

Scuttlebutt

THE QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER // **SEPTEMBER 2018** // **ISSUE 127**

A FOCUS ON OUR FUTURE

We're about to start gathering your insights on how the Wanaka Town Centre and Frankton area should evolve over the next 30 years. Read more on page 8.



INSIDE

03

**BIG PLANS
FOR COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

04

**RESPONSIBLE
CAMPING
STRATEGY**

12

**CLEANING
UP OUR
RECYCLING**

19

**OUR LOCAL
'GOOD SORTS'**



Tell us if you want to save paper and read Scuttlebutt online. See page 4 for details.



Scuttlebutt is printed on paper sourced from sustainably managed forests.



Scuttlebutt is recyclable. Please recycle me.

FROM THE CHAMBERS

There's either a Council or a Committee meeting happening almost every week of the year.

Here's a quick snapshot of some of the issues that have been across the Council table recently.

PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN APPEALS

If the District Plan review was a Mozart symphony, it would be about to start the third movement.*

District Plan stage one decisions were notified back in June, with 98 appeals and two proceedings received, raising altogether more than 1,000 different appeal points.

Whilst the Environment Court makes the ultimate decision on all appeals, informal negotiations (beginning this month) and Court assisted mediations (starting in October) precede Environment Court hearings. Senior planning staff have been delegated the task of acting on the Council's behalf in these negotiation and mediation stages. However, elected members will be kept informed on progress and provide their input through a regular reporting cycle to the Appeals Subcommittee.

** Symphonies usually contain four movements. You're welcome.*

TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT FUND

A new Transport Improvement Fund has been set up to support three new projects aimed at encouraging more people out of their cars and into public transport or walking and cycling.

The first of these projects is to make some improvements to bus shelters, including adding seating, ski and bike racks and larger shelters with litter bins and lighting.

The second project is to improve the transport and parking information on the Council's website.

And the final project looks at network mapping. Its goal is to produce clearer information about how our transport networks are made up, even going down to the fine details of where individual parking spaces are located.

These projects will all start this year.

REPRESENTATION REVIEW UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who submitted on the recent Representation Review.

We received a total of 36 submissions. Many were in support of the Council's preferred option which was to largely retain the status quo but enlarge the existing Arrowtown Ward to include Millbrook and the area alongside MacDonnell Road. This would increase the ward population and strengthen the Council's case for keeping Arrowtown as a separate ward in the district that elects its own Councillor.

Council will make its final decision on 6 September. This will be followed by a month for objections and appeals.

CLIMBING TOURS ON QUEENSTOWN HILL RESERVE

If you happen to be driving along Gorge Road in Queenstown and spot people clinging to the cliff-side, don't be alarmed – it's likely to be Climbing Queenstown, conducting one of its guided tours.

This area is part of the Queenstown Hill Recreation Reserve meaning a licence is needed for any business operations. In June, Council approved a five year licence to Queenstown Climbing, which operates from this site, as well as a number of other climbing sites on private land.

READ MORE AT

www.qldc.govt.nz/agendas-and-minutes

BIG PLANS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

Infrastructure development, transport issues, affordable housing and town centre masterplans quite understandably grabbed the headlines in the latest Ten Year Plan.

However, Council's adoption of the plan in June means the community will also benefit from a host of projects focused on sport and recreation, libraries, and parks and reserves – the three departments that make up QLDC's Community Services division.

Major sporting projects planned for the next three years include an \$8m extension at Queenstown Events Centre (QEC) to provide two more indoor courts. This key community hub will also receive a \$1.5m upgrade of its Alpine Health & Fitness facilities and a \$2.5m multi-use artificial turf.

In turn, the masterplan for Wanaka Recreation Centre (WRC) will be refreshed in a \$3.5m project to complement the recently opened pool facility.

A new Frankton Library at Remarkables Park near Wakatipu High School will provide a temporary (but comprehensive) service to this fast-growing community for up to three years while a permanent site is found. The popular 'pop-up' library at QEC will continue until the new library opens.

The implementation of the Queenstown Gardens Development Plan sees a \$1.6m investment in this iconic green space in addition to the Bathhouse playground upgrade currently underway.

Thunes Cloete, General Manager – Community Services, says in addition to these keynote developments, there are also several smaller projects scheduled.

"Over the next three years we'll be upgrading Arrowtown Skate Park and extending Arrowtown Cemetery. There'll be new carpet and a fresh coat of paint at the Lake Wanaka Centre, floodlights for the sports fields at WRC, new security gates and emergency lighting at QEC and new furniture at the district's libraries," he says.

"Smaller projects like this often go unnoticed by large parts of the local population but they all help keep our community facilities in great shape."

Watch this space for further updates!



Queenstown Events Centre is set to get two new indoor courts, a multi-use artificial court and upgraded gym facilities.



A new library is set to open on the ground floor of this building at Remarkables Park later in the year.

**Avoid half-baked advice regarding
utilisation of your rural resources.**

Come to us first.



vivian+espie

resource management and landscape planning (03) 441 4189 www.vivianespie.co.nz

RESPONSIBLE CAMPING STRATEGY UNDERWAY

Camping is the quintessential kiwi holiday enjoyed by families every summer. It's also an increasingly popular way for many tourists to see our beautiful country.

Most campers are responsible and respectful however there is a small minority whose behaviour is causing a lot of concern to residents.

