

Minutes of a Council Workshop

Tuesday 29 October 2024 at 10.00am
Council Chambers, Gorge Road,
Queenstown

Present:	Mayor Lewers (Chair)	Councillor Guy
	Councillor Bartlett (online)	Councillor Smith (online)
	Councillor Bruce (online)	Councillor Tucker (online)
	Councillor Cocks	Councillor Wong
	Councillor Gladding (online)	Councillor Whitehead
Apologies:	Councillor Ferguson	Councillor White
In attendance:	Alex Murdoch	Kyle Clapperton
	Alice Milne (Item 3 and 4)	Leslie Van Gelder, Rees Valley Consulting and QLDC Climate Reference Group (Item 1)
	Amy Galloway	Lisa Eve, Eunomia Research & Consulting (Item 1)
	Anthony Hall	Luke Place (Item 4)
	Brendan Peet	Marie Day
	Campbell Guy	Rebecca Pitts
	Carrie Edgerton	Sara Patterson
	Dan O'Keefe (Item 3)	Sean Gillespie (Item 4)
	Dom Harrison	Simon Battrick (Item 3)
	Emma Frame	Sophie Mander (Item 1)
	Giovanni Stephens	Stew Burns
	Jeannie Galavazi (online - Item 4)	Tessa Payze (Item 3)
	Kacie English	Tony Avery
	Kath Buttar	Katherine Harbrow (Item 2)
	Kenneth Bailey (Item 2, 3 and 4)	
	No members of the public	No members of the media

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><u>QLDC Waste Management and Minimisation Plan</u></p> <p>Sophie Mander introduced the item and Lisa Eve from Eunomia Research & Consulting. Ms Eve provided an update on the progress towards developing a new Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) for the Queenstown Lakes district and explored strategic priorities for the new Plan via the elected members.</p>	

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	<p>Ms Eve highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The breakdown of waste at the Victoria Flats landfill confirming that timber, foodscraps and greenwaste were the top 3 contributing materials. These 3 materials accounted for 67.7% of landfill and could potentially be managed via alternative pathways. • The purpose of the WMMP is to identify problems in the district and provide a key waste management plan. The plan will show how we plan to solve these problems and will be made up of a Strategic section (where we want to go), and an Action Plan (how we will get there). Actions in the WMMP will be funded via an annual plan, LTP or other funding avenues. The plan will cover waste generated across the whole of the district, not just waste managed by QLDC. • Progress on a number of actions from the current plan was identified, including the establishment of a waste minimisation contestable fund, improved glass recycling, advocacy to central government for improved processes, successful work with partners in the community including: KiwiHarvest, Dr Compost, single use cup initiatives, Wastebusters, Sustainable Queenstown etc. • A roadmap to developing a new WMMP had been created and workshops have been held with stakeholders and have provided an introduction to the WMMP process and encouraged feedback on what's important. • The construction sector is the biggest waste contributor, and discussion was held on how that's perceived, managed, and the lack of incentive for construction to do better. • Drafting of the WMMP will be approached with key targets and a clear action plan, including measurements, and reporting. • Leslie from Rees Valley Consulting and QLDC Climate Reference Group is involved in developing the next QLDC Climate and Biodiversity Plan and helped facilitate stakeholder engagement for the WMMP • The strategic direction of the WMMP will be aligned with the NZ Waste Strategy and the move towards a circular economy. 	

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	<p>Councillors feedback included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive of plan and strategy, but aware affordability and feasibility from our district's location can be harder to access or provide for facilities. • Currently no buy in from construction. Strategic directives to include incentives and regulations for construction. Positive promotion of those doing well. Higher waste disposal fees were not a deterrent alone to the construction sector as the sector will likely pass cost onto consumer. • Best bang for buck, how do we get better partnerships with existing partners in the community. Supportive but unsure of the unintended consequences of the recent event waste minimisation guidelines. Need a deeper way to change behaviour and enable low-cost family friendly events. • Would like to align the WMMP strategy to see absolute numbers rather than ratios. Inclusion of target metrics and measurements. • Questioned why plastics were removed from public place recycling bins. Confirmed that the plastics placed in the public place recycling bins were highly contaminated and as a result material was landfilled not recycled. Once plastics were removed this resulted in a cleaner recycling stream that is able to be recycled and not landfilled. • Discussion around timber wastage. Ms Eve confirmed that 80% of the timber at landfill was reusable. <p>Next steps will be for the team to draft the WMMP and present back to council as a draft plan. It would then go out to special consultative procedure prior to adoption.</p> <p>Attachments: Attachment A: Briefing Paper - QLDC Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (see agenda) Attachment B: Presentation - QLDC Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (see agenda)</p>	

