



Welcome to the December update

As we write our final newsletter for 2023, it is the perfect opportunity to reflect on some of the great projects we've rolled out during the year.

Everything we do is with the goal of making Albert Town an even better place to live. It takes a willing and committed team to make these things happen, and we are always on the lookout for keen Albert Town locals who would like to do their bit.

We've got an **AGM coming up in January**, so if you're interested, we welcome you to come along and learn more about ATCA. More info on the AGM is below.

Regards,

The Albert Town Community Association

www.atca.org.nz

ATCA Projects

2023 Projects

In case you missed it, here's a quick recap of ATCA's work for 2023:

- Albert Town Community Association has worked to enhance our lagoons, the orchard, drainage systems and McMurdo Park.
- We've organised the placement of historic plaques and brought the community together for the Christmas Party in the Park.
- We've collaborated with other community groups; native tree planting days with Te Kākano, working with Wānaka Backyard Trapping to install traps around the lagoons and Bike Wānaka to upgrade the Gunn Rd bike park.

keeping the streets safer and managing broom infestations.

- Communication is also important, and we've worked hard to keep the community informed on emergency, civil defence and roading projects and the shuttle bus trial.

We'd love to see a few new faces join the Albert Town Community Association Committee for 2024. Particularly if you're motivated and ready to roll your sleeves up. It's a great way to meet your neighbours and play a role in some very satisfying work.

Come along to the **AGM in January** and learn more about ATCA.



What a Party in the Park!

Thank you to everyone who supported our major social event of the year – the Christmas Party in the Park. Your committee team, along with the help from friends and family, worked very hard to make this event a super-fun day for all. We think it was a success, and we hope you thought so too! It was a classic sunny summer's day, and not surprisingly, shade was at a premium. Plans are already underway for next year, and we are in the process of purchasing a large gazebo specifically for this event.

Thanks to the following supporters:

Keith Hutton – for organising the kids' races

Lisa Thorne – for running the Summer Daze games

Doubtful Soundz – for the fantastic music

St Johns Ambulance – for taking blood pressures and entertaining the kids

Menlove Berries – for coffees and ice creams

Cheeky Chops – for superb face painting

Active Attractions – for the bouncy castle

Mrs Whippy – for ice creams

Graham Taylor – for providing and driving the Noddy Train

Cinema Paradiso – for prize vouchers

QLDC – for pool voucher prizes and the Summer Daze trailer

Albert Town Four Square – for providing a raffle hamper

Harcourts and Templeton Engineering – for providing gazebos

And a very big thank you to Santa and his driver for coming all the way from the North Pole on such a very hot day! We also acknowledge the \$1,000 grant we received from Te Hau Toka to help us financially support the day.

And thank you all for coming along with your lovely kids, who were having such a fun day and being so polite and appreciative.

Join us at the AGM

Albert Town Community Association AGM

Sunday, January 28th 2024, 4pm

Venue: The Albie Tavern

This is your opportunity to take an active and meaningful role in the Albert Town community. We are looking for a Minute Secretary and Vice-Chair in particular. We meet once a month for a maximum of two hours, so if you are interested in either of the roles, we would love to chat with you. We also welcome anyone else who is keen to stand on the committee. Please contact [Heather](#) if you would like further information.

Local News

Update on the roundabout project

Here is the latest update from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on the Mt Iron junction roundabout.

Wānaka.

While not fully completed, the roundabout should be ready to use over the busy Christmas and New Year holidays. The expected full project completion date is April 2024.

Thank you for your patience and following the directions of work site crews. This will go a long way to achieving what everyone wants, and that is getting this job completed quickly and efficiently and keeping project crews, road users, and nearby residents safe.



The McDonald's Situation

It's not just Santa who is coming to town. The prospect of a McDonald's coming to Wānaka is a polarising topic. ATCA has only had one resident approach us on the matter, however, the opinion of the ATCA committee is that if the business complies with QLDC regulations, then we have no grounds to object as a community. We understand that residents can make submissions at the consent stage of the process. This is an issue that will no doubt cause some lively debate. Some people can't wait for McDonald's to open, while others are appalled at the thought of it. It will always come down to personal choice.

Noise issues

While we all love the arrival of long summer nights and barbecue season, one aspect of summer is not as welcome. Thumping, loud music played late into the night—sometimes on weeknights—is not appreciated by anyone. Lagoon and Ash Avenue residents have endured many sleepless nights lately. Please consider others when playing music and be respectful of your neighbours. Advice from QLDC on the matter is as follows:

If you have a noisy neighbour, try talking to them first.

If the problem persists, phone us 24 hours on 03 441 0499 (Queenstown) or 03 443 0024 (Wānaka).

The Urban Catchment Project

Locals interested in maintaining the health and well-being of our freshwater ecosystems as Wānaka's population increases may be interested in Wai Wanaka's Urban Catchment Project. Community-led urban action groups will be established through neighbourhood groups, school groups, and clubs or built around specific environmental or sustainability goals. If you'd like to find out more or would like to sign up to be on the mailing list, get in touch [here](#).



The ATCA Committee wishes all Albert Town residents a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year season.

