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AND WASTEWATER
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Community halls looking good

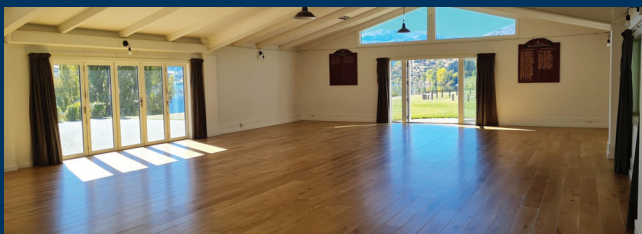
Last year, a grant from the government's Provincial Development Unit meant we were able to spruce up some of the community halls around the district.

LAKE WĀNAKA CENTRE: Repainted building exterior with a few interior touch ups. Also provided new water boilers for meeting rooms.

QUEENSTOWN MEMORIAL CENTRE: Exterior repaint and re-stain of the main hall floorboards. All lights upgraded to LEDs, new vinyl flooring in kitchen and bar areas, and new curtains on the main stage and in the supper room.

ATHENAEUM HALL: Exterior and interior repaint. New soundproof folding door between the hall and supper room, new vinyl flooring in kitchen area and bathrooms, all lights upgraded to LEDs. New air-conditioning unit in meeting room and new curtains on the main stage.

LAKE HAYES PAVILION: Exterior and interior repaint. Single glazed windows and folding doors replaced by double glazed ones. Floating floor in main hall replaced by timber floorboards, lights in main hall replaced and a full heating system upgrade for the main hall.



A new timber floor has been installed at Lake Hayes Pavilion thanks to recent funding from the Provincial Growth Fund.

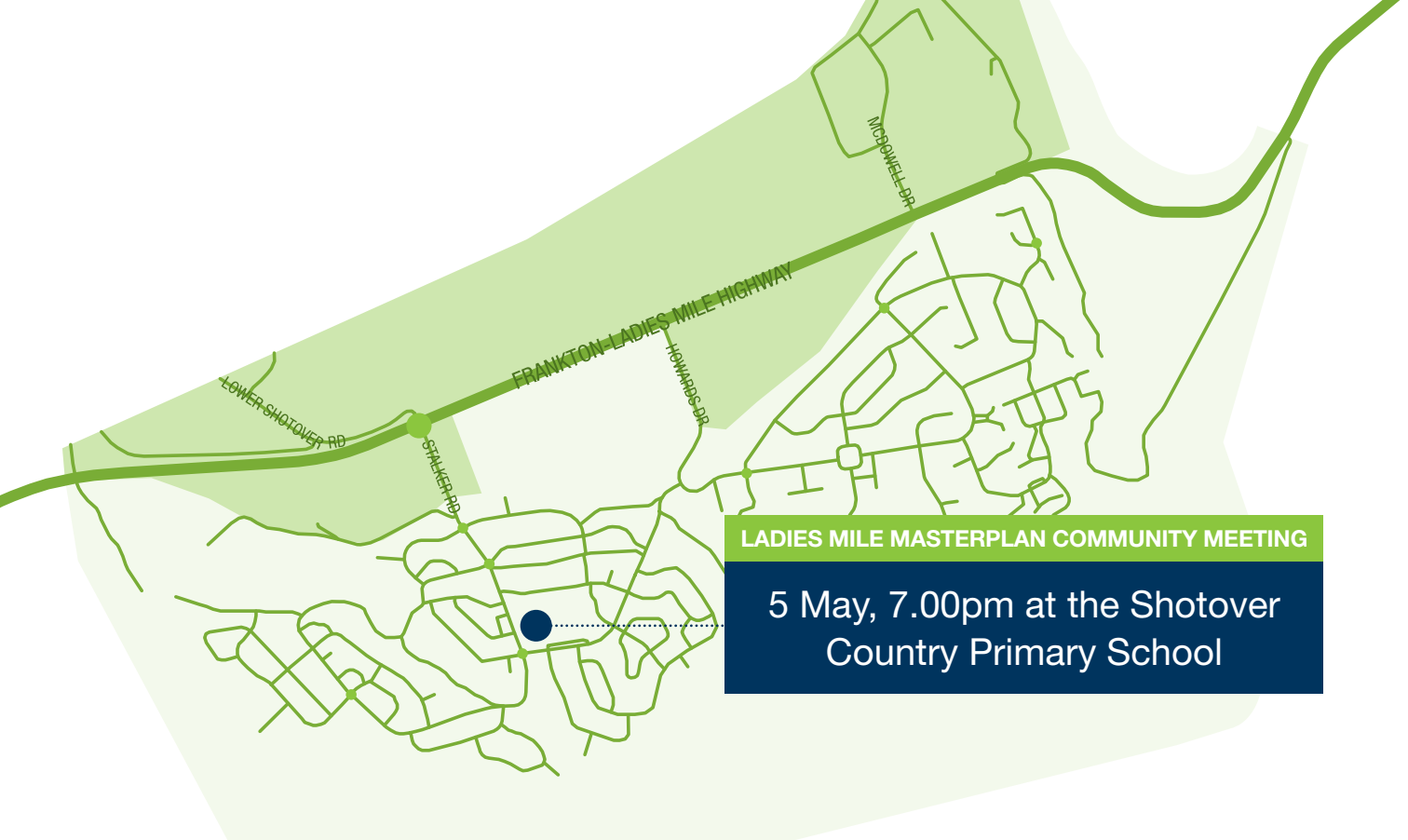
There's an election on the way

As a result of the resignation of Councillor John MacDonald, a by-election will take place to fill a vacant seat in the Queenstown-Wakatipu ward on the Queenstown Lakes District Council.