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2.	<p><u>Section 10A Dog Control Act report</u></p> <p>Carrie Edgerton and Emma Frame provided a briefing on the 2023/24 stats for Dog Control. As per Section 10A of the Dog Control Act, these statistics are required to be published on the QLDC website.</p> <p>Ms Edgerton and Ms Frame advised that team have been running several proactive activities such as biodegradable poo bags, Scuttlemutt newsletter, free no bark collars, free dog training and an annual dog walk event. These activities play a large role in reducing time spent reacting to dog related issues as it allows the council to connect and get in front of dog owners in the district.</p> <p>Ms Edgerton spoke to the key stats in the presentation, including a reduction in dog related incidents and infringements, and highlighted that there had been two prosecutions, with one more due to go in front of court.</p> <p>Councillors discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount iron management plan to dog poo. • Cost of a dog walk event vs what we are trying to achieve in this space. Ms Edgerton confirmed that Council want to be seen amongst community to help get messaging across and share new information. Often the community that engage in the events learn something new and help spread the word. The events also provide an opportunity to showcase how to control dogs and other incentives which demonstrate that the council is approachable. The cost to run the dog walks is very minor. • ‘Scuttlemutt’ was confirmed as a sign up and opt in newsletter due to privacy laws around using registered owners’ data. Easy to find on webpage for dog owners wanting to sign up. <p>Attachments: Attachment A: Dog control overview slideshow 2023-2024 (see attached) Attachment B: Dog Control Policy and Practices report 2024 (see agenda)</p>	

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3.	<p><u>QEC Indoor Courts Project Proposed Scope</u></p> <p>Simon Battrick provided Council with an update on the proposed scope and the procurement process for a design team to develop a concept/preliminary plan for the Queenstown Events Centre (QEC) Indoor Courts project.</p> <p>Mr Battrick spoke to the scope as outlined in the presentation and provided background on each item. He highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a few challenges since the 2018/21 10-year plan, and that each year this project has been delayed. Currently, several sporting codes have had to cap player numbers due to lack of facilities, volunteers, coaches and refs. Population in the district has outgrown our facilities that we can offer to service the community. • Current infrastructure means that from September to March each year we are not able to book commercial events such as trade shows etc so limits our ability to generate revenue to offset rates. In addition to this there is a need to ensure we offer our facilities for the increased resident population and sporting codes. • \$250,000 has been assigned for concept design this year, with full design scheduled for 2025/2026, and major construction to run July 2026 through to 2028/2029. • If funding allows other areas for consideration could be the new build of the squash courts at the Queenstown recreation ground relocation, staff office space/toilets, staff room, and replacing the existing climbing wall as current wall closes often due to event use and health and safety risks, which results in a loss of revenue. • Carpark plans to increase from 340 to 440by main building, plus 100 (est) off Grant Road into the Queenstown Event Centre land. • Potential use of an additional access road and a one-way system is being investigated as part of the overall precinct development. 	

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	<p>Councillors discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justification on the level of services being provided in Queenstown. Mr Battrick advised that this scope was already approved by council via a number of feasibility/business cases for each component, the only additional item is the cricket net offering either as a component within the 4-court scope or additional built item, should budget allow. This was not guaranteed but will be included in final design as a priced item for consideration once design is presented. Mr Battrick advised that sporting codes are looking to implement indoor winter training, but currently facilities do not allow this, and players are currently having to travel to Invercargill/Dunedin to utilise sufficient indoor winter facilities. • Wanting to understand the individual cost, drivers and revenue in order to make a conscious decision on what's needed and what's not. Mr Battrick confirmed that this information was included in the feasibility studies/business cases for each component. • Understanding what commercial deals these facilities will service as well as sports. May help with funding and revenue. • The current resurfacing of outdoor courts at the precinct. Mr Battrick confirmed that the \$1million project for resurfacing was still going ahead. The land is leased from QAC but they are happy to continue this agreement. The courts are currently a multiuse space suitable for various sports, skating, markets etc. <p>Mr Battrick confirmed the timeline from here would be to consult with key stakeholders in October 2024, with procurement of Project Management resource to run October to December 2024, preliminary design/detailed design 2025/2026 and construction 2027/2028.</p> <p>Attachments: Attachment A: Queenstown Events Centre Indoor Courts Proposed Scope Presentation (see attached)</p>	

