

November 2015



Annual Progress Report

Giving every person in the community a voice today to shape our future.



Let us know what you think at www.shapingourfuture.org.nz

What is Shaping our Future?

An independent, non-profit organisation created to **give every person in the community a voice today to shape our future**. We work with the community to create a long-term vision and roadmap for the future as our district goes through rapid change.

Our aim is to bring together community, business and council around a shared vision for our future. It is supported by council but driven by the community.

Who's behind it?

A volunteer Steering Group, a part-time paid coordinator, individual and institutional members and volunteer taskforce members committed to the district's vision of a great future.

Steering Group 2014/15: David Kennedy (Chair), Jim Boulton, Alastair Porter, Trent Yeo, Ralph Hanan, Celia Crosbie, Ed Taylor, Mandy Bell, Kathy Dedo and Mark Edghill.

Co-ordinator: Anita Golden (currently on maternity leave), Lou Vicente standing in.

Partners: Chamber of Commerce Queenstown, Chamber of Commerce Wanaka, Destination Queenstown, Lake Wanaka Tourism, Otago Polytechnic Centre for Sustainable Practice, Queenstown Lakes District Council, Queenstown Resort College, Westpac, SBS Bank, Queenstown Airport, Vivian Espie, Queenstown Rafting, Chevy Chisholm, Creeksyde Holiday Park, Shotover Park, G Todd Law, Galloway, Red Wulff, Galloway Recreational Research.

The Vision

“Spectacular environments, enterprising people, exceptional solutions”

Individuals and groups committed to finding creative ways to build better lives, for now and for generations to come.

In 2011 the Shaping Our Future process was kicked off with the first public forums to create a district-wide vision and set priorities for the future.

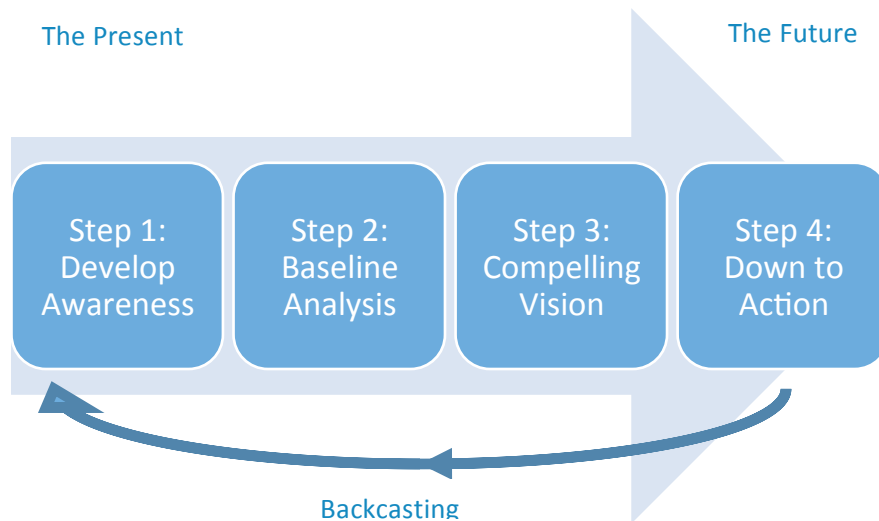
The Priorities

As we create the district we want, each Forum considers the agreed priorities established in the visioning process:

- Preserve and enhance the natural environment
- Community development
- Education
- Engagement in governance
- Diverse economy
- Infrastructure/facilities
- Build self-sufficiency
- Connectivity
- Tourism
- History
- Town Development

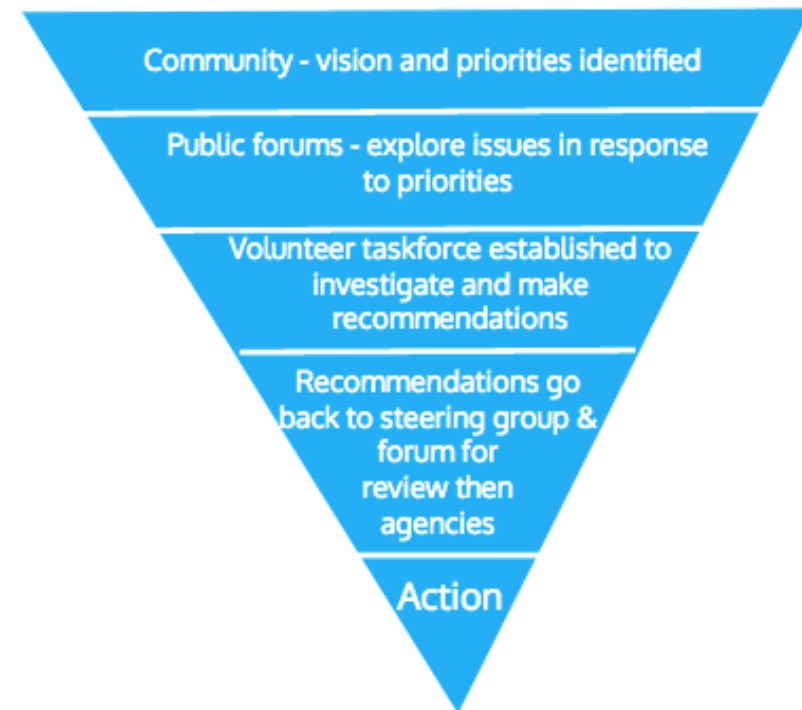
How does it work?