Ahead of election day on 11 June, now's a good time to either make sure you're enrolled to vote or to check if your voting details are correct. You can do both by visiting the Electoral Commission's website at vote.nz/enrolling/enrol-or-update/enrol-or-update-online/

Taking part in local elections is a key way to participate in shaping the future of our district, so get involved and make your voice heard. More information about the by-election, including a list of candidates, can be found at qldc.govt.nz/your-council/elections





LADIES MILE MASTERPLAN COMMUNITY MEETING
5 May, 7.00pm at the Shotover Country Primary School

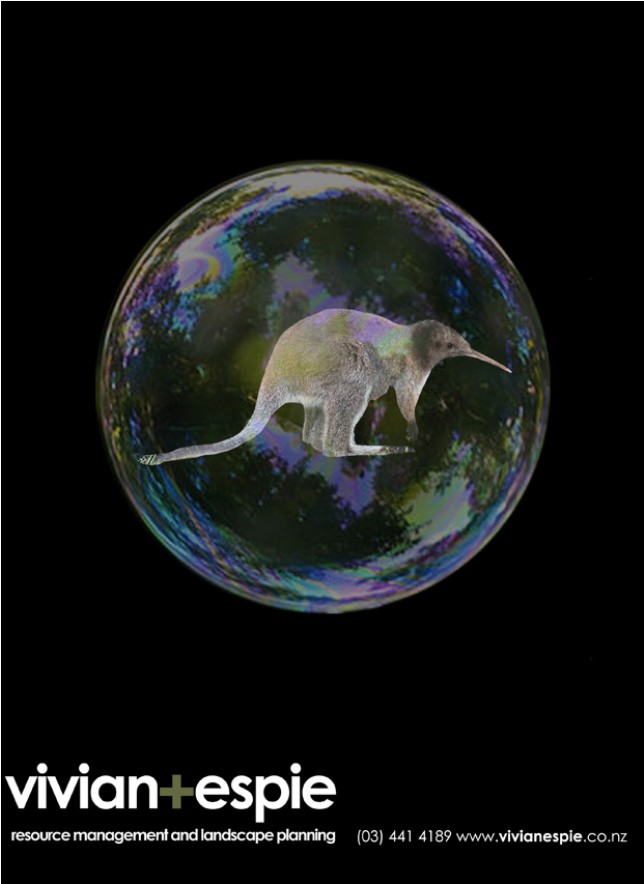
Ladies Mile Masterplan community meeting

On Thursday 29 April, Councillors will be asked to consider a draft Ladies Mile Masterplan and associated proposed planning rules, and to approve its release for community feedback.

If approved at this meeting, we'll be inviting feedback from 30 April - 28 May 2021. All details will be available for review at letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/ladies-mile-masterplan

As part of the feedback process we're planning a community info session where you can hear from the project team, ask questions and get informed before making your submission.

5 May, 7.00pm at the Shotover Country Primary School.





THE UPGRADED
ROTARY PARK
PLAYGROUND IN
WĀNAKA WILL BE
A DRAWCARD FOR
CHILDREN ACROSS
THE DISTRICT.

All go for Parks!

It's been a busy time for our Parks and Reserves team, with staff working on everything from garden designs to playground installations. Here are some highlights:

ROTARY PLAYGROUND UPGRADE: The Rotary Playground in Wānaka reopened on 26 March after a much-needed upgrade. It now features an impressive array of equipment to keep the kids occupied, including a swing set, spinning balance balls and balance steps, a trampoline and a concrete scooter track.

GLENORCHY TOILETS: Supported by funding from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF), the new Glenorchy toilets opened in late March. A drinking fountain and hand basin will also be installed this month.

FRANKTON BEACH UPGRADE: An additional barbeque and extra landscaping is planned for April and May. We'll keep you posted.

TENNIS COURT UPGRADES: The Sunshine Bay tennis courts have been upgraded and are now open. We're also working through design upgrades for courts in Glenorchy and Arrowtown.

WĀNAKA SKATE PARK: The stage two upgrade and stage three extensions are now complete and open to the public. A stormwater connection is being finalised and additional planting will take place on the site in autumn.

PETER FRASER PARK: Built with help from the TIF, the park's new toilet opened to the public on 26 March.

STRATEGIES AND PLANS: A draft Reserve Management Plan for Lake Hayes Estate, Shotover Country and Bridesdale (LHESCB) is now open for public submissions. Read more at letstalk.qldc.govt.nz. At the time of writing this, QLDC staff are also collating responses received for the draft Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2021 and the draft Hāwea Reserve Management plan.

Wānaka A&P Show 2021

Did you head along to the Wānaka A&P show? We did and loved every minute.

With around 45,000 people attending over the two days, it was a great opportunity to chat to our local community.

Katherine Durman, our climate action coordinator, chatted to people from all over the district about climate change and sustainability. We heard a lot of feedback and suggestions including simplifying your life by purchasing less, washing recycling, opting for reusable items and riding a bike or walking to work. Thanks to everyone who took the time to talk to us about this important topic! Read more about our progress on the Climate Action Plan on page eight.