This is one of the key drivers behind a new Responsible Camping Strategy, which will consider all of the camping opportunities available within the district. It will take a wide view of the challenges and explore all possible solutions.

We're taking a multi-agency approach to developing the strategy, which is being led by QLDC with support from MBIE, DOC, NZTA and LINZ. This allows all of the agencies that administer public land in the district to take part in the process and have a united vision for the future of camping in the area.

You can expect to hear more about the strategy in the coming months. We will be seeking community feedback in September and a final strategy will be recommended to Council on 25 October 2018 for adoption.



Tell us if you want to save paper and read Scuttlebutt online.

We publish Scuttlebutt six times a year, deliver it locally through community newspapers, and post around 7,500 copies to ratepayers who live outside the district – that's a lot of paper!

You can help us reduce the number of copies we print by switching to our email distribution list.

Just email services@qldc.govt.nz with the word "newsletter" in the subject line, and be sure to include your name and postal address so we can cross you off the postal mailing list and send you a website link to Scuttlebutt instead.

You'll not only receive Scuttlebutt earlier, but also help QLDC trim the amount we spend on printing and postage to keep you informed – that's a win for everyone.

Every issue of Scuttlebutt is also on our website www.qldc.govt.nz

SIGN UP FOR SHAKE OUT!

ShakeOut, the national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi (evacuation), is taking place on **Thursday 18 October 2018 at 9.30am.**

ShakeOut is held across the world to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake – Drop, Cover and Hold – and to practise a tsunami hīkoi if in a coastal area.

Keen to take part? Here's what you need to do:

Sign up your school, workplace or household at www.shakeout.govt.nz/signup

It takes two minutes and you'll get sent all the information you need to take part.

PLAY ON THE BAY

As we speak, work is underway to build a brand new destination playground on Queenstown Bay.

The long-awaited playground will help create a more family-friendly environment in a high-profile, town centre location and will feature something for everyone, young and ol..ahem, young at heart.

The playspace sits beautifully within the natural environment and will offer an exciting range of equipment and opportunities for imaginative play. And to answer the question on the local kids' lips, yes the rope swing will be staying!

The playground will open in October.

BRACE YOURSELF

Our Building Services department has recently launched a quarterly email newsletter, aptly titled 'Brace Yourself'.

The e-newsletter is all about improving communication between the department and customers, providing updates, tips and insights into the world of building and consents.

So if you're keen to get building news delivered straight to your inbox, Brace Yourself and sign up at www.qldc.govt.nz/brace-yourself



When it comes to property management, we've got this.



WE URGENTLY NEED MORE PROPERTIES TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND.

WE OFFER:

- **Winners of the NZ Customer Service Excellence Award 2017-18**
- **The NZ Property Manager Rising Star of the Year 2017-18** to manage your home
- **Owner Service Guarantee: FREE**
- **No stress, friendly smiles, and great communication: FREE**

Make the change to the best NZ has to offer.
Contact us now for more details

VISIT US AT:
Ground Floor, Alta House,
Terrace Junction, Frankton
OR PHONE: 03 442 3815
www.housemart.co.nz

HOUSEMART
HOW SMART

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

This year, **10 -16 September marks Māori Language Week**, with Friday 14 September commemorating Māori Language Day and the presentation of the 1972 petition on Māori language to Parliament.

The month of September in general is now celebrated by hundreds of people as Mahuru Māori, a time dedicated to speaking only Māori.

This year, Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is running with the theme 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' – meaning 'be strong'. We often speak of languages as if they are people, and talk about health and revitalisation when talking about them. So, when we say Kia Kaha te Reo Māori, we're saying 'let's make the Māori language strong'.

We'll be taking part this year by using te Reo in many of our communications.

You can take part too. Head to www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/events-and-promotions/maori-language-week-2018/ where you get learning resources and info about events in your area.



**KIA KAHA
TE REO MĀORI**

Waitangi Day Celebrations 2019

In 2019, the Waitangi Day celebrations usually held in Bluff will be taking place in Queenstown.

This is a very special opportunity for our community to get together and celebrate diversity and inclusion. The day will begin with a pōwhiri and a formal welcome, followed by entertainment, food and a celebration of community.

We're looking for local groups keen to take part and provide entertainment, activities and food stalls.

Please email **JAN MAXWELL** to register your interest jan.maxwell@qldc.govt.nz

A PARK FOR THE COMMUNITY, BY THE COMMUNITY

Wanaka's newest park is now open, thanks to community support from Mount Iron residents and local funders.

Concept plans for Allenby Park included a playground, paving, BBQ and picnic area, altogether aiming to provide a gathering place for all families in the area.

Work on Allenby Park started back in April with funding granted by the Central Lakes Trust, the Community Trust of Otago, local and Leos groups, and QLDC.

