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Your Vote Mattered!

Congratulations to Frida Rylev, 16, for winning our competition to design a poster encouraging young people to vote in the local election. The Year 12 Wakatipu High School student has a strong passion for art subjects, especially graphic design. Frida's design has been seen on the back of a bus, shared on social media and with local and national media, and printed in large posters.



Your new Council

Local election results were announced just as this edition of Scuttlebutt was going to print. See inside for an overview of the new Council, what happens next and how you can continue to have your say.

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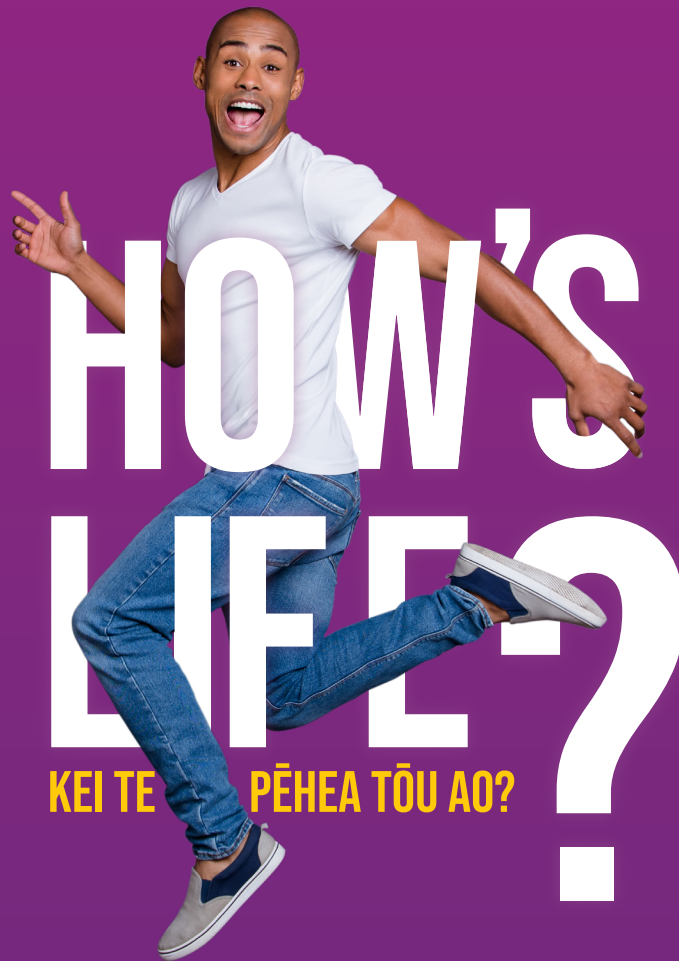
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Take the Quality of Life survey and help plan for a better tomorrow.

We'd love to hear from you in our fifth annual Quality of Life survey.

The survey gathers information that helps Council and public service providers understand more about the current issues and challenges facing our communities. Together we use these insights to plan for a better tomorrow, and ultimately improve the quality of life of our residents.

QLDC has worked with partners at Destination Queenstown and Lake Wānaka Tourism to develop questions about the visitor economy, and has also engaged Te Whatu Ora Southern (formerly the DHB) to help shape health and wellbeing questions.

The whole thing has been streamlined this year so it only takes 15-20 minutes to complete. Something to do over a cuppa!

It doesn't matter if you've completed the survey in previous years – a lot can change in 12 months so taking part every year provides an up-to-date snapshot of what life is like for people living in our district.

Past survey results have helped inform projects such as the Climate and Biodiversity Plan and the Queenstown Lakes Homes Strategy as well as guiding Council decisions including the QLDC 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan.

Last year's survey found that overall quality of life was rated as extremely good (26%) or good (50%), while 18% said their quality of life was average, and 6% poor or extremely poor. While the impacts of COVID-19 were still being felt across the district in 2021, the results showed respondents were re-adjusting to a new sense of normal.

What will this year's survey tell us? We'll let you know in the new year.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY

Head to letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/qol and be in to win a \$250 prezy card, along with a \$50 spot prize drawn every week the survey is live. The survey is open to anyone living in the district aged 18+. The last day for responses is Sunday 6 November.



Your new Council

Whilst final results had not been confirmed before this issue of Scuttlebutt went to print, preliminary results announced on Sunday 9 October all but confirmed Glyn Lewers had been elected as the new Queenstown Lakes District Mayor.

Again based on these preliminary results that accounted for around 90% of returned votes, Craig (Ferg) Ferguson, Lisa Guy and Neeta Shetty were elected to the Arrowtown-Kawarau Ward, with Matt Wong, Esther Whitehead, Gavin Bartlett and Niki Gladding elected to the Queenstown-Whakatipu Ward.

Quentin Smith, Barry Bruce, Lyal Cocks and Cody Tucker were elected as Wānaka-Upper Clutha Ward Councillors, with the seats on the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board secured by Simon Telfer, Chris Hadfield, John Wellington and Linda Joll.

The result could change once all votes have been counted with the final outcome available on our website by the time you read this: www.qldc.govt.nz/elections

The inaugural meeting of the new Council, when new elected members will be sworn in, was pencilled in for Thursday 20 October.