Our Waste Minimisation Project Officer Kath Buttar, Ruth Blunt from Wastebusters and Dr. Compost shared their knowledge on reducing waste, recycling, composting and more. Many visitors took the recycling quiz to test their knowledge on the topic and we were stoked at how well-versed people are on what can and can't be recycled. Now to put all that knowledge into action to reduce contamination in the kerbside bins!

Tara McGivern and Jade Hill from our recovery team talked about the importance of mental health and wellbeing in the community and the 'Getting Through Together' initiative.

Our library book sale was a huge success and almost all of the books found a new home. Another popular stop for many was the Shake Trailer. Adults and kids alike could enter the trailer to experience an earthquake simulation and learn about what to do before, during and after an earthquake.

Your health and wellbeing is extremely important, and practising good health is critical to maintaining a positive headspace. If you're feeling stressed, anxious, or you're not coping, please consider using our resources for advice and guidance on maintaining your mental health and wellbeing at www.qldc.govt.nz/wellbeing.



We received lots of great feedback and suggestions for our next Climate Action Plan.

NEXT YEAR'S A&P SHOW WILL BE HELD ON 11-12 MARCH, HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Water Reform – change is coming



A major government reform of the ‘three waters’ (that’s drinking water, stormwater and wastewater) is underway and right now, we’re working through understanding the implications for our community.

We’re working closely with the government and can understand the reasons for looking at change. But we also think there are a lot of questions that need to be answered before we have full confidence that the changes being proposed are in the best interests of our ratepayers and residents.

Management of water services is an issue that affects every one of us, whether you’re on a public or private water supply, and we encourage you to get informed. Here we’ve provided a summary of where things are at and a few links for those of you who are keen to delve into more detail.

WHY IS REFORM UNDERWAY?

Every New Zealander expects that the water they drink will be safe and that wastewater and stormwater systems work effectively and protect the environment from harm. And rightly so.

At the moment, these services are mostly delivered by local councils, though there are a large number of private suppliers in many districts, including ours. However, councils around the country are facing a number of

challenges including large funding deficits, complying with safety standards and environmental expectations, building resilience to natural hazards and climate change into three waters networks, and supporting growth.

There are also increasing concerns about inconsistency in both the quality and safety of the water being consumed; the reform programme was triggered by the large scale infection in the Havelock North water supply in 2017.

The reforms are intended to address this along with other issues and opportunities that were highlighted by the government inquiry into the Havelock North incident, and in the government’s Three Waters Review.

WHAT’S BEING PROPOSED?

The proposal in simple terms is to reform local government’s three waters services into a small number of multi-regional entities with a bottom line of public ownership. The exact size, shape and design of these entities is still being considered.

All water suppliers that service more than a single household will now be regulated, and there will be greater penalties for breach of Drinking Water Standards. The review has also demonstrated the lack of investment in water infrastructure and consequently the cost of supplying and consuming water will rise, irrespective of who delivers the service. The government has signalled that wastewater (and possibly stormwater) infrastructure

REFORM TIMELINE

2017	2018	2019	2020
<p>2017: Government Inquiry into Havelock North incident.</p>	<p>2017-2019: Government’s Three Waters Review.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 2019 – MARCH 2021: Water Services Regulator Act passed in July 2020 establishing Taumata Arowai as a Crown Entity and to regulate drinking water in Aotearoa New Zealand from 1 March 2021.</p>	<p>MAY 2020: Three Waters Steering Committee established to oversee the Water Reform Programme.</p> <p>JULY 2020: Water Services Bill introduced containing details of a new regulatory system. The Bill had its first reading in December 2020 and is expected to be passed late 2021.</p> <p>JULY 2020: Government stimulus package announced to enable improvements to water service delivery, and progress reform in partnership. QLDC signs an MOU and voluntarily starts to participate.</p>

will also be delivered differently in the future, but that has yet to be considered.

In September 2019, the government agreed to create a new water services regulator to administer and enforce the new drinking water regulatory system, while contributing to improved environmental outcomes from wastewater and stormwater networks.

Taumata Arowai became a new crown entity in March 2021 and will become the dedicated water services regulator when the Water Services Bill passes (expected in the second half of 2021).

Over the next couple of months cabinet will make some more detailed decisions on the suite of reform proposals including how the new entities could work. Then between May and August the government will run a nationwide public information campaign. We'll be supporting this campaign by making sure the messages are widely shared locally to help you understand the proposals and implications of the changes ahead.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR DISTRICT

There are some early opportunities and potential benefits that could come from rationalising water services including:

- > cost and operational efficiencies, scale/size matters
- > upholding Treaty of Waitangi principles and Te Mana o Te Wai in a way that takes an all of system (ki uta, ki tai) approach
- > ensuring consistent service and quality levels for water across the district (and New Zealand)
- > providing essential water infrastructure to support growth in our district
- > creating opportunities for more innovation and new technologies in water services.

IMPLICATIONS

At this early stage we know the proposed changes will significantly change the way critical water infrastructure and services are delivered in our district. Currently the government is proposing that services will be amalgamated, unless individual councils opt out. The cost and legal ramifications of opting out have yet to be understood. In any event, the need to upgrade infrastructure, and build new infrastructure, means that costs will increase to consumers under any model.

HOW IS QLDC PARTICIPATING IN THE REFORMS?

In July 2020, the government announced a post COVID-19 stimulus package to maintain and improve water networks infrastructure, and to support a three-year programme of reform of local government water services delivery arrangements.

Following that, like many local authorities, QLDC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with central government in 2020 and is participating in the exploration of future service delivery options.

