

# Our Place

## Balclutha

**Let's talk.**  
Balclutha War Memorial Hall



**Feedback about Balclutha War Memorial Hall**

1	I believe that having a large space is important, but perhaps not quite as big as it currently is. I think it would be more user friendly to have a space that can hold half the current capacity (say 200 max) but with access to a commercial kitchen so it can be used for a wider purpose (eg. weddings, large birthday celebrations, retirements etc). Then there will still be space for (example) larger i-site, small cinema complex, public/toy library, local museum, short term exhibitions. Currently we have two large complexes (hall and cross rec centre) but no real "medium" size venue, so this could fill that gap whilst still having the flexibility and capability to host a variety of other options.
2	i-Site/art/museum/cultural/small theatre/go up! Look over the river from a restaurant/curator/researchers/where is storage for museum.
3	Create museum in hall area.
4	Moving cenotaph a nice idea - parade from RSA to the town hall.
5	Support boutique movie cinema.
6	What is the best location for the i-Site?
7	Food, alcohol, sitting in the sun ideal for this area.
8	Speight's Ale House concept would be ideal.
9	i-Site parking and toilets are important.
10	Consolidation needs to happen.
11	Keen for i-Site in central business area, including Clutha Development as well.
12	More light and focus on the river for this building.
13	Business innovation hub potential in town hall space.
14	Waikato innovation hub example.
15	Movie theatre with walls that can be removed to extend to extra seating with top floor/ café over looking river?
16	Consideration should be made of all community groups in the Clutha District, and who could co- utilise the community and visitors hub. It would be interesting who would 'give up' their current premises to be located in a central place.
17	There are a number of other office spaces and smaller theatres (such as South Otago Theatrical Society clubrooms, and SOTC) that can be hired out by others. I believe it is important to retain a fly tower so that we can attract those out of town performances. However this will mean the out back areas need to be drastically improved. The backstage rooms are embarrassing. No heating, can not flush toilets while a show is on, the downstairs is like a horror movie, not to mention all the OSH and Health & safety issues there are at the current building. This is why it has not been used for a while. Because it is of poor quality. The main gardens outside the War Memorial Hall also need to be retained. I was involved in a community group (Project Clutha) that re-designed these, fundraised, built and installed the Clutha Council hand sculpture there. This will be a big slap in the face to community groups if this was removed. It is also the only place down the main street that the "Clutha Country" logo and slogans are visible. CDC need to incorporate this more in the district. South Otago theatrical society have recently installed a movie theatre in their clubrooms (which I have helped facility) This works well and is available for hire, however unless a movie theatre is run like a business it will not survive. I don't believe we need (another) one at the proposed war memorial hall. I support the multi purpose design. I believe it will benefit the whole community if it is managed well and designed well in consultation with community groups.
18	It absolutely needs an upgrade, the heating is terrible so unfortunately it does put people off. I had been to watch a gymnastics event in Winter it was colder inside than out.
19	A community hub is an option I would like to see considered. Community organisations work well from hubs in other towns and this model saves on costs for organisations who are all fighting for the funding dollar. A hub enables a more cohesive service and easy access for clients, comfortable, warm office spaces, shared facilities and good networking opportunities.

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20	<p>I wouldn't like to see it decommissioned. I think it is the ideal site just before /after the bridge which should be a highlight of the town.. There is plenty of scope for landscaping /parking and there are toilets already there. I think the town needs the option of the large hall for weddings etc if required or if there are large productions . It would be a pity to miss these opportunities if we no longer have a facility. I think there could be more made of the town hall ie a bigger more prominent i-Site here and incorporate a museum here also. It would get a lot more visitors as I think people would wander through and learn more about the history of the town.</p>
21	<p>Memorial hall Needs re development for museum display, art gallery, with books, local pottery, etc for sale in larger i-Site room. A great outcome would be putting a top storey on the hall - maybe within a roof (like the museum in Invercargill which could include a safe viewing platform looking over the river. Having a viewing platform with access from the roof would prevent vandalism and unsafe behaviour. I support the proposal from Kevin Barron on behalf of the Museum. Most of all there needs to be at least 8 fabulous toilets with constant cleaning. Having travelled to several countries overseas I am ashamed at the standard of toilet we offer. The modern ones at the hall are disgusting.</p>
22	<p>I love this consultation - if the men and woman who fought for our land are happy then I am happy.</p>
23	<p>Current Hall past its use by date. Demolish it and build a new facility on the same site, trying to incorporate the i-Site with the bridge and river by having access over the flood bank right there behind the building.</p>
24	<p>The incorporated ideas of Option 2: the multi purpose hub are much needed facilities that would support the idea of Balclutha being a central hub for the Clutha District in the 21st century. These are important factors in encouraging and attracting growth of all areas in the local economy. After returning from London to Balclutha and examining the current facilities, there is definite room for ensuring collaboration between community agencies and businesses, upgrading of current facilities, and promoting the region as a place to live, grow and to stop and spend time in.</p>
25	<p>It is good to see an inclusion of the upgraded museum space, theatre hall, business space, and spaces for short term and long term lease. To build on Option 2 there is a real opportunity to expand on the definition of 'community hub'. By really examining the community needs in the here and now, and looking at what and who makes a difference to the overall wellbeing of children, families, individual people and the elderly. There is the opportunity to build on the co-location of services and agencies who work in the community now, and secondly, could in the future. Research has shown the difference the colocation of services makes including better information sharing, better support between agencies (a definite focus of the government), all working together to provide the best support they can to those in the community. The agencies mentioned include moving beyond just a cultural, heritage and arts hub. These agencies could include: social, education, NGOs, health, playgroups, training and employment</p>
26	<p>In London, I got the opportunity to be deputy head of a family and children's centre, which was a community hub that provided a range of services for children and their families. This was part of a social enterprise in the heart of London, that turned a derelict area into a very thriving community, with shops, housing co-ops, community services, businesses, parks, sports centres etc. I would be very interested in sharing my experiences if the whole hub concept needs to be unpacked for the council etc, like a case study of my space I worked in London and give examples of how local people have changed a whole community over the years. It is an international example, where people would come and tour and look around. Additionally, I am a full time student who is studying my Masters of the Arts in Childhood studies through the Children's Issues Centre, at the University of Otago. I am carrying out research in the collaboration of services who support children, and their families in the early years.</p>

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27	Going forward, I know the importance of having the community driving and supporting initiatives, sometimes I feel like Balclutha township itself could do a bit better, supporting and developing rather than complaining and doing nothing! The smaller communities around the district show exciting examples of collaboration e.g. Kaitangata. Other examples in other areas nearby show the drive of a community hub idea e.g. the Gore kids hub. I would be very interested in being an advocate for Option B. Given being an ambulance volunteer, all my family being in the area, my new job being located in Dunedin next year, plus starting a new business with my husband, we would love to stay in the area and commute, but only if there is going to be a real drive to continue improving and supporting the future of the area as a place to live, work and visit. We need to continue doing this by upgrading our facilities to fit with the diverse needs of our communities in the 21st century.
28	The hall is over 50 years old. It is time to build a new fit for purpose complex for the next 50 years. It is very important that there is plenty, not just enough, of car parking. I support the purchase of additional adjacent land to ensure this is completely covered
29	It is time to a build a new multipurpose complex that will see our community through the next 50 years. It needs plenty of car parking, a superior setting, architectural quality and incorporating the library and museum makes a lot of sense.
30	Is a bit dated, could do with modernising. Still a great large hall for the whole community to use.
31	Any development should keep our river as a focal point. It is the feature that sets us apart from other towns and it should because it is an outstanding feature and I sometimes think we forget how impressive it is.
32	It's important to assess these types of community investments against the right funding model. They are long term projects that will benefit the community over a long period of time and the financial aspects of the decision making needs to recognise this. In other words, the benefits of a new community hall/complex spans a long period of time and the model used to determine affordability and scope needs to clearly recognise this and spread the costs of the life of the asset.
33	It needs to be recognised that buildings only have a certain lifespan and the current facility is 50 + years old. Our community would be best served by a new multi purpose complex designed specifically for the roles in mind - museum, cultural, theatre and larger auditorium. It is really important that this is a showpiece for the town for visitors and the community to be proud of. There are other good examples in towns scattered across NZ. A pleasing setting (in the current location) and maximum parking are very important too.
34	We definitely need an upgrade - something that makes those driving past want to stop and check out everything that's happening - ideally museum exhibits, café with good coffee, somewhere to watch movies and heaps of info on Clutha and the surrounding area
35	I think we should make more of the bridge area, which will attract people to stop in Balclutha. I would like to see option 2 re hall and that it includes the museum. We should make more of the history of the river and the steam boats.
36	We would like to see the hall used as a community hub, complimentary to the Cross Recreation Centre. Ideally, the new hall would contain space for a cafe and or restaurant, looking out over the river as a feature. An improved visitor centre incorporating a museum would be ideal here. It is a great opportunity to link with Otago Museum and create a destination for visitors and locals within Balclutha.
37	I think the hall is underutilized it is in a prime location and needs to be made more appealing to visitors passing through.
38	The development of a multi-use space is an interesting option.
39	I think it's extremely important that the i-Site remains in its current location by the town hall. It is one of the most prominent positions ion the town, clearly visible coming into the town from the north and coming up,the Main Street from the south. There is good parking for visitors which is why it was moved from the Centre of town originally.
40	In a prime location for a great facility. Most likely easier to start again to get the best out of the site and utilise the river to its full capacity.

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41	Why reinvent things when other towns must have gone through this process and learnt from their experiences - Napier? Stoke Valley.
42	Very much in favour of the idea of a small cinema space. If the big hall could also be temporarily divided up (sliding screens or removable walls) perhaps this will enable groups to use just a smaller space (pre-school groups maybe, where a huge area is a bit too much for toddlers. The only disadvantage with making something from scratch is the time there wouldn't be a central area in Balclutha, but presumably the end result will make it worth losing the memorial hall for a short while.
43	I have organised events there for 5 years now, and also other town halls. Our stage is dangerous, we have had large splinters in dancers feet and hands, and there are stub areas. The sound system does not work well and the backing curtain is in repair need. The back stage areas always smell like urine and are unsafe. Quite embarrassing for guests coming to the area. A cafe/restaurant/bar of quality would be a fantastic addition for before and after shows, plus functions. If done upstairs there would be a unique and popular view of our river. Could even have another function room for events with a view so events, workshops and weddings could be hosted with the cafe facilities for catering...in which could make the hall a decent profit. I do I've how the council supports local and fundraising concerts with the reimbursement.
44	Need somewhere to hold large events, but more use needs to be made of the facility. Cross Recreation Centre is a great facility, but does not have the acoustics (among other things) for the likes of NZ Symphony Orchestra or theatrical productions.
45	We like the library and think it is in a good place now, so leave it there.
46	I think the major redevelopment of the hall to create flexible modern spaces is a very good idea. A cafe/bar over two floors or in upper level with views over the river, bridge and the relocated cenotaph would encourage locals and visitors to enjoy this area.
47	We have many other buildings in the Clutha District for heritage arts and libraries. The War Memorial Hall was built for the community by returned services and locals and this needs to be remembered when any changes are considered for this building. To decommission the War Memorial Hall would be a very disrespectful to our forefathers.
48	From discussions I have had with others, it seems a major overhaul/rebuild incorporating the SO Museum would be desirable
49	Leave the library where it is! It is an historic building in a quiet, easy to park area and provided it is well maintained should save the community for years to come.
50	Don't need a picture theatre.
51	The heating is not efficient. Have you considered solar heating?
52	It is a great community facility and it is the largest one available in the district
53	Regular movie nights would be a family favourite. A facelift would improve usage.
54	Tourism in Clutha and the Catlins is growing rapidly. At peak season the carpark is insufficient and so are the information centre resources. Many visitors say we need better signage to help them find us.
55	Extra spaces like a theatre is a great idea, but you still need the main hall. To disestablish the current hall facility should not be an option
56	The hall is a space different to the Cross Recreation Centre. Things such as the Annual SNOB, comedy/musical acts fill the memorial hall, the atmosphere would not be the same in the Cross Recreation Centre.
57	Have better airflow in the hall, it can get hot and stuffy in there which makes it uncomfortable.
58	Oppose the relocation of the public library to the town hall space. Library is ideal where it is. Still need a hall. Perhaps not a fly tower, but some other means of back drop/lighting for theatre/shows. Tiered seating other things mentioned above can take place in other buildings in town.
59	To build a new hall with more better heating.
60	If Balclutha wants to be serious about catering to tourists, the toilet facilities need a major re-think. No baby change table is disgraceful.
61	Main entrance needs a real tidy up, water blasting and gardens maintained.

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62	The hall needs a good clean up, treated for borer, replace borer area under stairs.
63	A viewing platform should be added at level 3 to see the lighting on bridge, sunrises and sunsets and general town views. Although, additional to option 2, it would greatly assist with fundraising and sponsorship. To be successful, the War Memorial Hall upgrade should achieve; Must be a national attraction - Lighting of the Balclutha Bridge; Must be a destination - A viewing platform and restaurant; Must have a wow factor - As viewed from the Main Street; Must have special features within - A bridge theme, Balclutha Social History Museum, and other organisations, so as to create a complex.
64	More promotion for events in the hall. Encourage promoters to come to Balclutha.
65	You have got to remember a lot of these options you are suggesting are all ready available at the Cross Rec Centre.
66	Very important to maintain the hall and keep as a focal point.
67	Love the ideas in option 2. Multi purpose community and visitor hub. Lets showcase what our community has to offer.
68	I would like to see the hall space opened up onto the carpark with large sliding doors and a garden created in parking space for indoor/outdoor use for weddings etc.
69	An upgrade of the hall part way between option one and two. It needs to be more than option 1 but can be less than option 1. A small theatre, upgraded i-Site, a more attractive hall space opening to outside.
70	Looking at the contribution of ratepayers. As My Payne says in the pamphlet, this a centre point for the whole community. The hall is used for funerals, school formals, fairs, weddings etc. Because of this, why would Balclutha rate payers bare the lions share of the cost. \$23 per year on our rates is only \$1.30 across the district. I can understand Tapanui, Heriot only paying that but not Kaitangata, Stirling, Kaka Point, Benhar, Clydevale etc. People from the areas would use the hall just as much as Balclutha people.
71	The hall is a valuable amenity that permits organisations such as NZSO and NZRB to perform. Attracting such events would impossible without it.
72	Refit the hall and redevelop the current meeting spaces to be more modern and user available.
73	The current i-Site position, while having parking and accessibility, does nothing to attract visitors to the town. They park, get the info then drive off. It was more central to town, people would visit shops and cafes before moving on.
74	Big hall definitely needed.
75	Not enough space for all museum exhibits. Our history (past) is very important.
76	A museum needs to be in a separate place. A small theatre for movies etc. would be a great asset if it were run along the times of the one in Te Anau which shows beautiful scenes of the area during the day and up to date movies evenings. It also has a cafe, wine bar - a great idea.
77	Combine information centre and coffee shop so people can have coffee while browsing through brochures.
78	The town hall has needed maintenance for the last 20 years.
79	Any development of the upper level will require an elevator or something for people who can't walk upstairs - more expense.
80	Concerns i.e. increased rates throughout. Last year caused problems. What kind of negativity will arise from the increase.
81	A room with wooden floor for dance group i.e. ballet, social dancing, with a sound system. Around 50 people.
82	Historic central for public use. Hopeful this town is going and we will need this type of facility.
83	Carpark should be sealed and marked. Hall needs lighting upgrade and general maintenance and repairs where required.
84	The hall is an important part of community and should be made as a show piece.
85	Do think it should, if possible, be kept in some form. A lot of servicemen did voluntary labour on it after the war.
86	Modernise the hall and i-Site, and include library in it.
87	The hall needs to stay because of a memorial place. It should be the hub of the area.
88	Just modernise/ Keep.

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89	Community hall - maybe painted "updated"
90	Library - As coming from Southland 6 1/2 years ago, so many aspects of "Clutha" have improved. Must bigger book reading choices - wow - great! And CD's/DVD's, nice modernisation. Colours, comfy seats.
91	It is an amenity and does not have to pay it's way.
92	Consider taking the grassed area where the training centre was to get extra parking close to the memorial hall. Improve layout of parking at rear of hall.
93	How old is the hall? Voluntary built?
94	Have a clock tower. Paint the pedestrian crossing that's not visible at the hall on Clyde Street.
95	There are other facilities for hire e.g. Cross Rec Centre upstairs room, T&C
96	There are fewer occasions when a lot of people came together, but more when small groups (families, friends) want to get out and about. My feeling is put more money into the parks/biking/walking ideas.
97	It's extremely important to make the hall user friendly to accommodate many and a wide diversity of interest for the entire District. To achieve a much higher volume of residents using the facility regularly. Purpose built for the 21st century. All space usable.
98	Acoustics? The "wings" down the sides of the hall interior walls seem to bounce sound back to the stage - seems counter productive.
99	Option 2 - Would be good to see interior plans.
100	Option 3 - Recreation Centre not fit for all creative art pursuits.
101	Plenty of small venues for small groups already. Why compete with them.
102	Heat pumps for i-Site for day to day. Patch up the boiler for major functions. Don't spend too much.
103	Too good to pull down or replace at the moment. Just spend enough to keep it going for another 25 years then re-look at it.
104	Perhaps have a public viewing platform facing the river which can be accessed at no cost.
105	Option 3: Don't want to see this happen.
106	Definitely. There is a "hand" feature located currently at the town hall that could be incorporated.
107	I believe that we should retain the existing town hall, but we could upgrade and redevelop smaller spaces for example. 50 seat movie theatre.
108	The memorial hall does need updated - not replaced. The kitchen is badly in need of a spruce up - making more room to put fridges. Dishwasher needs updated.
109	The hall needs to be kept as a large foundation centre as no other building is convenient or suitable for such functions whether it be prize giving's, large funerals, sales of work etc. The acoustics in the Cross Recreation Centre are shocking and Telford is too far away.
110	Organisations that currently use the hall, do so because it is a suitably sized venue - doing away with it would have impacts.
111	It would be a good idea to bring the museum to the hall or surrounding area. Better access for all.
112	If we are to upgrade or make away from the hall, why not use this as the i-Site with the museum moved to the hall? More visitors would use this area a lot more.
113	Balclutha needs a hall of this size for special occasions. School breakups and social. Also, theatrical productions, theatre, dining style, large funerals. Cross Rec Centre and Telfer Gym not suitable.
114	Add to Rec Centre - Already has facilities and parking and stuff. May be a problem as current resource consents and lack of heating.
115	Relocate i-Site and a toilet up the street to Hairworkz building - encourage tourists to shop in our town.
116	Don't even consider disestablishing the hall. Major mistake.

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117	It is interesting to note that all your comments about the hall, nothing about the kitchen. You need a decent kitchen and should consult with local eateries. If the hall was more modern, it would be used more. Thee the charges down, and it will be used more. We need the hall that is a focal point in the town. We need a hall that's sized for bowls, shearing, wool handling, theatrical, snob, weddings, big funerals, to name a few! The Cross Rec Centre kitchen isn't big enough for larger groups, you need to get this important issue right.
118	The seating/audience capacity needs to be improved. School prizegivings are painful due to the poor seating arrangements. The building should be more like a tiered theatre.
119	I believe the interior looks dated and doesn't function like a proper auditorium/theatre. Community groups like schools need a space with tiered seating all of the audience can see the stage.
120	Glass window and sliding doors opening out onto the riverside of building and redeveloping the parking area.
121	Into a garden with seating, park like planting with access to river bank so this could be better utilised. This would likely make the interior of the hall lighter, brighter and more welcoming and again would likely make it more appealing for use, for example, weddings and funerals which are present, are mostly being catered for outside of the community hall. This is an area that could easily be enhanced and revenue from such gatherings help in the running costs.
122	i-Site is in right place as camper vans are able to park with plenty of room.
123	I think the library is fine where it is, but I do like the café idea.
124	Update toilets and enlarge parking area.
125	We have a good library. Turn all the office space into the i-Site. Turn the vacant buildings on the main street into office space.
126	Promote the hall for hire.
127	If you want a movie theatre, use the upstairs seating and have a screen that can be lowered from the roof.
128	I am totally opposed to the 'hall' being established elsewhere. It is a great site and the i-Site should be kept where it is very visible. The Memorial Hall should be revamped to make it more useable by more groups. It was build by volunteers as a Memorial and this should NOT be forgotten - even as we move forward. The cenotaph is part of our history and should be on this site.
129	I'm in favour of improving our entrances, but traffic flow has to be the first consideration. The narrowing of intersections in the main street has disrupted the traffic flow.
130	Cenotaph is in a safe location, moving the hall would block main street for an extended period of time e.g. 2 hours plus.
131	Linkages to Catlins e.g. old railway.
132	I think the library shouldn't be moved, is it, itself, is a heritage building.
133	Instead of moving the cenotaph, we could better advertise where it is.
134	Could make it more of an arts/recreational space. Have the rec centre for sport. Would be nice to have a good space for museum etc.
135	I think it needs to be more than just an upgraded hall, as it will continue to not get used.
136	I liked the idea of moving the War Memorial (Cenotaph) to the hall so that it can be viewed (acknowledged)
137	The hall is a space for events to be held e.g. school disco's etc.
138	Moving the War Memorial statue to the town hall area.
139	Making it more of a modern arts and history and community and tourism hub.
140	Flash public toilets like out Roxburgh but maybe in a more central location (near plaza)
141	It is very important to keep the War Memorial Hall as a tribute to people who went to war.
142	Don't need a picture theatre.
143	Keep library where it is.
144	I like the idea of option 2, and think this would be great for our town.
145	Do what needs doing, but only spend money you have and what you can save by not doing any more upgrades on main street. No rates increase.
146	We have a great library. Wouldn't like to see it shifted.



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147	The library and hall should be completely separate buildings. We have fantastic car-parking at the current library building. It gets congested at the i-Site building.
148	Fly tower now done with electronics
149	Shearing and Wool Handling. Bowls
150	Better connector between i-Site and Hall with width for promotional material/
151	Drop the fly tower tomorrow.
152	Kitchen is horrible - needs upgrading and supper room.
153	The hall is well-used but is in need of a tidy up inside and out. Kitchen, supper rooms, toilets etc.
154	A suggestion may be to make it more user friendly i.e. send out spaces for a commercial coffee shop.
155	I feel very strongly that the library being a historical beautiful building and situated with plenty of parking space, should be left where it is.
156	S.O theatre love own facilities.
157	If it was kept clean, would help.
158	IT site is big enough, rooms adjacent if needed.
159	The hall as it is now is the only place that we can hold South Otago Competitive Indoor Bowls. We need it to hold the 19 mats to host Otago, Southland, Central Otago or North Otago. Please keep the large hall area. Thanks. P.S - I love my bowls very much.
160	I think the museum should remain where it is. Not enough space in Memorial Hall .
161	I would like to see the surrounds at back of Hall tidied up. It is not a good look for visitors using the parking at the back.
162	More parking for tourists.
163	Don't relocate the library. It is perfect the way it is!!
164	Carpark badly needs resurfacing.
165	Heat pumps needed for quick heating.
166	Small theatre essential - but seating needs to be increased (80-100 perhaps). 50 seats too small for visibility of bringing plays, shows to Clutha.
167	Hall too small to hold big funerals.
168	Could the curtains etc. not be managed from the stage?
169	This IS part of the town entrance so perhaps should be looked at in conjunction with entrances.
170	Disestablishing the hall would be detrimental and an eyesore if not maintained, and a waste of resources and money if demolished. You would be very limited to be able to sell I would think.
171	The hall is very important asset to the community, and if it was either upgraded or re-built, it would be attractive to more groups even those outside the district. This is great location for the i-Site = easily accessible by car, bus, campervan or bike - for locals and tourists, and those limited with mobility.
172	Is there a way that the large hall area can be divided into 2 smaller areas with a retractable wall if necessary. A movie theatre is a great drawcard, especially in the winter and for the elderly as a social meeting place.
173	Library good where it is. Parking good.
174	Look after what we have got and keep it in good repair. The rear parking area could be improved.
175	How often is the fly tower used? Maybe this could be changed to meet earthquake requirements.
176	Please retain this building for big events that cannot be held in the Recreation Centre. Heating and lighting is good. The flooring was good for badminton/is used for bowls. Is used for shearing and wool handling/weddings/shows/funerals/school choirs/ graduations etc.
177	Very outdated, time to upgrade i.e. make it suitable for todays needs.
178	Pity this wasn't thought about when the recreation centre was built.
179	If you shift the i-Site, it has to be put on Main Street near shops with toilets etc.
180	The heating is a big one, and needs to be fixed. Don't shift hall.

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181	Balclutha War Memorial Hall - Information Centre is the landmark of Balclutha for the town and its people.
182	People come to here, no matter to visit or live here, not because of It's fancy looking, but friendly, challenged and supported environment. As long as the building is safe and productive, it's far more than important to keep it. Not to mention that a town grows is not from the look of outside, but inside.
183	Balclutha War Memorial Hall is the centre piece of the town.
184	Option 1 covers most of the requirements. We already have a small theatre, library and museum.
185	Having lived in South Otago all our lives, we have a long association with the WAR MEMORIAL HALL. It is just that, and I did voluntary work on it, while still at school with my father. We also need to make sure we don't make other facilities redundant e.g. Theatrical Society Theatre. Cross Rec Centre is ideal for bigger displays etc. A great parking area for tourists and the Information Centre is South Otago's Tourism flagship. Excellent staff, Tourism is growing, let's keep it up.
186	Keep the library separate. We visit it weekly. It is great where it is for parking etc. yet still central.
187	The Clutha District Residents would benefit from a Theatre space as there is very little district entertainment other than that, run by S.O.T.C and at times, Rosebank Lodge. I believe the museum is great, but at present is "out of the way" and many visitors to the i-Site would visit museum/heritage display space if centrally located.
188	Recreation Centre has a limited Resource Consent so still need town hall.
189	Underutilised currently. Good space but 'dated'. Needs to be brought forward into the 21st Century.
190	Prefer option 2, however option 1 is better than nothing.
191	The upgrade needs to include good signage/parking for visitors, as when coming over the bridge, it doesn't leave much time if one doesn't know where one is going.
192	The hall at it's current size is still used and needed. Upgraded and promoted, it likely would be used a great deal more. The Cross Recreation Centre is not designed for staged performances.
193	We feel the i-Site should be relocated to a more central location to the shopping area to encourage visitors to shop in Balclutha.
194	Rebuilding would probably be the best option.
195	The hall has it's different use to other venues in the town and a good freshen up will make it more attractive to users and good heating will be an asset. It is the best venue for bowling tournament.
196	Keep the auditorium/theatre near the east side of the hall. Extend hall by fly tower to hold museum.
197	Fly tower could be converted to several levels to incorporate museum exhibits.
198	Balclutha is sadly missing out on tourism spending by not providing a free space for overnight staying of all the vans who are self contained and don't wish to spend \$36 a night to park on a piece of grass. No wonder we are the lowest spend in the Clutha District of all Otago and Southland.
199	Yes, Indoor bowls needs this facility.
200	We have the bridge as our town feature.
201	Indoor bowls would be last in South Otago, a sport that keeps the elderly and young active.
202	The Rec Centre is only suitable for large activities if it was well heated. Never available in the winter on a Saturday.
203	Relocate museum to hall area.
204	We believe there are plenty of facilities that can provide the current services of the hall.
205	To make sure there are excellent toilet facilities for tourists and locals.
206	We really need more statistics about hall use and numbers that use it.
207	The idea of shifting RSA to town hall would be great.
208	Maximum - do necessary repairs.

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209	Demolish the hall rather than spend and trying to make it into something it's not designed for. If the hall cannot be demolished due to public feeling, then the basic earthquake strengthening should be done. Remove carpark from behind the hall. Use this area for a sheltered open public space for people to gather with easy access to the riverbank where seating should also be placed. Blenheim has a fabulous example of this in the centre of their town.
210	Option 1: Ideal to promote local museum and attractions of historic nature.
211	1: Other building owners could utilise this option. Use for those buildings, especially main street area. 2: Consult with local theatrical society.
212	If the library relocated to new hub, ideal for visitors - internet access - great in centre. Study link incorporated with the historic aspect of town. The existing library could be utilised for community archives.
213	I would like to see the hall relocated. It is situated behind main highway and heavy traffic bypass. Gets full blast of southern wind. Most unpleasant area.
214	Building option 2: But in new location for example, on Old Farm Machinery/Hammer site.
215	The public toilets, which are basic ones should be available at this site, but to draw more people down the main street put some there. Think of Roxburgh toilets are in the middle of town- the businesses benefit from this.
216	The kitchen could be user friendly e.g. cups on traps that slot onto shelving. Same for plates, lots of shelving for plates of food etc.
217	Do not loose the park! Very little parking in Option 2. Access to the hall needs to remain for easy setting up for functions.
218	Museum definitely needs an upgrade. Present building is uninviting and old. Could it be included with the information centre where tourists could have access- sell them our history! Facilities in the hall need upgraded i.e. toilets, kitchen. Somerville lounge carpeted and comfortable chairs for meetings etc. sliding doors upgrade. A lot of wasted space. Outlay needs upgrading.
219	Anglican family care and Plunket could be housed in a different area in town. There rooms could be remodelled for museum? If the cenotaph is shifted to the town memorial hall- needs a wider foot path leading up to it (Wet grass is a hazard). Perhaps a couple of garden seats nearby.
220	Create a modern architecturally significant building. Incorporate best Clutha has to offer in a centre accessible to passing tourist/public. Inclusive second level should have cafes (leased) views over the river, local art and craft galleries.
221	Although we now have the Rec. Centre, which is a good space for meetings and functions, I think it is important to have a hall for the community and a stage etc.
222	The War Memorial Hall/Cross Recreation Centre: When I attended meetings to discuss the proposal to build the Cross Rec Centre it was stated then that it was never intended to take the place of the War Memorial Hall. Yes the War Memorial Hall/i-Site facility needs to be upgraded, but does not need include a number of things as suggested. It does not need a multi-use upper level.
223	Oppose the site for library.
224	Whilst a larger renovation would be considerably more expensive as opposed to upgrading what we currently have I believe it is about future proofing for Balclutha and providing more options whilst still maintaining the history of the current site, I don't know how to do this exactly but I'm sure someone out there does! I think we could learn from previous expansions in the area and realise that creating a community "hub" is the way of the future, rather than having lots of small facilities dotted over a large area. Much more community minded and accessible.
225	I think it's important to have a smaller facility than the Cross Recreation Centre available. This creates an intimate, comfortable space. Often there is a need for both buildings to be used at once, this is a busy little town. We have had all our children's concerts in the hall as well as other functions. We also need to retain a level of respect to our war veterans too. A hall dedicated to them is important. Our past is connected to our future.

