

Minutes of a Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board (WUCCB) Workshop

Thursday, 20 February 2025 at 11.00am
Armstrong Room, Lake Wānaka Centre, Wānaka

Present:	Mr Simon Telfer	Ms Linda Joll
	Councillor Barry Bruce	Mr John Wellington
	Councillor Lyal Cocks	Mr Chris Hadfield
	Councillor Cody Tucker	
Apologies:	No apologies	
In attendance:	Councillor Quentin Smith	Jon Winterbottom
	Jeannie Galavazi (Item 1)	Jane Robertson
	Dave Winterburn (item 1)	Katherine Harbrow (item 2)
	Kat Baynard (item 1)	Paddy Cribb (item 2)
	Sophie Craig (item 1)	Alison Kelly (item 2)
	Simon Battrick (item 2)	Giovanni Stephens (item 2)
	Two members of the media (one left during item 1 and the other at 11.59am during item 2.)	One member of the public

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p>Blue-Green Network ('BGN')</p> <p>Definition (from PowerPoint): <i>A Blue-Green Network is the grouping of all parks, open spaces, connections and accessible waters that deliver a variety of educational, recreational, ecological, cultural, landscape and health benefits.</i></p> <p>Jeannie Galavazi spoke to the PowerPoint presentation. She noted that the aim of the project was for a BGN to be a framework woven through the QLDC work plan.</p> <p>Ms Galavazi presented the Upper Clutha BGN Plans and asked the members to identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing opportunities; Where there are gaps; and Locations where projects can occur. <p>Members suggested the following additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection and enhancement of Cardrona River and adding a trail; Provide BGN Plan to developers and suggest that the principles be incorporated into their developments, e.g. construct an open stream instead of using pipes; 	<p>Consultation to be undertaken - will be complex as BGN is a difficult concept to translate for public consumption; avoid consultation fatigue as BGN is not as tangible as other consultations.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that people living in Wānaka South will have access to a BGN without having to drive into Wānaka; developers should be encouraged to provide reasonable tracts of land in new subdivisions. • At present there are no or poor local parks in Hikuwai and Orchard Road so developers are encouraged to provide adequate reserve areas in these locations. • Single stage business case Way-To-Go 2025 has a very strong active travel component. Note that moving away from 'tracks and trails' to 'pathways'. • Building paths through cemeteries can help to curtail vandalism. <p>Attachments: Attachment A: Draft Blue Green Network Plan (see workshop agenda) Attachment B: Presentation to the Wānaka Upper Clutha Community Board on the Blue Green Network – July 2023 (see workshop agenda) Attachment C: Presentation on the draft Blue Green Network Plan (see attached)</p>	
2.	<p>Wānaka Asset Sales Reserve ('WASR')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katherine Harbrow and Paddy Cribb presented and spoke to a PowerPoint which proposed a new process for using the fund and updated principles. These included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key to good practice funding principles are alignment with Long Term Plan (LTP)/Annual Plan (AP), recognition of community and wellbeing outcomes, ability for QLDC to deliver and absorb operational costs and recognition of WUCCB as a key partner. ○ A new process proposed to ensure that WUCCB is included at start of LTP/AP preparation and not at submissions stage. ○ WUCCB has to support a project before it can be considered for support from the fund. ○ A dedicated pathway is set out for WUCCB to have input, recognising its role as a key partner and QLDC is committed to working with WUCCB to achieve shared community goals. ○ Improved communication and add WASR information to QLDC website. • Discussion about principle: 'equity across wards'. Acknowledged that this asset is over and above equity between wards. Acknowledge also that there is more land at Scurr Heights which could be sold. 	

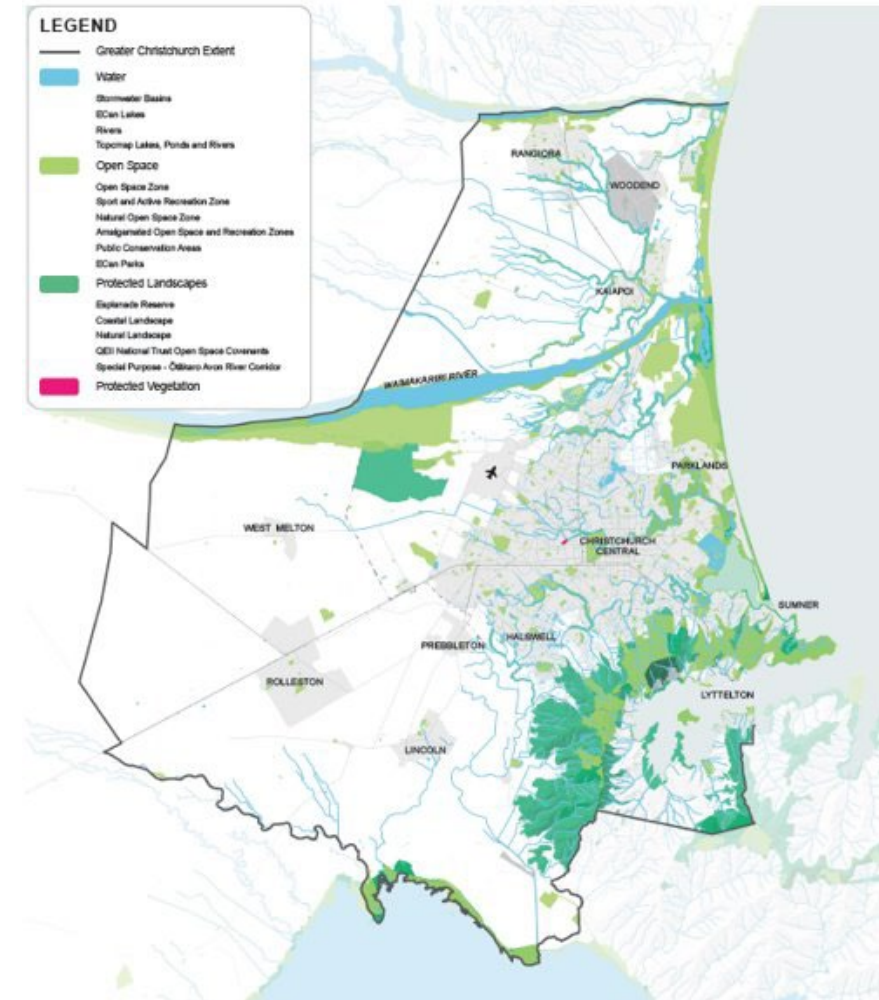
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note that Luggate Hall is a district wide asset although funding from WASR was allocated to the project; the Board's allocation from WASR to Paetara redevelopment was a loan. • Partnerships and non-Council projects: Note that the QLDC has funded other capital projects and not retained ownership. Wānaka Performing Arts Centre might be an example of this although at present still need to determine location of the facility, building process/funding and long-term funding of opex. • Overall agreement that WASR is a finite fund but need to balance spending wisely against not being too precious with it. <p>Attachments: Attachment A: Draft Guidelines (see workshop agenda) Attachment B: PowerPoint Presentation (see attached)</p>	

