

WELCOMING WEEK

TE WIKI O MANAAKI

5-14 SEPTEMBER 2025

Celebrate diversity and inclusion in our district with free community events.

Scan the QR code for a calendar of activities.







Find your perfect volunteer match

Connect with a cause close to your heart.

Join us for 'speed-dating' with a twist — meet incredible local organisations and discover exciting ways to make a difference in your community. Find your perfect volunteer match and be a force for good!





Monday 8 September

Wānaka Community Hub (Sidey Auditorium)

Drop in between 5.30pm-7.30pm

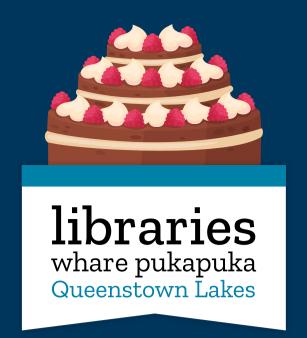
Thursday 11 September

Queenstown Events Centre (first floor function room)

Drop in between 5.30pm-7.30pm



Diversi-TEA cake picnic



Have you seen the cake picnic trend taking over the world? We're giving it a delicious twist!

Join us at Arrowtown Library, bring a cake you've baked and decorated yourself (sweet or savoury) to share. Taste everyone else's creations, hear the stories behind them, and take home a mixed container of slices to enjoy later. We'll provide the containers, you bring the cake magic!

Friday 5 September Arrowtown Library

Drop in between 11.30am–1.30pm. We will unveil all the cakes and share stories at 12.00pm.













Let's move!

Never been to the Queenstown Events Centre before? Come along and try our free taster sessions.

Capoeira with Juan: 12.30–1.15pm

BodyCombat with Nico: 1.30-2.15pm

Tai Chi with Yuxin Liu: 2.30–3.15pm

Alpine Health & Fitness

QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

Saturday 13 September

These **free** family-friendly sessions are held at the group fitness studio at Queenstown Events Centre. First in, first served.







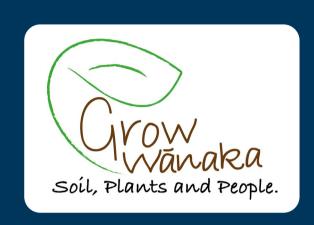






Community garden working bee and morning tea

Join Grow Wānaka for a morning session in the garden preparing for the busy growing season. We'll finish with morning tea and a chance to chat with other gardeners.



All welcome.

Saturday 13 September 10.00am-12.00pm

Grow Wānaka Community Garden, Outlet Road Wānaka













Community connect: ways to wellbeing

In this **free** workshop we will introduce simple, evidence-based strategies to support mental wellbeing. Learn practical tools you can apply in your daily life to feel good and function well.

Hosted by Headlight Trust and Lakes Multicultural Collective, this workshop will be a safe space for connection, sharing, and building long-term wellbeing habits.





Monday 8 September

10.00–11.30am, Salvation Army 8 Pin Oak Avenue, Frankton

Wednesday 10 September

5.30–7.00pm, Hato Hone St John 10 Douglas Street, Frankton



Scan the QR code to register.

Places are limited!











Mihi whakatau

Welcome! Mana Tāhuna will hold a whakatau to start Welcoming Week 2025.

We will begin with karakia and mihi and then move on to sharing kai and stories about the Whakatipu area.



All welcome!

Friday 5 September 10.15–11.30am

Mana Tāhuna, Corner of Crab Apple Ave (under Toru Apartments), Frankton













Plunket playgroup

Join a Plunket playgroup morning for children aged 0 to 5 years.

Meet other families and make new friends in a welcoming and supportive baby and young child focused space.

Your child can enjoy toys and the outdoor playground, while you enjoy a shared lunch of soup and bread (free of charge) and learn about Plunket Support Services from the friendly staff.



Tuesday 9 September 10.30am-12.30pm

Plunket Queenstown, 8 Henry St, Queenstown













Keeping children safe and community playdate

Join us for a talk on home safety, injury prevention, car seats, and Plunket services. Enjoy a warm drink and cup of soup, and connect with other parents and caregivers from the community while your kids play.





Scan for more free Welcoming Week events!

Monday 8 September 11.00am-1.00pm

All welcome.

Plunket Wānaka, 51 Ardmore Street, Wānaka











Te Kākano nursery session

Join Te Kākano volunteers and help grow native plants in a friendly and relaxed environment.

