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A cast iron future

Council's purchase of nearly 100ha of Mt Iron means this much-loved local landmark will eventually be held as public reserve in perpetuity on behalf of the community.

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***COVID-19 restrictions mean we are working in a changing environment.
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Pedigree information for pooches

We're launching Scuttlemutt – an online newsletter sent to local dog owners every six months.

Each edition of Scuttlemutt will feature the latest on everything your dog needs to know to stay woke, from upcoming registration periods to cool dog-related events being hosted throughout the district, like the dog walks we'll be hosting in Queenstown and Wānaka later this year!

It's also an opportunity to share stories about the abandoned dogs we've rehomed and how they're doing, and to hear more of what you and your dogs would like.

Interested in some (paw) print journalism?

Find out more about Scuttlemutt and sign up for an emailed copy at www.qldc.govt.nz/scuttlemutt.



Have your say on alcohol licence applications

Did you know QLDC lists all alcohol licence applications as public notices on our website?

If you're interested in checking out current applications, having your say on a particular licence, or requesting a redacted copy of the licence you're interested in, just head to www.qldc.govt.nz/services/alcohol-licensing/have-your-say-on-alcohol-licence-applications.

Council purchase of Mt Iron land a once in a generation opportunity

QLDC reached an agreement before Christmas with the Cleugh family to purchase nearly 100ha of land around Mt Iron and Little Mt Iron in Wānaka.

While there will be no immediate changes to public use, Council will be working closely with the local community on plans for Mt Iron's long-term future, acting as kaitiaki and holding the land as public reserve in perpetuity on its behalf.

Laurie and Brian Cleugh purchased the Mt Iron property in the early 1960s as a farming operation. The vendor at that time was Bertie Reece, a Welshman who migrated to New Zealand after WWII and who is remembered in the name of nearby Reece Crescent.

Lynden Cleugh, Laurie's son, said his family had long seen themselves as guardians of a very special property.

"We've resisted many approaches to develop and commercialise Mt Iron. We've spent countless hours keeping the property free of weeds and wilding pines while maintaining a long-term vision that Mt Iron should at some point be managed on behalf of the community. That way everyone can enjoy this special place in the middle of our growing town," he said.

"We purchased Little Mt Iron in 2017 with the sole purpose of it becoming a public reserve along with the main property. It's a special gem just waiting to be discovered. We're very excited to finally announce this legacy acquisition for the community and thank QLDC staff for their shared vision."

Separate to the agreement with the Cleugh family, Council has commenced discussions with the Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai (DOC)

with the prospect that QLDC take ownership of the remaining section of Mt Iron currently owned by DOC.

Existing walking tracks and prohibited areas will remain in place while we continue to work through the details of the purchase. It will be some months before the private land will formally become reserve. However, we do appreciate lots of people and local groups will be excited about potential new recreation and biodiversity opportunities for the site and we'll be announcing details of how we'll be engaging with the community to capture these ideas later in the year.

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— Dolly Parton



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Arterial Road gaining momentum

Construction of the long awaited Town Centre Arterial Road is gathering momentum in Queenstown.

From late February until mid-2023, crews will be building a new road layout to create the gateway to Stage 1 of the new road. Deep trenches will be dug to upgrade underground services and the road will be widened and rebuilt, creating a safer intersection at Melbourne Street and Frankton Road, as well as more space for buses, walking and cycling. Lower traffic at this time means it's an opportunity to minimise disruption.

Over this time there will be quite a bit of disruption to a 250m stretch of Frankton Road between Suburb Street and Adelaide Street. If you travel into town regularly you can expect reduced speeds, narrow vehicle lanes (lots of cones!) and intersection closures.

There will be a large number of workers on site while this is underway and we all have a part to play in making sure they get home safely every night. Please take care in this area – slow down, stay alert and follow all signage in place.

We know these disruptions can be challenging and we're grateful for the support, patience and open dialogue so far. The construction underway is significant but please remember it won't last forever and will be worth it.



For full details of the Town Centre Arterial and Street Upgrade programmes, head to www.qldc.govt.nz/ka-huanui-a-tahuna

Latest Street Upgrade news

After taking a break over the summer holidays, crews are back on site at Beach Street, Brecon Street and Park Street with work to upgrade Rees Street set to start in March.

Beach Street

Paving and preparing to install new lighting, furniture and planting is coming along nicely. We're keeping as much of the street open as possible but please take care around the multiple work sites.