The workshop concluded at 12.15pm.

QLDC Blue Green Network Plan

What is a Blue Green Network?

- > The Blue-Green Network is the grouping of all the parks, open spaces, connections, and accessible waterways that deliver a variety of educational, recreational, ecological, cultural, landscape and health benefits.
- > The Blue Green Network will set out the level of provision of open space and connections needed in each community to deliver a sustainable quality open space network.
- > It will respond to the anticipated growth and provide the community with access to a range of recreational, social, cultural, and environmental experiences.



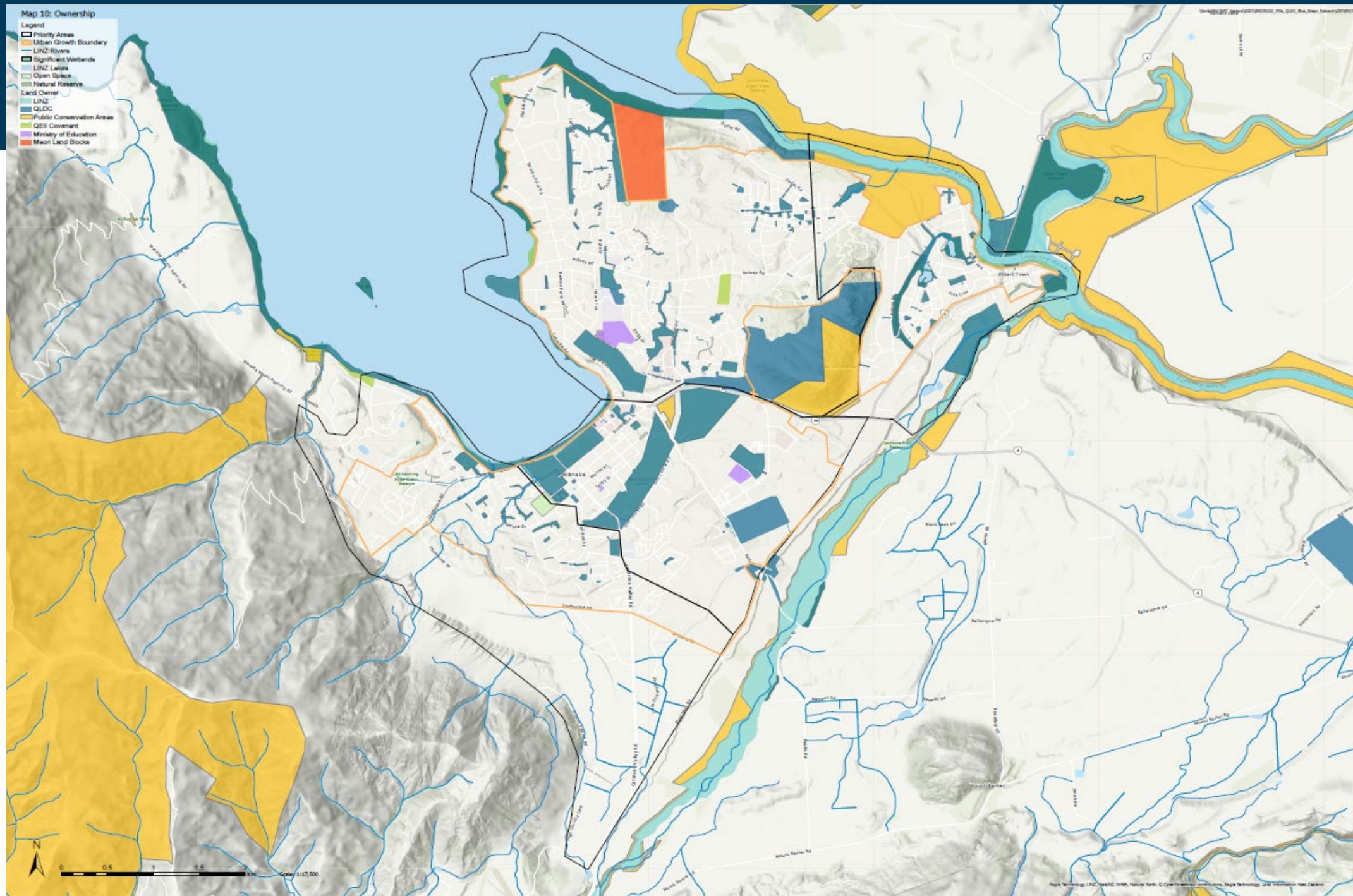
Why are we doing this?

