



## CATCH ALL

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A newsletter from Lakes Leisure to the sports users  
of Lakes District community sporting facilities

### WELCOME TO CATCH ALL

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Welcome to this first edition of Catch All. It's the next step in developing two way communication between those who use our community sporting facilities and those who manage them. We want to keep you informed with what we're doing and welcome your input on how we can best meet your group's needs.

This newsletter will be circulated at least seasonally and more frequently when we have important information to share with you. As we do not yet have a full list of all sports groups in the district I would be grateful if you would pass this onto your members and any others you think may be interested. A special area on our website is also planned, as is occasional informal coffee meetings where ideas and issues can be discussed.

You are very welcome to contact me or any of the Lakes Leisure team directly by email, phone or appointment. Please see our contact details on the last page of this newsletter.

We're looking forward to meeting those of you we don't already know and seeing and hearing more from you all.

Fiona McKissock  
CEO Lakes Leisure Limited

### LAKES LEISURE HISTORY

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Most of you will know how and why Lakes Leisure was set up. That said, if you are interested you can check us out at: [www.lakesleisure.co.nz/general/aboutus.html](http://www.lakesleisure.co.nz/general/aboutus.html).

## ALPINE HEALTH AND FITNESS CENTRE

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The Alpine Health and Fitness Centre fit out is finally underway! We spent time with groups to explain and try and clear up misunderstandings about the funding and development of this facility. Hopefully the following will clear up any misconceptions still around:

- In August 2003, Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) called for formal submissions on the facilities mix of the proposed Aquatic Centre. The inclusion of a gym was part of the 'preferred facilities mix'.
- A special community consultation procedure on the Aquatics Project began in December 2004. The plans included a gym, specifically "a weights gym and aerobics area". The Council received 606 submissions, 80% were in support of going ahead with the centre, inclusive of the gym.
- In January 2008 Lakes Leisure was set up to manage the district's sports and leisure facilities including Alpine Aqualand and Alpine Health and Fitness Centre. The pools area of the complex opened in May 2008. Work on the internal fit out of the health and fitness part of the complex began 17 July 2009.

The opening of the Alpine Health and Fitness Centre will complete the Alpine Aqualand project. Based at the QEC, it will provide a fully integrated indoor/outdoor, wet/dry sports and leisure facility that is accessible to and inclusive of the widest possible community.

The Alpine Health and Fitness Centre is to be managed by industry professional, Richie Heap. You can find a full Alpine Health and Fitness Centre fact sheet on our website at:  
[www.lakesleisure.co.nz/health-fitness](http://www.lakesleisure.co.nz/health-fitness).

## LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN

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The Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) is the QLDC's 10-year plan showing the community the policy changes, plan changes, bylaws, works and community projects which are planned for the decade to come and how these various projects are to be funded. Hopefully you have all seen the Lakes Leisure Long Term Facility Plan distributed through the Wakatipu Sports Users Group in April.

For those who are not familiar with the long term plans, please do have a look at the map and the summary of the submission on our website at:  
[www.lakesleisure.co.nz/programmes/assoc-sports-clubs.html](http://www.lakesleisure.co.nz/programmes/assoc-sports-clubs.html)

This plan has been developed as the most logical use of the land available within the constraints of airport activity. None of the activity outlined in the plan will take place within the next three years as it's not currently economic to do so. Our needs and plans will be reviewed in 2012 which will be our next opportunity to seek capital expenditure through the LTCCP process. We are very happy to discuss this plan with any of you.

Through the LTCCP process, \$100,000 has been allocated for new sports field toilets. We'll keep you updated on when and how this money will be spent. To view our summarised submission to the LTCCP and the actual capital allocations visit [www.lakesleisure.co.nz/programmes/assoc-sports-clubs.html](http://www.lakesleisure.co.nz/programmes/assoc-sports-clubs.html).

## SUMMER BOOKINGS

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All users of the Lakes Leisure sports fields throughout the district are asked to fill in the Summer Booking Form. Visit [www.lakesleisure.co.nz/programmes/assoc-sports-clubs.html](http://www.lakesleisure.co.nz/programmes/assoc-sports-clubs.html) to download the form from our website.

We understand that you may not yet know your specific needs but any indication you can give us will help us immensely and will be the best way of ensuring you are part of the allocation process.

It is highly likely some compromises will need to be made as different groups will have conflicting requirements, particularly around season end and season start dates. The sooner we receive your requests, the sooner we can identify and work through any issues.

In terms of sports field user charges, these cannot be confirmed until Council completes its review of the pricing policy. We understand that this affects your decision making and we apologise for this. We will make charges available to you just as soon as the overarching policy has been confirmed to us. There will be a public consultation process around any proposed changes in policy. We are certainly looking forward to next year when these systems will be in place making planning that much simpler.

## TURF MANAGEMENT

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Many of you have contact with Pete Domigan and enjoy the top quality turf he and his team achieve for our district. There are some constraints and issues with balancing all teams requirements and we are happy to talk with you to work through any concerns you may have. Please do feel free to contact Pete or me if you need to.

### *Remarkable Runners*

This summer Remarkable Runners will be moving across to fields 1A and 1B so that we can provide a regulation shape 400m running track. Unfortunately due to the width of the fields we are only able to fit a 6 lane track, rather than 8 lanes. However, this summer the young athletes will be able to run their PBs on a regulation shaped track.

### *Field renovations*

Each year the turf team carries out spring field renovations on a progressive basis during the months of September and October. This 8 week period is the optimal time for establishing new turf and carrying out other repairs, subject to weather conditions. The renovations are essential for maintaining the quality of our fields which in turn help you to perform your best. We try to accommodate groups' requirements during this time however it may be necessary that your group is temporarily moved off your preferred site or that certain events are postponed until a particular field is fit-for-use. We hope that you will bear with us during this time as I'm sure you'll agree we need to maintain the high standard of our playing fields.

## JOIN US FOR A COFFEE WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2009

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To encourage better communication between all of us, we will host relatively regular informal catch-ups in the upstairs mezzanine function room at the Queenstown Events Centre.

The first of these will be held on Wednesday 2 September at 9:00am. We'll provide coffee and tea and would love to see you there. Do let us know if you can make it by emailing Karen Gemmell ([karen@lakesleisure.co.nz](mailto:karen@lakesleisure.co.nz)) and putting forward anything that's on your mind for discussion. If this time doesn't suit, please do contact us as we are happy to make a time that suits you.

Although these meetings are designed to be informal, we will minute them and make the minutes available to you all.

## WHO TO CONTACT?

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