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4.	<p><u>Responsible Camping Implementation Plan 2024-2025</u></p> <p><u>PUBLIC EXCLUDED:</u></p> <p>It was recommended that this subject matter be discussed while the public is excluded. This recommendation is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 584 1409 934"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="320 584 571 656"><i>Section and Grounds</i></th> <th data-bbox="571 584 1409 656"><i>Reason for this recommendation</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 656 571 934">7(2)(g) to maintain legal professional privilege</td> <td data-bbox="571 656 1409 934">A public excluded workshop will enable the Council to request and receive confidential legal advice about its position in respect of potential direction for legal proceedings without the risk of that being disclosed to another party and disadvantaging the Council's position. Whilst there is public interest in this matter the ability for Council to receive confidential legal advice and effectively engage in the process and obtain the best possible outcome for local residents and ratepayers outweighs that interest.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Section and Grounds</i>	<i>Reason for this recommendation</i>	7(2)(g) to maintain legal professional privilege	A public excluded workshop will enable the Council to request and receive confidential legal advice about its position in respect of potential direction for legal proceedings without the risk of that being disclosed to another party and disadvantaging the Council's position. Whilst there is public interest in this matter the ability for Council to receive confidential legal advice and effectively engage in the process and obtain the best possible outcome for local residents and ratepayers outweighs that interest.	
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The workshop concluded at 1.00pm



Item 2 Attachment A: Dog control overview slideshow 2023-2024

Dog Control Overview 2023-2024





Each year council are required to report on a number of dog control elements for example

- The number of registered dogs
- Number of infringements issued
- Number and nature of dog complaints

This workshop outlines some key data that will be available on QLDC's website following this workshop.



Proactive activities play a large role in reducing time spent reacting to dog related issues.

THE DOGGY EVENT

OF THE YEAR



THE QUEENSTOWN DOG WALK
10.00am – 12.00pm
Saturday 24 February
Frankton Domain

#TakeTheLead



Attention dog owners:


Pick up your dog's poo.

Breach of QLDC's Dog Control Bylaw is likely to result in a \$300 infringement fee and the loss of positive history for your dog.