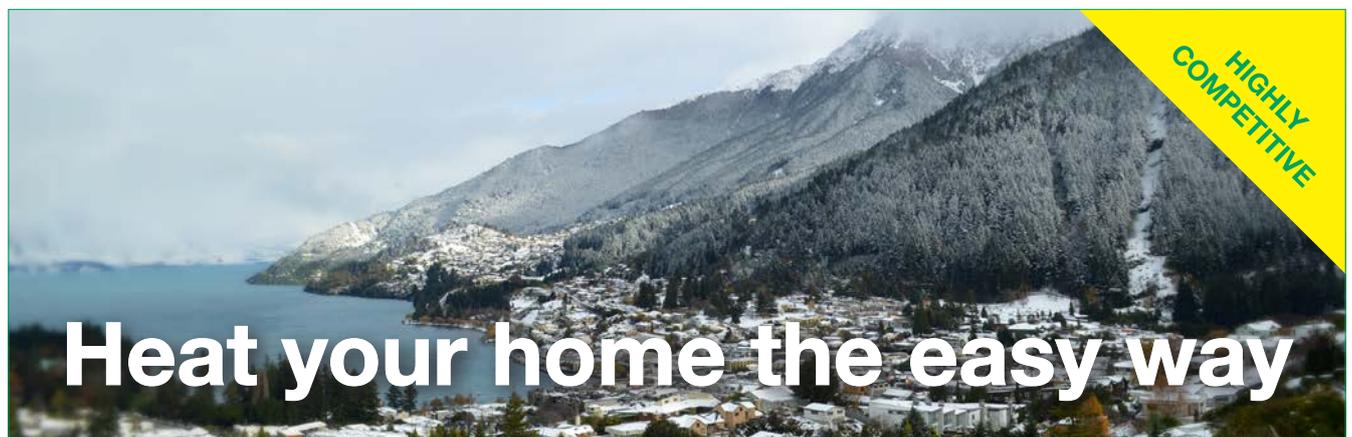
While kids in the area are sure to enjoy the new playground, the Lions fundraising was specifically aimed at providing an accessible electric BBQ, the first of its kind in New Zealand.

We can already imagine spring/summer evenings with the snags cooking and the kids playing nearby.

And if you find yourself admiring the ambient nature of the area when you visit Allenby Park, just know you've got wonderful local residents to thank for all their help with landscaping, and supplying and planting fruit trees throughout.



A true labour of love, local residents getting together to help with landscaping the new park.



Heat your home the easy way

Supplying the Lakes District with competitive home heating diesel

BONUS! With a new mini tanker based in Central we can service all your home heating needs.

BONUS! Discounted competitive pricing.

Call us today for your free comparison quote.



South Island wide

0800 44 00 14

www.rdp.co.nz

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ON OUR FUTURE!

FRANKTON
YOUR PLACE YOUR PLAN

**WANAKA
TOWN CENTRE**
YOUR FUTURE

>> *Continued from cover page*

Work is now underway to develop masterplans for the Wanaka Town Centre and Frankton area.

An important first step is understanding how the community feels about each area and aspirations for the future. This will help us to develop a collective vision and guide the masterplan process.

We'll be starting the conversation in early September, by asking three quick-fire questions aimed at understanding what's important to you in the future. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more details coming soon.

In the meantime, read more about the two masterplan projects and how you can get involved at:

FRANKTON www.qldc.govt.nz/frankton-masterplan

WANAKA www.qldc.govt.nz/wanaka-masterplan

OUR PARKS ARE FOR PICNICS – NOT DONUTS!

Well not the car related kind anyway... Sadly this winter we've seen a noticeable increase in vehicles being driven on our parks and reserves.

This is not only dangerous but against the law and costly to the community.

Vehicle tracks and damage have been especially prevalent on Wilcox Green in Arrowtown, Wanaka Show Grounds and Warren Park in Queenstown.

If you notice anyone driving on our reserves, please get in touch with the Police or QLDC. The registration number of any vehicle doing this along with details of the time and location will also help both us and the Police follow up with those responsible.

PARKING ON GRASS VERGES

Please avoid parking on grass verges. It's winter and chances are parking on damp and muddy grass is going to cause damage.

We're receiving many complaints about damaged grass verges but because grass doesn't grow in winter, we won't be reinstating these areas until spring.

BYLAW REVIEW ABOUT TO START

Next month we'll be looking for your views on updated bylaws for both Speed Limits and Traffic & Parking.

If you think the speed limit on a road in your suburb or town needs to be raised or lowered, or if you have ideas relating to parking or traffic in your area, please make sure you let us know.

Council will be asked to adopt the bylaws for public consultation at their meeting on 6 September, and submissions will open on 10 September. Keep an eye on www.qldc.govt.nz for full details.

THE WANAKA OFFICE IS ON THE MOVE!

FROM 10 SEPTEMBER UNTIL 30 NOVEMBER, all of our helpful Council staff will be in one handy location at 33 Reece Crescent while much needed maintenance is done to our Ardmore Street offices.

Whether you need a new boat ramp pass, a registration tag for your doggo, or any other Council service during this time, please come see us at 33 Reece Crescent or visit our website for our online payment services: www.qldc.govt.nz

HOME & CO.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Nobody knows the local Wanaka market better!

WHO WOULD YOU TRUST TO MANAGE YOUR RENTAL PROPERTY?

Only South Island Finalist 2017
NZ Property Manager of the Year

COLLEEN TOPPING & TEAM

- More than a decade of local experience
- Personalised Service
- Professional Qualifications
- Excellence is my minimum
- FREE rent appraisals and advice



021 255 RENT | 443 2273
rent@homeandco.co.nz

www.homeandco.co.nz



CORONET FOREST HARVEST

A draft plan for the early harvest and revegetation of Coronet Forest has been prepared.