- > Provide a **framework for a well-connected, diverse, and inclusive network** of open spaces and blue networks.
- > To create **sustainable, resilient, and liveable urban environments** that benefit both **people and nature**.
- > Enhance the **quality of life**, provide recreational opportunities, **preserve natural resources**, promote **community identity**, and foster **social equity** within a community.
- > To guide the **development, management, and utilisation** of the blue green network and used to **determine and prioritise spending**.



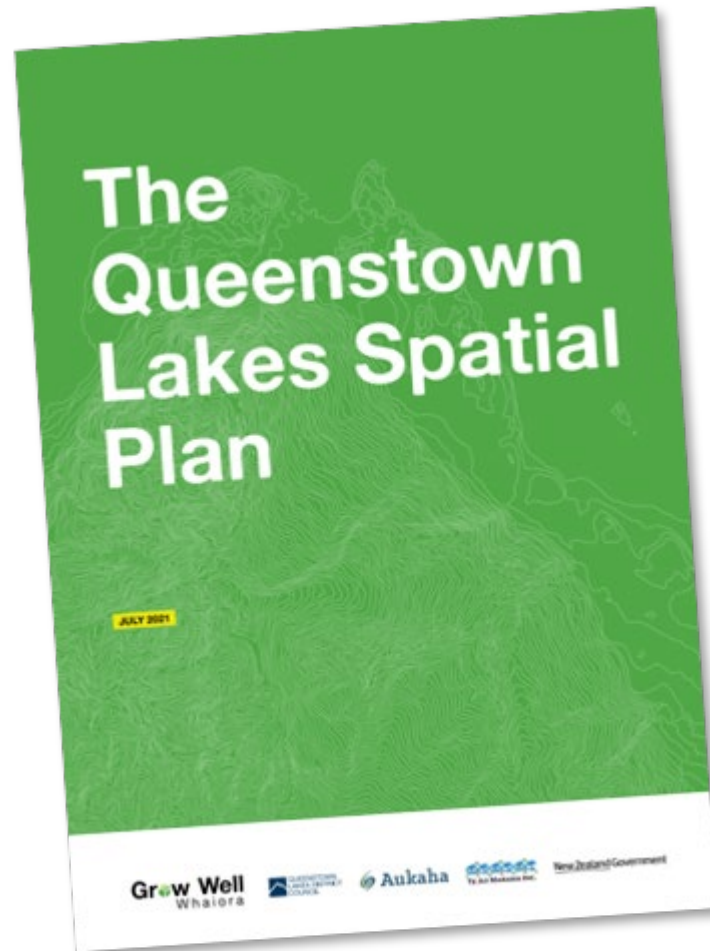
Map 10: Ownership

- Legend
- Priority Areas
 - Urban Growth Boundary
 - LINZ Rivers
 - Significant Wetlands
 - LINZ Lakes
 - Open Space
 - Natural Reserve
 - Land Owner
 - LINZ
 - QLDC
 - Public Conservation Areas
 - QELI Covenant
 - Ministry of Education
 - Maori Land Blocks





How does this align with other QLDC plans?



GOAL	Grow Well Whaiora				
PRINCIPLES	HAUORA WELLBEING	AUMANGEA RESILIENCE	WHAKAUKU SUSTAINABILITY		
	Decisions about growth recognise social, economic, environmental and cultural considerations	Ensuring communities and visitors are resilient to shocks of the future, including adapting to climate change	Programmes and activities are delivered according to sustainable development principles and work towards zero emissions		
OUTCOMES	CONSOLIDATED APPROACH AND SPATIAL ELEMENTS: Illustrate how and where the area will grow				
	Consolidated growth and more housing choice	Public transport, walking and cycling is the preferred option for daily travel	A sustainable tourism system	Well-designed neighbourhoods that provide for everyday needs	A diverse economy where everyone can thrive
	STRATEGIES to achieve the outcomes				

Spatial Plan Relationships

Delivering the Spatial Plan

Delivering the Spatial Plan will require coordination and collaboration between the Partners, and will build on the process used to develop this Spatial Plan.

The Queenstown Lakes Partnership will develop a draft joint work programme to advance the priority initiatives identified in the Spatial Plan. A range of mechanisms will deliver the initiatives, including budget.

An implementation plan will be developed that sets out responsibilities and timeframes for delivering the initiatives. This will be reviewed annually to progress delivery of the joint work programme.