WAYS TO STAY ENGAGED

Speak before Council, Community Board and committee meetings: www.qldc.govt.nz/do-it-online/registrations/register-to-speak-at-public-forum

Attend a Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board drop-in session

Register on our Let's Talk website and have your say: letstalk.qldc.govt.nz

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A big thank you...

...to all the pooches who volunteered to be a Democracy Dog during the election. Big, small, fluffy and sleek – they came in all different shapes and sizes. Some loved salami, some had a fear of toilet rolls, some accidentally ate blue blocks of Lego...

But all of them put their best paw forward and wore our cape of democracy with pride.

And of course, a very special thank you to all the human voters in the district. Thank you for taking the time to participate in our local democracy!



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Remembering the Queen's visits

Like millions around the world, people in our district took time in September to reflect on the life and reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Council offices and venues remained closed on the special public holiday to coincide with the State Memorial Service in Wellington. Here we remember the Queen's visits to our district in 1970 and 1990. *Images courtesy of the Lakes District Museum.*



The Royal Family on board 'Fiordlander' in Queenstown Bay, 1970 (ref EP3089L).



Queen Elizabeth II visits Arrowtown, 1990 (ref EP2142).



The Queen with Mayor Warren Cooper, 1970 (ref EP3089f).



The Queen talks to Mayor David Bradford in Arrowtown, 1990 (ref EP2146).

Seeing the forest for the trees

Residents and visitors to the Queenstown Lakes are passionate about the many wonderful trees that call our district home, and they want to see them protected for future generations.

That's why we're thrilled our new Tree Policy 2022 was adopted in August. It sets in place robust criteria to ensure trees aren't unnecessarily removed.

AS A RESULT, TREES ON PUBLIC LAND WILL NOT BE REMOVED:

To minimise obstruction of views.

To minimise obstruction of commercial or advertising signage.

To reduce leaf or fruit litter and other debris.

To reduce shading.

For contributing to allergenic or irritant responses (unless certain criteria are met).

When the risk posed by the tree is deemed acceptable when assessed via the policy.

In the unfortunate event where a tree does have to be removed, the new policy specifies that it must be replaced with two trees. It also provides guidance on the types of trees Council will plant, how we'll keep them happy and healthy, and how staff and other workers should operate around them.



Adopt a local tree this summer

If this summer is anything like last year we might be in for a few dry months. And without regular rainfall young trees on your street and in reserves nearby may end up desperate for a drink of water.

Trees are essential to the future of our district and the planet. So please consider adopting a tree near your house and watering it regularly, especially when rain's been taking an extended holiday.

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Planning for more affordable housing

Formal consultation is now open on a proposal to introduce Inclusionary Housing rules into the Proposed District Plan to help more people access affordable housing in the district.

The proposal would require most new residential subdivisions and developments to pay an 'affordable housing financial contribution'.

This money would be collected by Council and provided to the Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust (or another registered Community Housing Provider) as an ongoing funding stream. This will support their incredible work providing access to affordable housing.

Housing is one of the biggest challenges our community faces. It's also at the heart of creating secure, connected and caring communities, jobs and a diverse economy.

This proposal is really important because it will support access to affordable housing for low-moderate earners, helping to attract and retain skilled workers to the district. It also helps people to stay within the district, rather than living further afield in cheaper locations and commuting long distances to work.

Since 2003, we've successfully used inclusionary housing as a way of securing affordable housing contributions from developers on a case-by-case basis. The proposed rules will formalise that requirement providing more certainty that the construction of affordable housing can continue.

This is a complex but important topic for everyone in the district. To help people understand what's proposed we've summarised some key points opposite and have also provided some more detailed frequently asked questions at www.qldc.govt.nz/inclusionary-housing. The proposed rules are also available on the webpage for those who wish to get right into the detail.

SUMMARY OF KEY FACTS

At this stage this is a proposal subject to formal consultation underway.

The proposal may change as a result of submissions.

The proposed rules **do not apply** until Council makes a decision on the plan change; this will take some time.

The proposed financial contribution **will not apply in the following areas** (this is because a pre-existing agreement to provide affordable housing contributions has already been made with developers):

Jacks Point (including Hanleys Farm), Bullendale, Coneburn, Arrowtown Retirement Village, Northlake, Queenstown Country Club, Longview, Hikuwai, Riverside Park, Peninsula Bay, Allenby Farms, Quail Rise, Shotover Country, Homestead Bay, Tomasi.

The proposed 'affordable housing financial contribution' is important to support the vital work of the Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust (or another registered Community Housing Provider).

Since 2007, the Trust has built and delivered a total of eight housing developments (119 homes) on land received through an inclusionary housing-type process, which along with other homes purchased has helped 244 local households remain in the area. Further housing developments (totalling over 100 homes) are also underway at Northlake, Lake Hāwea and Arrowtown.

Get informed and make a submission at www.qldc.govt.nz/inclusionary-housing
 Submissions close on 24 November.

SUMMARY OF HOW THE PROPOSED CONTRIBUTION WOULD WORK:

The proposed 'affordable housing financial contribution' would be payable either at the time of residential subdivision approval and/or when building consent is issued for a new build (including apartments in business and mixed use areas). The contribution will not apply to residential flats located on an existing house site.

The proposed contribution for a **new house in urban areas** would depend on whether a contribution has already been paid by the developer that completed the subdivision.

