

(Stage One)

It's official! The Arterial Road (Stage One) is now officially complete, marking a major milestone in delivering essential infrastructure improvements both above and below ground for the Queenstown town centre.

While the new arterial road into the Queenstown CBD was opened in January this year, work has continued on the side roads at Ballarat, Malaghan and Beetham Streets to create safe pedestrian access routes into the town centre.

We've also been installing a stormwater pipe and the outfall structure on lower Ballarat Street near Horne Creek and connecting it to the stormwater network at the intersection of Stanley and Ballarat Streets.

This remaining work was finished in early July, meaning the project is now

officially complete and can be handed over to the Queenstown community to enjoy.

A roading crew will continue to operate in the CBD over the next few months, undertaking minor finishing work and 'snagging' (small surface repairs) before being officially handed over to QLDC.

This \$128m infrastructure project has always been about more than just building a new road and improving accessibility into the town centre. It's also delivered significant below ground upgrades to the wastewater network as well as other underground utilities, improved pedestrian access and active commuting options into the CBD.

Environmentally, 7,640 plants and 150 trees have been introduced to the area, along with 79 artwork panels and an additional 19

retaining walls that reflect Kāi Tahu's intergenerational connections to the inland area, depicting the iwi's whakapapa (genealogy), traditional names, mahika kai (food gathering) and the flora and fauna that hold great relevance.

The result is a stronger, safer, more welcoming and more connected link into the Queenstown town centre – one that will serve our community for decades to come.

The Kā Huanui a Tāhuna team has worked tirelessly over almost four years, building strong connections with the local community and working with challenging terrain and through difficult weather conditions to get the job done.

We're incredibly proud of what's been achieved, and sincerely grateful for the patience and support of residents, businesses, and visitors throughout.

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This project has delivered a stronger, safer, more resilient, and more connected link to the Queenstown town centre. It's fantastic to be able to hand over this new asset to the community. We know the scale and extended nature of the construction has been challenging times and we thank the community for their ongoing support. – Tony Avery, QLDC Property & Infrastructure General Manager









An area transformed

It's sometimes hard to remember just what the local area looked like before we began this project four years ago, but the transformation has been huge.

So here are some 'before-and-after' photos that show just how far we've come.

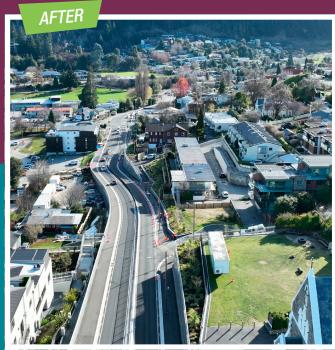
Henry Street and Shotover Street





Beetham Street and Melbourne Street













Henry Street and Ballarat Street





Corner of Beetham Street and Melbourne Street





Melbourne Street





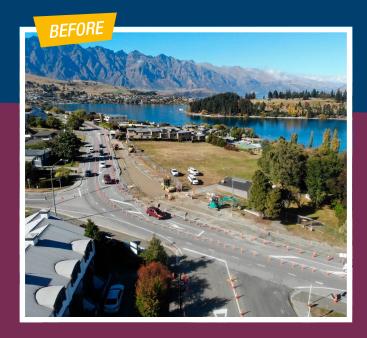








Frankton Road





Melbourne Street and Sydney Street Intersection







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Project Timeline & Key Milestones

The Arterial Project (Stage One) started in September 2021, and has progressed through multiple stages, including:

September 2021	Park Street and Suburb Street outfall structure commenced.
January 2022	Malaghan Street, first half of Melbourne Street, Sydney Street and Ballarat Street commenced.
March 2022	Frankton Road (Suburb Street to Adelaide Street) and Beetham Street commenced.
June 2022	Henry Street and Gorge Road, and the lower section of the downslope retaining wall for the Arterial Road construction commenced.
August 2022	The upper Henry Street section of the walls commenced for the Arterial Road.
January 2023	Melbourne Street above ground works and St Joseph's retaining wall commenced.
July 2023	First half of Melbourne Street pavement completed.
January 2024	Underground works from Sydney Street to Henry Street, and Gorge Road above ground works including asphalting the road completed.
April 2024	Structures piling works completed, Frankton Road final stage of construction commenced.
September 2024	Retaining wall anchor installation and underground works on Frankton Road and Henry Street completed, and precast barrier installation commenced.
October 2024	Ballarat Street stormwater and outfall structure commenced.
January 2025	Upper Beetham Street including the new Arterial Road opens.
February 2025	Underground work at intersection of Stanley and Ballarat Streets commenced.
June 2025	Works on Ballarat and Stanley Streets completed and streets reopened.
July 2025	All connecting side roads opened.









Arterial Project by the numbers



5,700 tonnes of asphalt laid



200
additional carparks
created in downtown
Queenstown



approximately
6,000m
cable ducting
for power

2 gabion basket vehicle barriers



approximately

1,070m³
of concrete went into the walls

3 outfall structures



43
South Island subcontractors involved



79 artwork panels installed

retaining walls

5,570

face-to-face meetings & check-ins with stakeholders



150 trees





8,000m
of three water pipes installed
(replaced all the older infrastructure
to private properties)



3 large-scale pedestrian walkways



7,640 plants



4 cul-de-sacs

1.1km roading





4 signalised intersections



light poles
(excluding traffic signals)



number of piles installed

Thank You!

We couldn't have delivered this amazing local asset without the patience and backing of our community. Thank you for being part of this journey – we're proud to hand over a safer, more accessible and future-ready space for everyone.

Kā Huanui a Tāhuna – delivering a better-connected Queenstown.