The Otago Southland Three Waters Office has been set up to represent our local communities through the government's water reforms and seek the best outcomes for our regions. We are already working together on a joint regional response and we'll be sharing more information later in the year when it becomes clearer what the changes will mean at a local level.

Regardless of the final service delivery model, the community will need access to clean drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services whether this Council delivers them or not. Therefore these activities are reflected in the QLDC financial strategy and infrastructure strategy and assumed as being Council-delivered within the draft 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan in line with current advice from the Department of Internal Affairs Te Tari Taiwhenua.



Climate Action Update

We've been making lots of 'Climate Action' progress over the last few months. Here are some highlights:

CLIMATE REFERENCE GROUP

The Climate Reference Group (CRG) is well established and providing excellent advice to QLDC. The role of the CRG is to support the delivery of the Climate Action Plan through identifying key challenges, evaluating best practices, identifying funding and agreeing priority action areas at each annual review. You may be aware of the Climate Change Commission's recently published advice. We have developed a submission on the advice alongside our CRG (experts and community leaders), considering the implications for our district. You can view the submission at www.qldc.govt.nz/climate-action-plan.

TRANSPORT

The Way to Go group recently completed the Frankton to Queenstown Town Centre Detailed Business Case which has now been endorsed by Council. The work has been subject to ongoing community engagement over a number of years and aims to make it easier for people and goods to travel between Frankton and Queenstown and in (and around) the Queenstown Town Centre.

The business case identifies three pillars - hard infrastructure, behaviour change and public transport services. The package includes work that will see positive outcomes for climate action such as encouraging people out of their cars and providing more sustainable transport choices and in the future, public transport electrification.

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

Climate change adaptation relates to how well we are prepared, and how resilient we are to the effects of climate change. It requires collaborative planning across a wide range of fields including risk management, natural hazard management, land-use planning, infrastructure planning, insurance management, community development and emergency management. QLDC is actively working on an Adaptation Plan that will chart a roadmap for resilience development across these areas of focus. This work is being guided by the National Climate Change Risk Assessment (prepared by Ministry for the Environment) and the recently released Otago Climate Change Risk Assessment (prepared by Otago Regional Council) and will be structured around internationally accredited frameworks for resilience development. Included within this body of work will be risk reduction projects that are focused

on specific critical climate change risks. An example of this is the wildfire risk reduction project which has been recently launched to support the Mt Iron community with their emergency preparedness and resilience planning. This project involves a partnership between QLDC, Fire and Emergency NZ, Emergency Management Otago, Department of Conservation, SCION (Crown Research Institute) and the Mt Iron community and will provide a template for future climate change risk reduction projects.

CLIMATE ACTION UPDATES

Did you know we have a Climate Action email newsletter? If you'd like to receive regular updates about what we're up to in the Climate Action space sign up at www.qldc.govt.nz/climate-action-plan.

Planting up a storm

Established in 2013, the Wakatipu Reforestation Trust (WRT) is on a mission to protect and restore the native biodiversity of the Wakatipu Basin.

This year, WRT celebrated the milestone of planting a staggering 50,000 native plants on QLDC and DOC public land around the Wakatipu Basin.

The Whitechapel Reserve, located on QLDC land on the Queenstown Bike Trail in Arrow Junction, showcases an outstanding example of biodiversity restoration. Once infested by broom and littered with mine tailings, it now supports a thriving grey shrubland ecosystem that

provides food and shelter for native birds and insects. Over 10,000 natives have been planted on the site.

WRT provides regular volunteering opportunities for the community through nursery potting sessions, community planting days and site maintenance activities, with approximately 20,000 volunteer hours logged to date. The positive impact of these volunteer efforts goes beyond the environmental benefits, providing an opportunity for community members to actively engage in being part of the solution to some of the most pressing issues of our time.

There are lots of ways to get involved if you're keen to support the work of the Wakatipu Reforestation trust. Head to wrtqt.org.nz/get-involved/ to find out more.

If you live in the Upper Clutha then check out Te Kākano's similar work at www.tekakano.org.nz



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Wastewater flows easily through the pipes when only human waste and toilet paper is flushed, and when only soapy water is put down the drain. You can take steps to help reduce wastewater overflows in our district, at home and your business.

SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN OUR WASTEWATER DOESN'T FLOW EASILY?

When blockages and breaks occur, the flow of wastewater is restricted. This can result in a buildup of pressure in our pipes and can cause wastewater to back up. Sometimes this wastewater back up results in an overflow into our environment, typically out of manholes or at our pump stations.

WHAT'S SAFE TO PUT DOWN THE SINK, OR TOILET?

Flushing anything other than pee, poo and paper can cause pipe blockages, so does putting fats and oils down the sink. If you're not sure, here's a simple checklist of what's safe to put down the sink or toilet:



WHAT IF I OWN A BUSINESS?

Blockages can also be caused when cafes and restaurants pour fats down the sink.

If you own a food business it's really important you look after your grease traps. You've all heard of the dreaded fatberg. This happens because inadequately cleaned grease traps let unwanted fat, oil and grease into wastewater mains causing blockages and wastewater overflows.

Help keep our environment clean and ensure you are servicing and cleaning grease traps at least every three months.

From 1 July 2021 the Integrated Three Waters Bylaw will come into force, bringing in new requirements to help protect our environment. We'll be communicating with affected local businesses directly in the coming months.