Where new houses are to be built on lots that have not already been subject to an affordable housing contribution (for example building on a vacant lot that was created before the proposed rules come into effect), the contribution would be the lesser of either:

- > 2% of the anticipated sales value of the additional house(s) created; or
- > a set rate of \$150 per square metre of the net increase in residential floorspace.

For example: a new house on a vacant lot with a floor area of 150m² and estimated value of \$800,000 would trigger a contribution of \$16,000.

A \$1.5 million new house with a floor area of 250m² would trigger a contribution of \$30,000.

More details on the proposed contribution, how it's calculated and how they've been set, can be read at www.qldc.govt.nz/inclusionary-housing

THE PROPOSED CONTRIBUTION FOR A SUBDIVISION WOULD BE

New subdivisions that create vacant residential lots within existing urban areas	5% of the additional serviced lots created, to be provided to the Council as either a transfer of land or as an equivalent monetary contribution
Residential subdivisions in a Settlement Zone, Rural-Residential Zone, Wakatipu Basin Rural Amenity Zone Lifestyle Precinct or Special Zone	1% of the anticipated sales value of the additional lot(s), as defined in the proposed provisions

Public transport trial for the Upper Clutha

People in the Upper Clutha are strongly encouraged to get on board with a trial public transport link connecting Wānaka, Albert Town, Hāwea Flat and Lake Hāwea.

The three-month trial has been developed by Community Networks/ LINK and will be delivered by local transport provider Yello!.

Anyone can book a ride, but the timetable has been developed to meet the needs of three demographics in particular: seniors travelling to and from Wānaka during the day for appointments or

shopping, young people connecting with friends or attending after-school activities, and commuters getting to and from work.

“We accept that the shuttle cannot be all things to all people,” said LINK Community Development Coordinator Joanna Perry. “But this trial is as much about data collection as it is about providing a service – so, if the current service is not meeting your needs, tell us why!”

Joanna thanked QLDC, Otago Regional Council, local businesses and individuals for their support and advice, and Otago Community Trust for helping to fund the trial.

Yello! Owner and Operator Ramash Swamy said he was committed to working with community organisations to achieve local climate change initiatives and transport solutions.

The shuttle – a custom-built, 13-seat Mercedes Sprinter with wheelchair hoist, space for larger luggage items and a bike rack – runs Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays until 21 December. All fares cost just \$2 and seats must be booked in advance.

For full details including a timetable, list of stops and how to book head to communitynetworks.co.nz/shuttle-trial

Ramash Swamy and Joanna Perry with the Community Shuttle Trial vehicle.



Advisory Group shares welcoming vision

The district's new Welcoming Communities Advisory Group (WCAG) represents newcomer and community groups, iwi, business and central government alongside QLDC.

All 18 members are committed to building a welcoming environment for migrants, international students and Kiwis new to our corner of Aotearoa New Zealand through local participation in the national Welcoming Communities programme.

The advisory group will lead the development of our district's first Welcome Plan (look out for your own opportunities to contribute next year) and guide the delivery of local activities.

To learn more and read profiles of the group's members head to www.qldc.govt.nz/welcoming-communities

E te iwi ō te ao, nau mai,
haere mai, manaaki mai.

To the people of the world,
we welcome you with warmth.

We're hosting a Welcoming Communities hui for the Upper Clutha on 9 November.

Newcomers and key stakeholders are all invited to attend this world café-style discussion at the Lake Wānaka Centre from 2.00-4.30pm. Interested?

Email: silvia.dancose@qldc.govt.nz



Back row (l to r): David Wright, Autumn Servatkova, Esther Whitehead, Mel Wright, Katie Church, Philippe Saint-Pere, Silvia Dancose, Nick Fifield. *Front row (l to r):* Maznah Abu Hassan, Lina Lastra, Lucia Hao, Darren Rewi, Daniela Mercado, Denise Ng, Anna Dorsey, Marie Day. *(Absent: Olivia Plimmer-Jones and Hari Sapkota).*

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Queenstown Lakes District Libraries is excited to be launching 1,000 Books Before School, a reading adventure created for and inspired by our children.

This early literacy reading programme is designed for families and educators of babies and toddlers under the age of five. The goal is to begin reading together with your child from a very early age, reaching 1,000 books before they begin primary school. It sounds ambitious but it's totally achievable!

We'd love you to join our Whakatipu launch festivities and learn how you can take part in the programme.

We'll be organising a launch event for the Upper Clutha community in the New Year so keep an eye out!

JOIN US!

Join us for face painting, colouring in, storytime, bubbles, spot prizes and a chance to win a trip on the Earnslaw!

WHERE:
Remarkables Market,
23 Hawthorne Drive,
Frankton

DATE:
Saturday,
12 November

TIME:
10.00am-2.00pm

WHO:
Families and
educators of children
aged 0-5 years

ALL WELCOME –
Free to attend

HOW TO JOIN THE 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Come along to our launch event or drop into any one of our eight library branches across the district. Simply ask about the programme and you'll be given a bright fun booklet so you and your child can get started straight away!

Kiki the Kea, our library mascot, will guide you through the programme while providing helpful information about our Children's Libraries' services. The booklet is filled with inspirational quotes and encouraging tips. It also has a reading log so you and your little one can track your journey to 1,000 books.