Park Street

We're making good progress building a shared path adjacent to Queenstown Gardens. Following feedback from the community it was agreed to increase the scope to also upgrade the footpath along the eastern side of Park Street – this work is now underway.

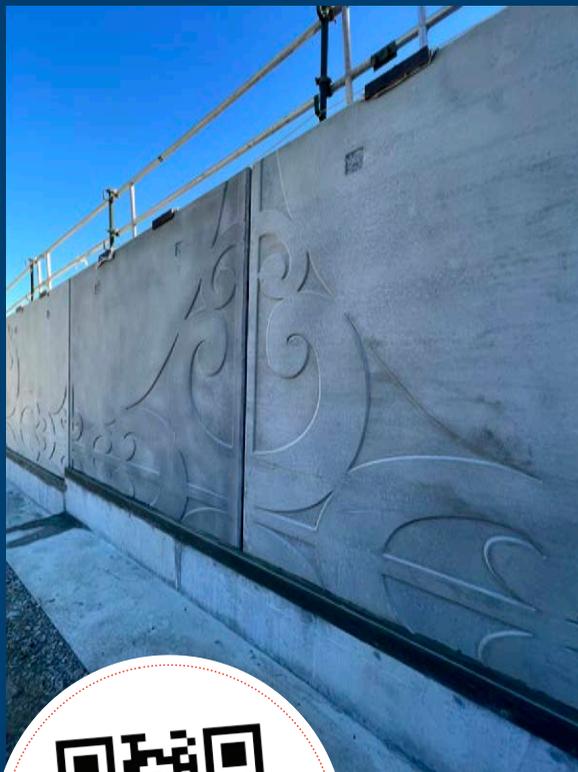
Rees Street

As Scuttlebutt went to print, we were set to meet with Rees Street business owners to talk through the construction programme. The upgrade is set to start in March.

Brecon Street

There are a number of active work sites along Brecon Street as crews continue to upgrade underground services and rebuild the road and wide footpaths. There's also a challenging piece of work underway on Lower Brecon Street (Shotover Street to the stairs) to upgrade the underground services and intersection.

A large retaining wall - 'Te Taumata o Hākitekura' - has been constructed near the boundary between Brecon Street and the Queenstown Cemetery. The retaining wall references Ahi Kā (ancestral connection and ongoing identity) and the narrative of Hākitekura - relating to Te Taumata o Hākitekura (the resting place of Hākitekura) - the original name for Ben Lomond.



Sign up for Huanui Pānui

A monthly update on the whole programme of work being delivered by Kā Huanui a Tāhuna.

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. Full details of the programme can be found at www.qldc.govt.nz/ka-huanui-a-tahuna

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Relief and thanks after Emerald Bay fire

January's bush fire at Emerald Bay near Wānaka burned 280 hectares of land within a 7.1 km perimeter.

Thankfully no one was hurt but the fire devastated an important area of mature lowland forest including the popular rock climbing crags at Hospital Flat and part of Glendhu Station.

Council would like to thank everyone involved in containing the fire and preventing further damage, especially volunteer fire crews, helicopter operators, Department of Conservation staff, landowners and locals who dropped off food and drinks.

Whilst the cause of the fire was still under investigation as we went to print, it's an important reminder of how quickly fire can spread.

For everywhere else...

Check it's alright before you light

Head to www.checkitsalright.nz to find out if you're allowed to light a fire and the steps you can take to reduce the risk.

Our district has a high risk of fire with the following areas under a total fire ban (including fireworks) all year round:

Queenstown Red Zone
(Skyline through to Moke Lake)

Pig Island

Albert Town Recreation Reserve and Campground

Coronet Forest

Mt Iron

Pigeon Island

Ruby Island



Photo credit: Lucy Coyle, Fire and Emergency.

Do your bit on site to keep pipes flowing right!

Did you know that wood offcuts, polystyrene, site pegs and loose gravel or sand from construction sites can block pipes and cause harm to our environment.

It's important to manage your site properly to ensure construction material is not entering the stormwater or wastewater network and polluting our beautiful waterways.

DO YOUR BIT ON SITE BY:

keeping manholes covered and protecting stormwater grates;

ensuring rodding eyes and exposed pipes are covered to prevent material being blown or washed into them;

containing loose material so it's not blown around your site;

not washing concrete pads into open pipework.





Waste not, want not

We're proud to contribute to local waste reduction projects through our Waste Minimisation Community Fund. Here we profile a recent funding recipient, the Wānaka Community Workshop.



