

Item 2: Queenstown Lakes Central Otago Spaces & Places (facilities) Strategy

SESSION TYPE: Workshop

PURPOSE/DESIRED OUTCOME:

The purpose of the workshop is to present and discuss the Draft 2020 Queenstown Lakes-Central Otago Sub-Regional Sport & Recreation Facilities Strategy (now titled QLDC/CODC Spaces and Places Strategy).

DATE/START TIME:

Tuesday, 21 July 2026 at 11.00 am

TIME BREAKDOWN:

Presentation: 15 minutes
Debate/Discussion: 15 minutes

PRESENTERS:

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ATTACHMENTS:

A	QLDC/CODC Spaces and Places PowerPoint Presentation July 2026
B	Queenstown Lakes-Central Otago Sub-Regional Sport & Recreation Facility Strategy 2020 (circulated separately)



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July 2026

Timeline



Intent, Purpose & Scope



- Review and replace 2020 QLCo sub-regional strategy
- Written to align with Coastal Otago Spaces and Places Strategy (2023) – intent to combine into regional strategy in future
- High-level strategic framework to guide councils, funders and community organisations (future decisions and priorities)
- Intended to work alongside existing policies and strategies of each council
- Spaces and Places in scope: aquatic, indoor, outdoor and other (specialised)

Stakeholder Engagement Undertaken

- Direct engagement with council staff through the Project Steering Group (PSG) and operational staff discussions
- Online discussion with the Otago Regional Spaces and Places Steering Group,
- Online community stakeholder survey – open 21 January to 13 February (52 responses)
- 4 stakeholder workshops held in Alexandra, Cromwell, Wānaka and Queenstown during March (attendance range 6 – 19 per workshop)

Community Aspirations for Network Improvements

- Increased natural **sports field capacity** with enhanced **lighting**
- Significantly expanded **indoor multi-sport capacity**
- **Improved amenity facilities** - especially toilets, change rooms, lighting and sports storage
- **Future-proofed, long-term strategic network planning**
- **Better policy frameworks** – e.g. land acquisition and quality, funding
- Improved accessibility, inclusion and equity across codes
- Enhanced event hosting capability along with some support for high-performance athletes and training camp hosting.



Planning Principles

(refined version of Coastal Otago including consideration of Sport NZ Framework)

- Te Tiriti o Waitangi Informed Approach
- Meeting an Identified Need
- Seeking best value for money (economically viable)
- Environmental sustainability
- Partnering and collaboration
- Co-location and Integration
- Future proofing - adaptability
- Inclusive and Accessible
- Reflective of the Community / Sub-Region
- Activation
- Social Interaction

Overview of Recommendations

- 2 Categories of Sub-regional Recommendations:
 - Operational and Policy Recommendations
 - Spaces and Places Planning & Development Recommendations
- District Recommendations for each area QLDC and CODC
- Recommendations subject to PSG final review (14 July PSG)
- 10 Sub-regional Operational and Policy Recommendations
 - Leadership spread between Sport Otago, Otago Region Spaces and Places Steering Group, QLDC, CODC, and Asset Owners
 - Support for actions from others including Sport NZ, MOE/Schools, Community Organisations, Funders
- 23 Sub-regional Spaces and Places Planning & Development Recommendations
 - More of these have community organisations involved in leadership (often with Sport Otago or TAs)

Examples - Operational & Policy Recommendations

Timeframes:	Short (1-3 years)	Ongoing
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- Otago Region Spaces and Places Steering Group key roles:
 - Annual monitoring of implementation
 - Amalgamation of strategy with Coastal Otago
 - Working with tangata whenua (increase involvement)
 - Next review cycle aligned with 2030 LTP
- Examples of Sport Otago led recommendations:
 - Educational approach for strategy implementation – awareness building with community
 - Support for community volunteers – sharing good practice, tools and guidance (including support to migrant communities to work with system)
 - Advocating for - collaboration / hubs; travel support
 - Sub-regional forums
- Examples of QLDC, CODC led recommendations:
 - Cross-boundary sub-regional policy frameworks (investment, DCs and land quality standards, alternative funding sources)
 - MOE / school planning

Examples – Spaces & Places Planning & Development Recommendations

Timeframes:	Short (1-3 years)	Medium (4-6 yrs)	Long (7+)	Ongoing
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- Examples of Ongoing or Short/Ongoing include:
 - Strategic land acquisition in growth areas
 - Improving provision of quality support amenities (existing sites)
 - Implement opportunities to improve flood light quality, provision
 - Opportunities to provide easily accessible, local low-cost / no-cost opportunities
 - School partnerships – including Cromwell College re sprint track potential
- Examples of Short Term include:
 - Independent Feasibility / BC – investigate Lakes Sports Trust proposal
 - Football sub-regional allocation plan for football activities (including use of hubs)
 - Golf network plan (including direction re Frankton)

Spaces & Places Examples Continued

- Cromwell Racecourse Reserve sub-regional hub - planning (short), implementation (medium)
- Examples of Medium Term include:
 - Prioritised list of physical accessibility enhancements (with relevant stakeholders)
 - Monitor Gymsports membership & use of facilities – future stability
 - Rugby Club room priority upgrades plan
 - Monitor membership / MTB trail use to identify pressure points
 - Bowls future sustainability of club network (with aligned sports)
- Examples of Long Term include:
 - Athletics all-weather track needs assessment
 - Ice sports 2nd ice sheet needs assessment

Examples of District Level Recommendations

Both TAs to do but separate projects

- District Level Aquatic Network Plans - due to oversupply and water type imbalance & future shortfall by 2040 (QLDC)
- Indoor Court provision / expansion projects e.g. QEC, WRC, Cromwell

Central Otago – other examples

- Alexandra – court requirements investigation: Molyneaux Stadium role (fit for purpose?), other indoor, outdoor and covered
- Reserve & Club Upgrades – Omakau, Maniatoto and Cromwell Sports Club (Anderson Park), Football lighting (Alexandra Club)
- Ice in line – energy efficiency, quality (toilets) and safety enhancements

Queenstown Lakes – other examples

- Relocation option Queenstown Squash Club
- Creation of major multi-use sports field hub (Wānaka)
- MOE / Community hub potential – Eastern Corridor
- Masterplans for Hawea Domain, WRC/ 3 Parks, Jack Tewa, Pembroke

Next Steps

- Finalising Draft Strategy July – August 2026
- Strategy adoption by the Community and Environment Committee 8 September 2026