WHAT DOES THE PROGRAMME AIM TO DEVELOP?

- > Bonding – snuggling up to read a book signals safety and emotional connection.
- > Emotional learning – babies learn from expressions and tonal qualities of voice.
- > Routines – babies thrive on knowing what comes next. Incorporating reading into a routine can help children prepare for whatever is next, like bedtime or naptime.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

There are fantastic educational benefits including an understanding of math concepts, phonological awareness (how different sounds come together to form speech and words) and exposure to vocabulary. Reading helps our children make connections between information in books and their own lives. It's our goal to encourage a lifelong love of reading for our little ones and give them a readiness for school learning.

In a nutshell, this programme is a great equaliser providing all babies, regardless of socio-economic background, with a FREE library card, and a FREE programme. This is a great opportunity to make a start on your little one's literacy journey with the help of whānau and friends.

This programme hopes to instil a love of reading, a celebration of togetherness and an opportunity for families to take a mindful moment, spend time together and share a story.

Thanks to all our generous sponsors who helped to get this project off the ground and out into the community. Special thanks to our partner Whānau Āwhina Plunket and to Motueka Library for the support and inspiration provided by their own 1,000 Books Before School programme.



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An advertisement for Luxe Stay Holiday Home Management. The background is a scenic view of a town at night with lights reflecting on a lake, with snow-capped mountains in the distance. The text "HOLIDAY HOME MANAGEMENT" is in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, "Sorted." is written in a white, cursive font with a white underline. A dark grey box contains white text: "We offer all-round service from marketing, guest interaction, cleaning to property maintenance, giving our clients a complete handsfree, stress free experience. Contact us for a free assessment of your property's rental potential." Below this box, it says "Ask us about our latest referral program." At the bottom, the Luxe Stay logo (a diamond shape made of smaller diamonds) is followed by "LUXE STAY" and "Queenstown • New Zealand". At the very bottom, contact information is listed: "+64 21 126 3900 | hello@luxestay.co.nz | www.luxestay.co.nz".

'Postcards' from recent events

We thought it would be fun to round-up some recent events around the district with a few photos to tell the story.



Our Simone's a world champ

It's amazing what working at Wānaka pool can do for you! Long-standing lifeguard Simone Maier also does some multi-sporting on the side. Yeah, just a bit. Along with (l to r) Stu Lynch, Chris Forne and captain Nathan Fa'avae, Simone's Team Avaya crossed the finish line in first place at the 2022 Adventure Racing World Championship in Paraguay in September. And this after her back-to-back NZ Coast to Coast solo wins in 2021 and 2022. Legend.



Kia kaha te reo Māori!

As part of Queenstown Lakes District Libraries' Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori celebrations, Matua Darren Rewi led Ngā Pūrakau o Tāhuna, a special event at Frankton Library exploring significant Whakatipu place names. Kia ora, Darren!



Putting down roots

We recently invited recent New Zealand citizens to a special event so they could mark this important milestone by planting a native tree in the Whakatipu Welcome Forest at Jardine Park, Kelvin Peninsula. Shout out to Trees That Count and the Whakatipu Reforestation Trust for their support. The forest, along with a similar one in Wānaka's Lismore Park, was created as part of QLDC's commitment to the Welcoming Communities programme – Te Waharoa ki ngā Hapori.



Celebrating our global village
 Heaps of locals with backgrounds in different countries around the world came together in early October for the Queenstown Multicultural Festival. There were live performances, stunning national costumes, yummy food, crafts and kids' games throughout a hugely entertaining day. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen!
 Credits: Tomomi Ito Photography

Queenstown Arterial update

The Kā Huanui a Tāhuna team is making good progress building Stage 1 of the Queenstown Town Centre Arterial Road.

So far we've completed 25% of all construction and we're on track to complete 40% by Christmas. Some highlights include:

- > Installation of a new stormwater line down Suburb Street and construction of a new outfall structure to manage the flow of stormwater into Lake Whakatipu.
- > Undergrounding of electricity lines and new water mains along Melbourne Street.
- > New water mains along Frankton Road, Beetham Street, Ballarat Street and Henry Street.

Over the next six months we'll be starting work on the new intersection at Henry Street / Gorge Road. The first stage of work involves digging deep trenches to upgrade all the underground services.

To do this as quickly and safely as possible we'll need to close Gorge Road between Stanley and Weaver Streets. A detour will be available via Robins Road. The closure will be in place from 25 October until June 2023, although it will reopen temporarily for the Queenstown Marathon and busy Christmas and New Year period.

PLAN AHEAD if you're traveling through town. Check your navigation app for the fastest route, avoid peak times if you can and consider other options for getting around, if they work for you. For a full picture of works in the centre of Queenstown head to: www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/otago/traffic-update/800932

Streets to be open for Christmas

Some great progress is being made on the street upgrades programme and we're pleased to say they'll be open for Christmas. A key milestone was reached recently with a large concrete pour on Rees Street. Huge thanks to all the businesses who have been so supportive and patient over this incredibly challenging time. We can't wait to finish the work and enjoy it with you.



Sign up for Huanui Pānui

A monthly update on the whole programme of work being delivered by Kā Huanui a Tāhuna.