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226	<p>I like the idea of a new facility in the current location. The current building will continue to need an increased amount of work as it ages and standards change. A new building can be built for the current needs of the town with all of the current safety standard. An investment now will allow the town to have a facility for the next 100 years.</p> <p>It's a great spot for the information centre and it should remain there. It's easy for tourists to locate and to direct people to.</p> <p>Solar panels, water tanks and other Eco friendly designs could be incorporated in the building.</p>
227	<p>Centralisation of all arts and libraries a good strategy. The structure is an asset and could be developed into multi use building. The site is the key asset as all travellers from north and south go past the site. An asset that can be turned into a 'toll' gate for Balclutha</p>
228	<p>A decision making process required here. Get the facts, set a goal, identify the options to achieve, look at the positives and negatives of each option, take action, follow-up.</p>
229	<p>I believe the i-Site must stay there, adding the museum and library etc is logical.</p> <p>Make use of the amazing river-clean up the surrounding gardens-respect Aotearoa and our indigenous people by taking them back to pre-colonisation days.</p> <p>Lots of natives to attract the native birds and bugs and show visitors what Aotearoa was.</p> <p>Let people both local and visiting see where our heart is and encourage the sharing of our history.</p>
230	<p>By respecting the halls memorial status and incorporating respect and recognition of our indigenous people, such as, art works and fauna that is all native not introduced we will be setting a great example to visitors and giving encouragement to our tamariki that this is an awesome place to be. Step up, respect Te Tiriti o Waitangi and give our tamariki something to be proud of.</p> <p>Moving the war memorial here is a great idea-on wet days the walk doesn't happen anyway although when it is fine the walk is amazing.</p>
231	<p>The Town Hall complex is very outdated and I think something definitely needs to be done! I think you are flogging a dead horse by spending money on repairs - this is still going to be an old building. Do it properly. Give Balclutha something they can be proud of.</p> <p>I think the Library is large enough to sustain itself as a separate entity. It is convenient for schools where it is and away from the state highway. Offices to rent is a good idea as this generates income, as does a community hire. This currently works well.</p>
232	<p>One central hub is a brilliant idea. Modern up our town. Tourism is growing at an alarming rate - make them want to stop! First impressions is everything! Hall -meeting room - theatre - office space - museum - i-Site all in one, is the best idea and is in the perfect location for parking and utilise the river.</p>
233	<p>Multi level would be nice. Up stairs could be a cafe and some shops to encourage visitors to stay and enjoy the sights and surrounds.</p>
234	<p>The i-Site is important with the way tourism is growing both international and domestic and this is the best place for it. One main hub (option 2) I would like to see. Balclutha already has large hall spaces.</p>
235	<p>Balclutha needs a Community Hub!</p>
236	<p>Get rid of i-Site signs stuck all over and use a news bollard.</p> <p>Open up the i-Site from the west side.</p> <p>The memorial hall entry doesn't need paper notices plastered through it.</p>
237	<p>Develop Park on the west side.</p>
238	<p>Has out lived its purpose and no longer suited to the areas needs.</p>
239	<p>There has been much investment gone into our community over the last few years, i.e. Pool, Rec Centre and Main Street and I would like to see it continue. I think a new hall would be great, with proper planning of course.</p> <p>Just a couple of ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Meeting rooms should be kept on a smaller scale as I no the rec centre gets used a bit with larger parties</li> <li>* Retractable seating. Somewhat like the Edgar Centre in Dunedin. Could allow large theatre seating but can still be used for general purposes when folded away. Would provide one large space with multiple uses.</li> </ul>

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240	<p>This hall is the centre for South Otago Indoor Bowls. We use the hall for the months from and including April to September for all SO fixtures, representative, international and North/South games. Players come from Tapanui, Lawrence, Milton, Owaka and Clinton areas. We require a hall with a playable floor for all these games that will fit a minimum of 18 mats with room for players and a dining room.</p> <p>The Cross Recreation Centre is a great space and plays well as we found during the South Island last year but heating was an issue for a winter sport such as bowls. We play most Saturdays and Sundays and some week nights through the winter. At the Cross Recreation Centre we would clash with net ball being played at the same time.</p> <p>Indoor Bowls has in the past invested in improvements at the Memorial Hall with improved lighting and the reseriving of the floor.</p> <p>The hall is also used for the Shearing competitions which is very successful and for the South Otago Vintage Car Club annual rally in November. I am involved with all of the above.</p>
241	<p>Keep the maintainance up to date. Clean the lint out of the radiators annualy so the air can move freely through the water heated radiators and be more efficient.</p> <p>I am frustrated that we are having to do this to save this hall.</p>
242	<p>This hall is very important to our sport.</p>
243	<p>Balclutha is fairly well served for sports activities with the Cross Recreation Centre, it is not at all well served for cultural activities in general. The Theatrical Society operates out of something which is little better than a converted shed, the choir rehearses and performs in a school assembly hall, and music performances are rare occurrences. If we had good functioning auditorium spaces of various sizes, with modern equipment, seating options, lighting etc. we could look at attracting music and other performances from touring groups and individuals who currently do not come to Balclutha.</p>
244	<p>I think there is an opportunity to consider using an 'upstairs' space, with views over the bridge and river, for a cafe/reading room, or other quiet public space. The river is an under-utilised asset in this town, and the town hall has one of the very best view of it. It is a pity that this is not capitalised on. In other places libraries, art galleries and information centres are being co-located with cafes, some combination of which would be a great asset to combine with river views.</p>
245	<p>As a member of the South Otago Theatrical Society, and a person that is always using the fly tower to erect lights for the local community groups. I don't think it is worth cost to upgrade the fly tower. with the amount of use that it gets. there are other options with the technologies that are available today that can do a similar job as the fly tower. There would still need to be the capability to have lighting and scenery bars that could be raised or lowered over the stage and auditorium. Wayne Reichel, Lighting and stage technician for the South Otago Theatrical Society Inc.</p>
246	<p>The above options would depend on cost of the upgrade compared with a new building complex</p>
247	<p>Whilst it would be wonderful to have the library and museum incorporated with a community hall facility, there are a lot of negative ratepayers that need to be convinced of the necessity. A full height fly tower is not necessary anymore as there are other ways to fly scenery these days. What is important, and not only for theatre, is plenty of space to the side of the stage and to the rear. The dressing rooms need updating. The installation of lighting/equipment bars with electric winches in the hall would allow for events to happen in the hall without necessarily using the stage e.g. fashion parades.</p>
248	<p>The Queenstown hall is a good example of multi-use. They have retractable bleacher seating of approximately 250 seats and are still able to seat approximately another 250 seats of the floor. With the use of large screens on tracks, they can divide the hall into thirds.</p>
249	<p>Many years ago - maybe 17 - a report on the stage and facilities was commissioned by the council. That report recommended various health and safety work be carried out within two years. That report seems be keep being lost and/or forgotten about.</p>

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250	<p>On behalf of the South Otago Theatrical Society Inc. the Theatrical Society would support the removal of the fly tower. But this would need to be replaced with a system that could still raise and lower lighting and scenery bars. There are a lot of local community groups that use the stage lighting and curtains. We would also like to be involved with discussions on the plans of this area.</p>
251	<p>Having an area to control stage lighting, sound for events held in this venue. And the capability to raise and lower lighting bars over the auditorium. We would suggest that the upgrade would make Balclutha's theatre venue more inviting to touring groups to use, bringing more international, national and local arts &amp; cultural events to Balclutha.</p>
252	<p>I think that it's a brilliant idea to build a new multipurpose community hub, because I think that in terms of value for money, it would be far better than upgrading the current facility, and would be a really good way to future proof the town. If the old hall was just upgraded, you would still have the old building which isn't a great use of the space, and it would probably still need to be changed in future anyway, and with an upgrade it would be a much more popular and better venue. I think it would be really great to have a cafe or upstairs with a view out over the river as well, because you could get people in looking at the museum space, getting food, and going for a walk along the riverbank. I also think that a movie theater space would be great, and really popular.</p>
253	<p>The War Memorial Hall is a very important building to Balclutha for many reasons. None less so than for what it represents, to honour those young men who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom those of us now take for granted.</p> <p>The Memorial Hall is centrally located on the main street of Balclutha. Which is great. It is at the bottom end of the CBD so people using the Town Hall are relatively close to cafes and retail.</p> <p>I have heard/read it said that Balclutha does not need a building this size - Balclutha may not but South Otago does. No where else in South Otago is there space available to the public this size for community events. Other than the Cross Recreation Centre which is a fabulous facility for sporting events but it is not heated and is basically like a gigantic haybarn space - I think heating is a very significant factor to consider in South Otago.</p> <p>Many large events are held in this space annually such as the Telford Graduation, South Otago High School SNOB ball, South Otago Schools Musical Festival, CRT/Farmlands ladies night which sells out each year, Shearing and Wool handling Competitions to name a few. It has also been quoted that the Memorial Hall is under utilised. I would imagine that the hall would have on average at least 2 -3 events per week. How many would it need to have to 'utilised'?</p>
253 cont	<p>I am personally involved with the running of an annual Christmas Market Day which is held in the Memorial Hall in November. We have stallholders who travel from CHCH to Invercargill and everywhere else in between to attend this event and we attract about 500 people to the event annually. We deliberately choose the Memorial Hall as a venue over the Rec Centre for a number of reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) It is heated.</li> <li>2) It's location to the rest of the town - we purposely do not have food stalls so that patrons of market day will use (and they do- cafe owners have told us this) the local cafes nor have stallholders selling goods already available in Balclutha stores,</li> <li>3) Atmosphere - we pack stalls into the main hall, Somerville lounge, the area in front of the kitchen servery and on the stage- patrons love the atmosphere of having stalls in every nook and cranny and Christmas Carols played over the sound system as they explore and shop.</li> <li>4) Cost - the Memorial Hall is very reasonable to hire for events.</li> </ol>

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254	<p>The Memorial Hall is dated for sure and could do with an upgrade of toilet, kitchen facilities and a coat of paint but it is a great space for the community. Further I feel the cold but have never been in the hall and thought it was cold- I think the heating is reliable. It would be fantastic to see improvements/updates such as the theatre suggestion but worked in with retaining the current space . I think it would be a massive mistake to decrease the available space but it would be wonderful to be able to make smaller "temporary" spaces available. I am not in favour of combining the library or museum in this space. The library is a Carnegie Library which is historically significant in itself. Combining all these things in the one space would further decrease the utilisable space of the town hall. It was prudent of the council to survey rural people as well as the Balclutha township residents. From my observations of being involved in volunteer groups in Balclutha and my local area of Clydevale- I see that often Balclutha people are quite apathetic in their support of local groups and amenities but the rural communities- Clinton, Lawrence, Owaka, Milton and Clydevale are very passionate and supportive of their local communities and their amenities, as we are of Balclutha and the greater South Otago/ Clutha District. I will look forward to seeing what the plan is going forward.</p>
255	<p>The preference would be to start again with a new purpose-built community facility and visitor hub. iSite only, not combined with a Service Centre.</p>
256	<p>The fly tower is not needed in it's current form but an alternative method is needed to be able to deal with back drops and scenery.</p>
257	<p>As a local group we sometimes require a larger meeting space or spaces and have sometimes used the War Memorial Hall for exhibitions. A redeveloped hall with good heating, access and parking would make this a great space for events. We are looking for space to store our equipment so it is easily accessible for our members.</p>
258	<p>The War Memorial Hall was built for a reason with local money and time and needs to be retained but it needs to be upgraded and our group would support a feasibility study to explore how this could happen.</p>
259	<p>Whilst a larger renovation would be considerably more expensive as opposed to upgrading what we currently have I believe it is about future proofing for Balclutha and providing more options whilst still maintaining the history of the current site, I don't know how to do this exactly but I'm sure someone out there does! I think we could learn from previous expansions in the area and realise that creating a community "hub" is the way of the future, rather than having lots of small facilities dotted over a large area. Much more community minded and accessible.</p>
260	<p>I believe that having a large space is important, but perhaps not quite as big as it currently is. I think it would be more user friendly to have a space that can hold half the current capacity (say 200 max) but with access to a commercial kitchen so it can be used for a wider purpose (eg. weddings, large bday celebrations, retirements etc). Then there will still be space for (example) larger i-Site, small cinema complex, public/toy library, local museum, short term exhibitions. Currently we have two large complexes (hall and cross rec centre) but no real "medium" size venue, so this could fill that gap whilst still having the flexibility and capability to host a variety of other options.</p>
261	<p>Consideration should be made of all community groups in the Clutha District, and who could co- utilise the community and visitors hub. It would be interesting who would 'give up' their current premises to be located in a central place.</p>

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262	<p>There are a number of other office spaces and smaller theatres (such as South Otago Theatrical Society clubrooms, and SOTC) that can be hired out by others. I believe it is important to retain a fly tower so that we can attract those out of town performances. However this will mean the out back areas need to be drastically improved. The backstage rooms are embarrassing. No heating, can not flush toilets while a show is on, the downstairs is like a horror movie, not to mention all the OSH and Health &amp; safety issues there are at the current building. This is why it has not been used for a while. Because it is of poor quality. The main gardens outside the War Memorial Hall also need to be retained. I was involved in a community group (Project Clutha) that re-designed these, fundraised, built and installed the Clutha Council hand sculpture there. This will be a big slap in the face to community groups if this was removed. It is also the only place down the main street that the "Clutha Country" logo and slogans are visible. CDC need to incorporate this more in the district. South otago theatrical society have recently installed a movie theatre in their clubrooms (which I have helped facilitate) This works well and is available for hire, however unless a movie theatre is run like a business it will not survive. I don't believe we need (another) one at the proposed war memorial hall. I support the multi purpose design. I believe it will benefit the whole community if it is managed well and designed well in consultation with community groups.</p>
263	<p>It absolutely needs an upgrade, the heating is terrible so unfortunately it does put people off. I had been to watch a gymnastics event in Winter it was colder inside than out.</p>
264	<p>A community hub is an option I would like to see considered. Community organisations work well from hubs in other towns and this model saves on costs for organisations who are all fighting for the funding dollar. A hub enables a more cohesive service and easy access for clients, comfortable, warm office spaces, shared facilities and good networking opportunities.</p>
265	<p>I'd love to see the museum incorporated with the information centre. This will give tourists something to do when they call in for maps/assistance etc. I think the opportunity to subsidize running costs by meeting room hire (with capability to run slide shows etc) and room rental for community group hire (with dedicated locked storage), is a very good idea. A cinema is not really worthwhile unless you can afford to run it at a loss. Unless you try and copy Te Anau - recent releases plus district scenery clips in between screenings. If more bike tracks go ahead, then a bike hire facility out of the hall would also make sense. (Like Clyde/Alex) By combining many functions, you can keep overheads (including administration/reception) lower than running for instance the museum/hall separately. Its very important as a district that we put our 'best foot forward' and the info centre is part of this. I'd also like to see a cafe space considered - probably leased out to an independent operator. This would suit people waiting for buses etc. Toilet facilities need upgraded - you could even offer showers for \$\$\$ etc. And, if its worth spending money on, its worth putting security cameras on it. Keep this tagging, litter and scary people free :)</p>
266	<p>I wouldn't like to see it decommissioned. I think it is the ideal site just before /after the bridge which should be a highlight of the town.. There is plenty of scope for landscaping /parking and there are toilets already there. I think the town needs the option of the large hall for weddings etc if required or if there are large productions . It would be a pity to miss these opportunities if we no longer have a facility. I think there could be more made of the town hall ie a bigger more prominent ISite here and incorporate a museum here also. It would get a lot more visitors as I think people would wander through and learn more about the history of the town.</p>
267	<p>Memorial hall Needs re development for museum display, art gallery, with books, local pottery, etc for sale in larger i-Site room. A great outcome would be putting a top storey on the hall - maybe within a roof (like the museum in Invercargill which could include a safe viewing platform looking oave the river. Having a viewing platform with access from the roof would prevent vandalism and unsafe behaviour. I support the proposal from Kevin Barron on behalf of the Museum. Most of all there needs to be at least 8 fabulous toilets with constant cleaning. Having travelled to several countries overseas I am ashamed at the standard of toilet we offer. The modern ones at the hall are disgusting.</p>



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268	I love this consultation - if the men and woman who fought for our land are happy then I am happy.
269	Current Hall past its use by date. Demolish it and build a new facility on the same site, trying to incorporate the i-Site with the bridge and river by having access over the flood bank right there behind the building.
270	The hall is over 50 years old. It is time to build a new fit for purpose complex for the next 50 years. It is very important that there is plenty, not just enough, of carparking. I support the purchase of additional adjacent land to ensure this is completely covered
271	It is time to a build a new multipurpose complex that will see our community through the next 50 years. It needs plenty of car parking, a superior setting, architectural quality and incorporating the library and museum makes a lot of sense.
272	Living wall at the town hall.
273	Cenotaph should be at the town hall.
274	Town hall smaller with the addition of multi-function rooms
275	Can't have no town hall
276	Could have a food outlet and connection with the river
277	Open air theatre
278	Open up the back of the hall
279	Like the idea of the new building for the town hall i.e. smaller venues within, function hall overlooking the river, small auditorium for movies/theatre
280	Hall needs to be smaller
281	Needs to be able to be utilised for many things
282	Needs a movie theatre
283	Indoor bowls hall at stage end is drafty
284	Movie theatre
285	Area in the town hall complex for groups so the Creative Arts Centre can use and store their stuff
286	Hall has a good floor for bowls- could be used for winter school break ups
287	Would be great to see the museum shift in with the i-site at the town hall and light up the bridge at night.
288	Make use of the town hall carpark
289	Potential for the Clutha Licensing Trust to work out of the town hall
290	Second story with view (restaurant bar and function room) will attract people from other areas.
291	Public toilets - future site??
292	Look at Demark in Western Australia - a little place that makes most of their river.
293	Capitalise on river views.
294	Town Hall has a lot of potential.
295	Good potential for foot traffic around town hall.
296	Carpark preferred at the town hall.
297	Should have a picnic area at the town hall.
298	Timeframe is an issue - when is commitment certain? March/April 2017.
299	Last time used for quiz night.
300	Congestion at the front at the moment - access is important.
301	A café on top is a good idea.
302	What about roundabouts at the front of the hall?
303	Kitchen/BBQ improvements are important.
304	Remove area at the front where cars park.
305	Option 2 has a good potential for executive meetings.
306	Town hall is currently grubby.
307	Still a need - but needs to be utilised.
308	Think about the kitchen facilities i.e. might only need to be tea/coffee facilities - but it is a large area.
309	Need a movie theatre!
310	Current toilets detract from the area.
311	Need a space for community groups i.e. parent centre.

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312	Higher standards needed.
313	Find it very useful for big groups i.e. multi-cultural celebrations.
314	Poor first impression.
315	Can it be used more?
316	It costs too much for the town hall to meet the standards it needs i.e earthquake and food handling/safety.
317	Remove the town hall, but keep the front section of the hall i.e. keep the information centre and the museum, but remove the large area at the back. That way tourists going to the information centre can still have a look around the museum.
318	Cross Recreation Centre is taking over the purpose of the town hall.
319	Economies of scale- earthquake strengthening will become an issue.
320	Hall should be a multi-purpose facility with meeting spaces that are well catered for, but 300-400 people space is also important for business expansion.
321	Location of i-Site at the entrance of the town is important, so is the museum interaction.
322	Want to have the hall.
323	Needs to be modernised.
324	War memorial part is important.
325	Placement is great.
326	Museum heritage is an opportunity i.e. Alexandra as an example.
327	Town hall has an important place- Rec Centre can't meet all needs.
328	Heating is important.
329	Blood donation - cold and a large area to heat.
330	Cenotaph - supportive of this.
331	Connecting bridge and memorial hall with lighting.
332	Got to have a café or something so people want to stop, have a coffee and admire the view.
333	Beam the town features on to the fly tower or changing display somehow .
334	Project footage onto river and set times movies/historic.
335	Access to the public i.e. no fees.
336	Look modern, viewing areas- see Frankton for inspiration.
337	Hall could have potential for stunning wedding venue, great views and light bridge.
338	A lot of volunteer labour went into the original hall.
339	Either do a really good job where it is or move it, but I don't know where.
340	Why was the site for the cenotaph originally chosen? Maybe there is a reason it is where it is.
341	Balclutha has a rich history to promote.
342	Should look at an option 4 - for new facility from scratch to consider (new building).
343	Cultural aspect important- with potential to exhibit and sell art.
344	Major money needed for a rebuild has been acknowledged.
345	Current hall is just like a concrete block.
346	Steamship history to capitalise on.
347	Utilise the car park area and create more car parking.
348	Opportunities for private entrepreneurs to feed off this infrastructure.
349	Lease space raised - access from i-Site to the bridge.
350	Larger functions need additional chiller facilities at the moment- better catering facilities.
351	Sealing needs to be considered behind the town hall.
352	Kitchen being up to standard i.e. broken shelves in the fridge.
353	Definitely needs a tidy up.
354	Keep i-Site at the hall- all under one roof?
355	Need to keep hall - quizzes and multicultural festival.
356	Graduation ceremonies and school end of year functions.
357	Community meeting spaces walk in and walk out.
358	More foot traffic if the library and museum are located at the hall.
359	Kitchen is used by fundraising groups e.g. cheese rolls.
360	Use of hall at the moment tends to be as a service group.
361	The Clutha Licensing Trust is a potential partner.
362	Focus on the greater memorial hall and river area.

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363	Recreation Centre has issues with acoustics and heating.
364	Archive – great to have purpose-built facility. Needs staffing for retrieval etc. consider if this might be better linked to Library where staff can more easily support retrieval & secure reading space. Perhaps Balclutha Library carpark might be another option.
365	Had anyone considered Library being included in the town hall with archives. Extensive youth consultation around 2008 raised that young people would like to be able to live in apartments rather than houses with sections. (Michael O Meara workshops) Could it be that the Carnegie library could be turned into town centre living and the library combined with the town hall/ archive/I site? Opportunities for shared resources and staffing models.
366	i-Site – ensure adequate for visitor display and potentially retail. Need office space, storage for brochures etc, visitors luggage so they can go for a wander, staff tea room to escape to. Current designated space possibly too small if retail envisaged.
367	Meeting rooms an important factor (and sizes), and being available to use at a reasonable cost
368	Functionality between hall and kitchen – MUST be a commercial kitchen.
369	kitchen (Huge costs attached to being “fully commercial kitchen” particularly around ventilation systems and extractions fans. It is possible to have a good, workable kitchen fit for purpose without being commercial (Rec Centre kitchen is not commercial.
370	Have i-Site at front of building - where it is currently is preferred
371	What about the Plunket area?
372	Bigger events query – where do they fit?
373	Larger functions need additional chiller facilities at the moment- better catering facilities.
374	Sealing needs to be considered behind the town hall.
375	Kitchen being up to standard i.e. broken shelves in the fridge.
376	Definitely needs a tidy up.
377	Keep i-Site at the hall - all under one roof?
378	Got to have a café or something so people want to stop, have a coffee and admire the view.
379	Beam the town features on to the fly tower or changing display somehow.
380	Hall is doing its job, but it needs a tidy up.
381	Needs a complete rebuild - must have river views.
382	Theatre style design like at Tapanui.
383	Must be a multi-purpose facility.
384	Think about building a new facility.
385	Incorporate the i-Site, museum, smaller hall (for theatre style facilities)
386	Parking- will there be enough?
387	Access to the public i.e. no fees
388	Look modern, viewing areas- see Frankton for inspiration.
389	Hall could have potential for stunning wedding venue, great views and light bridge.
390	A lot of volunteer labour went into the original hall.
391	Either do a really good job where it is or move it, but I don't know where
392	This has been identified and is one of the reasons that the arts and heritage hub has been raised. Balclutha's amenities stretch from CDC on the hill, to Town and Country on the North hill
393	Movie theatre in town hall – mezzanine area in town hall could be used.
394	Any development would need to compliment the Rec centre. When it was built, it was always the plan to look at similar model for arts and heritage in the future.
395	View of river from building.
396	Great, well orientated, brings in the river.
397	Redefining use of hall as creative/visitor hub.
398	Need to remember to keep room for the Christmas Tree out front too.
399	Why remove the existing gardens outside the town hall that the young local community group Project Clutha fundraised and installed? CDC also contributed towards it. Let them grow and stay
400	Town Hall – good parking here, need to make sure we accommodate larger vehicles eg. Buses & campervans. Bus drop-off point
401	Should the library be located here as well?

**Feedback about Balclutha War Memorial Hall**

402	Town Hall area possible location for war memorial – good visibility raised.
403	Something to tap into the Chinese market. Get them to stop and pay! How to make them stop?
404	Use the Rec Centre as a model for an area specific to the art, creative, drama and museum.
405	Spruce up the external appearance of the hall – the actual entrance to the hall thru the memorial display is nice although somewhat cluttered – the most used entranceway is the side door and it needs some attention.
406	Concept plans suggested turning Memorial Wall 45 degrees to form an entrance way that people walked through to enter the main hall.
407	Balclutha needs to consider carefully the future requirements of the internal use of the town hall. In recent years the Rec centre has superceded the usage traditionally filled by the hall. The reality is that moving forward, our focus needs to be on one facility. This year’s hall usage is shearing competition, 2 weddings, flower show, miscellaneous functions – no matter what enhancements take place these events will be accommodated.
408	The biggest issue with the hall is the heating, that is the main reason people don’t hire it. Also the way people live, meet and socialize has changed. The rec centre is already at capacity on Saturdays over winter which means it can’t be used for weekend events.
409	The world has already moved on! The most pressing needs in our district is for a ‘hub’ to address future needs of groups like cultural, & museum.
410	Bespoke crafts and arts combined in a hub (including technology hub).
411	Community hub for small cultural groups.
412	Chill out area for youth - couches, pool table- free/cheap.
413	The viability of redevelopment relying on community partnership. I have a strong unease about this, having being involved in a number of organisation in the town, over a number of years. I am now seen the difficulty of people to commit to these organisations- not like in the past. We also have less people living in our community with a certain skill set to fill some of the certain roles required in our community organisation, therefore a community partnership would be difficult to for fill. There is a large number of people who now commute to Balclutha from outside the district to work in jobs of high responsibilities, this was not case in early days and is only going to make it harder to fill voluntary roles of responsibility.

# Our Place

## Balclutha

**Let's talk.**

Balclutha's entrances and focal points



### **Feedback about Option 1: Extending improvements to the entrances of the Bridge**

1	When realigning entrance to the bridge the entrances from Clydevale should be rerouted for extra space and safety.
2	Better access at the north end of the bridge. Trucks take up a lot of room for access. Big trucks would only smash up trees in the artist impressions for the Catlins/High Street entrance.
3	Make north end wider for the big rigs (truck with 4 axle trailers) - Clutha River Bridge SH1.
4	I travel over the bridge numerous times each day and it always amazes me how many visitors stop to photograph and admire our bridge. I think we take it for granted.
5	Would like to see enhancement of bridge approaches, but don't like both poles and trees as in picture. Poles take away from natural look although I know it would be to tie in with the rest of town. Need to watch for visibility being restricted as is the case at some intersections on Main Street.
6	The Balclutha Bridge is such an icon and really could do with a spruce up. The look of the artists impression of improvements is simple, effective and tidy. Good idea!
7	Need to keep upgrading the main focal points to match the main street as its not the best/tidiest at the front of the bridge currently.
8	I think that if we improve the entrance to Balclutha, it will make Balclutha look even better! And at the moment the entrance to Balclutha is broken fences and broken bars.
9	Making the bridge more attractive to people entering the town. More greenery. Options 5&6 - combining these.
10	Get rid of those scruffy fences from the end of the bridge down to the Memorial Hall. This should have been done with the first street upgrade.
11	We think the bridge is such a feature as is, in it's raw state, and hope it is never contemplated painting it.
12	The white fencing at the bridge entrance is in need of a clean up and paint. Looks dreadful. The planting at the townhall end is ugly and smells disgusting. Plant natives, make it a true Aotearoa focal point. Make the river/bridge a priority-focal point and a place people want to stop and enjoy.
13	The entrances at both ends of the town need improving rather than the entrances to the bridge.
14	The bridge looks old - it needs a good clean. To get people to stop we need to have attractive entrances at the entries to town, not just the main street - put in some feature art or something, nice street signs, something modern and keep it modern (what we put in now is not going to be modern in 8 years time - budget for it).
15	The wooden & wire fencing at either end of the bridge is broken, rotten & tatty. At an absolute minimum this needs to be replaced as it looks terrible.
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### **Feedback about Option 1: Extending improvements to the entrances of the Bridge**

18	The bridge is a functional structure, not a tourist attraction. We should be focusing on reducing light pollution not lighting an additional beacon. Lets focus on the clear night sky! However I agree that the structure especially the entrances need to be tidied up. Not sure why really given what is offered there and the location between a truck bypass and state highway, but the Rosebank area is surprisingly utilised by people having a picnic. So a tidy up might be a nice idea or better signage directing visitors to the nicer Naish Park. The cenotaph move needs to be decided by the RSA and serviceman and families that it directly impacts.
19	The bridge lets people know they are in Balclutha. As such, it should say this is where we live and we are proud of it. First impressions count.
20	Width of road and volume of traffic using this intersection make option for inappropriate.
21	Widening the North approach to the bridge, for truck and trailer units, all longer vehicles.
22	More and more traffic volumes converging over the bridge - dangerous intersections to the north. Not clear vision at certain places e.g. turning north from Kaitangata or proceeding through to Clydevale Road.
23	Any improvement made to the bridge need to make sure vision is not blocked by trees and stupid poles. Consideration needs to be made for large trucks at either end of the bridge especially the south end as trucks delivering to New World struggle to get back on to the bridge coming from Glasgow Street.
24	The entrance from the north to the town is terrible. Focus needs to go on the bridge and the entrance from the north. Colour lighting on bridge and a slower speed to stop spray off trucks and cars.
25	The entrances to the bridge are starting to become unsafe for traffic. Big trucks drive too fast towards the bridge and the traffic backs up at the Memorial Hall intersection. Also a refresher to drivers about road rules here or a roundabout to make traffic flow. Drivers on the stop sign at South Otago Hotel corner pull out in front of traffic on the give way.
26	Yes I think the entrances at both ends of the bridge needs improving as the trucks are getting bigger and it is harder for them to get on and off the bridge. The North end is extremely congested. Do the bridge up. Make something of it.
27	First, sort out heavy traffic by pass before anything else is done.
28	I travel Bridge 4x a day in a school bus. North side walk ways need to be shifted to allow large semi trailers to line up without having to cross the centre line. Bridge dangerous.
29	The entrances to the bridge need to be left open for visibility. We don't need any more of those dead tree plants around the place. Lighting on the bridge would be great/ low planting at the Rosebank Shops would be great. Leave Option 4/5 as they are. Don't need any more sculptures.
30	Traffic movements North End of bridge need improved. Suggest round-about, and stop traffic exiting Cromer Street onto State Highway 1.
31	Not a fan of the bridge or it being the 'focus' of Balclutha, as I believe it is a hazard in that it is narrow for traffic and the entrance to it from Dunedin is hazardous given the turnoff's to Kaitangata/Clydevale.
32	The bridge is terrible to access via bike. It's safer to head south from the Cromer Street side on the bridge with traffic, because the access points are fenced off. Not sure how this can be altered to suit cyclists, without encouraging pedestrians to cross unsafely. Also, there are alot of cyclists touring with side bags. These do not fit on the footpath. These cyclists have to use the bridge.
33	It would be good to enhance the bridge south end area especially, and relocate the cenotaph to the hall, so everything is in one place, and it is more attractive to people passing through.

