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Winter brings our coolest months in more ways than one.

The cooler months are here and that means winter woollies, comfort food and fun on the snow. Winter in the mountains can also mean dangerous driving conditions as the freezing temperatures and snow affect our roads.

Making sure you're well prepared and driving to the conditions will help get you from A to B safely this winter. Carry your chains, know when and how to fit them and sign up to our daily winter road report. You'll find all the details at www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-road-reports.
It's cool!



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Street upgrades in full swing

Great progress is being made to upgrade our Queenstown Town Centre streets. Here's the latest:



PARK STREET + HOTOPS RISE

We're creating a generous five-metre wide shared walking and cycling path along Park Street and a new cycle path along Hotops Rise. Underground services are being replaced at the same time to futureproof the water, wastewater and stormwater networks.

So far we've installed a new watermain along Park Street and started to install a new stormwater line. Work started on a replacement retaining wall along the edge of Te Kararo Queenstown Gardens in late May.

As Scuttlebutt went to print, we were working through options for Hotops Rise to reduce the impact on the neighbouring trees. Keep an eye on the local news or our Facebook page for updates on this.



MAN STREET + UPPER BRECON STREET

The purpose of the work underway on Man Street (between Brecon Street and Camp Street) is to upgrade the water, wastewater and stormwater network to support the future Lakeview development.

The upgrade of Brecon Street will provide new underground services and a generous footpath to ensure a safe and welcoming experience for the thousands of people who visit this part of the town centre each year.

So far we've completed service investigations, installed a temporary watermain and new stormwater line along Man Street, installed a section of water line and gas line to a section of Brecon Street and started construction of a large retaining wall at the top of Brecon Street.



UPPER BEACH STREET

Upper Beach Street will become a high-quality pedestrian environment with new lighting and street furniture. All underground services are being replaced to futureproof the network.

So far we've completed investigations to understand the location of underground services and are currently working on the installation of a new wastewater and stormwater line.



LOWER BEACH STREET

Lower Beach Street will become a high-quality shared zone, where pedestrians are prioritised and vehicles can travel through slowly for deliveries and to pick-up/drop-off of passengers. All underground services are being replaced to futureproof those networks.

So far we've completed all service investigations and installed a temporary watermain. We're currently installing a new wastewater line and permanent watermain.

TOWN CENTRE ARTERIAL ROAD

The full town centre arterial route has now been designated and the detailed design for Stage 1 (Melbourne / Henry Street link) of the road is being finalised. This involves conversations with directly affected property owners, the establishment of a Kaitiaki Liaison Group and Community Liaison Group and further service and geotechnical investigations.

TOWN CENTRE ARTERIAL PROJECT TO GET UNDERWAY

Enabling works will begin on 1 July and the main construction works will begin on 27 September. We'll keep you updated as this major project progresses.

More details at www.qldc.govt.nz/queenstown-town-centre-arterial

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Wānaka pools treated to a deep clean

We're swapping swim togs and goggles for gumboots and overalls at Wānaka Recreation Centre (WRC) in July when the aquatic facilities undergo a deep clean and preventative maintenance.

Pools will be closed temporarily from Saturday 24 July to Sunday 1 August with all memberships suspended to compensate.

Specific tasks include cleaning and inspecting pool liners and connections, cleaning all filters, a deep clean of the pool hall floor and hard-to-reach areas, servicing plant room equipment, flushing water treatment lines, and conducting condition assessments of filter material and mechanical pumps.

This is the first such closure since the pools opened in July 2018. The indoor courts and other facilities at WRC which will remain open as normal.

WĀNAKA POOLS WILL BE

CLOSED FROM SATURDAY 24 JULY

TO SUNDAY 1 AUGUST

Planning for the future together

Thanks to everyone who took part in our recent consultation on the draft 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan and draft Queenstown Lakes Spatial Plan.

The final 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan will be considered for adoption by Councillors at the Full Council meeting on 30 June.

A report summarising the submissions and hearings for the Queenstown Lakes Spatial Plan will be provided by the Hearing Panel Chair in June. Following this, the Spatial Plan will be presented to Council for consideration at the 29 July meeting.

