



Huanui pānui

(paths and roadways newsletter)

Kā Huanui a Tāhuna is an alliance partnership between NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) and Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) along with four design and construction companies, Beca, WSP, Downer and Fulton Hogan.

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Kia ora koutou

Well, what a year it's been across our projects in Tāhuna Queenstown.

From the start of construction on the Frankton Intersection and Bus Hub Improvements back in April, we're now on the home stretch for the opening of the Town Centre Arterial Road in January.

We appreciate the impact that our work can have on residents, businesses and commuters, so we would like to thank the whole Queenstown community for your patience this year.

Over the holiday period from December 20 to January 6 we'll reduce our site footprint (temporary fencing, traffic cones and machinery) as much as possible, so the community can enjoy a well-deserved break.

As always, our top priority is the safety of everyone moving around our sites, so we ask that you follow the traffic and pedestrian signs and take extra care at all times.

We wish all our readers a very happy and safe holiday season, especially when travelling on the roads.

Kā Huanui a Tāhuna team



What's the Latest: Town Centre Arterial (Stage 1)

Ticking off the 'to do list'

Our team has been focused on completing a number of pieces of work before our sites shut down for the break:

- ✓ Night work completed on Frankton Road
- ✓ Traffic signals turned on at the Sydney-Melbourne intersection
- ✓ Final asphalt surface laid on Gorge Road
- ✓ Flush crossing installed and the final concrete poured on Turner Street
- ✓ Garden beds planted on Gorge Road, Melbourne Street and Frankton Road.



Planting is one of the finishing touches we love to see, adding life and vibrancy to streetscapes.

- Both Gorge Road and Turner Street are on track to open on Friday 20 December. In the meantime, access to businesses on Gorge Road is still available.
- We're making good progress on a new flush crossing on Dublin Street. We're aiming to reopen it to traffic on Monday 23 December.
- The team are preparing to reopen lower Ballarat Street and Athol Street by Friday 20 December.
- At Henry Street there's still work to do, we laid the first layers of asphalt last week and will apply the final layer when we return in January. Henry Street will officially open in January but will be accessible from Gorge Road over the holidays.

Check out the latest flyover video below to see the progress:



You can read more about the Town Centre Arterial project, including FAQs at www.qldc.govt.nz/town-centre-arterial-road

What to expect in January

We'll be back to put some finishing touches on the Arterial Road so the main alignment can open to traffic on Thursday 30 January. We'll let you know details for an official opening in the new year.



The community will be invited to a walkover of the new road before it opens to traffic.

There'll still be a few jobs to finish off once it's open, including a stormwater connection at the Stanley Street intersection and final work on some side roads, so expect to see our crews on site for some time yet.

SH6/6A Frankton Intersection and Bus Hub Improvements

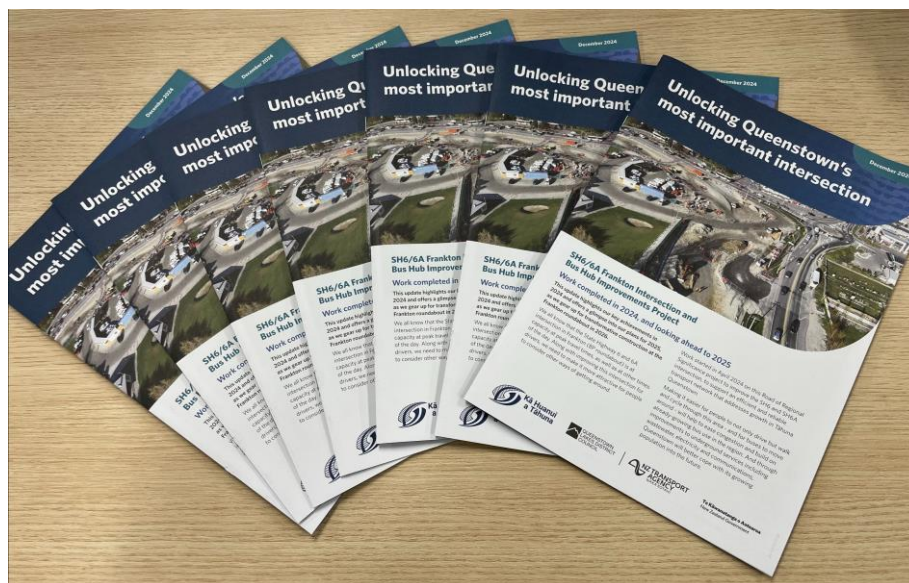
What's been done, and what's ahead

Last week, our project update booklet was delivered to letterboxes and inserted in the Mountain Scene and Lakes Weekly Bulletin.