The Theory The framework sets up a continuous spiral of visioning, establishing baselines (where are we now), raising awareness and working on steps towards the vision (where we want to go). Each step further raises awareness and further moves the baseline towards the vision.



Every step of the way we ask:
Does it move us in the right direction?
Is it a flexible platform?
Is it a good return on investment?

The Practice It starts with public forums and online discussion where people can identify issues that inhibit our path towards or shared vision of a great future. This progresses to putting together volunteer task forces which investigate the issues and ultimately present recommendations to local and national agencies.



Where are we now?

- Transport forums held in Wānaka and Queenstown, volunteer taskforces formed and underway
- Upper Clutha conservation forum held in Wanaka, taskforce formed and final report prepared
- Glenorchy visioning forum held, volunteer taskforce formed and underway
- Arrowtown visioning forum held, volunteer taskforce being formed at present
- Over 1000 volunteer hours contributed by steering group and taskforce members
- Approximately 300 hours of community participation in forums
- Submission to QLDC 10 year plan with over 40 recommendations spanning energy, tourism and conservation priorities
- The QLDC District Plan's strategic goals are closely aligned with SOF vision and priorities
- SOF Strategic plan 2015/18 written and approved by steering group
- Supreme Winner of Trustpower regional community awards. Final will take place in March 2016
- Membership drive, with current membership base of 349
- Website and online management
- Quarterly member update newsletters

Public forums and task force reports to date

	Public Forum	Taskforce Formed	Public Forum on Draft Recommendations	Final Report	Next Steps
Events (2012)					Formation of the QLDC events office (2012)
Economic Futures (2012)					QLDC draft economic development strategy (2014)
Innovation (2013)	Wanaka forum held, no taskforce formed				
Energy (2013)					A number of recommendations included in QLDC District Plan
Visitor & Tourism (2014)					A number of recommendations currently under consideration
Upper Clutha Conservation (2014)				Final report prepared	

Transport QTN (2015)		Taskforce underway			
Transport Wanaka (2015)		Taskforce underway			
Glenorchy Community Visioning (2015)		Taskforce underway			
Arrowtown Community Visioning (2015)		Taskforce formed, first meeting planned			

What's Happening in 2015/16?

- Complete current forums/taskforces including:
 - Wanaka and Queenstown Transport taskforces
 - Glenorchy community visioning
 - Arrowtown community visioning
- Review of 2011 vision and priorities
- Potential forums:
 - Queenstown conservation
 - Regional food self reliance
 - Education
 - Governance
- Raise awareness and understanding of Shaping Our Future
- Build membership base
- Diversify funding

Get Involved

- Become a member by visiting: www.shapingourfuture.org.nz
- Join a taskforce
- Comment on taskforce reports, vision or priorities
- Initiate a forum on a subject you feel strongly about.



Income	2015	2014
Memberships	4,167.54	3,090.00
Interest	115.14	77.00
DOC Donation		2,000.00
QLDC Funding	50,000.00	54,950.00
Total income	54,282.68	60,117.00

Expenses	2015	2014
Audit Fees	575.00	460.00
Executive Support	42,992.50	37,950.50
Website hosting and support	1,373.47	1,434.00
Printing Design/AGM costs	1,213.35	1,272.00
Forum costs and Facilitation	11,800.66	6,635.50
Speaker Series	1,757.00	
Miscell.	198.50	
Advertising/Promotion/Design	1,465.35	508.00
Total expenses:	61,375.83	48,260.00

Net Surplus (deficit) - 7,093.15 11,857.00

Assets	2015	2014
Savings Account	21,030.35	7,855.00
Funding remaining to be withdrawn		17,000.00
Total Assets	21,030.35	24,855.00

Liabilities	2015	2014
Accounts Payable		
Audit Fee	517.50	460.00
Executive Support	3,211.00	-
Total Liabilities	3,728.50	460.00

Net Assets 17,301.85 24,395.00
Total Funds as at 30 June 2015 17,301.85 24,395.00

Financial year 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015