

# **Spring 2014 Community Update**

We are happy to report that the master plan for the first phase of the project is almost complete! We have received lots of great ideas for the new campground and cabins. We expect to apply for project consents from QLDC and ORC within the next month so construction can begin early next year.

Mason and Wales are designing the buildings and The Baxter Design Group are developing the landscape plans. We have incorporated feedback from the community, tourism operators and the QLDC and ORC, to meet their requirements and also provide some campervan space, while maintaining a good portion of the site for open green space and natural buffers with our neighbors.

The Marketplace Project name is a placeholder for now. In early 2015 we will try to find a name that is reflective of the character of Glenorchy as well as the spirit and range of services that will be offered.

We have engaged a sustainable design consultant to work with the project design team to help us achieve a high standard of sustainability. This Wednesday, 22 October, Tricia Love from Auckland will present at a Cozy Talk at 7:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:45 p.m.). She will provide an introduction to the Living Building Challenge, which asks a simple question, "what if every single act of design and construction could make the world a better place?"

We are looking forward to a hosting a project update at the Lodge on Tuesday, 28 October at 7:30 p.m. We hope you can attend. We will share additional project information and answer questions.

We are both in Glenorchy for October and will be returning again from December through April. We look forward to seeing you around GY!

Debbi and Paul Brainerd

## **General Store Reopening**

The General Store will temporarily reopen from December 23<sup>rd</sup> until just after Easter. We have three goals for the store reopening: 1) To provide a range products and services to tourists and locals during the busy season without having to drive to Queenstown. 2) To learn more about what visitors and the community wants in the future store. 3) To share information about the project, with educational panels that visually provide details showing the site of the new general store, cabins and campground.

We are in the process of painting the walls and creating a short-term fit-out inside the existing store that will allow us to display a variety of offerings, test a range of products and price points – all with the goal of seeing what sells best. The temporary store will stock basic groceries, healthy snacks, tramping gear, a variety of gifts, and information on DOC tracks and the Routeburn Dart Wilderness Trust. To help summer visitors discover more of what Glenorchy offers, a Head of the Lake Activities Bookings Menu will be set up to showcase the range of activities in the area. Emma Kingan has been compiling this list.

The general store food offerings will include: ready-to-go handmade takeaway salads, sandwich wraps, Debbie Crompton's Healthy Glenorchy Trail Bars, as well as freshly made soft serve gelato for those who want a cold tasty treat.

During our *summer of experimentation* we anticipate store hours will be roughly 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Due to limited building size and operations, we will not be opening the café as part of the General Store. A store manager position and several retail store assistants job descriptions will be posted in the next two weeks.

## Tenting for Glenorchy Races 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2015

The Rugby Club approached us for help with providing overflow-tenting sites for the Glenorchy Races. We know this is a big event for the community and want to support it by accommodating visitors here for that weekend. The Council has granted us an exception to be able to operate camping spaces for a maximum of 100 people for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of January, even though the site will not be open for camping this season. Facilities are quite limited, with no power or cooking facilities, but drinking water and portaloos will be available. The cost will be \$10 per person per night.

## **Native Nursery**

With help from several people in the community we have started to grow native plants that will be used for landscaping the site. While not all native plantings will be grown onsite, we hope to grow as many as possible locally.

#### Garden Classroom

The Glenorchy Marketplace master plan will include a production garden that will provide fresh food to the café, produce to the local weekend farmers market, as well act as an educational resource. Part of our goal for visiting families and schools, is to have an opportunity for young people to learn about the food cycle, various composting systems and to offer a hands on environment to observe, discover, and experience nature in a production garden. The design of the Garden Classroom is in the process of incorporating ideas gathered from local gardeners. A draft of that design is attached and will be further developed further over the coming months. The garden will total approximately 1,650 square meters on located on two Pigeon Place sections.

