



Albert Town Community Association

Welcome to the October update

Spring is definitely in the air, with blossoms and daffodils appearing everywhere in Albert Town. People are out on the bike and walking tracks and tidying up their gardens. Albert Town Community Association is just as busy, completing projects and planning new ones that will benefit everyone living in Albert Town.

Our AGM is coming up on January 28 2024, and we would love to hear from **anyone interested in joining the Albert Town Community Association committee**. Please [get in touch](#) if you are interested or would like more information on what is involved.

Regards,

The Albert Town Community Association

ATCA Projects

Can you help? Bus shelter for MAC students

Recently, we surveyed the local teens and one of the suggestions was a bus shelter for the MAC students outside the Four Square on Allison Avenue. This is a project for ATCA for 2024, and we are looking for a local builder to help us with the project. It will be a kit set shelter and require a concrete pad. Please get in touch with us on atca.albert.town@gmail.com or ring 0272589779 if you can help.

Lagoon Irrigation

Wow, we are nearly there. A small but hard-working team has almost completed the drip feed irrigation system for the native tree plots at the lower lagoon. Huge thanks to Chris Aspinall, who has led this project. Also, thanks to Jono Robertson of Nichol's Landscaping for supplying and operating the digger for the pipe trench.

Big thanks also to Ken Robertson of Ecco Landscaping for giving practical support. We really, really appreciate how the local community supports ATCA projects.



Coming Soon: Surplus Fruit & Veg Stall

This very popular stall will be back in place in a week or so. It will be located on the Sherwin Avenue park and is for residents to share surplus produce from their gardens with others over summer and autumn. Plants are also welcome, but remember to label what they are.

Donate what you can and take what you need. Sorry, but no processed food products — these can be donated to the Wanaka Community Hub.



Planning is underway for the biggest event of the Albert Town social calendar! **Party in the Park** will be held on Sunday, December 3, from 11 am to about 2 pm at McMurdo Park.

This event is a great opportunity for families and neighbours to come together and have some fun. There will be kids' races, a jumping castle, as well as a chance to ride the Noddy Train and meet Santa. Adults can enjoy live music from the Doubtful Soundz band, participate in raffles, grab a coffee or ice cream from the cart, or enjoy food from the Lions food stall. There's also an activity trailer from Summerdaze for older kids. Last year over 500 people attended, so make sure you join in this year.



Historic Plaques in Albert Town

This is an ongoing project led by Bruce Hebbard to place plaques recognising historical sites around the Albert Town area. Three plaques will be placed soon—one at Deans Bank and two on the Clutha River at the locations of the old punts.

Local News



Slow down in Albert Town

Following August's Safer Streets meeting, local police are patrolling Albert Town and using speed cameras. The person picked up doing 65 kph on Allison Avenue recently will probably be regretting not sticking to the limit.

As always, ring 105 to report incidents and get a rego number if possible, along with a description of the vehicle. Otherwise, *555 is an option.

Emergency Radio Coverage

Here's an update on reinstating a backup system for coverage in the event of a long-term power outage (an issue raised by an Upper Clutha resident). QLDC is working with various organisations to install an appropriate backup system. We are following the progress—which is happening—but it is taking time.

How's the management of our waterways working for you?

The council is required to review its bylaws every five years and, in some cases, every ten years. The Navigation Safety Bylaw 2018 is now coming up for its five-year review.

Clutha River Navigation Bylaw

QLDC is looking for insights and ideas, both big and small, for how you and your community feel about the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2018.

If you have any feedback on the bylaw, including what you think is working well, what could be removed, changed or introduced, then we want to hear from you!

- lifejacket use,
- the location of ski lanes on several lakes,
- board tethering to ensure safe use of 'The Wave' on the Hāwea River
- Council's role in relation to people jumping recreationally off the Albert Town Bridge
- vessel identification, and
- events on the water.

Have your say. You can share your thoughts on the draft Navigation Safety Bylaw 2024 in a number of ways:

- use the [online form](#)
- email your feedback to letstalk@qldc.govt.nz
- Post your feedback to QLD

Submissions open on October 9, 2023 and close on November 5, 2023.

[Find out more here](#)

Have your say on Mt Iron Recreational Reserve

We are so lucky to have Mt Iron Recreational Reserve on our doorstep.