To read these plans and view all public submissions, please head to letstalk.qldc.govt.nz

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SUBMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT TEN YEAR PLAN

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SUBMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT SPATIAL PLAN

2021-2031
Ten Year Plan
2021-2031
He Mahere
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Consultation document
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Submissions
open for a period
of 10 days
from 18 April 2021

Draft
Queenstown
Lakes
Spatial Plan
Summary

For community consultation

This plan only is
intended for reference
by 18 April 2021

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Safer speed limits around schools

Feedback is now open on proposals to reduce speed limits outside 13 schools across the district. Reducing speed around schools makes the streets safer, more attractive and more accessible for children to walk and cycle.

What's proposed?



Speed limits reduce to 30km/h, during school hours outside the following schools:

Arrowtown Primary School

Glenorchy Primary School

Kingsview Primary School

Queenstown Primary School

Remarkables Primary School

St Joseph's School

Shotover Primary School

Wakatipu High School

Holy Family School

Mount Aspiring College

Wānaka Primary School

Hāwea Flat School



A permanent speed reduction to 40km/h outside Makarora School.

Specific details for each location can be found at letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/speed-limits-in-school-zones or at the Queenstown and Wānaka Council offices. Get informed and have your say today!

Feedback closes on 16 July 2021.

Next steps for Ladies Mile

It's great to see so many people taking a keen interest in how our district grows and changes in the future.

Last month we received close to 500 submissions on the draft Ladies Mile Masterplan and associated planning rules. Since then, our project team has been working through all of the feedback and finalising the proposals which are expected to be presented to Councillors for consideration in July 2021.

In the meantime, you can read more about the project and a summary of recent feedback at www.qldc.govt.nz/ladies-mile-masterplan

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From the Chambers

There's always plenty going on at our Council and Committee meetings, here's a snapshot of some recent happenings.

REPRESENTATION REVIEW CONSULTATION DUE TO START

The recommendations of the Representation Review Advisory Group are due to be considered at the 30 June Council meeting. The advisory group was tasked with undertaking a 'blue sky' review of the Council's representation arrangements, which have remained largely unchanged since 1989. The Wānaka Community Board and the Arrowtown Ward date from about this time and both feature in the advisory group's recommendations with the group proposing the disestablishment of both. The Council will decide what proposal it will consult on at the 30 June meeting and public feedback will be open from 5 July until 6 August. A hearing of submissions is scheduled for 26 August with the Council due to adopt its final proposal at the meeting on 16 September. This will be followed by an appeal/objections period of one month. If appealed, the matter will be referred to the Local Government Commission to determine.

REMIT ON ACCOMMODATION SUPPLEMENT

Council has put forward a remit for consideration at the Local Government New Zealand AGM in July around the need to review the accommodation supplement system. This is a proactive step in the early discussions between local and central government on this issue.

The system was last reviewed in 2018 and there is concern that it has not kept pace with development. In particular, residents of some high growth urban areas are not eligible for the level of subsidy that they should be. This has created an inequitable and confusing situation, often between closely located neighbouring suburbs.

QLDC has advocated on this matter for a number of years and is now seeking the support of the wider local government sector to press central government for a review.

NEW WASTE CHARGES

The Council agreed to small increases in waste charges at its meeting on 3 June with changes to single use refuse bags, disposal of car and van loads and per tonne disposal. This is largely in response to increasing costs associated with the Emissions Trading Scheme and an increase in the Ministry for the Environment's landfill levy from \$10/tonne to \$20/tonne. The new charges also support two new initiatives that will promote recycling. The first is SeatSmart, a national programme supporting the recovery of child car seats of which 75% is recyclable. The second is the degassing of appliances that contain synthetic greenhouse gases or ozone-depleting substances on site at transfer stations, ensuring that they are safe to be sent off for recycling. The new charges will be in place from 1 July 2021.

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They are livestreamed via our Facebook page (@qldcinfo).





Splash of colour brightens new underpass

It was smiles all around as kids from Te Kura O Take Kārara painted a large, colourful mural on Wānaka's new SH84 underpass.

Guided by local artist Chrissy Wickes, the painting took place over several weeks and has added a bright spark to the new underpass which makes it far safer for people to ride or walk to the other side of this busy road.

