

Minutes of a Council Workshop

Tuesday 24 March 2026 in
Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road Queenstown, commencing at 9.30am

A recording of this workshop can be found on the QLDC website.

Present:	Mayor John Glover (Chair)	Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk
	Councillor Melissa White	Councillor Niki Gladding (online)
	Councillor Jon Mitchell	Councillor Cody Tucker
	Councillor Quentin Smith	Councillor Stephen Brent
	Councillor Nicola King	Councillor Matt Wong
Apologies:	Councillor Gavin Bartlett	Councillor Heath Copland
In attendance:	Michelle Morss	Dave Wallace
	Nathan Brown	Tony Pickard
	Carrie Williams	Dave Winterburn
	Pennie Pearce	Briana Pringle
	Kat Banyard	Tony Avery
	Meaghan Miller	Casey English
	Jeremy Martin	
Media	None	
Public	None	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><u>Results of Quality of Life Survey</u></p> <p>The purpose of this workshop was to provide an overview of the results from the 2025 Queenstown Lakes District Council Quality of Life survey.</p> <p>Nathan Brown (Policy Data Analyst), Carrie Williams (Policy Manager) and Pennie Pearce (Acting Strategy and Policy General Manager) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (<i>Attachment B</i>).</p> <p>Key discussion points included survey eligibility (invited participants are limited to enrolled voters, all residents can participate via Let's Talk), potential gaps for residents without fixed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recirculate the full Quality of Life Survey results, including comments, to Councillors. Request the Waste Team to circulate

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	<p>addresses, trends in public transport use and affordability, and opportunities to further analyse results by cultural groups.</p> <p>Councillors also noted perceptions around recycling behaviour, how the data can support Regional Deal and Long Term Plan decisions, and options for incorporating the findings into ongoing reporting.</p> <p><i>Attachment A: QLDC Quality of Life report 2025</i> <i>Attachment B: QLDC Quality of Life Report Summary Presentation</i></p>	<p>district-wide waste and recycling data to Councillors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further analysis of cultural groups more likely to perceive low community acceptance.
2.	<p><u>Wildfire Management</u></p> <p>The purpose of this workshop was to update Council on the current status of the Wildfire Programme and the proposed direction for the 2027–2037 Long Term Plan (LTP).</p> <p>Briana Pringle (Parks and Open Spaces Planning Manager) and Dave Winterburn (Parks Manager) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (<i>Attachment A</i>).</p> <p>Discussion covered Council’s responsibility as a landowner, the need for tailored approaches across different reserves based on their characteristics and use, and the value of FENZ as an active delivery partner. Councillors also discussed early-stage planning for Mt Iron, including feasibility considerations, and the use of environmental monitoring equipment to support programme outcomes.</p> <p><i>Attachment A: Wildfire program update 2026 presentation</i></p>	None.
3.	<p><u>Parking Workstreams</u></p> <p>The purpose of this workshop was to brief Council on the progress of the Comprehensive Parking Management Plan workstream and to seek direction for public consultation.</p> <p>Tony Pickard (Strategy Planning Manager) and Tony Avery (Property & Infrastructure General Manager) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (<i>Attachment A</i>).</p>	None.

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	<p>Discussion focused on the proposed parking framework, including the use of zones, the role of supporting technology, and affordability considerations. It was noted that parking changes may have wider impacts and could result in unintended consequences.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the appropriate pace and scale of implementing the proposed parking changes and commented on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity considerations, particularly for smaller communities and commuters with limited alternatives to private vehicle use. • The possibility of including clear rationale for proposed changes as part of public consultation. • The availability of long-term parking and access to public transport. • The need for flexibility to adjust the approach following implementation. <p><i>Attachment A: Presentation – Council Workshop 24 March 2026</i> <i>Attachment B: QLDC Parking Bundle Working Version</i></p>	

The workshop concluded at 12.35pm.