



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been yet another busy and productive year for the Hawea Community Association as we endeavour to represent the Hawea District in achieving the best outcomes for our community.

Our major ongoing projects have been fulfilling the requirements of the Southern Foreshore Landscape Management Plan, operating our Greenwaste facility, protecting Lake Hawea from abuse of negligent freedom campers, supporting the rebuild of Lake Hawea Community Centre, and running regular community events like the Town-and-Country Challenge, Anzac Day dawn service and morning teas for newcomers.

The HCA continues to try to build a constructive relationship with Contact Energy, and has been contributing to the communication on the ORC's proposed Water Plan for our district. We are currently working with the QLDC in their review of the District Plan and the upgrade of Lake Hawea township water supply.

The major challenge for the HCA is to increase its membership so we can ensure comprehensive representation of our community. I challenge each current member to recruit at least one new member before the end of the year.

Rachel Brown President



CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICES

St Ninian's Hawea Flat

Christmas Eve Children's Service 7pm

Christmas Eve Traditional Service 9pm

HCA PUBLIC MEETING

January 12th 10am

The first Public Meeting of the HCA will take place at Gladstone Gap. Please convene at the corner of Lakeview Terrace and Muir Road (eastern end of town) on Contact Energy core land, 10am for a walk to Gladstone Gap. Discussion will include ideas for future development of this area.

WAITANGI DAY CELEBRATIONS

TOWN VS COUNTRY

February 2013

Old rivalries will resurface on Waitangi Day as the usually harmonious folk of Hawea draw a battle line down the middle of the district for the annual Town v Country Challenge. A day of sports activities will be held around Lake Hawea which includes a Top Town-style challenge at Peter Fraser Park and a community barbecue to reunite the two sides again once a winner has been determined. This year a trolley derby will replace the usual bike challenge. SO get busy over the holidays and build your trolley and make sure you have all your bits to go with it – helmet, knee pads and anything else which will help cushion any tumbles.

The site will be the grass slope which runs down from Flora Dora Parade to the western area of Scotts Beach and the competition on the day will be a time trial. There will be age group divisions and for the brave among you an adult section. Come and be part of the inaugural group this Waitangi Day.

HAWEA PICNIC RACES

Friday 28th December 2012

Lake Hawea Domain Hawea Flat

The annual Hawea Picnic race day is a family day featuring pony events from 10am followed by an 8 race card from 12.30pm with trotting, pacing, gallops and hack events. An equalisator operates on the races and there is a licensed bar on site along with food outlets and loads of fun for the whole family. Pack a picnic and come have loads of fun with chocolate wheels, raffles, tug-of-war, sack races and more!

CONTACT EPIC

20th April 2013

NZ's ultimate mountain bike challenge

125/95 km circumnavigation of Lake Hawea, by mountain bike. 100% pure NZ South Island High Country scenery.

A new Course for 2013: 35km Traverse: Starting on the Dam after the Epic start, ride through private farm land, traversing the mighty Hunter and Hawea Rivers, and back to the Lake Hawea Hotel. A great option for beginners to intermediate riders as an introduction to the Contact Epic Experience.

WHATS HAPPENING AT LAKE HAWEA THIS SUMMER?

The iconic Lake Hawea Hotel does it again this year, but this time with a twist!

Happenings on the lead up to the 31st are live music in the Stage Heads on the 28th being the Sellouts, 29th being the Hound Legs and on the 30th is Civilian Sol. These three bands are all local and playing original music with a mix of covers thrown in for the crowd pleasers!!

Families are catered for this New Year's Eve with a **Carnival on 31st December**. Starting from 2pm, the Garden Bar will be bursting with live entertainment and music, there will be heaps of fun interactive games and not forgetting an all you can eat BBQ from 4pm! There will be a Bouncy Castle and face painting for the kids and lots of carnival food to graze on. Purchase a Family ticket from \$120 or After Dark adult tickets for \$20 from the Lake Hawea Holiday Park.

WHITEWATER KAYAK COURSE

A new whitewater kayak park on the Hawea River designed by Scott Shipley is the "world's best". Located just above the Camphill Rd Bridge the park features two rock weirs cemented into the river, which create play waves for kayakers and rafters of all abilities.

A celebration for those responsible for creating the park was held on Tuesday 11th December, and an official public opening is planned for early next year.

The park will host its first event, the New Zealand Freestyle Nationals, on March 9 and 10.



HAWEA RIVER TRACK

Easy tramping track. The track starts at the control gates on near the Lake Hawea foreshore. Walk up Domain Rd. The carpark is 800m on the right. The off-road track starts here, through the pedestrian gate. Follow the track down, across a small bridge, and then turn left onto the main track.

The track crosses Camp Hill Rd in its mid-section and continues downstream to the Albert Town Conservation Area, then to the Hawea River Swingbridge.