New lookout for Bennetts Bluff

A new lookout at Bennetts Bluff will open on 1 July, making it safer for locals and visitors to pull over and enjoy unique views of Lake Whakatipu.

Council worked closely with Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai (DOC) to complete the project. Council invested \$1.6m to develop a new carpark, toilet block and picnic area with native planting, while DOC has funded the walking track and viewing area.

For many years, drivers have been pulling over on the side of the Glenorchy-Queenstown road at Bennetts Bluff to take in the stunning views.

Prior to this work, drivers pulled over on a blind corner with a rock fall hazard. This new spot is better signposted, has space for coaches, campervans and cars, and is a designated safe place to stop.

We're reintroducing 4,000 native plants to the area and are also working with the Glenorchy Community Association to develop an information board about the history of the Glenorchy-Queenstown Road.

Kāi Tahu kaumātua bestowed a site blessing last year and will continue to support with the development of cultural and historical signage at the lookout over time.

The new lookout will be open from July, and the unsafe section of road will have a barrier installed to ensure it is no longer possible to pull over.



Diversification gaining traction in Queenstown Lakes

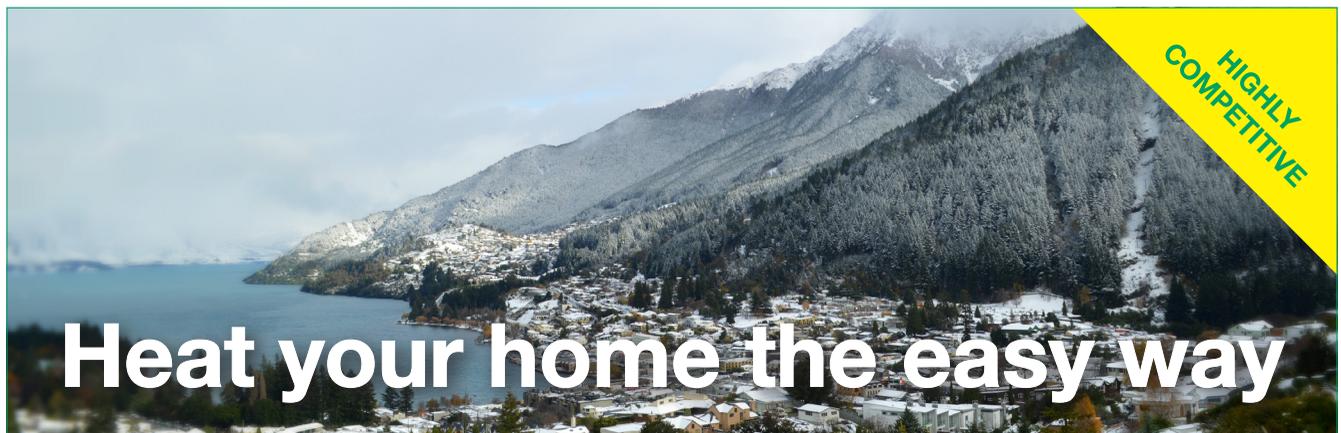
Our Economic Development Unit is working with central government and private businesses to reconsider what the local economy could look like in the future.

The government recently announced a \$20M investment boost in economic diversification for the Queenstown Lakes district. This is in addition to a government loan recently secured by Remarkables Park to support the building of an innovation centre.

The \$20M fund, which will be administered by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, will focus on underwriting private sector projects that grow jobs outside tourism and construction.

The team is developing frameworks to guide future investment in diversification based on the latest international research and case studies of areas similar to ours. Industry themes identified as having strong potential for growth include screen, technology and energy.

Soon-to-launch projects that will support diversification include promoting the district as a viable place to base a non-tourism business, and efforts to boost collaboration amongst technology businesses that supply the tourism and hospitality industries. Watch this space for more details, coming soon!



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Join 326 million participants worldwide and take up the challenge so we can have cleaner streets, oceans and beautiful communities. Sign up now www.plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge and get weekly updates and tips to help keep you motivated. If you're looking for some inspiration, head over to www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/ Here you'll find tips for starting out small or ideas if you're keen to really challenge yourself.

The real cost of waste

Ever wondered what sits behind the cost of sending waste to landfill?

