

WHAKATIPU SENIORS GIG GUIDE - MAY 2026

Keen to connect? Check out this month's calendar of activities around the Whakatipu Basin:

MONDAYS

3rd Mon of month, 10:30-11:30am: **Whiskers & Wisdom** dementia-friendly fun with QT Cats at Frankton Library.

10.30-1.30pm: **Dementia Mate Wareware HomeShare** (small community social groups) at Country Club 420 Frankton-Ladies Mile Hwy. Contact Karin 022 535 4747 / hscoordinator@alzheimersotago.org.nz.

2.30-3.30pm: **Power: Exercise for Parkinson's Disease** at Queenstown Events Centre. Book an assessment before joining via deni.zawalski@qldc.govt.nz.

THURSDAYS

5.30-6.30pm, first Thursday of every month: **Creative Writing Group** at the Queenstown Library.

11am: **Age Concern balance & strength exercise class** at Arrowtown Community Centre. Contact Chris*.

10am-12pm: **Digital Support** at Arrowtown Library.

11am - 12:30pm: **Digital support appointments** at Queenstown Library. Bookings required: 03 441 0600 / Queenstown.Library@qldc.govt.nz.

12:30pm: **Leisurelys Gym Class** at Queenstown Events Centre.

1:30-2pm: **Leisurelys Balance Class** at Queenstown Events Centre.

10.15am: **Whakatipu Walkie Talkies**, a great way to connect with others whilst staying active. Meet at Frankton Beach BBQ.

3rd Thurs of month, 1.30pm: **Age Concern Men's Group** at The Crown. Contact Chris 027 2743803.

Last Thurs of month, 5:30-6:30pm, **Queenstown Library Book Club**

TUESDAYS

1st & 3rd Tues of month, 10am-12pm: **Cook Around the World** at Happiness House. Bookings req.*

10am-12pm: **Minds in Motion**, with Alzheimers Otago. Komunal Cafe. Bookings reqd. Call Gayle*.

10.30am: **Age Concern Balance & Strength exercises** at Te Atamira, contact Chris*.

11am-1pm: **Taurite Tū - Strength & Balance or Fall Prevention** (ACC accredited) for anyone aged 50+ at Uruuruwhenua Hauora office 70/1 Glendra Dr. Contact 0800 485 111 / tahuna@uruuruwhenuahealth.co.nz.

11am: **Leisurelys Balance Class** at Queenstown Events Centre.

1st Tues of month, 7-8pm: **Community Sing Drop-in Choir** at Te Atamira

2nd Tues of month, 6:30-8pm: **Community Draw** at Te Atamira

3rd Tues of month, 7-8pm: **Community Craft** (either writing, stitching, dancing or cultural event) at **Te Atamira**.

FRIDAYS

1st Friday of month, 12-2pm: **Kingston seniors** meet at Kingston St John Rooms. Call Carolyn 021 204 1158.

10-11.30am: **Free digital guidance** at Frankton Library.

12pm: **Friday Lunch** with Wakatipu Senior Citizen Association. Booking req.*

1.30-2pm: **Leisurelys Chair Yoga** at Queenstown Events Centre.

WEDNESDAYS

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday: **Frisbee Golf Social Group** from 11am-12pm. Meet at **Happiness House**, stay for afternoon tea.

12.45-1.15pm: **Leisurelys Strength Class** at Queenstown Events Centre.

1.30-2.15pm: **Leisurelys Pilates Class** at Queenstown Events Centre.

Every 2nd Wed, 3-5pm: **Digital support** at Kingston Library.

Last Wed of month, 1.30-3.30pm: **Digital support** at Glenorchy Library.

Last Wed of month, 10.30am: **Alzheimers Otago* Memory Keepers carer support group** for partners, family & friends of those with dementia or cognitive impairment at Queenstown Country Club Clubhouse.

1st Wednesday of the month 11am -12pm: **Cuppa & chat with guest speaker @** St Johns church, (Berkshire street) Arrowtown with Enliven/Age Concern.

WEEKENDS

Saturday Arts Social: every Sat 10.30am-12.30pm, free drop-in multi-arts programme for over 60s at Te Atamira.

St John Friendship Drives: Want to meet new people and get out and about but don't have transport? The St John Health Shuttle can pick you up from your door and take you out on a new adventure. We go to various locations both near and far for a cuppa and a chat. To book contact sarah.bloxham@stjohn.org.nz or 021 188 5223.

WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH

Each month brings new activities, special events and occasional changes to regular programmes. This page highlights what's new or updated for **May**, making it easy to see fresh opportunities to stay active, connected and involved in our community.