Distance: 12km

Time: 2.5 – 3.5 hrs



GREEN WASTE OPENING HOURS

Saturday afternoon between 1.00 & 3.00pm
For all other times a key can be collected
from Sailz Lake Hawea Store



“Spring cleaning? Good heavens no.
This is our leftovers from Christmas.”

RECYCLING CENTRE

Domain Road Lake Hawea

RECYCLING – Please sort your recyclables and deposit in the large containers as indicated by the signage.

RUBBISH – All household rubbish must be put in the approved QLDC blue rubbish bags and left in the gated enclosed area

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

This year we have been meeting at the Lake Hawea Hotel for coffee on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month – a great way of meeting people. On Tuesdays at 2pm during term time we have a book discussion group meeting at the Library. It has turned into a general discussion group about all manner of topics!

A successful French themed evening was held at the Hotel in October for the over 55s. Any suggestions for on-going do's to enhance community wellbeing would be gratefully accepted – **please contact Judith Shawe 443 1987.**

GREEN WASTE CENTRE CHARGES

Hawea Residents may have noticed new signs at the entrance to the Green Waste Centre. The signage was erected to inform 'non-Hawea' users that the Centre is intended for the use of local residents and to make clear that, from now on, 'outside users' will have to pay increased charges to drop off green waste and/or to take mulch away.

LOCAL USERS:

'Local users' will not pay any more to use the Centre. For them, the same low-cost charges they have always paid stay the same.

'Local users' refers to people who live at Hawea Flat, Maungawera, John Creek and Lake Hawea.

USING THE CENTRE:

The new signage makes reference to IN visits, OUT visits, and IN/OUT visits.

IN visit: This is when a user brings green waste to the Centre.

OUT visit: This is when a user takes mulch away.

IN/OUT visit: This applies **ONLY** to local users and is when a Hawea resident brings in green waste for drop off AND, on that same visit, takes away a load of mulch. On an IN/OUT visit a Hawea user will still only pay \$5 to bring a trailer of green waste IN and take the same trailer full of mulch - OUT. That makes it 'the bargain of the century'. And, it's a bargain that only Hawea users will enjoy. These dirt cheap IN/OUT visits are just for Hawea folk!

A Wanaka user will now pay \$10 to bring IN a trailer load of green waste and another \$10 to take a trailer load of mulch OUT.

For them it will be considered both an IN visit for which they will pay, and also an OUT visit which they will also pay for.

WATER PATROL

Expect a ticket on the water this summer if you don't obey the water rules.

The Water Ways Patrol team will be out in force on Lakes Wanaka and Hawea and the Clutha River this summer, making sure boaties have fun but also have fun safely.



Anyone seen without a spotter in the boat while towing a skier or wakeboarder, will be slapped with a fine.

Anyone not obeying the life jacket rules will be fined and anyone going over 5 knots within 200m from the shore will also be fined.

Marty Black, Harbour Master, said there will be 1 jet ski and 2 people on the ramp on Lake Hawea, 1 jetski and a motorbike on shore at Glendu Bay and a jetski and 2 – 3 on the ramp at Roy's Bay, so there is a high chance you will not slip past them, and if you do, think twice about the possible consequences.

So stick to the rules this summer and make sure it's a safe one.

Go online to maritimenz.govt.nz and download 'Safe Boating an Essential Guide'.

LAKE HAWEA GALA DAY & DUCK RACE

Sunday 20th January

\$10 per duck, 1st prize \$1000, total prize money \$2750. Up to 1500 ducks are released into the Hawea River at 10am.

While they fight their way down the river we are holding a family fun day in the grounds of the Lake Hawea Community Centre, which includes a market day and children's entertainment.



SWIMMING AREAS, BOAT RAMP, AND WATERSKIING INFORMATION.

The Scott's Beach swimming area has a new buoy line, being a 'straight line' format this year. It is open-ended to avoid the anchoring to the beach and all the damage the waves cause.

Between the buoy line and the beach is a swimming area only. Powered craft must not enter the open ends.

The buoy line will be removed in the autumn and reinstated again next summer.

Three individual Red Buoys denote the swimming area at the Esplanade Beach. **The above rules apply.**

Ramp charges are \$4 /boat/per day, and \$30 for a season's concession for the whole area.

Water skiing is permitted from the shore along the main beach area. The whole area is deemed to be a water skis access lane except for the two buoyed swimming areas. Water skiers can therefore take off from the shore but must go **directly out** into the lake and then come **straight back in** when dropping off the skier. **They must not** ski along the shoreline.

Powered craft when not water skiing must obey the 5kt/200m rule.

Where there are the Yellow 5kt Buoys at the Western end adjacent to Flora Dora cliffs and approaching the harbour, **all powered craft and skiers** should comply with the 5 knot limit in this area.

TENNIS ANYONE?