Currently, Council pays government a levy rate per tonne for all the waste sent to Victoria Flats Landfill, located in Gibbston Valley. Previously this was set at \$10 per tonne, but from 1 July this year the government is increasing these rates to \$20 per tonne, and progressively to \$60 per tonne by 2024.

Increasing and expanding the levy is a key part of the government's plan to reduce waste to landfill and prevent valuable resources from being thrown away.

Half of the levy money goes to councils to spend on waste minimisation activities, and the remaining money is put into a national Waste Minimisation Fund, a contestable fund for activities to reduce waste in Aotearoa New Zealand.

As part of the government's Emissions Trading Scheme to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we are also required to pay for emissions based on landfill use. This is a significant cost for Council, and the more waste that goes into our landfill the more emissions units we need to purchase (approximately one unit per tonne of waste). Currently one emissions unit costs approximately \$37, but this is expected to rise to \$140 per unit by 2030.

These costs have a direct flow on effect for our communities, either through rates or fees and charges at our Transfer Station facilities, and landfill. At its meeting in June, Council agreed to raise the waste fees and charges for the 2021/22 year, from July this year. A full list of fees is available on our website.

The less waste we all put into our landfill, the lower the cost will be for everyone. It's also a plus for our environment. The less waste we produce, the cleaner our environment will be.

Reducing waste is a collective effort – we all play a role. Every bit helps, from using a reusable cup for your coffee to buying something second-hand instead of new, and eating leftovers to avoid food waste.

Find out more about local waste minimisation initiatives at www.qldc.govt.nz

Milestone for new Memorial Centre

Work is underway to build the district's newest community facility – the Luggate Memorial Centre Whare Mahana.

Following an extensive design and full procurement process, Breen Construction has been appointed to build the new hall to Passive House standards.

The idea behind the Passive House Standard is to construct buildings that are healthy and comfortable year-round,

needing very little energy to operate. This is closely aligned with principles included in our Climate Action Plan and Vision Beyond 2050 objective Zero-Carbon Communities | Parakore Hapori.

Over the past month, Breen Construction has been safely removing asbestos and salvaging

reusable materials from the old Luggate Memorial Hall. Construction of the new Memorial Centre will begin in July, and is expected to be completed in April 2022.

Contractors will use a panelised methodology when building the new centre, using panels manufactured at the

Hector Egger factory in Cromwell. Once delivered to site, these will be installed within two weeks.

We'll keep you updated on progress of this exciting project, which will be a focal point for the local community in Luggate and an attractive event venue for people across the district to enjoy.



THE SCIENCE OF EARTHQUAKES

Here on the shaky isles many of us have experienced an earthquake or two and it can be an unsettling experience.

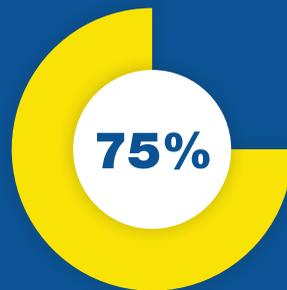
You might have heard a bit about the Alpine Fault recently, it has been garnering a lot of interest from our scientists, emergency managers, media and community.

The fault ruptures on average every 300 years, and carbon dating tells us that the last rupture was 304 years ago, in 1717.

New research shows that the chances of the fault rupturing within the next 50 years are now much higher than previously thought. The probability of such an earthquake has increased

from 30% to about 75%. The quake may reach magnitude 8 but this magnitude reduces the further the location is from the rupture on the West Coast.

Running up the spine of the South Island, the faultline is about 600km long.



THE PROBABILITY OF THE ALPINE FAULT RUPTURING WITHIN THE NEXT 50 YEARS

WHAT COULD HAPPEN IN AN ALPINE FAULT EARTHQUAKE?

Aside from significant ground shaking, there may be landslides, liquefaction, and it's possible there could be a seiche (lake tsunami) in some of our lakes. Damaged roads and bridges may mean some communities are cut off. Communication networks, electricity, gas and water could all be severely disrupted.

An Alpine Fault earthquake will be a national event and emergency services will be busy responding to the highest priority incidents.

That might feel daunting, especially since we can't control Mother Nature. But the good news is there are things we can influence, such as how we prepare ourselves at home and at work so that we are ready if an earthquake occurs.