The Wānaka
Community
Workshop welcomes
everyone,
including dogs!

Applications
for the next round
of funding open in
March. Watch
this space!

The idea for the Wānaka Community Workshop was dreamed up by locals Ben Acland and Gwilym Griffith-Jones as a way to divert construction waste from landfill.

“I wanted to be part of a positive change, there’s so much unnecessary waste heading to our landfills. We had this idea for a community workshop, with a vision for a resilient, zero-waste Upper Clutha community,” said Ben.

Through the workshop they hope to connect the community with knowledge, resources, and each other to make, share, and repair items.

Ben said the workshop is open to everyone. “Participants can learn and share a range of skills, or simply drop in for a cup of tea and some companionship. We developed the Workshop as a community resource, where people can access the tools, materials and physical space necessary for building and repair projects without having to purchase or rent their own.”

The workshop partnered with local building company Dunlop Builders and other local businesses to receive regular collections and deliveries of diverted waste materials.

Recent projects that members have been involved in, include community produce stands for Wastebusters and the Wānaka Community Hub.

“Generally donated food for the Food Bank is dry goods. These stands are for excess fresh garden produce for people in need in our community. They were made by the MenShed from plywood, and old bicycle wheels, only the screws holding them together are bought new. Then they were painted by Kahu Youth Trust kids holiday program,” said Ben.

Another major project has been rodent traps. This is a collaboration with Wānaka Backyard Trapping and Cardrona Ski Field to put in a trap line on the Millennium trail from Waterfall Creek. The MenShed created the traps, built from waste plywood.

The Workshop also teamed up with Mons Royale at a bike event where participants were challenged to build their own bike stand from waste materials in just two hours, with support from Workshop volunteers. The bike stands and rat traps are available to purchase from their website.

Funding received from QLDC has helped the team buy dust extraction and power tools.

“It is really important to have safe modern machinery and high-quality dust extraction for the safety of the users and we are really grateful for the support of the QLDC Waste Minimisation Community Fund,” Ben said.

Check them out on Facebook

@wanakacommunityworkshop or

www.wanakacommunityworkshop.org.nz

Summer waterways round-up

Were you out on the water this summer? If so, our Waterways team would like to thank you for keeping each other safe over the peak season.

We increased our presence across the district to help ensure everyone was keeping to Maritime NZ rules and our own Navigation Safety Bylaw.

Our team was generally happy with the good level of compliance on the water but there were occasions when we needed to step in. Some individuals just needed reminding of the rules but there were others whose actions raised real safety concerns and we issued infringement notices in some cases.