### Feedback about Option 1: Extending improvements to the entrances of the Bridge

34	The bridge and/or northern side of the bridge needs an upgrade. We live on the Kaitangata side of the Balclutha Bridge turn-off and use the turn off several times a day. it is obvious there needs to be come sort of extension or widening of the road. It is quite often that when we come off the bridge to turn right, heading north, we are met with large freightliners, sheep trucks, buses etc. heading south onto the bridge, and quite often they are needing to use the turning bay to get onto the bridge. The angle of the bridge is sharp for large trucks, and 5pm traffic can become congested with line ups of vehicles waiting to turn, and trucks trying to get on to the bridge. It can also become dangerous when met with vehicles heading south, that are wanting to turn right towards Clydevale, and vehicles heading north, wanting to turn right towards Kaitangata.
35	The access on to the bridge is terrible. Coming in from Clydevale end, you could wait at the bridge for a very long time to get on. Also, coming on to the bridge from the south end is also not ideal, especially coming in from New World street on to the bridge - again, you could sit there for a very long time waiting to get on to the road. I would suggest putting in roundabouts on and off the bridge - it would make for much smoother transition on to the bridge, it would slow some of the traffic down as they go on the bridge and come off it as well. Roundabouts work very, very well - take Gore for example - they have roundabouts off their bridge and keeps traffic flowing nicely. Planting of trees and landscaping would be nice. Clean the bridge. Maybe lighting to improve the night-time appearance.
36	10x signatures of bus drivers from Ritchie's Balclutha who drive the Balclutha Bridge daily. All agree the need for widening on the North Side of the bridge. I would be happy to discuss what needs to happen to make it safer.
37	Roundabout near town hall?
38	Please no more "brown posts" or trees that obstruct drivers views. Elderly drivers are struggling to see cars on Clyde Street when in John or Elizabeth Street.
39	The approach from the north of the town isn't too bad once you get past Cherry Lane.
40	The southern approach could do with a little work.
41	The bridge area is very dirty, always littered, hand rails broken. Even the fences around the houses when driving north off the bridge are shameful. Can we help these residents with a bit of water blasting and a free can of paint?
42	Coming into from the south end is not very appealing the curbing needs to be taken to the start of the houses on Clyde street cars pull over onto the grass verges causes mud and big puddles of water and it looks unsightly.
43	Planting and signage would be an improvement.
44	Think the impression pictures of the bridge with the 'posts' in front, detract from your vision of the bridge. Looks too cluttered.
45	Bridge is not the entrance.
46	The fences about the houses on the north end of the bridge look appalling. Perhaps the owners could be encouraged to paint them.
47	One step at a time. Focus on the most memorable parts first and enhance the remainder as time and money permits. The Balclutha Bridge is what people remember Balclutha for, so enhance this experience for travelers and visitors first, followed by the north and south entrances to the town, then the town center.
48	Replace the two fences on the footpath from the bridge around to the War Memorial Hall - they are a disgrace.
49	I like the potential drawing of the Bridge, but the theme of the timber sticks shouldn't be continued.
50	Develop the right north side of the Bridge.
51	Straightening of the road coming onto the bridge.



**Feedback about Option 1: Extending improvements to the entrances of the Bridge**

52	Roundabout at the bridge.
53	Close off bottom of Cromer Street- dangerous corner and a part of the 'lap'.
54	Concern with visibility if planting near the bridge- existing from Kaitangita road to head towards Clydevale/Danone.
55	Wide loads problems in the area coming across the bridge. Vehicles have to swing out over the white centre line to get on the bridge.
56	Clean and paint the bridge.
57	Don't paint the bridge, use lights to enhance.
58	Paint the bridge.
59	Entrance way into Balclutha is an issue - concern of the aesthetics especially shabby housing.
60	Water blast the side of the Bridge to make it look better.
61	Can we widen the bridge?
62	Lessen the angle on the corner of the bridge-concern of safety- can we put pressure on NZTA to do this?
63	Entrance ways- there is congestion on and off the bridge which is becoming an issue (alignment is out of the question).
64	Flags on the bridge.
65	Paint the bridge it is the icon - get rid of wires on the bridge.
66	Viewing platform or deck off the floodbank.
67	Bridge needs a good clean, but don't want to highlight the dirt.
68	Walking across the bridge and entrances looking run down (fences and structures).
69	Tidying up is more important than improvements.
70	Approach fences need attention.
71	Tidy up the bridge especially the entrances.
72	Northern entrances bridge - reconfiguration should be looked at (water tower).
73	The Balclutha Bridge north side plan has got to work for heavy traffic.
74	The bridge/town hall area is the focal point for the town.
75	The Balclutha Bridge south side proposed drawing needs to include traffic stop-ability.
76	I like the proposed Balclutha Bridge as per the north end sketch.
77	Our towns biggest drawcard to visitors is the Catlins. Its most prominent and memorable feature is the river and the bridge. These should be prioritised above all other projects. The main street theme has turned out very well. The turn off to the Catlins should be similarly featured (the curbsings, plantings, sculptural features) and we should seriously consider the two following intersections too up to and including the railway crossing. The entrances to the bridge should be enhanced as much as possible .... modern fencing, more plantings etc .

## Feedback about Option 2: Lighting the Bridge

1	Lighting on the bridge is a waste of money for amount of night time users. Get rid of concrete parking blocks on Main Street. Enhance Rosebank shopping area, but not right down to current improvements on Clyde Street.
2	Not bridge, entrance to town boundaries. Solar panels/LED lights. Already a bottleneck.
3	Option 2 - Projecting lights onto bridge may be an option - lower maintenance.
4	While lighting the bridge may look great - what are we achieving? Who is going to see it? What benefit is it? It just adds more light pollution. It would be better spent cleaning the bridge.
5	Lighting the bridge has been thrown around for years.
6	The bridge should be our main focal point and kept maintained even if we have to find it! The handrails look dangerous at either end and need replacing. General cleaning should be regular. Lighting would be good - no need for another feature or sculpture.
7	The bridge is a heritage NZ listed structure, lighting it up is a crass intrusion on this icon of our town.
8	Lighting the bridge is a high priority as the bridge is the main thing that identifies Balclutha with the rest of New Zealand. The relocation of the Cenotaph to the War Memorial Hall complex would tie them together.
9	We have such an icon with our Bridge, this needs to be light up as a showcase of our town.
10	Lighting the bridge - subtle lighting is ok, in neutral colours. We need to be aware of the potential for light pollution. Potential for new handrails on the bridge as it currently looks like scaffolding. Trees at intersections can be an issue. The bridge is our town feature, and we should focus on making the bridge and surrounding area as the town feature, rather than creating another feature such as a sculpture. Potential to set up a "selfie point" on the river bank where visitors can get the optimal "selfie" with the bridge in the background.
11	Light the bridge in coloured lights like the bridge coming out of Dunedin on the motorway. Not sure what you would have as a town feature?
12	Lighting the bridge is not a practical idea - not without considerable improvement to facilities that allow people to view it! So many overhaul of strang reserve, Barnego road park and river bank on town side required. Improve signage and the approach to the cenotaph along Renfrew St is preferable to relocation. Perhaps enhance about the cenotaph.
13	Lighting bridge only seen if coming from the side roads. Can't see how extra lighting would enhance.
14	Lighting the bridge- YES PLEASE
15	Lighting the bridge looked great a few years ago. Its our trademark - why not tidy it up and highlight it?
16	Yes, light the bridge.
17	I like the idea of lighting up the bridge.
18	Would love to see the bridge lit up- it's an icon of Balclutha.
19	I like the lighting of the bridge.
20	Lighting of the walkway under the bridge.
21	LED lights.
22	Colour the bridge with lights - LED lighting.
23	The bridge is a focal point .
24	Lighting of the bridge that changes colours.
25	The effect of light on neighbours needs to be considered if lighting the bridge.
26	Fireworks display off the bridge would be great.
27	Neon lights that are rainbow colours.

### **Feedback about Option 2: Lighting the Bridge**

28	Coloured bridge.
29	Pink bridge.
30	Paint bridge a rainbow.
31	Have fireworks of the bridge at New Years.
32	Want lighting changing colours - need an attractive spot to see the river/view/lights.
33	Light up the bridge.
34	Light the Bridge.
35	Think about how things look at night (and day) colours changing will register/stick in mind.
36	Using lighting.
37	Support for lighting the bridge.
38	Lighting the bridge is a good idea - think about solar.
39	Keen to see the bridge lit - it's so iconic.
40	Bridge lighting is a good idea- bridge is our main point of difference.
41	River power generation for the lighting of the bridge.

**Feedback about Option 3: Extending improvements to the Rosebank Shops area**

1	Pedestrian crossing at Rosebank on Clyde Street. Better carpark available at Rosebank with safer traffic flow at shop area. Fix the potholes on the bridge entrances at north end.
2	Option 3 a pedestrian crossing in the Rosebank Area?
3	We use Rosebank Shopping area frequently and more off street parking would be great. Need a 'round-a-bout' at the High Street turnoff to keep freezing works traffic flowing. Ever tried to get into 'the flow' from Frances Street at the end of a Freezing Works day?
4	Museum is only a short walk from Memorial Hall up Renfrew Street. Rosebank shopping area, I like what is done. Round-a-bout is difficult for lorrys and buses.
5	I'm not sure Rosebank shopping area needs the spend - its tidy, same with Catlins entrance. Traffic HAS to go through Balclutha once they are this far, so if we at least tidy up bridge/hall/main shopping area, then tourists will see and appreciate it as a stopping point. We don't need to wow them in so many different places on the way in and cost a fortune?
6	I suggest to not spend any more money on Rosebank shops and look at relocating the shops closer to the centre of town.
7	I think the Rosebank shops reserve needs some specimen trees and more seating and room for billboards (remove the big ugly trees). The same with the Watertower Playground.
8	Option 3 - Need to include improving car parking.
9	Option 3 there is a need for safe walking crossing.
10	While thinking about the Rosebank shopping area, it should be noted that the road crossing there is very difficult, and the shops are effectively cut off from the park and picnic tables opposite. One solution could be to install a pedestrian underpass under the road at that point. It would also enhance the cycle loop around town. It needn't be a big or fancy underpass, and as farmers routinely put them in for cows, the technology must be fairly well understood, and cost effective.
11	Triangle park by Rosebank (Bypass diversion) for toilets and mini information centre- toilets need to be cleaned often.
12	Rosebank shopping park - open up this park for an area to stop and eat at.
13	Public BBQ areas- Plaza or the Rosebank Triangle.
14	Develop Rosebank Triangle.
15	Consider toilets at the Rosebank Triangle.
16	The Rosebank shops area are a bit dull/ would be good if it could be upgraded to go with the main street.
17	Leave Rosebank and High Street.

**Feedback about Option 4: Extending the improvements to the Catlins/High Street turnoff**

1	When extending improvements to High Street/Catlins turn off please do not consider round about.
2	Option 4 (extending improvements to Catlins/High Street turnoff) - Needs a round-a-bout.
3	Re option 4: Yes, agree with this however would prefer using the poles lighting on either corner and low shrubs NOT trees - too obstructive to view past, maintenance etc. Should enhancement be made on High St/James St for same reason. Also be wary of congestion at High St/ Frances St intersection at school times.
4	The improvements to the Catlins is very well needed. I have recently been working on James Street, and the amount of tourists that drive through the STOP signs and not follow the driving rules is terrible. There could of been a lot more accidents recently, if the locals were not aware of this sort of terrible driving and mindful when they approach the James Street / High St intersection. Any improvements made, need to be more physical to make people stop (like judder bars, or walkways) not distracting like trees and wooden sculptures.
5	The proposed plan for the turnoff to the Catlins, which seems to allow pedestrians to cross this road safer would be a bonus, as it's not the easiest junction to cross at times with younger children.
6	Leave the High Street turn off. If any improvements at Rosebank Shops are going to reduce carparks and visibility. Leave it as is!!
7	The Catlins/ High Street turn-off should not be changed as suggested in Option 4. It makes the intersection too constricted and tourists have enough trouble as it is getting it right.
8	Option 4 - Catlins/High Street turn off, what about a large overhead sign above Clyde and High Street turn off.
9	Given tourism is increasing, need to improve verge sides heading to Catlins i.e. over the railway line, along the banks of the railway, put shrubs and/or tussocks. Also, no area for pull over to each lunch beside the river as one heads over the railway line to the Catlins, but a layby which is not practical and/or no bins for rubbish.
10	Option 4 I see as good, however we are making the town hard to drive around. High street most used.
11	Our group feel strongly regarding updating and improving the signage to the Catlins/Owaka in Balclutha, members commented that those unfamiliar to our region miss the turn off and end up on the road down the valley from Clinton which is gravel for 13km, and it was passed at our February meeting to submit.
12	Should focus on the district rather than just the Catlins.
13	Promote Balclutha as "Gateway to the Catlins".
14	Emphasis on Gateway to Catlins.
15	People going to the Catlins have GPS - signage is sufficient.
16	Signage to the Catlins.
17	Make turn off to Catlins more prominent.
18	Main street improvement great- Catlins next as its logical.
19	Catlins more important than Rosebank.

**Feedback about Option 5: Relocating the Cenotaph to the War Memorial Hall area**

1	Option to relocate cenotaph - no, too costly.
2	The War Memorial was put there because it was a suitable place. They need to be a prominent stand alone space.
3	This was built many years ago to remember the soldiers who did not return from the wars. Don't destroy the monument. Leave the monument at the present site. This is part of the town's history.
4	Leave the cenotaph where it is.
5	Cenotaph near town hall a disaster. No parks. NZTA road problems especially Anzac day.
6	The Cenotaph looks nice where it is, but I can see the merits of having it near the War Memorial Hall.
7	Leave the cenotaph where it is.
8	No for soldiers monument. Is in a good place as it gives much importance on ANZAC morning to scouts, guides etc to march behind the pipe band to the monument.
9	Plants, shrubs and trees near cenotaph and leave it where it is.
10	The relocation of the cenotaph should be dependent on whether a new community hall/complex is built. Attracting people to the Plaza area will occur naturally if the improvements to bridge, the new hall, the walkways and entrance the Catlins are enhanced.
11	Option 5 - a lot of extra cost for a non accessible area.
12	In my view moving the cenotaph would be a complete waste of money.
13	Like the idea of moving cenotaph, maybe the walk on ANZAC day could then start at RSA and go to the town hall. Would encourage people to walk back towards RSA increasing likelihood of them going there afterwards.
14	Good idea about moving cenotaph.
15	Support for cenotaph and entrances.

**Feedback about Option 6: Investigating a town feature or sculpture at an appropriate location**

1	We don't need a town feature. Lighting our bridge would be our feature. 'Big River Town' that's us, just light it up.
2	Do not look into town feature or sculpture. They are expensive and people have varying taste. It is not particularly council business.
3	Water Tower Playground needs to be upgraded to look like an inviting area for families to us. E.g. suitable fencing, brightly coloured playground equipment, shade available- maybe parking off street, picnic tables with seats. A sculpture would have to be amazing!
4	Should we continue to look into the idea of a town feature or sculpture? Yes, but I believe a shortlist for public vote/consultation needs to be undertaken before a final sculpture is chosen as it needs to be relevant and not ugly like most others .
5	Our bridge is Clutha's 'feature'. Enhance it - water blast it more frequently ad forget about added expenses of sculptures.
6	We feel we should be focusing on the bridge as the town feature.
7	Make the bridge stand out more by cleaning it to start with which it so deserves. The improvements to the entrances of the bridge are so important as it's the first impression the visitor gets of Balclutha.
8	Rosebank shops area would be suitable.
9	Why? We have the poles up the main street - just another thing to get vandalised.
10	Possible but very low on priority list.
11	Yes.
12	NO.
13	Possibly not a priority at this stage.
14	Yes in either location.
15	Not so sure.
16	More important issues.
17	No.
18	No.
19	Not really.
20	As long as it isn't a river or a hand.
21	Not at moment - there are better and more important things to spend on. It's not going to bring any more people into town and I don't see much of a return on investment. Unless of course people are willing to donate a feature/sculpture. It could also divide the town, like it did in Owaka.
22	Sculptures are not important to me.
23	A sculpture would be a good idea- maybe kinetic to reflect the fact that this is an area on the move. If a sculpture is used, it should be multicultural to reflect our diversity.
24	Should we be looking into the idea of a town feature or sculpture - NO.
25	Should we continue to look into the idea of a town feature or sculpture? Could be good, but not a top priority.
26	Open to the idea of sculptures, but not high priority.
27	I think that it's a good idea (sculptures).
28	We have the bridge to identify Balclutha.
29	No sculpture, the new Elizabeth Street is enough.
30	We had the "Big River Town" then the "Hand" all been a waste of money so no need for "3rd time lucky".
31	No we don't need expensive sculptures. More play equipment would be better.
32	No need for town feature. We already have a feature, River and Bridge.
33	No, Cost! The bridge is our feature. Option 4 - look at the mess on corner of Clyde and High Street section.

**Feedback about Option 6: Investigating a town feature or sculpture at an appropriate location**

34	If the people are wanting a sculpture, lets make sure it works for all the town, too many sculptures of other towns I have seen are awful and look old and run down, build it to last. The old Clutha ferry sitting on or by the river bank would be good?
35	Sculptures date, so this needs a lot of thinking. Should be a look alike. Water Tower - put back up with a clock. This was once the town icon and seen from all round!!
36	If some business or group of local businesses was to sponsor it.
37	Yes we need something that is unique to the area and the town.
38	No - I don't think sculptures add value for the community. The river and the bridge are symbolic of Balclutha. A sculpture would serve no extra purpose.
39	The towns feature is the bridge! By enhancing the appearance of the bridge with lighting and landscaping the area either side of the bridge and incorporating a walking path to the hall and info centre would be better value of money, with more public use than a sculpture to only view.
40	Our town feature is our bridge!
41	Make the bridge a focal point, rather than a sculpture.
42	I don't think we need a sculpture here, but it does need to be made more attractive and welcoming for tourists coming into town.
43	We spent \$6 million on the main street and what are the large wooden posts sticking out of the ground, are they not a feature? If not, then why did they get planted.
44	Why look? Our bridge has always been our town feature. Are we not known as "Big River Town" we could be rid of those hands.
45	The bridge is Balclutha's town feature. Why not enhance it rather than having something else. Lighting under and along the walkways especially.
46	Option 6 - Only if sculpture is done by local artist and not hugely expensive and is relevant to Clutha District. I would love to see plantings along Catlins Highway bank when initially leaving Balclutha for 100-200 meters.
47	The bridge and river are our focal points, concentrate on these areas.
48	Concentrate on the bridge, its out focal point. Visitors take photos of it all the time.
49	We already have an iconic . With an upgrade lighting and entrance will be the main focal point of Balclutha.
50	We definitely do not need the expense of a sculpture.
51	The Water Tower Playground would be a good place for a feature or town sculpture. Rosebank shops are cramped enough now. Not enough parking.
52	No - we should make the most of the bridge - do one icon well, not half-hearted efforts.
53	No.
54	Not a river, or hand. Use local people to make it.
55	Clyde Street Reserve - need to focus on a town feature/sculpture, other than the bridge.
56	We have the Bridge for our 'big sculpture' nice gardens and/or plantings at the sites would enhance them.
57	NO.
58	Sculpture would be alright but not "a hand" that only means anything to the locals.
59	No, the bridge is our town feature.
60	I think we have enough with all the timber. The bridge is our main feature.
61	Extreme sculptures do not bring the people as those large wooden beams prove. The bridge is very daunting when there are trucks coming so that would be great. And always get the tourist heading to the beautiful Catlins area.
62	We have the bridge & river, we don't need a sculpture.



**Feedback about Option 6: Investigating a town feature or sculpture at an appropriate location**

63	A water sculpture could be considered. I also think a flow from Catlins turn off is very important. A sign which shows the next coffee/food spot on state highway 1 could be beneficial to travellers and local businesses by encouraging people to stop in Clutha. I feel if the town hall hub was developed and included a least a cafe onto the stage/theatre etc then that would be a major and obvious attraction for travellers. A cafe with a river view would also be seen from the bridge.
64	Water Tower Playground. This playground is dangerous as right by the road and unfenced. A sculpture would make a nice entrance.
65	Water tower playground for sculpture. The bridge is well known feature of Balclutha and very important to enhance it.
66	Clyde Street Reserve - if through road (Elizabeth Street) closed off, would be an ideal situation for a feature.
67	Water Tower Playground - busy traffic area - needs fenced from Main Road.
68	A monument to New Zealand Service Men
69	Revolving info centre on Water Tower Park with views to nuggets.
70	No not necessary at this stage as I feel there are more important things to spend our money on. Things like the town hall that are useful would add to the towns usable resources.
71	Brown hand like someone buried looking for help. "for area" something appropriate and real for the region "beef, sheep, milk cow" (we are an agricultural region).
72	The bridge IS a feature. More regular cleaning would help. Looks really shabby and dirty at times.
73	Only if it is locally sourced.
74	I think we should continue to make sure we look after our lovely trees in these areas. Something far nicer than Gore's fish.
75	Worth a look.
76	I think the options I have outlined are more important the town features or sculptures. The wooden poles are lovely and our street looks fantastic. Could do with removing a couple of feet off the concrete parking bay obtrusions.
77	Natural icon of the bridge to capitalised on.

### **Feedback about Elizabeth Street Plaza**

1	Having the I-site in the centre of town would attract visitors to the shopping area.
2	A public clock in the Elizabeth Street plaza would be nice.
3	To make more use of the Elizabeth Street paved area. We like the planted wall garden.
4	Beautiful wooden tables and forms to sit on at the Elizabeth Street enhancement. Toilets similar to Roxburgh erected beside Hairworkz. Toilets beside the Warehouse are disgusting.
5	A shade sail is needed for the Elizabeth Street Plaza. This would encourage people to have lunch etc there.
6	Toilets at the Elizabeth Street Plaza area- make this fully pedestrianised area.]
7	Build on the Elizabeth Street Plaza as an area for town focus.
8	Love to see the Elizabeth Street Plaza closed and a toilet block (x 2 communal).
9	Discussed closing traffic at the Elizabeth Street Plaza.
10	Events in Elizabeth Street Plaza i.e. lantern festival and coffee machine.
11	Information centre hub at Elizabeth Street Plaza.
12	Is there enough space in the Elizabeth Street Plaza area for I-site and toilets?
13	Toilets in Elizabeth Street Plaza.
14	Closing Elizabeth Street- Safer and more likely to stop?
15	Toilet at Elizabeth Street Plaza.
16	Make Elizabeth Street one way.
17	Giant chess board.
18	Vending machine at the plaza.
19	Air pillow in the Plaza.
20	Water coming out of the floor as you walk.
21	Pedestrians only in cobbled plaza area.
22	Tables at the Plaza to get people to stop for lunch or coffee.
23	Toilets at the Plaza.
24	Elizabeth Street Plaza- Splinters from the seats (Kids with skate boards).
25	Use the plaza for entertainment.
26	Elizabeth Street- structure is important and has started creating something to stop for .
27	In Elizabeth Plaza there could be space for school fundraisers and farmers markets/market days.
28	Suggestion, some seating arrangement at the main shopping area?

**Further feedback about town entrance and focal points**

1	A speed camera is needed on South Hill. Fed up with traffic going south, passing us at 80km or more through main hill and still now slowing down in the 80km area.
2	Make the toilets as a focal point, stylish and creative.
3	In my opinion the vitality (or lack of) commercial property at Clyde Street (south) and Bridge impacts significantly.
4	It would be nice but there are more demanding changes to that still demand funding. This is an extra when things are up to scratch.
5	Are the NZTA going to straighten the road into Balclutha from the North?? If yes ensure room for suitable tree planting along the sides. Also suitable tree planting from the south.
6	Although all of these are lovely ideas, it would be more productive to focus efforts on developing attractions, which involve activities/destinations and keeping retail outlets open at weekends.
7	Most of this are awesome options and I think they all need to go ahead to bring Clutha into the 21st Century.
8	Balclutha seems very run down and piece-meal. There needs to be clear theme and more investment in the town - it looks run-down and unloved.
9	I am pleased with the improvements to the town that have already happened and the continuation of that near the bridge would be good. However, if the available money is split in how many spots, it may dilute what happens e.g. town hall project as well. Relocating the cenotaph and a town sculpture doesn't seem necessary to me at this stage. It would not add to the enjoyment of the town as I see it. One would have to consider the ongoing cost of lighting the bridge and because it is in Balclutha I assume the cost would call on the Balclutha ratepayers.
10	The artists impressions of the Memorial Hall area with the War Memorial is very attractive with its park like look. Please NO MORE SQUARE POLES - they would detract from the restful look of the area.
11	By all means, when money is available once more essential things in the area have been attended to.
12	No road improvements would be better than road distraction. Narrowing the road will stop people coming into the town area.
13	Make more effort to keep the gutters clean around the town. They are a disgrace!!
14	Limit plantings to very small shrubs, so as not to affect visibility.
15	Landscape from main hill from north, from Lowestoft Street to bridge, and better landscape at bridge entrance, both sides. Banner poles down to bridge.
16	Would live attractive, interesting sculpture. Butcher shop needs updated. Some good meat. I'm 1/2 vegetarian.
17	If sufficient money, go ahead.
18	Stop planting stupid little annuals and plant perennials and shrubs everywhere.
19	Poles obstruct view and are weird.
20	Concentrate on your core services. I am sick of living in one of the dirtiest towns in New Zealand. More money on keeping what you've got clean and tidy are less on improvements.
21	No, times are hard and we are paying enough rates as it is. Are you thinking about the ratepayer or your own legacy.

**Further feedback about town entrance and focal points**

22	Option 1: Good Idea. Option 2: Good Idea. Option 3: This needs to be tidied up and made like an entrance to the Main Street. As part of the hall redevelopment I think it is a good idea to relocate the cenotaph to the front of the hall and make a nice area. The current cenotaph will require thousands of dollars spent on it in its current stage so might be cheaper to build a more modern once and retain some of the old features. Put it where more people see it. Option 4: Good idea. Option 5: Good idea. Option 6: Good idea.
23	We live over the road from the Rosebank Lodge and feel coming into Balclutha the grass verge looks a mess with the trucks driving and needs a curbing.
24	I love hanging baskets like the ones in Gore. They make the Main Street look attractive and well cared about.
25	Lower the height of trees blocking the view of the bridge when driving down the hill. Clearer signage when coming down hill to include the picnic area at Arthur Strang Reserve. Improve/make more attractive, the entrance to Balclutha at the top of the hill opposite Rosebank Lodge.
26	Save our money. Just get the basics right first!!
27	Keep the green areas open and uncluttered. We want people to see and enjoy these open areas in the town.
28	On a site that is visible to travellers, install a miniature golf course that will attract people to stay awhile and not just drive through.
29	Please, no more bl**dy wooden poles.
30	Cut your cloth to suit. We are rural and have to look after our local hall and clubs, and would not expect to have much of an increase in rates.
31	Definitely not, after the mess of trees and dangerous concrete in Main Street, you should just do services.
32	No, the pillars are sufficient.
33	While public property is spruced up and made more inviting, can private homeowners be encouraged to tidy up frontages on the main road? In the past I have noted the shabby paintwork on retaining walls on the west side of SH1 when coming from the south. What is the expected lifespan of the bridge and does that change anything? What about a layby/lookout on Essex St near the top coming south where one can stop and see the valley laid out? It's actually a pretty scene to see the tree-lined streets on either side of the big river in the valley.
34	Improved signage, potentially lit up at night e.g. nice stone signs like Dunedin boundary but lit up. Very keen on lighting on the bridge. Not worried about a sculpture, and don't think rosebank area needs to be promoted as such. However they would possibly benefit from a pedestrian crossing here. Rent a space at the plaza for a coffee/food cart. All for beautification and extra signage coming on and off the bridge. A better way to promote what is in the area.
35	Council have done a great job on the main street upgrade. Its really lifted the feel of the town. Like the idea of lighting the bridge at night to give the place a vibrancy at night. The information centre area could do with a tidyup.

**Further feedback about town entrance and focal points**

36	<p>I believe one off the best opportunities for promoting Balclutha and the Catlins is being missed. The CEO has stated that we are the gateway to the Catlins and more could be done in this area. Many years ago the then beatification group planted trees from the north entrance from the sub-station towards Balclutha and in doing so blocked one of the best views any town would possibly wish for. There are fantastic views over the delta and out towards the lighthouse. Many people would have no idea coming into Balclutha as to how close to the sea we are.</p> <p>My suggestion would be to approach the land owner to see if a car park/ viewing area could be established, here promotional picture boards could be installed showing the attractions in Balclutha and the surrounding areas. Whilst there would be a cost I feel it would be a one-off cost and we would have an area and view that would promote the area for years to come.</p> <p>I hope a group take a look at this view and see the same opportunities as I do.</p>
37	<p>Balclutha is the hub of the Clutha District and should be a town that the whole district can be proud of and represents our region. It has had massive improvements with the main street upgrade, but it still looks dated in areas down the main highway, landowners and retailers need to be more proactive and land banking on the main street needs to be discouraged.</p>
38	<p>Just considering the main road: footpaths swept occasionally. Grass growing over the footpaths looks tacky. Bridge needs swept more often as it is often dirty for pedestrians. The Ross street sign needs to be repositioned on the Main Street as it is currently hidden in bushes on a persons property</p>
39	<p>The river should be our focal point as it defines our reason for a town. Improved access for swimmers as well as boaters...</p>
40	<p>The river banks either side of the river and to the left and right of the bridge I think could be enhanced with rest area type of parking as the Bridge is a main feature of the town and if parking beside the river I think would encourage people to stop.</p>
41	<p>Our towns biggest drawcard to visitors is the Catlins. Its most prominent and memorable feature is the river and the bridge. These should be prioritised above all other projects. The main street theme has turned out very well. The turn off to the Catlins should be similarly featured (the curbing, plantings, sculptural features) and we should seriously consider the two following intersections too up to and including the railway crossing. The entrances to the bridge should be enhanced as much as possible .... modern fencing, more plantings etc.</p>
42	<p>People don't use the river- make more use of it.</p>
43	<p>Street beautification should spread down to the Rosebank shops.</p>
44	<p>Sometimes beautification can take up too much room in the smaller spaces ie. Don't need a great big planter box at the expense of usable space for people.</p>
45	<p>River is a focal point it should be more social.</p>
46	<p>Beautify Nelson Road triangle- advertise what is in Balclutha.</p>
47	<p>River activities as a destination point for people from Dunedin i.e. kayaks or jet boating.</p>
48	<p>Picnic sign and visibility of Arthur Strang.</p>
49	<p>Access on and off the bridge are an issue.</p>
50	<p>Matching wooden Balclutha themed sign.</p>
51	<p>Balclutha sign in a nicer place- like at the bridge.</p>
52	<p>A look out over the town that is accessible by car- i.e. Signal Hill Dunedin.</p>
53	<p>Streetscape looks great.</p>
54	<p>Picture opportunities on the northern side of the bridge- have a photo frame so that people will stop and take a photo with the bridge in the background.</p>
55	<p>Spot of tourist to stop and take a photo with the bridge- photo opportunity spot.</p>

### Further feedback about town entrance and focal points

56	Spend money on what we have got, rather than on new things.
57	Foley corner a pressure point (access to be considered).
58	Lots of people stopped including on the main road coming down the hill towards the bridge to take photos of it.
59	Love the Christmas tree.
60	Main Street upgrade has created more pride in Balclutha.
61	Traffic island plants-modern landscaping in entrances i.e. Hospital and Highway dinner.
62	Bridge and the river are our main town features.
63	Improve Main Street verandas- covered walkway like in the Dunedin Octagon.
64	More Christmas decorations for the Main Street - lights for archways.
65	Tidy up Rosebank shop frontages.
66	Pedestrian signage - too many near misses on the mall entry.
67	Upgrade the playground.
68	Giant checkers.
69	Keep the trees and plants tidy.
70	Lights across the streets.
71	A viewing platform.
72	Sitting area on the Bridge.
73	Riverbank signage telling the history of boats etc.
74	Another coat of stain is needed on the poles i.e. Timber at Elizabeth Street.
75	Clear shrubs and open up the space.
76	Need quality toilets in the centre of town.
77	'Welcome to Balclutha' sign at the High Street rail way line.
78	Toilets at the south end at Rosebank.
79	Think High Street is too narrow.
80	Cringe at the industrial area out by the railway line- screening or planting?
81	Aim to stop people by the river.
82	Concrete nature attract moss - keep clean.
83	Ancillary features.
84	Signage to Punt and Rongahere Drive.
85	Better promotion for the punt.
86	Toilets are a big issue- Catlins strategy raised.
87	Destination toilets- doing it properly will make people stop i.e. Kawakawa.
88	Need an attraction that looks out on the water.
89	Our point of difference is the river.
90	Better signage is key.
91	Freedom campers need to be drawn into the middle of town.
92	History of the river needs to be told.
93	Yes. This would be a great asset for Balclutha to compliment all the progress made to our town and surrounding areas. Exciting times!!
94	The main street upgrade has been a great start. More visual updates to the buildings and facilities would be good to grow infrastructure and the local economy. Making Clutha more of a destination than a pass through town. In my opinion the Town Hall upgrade is most desperate, along with hospitality services that are reflective of a higher national quality standard.
95	Any new large scale developments in the CBD area should tie in with the new streetscape (town hall, new supermarket, etc)
96	If more areas are to be developed there needs to be infrastructure to be able to maintain these areas i.e keep tidy, pruned, weed free.

