



# 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.



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# 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

**volunteer**



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# Diversi-TEA cake picnic



**libraries**  
whare pukapuka  
Queenstown Lakes

**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.



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# 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.



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# 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



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# 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.**



LAKES MULTICULTURAL  
COLLECTIVE



headlight  
wellbeing together

**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



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to register.  
**Places are limited!**



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# 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



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# 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

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# 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.

**All welcome.**



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**Monday 8 September**  
**11.00am–1.00pm**

Plunket Wānaka, 51 Ardmore Street, Wānaka



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# 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](https://tekakano.org.nz) for directions



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# 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.



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# 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.

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**Sábado 6 de Septiembre**  
**10.00am–1.00pm**

Te Atamira, Dart House Building  
11/12 Hawthorne Drive



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# 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.



**Saturday 13 September**  
**10.00am–12.00pm**

17 Red Oaks Drive, Frankton

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# 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



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# Community planting day



WHAKATIPU  
REFORESTATION TRUST  
Restoring native biodiversity

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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## Saturday 13 September

Drop in between 9.00am–12.00pm.

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.



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# 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



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# 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



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**Bookings essential!**



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# Morning tea from around the world



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whare pukapuka  
Queenstown Lakes

**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



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# Kōrerotia - 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, 1<sup>st</sup> floor,  
Aurum House, 1092 Frankton Road



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