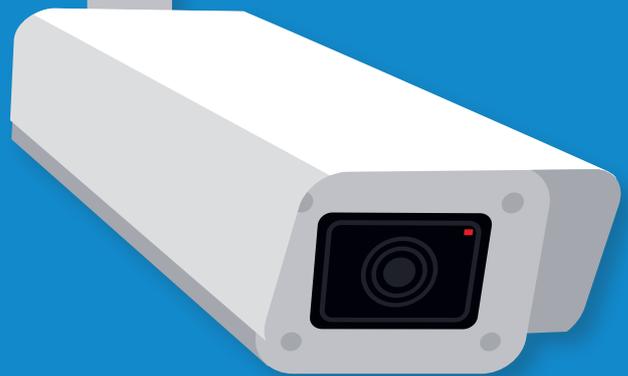
Established over several years between 1984 and 1996, the forest is made up of 172.5 ha of Douglas fir and is a significant seed source contributing to the wilding pine problem on neighbouring indigenous tussock grassland.

Following formal consultation last year, a decision was made alongside Central Otago District Council to harvest the forest early in order to eliminate the substantial impact the forest's seeds will have on the ongoing wilding control programme.

The revegetation programme was given funding through the recently adopted 2018-28 Ten Year Plan and will return a large area of local landscape to native planting, opening up more trails and space for active recreation. As well being a good return on investment, the goal is to protect our local natural environment for generations to come.

PF Olsen Limited have now been appointed to manage the harvest. The next step involves engaging a range of contractors to complete the harvest.

If you're interested in seeing the draft revegetation plan, get in touch with services@qldc.govt.nz



CCTV AT WRC

As part of our mission to create a safe and secure community space we are installing CCTV cameras at Wanaka Recreation Centre, including within the new pool building.

Cameras will be used to monitor safe behaviour, improve security and provide training opportunities for our staff in an effort to continuously improve operations and customer service.

Here are some Q&As to provide more background.

Q. WHERE ARE THE CAMERAS LOCATED?

A. There are six cameras – one in each corner of the pool hall, one in the main foyer and one in the corridor leading to the indoor courts.

Q. WHAT WILL THE CAMERAS BE USED FOR?

A. Improving public safety, increasing security and staff training.

Q. WHO WILL MONITOR AND HAVE ACCESS TO THE FOOTAGE?

A. The monitors will be located in the centre manager's office and only accessible by approved QLDC staff members. Exceptions would be when there are legal implications (e.g. police requests) or to monitor accidents (e.g. requests by ACC or insurance companies).

Q. WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO BE RECORDED?

A. One of the standard conditions of entry is that centre users are prepared to have their image recorded and the cameras need to be recording whenever we're open. Individual privacy is of paramount importance to us and images will only be used for safety, security and training purposes. Anyone with concerns should talk to our customer service team on arrival.

A WORD

ON DRIVING

IN WINTER

A snowy road winding through a mountainous landscape. In the foreground, there are several warning signs: a red diamond sign with a black silhouette of a car skidding, a yellow diamond sign with a black silhouette of a car, and a red rectangular sign with white text. The road is covered in snow and has some tire tracks. The background shows snow-covered hills under a cloudy sky.

For more tips of driving safely in winter head to

www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-driving

Thanks to everyone who's given us some great feedback – both positive comments and constructive criticism – on our winter road reports. We're always looking at ways to improve this service so it helps as many people as possible make good choices when it comes to driving in often challenging conditions.

Our pre-7.00am email is based on the intel we receive that morning from NZTA (for State Highways) and our contractors, Downer (for local roads like the Crown Range Road). This is also posted on our Facebook page and Twitter feed which are then updated if conditions change. If conditions demand we also send out text messages warning of specific hazards.

Of course, things change. Any report is by definition at least a few minutes old and can only reflect a snapshot in time.

We strongly advise checking the source of any reports and recommendations you hear and then making an informed opinion on the basis of all available information. Other relevant sources are MetService, the ski fields and NZTA's own social media channels. These might sometimes be shared by local apps and the digital feeds of local newspapers and radio stations.

If you have good knowledge and equipment like snow chains, shovels and gumboots in the boot before setting off then you're as prepared as you can be for your journey. All drivers should then have the confidence to make their own calls (unless directed by contractors, police etc) about when to put chains on and/or turn around – everyone's vehicle and personal comfort zone is different, and that goes for locals and visitors.

Look out for each other and stay safe out there!

CHANGES TO RURAL LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Until 5 September, **KINGSTON LIBRARY** will be open 11.00am-1.00pm on both Wednesdays and Saturdays. This is due to extended leave cover.

GLENORCHY LIBRARY will be open 1.30-3.30pm on Wednesdays and 5.00-7.00pm on Fridays until mid-January as a six-month trial following community feedback.

CLEANING UP OUR RECYCLING

Until recently China was the main importer of the world's recycling. With restrictions now in place surrounding what is accepted, it has prompted councils across New Zealand to review how recyclable material is managed.

QLDC Contract Manager Laura Gledhill says with recycling markets demanding lower levels of contamination in the recyclable material imported it is extra important for everyone to recycle right. This means only placing items that can actually be recycled in recycling bins and crates and ensuring the recycling is clean and free from food or liquid residue.