Kā Huanui a Tāhuna is an alliance partnership between Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) along with four design and construction companies, Beca, WSP, Downer New Zealand and Fulton Hogan.



Pedigree information for pooches

Our second edition of Scuttlemutt – an online newsletter sent to local dog owners every six months – will be out at the end of October.

Scuttlemutt features the latest on everything your dog needs to know to stay woke, from upcoming registration periods to cool dog-related events being hosted throughout the district, like the community dog walks we've got planned for March next year!

It's also an opportunity to share stories about the abandoned pooches we've rehomed and how they're doing, talk about dog safety, and to hear more of what you and your dogs would like.

INTERESTED IN SOME (PAW) PRINT JOURNALISM?
Find out more about Scuttlemutt and sign up for an emailed copy at www.qldc.govt.nz/scuttlemutt



ORC rule change on earthworks

Otago Regional Council's (ORC) latest urban provisions for residential developments aim to reduce any adverse effects on water quality. The new Plan Change 8 (PC8) provisions to ORC's *Regional Plan: Water for Otago* became operative on 3 September following a recent Environment Court decision.

ORC General Manager Policy and Science Anita Dawe said they will enable the council to have better oversight of earthworks, ensuring sediment doesn't enter the water network.

"For residential earthworks to be a permitted activity, developers must not expose more than 2,500m² in any consecutive 12-month period per landholding, and the earthworks must not be within ten metres of a body of water, drain, water race or coastal marine area," she said.

"If developers cannot meet these and other requirements they will need to get a resource consent."

The PC8 urban topics changes will also affect operators of reticulated storm and wastewater systems.

To find out about related changes to QLDC resource consent applications involving earthworks, find the news story from 7 September on our website: www.qldc.govt.nz/news



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New stormwater flood hazard maps for Wānaka

New stormwater flood hazard maps for Wānaka will help Council and residents better understand and plan for flood risk in the area.

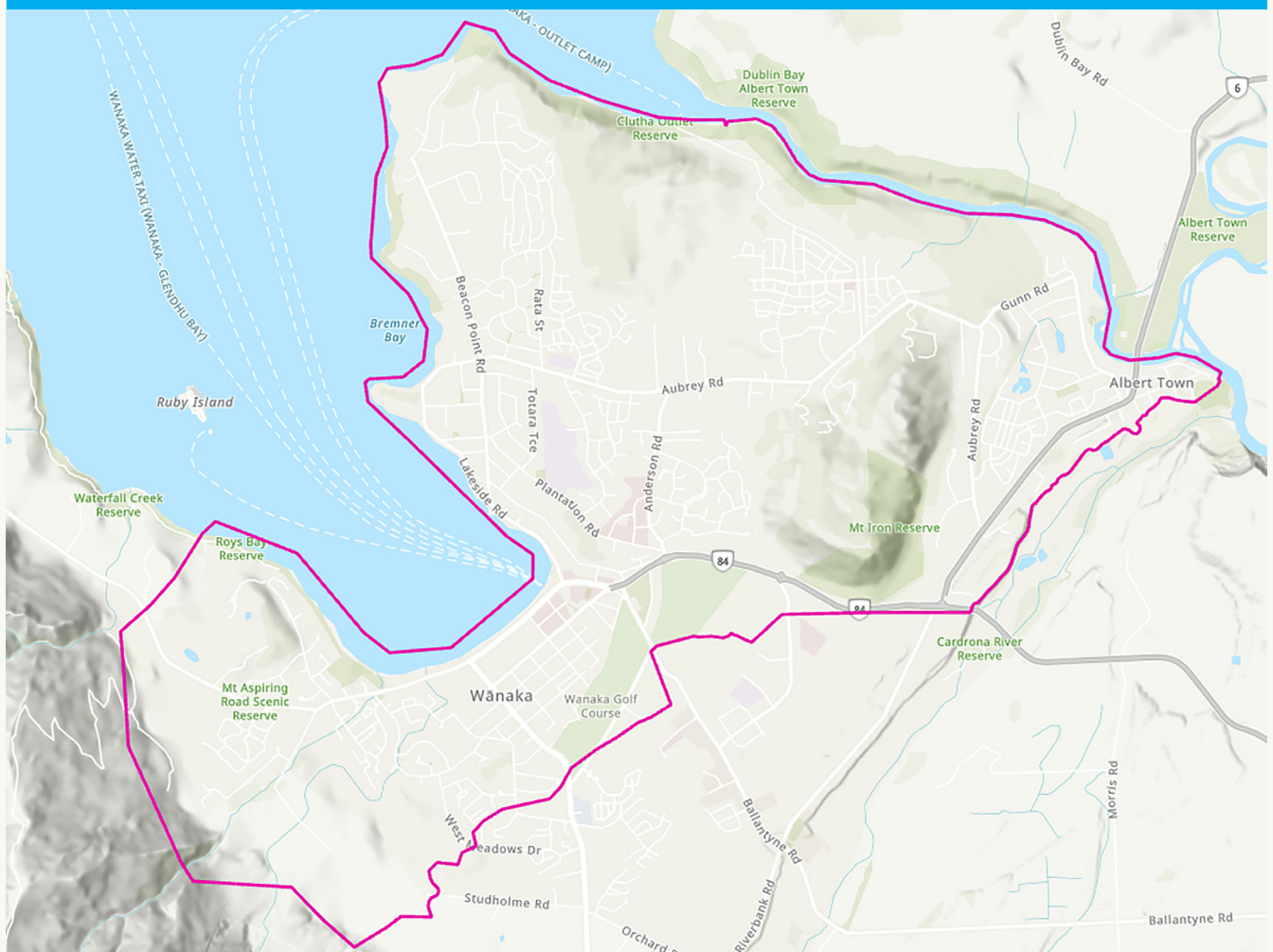
The maps identify potential flood risk from extreme rainfall events to properties in the Wānaka and Albert Town areas.