**Further feedback about town entrance and focal points**

97	In the James/Clyde street park, establish and maintain public toilets, an electric BBQ and a pedestrian crossing (over Clyde St) to enable safe access between the park and the Rosebank shops. I repeat: Toilets essential here! The Balclutha Bridge is "iconic" as your publication says. Lets make the most of it! And lighting it as spectacularly as possible a manner would greatly help. Someone suggested we have a "winter" lighting week akin the Christmas lights in many areas - kids would not have to stay up nearly so late to enjoy them.
98	Elizabeth St carpark often full. Town Hall area has much easier parking accessibility compared with Elizabeth St. Easier parking for older generation.
99	Continue the green posts, maybe a bit higher to bridge with something like this in between them. No more ugly square brown poles. Maybe (picture) for side of footpath.

# Our Place

## Balclutha

### Let's talk.

Improving walking and cycling linkages  
in and around Balclutha





## Feedback about improving Walking and Cycling - Map 1

1	I like the route. The flood bank currently provides an acceptable walking track. Need to ensure promotion of cycling on it doesn't not compromise the space for the walkers given current width.
2	Good - with entry and exit points in case you find this walk too long you can leave it.
3	Great.
4	Its okay - but we would need to find a way for safe travel from Cnr James and High Street, to Hospital Road. At present its not really that safe, even for adults. I would shudder to take my kids on this route unless they were somehow isolated from the traffic, especially since its running via the heavy traffic bypass ... This bit is really the main flaw. It must be difficult to get across town on the flat.
5	I think it would be great.
6	Great as long as the tracks are clearly defined and signposted. A clear starting point at the town hall would be good to encourage visitors to the town
7	Good. Running track too?
8	A logical option.
9	Good route, peaceful. Perhaps look to establish more, away from the town centre.
10	Great.
11	Need to be sign posted well so tourists attention is drawn to it while passing through and so they can find & follow any track easily. Also, if you were to update the I-site, why not use it as one of the starting points for the river walk/(s).
12	This is a good choice as it incorporates the river and existing tracks
13	Like this but prefer option 2.
14	Not long enough, if you are going to include Highway 1, you'll need a decent crossing.
15	I believe extending the routes along the river as much as possible is important. A circuit would be great, but creating the link through "town" when there are roads and intersections to be negotiated could be very difficult.
16	Best option available. Needs to be accompanied by proper and regular maintenance, finished and signposted attractively and really well, additional plantings to screen off ugly industrial areas (eg railway station, scrap metal junkyards, derelict car yards). Also sufficient width for cycles and walkers and good lighting in dark areas.
17	I think it would be better if it wasn't cycling down the street or footpaths. I think you could consider doing it all the way along the riverbank - right down past Andrews Haulage then past the high school and around somehow - maybe follow the river down towards Grain company/tenfold then down Koau Road?? It would be good if you would have a few circuits - ie: 5km one, 10km one then a larger loop of 20kms all connecting so people have a few more options. Consider starting further up the river, past Blair Athol - going onto farmland along the river bank - ??right up to the old punt near Beggs beach??
18	It seems like a good route, anything to encourage people walking / running is a cool idea and it would be good to have a longer full circuit track.
19	The best option.
20	We strongly support this route.
21	I think we need to improve our walking tracks to be made accessible to pushchairs currently there you can start at the Blair Athol walkway on Hospital Road but can't go any further than beside the rugby club. Also there is an issue with the walkway that goes beside the trotting club we have been talked to by a member of the trotting club and told we really shouldn't be walking there as it was dangerous when they were exercising their horses, surely then that could be down to a health and safety issues.

## Feedback about improving Walking and Cycling - Map 1

22	Seems like a nice length, only big issue is safe crossing over Clyde Street (I spent a few months emailing NZTA and have been told that some kind of facility to make crossing easier will be installed before July, though they weren't too specific where).
23	I would use the walking and cycling proposed tracks and know the majority of children and adults in the district would.
24	If this route could be provided with an all-weather surface (as in the Invercargill New River Estuary circuit), and stiles replaced with cattle stops, it would encourage all ages to cycle. This route would be ideal as it is flat.
25	This is of high priority. At the very least it should be regularly mowed short effective immediately (like the top of the floodbank section Hospital Road to the River), with progressive improvements to a gravelled or permanent hard surface to allow all-weather recreational use of this "breath of fresh air" location on our back doorstep accessible from so many handy locations. The highest priority for improvement is the Hospital Road to Rugby Club floodbank track as this is not subject to flooding damage etc like the low lying track around the aerodrome.
26	Looks good.
27	I like this idea!
28	With good signage and numerous exit and access points would likely be more used. How about bikes for hire, including electric bikes?
29	This looks like a great idea lets get it sorted.
30	Good. Develop and identify places of interest and exits points along the way.
31	It looks pretty similar to what already exists.
32	A very good circuit and we walk part of this twice a day with a dog and pram, but currently the rest is not pram friendly.
33	Yes that is ok, can pretty much access this route now, but would be good to see a bit of maintenance done in some areas especially under the railway bridge. The Blair Athol is a great asset as well but needs a tidy up and possibly some more signage for people that don't know the area.
34	Very worthwhile. Would like to see a proper surface appropriate for walkers, bikers, prams etc. There is nothing to do as far as an actual drawcard for visitors and residents. Must have better signage and way finding along the track.
35	This is not a new route - it is already accessible as a walk/cycle. It could do with better signage but access has been improved over the last few years.
36	Blair Athol walkway is a great walk through native bush next to the river, many people are unaware the track extends beyond the dell, some work on better signage beyond the two entry points is needed as well as improvements to the track surface to bring it up to a good standard.
37	This is good. Whatever is created needs to be accessible by people with dogs and people with prams/mobility issues. Also needs to be able to be maintained.
38	Good for long distance running/biking and events like the Rainbow run.
39	Good.
40	Great to see something being done to utilise and tidy up behind Aerodrome.
41	It's a good start and utilises some already used routes.
42	Great. Lets start with this gauge its popularity and improve or change as required.

**Feedback about improving Walking and Cycling - Map 1**

43	<p>While I think it is great that the council wants to improve walking and cycling options, I don't necessarily think a 'ring route' is the solution, unless the route is safely and considerably linked to destinations (such as schools, recreational facilities, parks, shops, supermarket etc).</p> <p>A ring route unto itself might be a nice recreational option but to support residents of Balclutha to incorporate active transport into their day to day lives we need to live in an environment that provides safe and accessible options to be active while undertaking day-to-day activities - such as commuting to work or school, or nipping down to the shops.</p> <p>There are some great initiatives which have been done like this around the world, such as the US's "Complete Streets" <a href="http://completestreets.voicesforhealthykids.org/">http://completestreets.voicesforhealthykids.org/</a>.</p> <p>The Victoria Transport Policy Institute also has a good guideline which can be found at <a href="http://www.vtppi.org/nmtguide.doc">www.vtppi.org/nmtguide.doc</a>.</p>
44	It's a great route to start with.
45	I think it's a good starting point. Circular routes are always to be preferred to there-and-back routes.
46	Yes, it would be great to have more walking & biking tracks around Balclutha. I go walking everyday & the options of where to go is very limiting.
47	<p>It is a well utilised route.</p> <p>Way finding signage would be helpful so that people know that it exists.</p> <p>Good marketing using an app would be helpful.</p>
48	I use it already, both cycling and walking.
49	I think this is a great route, and it would be a brilliant way to connect the town up, with the pool, the pool reserve, Naish Park, the town hall, and the great river views.
50	<p>I am aware of this route and have used it often myself. Personally I don't think it's long enough but I suppose it's a start!</p> <p>However there are sections of this route that are not pram friendly or even accessible with a pram (around the race track area) so I would love for this to be improved.</p> <p>I love how the cattle stops have been put in on the floodbank area to make that accessible so if this could be extended to cover this whole route it would be great.</p>
51	Good - with entry and exit points in case you find this walk too long you can leave it.
52	It's okay - but we would need to find a way for safe travel from corner of James and High Street, to Hospital Road. At present its not really that safe, even for adults. I would shudder to take my kids on this route unless they were somehow isolated from the traffic, especially since its running via the heavy traffic bypass ... This bit is really the main flaw. It must be difficult to get across town on the flat.
53	Think about accessibility for cyclists in this area (off south end of bridge at Glasgow Street).
54	Smoother surface (flat) good to walk on.
55	I like walking on grass- the mowing is good.
56	Some current paths into the rhododendron dell need a bit more weed spraying and sign posted. I particularly like the mountain bike section and would be keen to help develop this more.
57	Council is on the right track (pardon the pun).
58	It needs more jumps for bikes.
59	Option 1 is the only option I support. Do one well.

## Feedback about Walking Cycling - Map 2

1	Good.
2	Agree with the cycling track heading down towards Kaka Point and beyond.
3	Love it - already tracks I ride or run on.
4	These routes are good.
5	Good.
6	Variety is great - long or short rides, different levels of competency.
7	People don't want to 'walk on the streets' they can do that anytime - they want to get off the beaten track, on a dedicated track, and look at the scenery/zone out without cars driving past every 2 minutes.
8	The Blair Athol walkway is the only one that is really necessary as it incorporates our best asset, THE RIVER. All the other routes are a waste of time really!
9	Love this, great distance and have choice of smaller route.
10	Not enough loops, too much ride out to a point then turn around and come back. There ideally should be some way of linking and looping. Don't get me wrong it is better than a kick in the whatsits, but with a little more effort it could be much better.
11	I would have thought these generally quiet country roads are already accessible and usable by cyclists of all ability.
12	The issue being crossing very busy motorways - especially with little people.
13	Yes I think this looks great! Definitely important to have tracks to outer areas.
14	Not so important.
15	We strongly support these routes.
16	Any improvements to our walking/cycling tracks is only going to benefit, we need to encourage people to be outside enjoying this beautiful place we live in.
17	Seems fine, but can't a couple be linked up to create circular routes? Presumably there's nothing stopping cyclists and walkers continuing along the roads without the blue routes, but the map above suggests just heading out and the turning around and going back along the same route.
18	Good. I think it needs a cut through for different cycle length options. Making use of the river is key.
19	Good, but of less importance than one good around town track for now. But earmark land, etc to incorporate these in the future.
20	Excellent!
21	Less important.
22	Great idea lets get it sorted.
23	Stage 2, 3 and 4. One route at a time.
24	Love it! the more walking /cycling routes that can be opened up or identified, the better.
25	Yes, would be great to have this area as a specialised track especially the Nelson Road link to Stirling. Also a designated track to Silver Fern Farms would allow more people to bike safely in this area.
26	I think Finegand would be a priority as many people use this route and it is not very safe. The Nelson Road track would be very positive as this is already well formed most of the way so shouldn't be too hard to complete this.
27	These are roads, are you planning on making a footpath/cycle way beside the road? With a young family (one just having learned to ride) who enjoy biking we prefer more a designated area where we don't have to worry about traffic and crossing roads etc.
28	Some safety concerns with the narrow roads but some nice views from up around Stirling.
29	Good.
30	Good.
31	I think routes need to be made off road for safety for the whole family.

## Feedback about Walking Cycling - Map 2

32	It would be very nice to have this route available but it would need separating from the traffic as there is a lot of traffic on some of these roads. I believe it can be done and I would use these routes.
33	Good, but one at a time.
34	Fantastic. It'd be good to utilise the river bank and routes that have views of the town, farmland and river as much as is practical and possible.
35	I think these offer a nice combination of longer recreational routes and the opportunity for people working in some of the outlying employers to cycle to work. I would just point out that the road from Stirling to Benhar currently has an area where the road surface gets oiled, and it can be fairly treacherous on two wheels. This would need to be addressed if this was to be a viable cycle route.
36	Any tracks would be great as there are not a lot of options at the moment especially while pushing a pram & walking a dog.
37	Safe off-road routes that connect to the towns is great. Enhances the biker experience and may make people stay longer.
38	Great, but I would also like to see the addition of a cycle way to Stirling and Kaitangata.
39	A safer link between Balclutha and Kaitangata would be ideal added to this. Love the idea of work being done to make a link heading towards Kaka Point.
40	Agree with the cycling track heading down towards Kaka Point and beyond.
41	Love it - already tracks I ride or run on.
42	They are good.
43	Good.
44	I am aware of this route and have used it often myself. Personally I don't think it's long enough but I suppose it's a start! However there are sections of this route that are not pram friendly or even accessible with a pram (around the race track area) so I would love for this to be improved. I love how the cattle stops have been put in on the floodbank area to make that accessible so if this could be extended to cover this whole route it would be great.
45	A safer link between Balclutha and Kaitangata would be ideal added to this. Love the idea of work being done to make a link heading towards Kaka Point.
46	Like this one to. A bot more in this one for the keen cyclists. Could actually do both options.
47	Rather messy
48	Good length etc. However, Johnstone to Benhar Road across State Highway 1 could be extremely dangerous especially cars travelling south.
49	Option 2 is a great concept but must be look at more in depth. We have safety concerns if using the present day roads.
50	Not so good.
51	Great idea. Would live to bike these areas but fearful of the traffic especially large trucks.
52	Map 2 I like especially trucks to Finegand. When the physical activity strategy was carried out 10 years ago, a bike track to Finegand and the Cheese Factory were two highlighted areas of importance as they were major employers in the town. I think this is still relevant today.
53	Again - nice idea. Trouble will be in the maintenance of the routes. Facilities along the route need major upgrading. It requires rubbish disposal facilities at all entry/exit points to encourage rubbish removal. Some seating is required and signage about the features as well as where you are going.
54	Mostly already there - follow the roads (but separate spaces away from traffic).
55	Good.

## Feedback about Walking Cycling - Map 2

56	Other people use these areas as well as cyclists, they have to be considered too.
57	No! I travel this road now and cost too much to make cyclists safe on Barnego Road.
58	Good.
59	Not a lot, need bike specific off road circular routes of a decent length 20-50km.
60	Both routes are good. Must be well maintained.
61	Maybe 1 or 2 - don't need too many alternatives.
62	All good ideas if it can be done.
63	Good.
64	OK.
65	Looks good, especially if it could eventually join up.
66	Looks good.
67	Fantastic! Crossed my mind several years ago.
68	You can already walk or cycling these routes. Any one who is old and fit enough to walk or cycle this far it old enough to walk or cycle on the road.
69	Again good, some more challenging aspects may interest more people.
70	Well defined.
71	This is great. I would like to see some of the old railways to K.P to Kai used as a rail trail as well.
72	Great idea - make it safer for the longer walks or short cycles.
73	Some of these routes seem to have no purpose of the destination other than to arrive at the destination. What is the attraction once at the destination?
74	Rubbish bins along route would be handy especially for those who walk their dogs. The riverside end of Glasgow St near airport is often strewn with rubbish and broken glass. Also the track around the airport becomes very wet and slippery in the winter - needs to be higher out of flooding areas.
75	I like the routes. The road surfaces of Johnston Road and Benhar to Stirling are rough for cyclists at the moment.
76	These routes would have to be made a lot safer with good surfaces.
77	Could be a good development for the township, could be used to promote walk/cycle to work, reducing pollution.
78	Wonderful.
79	Great idea.
80	I think these are useful and will be used often.
81	They look good.
82	Its good to get out of publics eye.
83	I enjoy how people will be able to see more of this district.
84	Do both.
85	Ok, would be better to have tracks going to other areas in the Clutha District rather than Finegand. Lawrence, Milton, Catlins areas that have nice scenic views to visit/see.
86	Very good.
87	They look great.
88	They would all get well used.
89	Walking OK - Cycling - Not required as cyclists set their own.
90	Keep cyclists away from walkers. There is only a handful of cyclists. Why waste money on them.
91	Good.
92	Main road crossing is pretty dicey.
93	Totally support this.
94	We have no access to maps as we fill in this form.
95	Great.

## Feedback about Walking Cycling - Map 2

96	Great for people in the outer lying areas that want to walk or bike home.
97	The river bank is ideal for walking and cycling. It's nice to be away from the commercial area and traffic.
98	Don't like the Kakapuaka route as it is not a circuit. Would rather see route to Finegand extended to link to Kakapuaka.
99	Good.
100	Plenty of variety and good connections around the town. Would be good to consider extension of the route to Blair Athol out to the Kaihiku falls in future.
101	Perhaps later.
102	Go for them at some stage.
103	Not much.
104	Fabulous.
105	I would not consider any of these roads safe.
106	Background: Nelson Road is not continuous from Balclutha to Stirling. Currently, we as the owners of the property between the surveyed? Road from either end. We have a regular stream of pedestrians through our property (who believe they have the access right) and we accommodate this with the exception of lambing time. There have been a number of issues over the years and our concerns are as follow. 1. Litter. 2. An increase in Sheep Measles on our killing sheets (3 to 19 per annum) 3. Health & Safety. There is livestock and particularly Bulls grazing this area, heavy machinery and mobs of livestock in transit. Further there is a set of sheep yards in the middle. 4. General increased nuisance as people inevitably encroach on to our private land. In our view the current system works well and we would not encourage access through our property.
107	It is a great idea! Will be safer for people running and if you want to go cycling with the kids.
108	Our family love these routes. We live in Stirling and the Balclutha/Stirling walk and cycle is very popular. This Nelson Road track would be a safe option for children/young adults to keep them off the busy road.
109	These seem a bit disjointed. They should be concentrated on scenic areas and connect up easily.
110	Great.
111	I think that these places are ideal.
112	Barnego/Gormack street – popular walking loop – make it safer
113	Bike track from Stirling onto Balclutha
114	Walking loop should connect with Kahika Falls.
115	Barnego/Gormack/Johnston - improving safety on these routes is key.

### Further feedback about Walking and Cycling

1	As a young sporty couple arriving in Balclutha a few years ago we were quite disappointed at the off-road running/cycling/recreational options available having moved here from Dunedin where outdoor recreational opportunities are abundant!! I believe that team and indoor sport is well covered with the development of the Cross Recreation Centre but am still disappointed with the availability of off-road recreational activities without having to get in the car and travel (for example to the Catlin's area) . We are really limited to a loop along the floodbank and around the airfield. We are now a family with a young child and can honestly say that in terms of settling long-term in the Clutha District the lack of outdoor recreation opportunities would be a real negative in terms of staying here or moving on.
2	It would be great if walkways had a few entries and exit points, so you could jump in at any point. Also, if they are pram and kid friendly that would be ideal.
3	I feel it is a good idea to have walking and cycling places these areas must not allow dogs and must be enforced the council. Separate places should be made for dogs.
4	Balclutha can't (directly) offer water falls, beaches, caves. Lets showcase what we do have, which is a lovely green area surrounding us, with a big river to look at! Walking and especially cycling, are the way that many small towns have managed to claw their way back into being vibrant and successful. Our current walking and cycling tracks (if any) are not maintained, poorly marked, and only known about if you are lucky enough to have lived here a while! They are usually unsuitable for the very young, elderly, strollers etc. Getting on the 'rail trail' bandwagon makes sense. We have seen what a roaring success the rec centre has been ... and we have some wonderful advocates for sport in our area. Lets grow on this!
5	I have found that cycling is dangerous when trucks pass you. I have also found that trucks and cars do not make one concession when passing and technically do not share the road as NZers are requested to do.
6	Love the ideas and goals that have come out of this. We need to be a fitter healthier community - this is great.
7	Make some walking and cycling tracks in Balclutha, that are dedicated walking tracks, gravelled etc, like Wanaka has. Wanaka is a small town and they do it well - why cant we replicate that here?
8	Critical that tracks are mowed; tidy, rubbish free, well surfaced, livestock free and well signposted. Users need a pleasant outlook and to feel safe. If cyclist and walkers are sharing then width is important too.
9	Lets do one thing and do it well. I support the initial circuit being fully implemented with plantings, regular mowing, clean up of poor views (industrial area, railway station) ahead of any other routes. Option 2 has little tourism value and will dilute the quality of investment in option 1.
10	We have an amazing riverbank, that is used by many people whether walking, bilking, running or accessing the river. It has great potential.
11	Get rid of the concrete bollards at the back of the aerodrome. Also, the stiles and gates round the aerodrome that stop you from riding your bike from where the horse riding bit is up onto the floodbank by the bridge. I appreciate you need something to keep the pathways just for bikes/ walkers etc and keep the motorbikes and cars off, but maybe there is a better way of doing it. Also, when is the proposed extension to the Blair Athol walkway going to happen?



### Further feedback about Walking and Cycling

12	We could identify changes that would help people cycle about town such as making getting over the bridge easier given there are no schools in North Balclutha. Would transit assist with a clip on bike lane given it is SH1, can we create passing spaces in a couple of places on the footpath where foot traffic can step aside for bikes, or can we just make it easier to go under the bridge at each end?
13	It would be very beneficial to see a decent cycle track and running/walking track around Balclutha. Wanaka has brilliant tracks and it makes it an easy and accessible, cheap family activity to do. I would love to see a bike park/BMX track done in Balclutha.
14	It makes sense to have big employers like Silver Fern Farms and Danone to have really good biking/walking tracks from Balclutha so people are encouraged to do some exercise on the way to work and its accessible for those without cars.
15	We are totally supportive of improvements to walking and cycling tracks. We would like to see the linking of the Blair Athol and Aerodrome tracks. Pram access is difficult, particularly at the Aerodrome track, so this needs to be improved. We strongly disagree with the suggestion of a dog park. As it is, there are many great places to walk your dogs, and we imagine there will be more with the improvements to the cycling and walking tracks. We suggest the addition of wooden dog/human agility equipment on the edge of the Aerodrome track (where space allows). Signage is also important to guide people around.
16	Make these dog friendly as there are a lot of people out there with pets in our area and a lot of other places have no dogs signs everywhere - we could be different :)
17	Need more access/exit points with clear signage.
18	There are a lot of people very keen on both walking and cycling in the Balclutha area and we currently don't have any good cycling tracks that link up very well. Yes sure we have a couple of short options currently but these could be greatly improved by extending them and linking them together.
19	A walking map could be produced today. There are many routes and places of interest one could take.
20	It would be really good if there were no sheep on the stop banks so the dog can run and you don't end up covered with sheep poo. The improvements that the Council have made to access by cattle grid at Hospital Road, Naish Park and Balclutha Bridge are great - well done.
21	Make it possible for everyone to enjoy it. Tamariki need to be able to spend time with whanau enjoying the environment and getting exercise. This needs to be an inclusive strategy.
22	The aerodrome and horse track are used extensively by walkers and runners, however the race horses have priority! It would be good to see an alternative option where walkers don't have to worry about horses. It is also important to keep this area open for dog owners.
23	This is a huge thing these days as far as tourist dollars into the economy and should be developing this untapped potential, especially along the flood bank as the river is our main icon and is under utilized. Walking/cycling linkages all the more important to encourage health and fitness.
24	Lake Tuakitoto has great potential for being a loop biking/walking track. From the carpark toward kai the track is fairly good although from the carpark toward Milton the track very quickly becomes rough. We enjoy biking with our 3 young boys and have found it not at all family friendly. Would love access from Benhar side also so it can be done in 2 halves. My preference would be a designated forestry block or area with loop tracks of varying degrees and a few obstacles. It doesn't have to be huge and don't know if the council owns any forestry close to Balclutha or Kaitangata.

**Further feedback about Walking and Cycling**

25	People in Clutha are active but it is not pleasant (or safe) exercising where there is a lot of traffic and uneven footpaths. Good surfaces and facilities away from main roads will be well utilised.
26	Would love to see a track following the river from Balclutha to Kaka Point.
27	Each track to take in points of interest, photo opportunities, rest areas along the way.
28	<p>I think Balclutha has the potential to really make something of its non-motorised transport options. We have several large industries/employers all within cycling distance from the township and a number of schools, plus a relatively compact township with hills that aren't too steep. Rather than constrict itself to the goal of implementing a single cycle route - I'd love to see Clutha District Council set a more strategic vision for the future of walking and cycling in the town of Balclutha - for example, by setting a bold but achievable goal such as being New Zealand's most pedestrian/bike friendly town. This doesn't mean being a mountain bike Mecca, but having well planned and safe routes and community resources (bike stands/parks for example), that sees a large majority of the township out on foot or on their bikes everyday. The benefits of this would be wonderful for Balclutha, reduced traffic, safer streets, better mental health, physically healthier residents, reduced health costs etc etc!</p> <p>A strategy like this could sit alongside other Community Plans that Our Place is considering, such as Parks, Entrance Way etc (i.e. by providing a framework to assess any plans for development against pedestrian and cycling accessibility).</p>
29	I think walking, running and cycling pathways really enhance a town's appeal, and encourage people to get out on them and talk about the town. Many other rural towns have developed pathways and it seems to increase time people spend in the areas because there is something fun to do. Plus for local's it is a major bonus to be in a town that has access to paths like this. I think they'd be well utilised.
30	<p>I would like to see a second walking and cycling circuit developed in Balclutha which ran alongside the river.</p> <p>If a clip-on was added to the rail bridge, a bridge-to-bridge circuit could be developed - at least half of which already exists in some form along each side of the river. Kiwirail has published policies about enabling selected and careful sharing of the rail corridor with cycling and clip-ons to rail bridges have been undertaken.</p> <p>At the point the Balclutha rail bridge crosses the river, the river is only about 220m wide. This would be about twice the length of the Hutt River rail/pedestrian bridge.</p> <p>In cities where a bridge-to-bridge trail has been developed, the update and support from the local community and from visitors has been far in excess of all expectations. Whangarei is a case-study in this, where they developed an additional sculpture trail around the loop.</p>
31	Tracks to be a reasonable surface that's easy to push a pram on & also doesn't get muddy during winter months.
32	Knowing that there are bike tracks available and well promoted, people coming to the district for other events will add in a bike or walk. Create a destination.
33	I walk at 5.30am at least 6 mornings a week, and there are quite a numbers of walkers (mostly women) out then, so the lighting of off road walking tracks would be beneficial for safety purposes.

## Further feedback about Walking and Cycling

34	<p>It would be useful to have a look at cycling routes around Balclutha from an a-to-b transport point of view. There are places where it is very difficult to safely cycle along the roads. The bridge is a prime example - cycle routes, especially turning off SH1 North of the bridge are difficult.</p> <p>Although cycling is permitted on the bridge footpaths, getting off them to rejoin the road is difficult at both ends and in both directions.</p> <p>The footpath under the bridge at the North end - which could enable one to turn down to Stirling, is wet, boggy, and filled with loose gravel.</p> <p>Heading South there is no nice way back onto the main road from the footpath. If one heads South on the designated cycle way (which is on the upstream side), it is very difficult indeed to rejoin the road, unless one uses the zebra crossing.</p> <p>More signage about options for cycles around the bridge and especially on and off it are needed.</p>
38	<p>Balclutha can't (directly) offer water falls, beaches, caves. Lets showcase what we do have, which is a lovely green area surrounding us, with a big river to look at!</p> <p>Walking and especially cycling, are the way that many small towns have managed to claw their way back into being vibrant and successful.</p> <p>Our current walking and cycling tracks (if any) are not maintained, poorly marked, and only known about if you are lucky enough to have lived here a while! They are usually unsuitable for the very young, elderly, strollers etc.</p> <p>Getting on the 'rail trail' bandwagon makes sense. We have seen what a roaring success the Cross Recreation Centre has been ... and we have some wonderful advocates for sport in our area. Lets grow on this!</p>
39	Link through North Balclutha subdivision.
40	Linkages for Rosebank and Finegand loop through Kakapuaka.
41	Cycle/run/walk to Finegand – work/health balance.
42	Cycle link from Armstrong St to Owaka highway.
43	Better accessibility now. Picnic table for people to eat their lunch at (CHF).
44	What about North Balclutha for walking and cycling?
45	Link Plantation Heights with town – walk/cycle.
46	Develop Skate Park/BMX.
47	Pedestrian clip-on on Rail Bridge.
48	Access to Finegand and Stirling that is not by car!
49	Walkway from Pareti to River mouth is used, but would be better if it was formalised.
50	Develop cycleways/walkways that are family friendly.
51	Look to extend the proposed loops even further.
52	Signage- think we should be walking along Nelson Road.
53	Space opposite Hasborough Place and ORC should have a pedestrian bridge over the rail bridge and a place for fishing.
54	Loop track to the traffic bridge and rail bridge.
55	Should have time to travel information.
56	Balclutha to Owaka and Tahakopa.
57	A cycle way with a view i.e. near the subdivision.
58	Cycleway at Kaitangata Lake.
59	Bike hire from the I-Site.
60	Signage for walking.
61	Ride to Kaihiku Falls.
62	A lot of support for better links and routes (desperately needed).
63	Walking bridge to the Chicory.
64	Off road all weather family friendly cycling and walking tracks including lighting.

## Further feedback about Walking and Cycling

65	It may be possible to develop an on road cycle way loop in the town as most streets are not that busy.
66	Suggest - Walkway from Arthur Strang Reserve. Follow river to bottom of Ipswich Street (give more green area by river) Bike/walk up Ipswich Street/Golfers Drive, through Council plantation (which I understand is being cut down soon) across clip on walkway on railway bridge to connect with map 1. If can't clip on walkway, then look back to Reserve at bottom of Ipswich St. (Cycle/walkway tracks in plantation could be fantastic - and in time be extended in to area currently used for the dump.
67	Better signage - as a newcomer to town it is really hard to find/navigate the tracks. Little info online, terrible map at Naish Park.
68	Develop this round Naish Park with tables and chairs.
69	Properly prepared tracks is the way to go. Safe and secure, easy to ride. Lots of bikes out there these days! More people would use this regularly. Would be ideal for families. Not grass and walking amongst sheep shit no good. Also a track down to Owaka would be brilliant. If its to be done, must be done properly.
70	Am enthusiastic about fitness tracking to bring people to our main centre after seeing the buzz of Central Otago and Lawrence. Am keen on a trail following Clutha River through the Tuapeka West bush, but continuing to Clutha River Road, so Balclutha gets an advantage rather than being bypassed.
71	Not important.
72	A trail or 2 would be a huge attraction for Balclutha. Road biking alright, but attitude of motorists a concern with passing too close to you. Widen frequently cycled road i.e. Finegand/Kaka Point.
73	Cycle bridge across Clutha River.
74	More 'on and off' points - good route.
75	We walk quite a lot, some of the foot paths are in need of maintenance.
76	How much of the routes would be dedicated cycle lanes? Sharing some roads especially the Finegand Road and High Street. Better access to Riverside Reserve and Blair Athol walkway for bicycles.
77	Good to have well defined and maintained tracks.
78	Create as many cycling opportunities/tracks as possible.
79	The Kakapuaka Finegand block is also very popular. If a track to Stirling could be developed, would be great.
80	People walking and cycling in safe places (well maintained) are becoming more popular in all areas - all ages as long as kept away from high traffic areas.
81	Any outdoor activity is great. Make these routes for long walkers/cyclists.
82	Turn the old railway line that goes through Catlins, Owaka (Tunnel Hill) etc. into a cycleway to attract tourists as well as for locals, could have cycle and running event, similar to Otago Rail Trail, increase tourism to area.
83	Provide seating at various spots so that the less able can use these walkways.
84	I presume there will be an annual budget allocation for ongoing maintenance. Small but well maintained is preferable to "grand" and scruffy.
85	Keep improving foot paths. Needs footpaths on Yarmouth Street opposite park. Lots of walkers walk this way.
86	Keep it mowed like Blair Athol is, wide and mowed but riverbank not a track much and long.
87	This is such an up-and-coming interest that it needs to be prioritised. And I hate biking!
88	Cyclists observe the right of pedestrians first, and signage required clearing any query to this effect. Some cycle only areas, maybe?
89	Business opportunity for bike hire.
90	Most people are happy to walk and cycle on the flood bank.