“We need to stop putting out our recycling and hoping for the best because it only takes a small amount of contamination to affect a whole load of recycling. We all need to consider how we can improve the way we manage our household recycling and minimise waste.”

“We’ll be doing lots more education on this, especially as we implement our new kerbside collection services and other initiatives within the Waste Minimisation and Management Plan,” she said.

IN THE MEANTIME, HERE'S A REMINDER ON WHAT CAN AND CAN'T BE RECYCLED.



CAN BE RECYCLED KERBSIDE

Plastics 1-7 (washed, lids off), steel tins and aluminium cans (washed, lids off), empty aerosol cans, clean aluminium foil, glass bottles and jars (washed, lids off), clean paper and cardboard.

CANNOT BE RECYCLED KERBSIDE

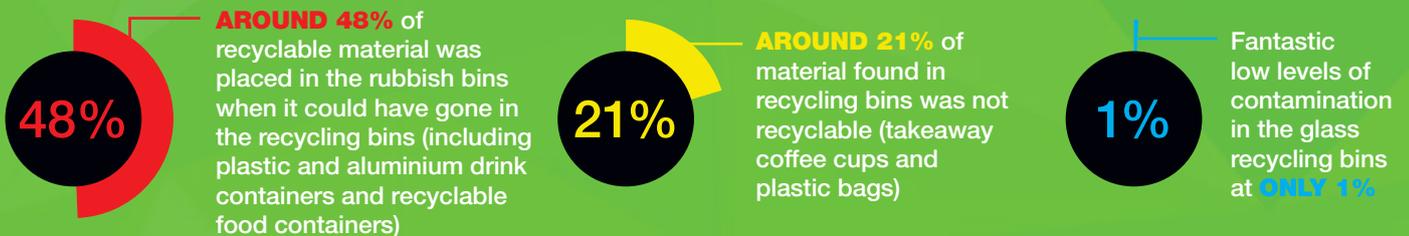
Plastic bags or glad wrap, takeaway coffee cups, pesticides, oil or hazardous chemicals, pyrex, ceramics, window glass or broken glass, materials contaminated with food, plastic or metal binding straps, wax coated or foil lined cartons, polystyrene.

CAN BE RECYCLED IN SOFT PLASTICS BINS AT SUPPORTING OUTLETS

Soft plastics such as carrier bags, bread bags, fresh produce bags, net citrus bags, frozen food bags, courier packs, muesli bar wrappers, chip packets, cereal box liners, bubble wrap etc.

PUBLIC BINS SURVEY

If you've been out and about lately you would have noticed our new four-way multi lingual bins that have been installed around Queenstown, Glenorchy and Arrowtown. We intend to install these bins in other areas as they are working well and look great. Recently we surveyed how these bins were being used, here are some highlights from the results:



Stop before you drop! The bins have clear guidance of what goes where. Be a tidy kiwi and put litter in its place!