The maps are accessible online from www.qldc.govt.nz/stormwater-hazard-maps. Residents and property owners can zoom in on any property and identify the potential flood risk.

QLDC Strategy and Asset Planning Manager Mark Baker said similar assessments are being completed for all townships across the district and are due to be released in 2023 and 2024.

“We completed the modelling to better understand the flood hazard in the district. The maps will help inform

Map showing the area that was assessed.



our stormwater investment programme and help the community to understand possible flood risk in their area and for their property,” Mr Baker said.

Two maps have been produced based on the same modelling results.

One map indicates possible water depth caused by stormwater flooding. The other indicates any potential hazard to people, property, or vehicles, and is based on a combination of water depth and velocity.

The maps were created using a computer model that calculates how, when and where the rainwater flows accounting for climate change, the topography of the land and stormwater drainage, such as pipes, basins, creeks, bridges, culverts, and soak pits.

Environmental factors, such as soil characteristics, and where rainwater moves slowly or soaks into the ground, is also factored into the model.

Property owners within the flood assessment area have been sent a letter to advise them that potential flood information will appear on a Land Information Memorandum (LIM) if one is requested for their property.

The flood assessment area can be seen in the map opposite.

“Property owners don’t need to take any specific action as a result of this modelling. However, we do recommend they take a look at the maps and understand any potential risk, especially if they have plans to subdivide or build. This new information will be used to inform consent processes and our consent officers will be able to provide advice for each specific situation as it will depend on the property and proposal.”

Mr Baker said the modelling would further inform QLDC’s stormwater investment programme.

“Currently we have multiple stormwater projects underway in Wānaka and across the district. Including the upgrades taking place at Stone Street, Bullock Creek, Aubrey Road, Rata Street, and Anderson Road in Upper Clutha. This ranges from pipe upgrades to new soakage pits, a stormwater detention facility and stormwater flow diversion and treatment. We also have money earmarked in the 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan to investigate what further stormwater investment might be required.”

New radios boost resilience

Community Response Groups (CRG) in the Central Otago and Queenstown Lakes districts have received a boost to their emergency communications.

Ten new radio sets have been purchased and will be distributed across ten CRGs in the region – from Lake Hāwea to Glenorchy, and other communities in between. Each set includes a base unit and two hand-held radios.

The groups, which are trained to support their communities in the event of an emergency, will receive radio training from Emergency Management Otago.

The radios will provide greater resilience and connection for communities who may be cut off in a disaster if the usual communication networks fail.

This project was funded by the district councils and Central Lakes Trust.



Bill Nicoll (QLDC), Dan Andrew and Craig Gibson (Emergency Management Otago) with new radios for Community Response Groups.

Camp responsibly this summer

Summer's coming and with it the great Kiwi pastime of camping.

As we welcome visitors from overseas and elsewhere in Aotearoa New Zealand, here's a reminder to camp responsibly and protect our environment.

Responsible campers take only photos and leave only footprints, helping keep our communities and natural environment free from pollution and waste.

We know most campers want to do the right thing, and if they've got the right information they will. So we've compiled a list of all the key rules do's and don'ts.

- > Ensure your vehicle is certified self-contained before freedom camping.
- > Do not freedom camp in an area where it's prohibited.
- > Always use your own facilities for bathing, washing and going to the loo or use a public facility.
- > Always use a designated wastewater dump station for your sewage and sink water.
- > Dispose of rubbish in public bins or at transfer stations in the district.
- > Always park in the areas specifically designated for your type of vehicle.

SUMMER CAMPING PLANS

We're currently working on our summer camping programme and hope to announce this in November. Stay tuned!

HOW TO REPORT POOR CAMPING BEHAVIOUR

If you spot someone staying in an area where freedom camping is prohibited, or in a vehicle you don't think is certified self-contained, give us a call and let our officers know.

We're available 24/7.

Queenstown: 03 441 0499

Wānaka: 03 443 0024

LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RESPONSIBLE CAMPING?

Head to www.qldc.govt.nz/responsible-camping

Queenstown cycleway options

Following community feedback last year, we're now assessing options for a cycleway to connect the Frankton Track and new Park Street shared path into the town centre.

The first option runs through Te Kararo Queenstown Gardens using existing pathways whilst the second runs down Coronation Drive

to Stanley Street and around to Camp Street.

We'll be in touch with key stakeholders shortly and will also be

asking for community feedback later this year. Please keep an eye on [letstalk.qldc.govt.nz](https://www.letstalk.govt.nz) or Facebook [@QLDCinfo](https://www.facebook.com/QLDCinfo) for more details.

Flush with pride

There's an easy way to help keep things flowing smoothly through our wastewater system: remember to only flush the three Ps – pee, poo and paper.