### **Further feedback about Walking and Cycling**

91	Could have small signs along the way outlining the history of certain areas.
92	Existing walking tracks fine.
93	The ideas suggested are all good ideas, and if implemented over a period of time, would result in great improvements.
94	Cycling on the main street not a great place. A lot of mistakes made in other towns regarding cycle lanes. We have lots of traffic on our roads, so need to take extra care on planning things.
95	As mentioned above, most footpaths are rather skinny - they are also quite bumpy and uneven. This must be hard for those in wheelchairs.
96	It would be great to have a destination cycling track and have it sign posted for locals and tourists. Also a safe way to cycle from Balclutha to surrounding areas such as Clinton or Milton.
97	If you are going to consider a walking or cycling track in Balclutha, do one at a time, with good wide tracks, planting and some seating along the way to make it suitable for all ages to enjoy. Tracks need to be suitable for children to scooter or bike, parents to push prams and adults to bike as well as elderly to stroll and then sit and enjoy the scenery e.g. New Plymouth walk way has all of this and is used by many locals as well as visitors daily. An asset to the town for all to enjoy.
98	The Owaka Highway to Finegand is narrow and hazardous for cyclists at the moment.
99	They need to be made attractive, easily accessible, well designed, with safe surfaces especially for cycling.
100	Just remember we are a small town and we don't have thousands of people on bikes or walking.
101	The tracks always need to have short grass and now overgrown. I always walk my dog there and lately I haven't been able to cause she's small and the tall grass gets in her eyes.
102	More publicity for the facilities already available.
103	Definitely something that I think should be included in the plan as biking/walking tracks are now very popular for tourists and residents to see/participate in. Easy maintenance.
104	The more the better, it might motivate more people to get out and go for a walk or bike!
105	Balclutha to Silver Fern Farms biking track.
106	At port Chalmers, they have a row of exercise bikes overlooking the port/ harbour.
107	We need more cycling and walking tracks. Get more people off the couch and great for visitors. Try and keep visitors here and they will spend money.
108	The area beside the river and Andrew Haulage is popular with many people. Unfortunately it attracts people in cars dumping their rubbish. I would like to see the area closed off to vehicles. It would also stop 4 wheel drives ripping up the gravel bank.
109	What about honesty boxes at starting/finishing points for any donations to help with maintenance of tracks? Tourists may be willing to donate that way.
110	The tracks need to be better signposted and more rock etc., put over by/on the aerodrome track.
111	The tops of the flood banks would need to have the sheep ruts levelled. Easy (on and Off) entry and exit points along the way be good idea. Only dogs on leads allowed!!
112	I think the walk to the Rhododendron Dell (Blair Athol) is lovely but in need of much work and improvement. It was very overgrown and impassable in amongst the ferns and plants!! Why has this been left like this? There used to be a pathway and a sealed area.
113	I would love to see bike tracks from Kaka Point to Nuggets for both locals and tourists. If there is sufficient funds, a track beyond Finegand all the way to the nuggets.
114	Encourage, so people take pride in their surroundings.
115	The Rotary Club are keen to be involved in any activities'/facilities that enhance community wellbeing e.g. a bike park, signage on tracks etc.

### Further feedback about Walking and Cycling

116	These encourage the travelling people, especially the motor-home explosion of numbers - something to do, somewhere to park and somewhere to dump/fill-up with water, they will come.
117	Walks along the river, around the aerodrome behind the Cross Rec Centre are already available - Improve signage to existing areas.
118	Some roads are narrow. Will it be a separate track to keep vehicles/walkers/cyclist's safe?
119	Cyclists don't like "going back on themselves", circuits are better. Need to improve better signage around the town and coming/going out of town (in either direction) i.e. pass cyclists with care, lots of 'touring' cyclists around, so awareness to drivers is essential. Also need to consider cycle lanes. Suggest look at Cycle lanes heading out to the nuggets given the upgrade i.e. results in faster traffic, narrowing roads in parts.
120	Does the volume of traffic or accident figures indicate any special attention is required? Are people walking and cycling safely anyway?
121	Cycling is the new 'great idea'. Good to provide tracks.
122	How about a cycle trail to the lighthouse?
123	Barnego Road would be an ideal route. Same with Gormack Street but both are narrow with narrow verges, ditches and banks and both carry a lot of traffic. Barnego has a lot of heavy traffic, so it would cost a lot to make a 'safe' route.
124	Possible walkway from off bridge to Naish Park. Suitable for mobility scooters/wheelchairs?
125	To be safe, they need their own space.
126	Keep cyclists off pavements. Cyclists may be hit by cars coming in and out of garages and driveways. Cyclists never give way to pedestrians.
127	I have found that cycling is dangerous when trucks pass you. I have also found that trucks and cars do not make one concession when passing and technically do not share the road as NZers are requested to do.
128	Love the ideas and goals that have come out of this. We need to be a fitter healthier community - this is great.
129	Make some walking and cycling tracks in Balclutha, that are dedicated walking tracks, gravelled etc, like Wanaka has. Wanaka is a small town and they do it well - why cant we replicate that here?
130	Walkway down by the river (near the touch grounds) is really muddy and needs to be more clearly marked.
131	Be able to use the bikes like a rail trail in Alexandra.
132	Bike rental.
133	Kids cycleway.
134	Kids road rules track at Naish Park.
135	Kids bike track.
136	Safer way to bike over the river/lane on bridge.
137	Tidy up the top of the stop bank- potential ankle injuries when running.
138	Mountain biking tracks.
139	The walking and cycling track on top of the river bank and down the Athol walkway needs to be gravelled.
140	The walking and cycling loop should go from the aerodrome around the river bank and back to Croydon's.
141	We should have a cycleway to Owaka.
142	More options supported - change of scenery.
143	Designation bike park raised i.e. Gore, Milton and St Kilda (could use the space to the right of Naish Park).
144	Walking tracks are a great idea.

### **Further feedback about Walking and Cycling**

145	Nelson Road a great route.
146	Lots of people out walking around Baker Street.
147	Information and signage area important.
148	Fishing information.
149	Owaka Cycle Track.
150	Periodic Detention needs to help build cycle tracks on Blair Athol.
151	Council should buy railway land and develop.
152	Link a walk through from Arthur Strang to SPS reserve- improve fishing access.
153	More picnic areas.
154	Downhill track beside Planation Reserve subdivision.
155	Use the town hall as a start point for riverbank rides- parking and toilets are already there, just need signage and tracks.
156	Formalise loop around town.
157	Develop Rhododendron Dell further with mountain bike tracks.
158	MTB loop improve/develop existing tracks.
159	Cycle tracks are a must have.
160	Small BMX track at Arthur Strang Reserve.
161	Pump track in school grounds.
162	Pump track locations Blair Athol, Naish Park, Reserve by Motor bike track.
163	Moore Park in Milton is great.
164	Sealed pump track for learners and scooters with grass verge for soft landing.
165	Skate Park in Balclutha is SCARY when all the BIG boys are there so don't go there.
166	Skate Park like Kaitangata would be good.
167	Lots of kids travel to other areas to use tracks and parks.
168	Finding your way around Balclutha is appalling, need information boards, signs, distance pegs and local pathway pamphlet.
169	Any track built on flat area of Balclutha needs to be well drained so it won't be a mud bath/lake in the winter.
170	Clean up the Lagoon and improve the tracks around the Lagoon.
171	Rough track surface, sheep poo and fence styles are a hassle.
172	Bike park hidden away encourages big kids smoking and being naughty, needs to be visible and with other heathy family activities.
173	Malcolm Terrace Reserve good place for Pump Track.
174	Long distance running/biking and events like the Rainbow Run.
175	More jumps for bikes.
176	Look to extend the proposed loops even further.
177	Have more picnic areas.
178	Have more bench seats along the track.
179	Signage- think we should be walking along Nelson Road.
180	Walking loop should connect with Kahika Falls.
181	Space opposite Hasborough Place and ORC should have a pedestrian bridge over the rail bridge and a place for fishing.
182	Loop track to the traffic bridge and rail bridge.
183	More entry and exit points/signage.
184	Should have time to travel information.
185	Need bike and wheel chair access.
186	Balclutha to Owaka and Tahakopa.
187	A cycle way with a view i.e. near the subdivision.
188	Cycleway at Kaitangata Lake.
189	Bike hire from the I-Site.
190	Better signage on existing tracks and features.

### Further feedback about Walking and Cycling

191	Signage for walking.
192	If you're going to do it, do it right- not necessarily expensive - how should it be financed = part current and part future generations.
193	100% pure NZ image- cleaning is important- rubbish bins cleared.
194	Being used well now.
195	Route is a no brainer - good views.
196	Avoiding wet feet - need to mow grass.
197	Rhododendron Dell - over grown and needs maintained.
198	Good idea - should be doing it.
199	Support Option 2 - out to Finegand.
200	What about access to river mouth.
201	Focus on the main route first.
202	Route should take you places you remember (not Finegand, more like river mouth).
203	Cycle trail feedback - getting off the road properly - not just alongside the road.
204	Catlins cycle link raised - much better concept.
205	Needs signage.
206	Size of walking and cycling loop - how to make it bigger with linkages.
207	Opportunities where there are no cars.
208	Doesn't have to be a loop.
209	Blair Athol opportunities.
210	Lagoon - underutilised and opportunities here - circuit was present 20 years ago.
211	I would like to see a safe walking track from the end of Nelson Road (North Balclutha) to the old Stirling Dump Road. This comes out beside 92 Baker Street, Stirling. It is not very safe anymore to walk up the hill from Stirling to the Main Road - too many milk tankers and other large trucks.
212	Signage for cyclists.
213	E-bike charging stations.
214	Kids roadway cycle area in Naish Park.
215	The potential link to Finegand should have a link to Rosebank.
216	Another potential link is around Gormack Street to Cromer Street to Barnego Road and back to Gormack Street. This potential route should be one way.
217	Should have hire bikes for visitors to use.
218	Are there enough places to walk dogs so both humans and animals get exercise?
219	Good to have routes with significant views (possible over lower Clutha/Nuggets). No significant development in coastal hills (good rides but not council controlled land).
220	Very popular past time. We should be encouraging this by improving our walkways.
221	More and more cyclists are coming through, asking about local cycle trails; we need both road and mountain bike circuits to capitalise on this. A designated cycle lane on the Southern Scenic Route would also help.
222	The current bridge should become a walking and cycling bridge and then a new purpose built bridge should be built that is equipped for traffic i.e. not so narrow.
223	Cycleway down Clyde Street with barriers.
224	Any area that leans to the possibility of improving outdoor activities should be developed over time.
225	I am in a group doing a study of the Clutha River from Beaumont to Tuapeka Mouth to bring a cycle trail down through the native forest.



# Our Place

## Balclutha

**Let's talk.**  
Balclutha's parks  
and reserves



### Feedback about Destination Parks (Naish, Balclutha Bridge and Riverside)

1	Have higher standards of maintenance of parks and reserves- why can't it be like Gore?
2	Have Naish Park as a destination park.
3	Keep as safe areas to visit. Upgrade equipment as necessary.
4	More modern street furniture for all ages around hall/main street and Naish Park.
5	A few more picnic tables around the place would be good plus rubbish bins.
6	All are adequate and well used.
7	Always kept tidy. More seating required.
8	Balclutha needs more destination playgrounds with interesting and challenging activities as other cities have. There is probably some sense in having fewer playgrounds but enhancing the ones we have. A café at the playground would be nice e.g. Hamilton Lake has a lake, playground and cafe - great spot for families.
9	Concentrate on just a couple of big parks and not worry about all the small ones.
10	Destination parks are a good idea i.e. have 1 or 2 parks that have all the facilities a park should have.
11	Destination parks are the way to go. Some pocket parks should be sold off.
12	Electric BBQ's for public use.
13	Example- Dinosaur playground would be a point of difference.
14	Fencing - rubber not stones - sun sails for play areas.
15	Fewer better parks and reserves.
16	Focus on Destination Parks.
17	For all levels, a skate park that is improved- more extensive like Wanaka with Half Bowls and Full Bowls.
18	Gas BBQ at Naish Park and the Bridge
19	Happy to see some of the smaller parks done away with in order to focus on a few well maintained parks. Once again - spend money on it - put a camera on it. The park off the bridge cnr Lanark/Clyde is littered frequently, and attracting some real scary characters who seem to lurk there. If you aren't doing anything wrong, then you won't object to a camera watching you.
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21	Have a couple of great parks instead of lots of questionable ones.
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23	I agree with the development and existing playgrounds and the development of new ones.
24	I feel like they are presented well. Keep them.
25	I have no idea of the cost, so it may be too expensive, but why the gravel in the playparks rather than rubber matting? The gravel gets stuck in shoes, in pockets, down young kid's nappies and it thrown around by children of all ages and piled onto slides and in tunnels. Much as it's nice to have something rather than mud underneath the play areas, the rubber-type surfaces used in quite a few other playparks is much nicer!
26	I would like to see less children's playgrounds of a better standard i.e Naish Park - Bridge - Water Tower with child fenced areas. All weather rubber (hate the stones, they are hard to walk on, they end up all over the slides and they taste horrible, the wooden edges are a granny trap) and in summer, have shade sails. Children still like swings and slides. Don't have to be too fancy. No tunnels, slides, boys pee down them and some tip fizzy down it, rain can't wash it away.
27	If you are going to close some parks, the ones that are left make them decent ones with a lot of equipment on them

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28	Install electric BBQs in several locations close to where visitors are likely to park, viz. Naish Park, Water Tower park, Clyde/James St park, maybe even Elizabeth St plaza. Provide free doggy-do bags and maintain uninterrupted supply, plus nearby rubbish bins for disposal of same and encouraging signage. Encourage dog walking in numerous places rather than limit it to specific areas. Location include various sites along the Balclutha walking/cycling circuit, sports grounds, frog pond area, Centennial park.
29	Just great plan.
30	Keep all but update and make more noticeable
31	Keep them and make them look better.
32	Keep them.
33	Keep them.
34	Keep!
35	Listed like this, playgrounds per area, per population does seem excessive. Agree with disestablishing some.
36	Maybe more rubbish bins at the larger parks. Seating ?
37	Moore Park in Milton is great- something like that for Balclutha.
38	Most important that we keep all the parks.
39	Need something unique in each park to draw people to it.
40	New equipment and stones should be removed and replaced with rubber compound under playground. Balclutha bridge playground great.
41	Proper mowing and collection of grass clippings! Have visited the park with grass clippings, an utter disgrace. No incentive to have a nice picnic or let kids run around! Balclutha Bridge Playground very good. Riverside Reserve - More picnic tables.
42	Replace stones in playgrounds with some material that is easier to walk on for little children and softer to fall on.
43	Seating and shelter/shade options.
44	The main parks need toilets.
45	There are a lot of smaller parks, some of the equipment is getting dated and surely doesn't meet current safety standards. A consolidation of the parks could help with the resourcing. The days of sending children off by themselves to local parks in the area and gone and families are far more likely to visit a destination park that has all their kids favourites.
46	They are all over the place and a visitor would not know where they are. There is needs to be more (and better quality) parking at the showgrounds and riverside reserve. It is so important that these areas and also the beautiful Catlins are rubbish free at all times of the day. The people who leave a mess are no respecters of Monday to Friday 8.30 - 5pm. Visitors feel we failed to deliver on our 100% pure promise when they are greeted with overflowing bins, broken glass and the like. Tourism NZ's research shows that word of mouth and social media have a huge impact on overseas visitor decision making and even more so for fringe areas like ours . We have to deal with rubbish daily.
47	Toilets wherever kids activities are.
48	Whilst visiting Donnybrook in Western Australia they had the most fantastic Fun Park Playground for young and old at heart. It has play equipment and an adult exercise area. Donnybrook is a very small town with a population of only a couple of thousand people but boasted the largest free-entry playground in Australia. This playground bought people into the town which then had a flow on affect for the retail stores. What better way to be known than as the largest free-entry playground in New Zealand....

**Feedback about Naish Park**

1	Better access to the riverbanks is important. Also, aviary certainly needs work inside and out.
2	Improve the bird aviary. Tidy up the duck pond. Put in some barbeque areas in. Improve the gardens.
3	More colour in bird aviary.
4	I would like to see a bike park for kids to learn to ride their bikes in Balclutha somewhere. Naish Park , Centennial Pool Area or the Bridge Park are all options. Maybe if the duck pond comes out it could go there.
5	Look to your contractors like Southroads and Fulton Hogan for sponsorship deals to help fund bike park. I believe Fulton Hogan helped fund Dunedin's bike park.
6	Naish park would be a great area for a bike park.
7	Yes to Naish Park improvements. Yes to have mountain bike track at riverside reserve. Not bothered about the rest.
8	A bicycle park for little people (like the one in Gore) for cycling/scootering.
9	Naish Park is a fantastic space that could be better utilised. The ducks and birds are always a favourite with the children. There is a lot of under utilised open spaces that could include a cycle smart park, football posts and a flying fox.
10	Bike park needed. Consider having it nearer the playground so families can entertain all age groups of children together. Definitely connect Old Boys Ground with Naish Park and extend planting and trees.
11	Bike Park at Naish Park.
12	Bike Park at Old Boys or Naish Park.
13	Kids bike track.
14	Bike park?
15	Support the idea of a bike park - possibly at Naish Park or Balclutha Bridge Playground. Duck pond MUST BE RETAINED. I believe we need things for kids which are free to enjoy! and the duck pond has always been there. Maybe some improvements are needed to make it more appealing like the one at Dunedin Botanical gardens? Also in Dunedin they give away free duck food. Maybe a machine can be made to be installed in the Naish Park playground to do this too. Re-establishment of the band rotunda. This would create some shelter at naish park. Find the old plans and redevelop this? I bet you the community would love this and it would create a stage for community outdoor events.
16	Generally support opportunities noted in discussion paper. Do not agree Naish Park suitable for bike park site.
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18	Perhaps provide a small cycle track for youngsters learning to bike, road rules - either locations.
19	Support the idea of a bike park - possibly at Naish Park or Balclutha bridge playground. Duck pond MUST BE RETAINED. I believe we need things for kids which are free to enjoy! and the duck pond has always been there. maybe some improvements are needed to make it more appealing like the one at Dunedin Botanical gardens? Also in Dunedin they give away free duck food. Maybe a machine can be made to be installed in the naish park playground to do this too. Re-establishment of the band rotunda. This would create some shelter at naish park. Find the old plans and redevelop this? I bet you the community would love this and it would create a stage for community outdoor events.
20	Provide free duck food - to stop people feeding them bread improve it, like Dunedin's botanical gardens one. It's free entertainment and learning for kids!
21	Love the idea of a bike park at Naish Park. Keep the duck pond - its a good thing for little kids and the elderly to look at, despite the poop. Tidy up the aviary or get rid of it - I really don't mind either way whether its there or not, but if you keep it, it needs to be less shabby. Currently the shrubbery stops a parent monitoring children at the aviary and toilet, when over by the duck pond/park. I'd like the shrubs removed. I don't like my kids out of site, especially around that dodgy toilet where there has already been safety issues. Its too open to the road from the back street. Forget about a raised stage for events. When do we have reliable enough weather to warrant the cost.

**Feedback about Naish Park**

22	Keep the duck pond but please give it a clean! The kids love nothing more than going there to feed the ducks, don't take that away from them, there's not much for kids to do in Balclutha! Perhaps introduce feeding food like what's done at the Dunedin Botanic Gardens. Include another water feature also. It's all about improvement, not reduction!
23	Remove Naish Park duck pond all together.
24	The current bird aviary, duck pond and playground are an asset for young local families. Better sign posting throughout the town might make these more available to visitors.
25	Filter the water. Clean it regularly. Provide people with 'grain' - i.e. they have to buy it from a dispenser type machine then they feed that to the ducks instead of bread as apparently that is what causes a lot of problems with the pond? Get some fish in the pond?
26	I think its a good area, especially for kids. Maybe we could just clean up the duck pond a bit?
27	Duck pond needs to be cleaned up or removed completely.
28	Kids love the duck pond, however it needs some upgrading. Even a type of railing around it, or a bridge that goes right over. Regular maintenance and cleaning would be necessary to keep it a tidy attraction for locals and tourists.
29	Retain and improve the duck pond. Retain the ability for nearby car parking especially for elderly and/or less mobile people to enjoy viewing the scene. Retain the peacefulness Provide easy access to and from the flood-bank and walkways, preferably usable by wheelchairs and baby buggies.
30	Keep the duck pond just maintain it better and add a pay for seed dispenser to discourage feeding bread. This is an awesome part of our town and tamariki get so much pleasure from it. Upgrade the aviary, it is also an amazing resource. Make the park more inclusive ensuring everyone can access it and enjoy it would be an awesome option. Upgrading play equipment to be inclusive is vital. Including sensory gardens would be a great way to ensure inclusiveness and interest. Ensuring full use of the park with a staged area and encouraging events makes sense. Frisbee golf would be a great start. Making sure planting it sustainable for future generations and incorporating more natives to represent Aotearoa and it's history. Making signage reflect te reo Maori would be another tribute to our culture and history. Encouraging biking and walking for all abilities would be amazing. Iwikatea
31	You should put fish in the pond and get new bird cages. Also you could make a new playground for older kids.
32	I think Naish ark is great just more maintenance is needed with the pond and the birds. It is popular at lunch times and it is great you can drive in and park.
33	Keep the duck pond, but make it by planting natives at one end.
34	If it remains, it needs to be cleaned and fenced.
35	Keep it clean, families enjoy feeding the ducks.
36	Keep it tidy - maybe some replanting.
37	Combine a water feature in duck pond. Like to see the birds stay.
38	Needs to be tidied. Kids love going to see the ducks.
39	Leave the duck pond - just add some money for cleanliness.
40	Small children love feeding the ducks at the pond
41	Kids love the ducks. Get the water flowing better. Shift the feed area to the other side.
42	Duck pond and water feature.
43	Improve what's there is the best and cheapest option. Children at the playground at Naish Park like to see the ducks.
44	The duck pond is perfect the way it is.
45	Add planting to help keep it clean.
46	Naish Park, keep the pond. More planting of gardens. We need to make access to both sides under the bridge, for all to make more use of the river and areas - these areas are now just a waste.
47	Could clean it up and make it have more aqua life, fish, etc. that people/ kids would like to watch/see.
48	Keep the duck pond. Young children love to go look at the ducks and feed them.

**Feedback about Naish Park**

49	A fountain might keep it clean.
50	Cleaner, jetty.
51	It's lovely to have the water feature of the duck pond - please don't lose it.
52	Sell bird food - keep birds healthy and generate income.
53	The duck pond needs to stay because so many people, young and old, get so much pleasure out of feeding the ducks.
54	Visitors enjoy, as well as some locals feeding the ducks.
55	Please retain as young and old love it.
56	Keep pond well maintained.
57	The duckpond does create a tranquil area. However the ducks do cause issues. Maybe being replaced with a water feature may be a better option.
58	We play in it now with boats etc, could stock it with fish for children to fish.
59	Put more picnic tables & seating around (in reasonable proximity to) the duck pond to make the duck pond more of a feature. Duck pond needs to be cleaned out more regularly.
60	Keep the duck pond, it's great, have more shady parking where people can eat their lunch in summer. Put up a sign near the pond / car park showing where the walks, toilets, birds etc are.
61	Duck pond - keep it and improve it.
62	A clean up of the pond, bridge to the island? Some way to have movement in the water so it doesn't seem so stagnant?
63	We quite like the duck pond. Now there are fewer people feeding bread to the ducks it seems cleaner and less pooh around but it makes for a nice feature. The play area at Naish Park is big enough, rather than spend all the budget on one area it seems fairer to me to spread the budget on play areas around all the parks to ensure they have fairly modern and well maintained equipment so everyone has a decent play area close to their home.
64	The duck pond is a memory of most children in our district and which has been visited by many of them. I think that it is important to retain this for future generations - like the Oamaru Gardens pond is a memory for many children.
65	Put more picnic tables & seating around (in reasonable proximity to) the duck pond to make the duck pond more of a feature. Duck pond needs to be cleaned out more regularly.
66	Love the duck pond the way it is.
67	This park is well used. Keep duck pond as small children love seeing them there.
68	Retain the duck pond. Residents of all ages enjoy the ducks. People often only look at a water feature when new then never again.
69	Keep it, maybe develop the landscape more and if need be, add fencing.
70	Leave it how it is.
71	Maybe add a water feature in the centre of the pond?
72	Make it look better (e.g. vegetation, water).
73	At Naish Park we should be allowed to feed the ducks again, children love to feed them.
74	Isn't it dangerous to have a duck pond beside a little kids play area.
75	Naish Park has easy access. Leave the duck pond.
76	I have very fond memories of the duck pond behind Glasgow Street. Children will soon not know what a tadpole looks like if we try and "clean-up" these places.
77	Kids love to play in the pond!
78	The duck pond is special for kids but does need an upgrade.
79	We spend a good lot of time at Naish Park, and enjoy the children in the lovely playground and around the duck pond. Please just keep it clean and leave things as they are.
80	Retain the duck pond.
81	Retain the duck pond.
82	Love to see the duck pond cleaned up, maybe some fish in it. A bridge to the island with some picnic tables would be great.
83	Bridge over the duck pond x2.
84	Pay \$1 to feed the ducks.
85	Need to keep the duck pond.
86	Duck pond could be improved. Grandkids love the birds there (Naish Park ).
87	Does the duck pond help for drainage in the park? Need to consider this.

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88	Provide free duck food to stop people feeding them bread improve it, like Dunedins botanical gardens one. It's free entertainment and learning for kids!
89	Duck pond its great where it is and is a feature of Naish Parks great walk through.
90	I have been taking my grandchildren to Naish Park on a regular basis and there are always tourist and locals there looking at ducks. My grandchildren love them. Please leave it where it is. The playground and birds are great, but you could shift some seats under the trees, its hot sitting in the sun keeping an eye on the littles
91	Children and some adults love the ducks despite the mess. If the pond is developed, a good fountain would help.
92	Keep duck pond. It's all about encouraging people to visit - hold events.
93	Love the duck pond - needs improved and more maintenance.
94	Keep the duck pond but please give it a clean! The kids love nothing more than going there to feed the ducks, don't take that away from them, there's not much for kids to do in Balclutha! Perhaps introduce feeding food like whats done at the Dunedin Botanic Gardens. Include another water feature also. It's all about improvement, not reduction!
95	I think it is important to retain the duck pond. It is a pleasant area. We have enough play grounds around the town and these areas should be kept for that.
96	The duck pond is good.
97	Keep!
98	Kids do not use those crawl through tunnels much in my experience, and they are even worse in bad weather as the ground is too wet.
99	The aviaries and the duck pond are great for families.
100	Could be just a bit cleaner around the edges - i.e. duck/bird poo around the pathways and decks.
101	No one will miss the duck pond if it is replaced by a modern fun interactive water feature.
102	I think the idea of replacing the duck pond with tunnels etc is a great idea or if retaining the duck pond a fence needs to be erected around the playground I currently do use this playground as I find it to hard to take 2 children there to play with a water hazard like the pond so close to the Bridge playground. I love the new play equipment there but was very disappointed when the hedge was moved there is not protection from a child that runs and the very busy main road
103	I don't know the cost of maintaining the duck pond area so can't comment in its cost effectiveness, but if it was replaced with a series of tunnels and slides, this would I think enhance the area for smaller children.
104	Naish Park is not a suitable place for a duck pond. Too close to the kids playground it should be filled in and a kids bike park area be established with road signs and markings to encourage kids to learn road rules etc.
105	Tunnels and other natural play structures sounds ideal.
106	If moved, OK but have it somewhere in Balclutha.
107	Water feature that you can play in - saw one overseas that squirts water up from ground in different areas in a pattern - kids could run through it on a hot day.
108	A bridge over the pond - kids love bridges
109	Bury the duck pond.
110	Have a duck pond if the ducks can be contained to their area!! Happy to see it relocated to Old Boys Grounds.
111	Naish park is lovely, but could add a tunnel feature for children.
112	Duck ponds and playgrounds don't go together - health hazard - duck poo on kids feet then on slide yuck!!
113	Ducks are very messy creatures!! Tend to make concrete slippery.
114	Remove the duckpond.
115	Love the water feature suggestion.
116	The duck pond is a hazard for you children visitors to the park. However the rugby fields are a great alternative for children to run around with few hazards.
117	Remove all together (duck pond).
118	Replace duck pond as it's overgrown. Naish Park under utilised. Picnic in the park events needed.



## Feedback about Naish Park

119	Do need to retain the duck pond as it is great for kids. Don't be so bl**dy P.C. and take it away.
120	Fill in the duck pond and put in a roofed area for cover for people.
121	The ducks don't just stay in the pond, they wander all over the place, leaving a mess behind them. A water feature would be nice. Kids like feeding the ducks.
122	A small water feature would be fine, but extra from pond as children get a lot of enjoyment from this.
123	I think the water feature idea has a lot of merit.
124	A mai-mai.
125	Would like duck pond removed and not relocated. Do not want a water feature in its place.
126	Don't replace it but do make another water feature.
127	Happy for it to be removed. Do not want duck pond relocated to Centennial Park, nor it to be a wetland.
128	Maybe something for animals/dog park.
129	<p>At one stage, a dog park idea was mooted.</p> <p>During a recent visit to Melbourne, Australia, I had the opportunity to visit a couple of 'dog parks'. These were enclosed by a fence and half the size of the showgrounds fenced in rugby ground. Entry was by one of three self-closing gates and outside the gates were drinking fountains that also filled dog bowls. I have a photo of one.</p> <p>The owners were all very responsible for their dogs and picked up any droppings immediately. The dogs were also well behaved, with no fighting occurring on any of my visits.</p> <p>The good behavior would be because the dogs attended the parks on a regular basis and they were used to others dogs.</p>
130	Love what you've done so far. Good job. I agree with all the suggestions, except the outdoor safe area - if outdoor events were feasible. In our S.O. climate, then we would already be trying to do things, even without a formal facility. Our weather is too unpredictable to plan outdoor events. The only things I can think of that do happen; - Fireworks at Guy Falkes. Too many trees to have it at Naish Park anyway. A&P Show - too small. Starting point for duathlons etc. would be ok.
131	Extend playground. Exercise equipment. More functional for outdoor concerts and events. The pond should be kept and cleaned. Adding a water feature to it would be great.
132	No need for stage at Naish Park. Wouldn't be utilised. Temporary can be installed if required. Nowhere to go and look over town to appreciate our wonderful views of town and hill beyond. Perhaps Yarmouth Street playground.
133	Twister X2 and a sign how to play.
134	Rotunda was used approximately 5 years ago by a music group.
135	Great resource. Keep duck pond and improve maintenance. Promote as destination for events.
136	Better signage to lead people to this area as at present many visitors would not know its there.
137	More advertising.
138	Some signs.
139	Need more signs to show where people where the bird aviary is x2.
140	Better signage at Naish Park - what do the younger people want? Ask the schools!
141	Modernise the entrance to Naish Park. Make it welcoming.
142	Does Naish Park need to be signposted from Clyde St, to direct travellers to it?
143	Better signage for those passing through to make them aware. Improve duck pond area. What about BBQs for hire?
144	Naish Park toilets be upgraded and perhaps a camera on this area. Needs to be kept child friendly.
145	Clean the toilets.
146	The main parks need toilets.
147	Fence both Naish Park and Balclutha Bridge Playground. Bridge Playground needs self cleaning toilets.