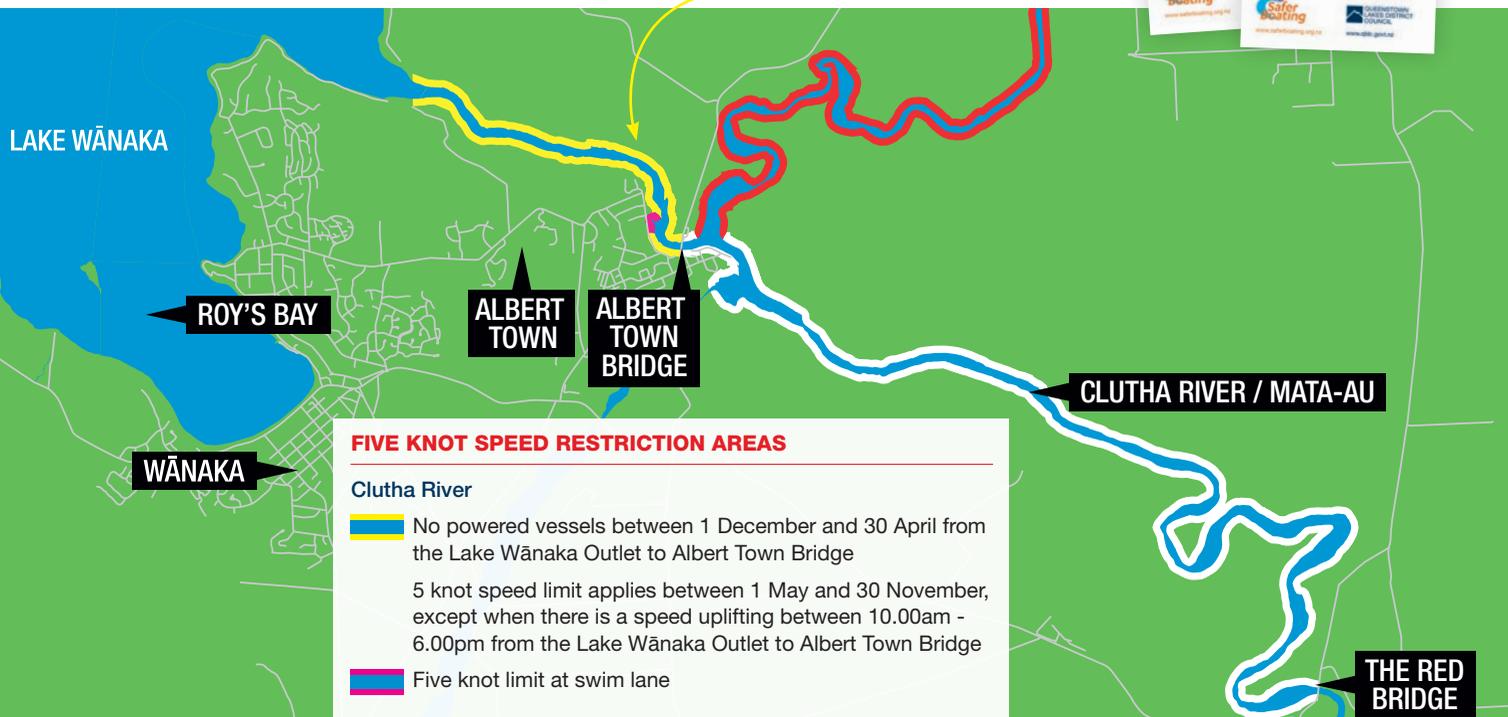
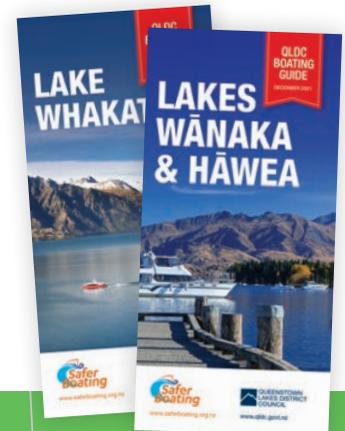
The area of most concern was speed: users (particularly jet skis) exceeding the 5 knot restriction within 200m of the shore or within 50m of other vessels, and people using unpowered craft such as paddle boards without a lifejacket.

Lifejackets are a must on paddle boards and when floating down rivers on non-motorised craft like inflatable devices. The upper reaches of the Clutha River / Mata-Au is an especially popular spot for this.

It was great to see most 'floaters' wearing lifejackets, and anyone not doing so was required to walk back on the track beside the river. Much less fun!

Another important reminder that the only powered vessels allowed to use the stretch of the Clutha between the Outlet and Albert Town Bridge between 1 December and 30 April are Waterways Officers on patrol and commercial operators who have consent to operate in the area.

We produced handy new Boating Guides for lakes Whakatipu, Wānaka and Hāwea this summer. Drop by our offices for a hard copy or find them online at www.qldc.govt.nz/lakes-and-boating.





Our global community

The Lakes District Multicultural Council and Migrant Hub held an International New Year Celebration in January at Arrowtown Community Centre. The event was an awesome celebration of our varied and vibrant migrant community.

HERE ARE A FEW MORE THINGS TO REMEMBER AS YOU ENJOY THE REST OF THE SEASON:

Make sure you're not exceeding 5 knots within 200 metres of the shore; this includes when you're in a ski lane and not towing a skier.

You must slow down to 5 knots in all areas, including a ski lane, if you come within 50 metres of any person in the water, structure or other vessel.

Wear a lifejacket on all vessels 6m and under (including paddle boards); if you're not sure, put one on anyway!

In an emergency call 111; the Police will work with key agencies including Coastguard to co-ordinate a response.

For non-emergency assistance call Coastguard on *500; for example if your vessel breaks down and you need a tow.

If you observe a breach of the rules and wish to lodge a complaint, call the QLDC Waterways Regulatory Services team on 03 441 0499.

For more tips for staying safe on the water visit www.boatiesbestmate.nz

Thanks again from the Council Waterways team!

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Climate change: acting locally

We're about to open public feedback on the Queenstown Lakes District's 2022-2025 Climate and Biodiversity Action Plan. This is our second plan after Councillors declared a climate and ecological emergency in 2019. We sat down with QLDC's Risk and Resilience Manager Bill Nicoll and Climate Action Programme Manager Katherine Durman for a chat about what's been achieved since then and the work laid out in the new plan.

