

Arrowtown Village Association - Submission to Queenstown Lakes District Council Ten Year Plan April 2021

Introduction

The Arrowtown Village Association (AVA) is a volunteer-run incorporated society that represents the views of residents to local, regional and national government. We take up issues of public interest and work to improve existing facilities and develop new amenities to meet the needs of the growing and diverse community in Arrowtown.

The AVA is the nominated guardian of the *Shaping our Future Arrowtown Community Visioning Report (2017)*, undertaken with intensive community input.

The guiding aim of the SOF report is to promote and foster Arrowtown as a vibrant, diverse community that is proactive in managing its future in a way that values and sustainably protects its heritage, character, lifestyle and natural environment.

Community spirit is at the heart and soul of Arrowtown. Our community enjoys a safe, accessible town that encourages us to connect as we live, work and play. We feel a sense of belonging, share common values, support and care about each other and are proud to live here. Visitors are welcomed and embraced.

Draft Ten Year Plan

AVA favourably acknowledges indications in the draft plan of funding directed to Arrowtown, being Butler's Green, Historic Cottages, water supply, waste-water, Malaghan's Rd Rehabilitation and Electric Vehicle charging stations.

In particular AVA wishes to commend QLDC in the allocation of \$1,000,000 for remediation/ restoration work on Butler's Green and cannot stress enough how important this is for our community.

AVA requests the following be considered within the finalized Ten Year Plan:

AVA Funding

- The AVA extends its gratitude to Queenstown Lakes District Council for the ongoing annual funding received by the AVA. The AVA again requests funding at an increased level to allow us to continue our successful communication project of keeping our community well informed with issues and events as they arise.

Environmental Management

- *Clean Air:*
 - **QLDC steps up in monitoring expired Building Consents for existing wood-burners, requires non-compliant burners to be removed and identifies wood-burners that don't have a Building Consent**
 - **QLDC establishes a fund to subsidise removal of non-compliant burners**
 - **QLDC allocates an annual grant to create a public awareness initiative of reducing winter air pollution in Arrowtown, and to help devise solutions**
 - **QLDC works closely with the AVA on this issue and makes a concerted effort to lobby ORC to increase its input and committed resource into creating solutions to the air quality problem in Arrowtown.**
 - In winter, Arrowtown has some of the most polluted air in New Zealand and Australasia. The network of NIWA air quality sensors in Arrowtown show that the national standards for pollution are regularly exceeded. It is the AVA's view that neither ORC nor QLDC are doing enough to adequately tackle this issue. Little is being done to incentivise compliant heating appliances— for example, the subsidy offered by ORC to replace non-

complying burners ended in 2020. There also seems to be little public awareness of the seriousness of the air quality issue Arrowtown residents face every winter. The AVA has recently resolved to take a more active and leading role in tackling the clean air issue, with a view to creating meaningful change in this area over the coming years.

Infrastructure

- *Roading and footpaths:*
 - **Upgrade and repair deteriorating and unsafe footpaths**
Adamson Drive; Four Square to the Camping Ground; Centennial Ave; fencing along roadside of Rose Douglas Park (due to safety concerns for children in the playground and crossing to Montessori preschool)
 - **Lobby NZTA to urgently address safety issues at problem intersections**
Malaghan's Rd/ Lake Hayes Rd/McDonnell Rd; Buckingham St/Berkshire St; Centennial Ave / McDonnell Rd; Hertford St/ Wiltshire St
 - **Lobby NZTA to provide 'shared road space' signage due to rise in number of cyclists**
 - **Lobby NZTA to install a pedestrian crossing across Adamson Drive along Centennial Ave to create a safer crossing zone for school children**
AVA is aware of several incidents where accidents have been narrowly avoided
- *Community Amenity Area:*
 - **Resurfacing of the Centennial Ave tennis courts to include netball multi-use**
The surfacing of the Centennial Ave tennis courts is falling into disrepair. This season the Arrowtown Rugby Club received record numbers of women signing up for netball, and we anticipate that numbers will increase.
- *Storm Water:*
 - **QLDC addresses continued issues around poor storm water systems**
A large percentage of Arrowtown properties lack a stormwater system. In keeping with Arrowtown's character there are generally no kerbs and channels to control run off from the resealed roads in many parts of the town. In spite of this everyone is paying full storm water rates.
- *Drinking Water:*
 - **The QLDC website provides details of the testing and treatment regime for each water supply**
 - Specific comment needs to be included showing where all recommendations from health and scientific bodies with an oversight role are followed. A link on the website showing all test results for all QLDC drinking water supplies would be appreciated if possible.

Regulatory and Enforcement

- *Increased Surveillance:*
 - **A stronger presence of law enforcement is engaged for Arrowtown**
A rise in petty crime around town has been noticed at night-time and needs to be addressed

Emergency Management

- *Community Response Plan*
 - **Assistance be given by QLDC and Civil Defence to promote *Gets Ready* for potential crisis awareness and both community and personal management in an adverse situation**
 - QLDC and Civil Defence need to co-ordinate identification of safe evacuation centres of a suitable size and ensure that they are fitted with emergency power and back up communications. Safe buildings with commercial kitchens need to be considered as part of the strategy. Safe access over the Shotover River in an emergency event must also be provided for to allow families to be reunited.

CBD Plan

- **The AVA supports the CBD plan put forward by the APBA, and strongly requests that Council proceeds with assistance to ensure implementation.**

The AVA respectfully requests that our views are considered in the QLDC Ten Year Plan as it is finalised. We would welcome the opportunity to speak to our submission. A speaking slot consecutive with the Arrowtown Promotion and Business Association would be appreciated.

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