## Feedback about Naish Park

148	Tree strategy looking after the trees.
149	We love Naish Park and are there at least twice a week. It has huge potential as well. Needs more picnic tables under the shade. Would like to see more of the lovely concrete paths that are there already - more down towards the old band stand. In fact something nice done with the old band stand would be great - attract people to get married at Naish Park.
150	Naish Park - continue the nature theme natural play structures, climbing walls etc. Incorporate the walk around the lagoon and please "fix" the lagoon to a swimming and kayaking possibility.
151	Extend the playground.
152	I would offer to supply and build a gazebo over the existing gazebo bandstand. This would coincide with developing a 'Friends of Naish Park' group that enhances the park by tree care, tree naming, and tree highlighting. Each year a market would be held at the park and profits used to enhance aviaries, water gardens etc and develop the botanical side of the park.
153	I would like to see something done with the Lagoon area behind Naish Park. I think if some how this could be cleaned out and the banks levelled off into picnic areas this could be a safe place for families to enjoy our river without worrying about the swift current.
154	There needs to be more seat at this park, we are getting a lot more people stopping there. There used to be more sit there before you did it up. Not all the seating should be in the shade.
155	Love the idea of a bike park at Naish Park. Keep the duck pond - its a good thing for little kids and the elderly to look at, despite the poop. Tidy up the aviary or get rid of it - I really don't mind either way whether its there or not, but if you keep it, it needs to be less shabby. Currently the shrubbery stops a parent monitoring children at the aviary and toilet, when over by the duckpond/park. I'd like the shrubs removed. I don't like my kids out of site, especially around that dodgy toilet where there has already been safety issues. Its too open to the road from the back street. Forget about a raised stage for events. When do we have reliable enough weather to warrant the cost.
156	Kids do not use those crawl through tunnels much in my experience, and they are even worse in bad weather as the ground is too wet.
157	Naish Park is an attractive asset, maybe used not as much by locals. Frisbee golf may be a good idea.
158	I think you choose one park and centralise the equipment in one area. Whether it's Naish Park or Bridge Playground. I would prefer the Bridge Playground as then it is a destination park. Look at equipment that is at the Margaret Mahy park in Chch, amazing space. This park is also drier than Naish Park. Naish Park can be for gardens, concerts, picnics etc.
159	Does it pass the safety rules for pools/ponds?
160	Fenced and have a viewing platform.
161	Provided BBQ - coin operated?
162	Band rotunda, junior bike park like at Gore. Install fresh drinking water fountains. Gas BBQ's.
163	Some more flower beds in Naish Park. Improve bird aviary.
164	Great sheltered park.
165	Keep areas for special recreation. Birds in Naish Park. Native planting would encourage natives but activities like frisbees would frighten birds away.
166	Naish Park - I would like to see the playground fenced in so parents of pre-schoolers can relax while their children play and not be constantly worried about the nearby road (through the hedge), cars backing in the carpark and not sighting children, and risk of drowning in the pond.
167	Tidy it up. It's good to have interaction with animals and birds.
168	Naish Park would be ideal for a gazebo to be built on the old bandstand, Beautiful place for weddings or children's parties. We need to utilise what we have got an enjoy that.
169	Make it big enough to be used to learn skills such as kayaking safely.
170	Keep the area maintained and tidy.
171	Improve seating/picnic area and more bins, not so keen on birds in cages - but that's just me...

**Feedback about Naish Park**

172	This park has a lot of potential. I'd suggest moving the athletics field to the rec centre and using this area as park, also with lots of plantings and paths. Naish Park needs paths between the trees (the grass is boggy). Parks are places where people can meet, sit, walk and cycle. Naish Park could encompass all this and become a focal point for the community. I'd love to see the camping ground moved to the Cross Rec Centre and the flats moved, and these areas returned to park.
173	If there is going to be the likes of Frisbee Golf / raised platforms etc installed at Naish Park the duck droppings underfoot and on seating etc would be undesirable. The ducks have a natural habitat directly over the bank from Naish Park where the public could take a short walk to see them. There could be seating there as well and grain could be fed to the ducks if desired,
174	Football posts at Naish Park. More birds.
175	Perhaps Council should consider actually stocking the pond with Koi or ornamental ducks. It could have a decent circulating and filtration system set up by creating a wetland area in the natural boggy parts of the park.
176	More colourful flower gardens (like Gore). Leave the bird aviaries.
177	Naish Park - More seating, particularly near the playground and under some trees for hot sunny days (should we get any).
178	Plant more trees and have walking/cycling tracks throughout Naish Park that could join to Centennial Park, with places to BBQ/picnic and play a game of cricket etc. - with shaded areas.
179	Option 2 - Flying Fox.
180	Seating beside duck pond, and landscaping to make it an attractive area and place of peaceful reflection.
181	I think that there should be more playground equipment and that the community should be allowed to feed the ducks again.
182	Naish Park - Fully support ideas.
183	Is there a need for an 'artificial' area in Balclutha for birds?
184	Public BBQ put in. Improve Bird Aviary.
185	Naish Park and the new playground near new world are great. Development of other areas in the town should be considered. E.g a John Street flow.
186	Playground equipment that you sit in and spin around in x2.
187	More trees and a walking track.
188	Spider web x3.
189	Swing.
190	Trampoline big and small x3.
191	Frisbee golf x2.
192	Native birds.
193	Massive slides.
194	Bright colours.
195	Basket swing.
196	Bigger area and more birds x2.
197	Animal park and you can play with the animals.
198	Swimming place in the lagoon.
199	Luge around whole of lagoon with own personal bridge and powered by pedals.
200	Rollercoaster.
201	Flying fox into the river.
202	Big track for older and younger.
203	Seats and tables.
204	Flying fox x3- consideration for height.
205	Go inside the bird cage x3.
206	Fish food vending machine.
207	Put fish in the duck pond x6.
208	Things to do for older kids x3.
209	The cage is old and dirty x4.
210	Climbing wall.
211	Mini golf.
212	Hamster wheel for older children x2.

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213	Rope swing at the lagoon x2.
214	Look for the Clutha rocks.
215	Cool seating area.
216	Rocks and slide like in the picture x4 - big boulder for climbing.
217	Soccer goals.
218	Clean river.
219	Make a bridge over to the island in the duck pond.
220	Clean the duck pond x5.
221	Have fishing rods at the lagoon and you need to pay to unlock them.
222	Café or restaurant x2.
223	Water fountains.
224	More peacocks.
225	Round about.
226	Feed birds.
227	Mini bowl for scooters.
228	Seats.
229	Gas BBQ at Naish Park and the Bridge.
230	Would be great to see the band rotunda used for something.
231	Naish Park – beautiful but under utilized – a lot of people enjoy lunch/picnic here.
232	What happened to Youth Council Frisbee golf?
233	Rotary has looked at trying to reinstate the band rotunda at Naish Park. Even with just the foundations left, it is used for weddings and photo shoots.
234	A continuation of walking and biking tracks. Easy to access from Flood Bank.
235	Should the duck pond be fenced? Health and safety? Naish Park is a lovely area. Couple more picnic tables.
236	Link park to trails etc. and try to continue having birds and a duck pond area for children.
237	Popular with visitors - especially those with children. Older visitors appreciate the planting.
238	Put bridge to Island on pond. Make pond a little smaller, cleaner and water features.
239	Small outdoor community paddling pool as seen in Woodhaugh/Oamaru gardens.
240	Naish Park is a fabulous area now, but there is much more that can be done to improve and enhance the area.
241	I believe the carpark, playground and duck pond are all too close together and is a safety risk for young children.
242	Stop feeding bread. Not sure how you would do that with the i-Site being so far. Based on Botanic Gardens pond.
243	I would like to see the parks fully fenced to ensure kids can't escape onto the busy roads. Little kids can move very quickly! Maybe more seating? More rubbish bins.
244	Low maintenance/family friendly/open spaces for family activity.
245	I think an extension of the playground like underground tunnels would be good, as it's a bit different, and would attract children there.
246	Riverside reserve is under utilised. Dog walkers are the main people that go there regularly and should be better catered for.
247	Dog park, bike park.
248	Keep them, but with Naish Park, what happens with the duck pond?
249	Ideas sound good.
250	Installing a raised platform and seating would be great at Naish Park. I'm sure it would improve use. Bridge Playground is lovely. Duck pond is ok.
251	Naish Park - Bird aviary Yes, bike park away from Naish Courts but 'yes'. Mobility/ wheel chair/ frame access from Naish Park. Retain pond if this not possible. Coffee etc at Bridge park great - no immediate toilet facilities.
252	Like the options, important to keep the pond. We would like to refurbish the flying fox, as this was originally a rotaract project many years ago.
253	Keep all but update and make more noticeable.
254	Keep them.

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255	Keep them and make them look better.
256	I feel like they are presented well. Keep them.
257	Keep them.
258	All are adequate and well used.
259	Keep the duck pond. Bridge playground could use a toilet and picnic tables.
260	Keep as safe areas to visit. Upgrade equipment as necessary.
261	New equipment and stones should be removed and replaced with rubber compound under playground. Balclutha bridge playground great.
262	Proper mowing and collection of grass clippings! Have visited the park with grass clippings, an utter disgrace. No incentive to have a nice picnic or let kids run around! Balclutha Bridge Playground very good. Riverside Reserve - More picnic tables.
263	Just great plan.
264	The water tower playground was well used. It has been left to deteriorate. This is one area still well used. I often see people stopping for meals there. It has a great view of the town and river. Cut down the large conifers. Upgrade the fence playground. The rest should be sold off to enhance Naish Park.
265	A fenced area to let our dogs run safely!! As I am a frequent walker around town, I do notice how many people use certain areas. Naish Park has many cars in there regularly, also Strang reserve has people using for lunch stops etc.
266	Access to the flood bank and also ACCESSIBLE steps and ramps.
267	Bike Park at Naish Park.
268	Bike Park at Old Boys or Naish Park.
269	Bike park exactly like Milton's off the back.
270	Clean out the lagoon
271	Develop Naish Park into more of a family park and have more colours.
272	Fitness track and exercise stations.
273	Happy for it to be removed. Do not want duck pond relocated to Centennial Park, nor it to be a wetland.
274	I am loathe to see any loss of reserve land. It may be worth considering the extension of Naish Park to link onto the pool reserve. Plant trees, vehicle area with parking. This could be reserved at a later date if extension to the pool or it's facilities are required.
275	I think Naish Park is great just more maintenance is needed with the pond and the birds. It is popular at lunch times and it is great you can drive in and park.
276	Ideas sound good.
277	Keep the duck pond.
278	Keep the duck pond.
279	Keep the duck pond.
280	Keep them, but with Naish Park, what happens with the duck pond?
281	Memorial garden- band rotunda with lighting for dawn services and evening outdoor band/musician and power.
282	My brother and sister walk along Blair Athol most days.
283	Naish Park - Bird aviary Yes, bike park away from Naish Courts but 'yes'. Mobility/ wheel chair/ frame access from Naish Park. Retain pond if this not possible. Coffee etc at Bridge park great - no immediate toilet facilities.
284	Naish Park continuous bike path for under 12's. Maybe stop, give way signs to start awareness of road rules.
285	Naish Park- is a good facility for families.
286	Naish Park is a great facility and the kids love the aviary.
287	Naish Park looking wonderful at the moment.
288	Naish Park would be a great area for a bike park.
289	Need to keep the duck pond.
290	New fit for purpose skate/bike park.
291	Permanent orienteering course.
292	Public BBQ area at Naish Park.
293	Rhododendron Dell- car access to get there i.e. if mobility is an issue.
294	The rest should be sold off to enhance Naish Park.

**Feedback about Naish Park**

295	There has been a big increase in the use of Blair Athol in the past 12 months.
296	Water play features at Naish Park.
297	Would be great to see the band rotunda used for something.
298	Installing a raised platform and seating would be great at Naish Park. I'm sure it would improve use. Bridge Playground is lovely. Duck pond is ok.
299	Support of Duck Pond Option 1.

### Feedback about Riverside Reserve

1	A fitness type circuit around the riverside reserve would be great.
2	Signage, maintenance and gating would be helpful to everyone. Lupin, hemlock and noxious weed control required.
3	Excellent idea to upgrade.
4	A fenced area for dogs!
5	Showgrounds need better drainage.
6	I believe there is an opportunity at the Riverside Reserve near the airport and the Cross Recreation Centre to have a fitness trail circuit around the outside of the touch and soccer fields. There are very popular in many parts of the country and world. The track is already here, it would just required the fitness equipment to be installed. The DCC are about to install their last 10 pieces of equipment for their harbour walkway/fitness trail in Dunedin so may be able to contact their project co-ordinator for advice.
7	I have always been in favour of a dog park and still think it is a good idea for those that do not walk far. The River Reserve is fantastic for walking dogs but fencing and maintenance is required. The Aero Club do object to dogs running on the airfield. The River Reserve is a good flat area for people to walk and exercise when they can't manage hills e.g. after knee, hip surgery etc.
8	Riverside Reserve needs attention.
9	Riverside Reserve needs trees replacing next to railway bridge.
10	A climbing wall for the back wall of the Cross Recreation Centre. I recently attended the Romahapa School camp where rock climbing would be the highlight for many of the children. I think that this would greatly add to the Cross Recreation Center and further strengthen what is already a great multi purpose facility.
11	Riverside reserve preferred for kids bike park.
12	Riverbank Reserve most used reserve in the summer.
13	Every sporting facility in the future should be directed to Showgrounds area.
14	People need to understand that half the showgrounds is owned by A & P society and not under council authority.
15	What is happening with reserve area in front of Rec centre ex croquet club?
16	Fitness stations incorporated into walkways.
17	Utilize showgrounds more – not just for A & P show.
18	Multi-use turf?
19	PLEASE make it accessible for prams!! Currently we cannot get onto the racetrack or under the railway bridge so we are unable to do the "loop" around the back of the airfield.
20	Personally I didn't know half of these parks/playgrounds even existed. I think money is better spent creating one large, well maintained "family fun" area to connect in with our other sport and recreation areas rather than having multiple small areas.
21	Love the ideas for these reserves.
22	The pocket of land (formerly used for croquet) to be left as a green space and with the option for potential use by the Cross Recreation Centre in the future. Do not support a dog park as there are plenty of open spaces in the vicinity.

**Feedback about Riverside Reserve**

<p>23</p>	<p>Dear Councillors,</p> <p>There is now a considerable amount of pressure being put on the showgrounds for recreational sports use, with no co-ordination between the groups using this facility.</p> <p>This has been borne out recently, with someone burning with diesel (or petrol) lines into the grass. At B.A.F.C. (Balclutha Association Football Club), we always use paint and remark our lines frequently.</p> <p>The continual allowance of the use of heavy vehicles and display tents during the A &amp; P show, is not doing the sports ground any favours at all. After the last show, we picked up several long metal spike tent pegs, which would cause a player serious injury if they were to encounter one during playing. There are several large holes also that have been caused by vehicles getting stuck and rutting out the turf. I understand that during show week the inflatable rides are ballasted with water, once the show is over this water is released onto the show grounds, I believe this to be in the region of 5000 gallons. This water took over a month to drain away fully. It is becoming increasingly obvious that the area that is being used between the Rec centre and the main grandstand is now in need of some serious work to bring it up to some sort of standard. As it's now being used for touch, football, both summer and winter, junior football, Pony club, Marching bands, School sports use, cricket, plus people practicing for various sports, golf practice etc (some sports mentioned are from my observation, the council may or may not be aware that these sports are using the facility).</p> <p>My suggestion is to split the sports up, with maybe another upgraded facility on the Old Boys rugby club/athletics site. A multi-use facility, for the purpose of promoting both junior and senior sport in the area. This may involve some restructuring around some of the sports clubs in Balclutha, and you will never please everyone. I understand that the Athletics clubs are struggling to survive with members etc, and sharing of the facility would probably ensure thier survival, plus other smaller sports clubs would be able to save money on operating costs. David Hunter BAFC Registrar. Junior Football coach Senior Mens football Player. Ratepayer.</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>The South Otago Pony Club wishes to keep the reserve area we currently have.</p> <p>We have invested a large amount of time and money into the maintenance of the grounds and our equipment. The facility is used every week by members and several times a year for events.</p> <p>We would also like the toilet facilities to be made bird proof and have new seats, when we have an event we have anywhere from 20 to 60 competitors and also their support people. An event could run from 8am to 4pm so toilet facilities are essential.</p> <p>Thank you from South Otago Pony Club members as follows: Ida Burgess Glenis Roughan Denise McGill Ann Restieaux Heather Dudfield Michelle Johnson Judy Morris Raewyn Storer Maree Wilson Gemma Johnson Renee Morris Aimee Johnson Holly Haslett Carol Haslett Lana Magiera Aimee Pullar Smita Apte Nicky Pullar Leann Campbell Naomi Barron Aimee Nolan Annie Jackson Katelyn Jackson Olivia Daly Kayley Johnson Vernon Campbell Lilly Iona Campbell Sonya Verdoner Eleana Margaret Daly Islay May Daly Arabella Daly Jade Lee Kyle Rachel Deans Sandy McLaren Lynley Daly Michelle Marlene Forbes Ashlea Forbes Donna Findlay Hannah Burnett Heather Bell Judy Reimink Jessica Paul</p>

**Feedback about Riverside Reserve**

25	<p>I often travel to Invercargill and believe that Queens Park is a great facility to get some ideas from (I often travel there with family members purely so we can go there, it's great for kids and adults alike!). Dolamore Park in Gore is another great example of a large reserve space. I know that size wise we are much smaller but if done to scale something similar would be great in Balclutha. Have you considered extending Naish Park to include the large reserve next to the pool? You could make a larger playground with options for all age groups, add in a water feature for children to play in (Queens Park have a great one!!), have a small bike park (there is one in Gore that is like a mini road with traffic lights etc), the athletics club could be refurbished into a pop up cafe/coffee shop on weekends, you could have a small mini golf range, frisbee golf, fitness track. Then if you had a good linkage (i.e. upgrade track along top of floodbank) down towards the recreation centre and playing fields it would cover almost everybody in the community - those who play competitive sport, those with young families, those who like to meet for coffee, those who prefer recreational activities. I'm thinking Hagley Park in Chch only on a smaller scale! I know what you're thinking - wow expensive - and I know none of this comes cheap but it's a real passion of mine and I would love to see something like this in our wee town :)</p>
26	<p>Riverside reserve is under utilised - dog walkers are the main people that go there regularly and should be better catered for.</p>
27	<p>Build onto the Rec Centre for other sports.</p>
28	<p>Croquet ground- set aside for future dirt for Recreation Centre.</p>
29	<p>Dog park would be great.</p>
30	<p>Dog park, multi use exercise area.</p>
31	<p>Doggie Doo stations/drop off points.</p>
32	<p>Improve area under rail bridge where cars access river.</p>
33	<p>Multi-turf at the Recreation centre carpark area.</p>
34	<p>Recreation Centre is a great sports place, but not for all community events.</p>
35	<p>Riverside reserve preferred for kids bike park.</p>
36	<p>Seamless paths for mobility scooters around CBD and outlying areas of flat including sports fields.</p>



### Feedback about Balclutha Bridge Playground

1	Playground at south end of bridge. Please install fences to stop children from getting on to adjacent busy roads. Thank you.
2	Balclutha Bridge playground - toilets need to be installed here please (nice ones!!!!) that tourists and kids can use. Also fencing more securely designed, please. As kids run off and also if cars do come off the road they will not drive straight into the playground areas.
3	There needs to be more seat at this park, we are getting a lot more people stopping there. There used to be more sit there before you did it up. Not all the seating should be in the shade.
4	Would like to see BBQ area here and with that you would most likely require toilets.
5	Bridge park - copy the best of what other towns/cities have done. You can't miss this park when you come through Balclutha so make it visually impressive
6	Make this a park to be at with the best equipment, all about playing and building strong tamariki. Removing the hedge has been a great start. Don't forget the connections to nature is vital to create capable and confident tamariki. Improve walking and biking connections to encourage whanau togetherness. Allowing a coffee park sounds great.
7	Replace flying fox with more modern equipment.
8	Toilets need to be installed at Balclutha Bridge Playground please (nice ones!!!!) that tourists and kids can use. Also fencing more securely designed, please. As kids run off and also if cars do come off the road they will not drive straight into the playground areas.
9	Allow the use of the car park for coffee cart. All good suggestions here.
10	The flying fox needs to be replaced with a modern one and the fort either upgraded or replaced. Additional lighting and opening up of the space may deter drinking, loitering and littering in the area.
11	The Bridge playground feels close to the road, so if a fence is added as part of the entranceway to the town it would provide a little more peace of mind - the ages of children whose the hamster wheel etc are unlikely to run into the road, but if you have children in different areas of the playpark then it would make it a little more relaxing when trying to keep an eye on them all!!
12	Repair/replace the flying fox at Bridge Park.
13	We need to really provide for the younger visitors and locals to our town. The Balclutha Bridge Playground desperately needs public conveniences that are handy for people entering our main town area. The current public toilets by the i-Site are not so easy to locate and are off the main traffic flow area. It is important that there are toilets installed at this playground as this is the most focal greenspace in our town that is used by travellers and locals alike.
14	Bridge Playground is great.
15	Utilise plain grass areas better to promote active lifestyle. Add fitness/sporting gear so land just doesn't sit there. Look at what playground equipment gets used the most i.e. replace flying fox at Balclutha Playground as everyone loves this piece of equipment.
16	Fully fencing this playground - it's terrifying at the moment so close to the road.
17	Very well liked by families. I also took this submission to Council.
18	Balclutha Bridge playground is especially for the kids - there is often shards of glass, bottles and cans lying around. This spoils the very open and public area. Late evenings - often there are cars there, town youth. I wonder if they spoil the grounds?
19	Upgrade - Add a round about (Like the one at the dinosaur park in Wanaka)
20	Remove old equipment only. The green space is nice.
21	Maintain the flying fox.
22	Maybe some toilets at the Balclutha Bridge Playground.
23	Bridge playground should be fenced.
24	Perhaps let the coffee/food cart be at the hall complex and move the park to that side so people/kid's don't have to cross the main road.
25	Balclutha Bridge Playground is very good and used a lot by residents and passing traffic. Hand to New World if visitors want to get something while they're there.
26	Very good - but skateboard area needs to be monitored more. Drug area and they are hiding them in hedge by rugby clubrooms.

## Feedback about Balclutha Bridge Playground

27	Even when the children are being well supervised by care givers they can move very quickly and it is a deterrent to use the park because of this hazard. It looks attractive with the new equipment but it also has to be safe for it to meet it's potential.
28	Signage, planting and if any upgrading of equipment is to be considered, do it firstly where the majority of traffic coming into the town can easily find it. Balclutha Bridge Playground, spend it where you see it making it work for all.
29	Scattered seating, playground. Structure of culverts/tunnels so kids can climb over through it etc. - fence around outside. Fully support ideas suggested.
30	I think we are well off for playgrounds and the bridge playground looks.
31	Make it smart as it's again the first impression for visitors.
32	Luge.
33	Sports things- a cricket wicket somewhere and a tennis court.
34	Air pillow to jump on x3.
35	Downhill track like Wanaka's.
36	Food trucks x3 i.e. ice cream.
37	Glow in the dark lights.
38	LED lights that change colour.
39	BBQ X 2.
40	Mini fridge.
41	Better flying fox x 9.
42	Soccer or rugby goal posts- dual purpose posts x2.
43	Water fountain for drinking water i.e. for water bottle like at the Plaza.
44	Skate park.
45	Public BBQ.
46	Roller coaster.
47	Jumps etc for bikes not skateboards and scooters.
48	BMX track at rugby area.
49	Blu tooth speaker you can connect your phone to x 6.
50	More trees or other shade to sit under.
51	Seats under trees x 4.
52	Yellow spinny things i.e. Wanaka Dinosaur Park.
53	More lights interesting lights (under path?) Stripe and bright.
54	Spikey ball on trees.
55	Tree hut.
56	More equipment better and more hanging off existing.
57	Rocking bridge adventure playground - rope walkways, high level pedal power round park x4.
58	Frisbee golf.
59	Public toilets.
60	Massive and windy slide.
61	Press button to change colour of the LED lights.
62	Round about x2.
63	Merry go round.
64	More rubbish bins.
65	Bins that can't spill.
66	Rubbish from New World.
67	Flying fox upgrade- easier way off it i.e. sliding.
68	More seating.
69	Bridge playground- fenced and better connection to the town hall.
70	Round Table looking for project ideas – Frisbee golf, kids bike track, rejuvenate flying fox at Lanark Street playground.
71	Add to playground- add to playground equipment and improve access by foot/bike.
72	Again planting to make this area attractive. The bridge playground requires security fencing as it is a hazard, bring beside state highway with small children.
73	Would like to see BBQ area here and with that you would most likely require toilets.
74	A great park that I know Dunedin families come to.
75	Excellent improvement at Naish Park and Bridge Reserve.

### **Feedback about Balclutha Bridge Playground**

76	I would like to see the parks fully fenced to ensure kids can't escape onto the busy roads. Little kids can move very quickly! Maybe more seating? More rubbish bins.
77	The main parks need toilets.
78	Bike park great idea - Gore had a great one. Businesses sponsored "streets" to help cover costs. Keep/upgrade duck pong. Balclutha Bridge playground - like coffee cart/food stall idea.
79	Bridge playground - fenced and better connection to the town hall.
80	Bridge playground could use a toilet and picnic tables.
81	Captive audience for Balclutha Bridge playground- Think about the audience for this area (not skatepark crowd?)
82	Fence both Naish Park and Balclutha Bridge Playground. Bridge Playground needs self cleaning toilets.
83	Like the options, important to keep the pond. We would like to refurbish the flying fox, as this was originally a Rotaract project many years ago.
84	Look at future natural looking playgrounds- Bridge playground.
85	Perhaps provide a small cycle track for youngsters learning to bike, road rules - at Naish Park or Balclutha Bridge Playground.
86	Playground by the Bridge is an attraction for visitors. Put fencing to stop children from getting to the Main Road- community project. More equipment- Flying fox (OHS?), kids bike track (Gore has a good one).
87	Playground fencing.
88	There should be a toilet at Bridge Street Park.
89	Toilet at the Balclutha Bridge Park.

## Feedback about Arthur Strang Reserve

1	A good idea to upgrade that area and the other areas across the main road on the Barnego side.
2	Lets make this area and all sides of the bridge better, more areas to stop and take in our great river and bridge.
3	Arthur Strang is incredibly popular for people travelling to stop and have lunch - why not develop the park all the way to the bridge and install more tables and drink fountains and gas BBQ's.
4	This reserve could be tidied up and made more user friendly. A lot of cars park in this reserve.
5	More bench seating closer to water. Improve picnic spots on Kaitangata side of boat ramp.
6	Overnight camping at Arthur Strang to encourage spending in town.
7	Arthur Strange reserve is dirty and the trees look like they need a prune to me.
8	Arthur Strang reserve useful for boaties.
9	Arthur Strang reserve definitely needs upgrading, parking area needs drainage and re-surfaced. Water does not run off.
10	A good idea to upgrade that area and the other areas across the main road on the Barnego side.
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13	This reserve could be tidied up and made more user friendly. A lot of cars park in this reserve.
14	More bench seating closer to water. Improve picnic spots on Kaitangata side of boat ramp.
15	Overnight camping at Arthur Strang to encourage spending in town.
16	Arthur Strange reserve is dirty and the trees look like they need a prune to me.
17	Arthur Strang reserve useful for boaties.
18	Arthur Strang reserve definitely needs upgrading, parking area needs drainage and re-surfaced. Water does not run off.
19	Replace tall plantings at Arthur Strang with lower plants so we can see the river when coming down the hill.
20	BBQ facilities at Arthur Strang.
21	Create boat trailer park in SPS reserve.
22	Better access for river users - ramp at Arthur Strang improved.
23	At Arthur Strang the present plantings block the view- grow lower plantings.
24	Sign post toilets at Arthur Strang.
25	Arthur Strang reserve being extended- great opportunities- great wedding spot/beautiful area.
26	This could be beautified.
27	Be good to see Arthur Strang Reserve used more. It's a lovely spot.
28	Wider boat ramp. Picnic tables closer to the water front. Improve retaining wall area- steps and flatten bottom area.
29	This could be beautified.
30	Looking good here. Again trees need work along with broken picnic tables and table placement.
31	Make the Arthur Strang Reserve a user friendly space. Encourage boaties, walkers and visitors to use this area. More seating and tables.
32	This could be beautified.
33	Could be majorly developed as a real focal point for our river.
34	Needs to be tidied up - lots of visitors stop there for lunch.
35	At Arthur Strang the present plantings block the view- grow lower plantings.
36	Sign post toilets at Arthur Strang.
37	Balance plantings extend Strang Reserve.
38	Old ORC buildings next to Strang reserver were identified in the Bridge to the Future consultation as the best site in Balclutha to see the bridge. May be potential to work with ORC on a plan for this site, as now really only a storage area it seems.

**Feedback about Arthur Strang Reserve**

39	Fishing areas off jetties and piers.
40	Develop north side of river from bridge to bridge.
41	Access to river from Strang reserve.
42	At Arthur Strang the present plantings block the view - grow lower plantings.
43	BBQ facilities at Arthur Strang.
44	Beach seating right beside the river bank by the boat ramp.
45	Better access for river users- ramp at Arthur Strang improved.
46	Replace tall plantings at Arthur Strang with lower plants so we can see the river when coming down the hill.

## Feedback about Pocket Parks

1	1/2 a lot of kids use these (Gormack St/Water Tower) 3/4 Close (Cherry Lane/Yarmouth St).
2	Agree with suggested approach to these reserves.
3	All these pocket parks are great, as they are in close to peoples homes therefore children can go to there safely. Play equipment generally ok in these.
4	Definitely a great space for a dog park, which is needed, speaking from experience of having a puppy in Balclutha without a fenced in property. The opportunity to develop a natural wetland area is firstly needed in Balclutha, and would make Naish Park even more of a destination. Especially with the bike/walking tracks of the river bank. Could be a good place for educational purposes- tried setting a forest Kindy session in Balclutha but no suitable locations, so ended up in NewHaven via DOC's educational land allocation. There could be a bike element, linking Naish Park to it., and providing a flat space for children to ride their bikes easily.
5	Do not sell off for residential - "infill" is a trend in big cities but there is no shortage of residential sections within Balclutha at present.
6	Get rid of Cherry Lane, Moir Street, Lincoln Terrace, Yarmouth Street playgrounds.
7	Good to have open spaces in urban areas for people to kick a ball around or have neighbourhood gatherings.
8	Has anyone done a feasibility study on how often these are presently used? I believe kids should be able to walk to a local playground - but do they?
9	I can't comment on the use of them, but if they aren't being used remove.
10	I haven't used all of them, but it's nice to have small parks close to homes. I'm unlikely to use the Water Tower play area as I live the other side of the bridge, but it's always made me feel uneasy being so close to the main road, so changing it to an area with a sculpture/planting seems a safer plan.
11	In general, considering how you are getting children's views on the upgrading/removal of playground equipment in their area. How children's voice incorporated in the consultation process.
12	Keep all of them, good they are spread around.
13	Keep and update.
14	Keep Moir Street Playground please!
15	Keep them all, once they're gone, we won't get them back.
16	Keep these areas with both playground equipment and room to play ball games.
17	Lincoln Terrace pocket park must remain.
18	Maybe keep one up Rosebank - Christie Street Playground? (I don't live in Rosebank, but it would be quite a walk with little ones down to the main street).
19	Maybe some work.
20	More seating required. For parents etc., especially the bridge playground seats under the trees - gloomy!
21	None of these should be disposed of as green space cant be got back! If in doubt, plant trees, some benches and rubbish bins and simply mow the lawns!
22	Parks close to schools should be made redundant.
23	Play area.
24	Pocket parks are great and well used. Perhaps it might be a good idea for the equipment to be checked and cleaned regularly - being a frequent user of a pocket park some of the equipment has been broken for some time (not significantly) and could do with a good water blast to remove some mould etc.
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26	Pocket parks can be maintained at present state but I would not be looking at spending a great amount.
27	Pocket parks could have coin operated BBQ's and concrete picnic tables to minimise the vandal damage.
28	Pocket parks provide the basic needs and amenities that family's need- especially family's that can't afford to put the kids in the car and head down to a destination park.