Can you tell us a bit about the 2022-2025 Climate and Biodiversity Action Plan?



KATHERINE: This plan sets out how we're going to respond to climate change in our district, and ranges from improving public transport to building food resilience.

While Council is leading its development, we see it as belonging to the whole district, and it wouldn't be possible without input from community groups, mana whenua, climate experts, local businesses and conservation groups.



BILL: This second plan has a stronger focus on biodiversity which reflects how climate change is impacting our natural environment, including birdlife. We need to focus on protecting and regenerating our local ecosystems.

What are some achievements from the first plan?



BILL: There has been significant work to map out our options for future emissions reduction and to understand the impacts of various risks we might face. We have major risk reduction projects underway in Glenorchy, Gorge Road and Mt Iron aimed at building more resilient, well-prepared communities. These projects involve collaboration between Otago Regional Council, Emergency Management Otago, Fire and Emergency NZ and local communities.



KATHERINE: We established a Climate Reference Group made up of climate experts and community leaders. They've been crucial to our work, acting as an incredible sounding board and helping steer our work.

Climate change can feel overwhelming, particularly in the midst of a pandemic...



KATHERINE: It's easy to be overwhelmed by the amount of information out there. The word 'emergency' can be difficult for some people to associate with climate change, given that it has been occurring for decades and the most severe impacts are yet to be seen. But a climate emergency is upon us and we all have a responsibility to act.

Making choices that benefit the planet often also benefit our pockets and our wellbeing, like swapping shorter car trips for walking or cycling. The actions that people choose to take will vary, but we encourage everyone to play their part no matter how large or small.

Public consultation on the Climate and Biodiversity Action Plan runs from 18 March - 18 April. Head to www.letstalk.qldc.govt.nz to provide your feedback.

Tell us something that you've done to change your behaviour.



BILL: I'm riding the bus whenever I can and cultivating a growing compost pile for all our household organics. I also have a well-stocked emergency kit and a rainwater collection tank.



KATHERINE: One of the simplest but most impactful things you can do as an individual is swap to a bank or KiwiSaver that invests ethically. I recently found out my bank invests in fossil fuels and swapped to another bank – it was really easy!

Reducing meat and dairy consumption is also a great choice. This doesn't have to mean going 100% vegan! Check out Meat Free Mondays www.meatfreemondays.com.



What climate impacts can we expect in our district?

We're fortunate that we don't have to deal with sea level rise and coastal communities, but that's not to say there won't be other impacts to our environment and way of life.

We're likely to see more extreme rainfall, and the risk of landslides, flooding and wildfire will all increase. Rain that would previously have fallen as snow will fall more often as rain and spring snowmelt may occur earlier in the season.

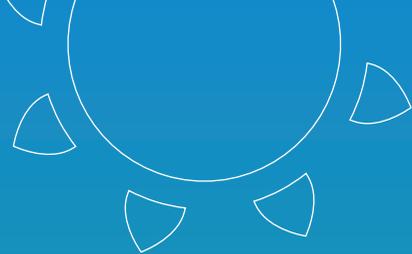
We'll also see changes to our native flora and fauna, as well as pest and crop diseases, and what crops can be grown. Rising temperatures may extend the breeding

season of predators like possums which will in turn threaten our native birds.

By 2100, on average, there will be up to 60 more 'summer days' (when temperatures reaching above 25°C) each year. Winter's highest daily maximum temperatures will increase by 5-7°C depending on location. We're likely to see more stress from heatwaves impacting plant, animal and human health.

As climate change affects other regions we may see inward migration into our district. New Zealand could be seen as a life raft by many global citizens, so we may also see an increase in migration to our country and our district.

Source: These predictions are from a report by Bodeker Scientific for QLDC. The full report is available on our website. www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/our-vision-mission/climate-action-plan



SUMMERDAZE

WATERFRONT GAMES & POP-UP LIBRARY



Coming to a green space near you...



A series of Summerdaze events are being rolled out to parks and lakesides across the district throughout February-April. You'll find our event trailer packed with games and activities free for you to play with, along with our pop-up library ready for you to explore.

Head to www.qldc.govt.nz/summerdaze for details.



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Support for small business owners

Are you a small or medium-sized business owner struggling with the impacts of the pandemic?