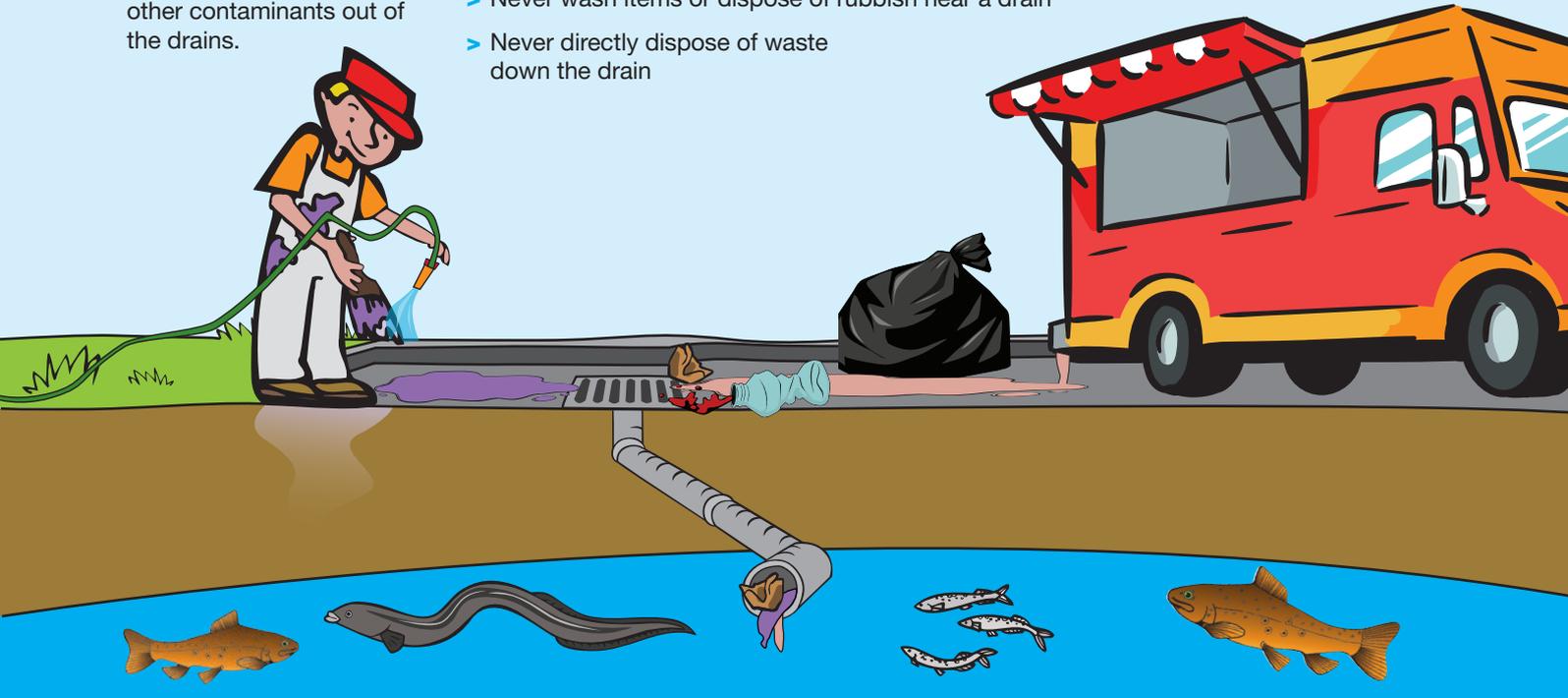


DRAINS ARE FOR RAIN

Everything that goes down a stormwater drain ends up in our lakes and rivers. That's why it's so important we keep chemicals and other contaminants out of the drains.

HERE ARE SOME BEST PRACTICE TIPS:

- > Store and handle all materials safely
- > Clean up spills properly using dry methods (i.e. don't just hose spills down the drain!)
- > Never wash items or dispose of rubbish near a drain
- > Never directly dispose of waste down the drain



PROTECTING OUR WATERWAYS

Fats, oils and grease are the biggest causes of blocked sewer pipes in our district. These blockages can lead to avoidable overflows getting into our lakes and rivers.

With more and more pressure on our wastewater networks as the district grows, it's important we understand how local businesses are managing their trade waste (wastewater generated by commercial operators).

Right now we are busy talking to local bars, restaurants, hairdressers and other commercial operators to get a good understanding of how trade waste is being discharged and how Council wastewater networks are being used.

The information we gather will be vital as we shape the most appropriate way of managing this in the future.



Rosemary Chalmers of D'or Hairstylists taking part in our trade waste survey, happening across the district as we speak.

If not well managed, trade waste can be harmful to the environment, our wastewater networks, the treatment system, our staff and the public.

LED LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Following a successful trial in Kingston, we'll be updating many of our local street lights district-wide with LED lights.

Many of our current street lights are ageing and maintenance requirements are increasing. The LED lights last longer, require less maintenance and use far less

energy. At this stage we will be focusing on replacing the standard High Pressure Sodium lamps and will consider replacing some of the other types of lamp at a later stage.

Tenders for the work close later this month and work is expected to start in spring.

COMMUNITY RESEARCH REPORT UNDERWAY

Thank you to all the groups across the district who participated in our community groups and facilities research.

QLDC Senior Community Liaison and Policy Advisor Marie Day said the survey responses and insights gathered from public meetings and interviews have resulted in a wealth of data to work through.

"We now have some really valuable information to help us gain a better understanding of community groups and facilities across the district. Our goal is that the data will help shape community facility planning in the future," she said.

"We are now working through and analysing all the information provided and hope to release the research report later in the year," Ms Day said.

For more information on the research project, head along to www.qldc.govt.nz/community-research or touch base with Jan Hudson (janhudson@xtra.co.nz) or Marie Day (marie.day@qldc.govt.nz)

SOME INSIGHTS FROM THE DATA:

As we work through the data, we've noticed some interesting insights and themes coming through. Here's a sneak peek:

The highest number of responses was from education and training groups/services, followed very closely by the arts and health/wellbeing.

Just over 70% of the groups said that they collaborate, partner or share resources with other groups.

Just over 70% of groups/services do not own or manage the facility they are in.

40% of groups/services indicated that they will need a new facility within two years.

Affordability, access hours, size of facility and ability to fit the purpose of the group are the key deciding factors when choosing a facility.

Just under 70% of groups indicated they'd be open to sharing a facility with others.

PARKING AT QUEENSTOWN EVENTS CENTRE

Unprecedented population growth in our region affects not only car parking within the town centre but also out at Queenstown Events Centre. This community hub can get pretty busy at times, especially with junior sport over autumn and winter.

Safe and lawful parking is essential to ensure the safety of all centre users. Hence our efforts to keep turf, footpaths, dedicated bus parking bays and drop off areas clear.

Ongoing parking enforcement is now in place at QEC.

Earlier this year we ran a ‘fake ticket’ warning campaign on several busy days, placing information flyers on the windscreens of unlawfully parked cars before the real ticketing began. We also notified all members and user groups with alternative transport and parking options.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO TO AVOID GETTING A TICKET:

- > Please do not park anywhere on grass, in the bus zones along Joe O’Connell Drive (leading off the state highway to the main entrance), or the small islands in between the pedestrian crossings that lead to/from the entrance
- > Remember that the horseshoe-shaped parking zone directly outside the main entrance to the pools and gym is for a maximum of five minutes
- > Parking on the roadside of SH6 through Frankton has been prohibited since last winter; this includes the verges next to the sports fields at QEC.

We’ve also had a number of reports of abusive behaviour towards parking staff, in person and online. Making threats towards other people genuinely trying to make a living is never appropriate – we understand that parking can cause tensions, but please be kind to each other.