CELEBRATE LITERACY: LITFEST 2026



QLDC Libraries' LitFest is back for 2026!

An inspiring lineup of free events through May and June, from author talks and poetry workshops to neurodiversity sessions, family events, and more. There's something for everyone at LitFest so check out our What's On page now and book your seats:

<https://qldclibraries.govt.nz/whats-on?tag=litfest>

For questions contact the library team: Call 03 441 0600 / queenstown.library@qldc.govt.nz.

SATURDAY ART SOCIALS AT TE ATAMIRA



Te Atamira's Saturday Art Socials welcomes you to this month's event series. Start with a morning cuppa at 10.30am then follow by the session at 11am - 12.30pm. Events are free of charge.

9 May: Creative Greeting Cards

- Exploring Colour & Texture with Emma Peers

16 May: Photography Sharing Session

- Beyond the Peaks - Pakistan, Unfiltered and Unseen by Glen Howey

23 May: Music Sharing session

- The Calm of Autumn - Mark Wilson and Friends

30 May: Ekphrastic Creative Writing Workshop

- Bone is Bone with Bethany Roger

NEW IN MAY



Enliven/Age Concern: Monday 6th of May - morning tea and guess speaker @ St Johns church, Berkshire St, Arrowtown 11am - midday - Transport available by phoning Chris @ age concern or Sam @ enliven - one off event

New regular digital support session: Thursdays 11am - 12:30pm: Free digital guidance at Queenstown Library. Call 03 441 0600 / queenstown.library@qldc.govt.nz.

A huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers who keep these groups and activities going and available for our community. You are amazing!

SUPPORT AND SERVICES

Happiness House

Happiness House is a warm and welcoming community space for all, located on Park Street near the Queenstown Gardens. Pop in for a cuppa and a chat, enjoy the drop-in space, or check out their free activities and events. There's always something happening to help people feel connected. Ph 034426531 or email info@happinesshouse.org.nz.

Leisurelys – Over 60s fit for the future

Gym & group fitness classes at Queenstown Events Centre. Enjoy safe, enjoyable exercise and social outings with the Leisurelys, an award-winning programme for young-at-heart over 65s. Classes are designed specifically for you and include Pilates, dance, balance, aquafit, RPM (spin bikes), stretch, yogastretch and gym sessions. Class fees \$8.20 per class or \$57 for a 10-visit pass. Before attending any classes, you need to complete a free induction with one of the instructors – book via leisurelys@qldc.govt.nz / 03 450 9005.

Wakatipu Senior Citizens Association

Activities, social gatherings, outings, speakers and lunch for over 60s. Weekly talks and lunch (\$20 member/\$25 guest). Lunch bookings essential: manager@wsca.org.nz / 03 442 9214.

QLDC Libraries programmes

The libraries run a range of programmes for seniors, as well as support for instructors and caregivers, including digital training and social activities. Check out www.qldclibraries.govt.nz for more details.

Book delivery and pick-up service: Can't get to your library due to mobility or health issues? Contact: queenstown.library@qldc.govt.nz / 03 441 0600 or frankton.library@qldc.govt.nz / 03 441 3680.

Te Atamira community arts

Te Atamira community arts space at Remarkables Park hosts a range of great events, exhibitions and workshops for all ages and abilities. It's a great place to meet people and learn new skills. For more information, visit www.teatamira.nz or ph 027 1800 2868.

U3A Whakatipu (University of the Third Age)

Lectures and study groups on a range of topics - find out what's on via www.u3awakatipu.org/programme. Lectures are usually at Te Atamira on Mondays, 10am - 12 noon. A \$5 lecture fee is payable at the door.

Volunteer South

Volunteering is a great way to connect with like-minded people, learn/share skills, give back to your community and improve wellbeing. Contact Paula Denton on 0275065703 / paula@volunteersouth.org.nz. www.volunteersouth.org.nz

Age Concern

Advice, support, education and advocacy, including healthy aging and connecting with your community. There are regular coffee groups, outings and exercise classes (transport available). Contact *Chris 03 441 3490 / acqt@acinv.org.nz.

Alzheimers Otago

Caring for people living with dementia. For advice, support or to find out about therapies / groups to connect with others in the same situation, call Gayle on 027 441 4960.

Enliven - SupportLink

Need some help? SupportLink is a free community service matching volunteers to older people living independently. Email scoulson@enlivensld.nz for details.

St John Health Shuttle

Book transport to Invercargill for health-related appointments Monday to Friday from Frankton – Queenstown, ph 0800 103 046.