We all have a part to play to keep our wastewater infrastructure running smoothly. For more info head to www.qldc.govt.nz/services/water-services/wastewater/preventing-wastewater-overflows

Our Clued Up Kids

Over the course of four days in March and April, more than 370 kids from across the district built up their survival and safety skills in the inaugural Clued Up Kids programme.

The two events in Wānaka and Queenstown put the Year Six students through real-life situations, including earthquake simulators, smoke-out tunnel and practicing CPR.



A group of local students try out the 'shake trailer' giving them an idea of what a large earthquake could feel like.

QLDC's recovery team community lead Marie Day said Clued Up Kids was used throughout the world to build resilience and confidence in children.

"It was great to see our community agencies eager to get involved," Ms Day said.

"Kids were able to meet representatives from Civil Defence, FENZ, Police, Sport Otago, Coastguard, Sport Otago, local youth trusts, Search and Rescue and Animal Control. It was a fantastic way to teach children practical safety skills at an age when they're becoming more independent."

Thanks to all the kids and community agencies that took part!

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INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

2-8 MAY 2021

To celebrate International Compost Awareness Week, we're **GIVING AWAY** a Bokashi bucket to two lucky residents who are keen to give composting a try for the first time.

Just email letstalk@qldc.govt.nz and tell us how much a resident of the Queenstown Lakes District pays for a Bokashi Bucket when purchased from QLDC.

Entries close on 30 April 2021.

WHY COMPOST?

Our recent kerbside audit showed that organic waste made up 54.3% of the weight of all kerbside rubbish and was the largest single component of kerbside rubbish in wheelie bins.

This was made up of: 62% kitchen waste, 34% greenwaste and 4% other (vacuum cleaner dust, animal faeces, candles, fireplace ash, and human hair).

When this waste breaks down in landfill it produces methane, a harmful greenhouse gas. So instead of chucking out your organic waste, boost your soil and reduce your carbon footprint by composting with one of these systems:

HOT COMPOSTING

For this method, you'll need to stockpile enough carbon-rich and nitrogen-rich material to make a heap a metre high and a metre wide. Like a lasagna, alternate equal amounts of nitrogen (e.g. food scraps, plants) and carbon (e.g. cardboard, straw, dry leaves), watering each layer as you go. This system is great for bigger gardens.



COLD COMPOSTING

Just like hot composting, this requires equal amounts of carbon-rich and nitrogen-rich material and good sprinkle of water. The difference is the heap is built up over time when materials become available and takes longer to mature. This one works well if you're not in a hurry.

BOKASHI BUCKETS

Great for smaller spaces, holiday homes or if you just don't want to go out to the compost heap every day. Bokashi deals with all your cooked and raw food scraps by fermenting them in a Bokashi zing. When it's full, you'll need a garden to dig it into, or perhaps a friendly neighbour who is keen to dig it into their garden.

QLDC SUBSIDISED!
Local residents can get Bokashi buckets for half the normal retail price from Council offices. Bring proof of address.

WORM FARMS

Worms, glorious worms. You'll need to look after these little wrigglers to keep them happy. The population will grow to suit your needs and the amazing vermicast and worm tea they produce will provide valuable nutrients for your garden.

QLDC SUBSIDISED!
If you live in the district you can get cheaper worms to help reduce food waste. To purchase the worms get in touch with Central Wormworx on 03 445 0263.

DIG DEEPER

To dig deeper into these compost methods, check out Dr Compost's Garden Guides at wastebusters.co.nz/compost. We're proud to fund the Dr Compost home composting project which is delivered by Wastebusters to reduce organic waste in landfill. Get free advice from Dr Compost at events, workshops, via email (drcompost@wastebusters.co.nz) or on social media.



SHAREWASTE

If you want to compost but can't have a compost heap, you're in luck - there's an app to help with that.

Sharewaste connects people who want to recycle their kitchen scraps with their neighbours who compost, have a worm farm or keep chickens.

By bringing together hosts (who receive organic waste) with donors (who donate their organic waste) the app helps to keep kitchen scraps out of landfill.

It's free to join as a host or donor by signing up sharewaste.org.nz or downloading the app from your app store.



PARENT PORTAL PROVING POPULAR

QLDC Swim School's new online portal is proving a hit with parents since it was launched in February.

It allows customers to follow their children's progress against the different skills required at each level – from Rubber Duckies in the baby programme all the way through to advanced school-age Sharks.

As well as providing detailed feedback and specific areas for improvement, the system also sends a digital certificate straight to your inbox as kids pass each level.

Our Swim School is a gold quality provider as certified by the New Zealand Swim Teachers and Coaches Association (NZSCTA). All our instructors hold qualifications from Swimming New Zealand or AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING and attend regular in-house training.

BOOKINGS FOR TERM 2 OPEN ON 19 APRIL

To find out more and check availability contact your preferred venue:

- / Alpine Aqualand (Queenstown Events Centre)
P: 03 450 9115 E: aqualandswimschool@qldc.govt.nz
- / Wānaka Recreation Centre
P: 03 443 9334 E: wanakaswims@qldc.govt.nz



Change one, change all

QLDC's sport and recreation facilities are the first of our venues to offer gender inclusive changing rooms and toilets.

The family and accessible changing rooms at Alpine Aqualand (Queenstown Events Centre) and the swimming pools at Wānaka Recreation Centre, plus additional facilities near the indoor stadiums at both venues will soon feature new signage based on internationally-recognised icons and rainbow colours.

As universal changing rooms they can be used by everyone including families, those with disabilities and all gender identities.