As part of Council’s current Ten Year Plan we are carefully considering the future development of the centre and how it’s used. This includes customer feedback on parking availability. Watch this space to hear more about that.




KNOWLEDGE IS POWER
Use **our** knowledge before deciding on **your** next move

Call into Colliers International to collect your 2018-19 Otago Market Report, or visit colliers.co.nz



Otago Realty (NZ) Ltd, Licensed Agent REAA 2008



LET THE AUDI QUATTRO WINTER GAMES BEGIN

New Zealand's largest recurring sports event is back for its sixth instalment this August and September, with Winter Olympic and X Games stars flocking to New Zealand's Southern Alps once more to compete in freestyle skiing, snowboarding, alpine skiing, cross-country skiing and curling.

The Games are a uniquely Kiwi experience raved about by athletes, coaches, judges and spectators all over the world, largely thanks to the dedicated volunteers and organisers that turn out year in, year out to make it happen. And with \$90,000 of approved funding from the

Queenstown Lakes District Council, the Games bring diversity to the district's portfolio of sporting and cultural events.

By the time you read this, the stars of the snow are probably out there already and might just be taking part in the Freeski Big Air competition. The Games are the first event to host this discipline since it was added to the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games programme.

What could be better than that?

POSSIBLY YOU WATCHING IT WITHOUT PAYING A DIME.

That's right. The Audi Quattro Winter Games are completely free to watch, with no ticket required for all official on-mountain sports and festival events. So if you hadn't planned to see the slopes or join the party, you might want to get involved!

Get the lowdown on everything Winter Games by heading to www.wintergamesnz.kiwi/

QLDC
SUPPORTED
EVENT



FESTIVAL OF SPORT & RECREATION

The fifth annual Festival of Sport and Recreation, hosted by the Upper Clutha Sports Community, takes place on Sunday 16 September, 9.00am-1.00pm at Wanaka Recreation Centre.

From biking to bridge, swimming to squash, the expo is a great chance to meet local clubs and groups all under one roof to find out what activities are available. There are plenty of opportunities to have a go yourself and watch demonstrations.

Entry is free and it's suitable for all ages. Bring the kids along to show them what fun they can have when they're not on their phones!

If you'd like to promote your club on the day and celebrate being part of the thriving Upper Clutha sport and recreation community then contact Bronwyn or Diana to book your space:

E: festivalofsportandrec@gmail.com
M: **027 4733 141 (Bronwyn) / 027 468 0048 (Diana)**

Rentals Made Easy



Great
returns

Smart
solutions

Sound
advice

Making renting easy for property owners and tenants is our priority.

Innovative, market-leading systems and a solutions-based approach set our experienced team apart.

Speak to the property management purists about how to maximise your investment
– Pure Property.



P +64 (0)3 409 0480
W purepropertyrentals.co.nz
Top floor, 10 Athol Street, PO Box 1574, Queenstown 9300, NZ



Take your marks, get set, go! Wanaka parkrunners heading off on their weekly 5km run or walk.



Photo credit: Jill Gardner

FITNESS EVENT HITS THE GROUND RUNNING

Parkrun, the global running phenomenon, is now a regular fixture in Wanaka and Queenstown.

The weekly event is not a race but rather a free, timed 5km walk, jog or run open to all ages. There are no 'winners' and you can choose any pace you like.

The movement began in the UK in 2004. There are now over three million registered runners and more than 1,500 parkruns around the world, including 24 in New Zealand, all operated solely by volunteers.

Council provides free use of Wanaka Station Park and Queenstown Gardens where the local events take place.

Wanaka parkrun was started by Adam and Jane Sharman in February this year. Jane says it's all about fitness and a sense of community with everyone invited to meet for a post-event coffee each week.

"Easy access to a regular, non-competitive run means you can feel comfortable whatever stage you're at and really focus on your own goals," says Jane.

"We love that our group of regular parkrunners grows each week with first timers and enthusiastic parkrun

tourists hailing from all over the world. Every event is unique and always fun to be a part of!"

Chris Seymour and Jeff Kennedy started the Queenstown event which has averaged around 75 runners each week since starting on 9 June.

Chris says he receives emails from visitors ahead of time to say they're planning their trip around the run.

"It's proving to be a great opportunity for locals and tourists to get together and enjoy our beautiful town in a positive and active way. Everyone from elite runners to novices are welcome to walk, jog, run or volunteer," says Chris.

Both Jane and Chris say they are always looking for new volunteers to ensure the event can go ahead each week.

The two local parkruns start at 9.00am in winter and switch to 8.00am when daylight saving time begins in spring.



Queenstown parkrun organisers Chris Seymour (L) and Jeff Kennedy (R).

OUR LOCAL 'GOOD SORTS'



Introducing our newest Scuttlebutt segment celebrating our district's good sorts.

The Kelvin Peninsula Community Association (KPCA) Working Group is one of Queenstown's longest standing community groups. They meet every Monday afternoon during school term time to offer their expertise to the district, whether it be through planting native trees, maintaining assets around Lake Wakatipu for the public to enjoy, or their current challenge, tackling the scourge of wilding pines.

Formed in the 1980's, the Working Group originally raised funds by farming sheep for their wool in Jardine Park. They planted Wellingtonias, installed fences, and fashioned tracks now upgraded to their present day standard by the Queenstown Trails Trust and QLDC.