WHAT ARE COUNCIL, GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER AGENCIES DOING?

Scientists are carefully studying the fault line and its possible impacts and teaming up with emergency managers to improve planning. A South Island-wide coordination group was established in 2016 called AF8 (Alpine Fault Magnitude 8).

In Queenstown Lakes we have three emergency management officers who are part of the Otago Civil Defence Emergency Management Group. They work closely with the National Emergency Management Agency, emergency services, communities, councils, and other agencies like utility companies, to plan, prepare and respond to a range of emergencies, including earthquakes. The Council has a trained team of staff who will respond in an emergency.

KEEN TO GET MORE INVOLVED?

We're looking for volunteers who are interested in being part of a Community Response Group for their area. These groups will have a vital role in supporting their community during an emergency. All you need is enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved! Register your interest here: www.qldc.govt.nz/community/emergency-management/community-response-groups

QUAKE-SAFE YOUR HOME

Make your home safer by ensuring objects that could fall and hurt people are either relocated or fixed and fastened to the wall or floor.

Local examples here at Council include updating and increasing the resilience of the district's radio network, improving the resilience of the stormwater network, and implementing a backup emergency broadband satellite network in case fibre communications fail.

This work is beneficial for our district in all types of emergencies, not just earthquakes.

IS THERE SOMETHING I COULD BE DOING?

Yes! A great (and free) place to start is by having a conversation with your household and loved ones about what you will do in an emergency.

DROP, COVER AND HOLD

In an earthquake Drop, Cover and Hold. This is the safest action to take. It stops you being knocked over, makes you a smaller target for falling objects and protects your head, neck, and vital organs.



Think about what it will mean if the phone lines are down. What will you do if you can't make it home? Who will pick up the kids?

Not everyone can afford extra supplies, but if you can manage it, think about picking up an extra item from the supermarket each week, especially if you have babies or toddlers who require nappies or formula. Remember your fur babies (pet food) and others in your home with additional needs. Storing water is another free option, aim for three litres per person, per day.

Sign up to Otago Gets Ready for free emergency text and email alerts via otago.getsready.net

For more ideas on how to get ready visit otagocdem.govt.nz

Frankton parks to get a spruce up

Work to upgrade Frankton Domain Playground and recreation spaces along Frankton Beach began in May.

The playground near Allan Crescent is set to receive replacement equipment and a more durable play surface. These upgrades will improve accessibility and cater to a wider range of ages.

Recreation spaces just down from Lake Avenue on Frankton Beach will be spruced up, with existing BBQs changed from gas to electric, and new cooking tops added. Extra picnic tables and new rubbish bins will also be installed nearby, with some landscaping work planned too.

Update on Stage Three of Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan

Work continues on Stage Three of the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan. Wānaka Community Board members stopped by on a beautiful morning in June to check out progress and walk through the site.

Sections of Te Ara Wānaka (shared pathway) are complete and already open for the public to walk and ride along, and the boardwalk along the lake's edge is starting to take shape.

Once the shared pathway and boardwalk are complete, large-scale planting will be undertaken in the area to maintain the lakefront's rugged, wild landscape. Work is expected to be finished in August 2021.

For more information head to www.qldc.govt.nz/wanaka-lakefront-development-plan

Work has required some temporary changes to Lakeside Road traffic and access to the lakefront during the project.

Lakeside Road is now closed to southbound traffic between the Marina and Monley Lane, 24-hours a day 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.

Thanks for everyone's patience whilst we complete this exciting new section of the lakefront.

Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy open for submissions

Proposed changes to the Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2021 are now open for submissions.

The draft policy is a requirement of the Building Act 2004 and outlines:

- > how Council identifies dangerous, affected or insanitary buildings
- > what powers Council has when such buildings are identified, and
- > how Council will work with building owners and the community to prevent these structures from remaining a risk.

Other amendments to the policy aim to modernise the document, making it fit for purpose for the next five years and easy to understand for both Council officers and the community, and addresses the matter of costs associated with Council remediating dangerous and insanitary buildings where the owner fails to take action.

Full details can be read at letstalk.qldc.govt.nz or at any Council office and library district-wide.