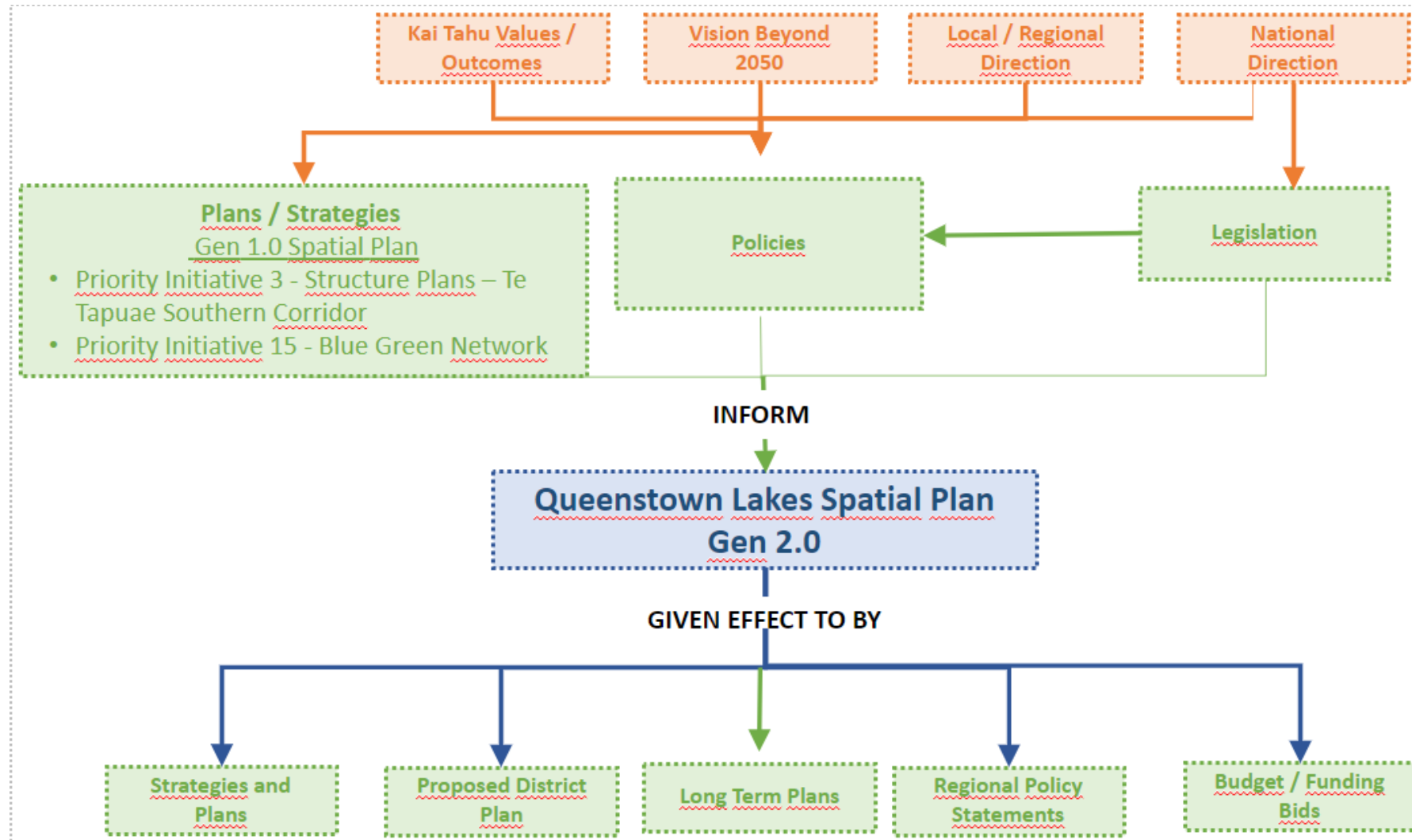
The Spatial Plan will be reviewed and updated in 2024.

Grow Well Whaiora Partnership: Joint Work Programme					
Spatial Plan Outcomes	Consolidated growth and more housing choice	Public transport, walking and cycling to the preferred option for daily travel	A sustainable tourism system	Non-disruptive neighbourhoods and thriving rural communities	A diverse economy where everyone can thrive
1. Review zoning and other levers to enable higher densities and more flexible use of land within the existing and new urban areas in appropriate locations identified in the Spatial Plan.	2. Use the Green Belt Whaiora Urban Growth Partnership to improve alignment and coordination to unlock joint priority development areas, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">↳ Ladies Mile↳ Five Mile Urban Corridor↳ Queenstown Town Centre to Frankton Corridor↳ Southern Corridor↳ Milnucka Town Centre to Three Peaks Corridor	6. Complete and implement the Queenstown Transport Business Case including the delivery of the frequent transit network	11. Develop and implement a Destination Management Strategy to sign decision making and development with sustainable development principles	16. Develop open space network plans to deliver the Blue-Green Networks	18. Develop an Economic Diversification Plan
3. Investigate and protect the extension of the Frequent Transit Network to Homestead Park and the Southern Corridor	7. Complete and implement a house with plan for Queenstown including travel demand management measures	8. Investigate and protect the extension of the Frequent Transit Network to Homestead Park and the Southern Corridor	12. Implement a key on visitor accommodation across the Queenstown Lakes	19. Develop a Growth Strategy to improve the quality of built form and embrace the town cultural values	20. Support the Design Required Economic Development Network to continue to deliver regionally connected initiatives
4. Investigate establishing upper Clutha and Sub-Regional public transport networks	9. Complete the Whaiora and Upper Clutha Active Travel Networks	10. Investigate establishing upper Clutha and Sub-Regional public transport networks	13. Develop and implement a Tourism Based Demand Strategy to encourage the use of public and active modes by visitors	21. Develop a Growth Strategy to improve the quality of built form and embrace the town cultural values	22. Review and update the zoning of centres and major employment locations in the District Plan to be consistent with the Spatial Plan
5. Investigate establishing upper Clutha and Sub-Regional public transport networks	10. Investigate establishing upper Clutha and Sub-Regional public transport networks	10. Investigate establishing upper Clutha and Sub-Regional public transport networks	14. Investigate establishing a sub-regional public transport network that provides for both local residents and visitor needs	23. Establish a Queenstown Lakes utility infrastructure providers forum to improve coordination with Spatial Plan outcomes and resilience of the networks	24. Identify and ensure the efficient operation of main freight routes by developing a Network Operating Plan
MONITORING PROGRAMME					
Tracking Progress of the delivery of the Priority Initiatives					
Tracking growth against the spatial elements and outcomes of the Spatial Plan					

3. Undertake structure plans for future urban areas identified in the Spatial Plan, including identifying infrastructure triggers needed to enable and sequence new growth areas. Ensure the development of future urban areas prioritise the delivery of affordable housing options.