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The Take Stock programme offers three counselling sessions for local business owners, with heaps of practical advice to support your wellbeing.

It's completely free and confidential.

Business owners will have access to different counselling options, whether that be phone-based, digitally via live chat, or face-to-face.

The programme is delivered by the Southern Lakes Business Response Group in partnership with Benestar.

Call **0800 360 364** and ask for Take Stock or email counsellingsupportnz@benestar.com and quote the 'Take stock' programme.



Private water schemes

A new policy dealing with the acquisition and vesting of private three waters schemes was adopted at December's Full Council meeting.

This allows for private assets to continue to be vested with Council (in line with the policy) before any potential changes under the new national water services regulator, Taumata Arowai. To read the policy head to www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/council-documents/policies

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This year is an election year for local government. That means you get to vote on who you would like to represent you in our district. It's an opportunity to vote for people that represent your views, whether that's on climate change, infrastructure, the local economy, public transport, or something else entirely.

You will have the opportunity to vote in our Council's new wards (Queenstown-Whakatipu, Arrowtown-Kawarau and Wānaka-Upper Clutha) and for the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board (if you live in Upper Clutha), as well as Otago Regional Council.

You will receive voting papers in the mail in September for you to return by 8 October. You can either post them back or deliver them to a Council office in Queenstown or Wānaka.

The important thing to remember is you must enrol to vote.

DESCRIPTION OF NEW WARDS IN OUR DISTRICT

Queenstown-Whakatipu Ward	Primarily to the west of the Kīmiākau Shotover River, this ward encompasses Jacks Point, Hanley's Farm, Kingston, Frankton, Quail Rise, Kelvin Peninsula, Glenorchy, central Queenstown and Fernhill.
Arrowtown-Kawarau Ward	Largely following the line of the Kīmiākau Shotover River and covering the area to the east, with the external boundary to the north and east meeting the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Ward at the top of the Crown Range. The communities within this proposed ward would be Arrowtown, Gibbston Valley, Shotover Country, Lake Hayes Estate, Dalefield and Arthurs Point.
Wānaka-Upper Clutha Ward	From the top of the Crown Range and all of the Upper Clutha Area including Hāwea up to just beyond Makarora and including part of the Matukituki Valley in Mt Aspiring National Park.

WHO CAN VOTE?

You're eligible to enrol and vote if you are:

18 years or older, **and**

a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, **and**

you've lived in Aotearoa New Zealand continuously for 12 months or more at some time in your life.

HOW DO I ENROL?

To enrol, check or update your enrolment details, go to www.vote.nz. Freephone **0800 36 76 56** or free text 3676 to get a form sent to you in the mail.

DO YOU LIVE IN ONE AREA AND PAY RATES ON A PROPERTY IN ANOTHER AREA OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND?

You may qualify to vote in both areas at the local authority elections in October 2022. Between 2 March and 30 April existing ratepayer electors (who own property in the district but reside permanently elsewhere in Aotearoa New Zealand) will receive their re-enrolment forms. These must be filled in and returned in order to vote.

IMPORTANT DATES 2022

15 July	Candidate nominations open
12 August	Candidate nominations close
16 - 21 September	Voting papers delivered
8 October	Voting closes midday
8 October	From 12 noon, preliminary results
13-19 October	Declaration of results

CAN I STAND FOR ELECTION?

Yes! If you are a New Zealand citizen and enrolled to vote. You do not need any formal qualifications. Elected members come from all walks of life and generally have a desire to serve their community. This is your chance to champion issues you're passionate about and help create the future you want to see for our district. Candidates standing for QLDC must be nominated by two people from the ward they are standing in.

Find out more at www.vote.nz and www.elections.nz

Writers set to rip up the script

Great Southern Television and Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) are pleased to announce the five recipients of the first ever Tāhuna Writers Residency.

The screenwriters' residency was created last year as a partnership between Great Southern Television and QLDC's film office, Film Queenstown Lakes and is supported by the New Zealand Film Commission and NZ On Air.

Danny Aumua, Malinna Liang, Tom Augustine, Isla Macleod and Todd Karehana (Ngāi Te Rangī, Ngāi Tamaoki, Ngāti Tarawhai, Ngāti Ruapani ki Waikaremoana) were selected from more than 150 applicants from across the country for a hosted programme of workshops, mentoring, writing and pitching to be based in Queenstown in March and April.

Film Queenstown Lakes Coordinator Kahli Scott said the aim of the residency was to generate home-grown stories leading to more productions filming in the district.