Lake Hawea Tennis Court Hire

Lake Hawea has two great tennis courts which are available for hire. The key is available at Sailz Lake Hawea Store \$10 per hour + \$10 key deposit (refundable on return of the key) Season Membership for a family is \$100, Adult \$40 and Student/child \$80

You can also get a summer membership \$80 (Labour weekend onwards) – You do need to prove that you have an out of town address.

COMMUNITY CENTRE EXTENSION

Demand for the Lake Hawea Community Centre as a function venue is growing, thanks to a major extension, which is scheduled to be completed in February.

The \$1.5 million redevelopment of the centre - the hub of the growing Lake Hawea community - is progressing well.

The centre was built at Peter Fraser Park in 1991 and extended in 1997 with the addition of a library and meeting room. Work began on the latest expansion in June, after several years of planning and fundraising by the centre's management committee.

The project will double the size of the centre, adding a new community hall which will hold more than 300 people, a smaller multi-function space, and a commercial kitchen and bar. This week, the library will be relocated into the former community hall at the other end of the complex. The new-look larger library will operate in its new space from next week.

The project has a combination of funding sources, including nearly \$100,000 raised by the centre's committee and a \$700,000 grant from major supporter the Central Lakes Trust.

Fundraising efforts are on-going for furnishings, landscaping and car parking.



FOOD FOREST AT HAWEA DOMAIN

A community "food forest" is taking shape at Hawea Domain, thanks to Otago Polytechnic's graduate diploma in Sustainable Practice student Andy Cambeis' idea to establish a forest of fruit trees and perennial vegetables that anyone can harvest free.

Course facilitator Steve Henry said the project had received "a lot of generous donations" to get it off the ground and volunteers were propagating hundreds of shelter belt trees at their homes.

The domain in Hawea Flat is used mainly for grazing and on one day a year for the annual Hawea Picnic Races. It is managed by the Queenstown Lakes District Council, which is in the process of renewing a grazing licence over 33h of the site. The food forest will occupy a small area of land excluded from the previous grazing licence, which has just expired.

Food would be produced from the forest in its first year but for it to be functioning fully, "it's a good 10 years".

Choosing the right species - particularly ones that could withstand Hawea Flat's heavy frosts - had been a big part of the initial planning.

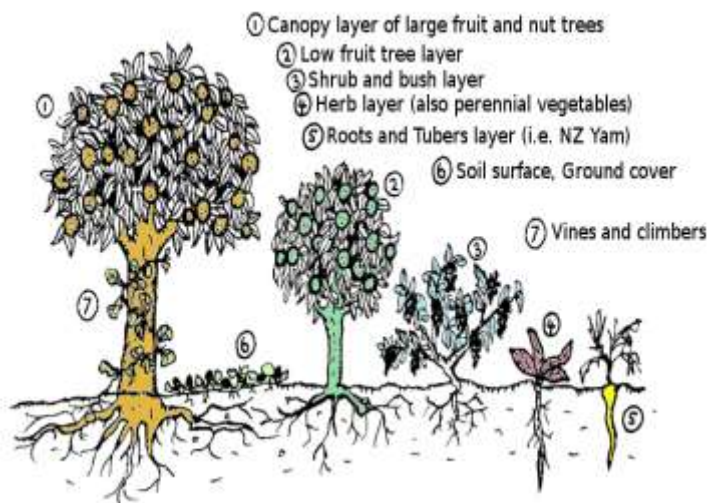
Mr Cambeis said his main motivation in species selection was "trying to bring in things that have as many purposes as possible in a plant", from firewood through to food.

The Hawea Food Forest Charitable Trust will govern the forest, with trustees from the Hawea Flat community already appointed.

How to participate?

Take a look at the website for updates and a lot of additional information.

www.fb.com/Hawea.Food.Forest



OUT & ABOUT



Help our community
and



HCA Subs are only
\$20 per household

If you wish to join the Hawea
Community Association email
secretary@haweacommunity.co.nz

Or call Sue Rutherford 443 8445

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

HAWEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rachel Brown	President	rakilsnakil@gmail.com
Di Turnbull	Vice Pres.	wyndrokpottery@xtra.co.nz
Sue Rutherford	Secretary	secretary@haweacommunity.co.nz
Trevor Buchanan	Treasurer	pam-trev@atlakehawe.com
Errol Carr	Immediate Past Pres.	errolcarr.LakeHawe@xtra.co.nz
Doug Brensell	Committee	brensell.l.h@xtra.co.nz
Jimmy Cotter	Committee	dtebuilding@gmail.com
Dennis Hughes	Committee & Green Waste Rep	roshughes@gmail.com
Judith Shawe	Community Wellbeing	i.s.shawe@xtra.co.nz
John Taylor	Committee and Guardn Rep.	jstaylorhawe@hotmail.com
Steve Henry	Hawe Flat Hall Rep	Steve.Henry@op.ac.nz
Donald Urquhart	Lake Hawea Community Centre Rep	red.urquhart@xtra.co.nz
Jude Battson	QLDC cncl & Comm Board	jbattson@xtra.co.nz