15. Develop open space network plans to deliver the Blue-Green Networks.

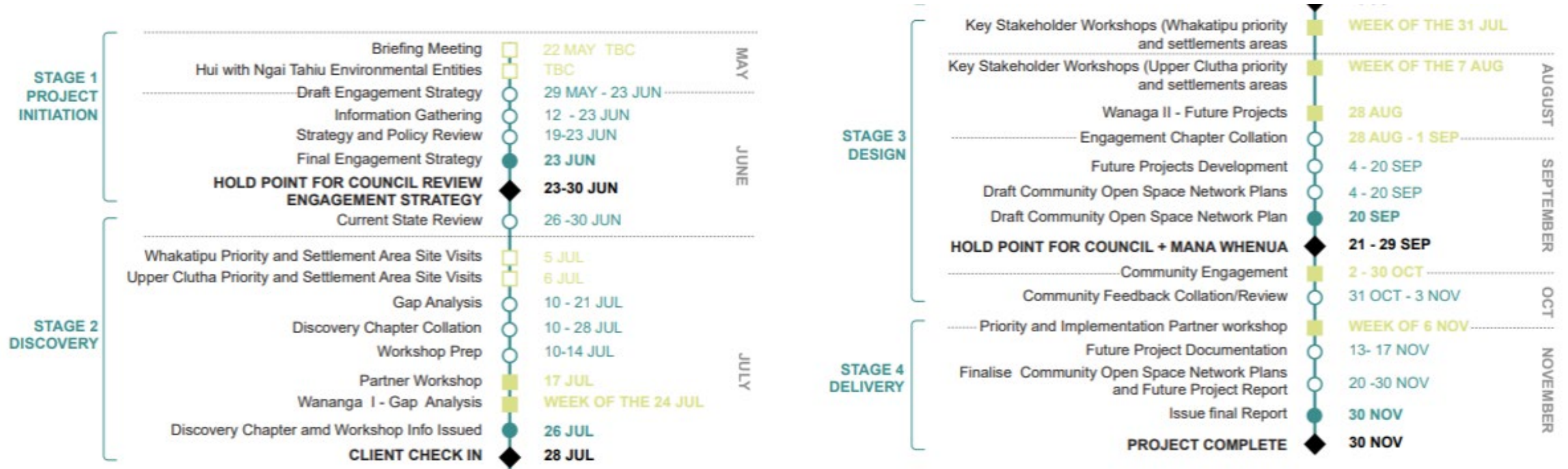
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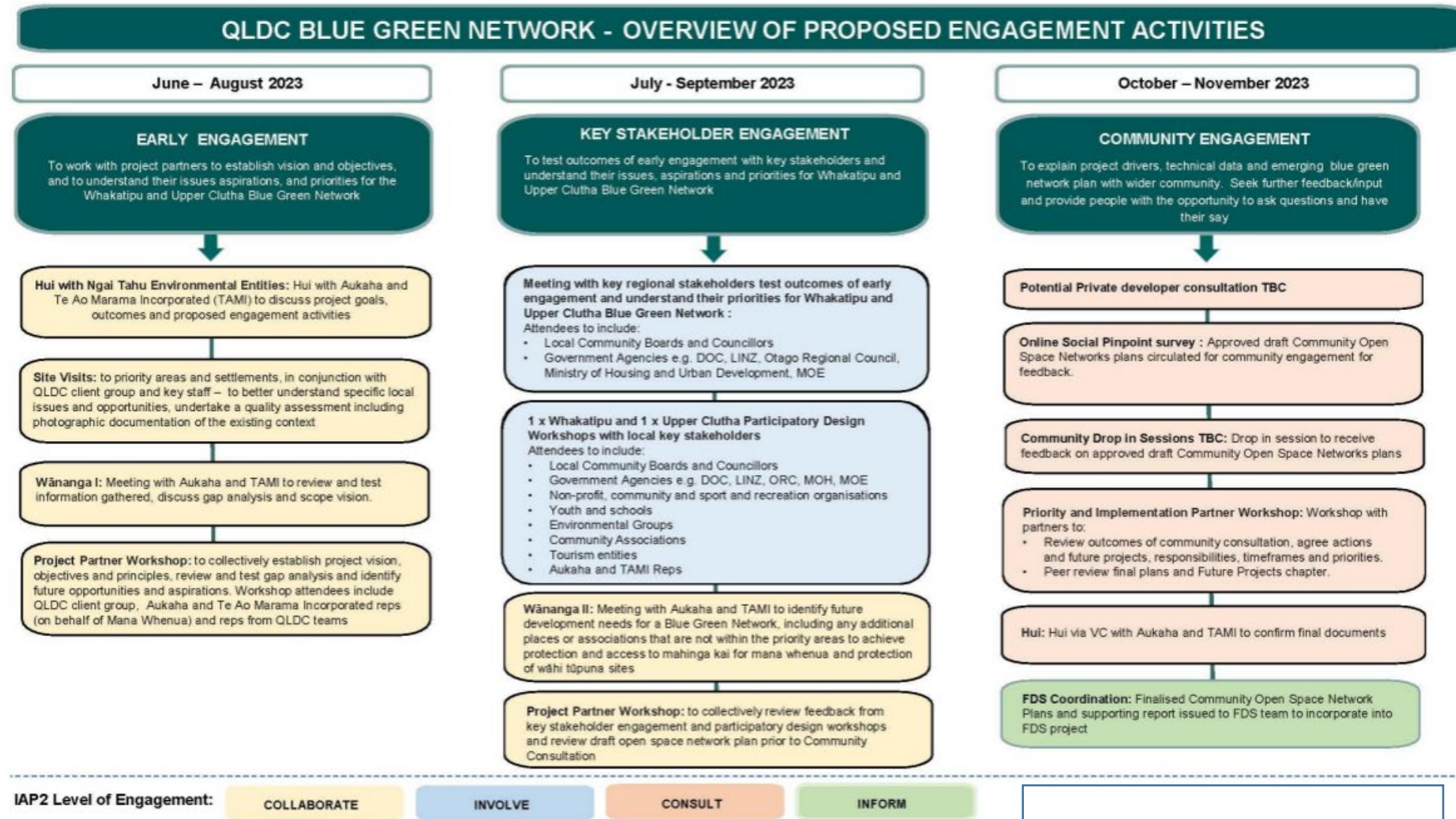
Blue Green Network Programme

