

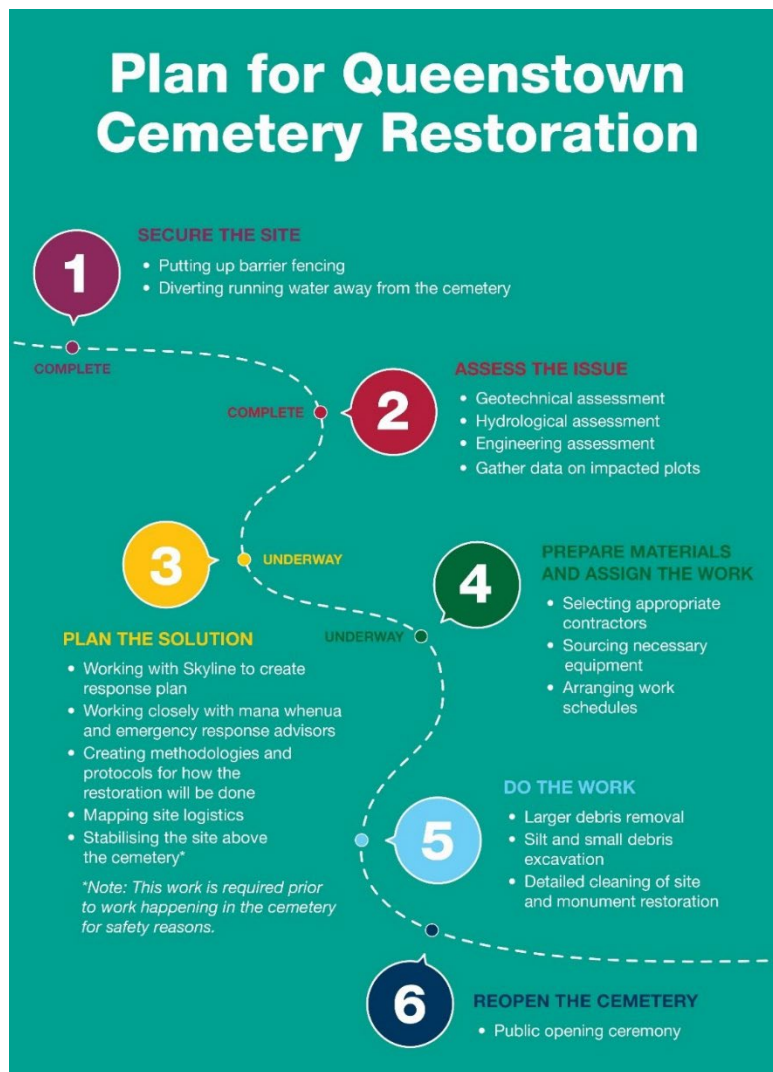
20 October 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa

Once again thank you all for your patience till we could get our weekly update distributed. Moving forward, we will aim to send these updates every Thursday.

These updates will now also be published on our brand-new [Queenstown Cemetery Restoration](#) webpage! This is a dedicated webpage within the QLDC website where we will be posting updates and info about the progress of restoring the Queenstown Cemetery. We are also opening up these updates for anyone to receive, so if you know someone who is interested in staying up to date, please encourage them to head over to the webpage, have a look around, and subscribe.

On the new webpage we have also provided a '[Restoration Roadmap](#)' (example below, full doc linked). It sets out our process, what works have been completed, what is currently underway, and what is coming up next. We will continue to refine this roadmap as our plans progress, but hopefully it outlines our approach more clearly.



As we mentioned in an earlier update, works are underway above the cemetery to mitigate the risk of additional material movement. We now have a slightly adjusted timeline as the recent poor weather delayed some works (please note, this timeline may be adjusted further due to any weather-dependant works):

- Late October to Early November: Uphill risk mitigation above cemetery
- Early November to Mid November: Larger debris removal
- Mid November to Early December: Further silt and smaller debris excavation
- Early December to Late December: Detailed cleaning & monument restoration

Relatedly, Mayor Glyn Lewers today (20 Oct) approved a 28-day extension to the current local transition period following September's extreme weather event. "This is the quickest, most effective way to mitigate, manage and assess safety on Ben Lomond Reserve, adjoining reserves and other areas impacted by the weather event while recovery work continues," said Mayor Lewers. Our [Weather Event – September 2023](#) webpage should be updated shortly with this new information on the recovery period extension.



*Mitigation works in progress on Ben Lomond Reserve (above)*

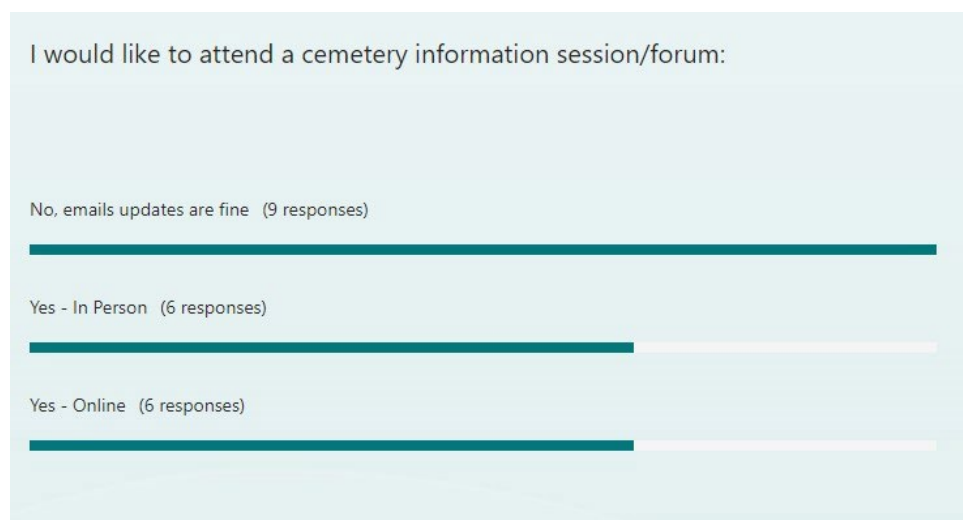
In addition to the works up the hill, a sediment collection tank has been temporarily placed along Brecon Street to assist with filtering the water runoff which has been diverted out of the cemetery. This is only temporary and will be removed once the cemetery restoration is complete and when more permanent water channelling has been installed above the cemetery. Over the next week or two, you will also start to see preparations underway, and equipment being moved on site prior to the start of works in the cemetery.



*Temporary sediment tank along Brecon Street (above)*

Last but certainly not least, we asked for your feedback on whether email updates regarding the cemetery restoration progress were sufficient or if a public information session (either online or in person) was preferred. Nine respondents indicated email updates were fine, and twelve respondents indicated they would like to attend an information session. From this feedback, we will try to organise an online information session and will send around a link to everyone when ready.

We will also try to set aside a day where I (Tarsy, Parks Officer for Cemeteries) will be available for drop-in queries (rather than an in-person group session), so for those interested you would be welcome to come in for a chat! I will send that information around as well when I have it scheduled in. We appreciate everyone who took the time to respond so we could provide you with your preferred information session option.



As always, please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns, we are always just a phone call or email away!

Nga mihi nui