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What's the latest on the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan

Stage Three of the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan is progressing well, with reserve landscaping and path improvements already in place on the western side of Lakeside Road. New kerb and channel is in place, and sections of Te Ara Wānaka (a shared pathway) are under construction.

Over the next few months, the crew from Blakely Construction will move onto placing timber piles for the boardwalk that will run along the lake's edge and continue with parts of Te Ara Wānaka.

Stage Three will also include wide-scale native planting from Bullock Creek through to the marina, maintaining the area's rugged and natural look while also providing an injection of native flora and fauna.

Once complete, it will be far safer to move through the area on foot or by cycle (or your non-motorised transport of choice!). Landscaping between Bullock Creek and the marina will also provide new spots for enjoying a picnic on the lakefront, and of course, the view.

Work on Stage Three of the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan is expected to be complete in August 2021.

Work on Stage Three of the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan has required some changes to Lakeside Road traffic and access to the lakefront during the project.

Lakeside Road is closed to southbound traffic between the marina and Ardmore Street for the entirety of the project, 24-hours a day and seven days a week. A detour is currently in place via Lismore Street and Hedditch Street.

Northbound traffic is still able to use Lakeside Road from the Ardmore Street roundabout.

For more information on the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan, head to www.qldc.govt.nz/wanaka-lakefront-development-plan

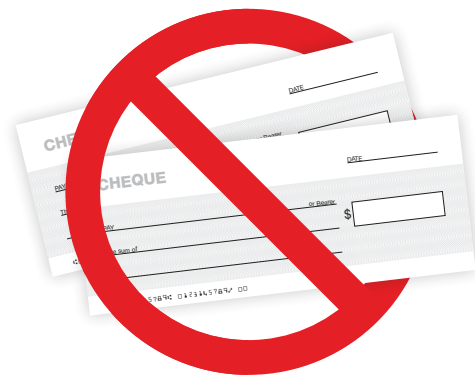
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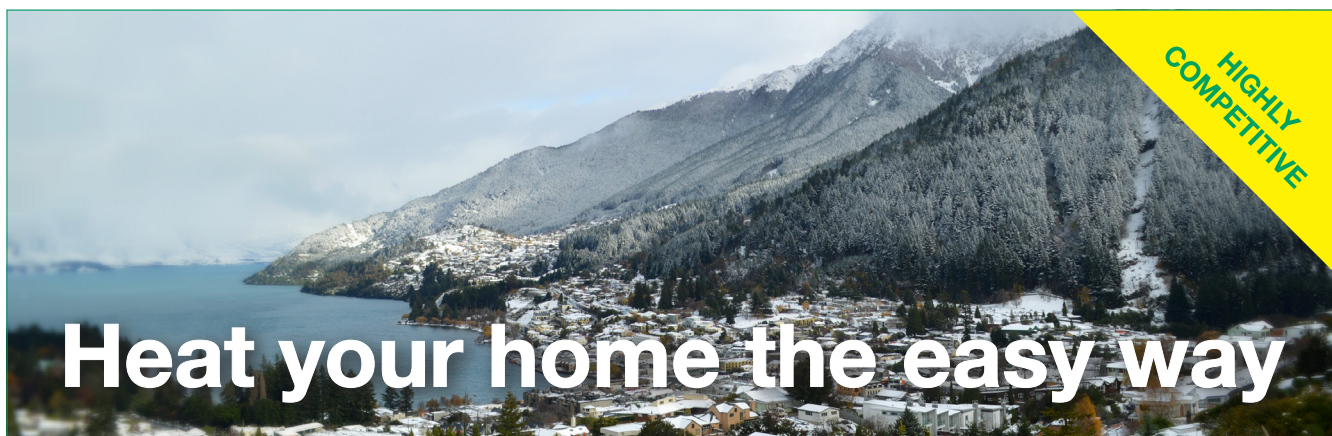
All the major banks are starting to phase out cheques and their popularity as a payment option has been on the decline over the past few years. Most of our customers are already choosing to make their payments in other ways.

Other payment options include:

- ✓ Direct debit payments (rates payments only)
- ✓ Automatic payments / Internet banking payments (manual online payments)
- ✓ Via our website (online payments with a credit card or Account2Account)
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Spotlight on Better Building Resource Circulation project

We're proud to support a range of local waste reduction initiatives through the Waste Minimisation Community Fund. This edition we put the spotlight on a joint Wastebusters and WAO Wānaka project to combat construction and demolition (C&D) waste in the district.

With all the construction underway throughout the district, diverting construction and demolition waste from landfill is a fantastic idea. Can you talk us through how your project supports reduction,

reuse, recycling and recovery of this type of material?

Our campaign is championing reuse of surplus materials through trading on the dedicated construction app CivilShare and donating to community groups or not-for-profits like Wastebusters where material can be used instead of scraped.

This year we've seen plywood offcuts being made into rodent traps, surplus timber transformed into bike jumps and materials like roofing iron and insulation reused in small projects.

Through the campaign we're also highlighting diversion opportunities like packaging and scrap metal recycling, and developing online resources to help companies develop their own waste management plans so more materials can be recovered for reuse and recycling.