MEETING* WORKSHOP DESIGN WORKS DELIVERABLES

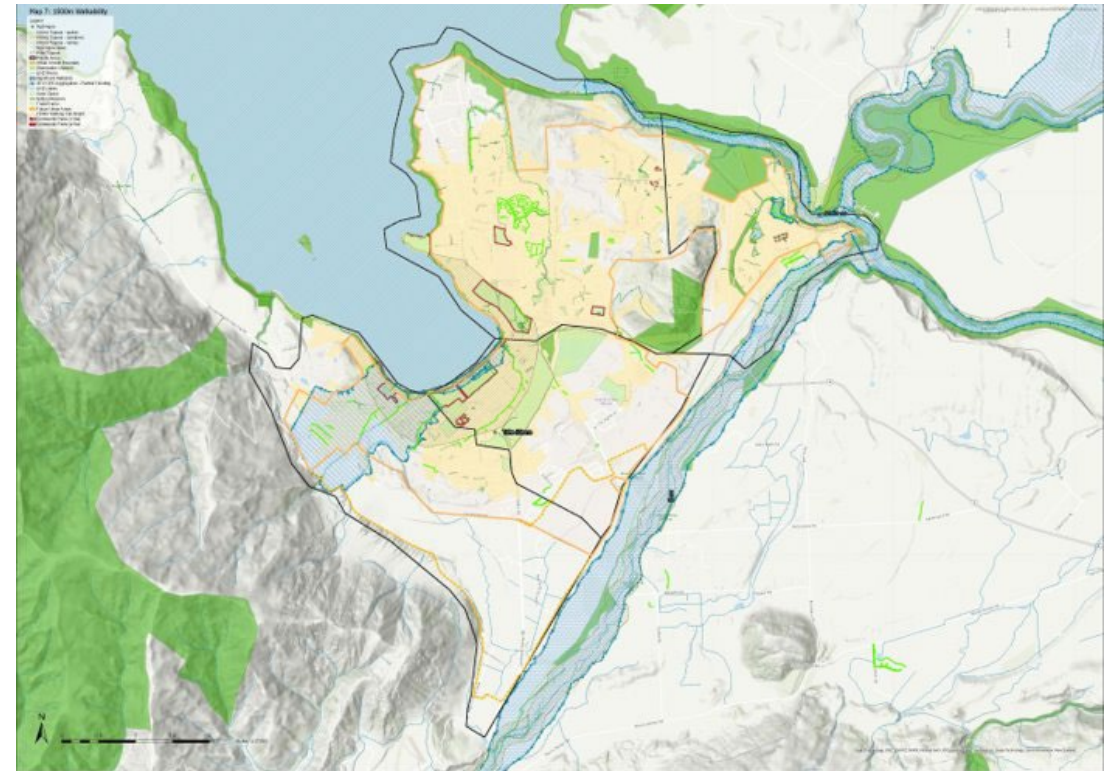
* Fortnightly project meetings assumed throughout project