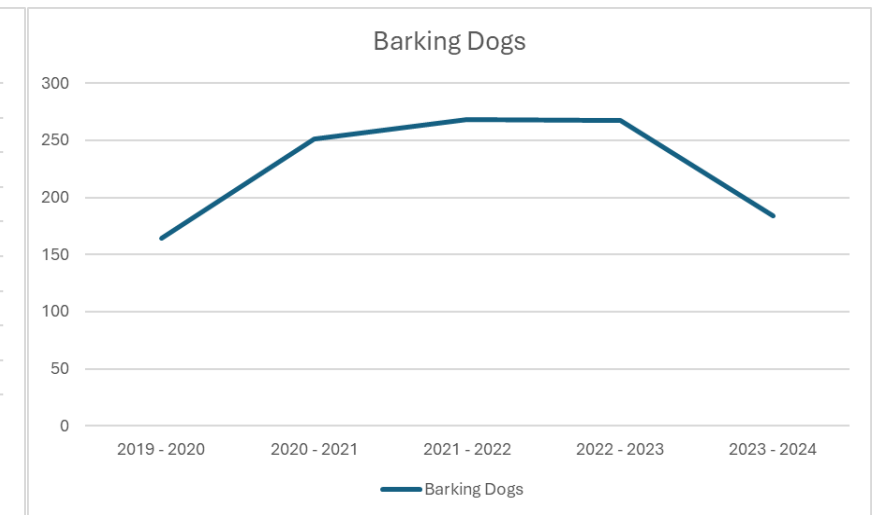
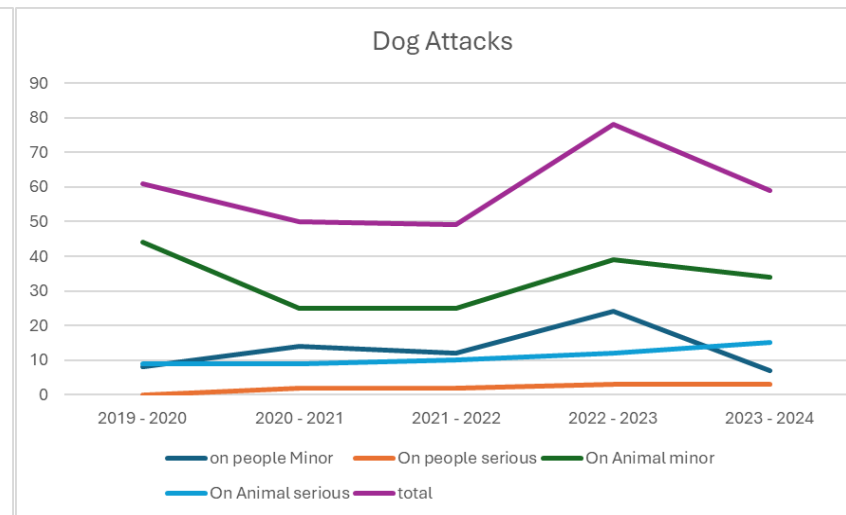
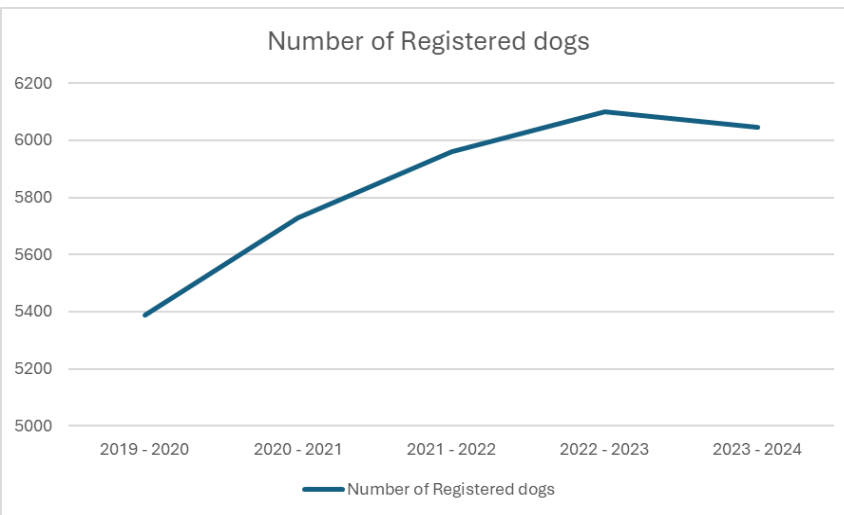
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