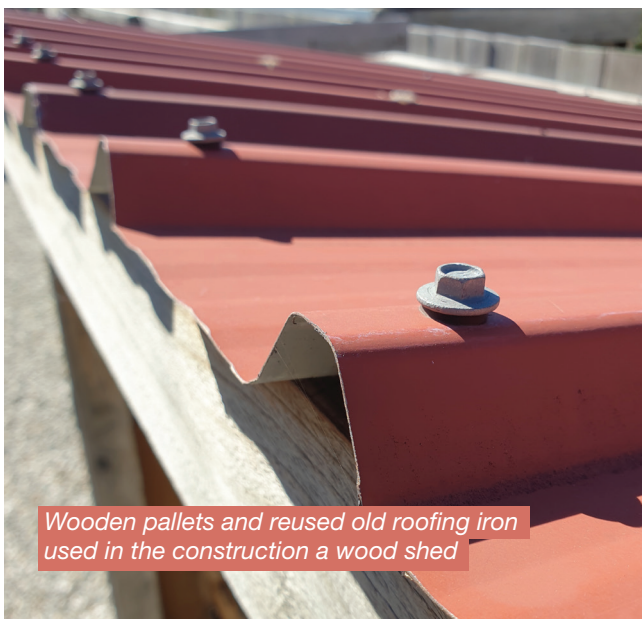
What drove you to look for a solution to this mounting problem within the building industry?

A construction industry survey carried out by WAO Wānaka in October 2019 revealed all the respondents were concerned about the industry's waste problem.

In response, Wastebusters and WAO, alongside the Better Building group, wanted to implement a resource recovery campaign aimed at using excess construction material in the community instead of sending it to landfill.

What has the uptake been like with the local building industry?

We're seeing a real enthusiasm and interest across the building



Wooden pallets and reused old roofing iron used in the construction a wood shed



Sort material on site so it can be recycled or reused (example of set up by Dunlop Builders)

226 TONNES OF C&D WASTE IS THROWN AWAY EVERY WEEK IN THE QUEENSTOWN LAKES

industry in reducing building waste to landfill, and finding local reuse solutions to keep building resources in circulation.

There's been an uptake in recycling from building sites and increasingly, builders are seeking assistance with their waste management practices.

Feedback from the building industry demonstrates that a change in culture is starting to happen, with some clients asking for information about builders' waste minimisation plans. Good waste minimisation

and recycling can give companies a commercial advantage and reduce the build's carbon footprint.

We're proud to support this initiative through the Waste Minimisation Community Fund. Can you share how the funding has helped your project along?

We really appreciate QLDC's support and backing of this project. Thanks to the funding we've been able to reach more people through events, workshops and face to face, and have initiated excellent

collaboration between the building industry, building suppliers and community groups.

The funding has helped us find local solutions to reuse and recycle C&D materials and take positive steps as a community to keep surplus building and ex demo material out of landfill.

How can local building companies get involved?

Anybody interested in reducing their building waste can follow our journey on Facebook (Better Building

Southern Lakes) or get in touch via email ruth@wastebusters.co.nz.

What would future success look like in the Construction and Demolition waste space to Wastebusters and WAO Wānaka?

We want to see a circular economy lens applied to the industry and construction waste designed out of projects. In the meantime, we'd like to see waste management practices on site that focus on recovery through reuse, repurposing and recycling.

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See what's happening with Community Connect

Community Connect can help you find out what's going on in your community. Our online directory is a comprehensive list of all community services, clubs, and groups existing within the Queenstown Lakes District.

Whether you're a newcomer, a visitor or someone planning to move here, Community Connect will help you find a place to meet other like-minded people.

The directory relies on information from the community. If you have a group you would like to add, you can register it at <https://groups.qldc.govt.nz>. Please note that your listing will be checked before being visible on the site which may take a few days.

You can also edit your listing at the same web address. If you have any questions or queries about registering, please email the team at communityconnect@qldc.govt.nz.



Head along to your local library between 19-29 April and get involved in our awesome crafty school holiday activities.



For all details on dates and crafts, give your local branch a call or check out codc-qldc.govt.nz

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See an issue, solve an issue

Have you downloaded the Snap Send Solve app yet?

It's a simple, free and fast way to send QLDC 'Fix It' requests, meaning the next time you spot a pesky water leak on the road outside your house or a fallen tree blocking a trail, snap it then send it and QLDC will solve it.

When using the app, take a photo of an issue and Snap Send Solve will automatically tag it with the geolocation of where you were. This means Council can send someone to the right area straight off the bat and resolve the issue in a timely manner.

Snap Send Solve is also smart enough to know that if you're raising an issue inside the Queenstown Lakes district, the Fix It request gets directed to QLDC. If you've ventured off to Cromwell or beyond, the app will direct your request elsewhere.

And remember,
if you spot
something
needing urgent
attention, the
fastest way to
get it sorted is
still to give us
a call on
03 441 0499,
24/7.



Seeing the forest for the trees

Harvest of Coronet Forest continues this year, with Douglas-fir being chopped down and logged by Mike Hurring Logging to prevent the spread of wilding pines throughout the Queenstown Lakes district.

The harvest started in late 2019, but work ground to a halt in the shadows of COVID-19. Logging managed to restart as winter arrived, and despite the delay of a global pandemic, the harvest remains on schedule. Over a third of Coronet Forest has already been cleared, and the team on site is well on its way to completing the harvest within the next two years.

Following that, residents and visitors can expect to see the return of a large area of the district's landscape to native planting.

Council is also working with the community to develop a future plan for horses, bikers and walkers on the site.