Submissions can be made in one of the following ways:

- > online at letstalk.qldc.govt.nz
- > via email to letstalk@qldc.govt.nz
- > via post to QLDC, Private Bag 50072, Queenstown 9348

Submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday 9 July 2021.

Adult Reading Challenge

libraries
Queenstown Lakes

Take your winter reading to the next level! Tackle QLDC Libraries' adult reading challenge during June, July and August.

Complete all 15 challenges and go in the draw to win a \$50 book voucher. Pop in to your local library branch and pick up your challenge card today!

A bonus prize for the top reader across the district is also up for grabs.

The spaces where we connect, learn and play

Thanks to everyone who sent in feedback on our draft community facilities strategy.

The strategy, once approved, will help to guide Council's future decision making on new facilities, upgrades to existing facilities, the potential to transition away from facilities that no longer meet current community needs, and opportunities to partner with other providers across the district.

We're currently reviewing all feedback and working through any changes required before presenting to full Council so it can consider approving the final strategy.



Welcome to Winter!

Block out your calendars for 2-4 July. Welcome to Winter is an action-packed three-day festival to celebrate all there is to love about the snowy season in Queenstown.

With a variety of free and ticketed events, all ages and interests will be catered for with live entertainment, mountain fun, ticketed parties, a Wonderland Christmas market, and more.

Bring your friends and family to join the fun and marvel in what our region has to offer in the magical winter season!

Check out the Welcome to Winter programme and book tickets at:

www.queenstownnz.co.nz/welcometowinter

Additional bus services will be available so please keep an eye on the Welcome to Winter Facebook event page for the latest info.



Funding available for heritage buildings

Own a heritage building in the district?

Our Heritage Incentive Grant can provide financial assistance for everything from maintenance to earthquake strengthening advice.

Applications for the grant can be made by the owners of listed heritage items, both natural and built. Financial assistance will only be granted to Category 1, 2 and 3 historic buildings, sites and objects (including trees) as listed in the Inventory of Protected Features (Appendix 3) in the District Plan.

The grant has made a difference to heritage items around the district, including restoration work on the Anglican Parish of Wakatipu's Hall and Vicarage, seismic assessment at Arrowtown's Fork and Tap, supporting the Queenstown Bowling Club to add to their historic pavilion and much more.

More information about the grant, and other QLDC community funding options, can be found at www.qldc.govt.nz/community-funding

Cool reminders about hot ash

Who doesn't love a roaring fire during the long frosty nights of winter. Just remember to play it safe when disposing of ash.

Never, ever put hot ash in your kerbside bin.

Ash can remain hot long after the fire itself has gone out. It could melt the bin and cause a fire in the collection vehicles or at the Transfer Station or Landfill.

We recommend you let ash cool for at least five days before disposing of it in the rubbish. Or if you're looking for an alternative to throwing it out, you could consider spreading cold ash on the garden as a fertiliser. Just make sure you're not burning treated wood.

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Libraries annual children's bookmark competition

It's like the gift that keeps giving! During the last summer break, primary school students across the

district were invited to take part in a summer reading challenge and bookmark competition.

We were delighted with the 117 pieces of creative artwork sent in based on the theme '2020 was an adventure!'

Here we showcase the winners and their gorgeous entries which continue to be the official children's QLDC libraries bookmarks for 2021!



ALEXIA
(MAKARORA)



CHLOE
(WĀNAKA)



HENRY
(QUEENSTOWN)



OLLIE
(GLENORCHY)



EMMANUEL
(ARROWTOWN)



ANKITA
(FRANKTON)



SCARLETT
(FRANKTON)

No more folded page corners for you! These bookmarks are available at your local library, pop in and pick your favourite!

Keep an eye out for the next competition which will be based around the theme 'aroha'. It will be open to both primary and secondary school students across the district from October. Winners will be chosen by lucky dip at the start of Term 1 in 2022, so everyone is in with a chance!

New Bylaw puts increased focus on the environment

The Integrated Three Waters Bylaw comes into effect on 1 July.

This replaces both the Water Supply Bylaw 2015 and Trade Waste Bylaw 2014. It also encompasses stormwater and wastewater to take a more holistic approach to providing safe drinking water, keeping our lakes, rivers and environment clean and protecting our infrastructure from misuse.