Engagement

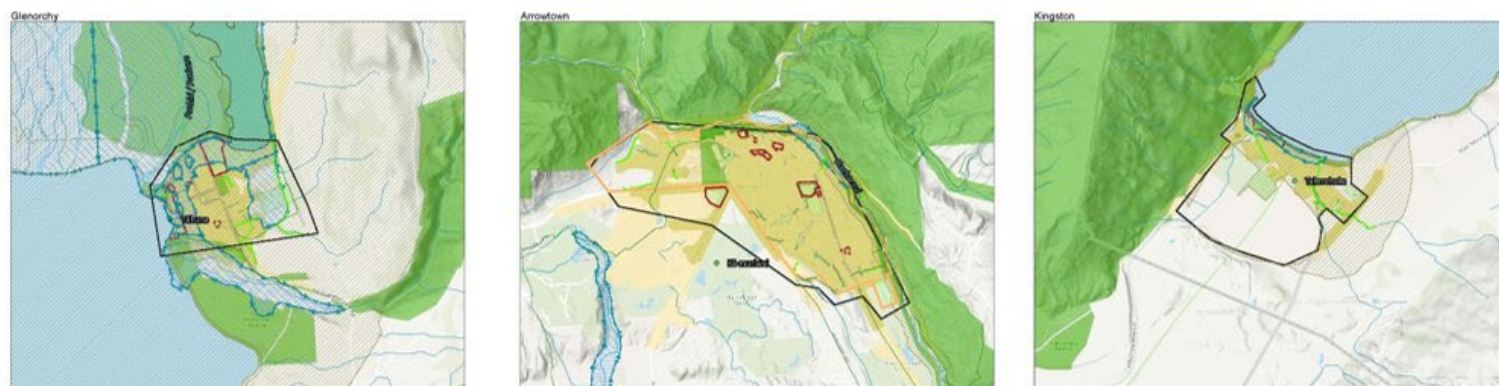
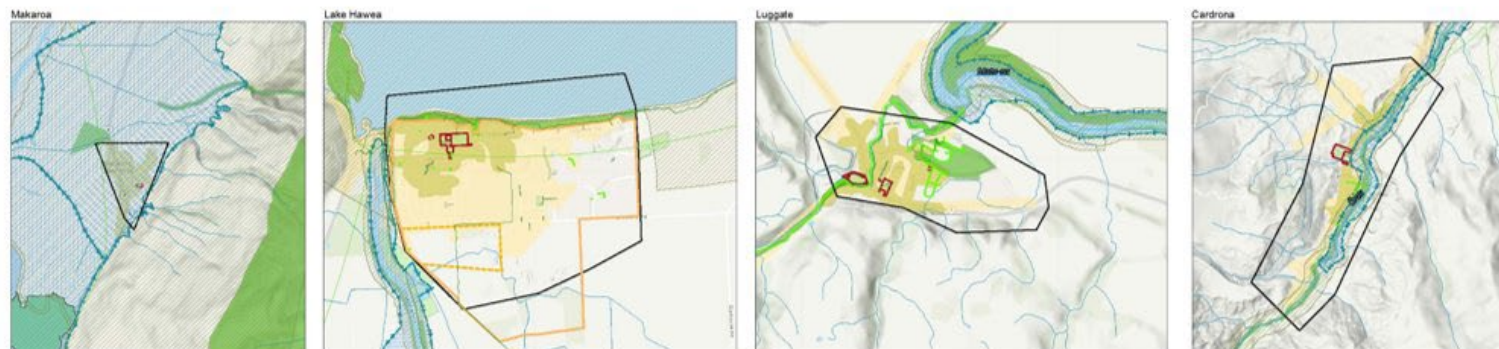


Work Plans



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UPPER CLUTHA



Legend

- High Inflow
- R&A Taps - quotes
- R&A Taps - narratives
- R&A Taps - sales
- High Inflow (avg)
- COWM Taps
- Priority Areas
- Urban Growth Boundary
- Stormwater Channel
- LNZ Rivers
- Significant Wetlands
- 2012 ORC Aggregation - Rainfall Flooding
- LNZ Lakes
- Open Space
- Natural Reserve
- Transit/Traffic
- Future Urban Areas
- 150m Walking Catchment
- 600m Walking Catchment
- Local Park (<3,000sqm)
- Local Park (>3,000sqm)
- Community Park (>1ha)
- Community Park (>1ha)



QUESTIONS?



Wānaka Asset Sales Reserve

Aligning Local Priorities with Strategic Planning

Katherine Harbrow

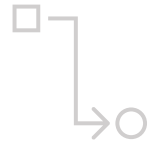
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Introduction and Purpose



WASR Introduction

Refresh the WASR and its importance



Purpose

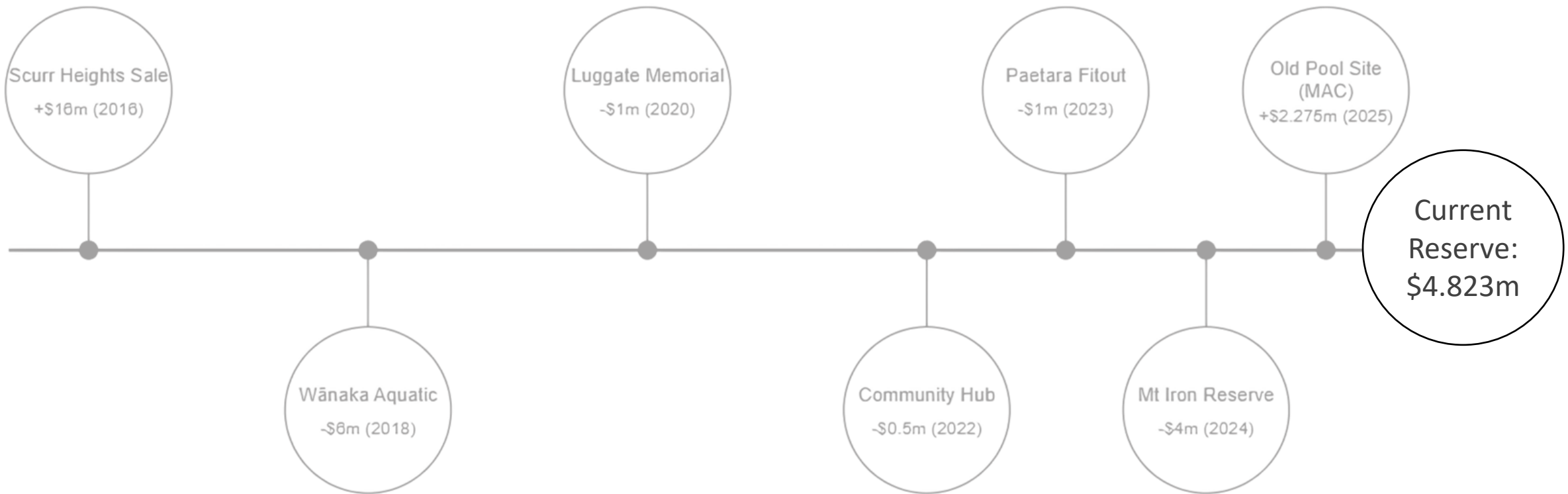
Discuss the principles, process, and next steps.