"Film and TV production has a key role to play in diversifying our economy, generating jobs and business, developing local skills, and enriching our communities. We're looking forward to seeing how the writers are inspired by being here and rise to the challenge."



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Don't say 'no' to this mid-morning offer!

The Tell Me Yes mid-morning bootcamp at Queenstown Events Centre is perfect for mums and anyone unable to get to the early morning version!

It starts at 9.15am to get the heart pumping and set you up for success for the rest of the day.

Bootcamps are a great way to meet other people, workout together and get fit as one group. It's a bonding experience not rivalled by other programmes as you all go through the same exhausting workout each week.

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AQUABOARD CLASSES A HIIT!

AquaBoards classes are instructor-led, full-body workouts that use the gentle movement of pool water combined with high-intensity interval training (HIIT) and yoga-inspired exercises to challenge you.

Instructor Carolina Ramirez says it's a great way to improve your balance and a unique way to workout.

"Variety is the spice of life and your workout is no exception. Our AquaBoards classes will get you working your core and improving your balance as you stand on water."

"Once you get on the boards and try these workouts you won't look back! They're challenging, fun and a great way to keep warm as we start heading towards cooler temperatures."

AquaBoards run at Wānaka Recreation Centre on Monday nights from 7.15-8.00pm.

Alpine Aqualand has two versions on offer. AquaBoards Balance is a low-impact, moderate-intensity class combining poses and body weight exercises. It's delivered on Wednesday mornings from 11.15am-12.00pm. While AquaBoard HIIT is a high-intensity workout that will build strength and get the heart pumping. HIIT runs on Tuesday evenings from 6.45-7.30pm.

Call **03 450 9005** to book an Alpine Aqualand session or **03 443 9334** to book your spot at Wānaka Recreation Centre!



For every bear that ever there was...

Cuddly toys of all shapes and sizes brought their owners along to our annual Teddy Bears Picnics in January. There were heaps of fun activities including storytelling, face painting and games based at Queenstown Events Centre and Wānaka Recreation Centre (pictured).



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From the chambers

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MEETINGS UNDER RED

As we are currently within the 'red' setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework there are a number of risks and restrictions we need to grapple with when it comes to public gatherings. For this reason we've made the difficult decision to conduct all publicly-notified Council and committee meetings (except consent hearings) virtually. These will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and website.

You can still take part by either registering for the public forum via the online form or contacting the governance team (governance@qldc.govt.nz). It does make it easier to speak at a meeting if you have a home computer, but speaking via telephone (including a land line) is also OK.

If you miss a meeting or want to watch it again, recordings of each meeting are saved under their relevant date and type on our website and, if you need any help, don't hesitate to contact one of our friendly governance team.

BEING A VOICE FOR THE DISTRICT

One of the key functions for local councils across Aotearoa New Zealand is to be an advocate for their local communities and QLDC works as a constant voice for the district by making submissions to numerous government plans, policies and bills. The breadth of comment was evident in a recent report to Council which presented submissions for approval on issues ranging from the Emissions Reduction Plan to the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Bill and from the New Zealand Waste Strategy to the Productivity Commission's Immigration Inquiry. Michelle Morss (Strategy and Development Manager, Corporate Services) says this is an important part of the corporate team's work because "It ensures that QLDC – and by implication the wider community – is providing its view on these important national policies and in particular, how they affect the local community, its make-up and its particular needs."

NEW LUGGATE MEMORIAL CENTRE

Anyone who's been involved in a building project lately will know that supply timeframes and costs have been challenged hugely by COVID-19. Council isn't immune to this and the expected finish date for Luggate's new community centre has been delayed to late July with a grand opening planned for August 2022. Council also recently approved a reallocation of funding to this project of \$702,000 because of having to manage naturally contaminated soil, a different window supplier and overall COVID-related delays. However, it will all be worth it and we're still on track to have New Zealand's first Passive House certified community facility. And what's a 'passive house' again? It's a new approach to construction that produces buildings that deliver on all aspects of occupant well-being while consuming very little energy. We can't wait to welcome the community into this brand new building in a few short months!

NEW LIFE AT GLENORCHY CEMETERY

A new initiative from the Glenorchy Community Association (GCA) to establish a community garden and nursery on the corner of the Glenorchy Cemetery was approved at a recent Council meeting. The GCA had the idea of establishing the garden as a way of diversifying the local economy and for growing plants for community projects in Glenorchy. The Council has granted a licence to use reserve land on the corner of the cemetery where there is a water supply and the ability to create vehicle access. The licence is for five years which is the maximum permissible under the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 and it's hoped that the opportunity to get plants in during the late summer season will get the new garden off to a great start.