The new Bylaw will also include an Administration Manual which provides a more user friendly set of guidelines for the community and businesses.

As part of the new Bylaw, we'll require businesses that discharge any trade waste into the wastewater

network to register and apply for a discharge consent or approval notice. This includes discharge from restaurants, takeaway outlets, food processors, car wash outlets, service stations, churches, schools, chemical manufacturers and many more.

The Integrated Three Waters Bylaw and more info on this process can be found at www.qldc.govt.nz/trade-waste-registration

An online registration form will be available from 1 July 2021.

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Championing youth engagement

A guest contribution by the Upper Clutha Youth Council

The Upper Clutha Youth Council has been working on new ways to capture the student voice and share their ideas for a brighter future in Wānaka.



On 19 May we invited the Wānaka Community Board to join us in hosting a sausage sizzle at Mount Aspiring College (MAC). Students were able to purchase a sausage complete with onions and ketchup - expertly cooked by Deputy Mayor Calum MacLeod and his sidekick Justin Lam - for just \$1. The catch? The deal only stood if they answered a survey we designed with three questions specific to youth living in the Upper Clutha.

These were:

1. How can the Council give more support to youth in the Wānaka area?

2. What changes would you like to see in the Upper Clutha in the next five years?

3. Anything else you would like to say?

The Upper Clutha Youth Council, or UCYC for short, has found that sausage sizzles are a great way to get amongst the youth of the area and find out what they think about Wānaka and what is to come.

We are happy to report when our youth council members came together to engage with the students of Mount Aspiring College over an awesomely cheap BBQ, the outcome was terrific! We were not quite expecting the 72 surveys and \$72 we raked in, but we were certainly armed with sausages and surveys. The feedback we received from the surveys was just what we were looking for and has given us a lot to reflect on.

As an organisation we represent the voice of the Upper Clutha youth, so when we came together for our next meeting we were eager to crack into the collected surveys. Through partnering with the Wānaka Community Board, and hosting a whopping deal, the youths' voices and ideas shall be heard.

It was simply splendid getting the opportunity to work with this wonderful group. QLDC needs to get feedback from our younger community and this format was an excellent way of breaking the ice. A snorkler and some feedback - what's not to love! I, for one, am looking forward to the next one."
 - Deputy Mayor Calum MacLeod

Adventure tales galore at Mountain Film and Book Festival

Filmmakers and adventurers descended on Queenstown and Wānaka for the 19th New Zealand Mountain Film and Book Festival over June and July.

The wide range of events included guest speakers, author readings, book signings and book launches. As always, the festival's many films and books told stories of adventure sports, foreign cultures, remote travel and environmental issues.

NZ Mountain Film and Book Festival Director Mark Sedon said the calibre of the films and the creativity in the adventures was "epic".

"The crowds turned up to support our event, and now people all across New Zealand and Australia can continue to watch the festival online for one more month," he said.

No need to worry if you missed out on the event in person. The festival has made the jump online and will be broadcast in New Zealand and Australia from 25 June until 25 July, meaning people who missed out on the initial nine day event can view it all from the comfort of their homes.



Our findings told us that the youth feel a strong need for more 'Youth Space' such as playgrounds, a better location for Kahu Youth and Inclusive spaces out of school. As well as, more support staff for those with mental disabilities (not just in school) and for those having a hard time in life. A large number of students reported that they wanted more youth communication/awareness. Other common answers were: more community areas; more funded youth/ community activities; and better facilities.

In the better facilities category students requested: the rugby club, bigger skate park, sports fields, football, pool, larger REC centre, better parks, better grass in parks, outdoor basketball courts, and more public toilets.

It was an awesome opportunity for UCYC to work with the community board and definitely the first of many to come.

Spotlight on waste audit and education programme for Queenstown Lakes businesses

For the past few editions of Scuttlebutt we've been showcasing the awesome work of our Waste Minimisation Community Fund recipients for 2020.

This time we're putting the spotlight on the Queenstown Chamber of Commerce and chatting to Fiona Reeve about its initiative to help local businesses improve their waste and recycling practices.

Q. It is heartening to hear that local businesses want to incorporate environmental sustainability into their everyday business practices. Talk us through how the Chamber's waste minimisation initiative helps facilitate this?

