



## HUDDLE UP, TEAM!

We're kicking off the grand final of community engagement on two major pieces of work that together will frame the long-term development of sport and recreation across the district.

A joint masterplan covering the proposed expansion of both Queenstown Events Centre (QEC) and Wānaka Recreation Centre (WRC) ('the masterplan') sits under the Queenstown Lakes-Central Otago Sub-Regional Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy ('the strategy') to set out a comprehensive vision for the next 10 to 20 years.

We're now calling on the whole community to review the final line up and ensure there are no gaps in the outfield.

## PLAY!

## Our challenge

It's no secret that the Queenstown Lakes District has experienced a period of sustained and rapid growth. This has created a dynamic mix of new and long-time residents, more visitors and changing community needs.

Growth has also brought increased development and accompanying pressure on land, facilities and green spaces for sport, recreation and community use.

More recently, COVID-19 has put the brakes on growth and the district's population is not expected to reach pre-lockdown levels for up to five years. This may delay some projects but also provides an opportunity to catch up on building social infrastructure.

Together, the strategy and the masterplan provide a playbook to meet these challenges and enable community well-being to flourish through participation in sport and recreation.

## The Strategy

The strategy is a collaboration between key stakeholders across Queenstown Lakes and Central Otago. Its priority is to develop an informed strategic approach – both in the development of new facilities and the management of existing ones – for providers, participants and funders. In turn, this will create a shared purpose and deliver better value for our communities.

### KEY FINDINGS

Queenstown Lakes' resident population is forecast to grow at a faster rate than Central Otago's; Cromwell is predicted to grow at a much faster rate than the rest of Central Otago

Most facilities were developed more than 20 years ago to meet the needs of mainly traditional sports; while many of these sports have since grown, some have declined

Users are increasingly expecting a higher standard of facilities

There has been a decrease in traditional volunteer culture

Demand for 'pay for play' and the casualisation of sport is increasing

Volunteers face increased responsibilities, e.g. health and safety and other compliance requirements.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Limited resources mean it is not possible to meet every single facility desired by our communities. Hence, rather than commit local councils, private providers, clubs and funders to implement its recommendations, the strategy provides a framework in which each group can make decisions based on their broader strategic and funding parameters. This is where you can help.



## The Masterplan

### IMAGINE IT'S 2048 – WHAT WILL QUEENSTOWN EVENTS CENTRE AND WANAKA RECREATION CENTRE LOOK LIKE?

#### THE AIM OF THE GAME

Sport and recreation are embedded at the heart of our community and so it follows that the facilities Council provides in this space need to adapt as our population increases and changes in character.



The aim of the masterplan is to ensure QEC and WRC play a key role in the social fabric of our district, and also integrate well with their surroundings in terms of future transport links, education hubs, and residential and industrial development.

#### PRINCIPLES AND STAGING

The masterplan proposes some key strategic projects, and the sequence in which they should be carried out. It identifies some key short-term (one to three years) projects that will meet immediate community needs. These take into account other Council projects like the Wanaka Town Centre Masterplan and Frankton Masterplan, as well as the forecast effects of COVID-19.

#### HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Implementing the proposed masterplan over the next 20 years will cost:

QEC – \$151 million    WRC – \$73 million

Third party funding may be available to contribute towards the total cost.

#### Short-term projects for QEC could include:

- Frankton Golf Centre relocation
- Artificial turf development
- Wastewater heat recovery system
- New indoor multi-use courts; four squash courts and indoor cricket
- Three new sports fields including access roads and car parking
- Reconfiguration of the main carpark and creation of an informal recreation area
- New health, fitness and well-being facilities combined with shared function centre/clubrooms
- New outdoor netball/tennis courts and relocation of cricket nets
- Maintenance yard works.

#### Short-term projects for WRC could include:

- A new building housing offices, meeting rooms, café and health, fitness and well-being facilities
- Change to a sustainable heating source, e.g. biomass boiler/solar energy
- Development of Ballantyne Road oxidation ponds involving possible sports fields, shared clubrooms, carpark and access way.

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