bylaw. Status: Feedback open until 5 November.	MOUNT IRON RECREATION RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN An early opportunity to share ideas for the future management of Mount Iron in Wānaka. Status: Feedback open until 20 November.	SAFER SPEEDS 2024-2027 A speed management plan for the district. Status: Feedback open until 5 November.	WASTE MANAGEMENT & MINIMISATION BYLAW A regulatory framework to better enable Council to drive its waste minimisation goals. Status: Pre-engagement underway.	LISMORE PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN & PENINSULA BAY DEVELOPMENT PLAN Draft design concept plans for two areas in Wānaka. Status: Feedback open from 30 October to 27 November.
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UPDATES ON RECENT CONSULTATION TOPICS:

TREE POLICY 2023 A review of the 2022 policy, which was committed to in August last year. Status: Feedback closed on 29 October.	BLUE GREEN NETWORK Mapping of the parks, open spaces, trails, streets and waterways in the Queenstown Lakes District. Status: Early insights closed on 15 October.	PROPOSED INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PLAN CHANGE Social impact assessment required as part of the plan change process. Status: Submissions closed on 15 October.	PROPOSED URBAN INTENSIFICATION VARIATION A variation to the District Plan to enable urban intensification in appropriate areas of the district. Status: Submissions closed on 5 October.
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WHAT'S COMING UP:

CREATIVITY AND CULTURE STRATEGY	PROJECT MANAWA	2024-2034 LONG TERM PLAN	PARKING STRATEGY	WĀNAKA TRANSPORT NETWORK OPTIMISATION	AND MUCH MORE
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Phone: 03 348 6125

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