All welcome, no experience needed. Learn about native plants, meet new people, and give back to nature.



Tue 9 September, 1.00-4.00pm

Wed 10 September, 1.00-4.00pm

Te Kākano Native Plant Community Nursery, Wānaka

Check out tekakano.org.nz for directions













Wānaka community planting

Join our team of volunteers and help us plant native trees in a friendly and relaxed environment.

All welcome, no experience needed.





Saturday 13 September 10.00am-12.00pm

We will be planting along the shore of lake Wānaka, below Lakeside Road and next to Stoney Cove.













Diseña el futuro de tu negocio

Design the future of your business – workshop in Spanish

Este taller práctico en español, organizado por The Forward Room, invita a los emprendedores latinos que desean hacer crecer su negocio en Aotearoa. Los emprendedores realizarán ejercicios prácticos y diseñarán acciones estratégicas para el crecimiento empresarial.





Te Atamira, Dart House Building 11/12 Hawthorne Drive













Open day at OneBike Hub

Rescue? Repair? Rehome!

Free bikes, bike maintenance, and bike education. Pop along to the open day at OneBike Hub and meet the dedicated team fuelling OneBike's mission to transform lives through cycling.





17 Red Oaks Drive, Frankton













Sports come and have a go!

Play for free on the courts at Wānaka Recreation Centre. Have a go at badminton, pickleball, table tennis, and basketball. Plus, we will have a pop-up library and BBQ!

Tour the recreation centre and learn about local recreational activities.

Wānaka Recreation Centre

QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sunday 7 September 11.00am-1.00pm

Wānaka Recreation Centre 41 Sir Tim Wallis Drive, Wānaka













Community planting day



Get your hands dirty and enjoy a morning in the fresh air. Help restore our native biodiversity and mitigate climate change, one plant at a time.

All welcome, no experience needed.

Bring gardening gloves, shovel (if you have one), sturdy footwear, water, sunscreen, and a hat.

Saturday 6 September

Drop in between 9.00am-12.00pm.

Whitechapel Reserve, Whitechapel Road, Arrow Junction.

Parking: adjacent to planting site.













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Slopehill Recreation Reserve, approx. 1 km along Slope Hill Road on the right-hand side of the bike trail. Access via Speargrass Flat Road ONLY. Parking: look for our flag on the left.













Introduction to working in New Zealand





Learn about what you need before you start work, where to look for work, applying for jobs, basic employment rights, and what to do if things aren't going well.

Presented by EASI NZ, this presentation will be followed by kai provided by Community Link.

Tuesday 9 September

6.00–7.00pm: Presentation 7.00–7.30pm: Shared kai

Wānaka Community Hub 34 McDougall Street













Tiny music festival



Join us as we celebrate and share the rich multicultural musical talent within our community in a safe, welcoming, and family-friendly space.

The festival will showcase music in different languages — a chance to enjoy, connect, and experience the diversity that makes our community so special.

All welcome.

Saturday 13 September 5.00–7.00pm

Frankton Library, Hawthorne Drive



Scan the QR code to book.

Bookings essential!



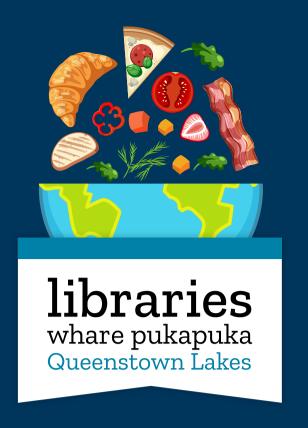








Morning tea from around the world



Celebrate the foods of your home country with others.

Join Wanaka Library's morning tea from around the world! Bring along a plate or dish of your favourite food from your country to share – or come along and enjoy our kiwi favourites.

Free social English class 10.00–11.00am, prior to the morning tea for those wanting to attend. Talking topic of the class is food.

Monday 8 September 11.00am-12.00pm

Wānaka Library 1 Bullock Creek Lane, Dunmore Street













Korerotia - an introduction to Māori



Join Southern REAP in a free introduction to Māori

Learn and practice:

- Karakia / tikanga
- Māori alphabet (vowels and consonants)
- >>> Practice pronunciation, including local place names, and learn about regional dialects
- Learn common greetings and farewells

Tuesday 9 September 6.00-7.30pm

Terrace Junction boardroom, 1st floor, Aurum House, 1092 Frankton Road



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