Partners

Acknowledge the partnership between QLDC and the WUCCB as key partners.

The Journey So Far (2016-2024)



The Journey So Far: Recent Developments

Update on the recent things that have happened since 9 May 2024:

- Staff (Stewart Burns) provided feedback on Simon Telfer synopsis of this May workshop
- Review of Office of the Auditor General funding principles
- Review of Reserves principles
- Learnings obtained from LTP process – WUC projects appeared in submission process

Good Practice Funding Principles

> Controller and Auditor-General Principles

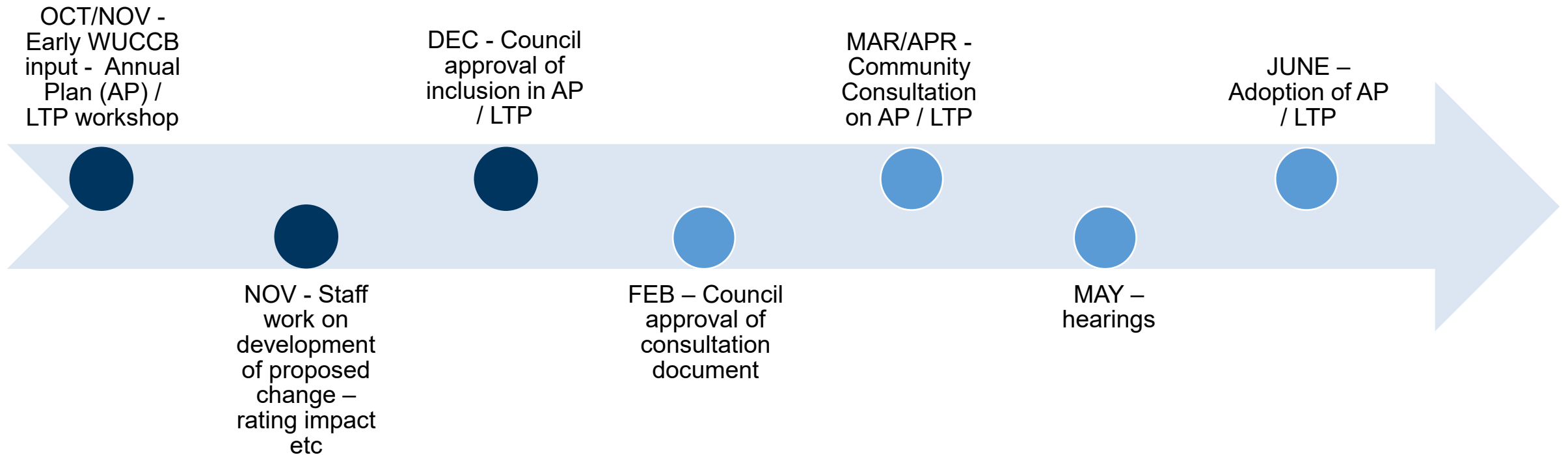
- > Alignment with LTP/AP
- > Community and Wellbeing outcomes
- > Equity
- > Ability for QLDC to deliver and absorb operational costs
- > Recognition that WUCCB is key partner



Proposed Updates to the Principles

Category	Original 2017 Principles	Proposed Updates
Planning Alignment	Projects must be included in the LTP or AP.	Projects align with the LTP/AP and QLDC's Strategic Framework, including community and Wellbeing Outcomes.
Submission and Prioritisation	Limited guidance on submission pathways.	WUCCB has early input through dedicated workshops and prioritises projects by November each year.
Governance and Decision-Making	General oversight by QLDC.	WUCCB identifies priorities, QLDC officers assess feasibility, and Full Council provides final approval.
Excluded Uses	Excludes operating expenses and speculative assets.	Adds exclusions for feasibility studies for non-capital projects, non-Council projects, debt incurred by non-Council-owned capital expenditures, and grants not tied to capital development.
Spending Limit	No explicit reference to an annual budget limit.	Flexible spending guidance with a focus on sustainability and delivery capacity.
Operational Costs	No explicit reference to absorbing operational costs.	QLDC must be able to absorb operational costs associated with funded projects.
Community Role	General references to community participation.	Emphasizes WUCCB's role as key partners and defines clear pathways for engaging early in the planning process.
Transparency and Reporting	Limited detail on public reporting.	Clear requirements for reporting through annual reports, public updates, and a dedicated webpage.
Risk Management	Limited references to risks.	Introduces periodic audits, conflict of interest management, and capacity assessments for project delivery.

The New Process Overview



Commitment to Partnership and Communication

- > QLDC's commitment to working closely with the WUCCB to achieve shared community goals.
- > Dedicated pathway for the WUCCB's input and recognition of their role as key partners.
- > Improved communication, including a dedicated section on the QLDC website for WASR updates.

Case Study – Mt Iron

Opportunity:

- > Councillor Smith and Community Services GM identified through community conversations.

Sale process:

- > Negotiated after valuation, considering caveats and sale conditions.

Council responded:

- > Final approval from Council.

Guidelines:

- > Wānaka Asset Sales Reserve guidelines will be tabled at a WUCCB meeting.
- > Council report to approve Wānaka Asset Sales Reserve guidelines.

Annual Plan:

- > 4 March 2025 WUCCB workshop – 2025/26 Annual Plan update.
- > Post-election Nov 2025 – 2026/27 Annual Plan WUCCB workshop.
- > March 2026 Draft 2026/2027 Annual Plan WUCCB workshop.