Community Workshops

Monday, October 30 6.00pm-7.30pm at Armstrong Room, Lake Wānaka Centre

[Event info](#)

Tuesday, November 7 12.00pm-1.30 pm at Armstrong Room, Lake Wānaka Centre

[Event info](#)

Onsite drop-in session

Saturday, November 4 any time between 9.00 am -11.00am

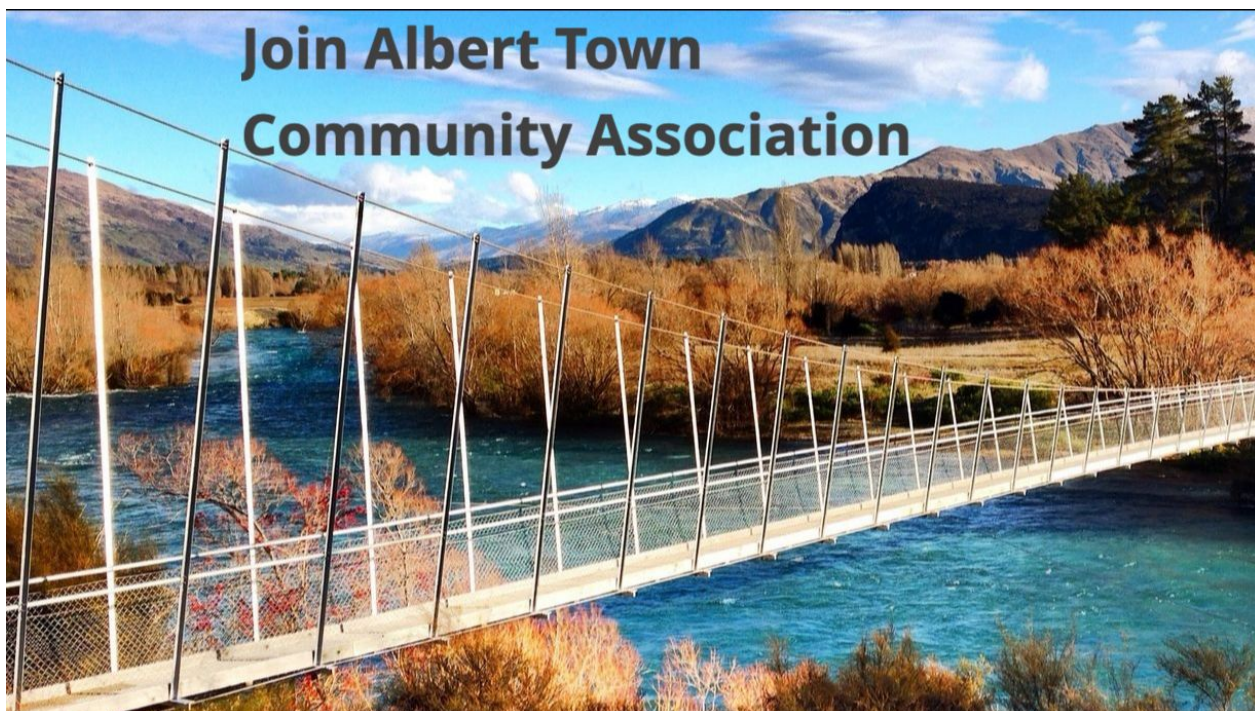
Mount Iron track entrance, near Allenby car park.

All community feedback will be considered by the Parks team and used to shape a draft Reserve Management Plan for Mount Iron Recreation Reserve. This will then be considered by the Community & Services Committee and the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board and will need to be approved for public engagement. Once approved, the draft plan will be shared with the community for public submissions in summer/autumn 2024.

[Click here for more information on the Reserve Management Plan for Mount Iron Recreation Reserve](#)

We're sure you're all aware of the roadworks currently underway at the SH6/SH84 intersection. As part of its Road to Zero Safe Infrastructure Programme, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is building a roundabout at the busy Mt Iron intersection. The aim is to enhance accessibility and safety for everyone.

[See the latest project update here.](#)



When you're a member of the Albert Town Community Association, you receive the monthly emailed newsletter as well as the chance to keep up to date with what's happening locally and participate in local events and volunteering. Click the button below to sign up on the website or email us your email and street address and we'll add you to the ATCA newsletter.

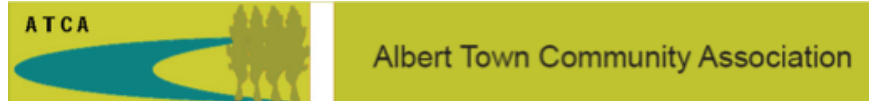
The best way to stay up to date with everything happening in Albert Town and with ATCA is to join us on the [Albert Town Facebook group page](#) or email us your email and street address and receive the ATCA newsletter.

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