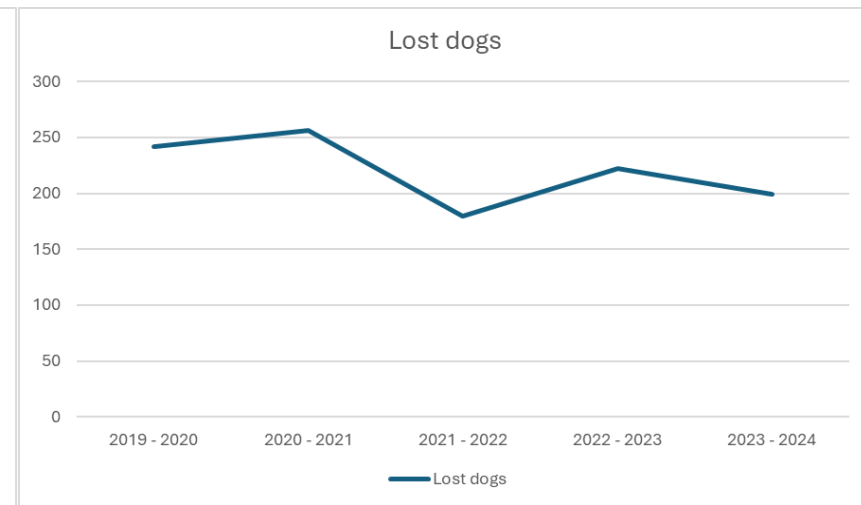
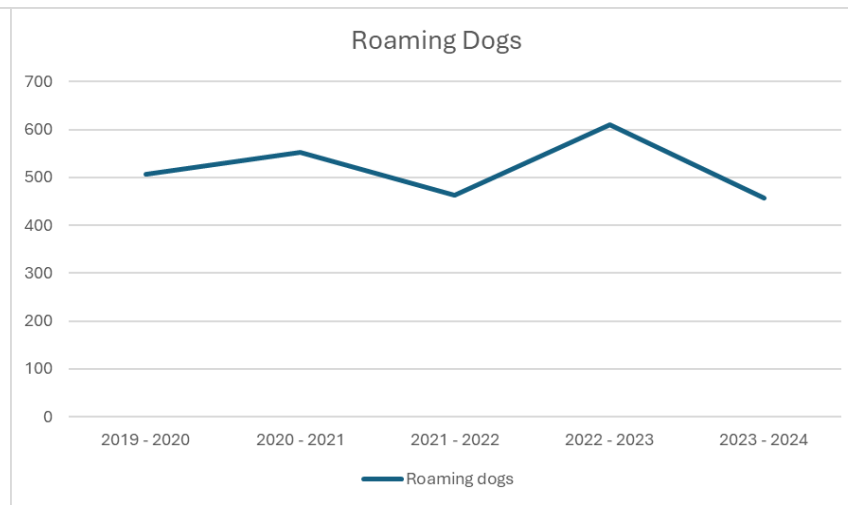
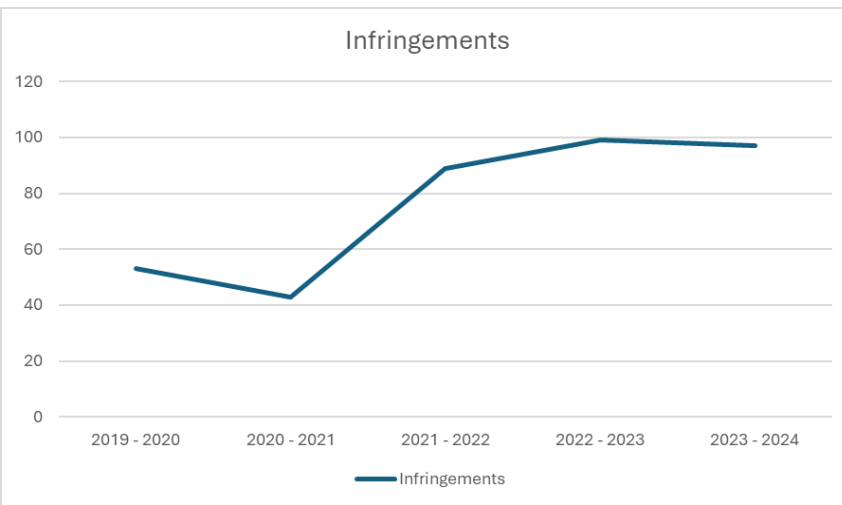


