

Minutes of a Community & Environment Committee Workshop

Thursday 28 May 2026 at 11.30am
Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown

Membership:	Councillor Matt Wong	Councillor Gavin Bartlett
	Councillor Jon Mitchell (online)	Councillor Melissa White
Apologies:	Councillor Cody Tucker	
In attendance:	Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk	Councillor Stephen Brent
	Ken Bailey	Marie Day
	Tarsy Koentges	Ruth Heath (Te Atamira)
	Jane Peasey (Lakes District Museum)	Olivia Egerton (Lake Wānaka Arts and Culture Trust)
	Samantha Kirk (Three Lakes Cultural Trust)	Sam Nelson (Te Atamira)
	Ann Lockhart (Three Lakes Cultural Trust)	Ant Howard (online)
	Kat Banyard	Ruby Mills
	Paul Speedy (online)	Tessa Payze (online)
Media:	No members of the media in attendance.	
Public:	No members of the public in attendance.	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><u>Creativity and Culture Sector Update</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to provide a briefing to the Community & Environment Committee on the implementation of Te Muka Toi, Te Muka Tākata The Creativity, Culture and Heritage Strategy (the Strategy) for the Queenstown Lakes District. This presentation was delivered by Council officers in collaboration with key community partners and creative sector stakeholders from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Lakes Cultural Trust • Te Atamira • Lakes District Museum and Gallery • Lake Wānaka Arts and Culture Trust <p>Presenters spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A) and provided the Committee with updates on progress implementing the</p>	None.

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	<p>Strategy, including key initiatives and developments across the district's creative, cultural, and heritage sectors.</p> <p>Key points of discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The strategy is transitioning from planning to delivery, providing a framework to guide investment and strengthen community connection in a growing district. • There is a shift toward a proactive, place-based approach to heritage that enhances visibility and tells richer local stories. • Arts and culture are seen as vital for fostering inclusion, belonging, and wellbeing, with a strong focus on representing diverse communities. • A range of initiatives are supporting creative development, including education programmes, career pathways, and sector-wide engagement opportunities. • The creative sector makes a significant contribution to the local economy and supports the district's identity as a leading creative destination. • Planned cultural facilities are intended to enhance creative opportunities, support community wellbeing, and meet future growth needs. • Arts, culture, and creative industries deliver broad economic benefits across the district. • Upcoming reporting will provide district-wide data and insights to inform future investment decisions and support councillors in their governance role. • While the sector faces operational challenges, there are strong opportunities for collaboration and wider community engagement. <p>Attachments: <i>Attachment A: Presentation Slides – Creativity and Culture Sector Update</i></p>	

The workshop concluded at 12.48pm.