**Feedback about Pocket Parks**

29	Possibly monitor pocket parks to access usage levels
30	Retain. Retain. Retain. Phase out. Phase out. Definitely area for sculpture or feature for Balclutha.
31	Scrap Charles Street, scrap Malcolm Terrace, Arthur Strang keep - its looking much improved, and people launch boats there. If you could sell Moir & Gormack, go for it.
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33	The current playgrounds are well spaced and are an asset to the town. The main thing is to keep them well maintained and rubbish free.
34	The maintenance cost of all the small parks is too much. Instead we should stop looking after them and put the money towards larger parks.
35	These areas service the outer subdivisions of Balclutha which have no other grounds, parks or sport fields. So leave them there. The new Council Subdivision has areas put aside. Sunshine Hill and Cherry Lane were once a new Subdivision also.
36	These play ground areas are ideal green spaces that break-up the residential areas, and give pleasure to the residents in the areas. I don't think they should be connected by cycle ways through them.
37	These spaces are extremely important to our town. But we could treat all of these as one idea. We are such a small town and don't need to repeat the same thing 8 times over. Maybe each playground could have 1 or 2 unique pieces of equipment.
38	Upgrade them.
39	Want to keep Totara Ave and Gormack Street Park.
40	Yarmouth Street Park- bike track/pump/jump tracks.
41	I have experience with Christie Street Playground having my children, grandchildren and visiting children use it. There has been a recent upgrade of facilities, I am sure that more can be done to all of these facilities to enhance the experience for playing in these spaces.
42	Pocket parks are underused! More benches and toilets may help.
43	Yarmouth Street Playground - Could be upgraded a bit, but is used by lots of people. Perhaps more picnic tables and toilets
44	My children have only used 1 of these - Yarmouth Street. Never used the others.
45	Yarmouth Street Playground not very inspiring to children. Needs seating and more facilities.
46	The water tower playground was well used. It has been left to deteriorate. This is one area still well used. I often see people stopping for meals there. It has a great view of the town and river. Cut down the large conifers. Upgrade the fence playground.

### Feedback about Other Reserves

1	All of these areas can be improved with planting.
2	Underused! Also more native plants would help ecosystem and reflect the main reason people visit - our environment down here.
3	Public toilets at the Clyde Street Reserve triangle and an information booklet.
4	Toilets at the reserve at Rosebank (Clyde Street Reserve).
5	Water Tower Playgound - Fences required around this play area. I would be prepared to fund a viewing platform on the site of the old water tower in this park. Trees need some work, old ones replaced.
6	Keep all these areas simple and clean. Improve the Water Tower park, as lots of people stop here for lunch and kids having a play. A great spot and view. The view would be better if some trees were removed.
7	Keep the water tower playground it is important and an iconic part of our town. But add some equipment :)
8	Keep water tower, nice entrance to township.
9	Sculpture and tables and chairs at Water tower playground.
10	The water tower park still has a lot of people using it. Due to higher volumes of traffic this probably needs fenced and equipment upgraded. For people coming into town from the North this would be a great place to stop with a family and look over the town whilst letting the children stretch their legs and play. Maybe an information area here advising what is available in the Clutha District along with a sculpture relevant to the Clutha District.
11	Water Tower Playgound - Upgrade the path across the reserve. Lift above the grass and concrete. I've had 40+ years of wet feet.
12	Upgrade the playground area at Water Tower Playgound. Make it more inviting for visitors to stop there for lunch, or locals to take their children.
13	Water Tower needs more equipment.
14	Water tower park - sculpture with tables and chairs for picnic lunches would be great.
15	Why are you thinking of closing the Water Tower Playgound? Its amazing- how many travellers stop there and have their break and children play there. Its quite a walk from the North Balclutha to the South side of the Bridge Playgound. Maybe some toilets would be good.
16	Residents who wanted the Malcolm reserve status kept need to be proactive about what should be put there. Another park is not really needed.
17	Were is the accessway? There is no signage on Malcolm Tce - it's a well kept secret!



## Feedback about Parks and Reserves

1	A park to run your dogs in.
2	Access issue and view obstructed of traffic?
3	Access to the flood bank and also ACCESSIBLE steps and ramps.
4	Access to walkway important.
5	Add more landscaping and equipment to parks.
6	All good ideas
7	All ok.
8	All sound sensible proposals.
9	All weather training facility for children's and adult sports (floodlit).
10	Any plantings- careful section of bird and bees attract natives.
11	As a new resident of Balclutha, I'm disgusted at the state of the playgrounds/reserves - rubbish and broken glass everywhere, graffiti, mouldy and moss covered playgrounds. As mentioned before, Clutha looks run down and tired. Some simple investment in rubbish/water blasting/painting would boot pride in the town. Change tables in toilets and cleaning the toilets regularly. Fully fenced playgrounds.
12	As now my kids are older we do not head to parks very much.
13	At the Bridge Playground get rid of the trees that drop prickles.
14	Bag holder.
15	Balclutha's reserves are tidy and well maintained. Not much improvement could be made.
16	BBQ's along the river.
17	Better use of P & Rs for events. Hardly any/nothing in some areas at the moment.
18	Bike park location and or playground?
19	Bike park playground potential? Maybe at old croquet courts).
20	Billboard improvements to Rosebank and Watertower Reserve.
21	Cenotaph/remembrance garden.
22	Clean up Naish Park duck pond.
23	Colour of signage for parks- don't replace but think going forward.
24	Community plantings – get them in the right place as they don't get pulled out.
25	Contractors do a pretty good job of keeping these tidy & the grass mown. Maybe in summer they could empty the rubbish bins more regularly to ensure that there is no excuse for not putting rubbish in the bin and mowing the lawns weekly to ensure the grounds are kept neat & tidy.
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27	Create areas to connect to the river.
28	Create boat trailer park in SPS reserve.
29	Cross Rec Centre should have been near Centennial Pool.
30	Disc golf.
31	Do not cut down present trees and shrubs. Plant more trees and shrubs.
32	Do we need a destination park on Balclutha North/Plentation and the Water tower?
33	Dog park being asked for?
34	Dog park- more dog bags and facilities.
35	Dog Park on the flood bank.
36	Dog Park.
37	Dogs should be kept out of these reserves. Dogs need to exercise, take them on long walks, not to a park where people are using facilities with children, where is the Health and Safety here. Dogs are the owners responsibility, not the Council's.
38	Don't need a dog park - can walk on the river bank.
39	Dredge out the Lagoon area.
40	Ex Beautification society has funds for a worthy project.
41	Exploring how we integrate the riverbank area with the river, utilize flood banks.
42	Focal area for playground skatepark development.

## Feedback about Parks and Reserves

43	Fully enclosed dog park.
44	Good. Most of it already used a lot.
45	Great spot for a viewing platform at top or bottom of rhododendron dell.
46	Green spaces are important.
47	Ground hire here needs better structure to accommodate different events and sports.
48	Happy if they are all kept tidy.
49	Haven't used them, no comment.
50	Health and safety concern raised with the river.
51	I believe rationalisation would be beneficial as in my view less utilised than when created e.g. for residential development.
52	I believe we need a dog park with multiple areas where we can take our dogs to exercise without having to be on their lead while still being safe. Ideally with access to a swimming hole and maybe tunnels, ramps, jumps etc. The Groynes in Christchurch is a good example of what could be done.
53	I like all the suggestions about parks/reserves.
54	I like your wetland and/or dog park ideas.
55	I think that the planting of trees needs to be planted with as many natives as possible.
56	I would like to propose a caravan self contained stop over park on south bank up stream side of the bridge as this is a potentially unique spot I feel in time word of month would make this a must stop location which will bring in visitors to our area and help our retail sector. I would also like to see a restaurant or cafe type arrangement on the north bank up stream side of the bridge. This would be a unique location, easy to spot from the main road with view of the river, bridge and setting sun. I imagine this would have to be a private enterprise operation and potential issues with regional council but I feel the proposal would need to be taken into consideration with other plans being made by council for these areas.
57	If local parks/playgrounds need improving, let the local community drive it.
58	Info about where dogs are allowed – agility course part of a reserve a good idea.
59	Interesting plantings of the trees and shrubs etc. would enhance these areas. A bit more attention to keep the new plantings in the Main Street upgrade would be good. Get some ideas from Gore for lovely garden plots. Who is responsible for planting the garden border at the paper plus carpark on John St side? It looks like it's been forgotten.
60	Keep as many parks as possible. Get a management plan for each park. I would be very keen to work on this and develop a plan in conjunction with the CDC and interested parties.
61	Kids sealed bike park.
62	Labelling the trees in the park are a very good idea.
63	Lease land process.
64	Let's not get compliant about what happens when the river is in full flood; What the riverbank and some of the reserves are really there for.
65	Look at Levin Kowhai Park as an example.
66	Lovely plantings of large growing trees, paths and maybe a pond would be beautiful when viewed from the pool. Maybe a café could be eventually be situated on the North Side of the building. There is a shortafe of warm, sheltered café style places in Balclutha. This would be a great venue, also the North side of the town hall - as previously mentioned, in the carpark, would provide sheltered seating and would enhance the area if it was opened up and paved and the toilets upgraded.
67	Make them attractive picturesque places that can be enjoyed by all.

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68	Making both sides of each of the bridge, reserves, what as asset these areas would be to us and people coming into our town. I would like to see a go-kart track put on or around the riverside. The old Barnego gravel area, this could also be made, it's a nice area for BBQ etc. and rest area. We have a lot of waste areas that could be used and made to look good.
69	Mini golf course - handy to food etc.
70	Mini golf - indoor and outdoor.
71	Modify into stormwater wetlands. Retain. Retain. Improve / Upgrade.
72	More access and parks/reserves - picnic/BBQ areas be the river - the river is very under utilised and is a huge asset.
73	More carparking to improve Naish Park and pool area. We should also have an all-weather footpath to the Pool and Naish Park.
74	More control of groups using the facilities and more co-ordination between those groups.
75	Most important that we keep all the parks.
76	Motorhome park – where? nearby? – crucial not too far away.
77	Mowing and leaving of mowed grass a disgrace. Who ever designed and wrote up contract should be fired.
78	Naish Park bike park.
79	Naseby bike park is mown grass with clay jumps (mounds) –could be at the pool or any park.
80	Native tree plantings/seating.
81	Nice places, keep and improve them.
82	North Balclutha to the bridge park is not too hard to walk.
83	Ok as they are.
84	Periodic Detention guys maintain it.
85	Please retain the cherry blossom trees on upstream, northern approach to Balclutha Bridge.
86	Proper dog park area with agility equipment would be brilliant.
87	Public toilets at the triangle and an information booklet.
88	Re Christie Street Place- Low trees and shrubs as there is already one large tree that is on a lean and an oak tree that Gary Ross spent one whole day cleaning stuff off his roof from.
89	Replant new trees and add seats!
90	Rhododendron Dell- car access to get there i.e. if mobility is an issue.
91	Seating areas around the bridge parking and signage to encourage people to stop and utilise Barnego Road and rest stops better.
92	Seating areas on the riverbank so you can sit and eat your fish n chips.
93	Seating in public spaces.
94	Should tell engineering stories - local content.
95	Sign of times that dogs are more restricted- could have two types of parks i.e. run around and agility.
96	Tap for water.
97	The garden plantings and layout need more thought put into them to achieve the optimum result. The plots need topped up with soil and mulch for the gardens to thrive.
98	The greenery at the local parks help break up the township i.e. not just houses, area for younger children to play/hang out.
99	These are all important, two of these areas are close to the main focal points (the bridge)
100	These parks can be reduced or cut back as not many people use them. The viability of having in those subdivisions needs to be looked at.
101	They are very important for health and wellbeing.
102	They are well maintained by the grounds people.
103	Toilets at the reserve at Rosebank.
104	Want to keep Totara Ave and Gormack Street Park.
105	We don't need a statue or feature at any playground, that costs too much.

### **Feedback about Parks and Reserves**

106	We live in "Surrey Gulley" where many people park and look out. As long as they are respectable and quiet, we do not mind. We would be grateful if "walking track" people could trim willow trees and big green tree. Getting quite dangerous, "one huge/dangerous tree at 9 Cambridge Street.
107	We need to continue and enhance these areas.
108	We really need a dog park! One with permanent agility equipment (ramps, platforms, jumps etc.) would be ideal. Lots of dogs in/near town, but with sheep grazing on the stop bank, there a few places where they can run off the lead.
109	Wetland development/ bush recreation is appropriate for some.
110	Wheelchair access for riverbank.
111	Why don't you let the kids wear out the gear that's already there before you start to talk about replacing it.
112	Would be nice to see some native bush replanted along the riverbanks. I realise it's a river that floods etc., but it would look better than those bloody willows/poplars etc.
113	Would we lose view of bridge with trees here for those driving along here (left hand side of bridge walkway).
114	You are doing a good job. We just need colour at different times of the year and a little more though needs to go into these things when planning and planting.
115	You give lots of ideas and they sound good but no definite plans and prices make it stupid to ask people to comment. It would be easy to say one supports the proposals because it would make one feel good, but people need costs.
116	Public toilets - Please install 'slide across' fittings to doors of all public toilets. Thank you.
117	The Rosebank garden plot, and Highway Diner plot are now "very well maintained, under new staff". There were disgraceful, as most weeds were not removed, but the new plants, just planted, and the grass and weeds popped up again. "Well done new staff"

## Feedback about Cemeteries

1	Continue to maintain these areas.
2	Car parking for funeral services. Toilet in lawn cemetery. Bylaws around erecting headstones at all South Otago Cemeteries. Standards on headstone/base. Even introducing a permit system. Working with local funeral directors on management of cemeteries e.g. opening new blocks within cemeteries, putting in new ash beams etc OSH within cemeteries Good open working relationship between parks and reserve person and funeral directors and monumental masons.
3	Reflective seats would be wonderful and preserving older graves is very important. Definitely reflect different burial perspectives. Incorporate indigenous customs including te reo Maori in honour of te Tiriti o Waitangi.
4	Fencing around the road sides on Norfolk St and Totara Ave would be a bonus - right now when you drive past it looks like a derelict unloved old cemetery - plant a hedge around the sides of it spruce it up a bit, give it a bit of privacy, as well as its neighbours.
5	Keep them maintained.
6	Definitely some upgrade needed with old cemetery.
7	Cemeteries need to be maintained.
8	Need to be maintained in a more attractive way. Floral plantings should be done.
9	Well maintained.
10	Agree with policies
11	Good idea to maintain facilities into the future.
12	Old Lawn needs graves maintained. Especially the caved in ones.
13	Just keep the grass tidy. Don't cut it when it's wet.
14	Balclutha Lawn, excellent work done here.
15	Preserve our local history.
16	I don't really mind.
17	Old cemetery has a lot of forgotten history, needs more care taken here.
18	No comment. Haven't been there.
19	OK as they are just kept tidy.
20	Grave maintenance important.
21	Keep.
22	Keep both.
23	Keep them.
24	These always need to be maintained.
25	It is a place for people to grieve and remember.
26	Keep.
27	Keep them both.
28	Spaces to cater for changing burial methods. Preservation and repair of older grave stones.
29	A disgrace especially lawn. A blind person would do better.
30	Seating is nice idea. Headstones is responsibility of families.
31	Go have a look at Upper Charlton in Gore. You can plant trees and roses etc. more park like.
32	I like the idea for seating and development of these areas.
33	Enhance them. Visitors and residents are interested in their heritage.
34	Full credit to persons looking after both cemeteries.
35	Always kept tidy.
36	It would be great to see areas for natural burials.
37	Got to keep these tidy. They are okay as present, but need a little more seating and easy access for elderly. Maybe a 'drive through drop off' option?
38	Thank you for maintaining cemeteries in the district.
39	We need an updated computerised database to facilitate searches.
40	Have a directory.
41	Lawn cemetery is well kept.
42	I think there is a need for a sheltered area for quiet reflection.
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47	Beautiful well maintained Cemeteries. Would like to see an ECO Burial area at the Balclutha Lawn Cemetery.
48	Incorporate seating. Maintenance strategy. Introduce spaces for change.
49	Agree that a maintenance plan should be in place for the older gravestone that appear to have no descendants looking after them. Toilets in the new cemetery would be a good idea. Some special attention to the RSA plots would also be good.

# Our Place

## Balclutha

**Let's talk.**

**Improving use of Balclutha  
Centennial Pool and  
surrounding Centennial Park  
(Old Boys) area**

### Feedback about Centennial Pool and Centennial Park (Old Boys)

1	Music playing continuously inside the pool would add atmosphere. We all love music. A must do.
2	Children's outdoor area at the swimming pool. Playground and children's bike track.
3	Develop into a BBQ area, which is available for hire. Schools could utilise during swimming sports etc.
4	I believe the pool is a credit to council. Old Boys land is better to be sold. Any remaining athletics should be aimed at rec centre.
5	It would be great if the outdoor area could be improved to encourage families to spend more time at the pool i.e. picnic tables, BBQ area, shelter?
6	<p>So much has been done and this is great. However, we could improve on a few things, as I have seen at similar pools like Ashburton, Timaru and Oamaru.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Basketball hoops attached to the end of the pool would be popular with children and can be removed if needed.</li> <li>2. Rope swing from roof structure monitored for certain times of the day ( I have been told the pool isn't deep enough? But as children can jump in I can't see a difference?)</li> <li>3. Doors open to outdoor area with shelter and picnic tables that could be used for parties.</li> <li>4. Look at more exciting inflatables in holidays i.e.. large ball that child go inside (zorp) they can pay extra for a turn?</li> <li>5. Could be warmer.</li> </ol>
7	A sauna or steam room. Aquaerobics for adults.
8	Use the indoor-outdoor flow. Maybe cricket net/basketball hoop. Something that promotes fitness. Mini confidence course.
9	A water slide outside for families.
10	I think that what has been done is sufficient.
11	Maybe an area for coffee.
12	Brighten up the outside. Bright colour. Heating of water. Take some seats out could use space for storage.
13	Definitely a bike park by pool, or wetland with duck pond. Something for families.
14	The pool is certainly under utilised at present and the Management at times does not present a good look. Active supervision is not always happening. Underwater hockey, water polo, canoe polo, regular aqua jogging classes. Baby and parent classes.
15	Forget about NP playground, upgrade and install one next to the pool Consider the possibility of a water slide or similar permanent feature.
16	Picnic area around back of pool. Nice tables and shrubs.
17	Have more fun days in school holidays to attract more patronage to pool. A bike park would attract more kids to area.
18	Great spa, perhaps needs updated.
19	Dog park.
20	Residential, picnic area, wetlands area.
21	Agree with your proposals.
22	Toddler pool floor far too slippery! We got to Gore instead currently.
23	Diving pool, family triathlon events that link pool - rec centre.
24	It is a swimming pool. It's main function is to swim in. Best to have it the way it is.
25	Aquasize classes at pool (although have seen these now advertised) library/pool, holiday activities seem popular.
26	A playground could be created at back of swimming pool.
27	The Rec Centre should have been built with the Swimming Pool!
28	The swimming lessons are excellent - maybe have water skills fun days to encourage more families along (walking races, pool volleyball etc.)
29	A hydro slide is essential for children/teenagers. Outdoor BBQ/play area - café. Outdoor/ sprinkler play area. Wave pool?



### Feedback about Centennial Pool and Centennial Park (Old Boys)

30	Outdoor area e.g. picnic tables.
31	Hard as most facilities that you would put at the pool are at the rec centre and no point doubling up. Maybe need to make the pool a more exciting place to go - hydro slides etc.
32	For the pool to get more pool blow-ups for the children to use or balls.
33	Easy access need to outdoor area with seating and grass areas. Coin operated coffee/tea access. Fix slippery tiles in toddlers pool.
34	Maybe you should have put it close to the Rec Centre or vice versa.
35	Conservatory area with seating and play area at the pool. Dog park on the Athletic Club grounds.
36	Reduce time that the pool is closed each year to enable all year round activities and swimming.
37	Dog park.
38	Put in a small slide like the one at the Twizel pool. Extend weekend hours. Have the waterfall going all the time.
39	Establish a mini golf area and family BBQ area and playground. Extend car park.
40	BBQ area. Outdoor seating.
41	Bigger clock at end of pool like old days. Signage and Rules on wall for everyone abide by - no cellphones, no photos, supervision of children etc - Warmer temperture of water - huge factor! Life guards being more proactive rather than sitting in office majority of time. Hiring the end room for parties is fantastic - please keep doing this! Blow up inflatables great and use of the big boards great - kids have lots of fun on these.
42	It is very boring - they should use the inflatables more often.
43	I think that we need to have springy diving boards at the pool and some sort big slide and a deeper pool.
44	I think the pool needs to be a lot deeper and some diving boards. I also think we should have a spa for kids but its not as hot as the main spa. And one more thing a slide.
45	The pool would receive more usage if half of the lane pool was actually laned off and had signs at the end of the lanes. At the moment people who are wanting to use the pool for lane swimming or physio are having to go around children and people playing at the pool to complete laps. Staff at the pool are not doing anything about this issue and it is not nice watching people try to lane swim and have to stop or go around because people are in the way.
46	I was disappointed that the pool upgrade did not include a deep area for Aquasize for mobility issues or kids to have experience out of their depth.
47	So disappointing the Centennial Pool temperature is not often up to standard after all the excess dollars spent on it.
48	Unfortunately the pool upgrade has nothing on other pools in NZ. If the weather here was nicer having a splash zone would be so great for kids it always draws them in. Caroline Bay in Timaru has great facilities with Park and outdoor paddling pool.

**Feedback about Centennial Pool and Centennial Park (Old Boys)**

49	Install BBQ outdoors, add some kitchen/catering facilities to your room for hire for parties, and some (unisex) toilets just for parties etc, so we can host an event that doesn't need to revolve around going past the pool. You could buy a bouncy castle and have this for hire from the pool staff for parties. I'm sure it would recoup its money in no time. Sell the old boys area as sections for retirement units. Its a real shame that the 'middle sized' pool is so far from the little kids pool. Its hard to monitor children of different ages. I also don't like that there is just bulk head separation. The water in the medium pool is just too cold for kids playing. Its fine when you are doing lengths, but mostly kids 7+ are just fooling around and can't keep warm enough.
50	Put a permanent big fun slide in, going to the middle sized pool. I hate to say it but we go to Moana Pool quite a lot. Obviously we can't fund a facility like this, but the kids really enjoy a bit more variation that just having a mushroom of water going in the paddling pool once at hour (if you are lucky!). A twisty fully enclosed plastic slide would entertain them!?
51	Waterslide?
52	This is a waste of space currently - expand the pool, put in a playground with tables for picnicing, put in a life size chess or dominoes area - something that will draw people to this area. Add some nice public toilets (there are none in this area). Think of Twizel, they have nice toilets, with paved area and tables/seats, life size chess board a playground and grassed area all in their main area, it makes you want to stay in this area - this is the perfect place to replicate some of that - families go to the pool, they can then eat afterwards and kids can have a play.
53	Keep the pool warm and add extra amenities. It has a reputation of being cold so many people haven't been for a long time especially with young families. It needs to be competitive with "extras" too. Other community pools have slides, water features, toys etc. We need to have those available all the time or at least consistently on weekends.
54	THE POOL !! 1. Its too cold, we have young children and they even find it cold! We also are members of the Balclutha United Swim Club and I often see children getting out shivering. As a Registered Nurse working as a Practice Nurse we see our aging patients on a 3 monthly bases - when we do our assessment with them, we ask how they keep themselves active and I am often told I no longer go to the pool because it is just to cold. PLEASE get the temperature - even 2 oC hotter. Not only for our younger community members but also our elderly - let's keep people as active as possible.
55	A gym, exercise classes. Snack shop for the kids.
56	Increase the "play" element at the pool. Better inflatable children's pool equipment. See what they have at Gore, Splash Palace.
57	Lazy river pool for the Balclutha Pool. The Queenstown pool has a great lazy river pool.
58	More creative ways to get people interested in the pool - scuba training, tank diving training; multi sports.
59	Better facilities for young children inside the pool, so families want to take their children there. At present they would travel to Gore pool rather than go to Balclutha.
60	Extended pool hours at the weekend. Perhaps some more organised uses of the pool, fun activities or sporting events (water polo, waboba). Additional equipment for use in the pool would be good also.
61	Not sure of the cost, but presumably some of the plumbing is there, but the family change rooms in the pool would benefit from a toilet in them too - the number of times I've been trying to change a baby, plus the other two and a child has announced they need to go to the toilet is beyond a joke! There's nothing I enjoy more than leaving a half-naked baby in the change room, wrapping a towel around myself and walking a half-naked four year old across the entrance area of the pool to open the toilet door for her!!!

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62	Raise pool temperature. Better parking.
63	Extend the pool hours on the weekend. Deeper pool for diving. Ideally a hydro slide but at least a small slide like we used to have. More floaties and inflatables that are out more often or at regular times.
64	What a shame the Cross Recreation Centre wasn't built in this area and thereby combining the whole sports centre/recreation pool/athletics feel to the area and tying it all together. There needs to be something more to entice more people to use our awesome upgraded facility at the Balclutha Centennial Pool.
65	More activities for the kids to do at the pool, slides etc. and add a café? At Tahunanui in Nelson, they have a hydro slide, mini golf, go-karts etc. This idea could be utilised at the Old Boys area, and back on to the Balclutha pool.
66	Pool warmth suitable for all ages (would like it warmer).
67	Not shutting the pool over lunch!!! Hours not consistent or reliable.
68	Inflatables need to be out more. Great facility but not managed well!!
69	Ramp access at pool is unusable and tiles are slippery.
70	Safer tiling on the baby/toddler pool.
71	Rail in <u>each</u> shower to enable all users!
72	Accessible shower to have a curtain as a wheelchair in there gets wet.
73	Floor around the pool is very slippery.
74	Pool temperature is cold.
75	Managing better or enforcing pool rules.
76	Make pool warmer for children- have an outdoor playground picnic area for afterwards.
77	Pool temperatures were raised, as well as opening hours on a Sunday (wanted better, longer weekend opening hours).
78	Issue raised that freedom campers are using the showers and drying socks with a hair drier.
79	Family concession cards not available.
80	Playground/tramp.
81	Opening up and encouraging people to stay there for longer.
82	Shelter.
83	Balclutha pool is cold for younger children.
84	Basketball hoops - Ashburton or Oamaru as an example.
85	More toys and things to play with.
86	Public BBQ at the pool.
87	Pool sign on SH1.
88	Picnic and chair area. Keep pool open in weekends with activities.
89	Outdoor seating.
90	Hire for events and parties.
91	Increase usage - rope swing, basic slide, inflatable use more often, monitoring pool.
92	Pool events and activities i.e. balls and themed events.
93	Increased active supervision, improved enthusiasm, play music.
94	Review hours and look at the holiday demand.
95	Hydro slide that goes straight down in a tube.
96	Longer hours in the weekend.
97	Deep pool to teach skills when not on the bottom.
98	Special dye in the pool that goes blue when you pee in it.
99	Water cannons - cold water x2.
100	Vending machine at the pool.
101	Rock wall pool area.
102	Pool warmer now than before.
103	Volleyball.
104	Water dodgeball.
105	Loads of space and deeper.

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106	Cheaper entry.
107	Used more - free entry.
108	Wave pool/lazy river x7.
109	Normal slide x2.
110	More blow up inflatables and get them out more often x9.
111	Some lifeguards let us in the spa when there are no adults.
112	Hydro slide x24.
113	Kids spa x5.
114	More balls and play stuff.
115	Volleyball net.
116	Trampolines outside x3.
117	Jump slide into the pool.
118	Mini flying fox into the pool - net for safety.
119	Obstacle course inflatable x2.
120	Rope swing into pool.
121	Deeper pool (3m) x7.
122	Diving boards (small and large) x9 .
123	Outdoor pool x4.
124	Basketball hoops and more balls.
125	Surf simulator/standing wave thing.
126	Massive foam pit outside.
127	Air bag outside x2.
128	Competitions in the weekend.
129	Hydro slide that leads into the kids pool.
130	Hydro slide, one dark and one light.
131	Pool toys like noodles.
132	Cool sign for the pool.
133	Bike park for young children at the back of the pool/shed.
134	More children's activities so that parents can swim while the children are doing the activities.
135	Adult swimming classes.
136	Sell athletics club green space .
137	Promotions at other venues whereby discounted concessions are given.
138	Used to be an adventure playground beside centennial pool.
139	We are missing an indoor playground it could be at the pool- conservatory .
140	Improved shop, café machines, vending machines and tables.
141	Management- our ticketing is too manual- what about swap tags?
142	Joint venture i.e. fun days with businesses.
143	Management things - opening hours on weekends and make hours consistent.
144	Grossly under publicised.
145	Not enough to play with and too slippery around the toddler pool- rather go to Gore.
146	Doors to the outside in summer.
147	Opportunity for BBQ after swimming.
148	Needs a link to the walking circuit.
149	Dog Park at Old Boys Park area.
150	More aqua based clubs and classes.
151	More structured activities.
152	Second fun pool.
153	Road signage.
154	Café/coffee.
155	Sell green space at the back of the pool i.e. subdivision.
156	Slide, noodles and water cannon.
157	Gore and Oamaru pools are good examples.

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158	More to keep kids entertained.
159	Availability of toys (often locked away).
160	Mushroom not operating.
161	Not a fun pool to take kids too.
162	Close it.
163	Location raised.
164	Pool temperature - too cold- puts people off going back.
165	Build a smaller pool somewhere else.
166	Pool aspects about management.
167	Pools we have to have them - should have them even if we don't personally use them.
168	So much better than it was.
169	Older kids- inflatables (Splash Palace example) and rope swing.
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178	That is never the same temperature, a cool (temp) pool at the best of times ... Why can't it be warm?
179	A decent hydro slide. Maybe a wave pool.
180	Music on at pool.
181	Agree, music (at pool) would be nice.
182	No not music some of us go to the pool to enjoy the quiet especially when kids at school.
183	Cafe with ice creams and drinks.
184	Needs to be open all day Saturday not just the afternoon. Also there's an obvious lack of things to keep the kids entertained - a simple slide into the water; toys for the kids; more inflatable equipment. There is nothing appealing and it makes getting in the car to go to Gore or Dunedin too easy when we should be supporting what we have.
185	A dog park would be a great addition to the Clutha area.
186	Outdoor sitting area to access - loved the trampoline outside when we were kids! Create a bigger recreational Park area - would be great to use more and incorporate with pool .