The booklet shares what's been achieved in 2024 for the Frankton Intersection and Bus Hub Improvements, and looks ahead to 2025 for a high-level overview of what the community can expect.

Keep an eye out for your copy and if you didn't receive one, they can be picked up from the Frankton or Queenstown libraries, the Queenstown Events Centre reception, or the Alliance office at 64a Grant Road, Frankton.

You can also read a digital version on our Publications page [here](#).



The booklet brings together many aspects of the project, explaining how they fit in the construction sequence, and the wider benefits they bring to Queenstown.

Pole and line removal at Gray Street

From the clear stakeholder and community feedback we received last week, we requested that Delta scale back their previously notified power pole and line removal to just one day.

Gray Street will remain open for two-way traffic all this week, however to keep the lanes moving and complete this limited work, carparking will be removed from both sides of Gray Street from today until Friday 20 December.

Wednesday 18 December, from 7.30am – 6.00pm will see Delta staff working in hiab/bucket trucks. The Gray Street Carpark will close for the day, so Delta can drop the power lines away from where cars are parked.

We have listened and acknowledge that this proposed road closure was going to be too disruptive, and we apologise for the stress this has caused.

Heads-up for January works

There will be lots happening in January when our crews return to site – here's a quick wrap, and if you'd like to find out more about any of this work, visit the [Upcoming Works page](#) at our website.

Gray-McBride Streets rebuild

From about 14 January until mid-February, above ground street rebuild work will be happening on the western side of the Gray-McBride intersection.

This involves starting to restore kerbs, footpaths and road surface in this area, and install new street lighting.

McBride Street will be open one-way for traffic heading north. Once this side of the intersection is completed, we'll shift to the other side, but maintain one lane of traffic heading north.



KEY

- Traffic flow
- Work area
- Managed access to driveways

There will be access at all times to Frankton Village shops and the Gray Street carpark.

SH6 Kawarau Road trenching

From Tuesday 14 January through to April we'll be working in the Bus Hub area, beginning deep trenching for new stormwater pipes and later, for wastewater and underground power connections.

The new stormwater pipes are being installed to catch the water runoff from the new Bus Hub and shelters, and from the future intersection layout.

The area will be fenced off for safety but there'll be a temporary footpath through the worksite for people walking or cycling.

SH6 Frankton-Ladies Mile Highway night works

SH6 Frankton-Ladies Mile Highway will close from 10pm to 5.30am, 19 - 31 January (excluding Friday and Saturday nights), with a detour around Lucas Place/Hawthorne Drive.

The closure is needed so we can remove 900m of overhead power lines and power poles, and re-mark 900m of highway. By re-marking the highway to meet temporary traffic management needs, we can remove more than 200m of road cones from the area.



Access to Joe O'Connell Drive and Hansen Road will be managed by traffic staff at the Grant Road intersection.

Children's art to adorn walkway fencing

The Frankton Intersection and Bus Hub Improvements team are looking forward to supporting some school holiday fun at the Queenstown Events Centre.

On Thursday 30 January, an Alliance contractor will bring an excavator along for the kids to get 'hands on' with, share some fun facts about construction and hold a colouring competition with some cool prizes.

The winning entries will feature on large posters that will be attached to the construction fencing for the new pedestrian walkway along SH6 – we can't wait to see what the kids' imaginations come up with!

Find out more at QLDC Sport and Recreation's [Summer School Holiday Programme](#).

For more information

Full details about the SH6/6A Frankton Intersection and Bus Hub Improvements project can be found at our website, [Queenstown package | NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi \(nzta.govt.nz\)](#).

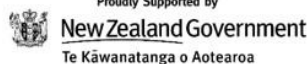
Contact the project team by emailing info@wtpa.co.nz or by phoning [0800 482 684](tel:0800482684).

To receive Work Notices for this project, please email info@wtpa.co.nz with 'Work Notice' in the subject line.

The Kā Huanui a Tāhuna team thank you for your patience. We are listening to your feedback and working hard to minimise disruption.

Please contact us should you have any queries or concerns:

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