But chances are that's not the only place you've seen their handiwork.

The Monday Working Group planted a circuitous Beech Walk several years ago – just off the Peninsula trail. It's since matured into a short but peaceful walk under the trees for all track users to enjoy. They're also heavily involved with the founding members of the Jean Malpass Native Plant Nursery. The group assisted with initial building work at the nursery which has since gone on to benefit the Wakatipu area with the planting of many thousands of native trees and shrubs.

Currently though, the Monday Working Group are focussed on wilding pines. They've already spent thousands of hours with loppers and chainsaws to remove these trees and prevent them from choking the landscape.

The trees are felled, cut, removed and used for projects in the community and in some cases as firewood for those in need.

Earlier this month, 19 community members showed up to take part in the Monday Working Group and stuck around for afternoon tea after. Four were well past the age of 80, and notably, the group's three registered chainsaw operators are also their eldest members. If that doesn't highlight the unique nature of this community group, maybe the \$5,000 they've raised for the KPCA proposed Flying Fox initiative will. It's yet another project for the whole Wakatipu community to enjoy, and yet another project the Monday Working Group is lending a hand to.

If this sounds like something you'd like to get involved in, you're welcome to join the group. They're always keen to welcome any willing volunteer, and while each Monday brings with it two hours of tough work, we've been told the afternoon tea is top notch. The more the merrier.

To find out more about the KPCA Monday Working Group, give them a call on 0276353112

EASY CHOICE – FAMILY KAI

How often do you throw out limp vegetables from the fridge? Many of us do it but it's contributing to the \$872m a year us New Zealanders are wasting on food we throw away uneaten.

LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE can help.

Easy Choice is a free recipe book containing four weekly meal plans. Each week has five nutritional dinner recipes to feed a family of six (two adults and four children under 10) or four adults (flat dinners anyone?).

Each week's ingredients should cost around \$60 although this might vary depending on produce prices, where you shop and weekly specials.

The meals are also designed to be zero waste — all of the ingredients you buy should be used by the end of the week so no food should go to waste. If there are leftovers, the recipe will tell you whether they can be frozen or whether you need to eat them for lunch the next day.

Download this awesome resource at lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz/easy-choice-meal-planner/



LOOKING FOR MORE TIPS TO REDUCE YOUR FOOD WASTE? GET A COPY OF THE FREE 'LEFT OVA' MAGAZINE FROM YOUR NEAREST COUNCIL OFFICE, REC CENTRE OR QUEENSTOWN LAKES LIBRARY.

QLDC CONTACT LIST AND HOURS

QLDC & SERVICE CENTRES

Queenstown Office:
10 Gorge Road
Private Bag 50072
Queenstown
Customer Services:
Phone: 03 441 0499
E-mail: services@qldc.govt.nz
www.qldc.govt.nz

Wanaka Office:
47 Ardmore Street
Wanaka
Phone: 03 443 0024
Office Hours:
Mon–Fri 8.00am–5.00pm

QUEENSTOWN EVENTS CENTRE

Arrowtown Athenaeum Hall
Queenstown Memorial Hall
Lake Hayes Pavilion
Lake Wanaka Centre
Alpine Aqualand
Sports fields
Phone: 03 450 9005

WANAKA RECREATION CENTRE

Wanaka Pool
Indoor Courts
Phone: 03 443 9334

TRANSFER STATIONS

Wakatipu: 110 Glenda Drive
Frankton Industrial Area
Phone: 03 4510106
Upper Clutha: Cnr of Ballantyne
& Riverbank Roads
Phone: 03 443 6063

HARBOURMASTER

Phone: 027 434 5289 and 027 414 2270
Email: harbourmasterqt@smsl.co.nz

LIBRARIES

Arrowtown Buckingham Street Phone: 03 442 1607
Hours: Monday–Friday 10.00am–5.00pm Saturday 10.30am–12.30pm
Glenorchy Islay Street Phone: 03 442 4378
Hours: Wednesday 1.30pm–3.30pm Friday 5.00pm–7.00pm (6 month trial)
Queenstown 10 Gorge Road Phone: 03 441 0600
Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am–5.30pm
Thursdays 9.00am–7.00pm Saturdays 10.00am–5.00pm
Wanaka Bullock Creek Lane Phone: 03 443 0410
Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am–5.30pm
Thursdays 9.00am–7.00pm Saturdays 10.00am–5.00pm
Hawea 14 Myra Street Phone: 03 443 9371
Hours: Monday 10.00am–12noon
Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00am–5.00pm
Saturday 10.00am–2.00pm
Kingston Phone: Queenstown 03 441 0600
Hours: Saturday 10.00am–2.00pm
Makarora Phone: 03 443 8342
Hours: Tuesday 11.00am–1.00pm & Wednesday 6.00pm–8.00pm
Frankton Pop-up Library at Queenstown Events Centre
Hours: Every Monday 10am–12pm
Every Friday 3pm–5pm

EDITOR: REBECCA PITTS

✉ rebecca.pitts@qldc.govt.nz
Feedback and ideas are welcome.

TO ADVERTISE CONTACT:

Sarah Douglas
✉ sarah.douglas@qldc.govt.nz

Scuttlebutt is published bi-monthly by Queenstown Lakes District Council to inform ratepayers and residents of council activities.