Anything else will ultimately lead to blocked pipes and pump stations which can cost a huge pile to repair. That means no paper towels, tissues, rags or wet wipes down the loo.

Understandably, antibacterial wipes have been in high demand as people take extra hygiene precautions due to the pandemic. Whilst many of these products say they can be flushed, that's simply not the case here.

We all have a part to play in protecting our environment and keeping the three waters infrastructure flowing smoothly, so please think before you flush and stick to the three Ps.

For more tips head to www.qldc.govt.nz/preventing-wastewater-overflows

Goodbye to problem plastics

It's time to say goodbye to some single-use and hard-to-recycle plastics, something QLDC supported in our submission to the Ministry for the Environment. The government has recently made the manufacture and sale of several products in NZ illegal. These include polystyrene takeaway food and drink packaging, PVC food trays, plastic cotton-wool buds and drink stirrers, and plastic with pro-degradant additives. Many of these contaminate our recycling, add to waste in our landfills, or end up as litter. It's good to know that alternatives to all of these items already exist. For more info visit environment.govt.nz

✓ ONLY FLUSH THE 3 Ps



PEE



POO



PAPER

✗ DON'T FLUSH THESE



TAMPONS



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Local events are back!

The days are getting longer and it's time to get out and about to enjoy the return of some great local events. This is just a selection so keep your eye on local listings, show your support and have some fun!

OCTOBER - APRIL			
Every Saturday	Queenstown Lakefront Market, 9.00am–4.00pm	Queenstown	queenstownmarket.com
Every Saturday	Remarkables Market, 9.00am–2.00pm	Frankton	facebook.com/RemarkablesMarket
Every Sunday	Arrowtown Farmers Market, 10.00am–2.00pm	Arrowtown	arrowtownfarmersmarket.co.nz
Every Sunday	Wānaka Creative Market, 10.00am–3.00pm	Wānaka	facebook.com/wanakacraftmarket
Every Thursday	Wānaka Artisan Market, 10.00am–3.00pm	Wānaka	wanakaartisanmarket.co.nz
OCTOBER			
19-24 October	Wanaka Arts Society Labour Weekend Exhibition	Wānaka	wanakartsociety.co.nz
22 October	Mt Iron Challenge	Wānaka	trivanaka.co.nz/mitre-10-mt-iron-challenge/
22-23 October	Cyclorama Ebike Festival	Arrowtown	cyclorama.co.nz
29 October	Challenge Wanaka Multi	Wānaka	challenge-wanaka.com/events/multi/
29 October	Queenstown Diwali Night	Queenstown Events Centre	Look for the Facebook event
NOVEMBER			
1 November	Otago Museum NASA event	Wānaka	otagomuseum.nz
4 November	Branches Trust Quiz Night		facebook.com/branchestrust
11 November	Wānaka Concert Society performance	Wānaka	wanakaconcertsociety.org.nz
11-13 November	Queenstown Writers Festival (see below)	Te Atamira	qtwritersfestival.nz
12 November	Northlake Skate Jam	Wānaka	kahuyouth.org
DECEMBER			
9-11 December	Queenstown Rugby League Charitable Trust, Queenstown 9's	Queenstown	facebook.com/queenstown9s
11 December	QLDC Remarkable Christmas Show	Queenstown Events Centre	Tickets on sale from 3 November via eventbrite.co.nz
31 December	New Year's Events, fireworks display at the bays	Wānaka and Queenstown	facebook.com/QLDCinfo

Celebrate the written word

This year's Queenstown Writers Festival features conversations, workshops, poetry and launches to wow book worms and enlighten lovers of literature.

Ockham NZ Book Awards 2022 winners Whiti Hereaka and Rebecca K Reilly are among several top Kiwi writers sharing their works and thoughts between 11-13 November at Te Atamira, the new arts and culture space at Remarkables Park.

Multi-award winning author Catherine Chidgey will launch her latest novel *The Axeman's Carnival*, set deep in Central Otago, at this year's festival which also features broadcasters Noelle McCarthy and Marcus Lush, the internationally acclaimed Kate de Goldi, and Christine Leunens, whose book *Caging Skies* was made into Taika Waititi's film *Jojo Rabbit*, will talk about her new novel *Amber's Wake*.

The full programme is at qtwritersfestival.nz with tickets via eventfinda.co.nz.

More Good Yarns for mental health

We all love a good yarn but some of us need one more than ever right now.

So it's good to know that Te Hau Toka Southern Lakes Wellbeing Group and Head Light Trust are stepping up efforts to help the local community with 15 more GoodYarn workshops between now and June 2023.

Since April last year, GoodYarn Community has brought together nearly 300 locals from all walks of life to talk about mental health and arm themselves with more knowledge, strategies and skills to help care for themselves and others.

Te Hau Toka Chair Adell Cox said prevention and early intervention are key to empowering communities to stay well so “the more people who can access the programme, the better.”

A particular focus will be on ‘caring for the carers’ with workshops offered to local social agencies, not-for-profit organisations and volunteers working with people who are under increased stress.

Small businesses will also be a priority, particularly those in regular contact with people who might be under pressure such as professional services, hairdressers, accountants, physios and allied health with under 50 staff.

