

Update on Glenorchy Store & Campground

We want to thank the community for all of their ideas for the future Glenorchy Store and Campground. In the past month we have spoken with over 150+ people, and are receiving suggestions daily from in-person meetings and by e-mail.

We want to give you a quick update on what we have learned from talking to both local residents and visitors (mostly tourists who have been traveling to the area) about their desires and needs for a new General Store and Campground. We have specifically asked tourists and campers why they did not stay (or stay longer) in Glenorchy and what they would like to see in the way of accommodations. This feedback has been very helpful to our planning.

The GYC was cited repeatedly as a great place to have lunch, but most visitors didn't find much to do in the township itself. The tourists we spoke to came for the mountain views and didn't understand the variety of activities there were available to do in the area.

Suggestions that we heard many times:

- Tourists would like multi-bedroom family cottages with kitchens
- Trampers would like to see outdoor hot tubs and a massage service
- Campers would like improved bunkhouse accommodations with community gathering/resting/relaxing areas both inside and outside the building
- Visitors and locals both expressed a desire for a store with more products and fresh produce, meat ("have a butcher visit weekly") and fresh fish
- Tourists wanted more shopping options for gifts to take back home
- Many requests for tramping, fishing, and hunting supplies and forgotten outdoor gear
- Locals wanted to see the store carry a wider variety of products including hardware, garden and farm items
- Campground guests suggested that there be more options for dining and fresh takeaway food as well as offer earlier morning coffee/espresso with a café on site.

We will keep talking to tourists and community members over the next 6 months. Our goal is to use this feedback to create something for the town of Glenorchy that does not currently exist, but that compliments the current businesses in town.

Our intention is to build a sustainably designed project that can be a model for sustainability in NZ. We will be replanting the entire site with native trees and plants to encourage local bird life to return.

The Glenorchy Store and Campground will be closed as of April 30th. The revenues after that date are not substantial enough to warrant keeping the store or campground open. We apologize for any inconvenience the closure will cause.

Some items from the existing campground will be recycled into the new buildings, but there will be items that we cannot use. For the bits we cannot use, we will host a garage sale after the closing. The cabins have all been spoken for. Donations for materials from the site will go to the Glenorchy School.

Thank you again for the great input we have received. If you have ideas or suggestions you would like to share, please contact Emma Kingan our local project manager at emma.kingan@gmail.com.