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Key takeaways

- First time we have seen a reduction in registered dogs.
- Significant decreases for attacks, roaming dogs, lost dogs and barking dogs, even when the relative reduction of registered dogs is taken into account. The number of impounded dogs has also reduced (67 to 58).
- Roaming dog reduction is a significant win – roaming dogs lead to a number of complaints and dog related issues ie attacks.
- Council have been successful in two prosecutions in 2023 – 2024. Another is still before the courts.

One for an attack on a person in 2022 where the person sustained significant injuries to the arm. The judge ordered the destruction of this dog.

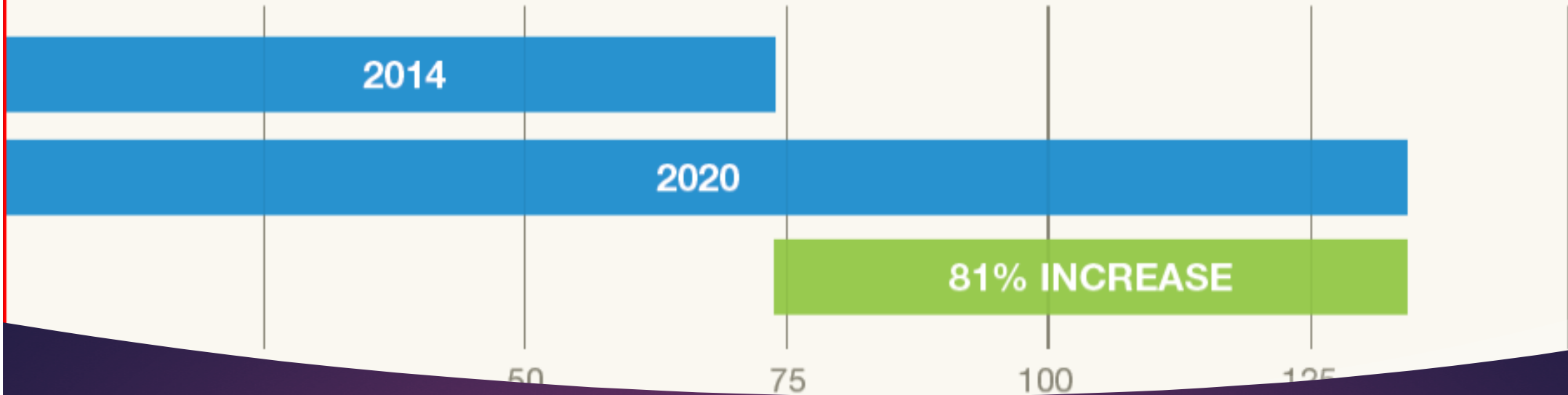
A second for a dog attacking two children on a flying fox, the children suffered serious injuries to their legs. The judge found exceptional circumstances to this case which avoided a destruction for the dog.

Queenstown Events Centre Indoor Courts Proposed Scope

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

29TH OCTOBER 2024

SPORTS GROUPS USING QEC INDOOR FACILITIES



Background







- Challenges in Queenstown-Lakes District 2016-2024
- Projected growth and event impact on QEC
- Indoor Court Feasibility 2019 – updated 2023
- National Indoor Courts Facility Strategy -1 FTE court per 7800 residents

QEC Indoor Courts Budget – LTP 24/34

- The adopted QLDC Ten Year Plan 2024/2034 has the following budgeted amounts.

Note: These are inflated annual figures

July 2024/25	\$250,000
July 2025/26	\$770,000
July 2026/27	\$4,189M
July 2027/28	\$20,183M
July 2028/29	\$20,621M

What are we getting and for how much?		\$42,740,000 <i>Incl \$4.34m contingency</i>
	Design and Construction of 4 indoor courts at QEC	\$25,500,000
	Reconfiguration of site to accommodate new building & retain LoS	\$12,900,000
	- Reconfigured plaza	\$1,500,000
	- Conversion of sports field into carpark	\$2,460,000
	- Conversion of vacant land into sports field	\$2,090,000
	- Additional carpark and access road to service new sports field	\$5,830,000
	- Outdoor court relocation	\$1,020,000

QEC Indoor Courts Project Scope -Core

- ▶ **4 x Wooden sprung Basketball Courts** (all other sports fit inside) – capacity 4000 people (TBC)
- ▶ **1 x “Show” court** (configured within new courts area) for Regional/National International events, i.e. Tall Blacks/Silver Ferns
- ▶ **Indoor Cricket** nets (either additional space or drop in options)
- ▶ **Ancillary Facilities** – change rooms, new court entrance/foyer, toilets, tournament control/meeting rooms, storage, first aid/drug testing room, kitchen, ICT/Data, cleaning, seating
- ▶ **Event related infrastructure** –Drapes, lighting/sound rigging, multipurpose rooms for performers (can double as normal meeting rooms)
- ▶ **New QEC Fitness Centre** – 1800m² – includes functional area for small group training, possible commercial rooms for physio etc, 3x studios, change rooms within the gym space, outdoor muscle beach area
- ▶ **Consequential impacts** –
 - ▶ Carparking replacement – revise current layout and roading and add new carpark at Grant Road
 - ▶ Build a new sports field to replace QEC Field 4 loss– Grant Road
 - ▶ Create a new access road off Grant Road to the new carpark (possibly to connect through to the new QEC Courts)
 - ▶ Review all infrastructure services to enable synergies with other projects, i.e. Aquatic LPG replacement