The workshops will help people understand:

- > what mental health is and how to look after your mental health;
- > how to talk to someone if you are concerned about your/their mental health;
- > the signs and symptoms of mental stress and distress; and
- > where to go for support.

Head Light Trust Chief Executive Anna Dorsey said that the beefed-up training schedule will make it easier to share knowledge and tools to improve mental health and wellbeing across the community.

“It’s giving more people the skills and confidence to raise awareness around mental health and be able to help themselves and those around them who are struggling. It’s a great opportunity to help keep our community well and build resilience for the future.”

For more info, including a schedule of GoodYarn workshops and how to book, visit

www.headlight.org.nz

What a recent client had to say...

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Wao Summit – helping you help the planet

Celebrating five years of action and education, this six day event is all about creating and fostering tangible, social and environmental change at every level.

Whether you're new here or have been on this ride for a while, there'll be kōrero (conversations), community events, workshops, films and tours – all designed to help you help the planet. From food resilience to changing the way we get around and developing stronger community connections,

Wao will look at every facet of what it means to truly live in harmony with the planet.

New this year are Wao Impact Sessions – bite-sized open lectures designed to make you think – and a film festival featuring inspiring and

educational documentaries with a sustainable twist.

This is a week set to inspire and provoke action. Join in and get involved. This is **your** future.

QLDC is once again supporting the summit which will be held from 25-30 October in Wānaka and Queenstown. Find out more at www.wao.co.nz/summit-2022

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Construction waste: let's skip the skip!

Construction and demolition waste, made up of a wide variety of materials including concrete, plasterboard, wood, metal, brick, glass and soil, accounts for around a third of all material sent to QLDC's Victoria Flats landfill.

Much of this material could be diverted from landfill through good practices before and during construction focused on reducing, reusing and recycling.

Enter the Better Building Group.

Part of Wao Charitable Trust – a community non-profit set up right here in our district to inspire and enable communities to move towards a regenerative, sustainable future – the group has been running workshops to show firms practical ways to reduce waste.

Monique Kelly from Wao said the workshops, which are supported by QLDC's Waste Minimisation Community Fund, have different topics aimed at different roles from tradies to architects.

"The first workshop looks at what the problem is, the second shows how to set up a waste minimisation plan, and the third highlights ways to reduce waste in the design process," she said.

"Joel Herbert, Trade Sales Manager at PlaceMakers and a founding member of the group, has spoken about how at one of the first meetings he learned about the waste generated by certain packaging which was not recyclable and went straight to landfill. Since then he's been working to find alternative packaging which PlaceMakers has managed to roll out nationwide."

"We believe collaboration is the key to success and that no one person or business can tackle this alone. For example, we've seen skip providers helping builders with waste separation as well as creating solutions for materials recycling."

Ms Kelly said the building industry, like many sectors, has been under a lot of pressure these last two years.



Joel Herbert from PlaceMakers talking about construction waste

"Supply issues have caused major disruption but the silver lining might be that materials become more precious with less going into the skip."

And with the know-how shared at the Better Building workshops the future of construction waste in our district is looking greener.

Find out more at: www.facebook.com/WaoAotearoa/ or www.wao.co.nz

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Let's talk

Don't miss the opportunity to have your say!
Join heaps of other locals signing up to get involved – head to letstalk.qldc.govt.nz and register today!



An update on key consultation topics happening in 2022. It's been a busy year for consultation and engagement on lots of important topics! Here's an update on the latest key projects.

CURRENT CONSULTATIONS:

PROPOSED SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR WATERWAYS

Changes to several ski lane locations on our waterways.

Status: Feedback open until 23 October 2022.

PROPOSED INCLUSIONARY HOUSING DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE

Proposal to introduce Inclusionary Housing rules into the District Plan to help more people access affordable housing in the district.

Status: Formal submissions open until 24 November 2022.

QUEENSTOWN EVENTS CENTRE/ FRANKTON GOLF CENTRE LAND DISPOSAL

Potential land disposal and reorientation of Frankton Golf Centre to support major intersection upgrade at SH6-6A.

Status: Decision to dispose of land made in September 2022. Further engagement on golf course orientation soon.

INCREASED INVESTMENT IN CARDRONA WATER SUPPLY

Proposed increase to budget and debt recovery to invest in a community drinking water scheme for Cardrona Valley.
Status: Decision to increase investment made in September 2022. Details on construction of this important project to follow soon.

QUEENSTOWN ARTS CENTRE BUILDING

A proposal to determine the future status of the Arts Centre building on Stanley Street.

Status: Decision to change the status of the building made in August 2022. An expression of interest process to remove the building is underway.

BALLANTYNE ROAD RECREATION MASTERPLAN

Creating a plan to transform the old Ballantyne Road oxidation pond site into a community recreation hub.

Status: On hold.

UPDATES ON RECENT CONSULTATION TOPICS:

WHAT'S COMING UP: There are lots of other topics coming up this year too. Keep an eye out for:

PARK STREET TO QUEENSTOWN TOWN CENTRE CYCLE PATH – Options

EARLY ENGAGEMENT ON ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW

EARLY ENGAGEMENT ON ACTIVITIES IN PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW

PUBLIC TRANSPORT BUSINESS CASE (via Way to Go Group)

NZUP NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT (via Kā Huanui a Tāhuna, Whakatipu Transport Programme Alliance)

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