And...cut (your waste)!

Film Queenstown Lakes, Council's in-house film office and part of our economic development unit, is launching a new directory to help local film productions reduce their waste.

Film Office Coordinator Kahli Scott said the industry is working to become more sustainable both globally and nationally. Minimising waste is a key part of that, and the new directory offers a local resource to encourage and enable productions to do just that.

"Productions that film here primarily do so on location, and their shoots may involve items such as clothing, car parts, electronics and building materials that are only needed temporarily. When the productions pack up and leave, they need ways to manage the waste they have on set responsibly, or minimise the amount of waste they generate in the first place. This directory gives them a list of local services that can help," she said.

"We're proud that our district has the third largest film production hub in the country, and that the industry plays important role in our district's economy, community, and global reputation. We know our district is passionate about reducing waste, and we want to share that knowledge with visiting and local film productions. We see this directory as a first step in working towards a more sustainable industry in a broader sense and it could be something that other regions adopt across the country."

This directory, which will be available from our website, has been created by Film Queenstown Lakes and Council's Waste Minimisation team together with representatives from the local film industry.



Pedalling waste away

Have you seen these new eBikes out and about in Wānaka and Queenstown? Pedal-pushing bin guardians have been busy over summer protecting our lakefronts and towns by keeping the public bins tidy and minimising litter.

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GLASS RECYCLING AUDIT HIGHLIGHTS CLEAR PROGRESS



Local residents and businesses are doing an awesome job of glass recycling!

Findings from a recent audit undertaken by Council and funded by the Glass Packaging Forum (GPF), have found glass collected locally for recycling is of high quality with a contamination rate of just 0.35%.



IF IN DOUBT
LEAVE IT OUT

CLEAN GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS ONLY

No lids, drinking glasses, heatproof glass (like Pyrex) or window glass.

QLDC Waste Minimisation Project Officer Kath Buttar said glass bottles and jars collected in our district are sent to Auckland to be recycled into new containers right here in Aotearoa New Zealand.

“Glass which is too highly contaminated can’t be recycled so it’s important we keep monitoring what we collect and encourage the community to continue recycling with care,” she said.

“The audit has enabled us to collect comprehensive data on the quality of all incoming glass and find out more about the type and level of contamination so we could take steps to address it. The majority of contamination

found was general rubbish and non-recyclable glass like wine or drinking glasses ending up in the blue bin, but other recyclables, such as plastic and cans which should go into the yellow bin, and ceramics were also identified,” she said.

“We now have an improved understanding of areas we need to focus on, such as ongoing operational and educational initiatives, to help keep our glass of good quality.”

More tips and advice on recycling can be found on the QLDC website here:
www.qldc.govt.nz/how-we-recycle

Let's talk about... everything!



We're gearing up for a busy year and want to hear from you on lots of important issues and opportunities right across the district.

If you have views on how local infrastructure affects our environment and climate, or how the rates you pay are invested in local services and facilities, then let's talk!

Don't miss the opportunity to have your say. Join heaps of other locals signing up to get involved – head to letstalk.qldc.govt.nz and register today!

WHAT'S COMING UP IN MARCH AND APRIL?

ANNUAL PLAN 2022-2023

The budget and work plan for the year

CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

How we'll guide local action to help our district adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change

DISTRICT PLAN LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENTS

Ensuring we're protecting valued landscapes across the district – pre consultation to inform a district plan change

LADIES MILE PLANNING RULES

Formal consultation on district plan rules to give effect to the Ladies Mile Masterplan

THERE'S LOTS OF OTHER TOPICS COMING UP THIS YEAR TOO. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR:

DISTRICT-WIDE PARKING STRATEGY AND COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLANS

PROJECT MANAWA

ALCOHOL BYLAWS

KIMIĀKAU RESOURCE RECOVERY HUB

TRANSPORT PLANNING IN WĀNAKA AND QUEENSTOWN

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Lake Wānaka Centre
Alpine Aqualand
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Wānaka Pool
Indoor Courts
Phone: 03 443 9334

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Frankton Industrial Area
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Upper Clutha: Cnr of Ballantyne
& Riverbank Roads
Phone: 03 348 6125

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In an emergency on the water always **call 111**

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