Queenstown is a fast-growing community and to ensure we can continue to enjoy this beautiful region for generations to come, ethical business practices and growing a sustainable economy are key, particularly as we move into a post-COVID environment and rebuild our economy.

Sustainability is a key interest area for the Queenstown Chamber, partly due to the commercial sector's large contribution to landfill waste. We identified an opportunity to engage with the Queenstown business community via our membership base to help them navigate their waste reduction journey.

Q. From what we understand you're bundling a waste audit programme with an education element. What a great idea. Can you tell me more about this?

We find that many businesses understand the importance of reducing their environmental impact but often people don't know where to start. We ran an introductory workshop in March for businesses providing them with guidelines and practical knowledge to help implement and maintain waste reduction initiatives.

The session featured a facilitated panel discussion from three leading sustainability advocates followed by a Q&A. Gina Dempster from Wastebusters spoke about waste reduction and how to introduce a sustainability plan and Kath Buttar from QLDC provided some context around recycling in our district. We also had Russ Mackintosh from Cardrona who provided valuable working examples of how staff engagement helped to successfully eliminate single-use items from their mountain cafes and saved them money.

The workshop was a great chance for businesses to get together, share experiences and collaborate with others moving towards a zero-waste goal. It also provided an opportunity to offer an expression of interest to businesses keen to take part in the waste audits.

Q. What have been the benefits of working with Wastebusters and Council to get your project off the ground?

It's been incredibly valuable working with Wastebusters and the Council on this project. Wastebusters brings a wealth of experience as a community enterprise leading the way in waste reduction. Sharing their knowledge via our workshop and carrying out hands-on audits that analyse waste streams for local businesses has been key to the success of this project. The funding we've received from the Council has meant we can offer these audits and the workshop free of charge to the business community, helping local businesses improve their waste and recycling practices.

Q. Awesome to hear that free waste audit programmes will be underway with four local businesses. Who are you working with and what's involved?

We are working with a cross section of industries for these audits, with Warren and Mahoney Architects, construction firm Wilson Contractors, five-star hotel Millbrook Resort and Kinross Boutique Vineyard Hotel, Cellar Door and Bistro all on board.

The business goes through a process of a hands-on waste audit to help them understand the volume and type of waste generated from their operations and then provides them with recommendations on how to effectively reduce, reuse and recycle. We are looking to support these businesses as they implement change, working with Wastebusters to identify opportunities for zero waste education for staff and providing advice relevant to their waste streams.

Q. Does the Chamber have a plan to share the findings from these audit programmes?

We are looking forward to seeing the results of the waste audits and are keen to share some of the findings as case studies at the end of the year once these businesses have been able to implement some of the recommendations and review the outcomes in terms of waste reduction.

Q. What is the longer term vision for this project?

The hope is that we can use these case studies as a way to inspire other businesses to start their own waste reduction strategy.

The 2021 Waste Minimisation Community Fund recipients were set to be announced as Scuttlebutt went to print. Check out www.qldc.govt.nz or our Facebook page for more.

Top image: Russ Mackintosh from Cardrona Alpine Resort.

Middle image: Seth Moir from Windy Ridge Farm delivering milk to Kinross Vineyard.

Bottom image: Gina Dempster from Wastebusters.



LET'S TALK

KŌRERO MAI

Here's 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

SPEED LIMITS IN SCHOOL ZONES

Reducing speed limits around schools to improve safety.

Status:
Consultation underway.

DANGEROUS AND INSANITARY BUILDINGS POLICY

Modernising Council's approach to identifying and managing insanitary and dangerous buildings.

Status:
Consultation underway.

LADIES MILE MASTERPLAN

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

Status:
Final proposals expected to be presented to Council July 2021.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES STRATEGY

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

Status:
Feedback closed on 22 June. More details soon.

WHAT'S COMING UP

HOUSING STRATEGY

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

Status:
Consultation expected to start July 2021.

REPRESENTATION REVIEW

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

Status:
Community engagement expected to start July 2021.

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN REVIEW

Guiding local action to help our district adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Status:
Engagement expected to start over winter.

HĀWEA WASTEWATER UPGRADE

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

Status:
Engagement expected to start soon.

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