QEC Indoor Courts Project Scope –Additional Options (should \$'s allow)



4 x Squash courts with moveable walls
(Multi-use function for other activities)

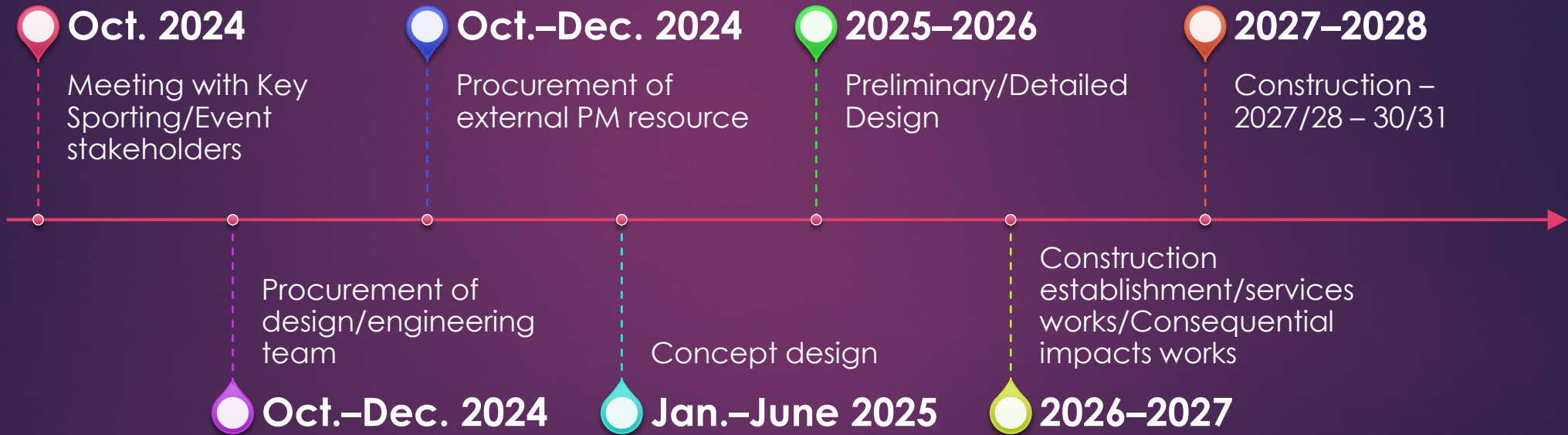


New staff office/staff room and toilets/change (location to be central to entrance/new courts and pool). Repurpose existing gym and back-office area.



Replace existing climbing wall in a new area adjacent to court land add bouldering option. Current Health & Safety issue where it is located (must ensure it provides entry level climbing only)

Timelines



QEC Development Plan 2024

QUEENSTOWN EVENTS CENTRE CONCEPT MASTERPLAN

LEGEND

Existing Facilities Retained

- A. Entrance and reception
- B. Pool facilities
- C. Gym Facilities to be re-utilised for staff offices
- D. Multi use indoor courts (2)
- E. Public amenities
- F. Cricket nets
- G. Artificial turf
- H. Outdoor Courts (6)

Proposed Facilities

1. Existing Golf Course Reconfiguration
2. Multi use indoor courts (4)
3. Health fitness and wellness centre including staff offices
4. Secondary entrance / foyer
5. Climbing facility
6. Squash courts (4)
7. Outdoor gym area
8. Indoor cricket and storage
9. Warm up area, additional storage, coffee cart area for tournaments etc
10. Shared clubrooms facilities (partially embedded in oval bank)
11. Storage and maintenance (embedded in oval bank)
12. Public amenities
13. Carparking
14. Building services, events staging and broadcast area, staff parking
15. Bike parking / potential charging stations
16. Bus stop / coach bus drop off pick up
17. Pick up / drop off area

Parking (Approx.)

Main Carpark	243 parks
Cricket Net Carpark	105 parks
Artificial Turf Carpark	85 parks
Eastern Carpark	100 parks
Total	533 parks



Questions?

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