

# THE Headwaters

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Artist Brings Natural Beauty to Camp Glenorchy Pathways:

Acclaimed Stone Mosaic Landscape Artist to Offer Public Workshop Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March

GLENORCHY, NEW ZEALAND, 16 MARCH 2017 -- Stone mosaic artist Jeffrey Bale has been working for several months in Central Otago's Glenorchy area, gathering stones, stories, and learning about the unique geology of the Lakes Region to prepare himself for creating beautiful stepping stones and pathways at Camp Glenorchy. Bale will be leading two special workshops on 25<sup>th</sup> March at Glenorchy's Mrs Woolly's General Store to share how anyone can learn to make their own pebble mosaic stepping stones to enhance their gardens at home or in commercial applications. The public is invited to participate in either of the two sessions, one at 10am and the other at 2pm. Tours of Camp Glenorchy, including Artist Dan Kelly's Scheelite Campfire Shelter and Jeffrey Bale's initial stone mosaic works, are also open to the public and will begin at 12:30pm.

Artist-in-residence Jeffrey Bale has been especially inspired by the braided streambeds of the Dart and Rees Rivers at the head of Lake Wakatipu.

"I love gathering stones and imagining the stories that might be attached to them in their geologic journey from the mountains to the rivers to the deltas of the lake," said Bale, who has built dozens of initial stepping stone prototypes from rocks gathered from a wide variety of local sources. Many are on display at the Discovery Centre at Mrs Woolly's General Store.

"Stone is everywhere in this region and much of it is Schist veined with quartzite, a Metamorphic rock formed from both sedimentary and volcanic stone. The ground in this area is full of rock from the alluvial deposits of streams, rivers and slides from the surrounding mountains. Shorelines and gravel bars in rivers are great places to look for nicely shaped stones."

Bale has done stone mosaic installations around the globe and been featured in *The New York Times*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *Landscape Magazine*, and *Fine Gardening* as well as on his own extensive blog, <http://jeffreygardens.blogspot.co.nz>, with more than 15,000 followers worldwide.

Participants in the two "Secrets to Creating Your Own Beautiful Garden Stepping Stones" workshops will learn about local stones, tips and tricks to finding the right shapes, how to compose a stepping stone and handle materials. The mosaics created at the public workshops on 25<sup>th</sup> March will be set in mortar in forms and become part of functional art features at Camp Glenorchy.

Both adults and children are invited to register for one of the two free two-hour Pebble Mosaic Stepping Stone workshops at 10am and again at 2pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at [Eventfinda.com](http://Eventfinda.com), by emailing [Fiona@MrsWoollysGeneralStore.co.nz](mailto:Fiona@MrsWoollysGeneralStore.co.nz) or in person at Mrs Woolly's General Store.

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Further information (see below):

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**Camp Glenorchy** will be New Zealand's first Net Zero Energy campground, built using the sustainable design philosophies and operating practices outlined in the Living Building Challenge™. It will provide visitors with a unique opportunity to experience first-hand how careful design, materials and practices can generate as much power as it puts back into the grid each year and buildings that use 50% less water than similar facilities, with the hope of educating, and inspiring guests to make thoughtful choices in their own homes and communities. <http://www.theheadwaters.co.nz/whats-coming/camp-glenorchy/>

**The Headwaters** is located at Glenorchy, a rural community at the northern tip of Lake Wakatipu in Central Otago. A stunning world-class example of sustainable development in a sensitive environment, The Headwaters encompasses Camp Glenorchy and Mrs Woolly's General Store - both reincarnations of the old Glenorchy Campground and local General Store.

### **About Jeffrey Bale**

Jeffrey Bale is a builder of gardens by trade. Growing up in Eugene, Oregon, he has a lifelong connection to Nature in the Pacific Northwest. He graduated with a degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Oregon then embarked on 33 years of extensive travel throughout the globe for here to five month forays every year to Mexico, Thailand, S.E. Asia, Sri Lanka, the Nepali Himalaya, India, South America, the Mediterranean, Morocco, Spain, Italy, Greece and lately New Zealand. When Jeffrey is well-known for his remarkable pebble and stone mosaic work, heavily influenced by his travels. Everywhere Jeffrey goes he documents beautiful things, with an eye for how they were made and why. There is a story behind every design. What inspires Jeffrey the most is when art works in harmony with nature.

<http://jeffreygardens.blogspot.co.nz/2016/11/the-braided-rivers-project-beauty-of.html>