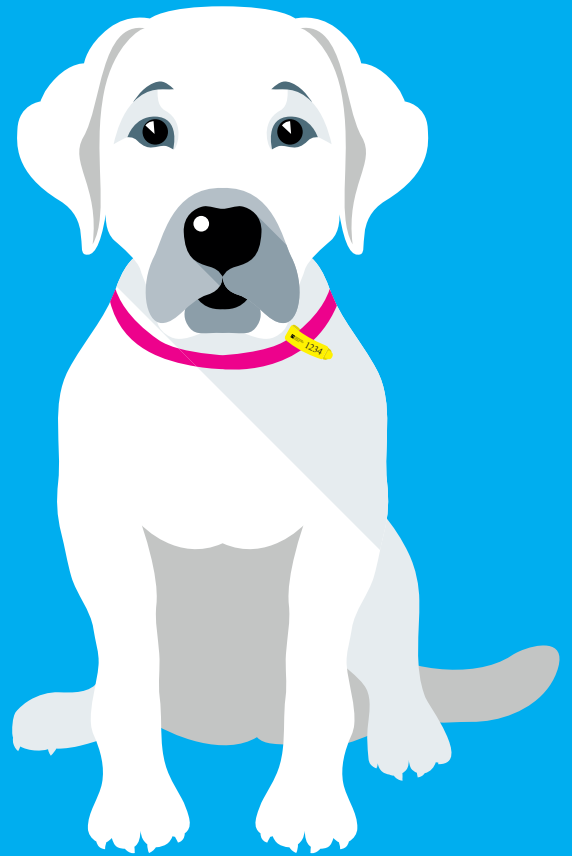
Dog Registration fast a-POOCHing

All dogs need to be registered by three months of age. Not only does this help identify dogs, but it also means they can enter fun local events like the Queenstown and Wānaka dog walks and take part in free dog training sessions held by QLDC.

It's nearly dog registration time. Registration is due by the end of July, and if you've already registered your woofers you can expect to get a reminder in the mail around early June.

For more information about dog registration, please visit www.qldc.govt.nz/services/animal-control/register-your-dog

Subject to Council approval of the 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan in June, there is likely to be a small increase in fees this year. We'll keep you updated.



CROCKERY KILLS RECYCLING



Did you know crockery contaminates recycling?

Just one cup or plate can prevent glass from being recycled because it causes huge problems in the production of new glass bottles and jars.

Put broken crockery in the rubbish bin.



Fund to support local arts

Each year, Creative New Zealand's Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) supports more than 1,800 arts projects across the country.

The successful applicants for February's local funding round have been announced. The recipients are:

- EMILY BURNS
- WAKATIPU POTTERS GROUP
- FLAME COMMUNITY TRUST
- LHE/SC ASSOCIATION
- HIGHLAND DANCE ACADEMY
- WAKATIPU YOUTH TRUST
- KAHU YOUTH TRUST
- SALSA QUEENSTOWN
- GLENORCHY HERITAGE AND MUSEUM GROUP
- LUMA LIGHT FESTIVAL TRUST
- NINA CHEN
- LITTLE GREEN MAN PRODUCTIONS
- PRIMARILY DANCE

QLDC Arts and Events Relationship Manager Jan Maxwell said it was pleasing for the local CCS committee to approve a wide range of local arts projects.

"It's exciting to have such a variety of projects happening in our district. This funding will go a long way towards helping them come to fruition," Mrs Maxwell said.

CCS is open to New Zealand citizens or permanent residents whose project either encourages participation, supports diversity or enables young people. Both groups and individuals can apply.

There are two funding rounds each year. The next one opens 1 August and closes on 27 August.

For more information about CCS, including eligibility criteria, please visit: www.creativenz.govt.nz/funding/funds/creative-communities-scheme



19th YEAR

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LET'S TALK

KŌRERO MAI

An update on key consultation topics happening in 2021.

There are lots of important topics to talk about this year so keep your eyes peeled for details on key projects we'll be seeking your input on.

STAY UP-TO-DATE

We'll keep you updated on the latest news for these projects. In the meantime, make sure you're registered on 'Let's Talk' – our online community engagement website. There you'll be able to read about all the latest consultations and have your say on the things that are important to you.

THE LATEST ON CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

2021-31 TEN YEAR PLAN

The budget, priorities and work plan for the next ten years.

STATUS: **SUBMISSIONS NOW CLOSED**

Submissions are now being collated for consideration by elected members. Hearings are scheduled for May.

2021 WHAIROA | GROW WELL SPATIAL PLAN

Setting the direction for how and where the district grows in the long term.

STATUS: **SUBMISSIONS NOW CLOSED**

Submissions now being collated for consideration by the hearings panel and partners. Hearings are scheduled for May.

WHAT'S COMING UP

LADIES MILE MASTERPLAN

Setting expectations and direction for how this important area could develop over time.

STATUS:

CONSULTATION ON A DRAFT MASTERPLAN AND PROPOSED PLANNING PROVISIONS EXPECTED TO START LATE APRIL

HĀWEA WASTEWATER UPGRADE

Consideration of options for a future long-term solution to manage wastewater in Hāwea.

STATUS:

ENGAGEMENT EXPECTED TO START SOON

COMMUNITY FACILITIES STRATEGY

Identifying what community facilities are needed now and into the future, and how we should prioritise investment.

STATUS:

CONSULTATION EXPECTED TO START MAY 2021

HOUSING STRATEGY

Providing a clear vision and direction to support improved housing choice and availability over the long term.

STATUS:

CONSULTATION EXPECTED TO START JUNE 2021

REPRESENTATION REVIEW

How you will be represented on Council for the 2022 local government elections.

STATUS:

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EXPECTED TO START JULY 2021

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