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187	<p>Outdoor area so that it can be enjoyed as a 'day' out on nice summer days.          Have doors going outside 'like the old days' to the grass outside so kids can kick a ball, play on a playground.          Have an outside shower etc to wash off before they hop back in the pool if grass is an issue.          Even a BBQ area.          As an added revenue option run or lease out a small cafe/foodtruck that runs on a saturday or only over summer months that supply the basics - coffee, icecream and hot chips (all the healthy stuff : ) ).          On another note i want to take the time to comment that the upgrade of the pool appearance wise is very good. Unfortunately it is extremely disappointing that the toddler pool is not warm enough. We don't therefore utilise it as with 3 little kids Dunedin is far better suited temperature wise.          I have also enrolled my children in for swimming but feel its only possible to do this for a term at a time (summer). They get too cold during lesson time and therefore although i want my kids to learn how to swim im reluctant to enroll them into Balcluthas swimming lessons after watching my sons lips turn blue from the one term he has done.</p>
188	<p>I think there should be some more fun activities for younger kids held at the pool.          I also think lessons need to be available for very young children under age 3.          Of course the water confidence area needs to be much much warmer it currently is not suitable for very young children and babies.          The water fountain needs to operate on a much more regular time schedule than it does. I have been in with kids during the day and the darn thing hasn't gone at all.          I think out the back you could develop a play area and possibly bbq settings which may encourage family use in summer.</p>
189	<p>The temperature of the pool is very cool/cold particularly for young swimmers (toddlers). Other pools that are effective for kids learning to swim have their learner pools around the 34deg level.          The pools need to be on different pumps to be more relevant to users.          You used to be able to access the grass area along the side of the pool. This should be reinstated with areas for families to have bbqs and seating areas.</p>
190	<p>A cafe like area where families could have lunch (byo) etc. Perhaps more promotion, it's a fantastic asset.</p>
191	<p>Opening hours increased, e.g. Saturday morning. Weekend hours same as weekly hours.          Management need to be upskilled which in turn may mean more enterprising activities are provided which should in turn improve usage rates. Present usage is a drain on the rate payer.          More " fun" activities available for children and more often, not just on some days.</p>
192	<p>A hydroslide.</p>
193	<p>Hydro slide, normal slide, deeper pool with diving boards.</p>
194	<p>I have been to the pool many times and I enjoy it. The only thing I don't enjoy is doing the same thing every single time.          I think the council could do fun activities or competitions in the weekend so it is encouraging people to come to the pool.          We should also have more fun things like a water slide or some floaties so everyone can have fun instead of just swimming.          I think the pool would be much more fun with those things.</p>

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195	<p>A water slide would be a lot of fun and more people would come to the pool.</p> <p>Some diving boards would be really good to.</p> <p>An outside pool would also be great - that could be where the diving pool and water slide is.</p>
196	<p>Add a hydro slide and stuff like that.</p>
197	<p>Balclutha should have a hyroslide.</p>
198	<p>I think that the Balclutha Centennial Pool is really boring and could do with a hydroslide that leads into the kids pool. I think this would make the pool a lot better.</p>
199	<p>I think we should add a diving board and a hydroslide to our pool.</p>
200	<p>I think that there should be a springy diving board and the pool should be deeper since the age that mainly go (10-16) can touch the bottom quite easily.</p> <p>Also I think that that the pool should be warmer since it is extremely cold although it is relaxing on a boiling day but there aren't much of those so please make it warmer.</p>
201	<p>I think a hydroslide would be great at the pool because its really boring at the pool at the moment and think more people would go if it had one.</p>
202	<p>I think that the swimming pool is boring because there is nothing to do and no toys to play with. I think there should be a hydroslide, it could be made outside the pool.</p> <p>The stairs could start at the back of the building to get up and it could go into the toddler pool.</p> <p>Also there should be more pool toys there to play with so you have something to do - toys like pool noodles and inflatables.</p>
203	<p>Maybe a hydroslide, a warmer pool, a kids spa pool, and a cool sign for the pool.</p>
204	<p>More inflatables; 2 hydrosides; net (for volleyball); vending machine for lollies.</p>
205	<p>Maybe a hydroslide and maybe another pool.</p>
206	<p>They should add a hydroslide and a kids spa.</p>
207	<p>I think there should be a big trampoline outside with a massive foam pit or air bag beside it.</p>
208	<p>I think they should put a few trampolines in the out door area with a air pillow/air bag.</p>
209	<p>Extending the outside area of the pool and making family friendly to encourage family's to use pool. Permanent gas bbq setup for family's to stay, relax outside between swims and have lunch etc.</p>
210	<p>I think the facility itself is fantastic! It annoys me greatly that people (fortunately not recently) knock the council and the pool facility in the Clutha Leader. I say well done on a fantastic and visually appealing facility.</p> <p>I do think it would be neat if the grassed area outside the pool on the river side was perhaps beautified a bit where families/people could sit, have a picnic and then carry on enjoying the pool again? Possibly a wee cafe with food and drinks?</p> <p>I also think it would be great if the pool staff could maintain the pool temperature around the 28 degrees mark. Below that is reasonably chilly for laned swimming and VERY COLD for small children learning to swim.</p> <p>Another wee gripe is the inflatables in the pool. It is usually advertised that they are in the pool 2-4pm but sometimes they are not in the pool at all because "there are not enough children in the water". We country people find this really annoying to drive our children considerable distances to enjoy this and then find them not in the water. As I imagine town people do too. I think if it's advertised as being in the water it really should be.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment in the correct forum rather than the media. South Otago is great place to live and we should be grateful and enjoy the facilities available to us.</p>

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211	Definitely a great space for a dog park, which is needed, speaking from experience of having a puppy in Balclutha without a fenced in property. The opportunity to develop a natural wetland area is firstly needed in Balclutha, and would make Naish Park even more of a destination. Especially with the bike/walking tracks of the river bank. Could be a good place for educational purposes. Tried setting a forest Kindy session in Balclutha but no suitable locations, so ended up in NewHaven via DOC's educational land allocation. There could be a bike element, linking Naish Park to it, and providing a flat space for children to ride their bikes easily.
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217	Sub divide it.
218	Waterslide?
219	Roundtable suggested the Frisbee Golf or a fitness loop.
220	I think we should provide 10 free swim lessons per child per year. This would improve usage of the pool and improve swimming ability of all children. Gore has a free swimming lessons programme and this is something missing in the Clutha District. Lessons could be held at the pool in Balclutha alone or that pool in conjunction with Tapanui, Milton, Clinton pools. The pool itself is lovely but seems under-utilised. This suggestion would introduce more people to the pools. Create a few jobs for swim instructors and improve water safety.
221	I don't use the pool so cant really comment but I feel more could be made of this area and the Old Boys area, although with the power pylons it is unattractive.
222	If the land at Centennial Park is not being used. Sell it!
223	Bike park for young children at the back of the pool/shed.
224	Sell athletics club green space.
225	Dog park at Old Boys Park area.
226	Sell green space at the back of the pool i.e. subdivision.
227	Old Boys - Athletics move down to by Rec centre – why are we paying for Old Boys?
228	Has any research been done into the informal use of this area? It forms part of an informal walking loop that locals use from Naish Park Charlotte St, pool, dog walking and informal game play. Can we ask someone in the neighbouring houses to monitor and report back on average usage?
229	Must be retained as green space areas and not be converted to housing development.
230	No one wants to spend time in a big open paddock. Spend the money on the major parks. Naish, Bridge and Centennial and just maintain the small parks.
231	Incorporate a mini golf area and a family barbeque and playground, larger carpark, and subdivide the remaining ground behind the pool area for housing.
232	Sportsground by pool now used a lot so could in time be landscaped and made into another housing subdivision as houses area this area are always sought after.
233	Do not want to see Centennial Park made into a wetland area.



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238	Bike tracks fitness course.
239	It could be planted out and made to look more appealing and use it for picnic area?
240	I can't think of anything specific but it makes sense to make use of the Centennial park space if anyone has good suggestions!
241	We don't need another area, transfer athletics to A& P ground, and then sell the Old Boys area to a developer.
242	A bike park like Milton have would be great. We have a huge number of young families and it would be great to do something to encourage them to use "their our backyard" as I know a number of families travel to Gore to use theirs. A dog park would be a great asset too.
243	No feelings about this area.
244	Bike park - with stop/go road markings. Also a dog park.
245	Just maintain the pool.
246	Could have Frisbee Golf area. I certainly don't think a dog park is needed especially where people are.
247	Linking it to the proposed track so people can swim or cycle there safely.
248	Making this a wetland with educational opportunities would be amazing. This would help to encourage our tamariki and community back to nature and provide an awesome area to share with tourists to the town. By encouraging native fauna, flora, animals including birds and insects we will be respecting our history and Aotearoa.
249	Is this a park? - I never new it existed till I googled it.
250	I would like to see a dog park in the area, there are lots of dog owners who would use it. When I had a dog I would often see lots of people walking down around the aerodrome so i do feel there would be lots of usage.
251	Old Boys' would make a fantastic mini golf & driving range area, that way there would be something for the youth and families to do without having to leave and go to Dunedin. There is absolutely nothing for the teenagers/youth of the town here. Also out St Kilda park in Dunedin there is a amazing kids bike track which would be great for our younger children to enjoy here. It's really disappointing that our town has nothing for our youth so everyone does have to go else where to entertain our children so most people make a day of it (shopping,groceries etc). A unfinished skatepark really doesn't interest all the towns children :-)
252	Do we need this as a sports ground, maybe have all sports in the one location and extend Naish park into this area with plantings, walkway linking to to pool, kids bike park , ? Dog park area.
253	I think it does need to be utilised more than it is currently.

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254	<p>I think that a wetland reserve would be an excellent idea for this area. I think that if the park could be planted out with natives and made into a stormwater wetland with boardwalks over it, it would add a lot to the town.</p> <p>If there was a 2 story building built where the current athletics building is located, it would be able to serve as an information center for the wetland, and you could get lots of groups sharing information there, such as doc, about the plants, and any birds etc that were attracted; the council, talking about the flood protection in the town, as it is right next to the floodbank and river, and also about the stormwater wetland.</p> <p>If this area was well advertised at the town hall, people could walk along the riverbank track to here if they were stopping in Clutha, and explore the area. It could also be utilized for school field trips, and I think that this could be a facility that would attract people to Balclutha, eg you would see people from Dunedin coming down here for the day.</p> <p>I also think that a cafe in the building here could be quite a good idea, as people could come for a stroll along the riverbank and have their food overlooking the river. I genuinely think that this would be a brilliant development for the town, and could even inspire people to care more for the environment, which is something that is very important. This is a perfect area for a facility like this to be developed, and I think any other use of it would be wasteful.</p>
255	<p>If the land at Centennial Park is not being used. Sell it!</p>
256	<p>An outdoor play area/bbq area seems like a good idea (we used to live in Greymouth and there was a nice outdoor play/bbq area next to their pool which was well-used so I don't see why it wouldn't work in Balclutha). If there is talk of a bike park, the one in Milton is amazing so feel free to recreate that in Balclutha as then we don't have to pile the bikes into the car to drive to Milton to use the one there!!</p>
257	<p>Not sure what should be done but we would love something in this big space.</p>
258	<p>The mown area of land is never really used. Naish park is big enough, and doesn't need to expand here. The sports grounds at the riverside reserve are where athletics etc should move. This land could be sold for housing/Retirement complex given the flat handy location and generate a one-off income for the council.</p>
259	<p>I think this should be where the dog park is located with access to the river for dogs to swim. The idea of connecting the pool and Naish park has merit. Some housing in part of this area is sensible also.</p>
260	<p>Football club should move to Centennial Park.</p>
261	<p>I would like to see the Athletics Clubrooms/carpark upgraded for campervan use.</p>
262	<p>Picnic area at the back of the pool, air mat or trampoline at ground level.</p>



## Let's talk some more...

What else do you think we should be considering for Balclutha?

WRITE SOME IDEAS DOWN HERE OR  
USE THIS SPACE IF THERE WASN'T  
ENOUGH ROOM ON THE OTHER SIDE  
OF THIS FORM...

### Appendix 6: Further Feedback

**Please return by 27 February 2017**

Your answers, ideas and suggestions will be collated with all the feedback we receive and provided to elected members. Your contact details will be withheld publicly to protect your privacy.



**Further feedback**

1	<p>Clean up the graffiti over town ESPECIALLY on the "Welcome to Balclutha" sign on the north side. It sets the tone for the whole town and is not a good look for tourists, residents or, like we were, potential residents. If it weren't for employment, we would not have moved here because of the state of the town. Focus on the small things first. It's great you have the grand idea, but the small things let you down. Every bush in Bridge Park is jam packed with rubbish, broken glass and graffiti all through town. Playground equipment filthy, moss covered, graffiti'd and aged. Locals need more buy-in. Promote "pride of place". Encourage business owners to spruce up shop fronts, water hanging baskets. Hokitika's 'Enterprise Hokitika' is a great example of this. Naish Park is under-utilised. Concerts, community events, markets etc., could all happen here. Needs parking improvements. Elizabeth Street Plaza is gorgeous. Well done! Get the theme flowing through the town.</p>
2	<p>Make sure that when the Council is doing any redevelopment, they utilise local contractors and local services. Council want locals to support local business, so Council should support local companies. As much as I like the trees, I would not like any more trees planted on Main Street. Concrete protectors of trees in Main Street car parks be shortened to protect damage to car tyres when parking. Because of increased traffic on Johnston Road due to development of Plantation Heights, consideration should be given to sealing this road.</p>
3	<p>It's a real shame the pool facility has had so many issues. It's off-putting taking the family for a swim when you don't know what temp to expect. (not that this helps plan for the future). We really need to make some big investment in improving/upgrading facilities to show we are a progressive town. I can see some of the ideas being great for families, particularly when young children. My concern is what is there for teenagers - ones that aren't into sports at Rec Centre. Some arts/drama thing at the hall utilising/showcasing the wonderful existing talent in the community that we have would be fab. I really like the way you have presented this consultation to the community, seems really progressive, and makes me feel like some great things will happen to improve our town and facilities. Moving forward and ahead is what I like to see! I guess though it all comes at a cost, which will be the biggest drawback.</p>
4	<p>The ideas for improving the approach to the bridge, Catlins highway, Rosebank shopping area and bridge lights are all good ideas and artists impressions are lovely but again these things are all in Balclutha so I assume the cost will mainly fall on the Balclutha ratepayer even though the majority of the things will be enjoyed by all the district. Maybe how rates are allocated needs to be reviewed especially Stirling, Benhar, Barnego. Landscaping the Rosebank shopping area may help with safety in this area, especially if the cycling track in map 1 is implemental. This still a tricky corner with cars, bikes and trucks turning into an exiting James Street. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the discussion about that happens in the Clutha District. A suggestion for the future consultation, perhaps the winter would be a better time to ask for peoples opinions on things, with the long winter nights and enforced indoor activities, it may give people more time to discuss and contribute to the discussion. With Christmas, holidays, light evenings, I have found my time has been more limited than it would have been in the winter months. Thank you for taking the time to read this.</p>

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5	Regards walking/cycling - particularly from the bridge to Naish Park and on to Blair Athol. Balclutha straddles NZ's largest river and barely manages to make mention of it! Unless tourists happen to turn down Barnego Road, there is NO signage about the river, it's history etc. except for Elizabeth St Plaza where tourists are unlikely to go if they stop at the I-Site. We need; clear signage and access to the riverbank - get rid of the sheep, tourists won't walk when there is sheep poo everywhere, cyclists cycle only at the price of tyres clogged with sheep shit. Once the sheep are gone, cut the top of the bank/ or pave it if you must to provide a clear walk/cycle way. Install seats where people can contemplate the river/bridge and read about it. Put in rubbish bins so everyone is encouraged to drop their rubbish in them instead of the river bank. Considered looping option 1 for the cycle circuit to track both sides of the lagoon areas. Look into planting the lagoon area to promote wild life. A viewing platform with ID boards for birds. Maintain cut grass access ways to all crossings and stiles - and maintain them as well!
6	Don't forget there are other towns in the Clutha District are opinions and plans being drawn up the same as Balclutha's. I hope so. Money should be spend on them too, to enhance their towns - entrances, facilities, parks and focal points.
7	On going maintenance and repairs on all the Council's property and parks is required. Not just a dash for cash on things and leave them to deteriorate for anther 20 years. Lawn mowing and spraying wouldn't go amiss in some areas. It is easy to contract out work to other businesses (Look at what has happened in Dunedin). There are people out there looking for work, maybe the Council could come up with some employment ideas and give them work looking after their parks and reserves.
8	There is a lot of money going to be spend whatever option Is chosen. Focus should be on what the people is the district would like, not our elected councillors.
9	1) More needs to be done to improve town pride and do more to get people have pride in their town. Unfortunately there is too much negativity due to too many complainers. People are judging. 2) There are people who live in the district are capable of filling job vacancies and being upskilled to fill the jobs, unfortunately are not given a change due to too much judging and discrimination by employers and other people. This must stop (the judging and discrimination). The Mayor, Council, Clutha Development have been told and are aware of this and have done nothing to address this. Doing nothing to address this issue and problems as they arise and brought to attention is not an option. The district needs to be encouraging people to live in the area, not lose them to other areas.
10	Develop mountain biking tracks in Kai forest. At reserve where old mine was and make disused forest roads more easily accessible.
11	Recycling - There is a lot of items going in to the rubbish bin. Council should be placing more on recycling e.g. Too much glass is going into landfill and should be recycling as is happening with other district councils. There should be a shop at the tip for unwanted items as this is the case in Alexandra and Wanaka for example.
12	1) Get away from the silly name "Big River Town". 2) Put a sculpture (Big) in the area of the old water tower. 3) Banners on poles down Essex St to bridge. 4) Landscape from Lowestoft St to bridge, both sides with trees. 5) Extremely important the bridge is made the total focus to the entry to the town, with lighting such as (New Brighton Jetty). Option 7 - Close off any traffic from Clyde Street to carpark entrance on Elizabeth Street. Only pedestrian traffic. Get business owner's to be more customer focused on the trading hours.
13	We desperately want "a better, friendlier, more modern, somewhat younger 'variety' music club.
14	Pity you spent all that money on the main street, and you didn't bother with Christmas decorations. Hanging flower baskets are not the answer I don't think.

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15	<p>Cemeteries - Recently I visited a cemetery in Fielding, North Island. I was looking for a grave site. There were two ladies working there, cleaning around the headstones, removing dead flowers, weeds, broken glass etc. They said they were paid by their Council to do a few hours a week, tidying up. There were on a roster, and swapped with others if unable to work. They put their hands up for the job, as they said it was minimum wage, but they felt they wanted to give back to the community. These two were very bright, helpful people, and went about their work with job. They even said goodbye as we left. What a lovely message it gave me. A lovely memory of visiting that cemetery. How often do we ever see this? Some places we have visited, go that extra mile to give advise, and make visitors very welcome. I want Balclutha to be such a place, together we could make it happen. The waving hand, our local sign, give this welcome attitude. Lets go further. Our main street is greatly improved. Thanks for the upgrade. However - there are a few noticeable glitches. The small garden plots need to be attended to more often. Rubbish now lives around some and weeds get a strong hold, if not plucked early. One of two of the businesses have a very poor look. Absence of cleanliness. I'm thinking of one especially right near a pharmacy, where the door is filthy and the path leading away is often littered with cans/bottles/ tobacco/litter etc. These places bring the main street down, we need to smarten up, if we want visitors to stay longer. Almost all of the businesses look great. Each new season, they display their items amazingly. Well done, you know who you are! Congratulations to our new council, for giving us the opportunity to becomes part of this valuable upgrade. Love the feature opposite ANZ bank on Elizabeth Street. I hope others take this opportunity to have a say.</p>
16	<p>Please do not remove the playground equipment but update it. I live opposite this park and see many times this is used by local people as well as many people passing through stop here for a spell - to have lunch or tea stop - to let children play on swings etc. The concrete picnic table had a seat broken last year that was removed and has not been replaced yet. It would be good to see that done. More seating by the swings would be good. There is plenty of parking on Cromer Street.</p>
17	<p>Option 5 - Leave the cenotaph where it is.</p>
18	<p>Balclutha and area is a very important place for me. My Grandparents and Great Grandparents helped build Balclutha and areas and I would like to see it a fine place again as it once was!! Our town now looks dirty and old, not inviting at all. Very sad.</p>
19	<p>1) Making both sides of the river banks of bridge, reserves and to be used by all. 2) Old railways to Cycle lanes to Kaka Point - Owaka - Kaitangata. 3) Barnego Old gravel area made into a reserve, rest area. 4) Build a new Water Town on the Water Tower Park with a clock? 5) Improve all entrances to town at both ends, make it inviting!! 6) Move museum to the Town Hall area, more people to access. 7) Go-Kart track on the lower side reserve, by the airport. 8) Naish Park - leave pond. More garden areas and plantings. 9) All playgrounds, keep them to use the KISS system. 10) The old cemetery should have a little more respect, a lot of our town people whom started this area are here, need to made aware of! 11) Would like to see all sports groups in one area, show grounds looks messy, not planned very well. 12) Its a bit late but the Rec Centre should have been built with the Swimming Pool. 13) Old Boys area, new building sections for small town houses. Times and towns are changing all over New Zealand, small towns getting smaller and disappearing. We need to encourage new businesses to the town, the meat works and dairy farming are not all what's made out to be, just a fill in job! far most. We need to work smarter for the town and its people. An idea I've had would be to clear a big part of the old run down shops etc., and build a one-in-all shopping area for small businesses to go in? The warehouse may be good for some, but its killed small businesses in this town!! More people now drive to other areas. Dunedin, Gore to shop.</p>

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20	The main street looks very tidy but do not feel it has done much to attract tourists. The time has come that money should be spent around the rural areas. That is where the majority of rates come from and where the wealth of the district originates.
21	Strongly oppose to our rates increasing via three waters tax and I think majority of the public are vastly unaware what this is and how it will affect them.
22	Think Council should publicise the "facts and figures" behind Rosebank Subdivision and Plantation Heights - are these projects still rates neutral?
23	Installation of gas BBQ's and an upgrade of facilities at Kaka Point beach.
24	Consideration of reducing speed limits on lighthouse road now that it is sealed. Big potential for major crashes as tourists are driving faster and road still very skinny in places. We have avoided 2 such crashes through defensive driving so far!
25	How about an outdoor playground? Due to the weather it would be great to have an indoor play place. There appears to be sufficient capacity on Main Street in terms of empty space/offices.
26	There needs to be some serious thought put into the relationship between rates and services. E.g. I live in Clinton, my house is worth 30,000 and my rates are \$2,200. My parents live in Hamilton, their house is valued at \$400,000 and their rates are lower than mine! On top, we have water restrictions which means a pump to get running water into the house which means high electricity bills. Rate payers need lower rates or better services or your rate payer base may shrink/move away.
27	Consider a library bus to move around towns in the district. This would help people in the surrounding towns access the collection and return books.
28	To improve the garden plots in Centennial Avenue, to plant all plots in annuals. To improve roading onto Main Highway at Highway Diner corner. Better roading and footpaths on Charlotte Street and James Street. Have better access at crossings around the streets for wheel chairs and mobility scooters. Using the vacant land next to the town hall across from Hammer Hardware to build new toilets and parking areas for town hall.
29	How much has all this fancy questionnaire thing cost us ratepayers?
30	I wish that Balclutha could provide some place where buses and campervans could park so their occupants could use toilet, and café facilities, walk along our main street and enjoy a cup of coffee and see what our town has to offer.
31	Make storage available in the hall. Gives income and people don't have to do to Dunedin. Plunket might need more room and easier entrance!
32	Also - consider the fees needed to be charged for some of these facilities - they can't be too high or people/groups cannot afford them.
33	Balclutha - I would like to comment the improvements in the Main Street. The living wall is most attractive and certainly hides the black wall. History panels are great. Not everyone has time when visiting to go to a museum but this gives a quick history to visitors and may encourage them to visit the museum. I commend the planting of trees but the planks take away the softening the trees are trying to do. Hanging baskets are lovely and give a friendly atmosphere. It is a shame that we have vacant shops on the Main Street. Are you going to put our a Rural Management Plan?? I am quite disappointed that the Council has not looked at the roading in the areas. The up-keep of our rural roads has not improved. We have a lot of heavy vehicles and the roads were never built to withstand the constant use of dairy tankers/stock trucks/ logging trucks etc. There could be more sealing looked into for contracting roads to main arterial routes. Suggestion in our area would be Coe Road and Station Road. I would like to see tennis courts somewhere in Balclutha that could be played on all year round (outside). Availability is the key for all ages to use as a family, what about 12 area.

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34	Milton - I'm quite impressed with Milton's Main Street, with almost all shop places used and the Bruce Woollen Mills mural is very attractive. Once again, careful consideration of a cycle way near the main highway should be looked at for safety reasons. I don't think moving the swimming pool to the edge of the highway is a good idea. Again, it is a shame to lose the tennis courts. I'm not in favour of a dog park, would that not be a better place for the Pool and BBQ area, or camping ground if they have to be moved. Stewart Reserve - not impressed with all the wooden furniture and toilet cladding. Moore Park - Don't try to put too many activities in the same area!
35	The new part of Main Street Development looks very good, and gives a sense of pride in the town (well done). Balclutha is a very disjointed place. There have been recent buildings or developments and they are scattered all over the place i.e. Rec centre, swimming pool and grandstand. Surely with planning, these could have been incorporated together. How many clubs are struggling to keep afloat with rates, power, insurance, up-keep on buildings, yet ego prevents them sharing facilities. Look at our emergency services, all comparatively new buildings, all scattered around the town i.e. Police, St John, Fire Brigade and Hospital . With planning, they could have been all together in one area. The bridge is our focal point, lets do a really good job on it. We don't need a sculpture to boost someone's ego. The bridge is our sculpture. Would look good with Christmas lights and river reflections. But we may have to get rid of those Macrocarpa trees on the Regional Council's yard, so the residents on Sunshine Hill and surrounding areas could enjoy the focal point and towns icon (Bridge).
36	Hasborough Place Site 26, a motor lodge. This site is ideal as it has the area to build a complex, magic views of the river and our iconic bridge. Bringing in much needed jobs, and tourists to our town. This could be funded in conjunction with the Clutha Licensing Trust and other tour franchises. I urge the Council to take a constructive view of these two proposals.
37	Rosebank shopping area is an accident waiting to happen. The same thing is going to happen at Highway Diner. When you're using this road all the time, you see some shocking things .
38	Our Rotary Club congratulates you on the pro-active role that Council has undertaken, engaging with the community and ratepayers and service clubs such as ours in this process. We support the development of Balclutha and are keen to have input with projects such as a bike park, walking/cycling tracks/signage, the flying fox, as these are things that the club see's as benefitting families and community wellbeing. As we currently look after the Rhododendron Dell, it would be nice to see this promoted and included in any plans for the Blair Athol walkway area. Thank you for the opportunity to be involved in this process.
39	Council should formalise roading to Andrew Haulage Ltd to Aero Club (Airport), as the area is now used by vehicles, horses, people and dogs. Access to the river via behind the Aero Club hangar, through the Aero Club lease land.
40	Clock in Main Street.
41	So at the end of the day, we believe user pay to be a fair way of paying for the things that (extras) people choose to use. For instance, if you wish to have a dog park, then charge the people with the dogs that will use it. One of the biggest problems within all communities that the bulk of the district is always paying for the benefits of a few. I think as a Council, you need to return to the basics. There are alot of basic things that are now not being done because too many people are in the chain. Simplify what you do.



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42	<p>To take note of the history of our Memorial Hall, it was built by the late Grey Sommerville and son Ivan, voluntarily, during the 1950's. They were helped by the Town and Country side of South Otago residents, all volunteers. A beautifully finished building we have been proud of. Please keep our main hall as it is with moderate up-keep because it is the hub of South Otago, Information, I-Site. There are some projects who use the hall. Sommerville lounge etc. and kitchen area each year - Easter good friday, schools, shearing and woolhandling, garden club and bowls each year, Cross Recreation Centre is for sport only. So please keep out main hall as it is. The entrance, old Council meeting room and area altered to accommodate more. Modern meeting place is required if rented out. Remember - it costs money to make money and vise versa, you are all doing a wondering job.</p>
43	<p>The feasibility study previously undertaken for the South Otago Historical Society be beneficial in reducing costs. It appears the same (or similar) plans would be considered with appreciation figures would need to be updated, but it seems a shame to have gone to such an expense if the groundwork has already been done previously. Good luck, great initiative, fabulous to see the involvement and hear the buzz of enthusiasm about your ideas.</p>
44	<p>That compulsory leadership education for all employed in business leadership. If they do not pass then they cannot be employed in leadership. This is for employers, manager. That more is done to ensure employers do not judge and discriminate employees and potential employees. There are people in this district who are capable of filling and being up skilled to fill jobs but are not given the opportunity to do so as they are judged and discriminated against. That Clutha Development and Work and Income work closely together to assist Work and Income customers into work and industry training.</p>
45	<p>Kaka Point beach needs a place to be able to shower off any sand for feet and body. This will make visiting the beach more appealing</p>
46	<p>In my opinion there should be a greater focus on creating better job opportunities in the area. People are forced to work below their capable level and receive a payment that would suit a youngster, not a person of middle age. Attracting larger businesses to the region would be a first step. Offering a good investment climate for more businesses should be another key focus. Further investing in the development house and the local winz office would be another good thing. The development house is a great initiative, but haven't seen real results. When I moved to the area I paid them a visit. Had a good chat about my work experience and qualifications and they would keep me posted on ANY jobs becoming available. Unfortunately I have never heard back from them. My visit to the local winz office was quite disappointing as well. The focus was on benefits and not on work.. You would think it should be the other way around, and save the tax payers money! I was not looking for a benefit, but for work. They couldn't help me with that. Stunned I walked out, especially because I have years of work experience under my belt working for work and income in Europe. The focus there is and has always been on work. I have done job matching, organising job fairs and networked with a lot of businesses. Having established a good network you can outsource your jobseekers. A job agency could be helpful with that. Again, there is no job agency in the area. In the end I found a job well under my level, all by myself. If you have any suggestions for job opportunities, please let me know. A short summary of my resumé: - supermarket supervisor (current) - team leader customer service - hostel manager - work coach employer services - consultant legal affairs Bachelor qualification: social work legal services Looking forward hearing back from you.</p>

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47	A 'keep Balclutha sweet' campaign to encourage tidy sections, tidy street frontages. Can we have garden bin collections. I have no tow bar and subsequently no trailer. I am sure that we are not alone in this. Please get the manholes off the road on The Main Street from the Rosebank hotel to the Rosebank shops. The large number of trucks thumping down the road and up the road is unacceptable - this is all day and all night. Empty trucks from the freezer make the biggest noise. Not a very peaceful place to live with 3 main roads and a railway passing through.
48	Rates neutral is a laudable objective however we need to look at hard at the right mix of debt, equity and increased income if we are to set our town up for the future. Right now we can see the very good results of some (very) long time coming investment in the main street. Lets do this thing right and well - choose some winners and do them properly - and make investments that bring our town more in line with other progressive rural settlements.
49	I think Balclutha is a great place to live! If we can upgrade a few things especially along the main road I think people will notice and be more likely to stop as they drive through/ have a better opinion of our town.
50	Another issue in (No Suggestions) is trees overhanging the footpaths on both sides of the bottom of the Rosebank hill the trees are over growing and there is only room for 1 person to walk on the foot path.
51	* Velodrome *Utilise our mighty Clutha River more - maybe a large paddle steamer for riverboat cruises/dining. More public toilets should have been erected when the 1st stage of the main street upgrade was in progress. Definitely requires 4-6 public toilets in the Elizabeth Street 'Hub" area - could be slotted in there very unobtrusively.
52	More job opportunities for partners.
53	Roundabout at Hotel South Otago and PPG/Highway Dinner.
54	Southie corner is dangerous- needs a roundabout.
55	Find tenants and paint buildings- it's an eyesore.
56	Photo opportunity of the bridge, information and wayfinding.
57	Aurora observatory.
58	Cinema drive through.
59	More photo opportunities - Balclutha and daffodil signs.
60	Family friendly events - mud run or rainbow run.
61	Need to attract and retain people
62	Working in tandem with businesses- Willsher Bay Domain- toilet there is open sometimes.
63	Something to tie your boats to. Better access when the water is low.
64	A free arcade in a closed down shop for kids. Also it should be free, because kids don't have a lot of money so it would be better if free. Snacks should be free or one or two dollars, at the most five dollars.
65	Use the Rec Centre as a model for an area specific to the art, creative, drama and museum.
66	Signage to parking behind shops should be improved.
67	Ex Beautification society has funds for a worthy project.
68	Get people involved.
69	Need creative thinking.
70	Better to do a few things really well rather than in halves.
71	Do the right thing for a few things then scatter around more.
72	If you're going to do it, do it right.
73	Swimming in river (back of aerodrome).
74	ORC site has good potential for hotel/motel.
75	Fix what is broken now.
76	Round about by the bridge
77	Gormack Street- upgrade the storm water from the new subdivision- increase capacity.
78	Rosebank shops footpath- poor condition from Latta's to Centennial

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79	Develop beach/kayak area- more visible.
80	Good visibility - form a community patrol + CCTV footage is important.
81	Bridge should have a speed limit of 20km for the heavier vehicles
82	Swimming area at the river and a marina.
83	We have scattered our facilities all over town – we need to centre our efforts on Rec Centre for park sports.
84	Heritage – info boards included to match ones in plaza.
85	Overnight bus stop?
86	Support the Clutha Licensing Trust in developing the Hotel South Otago corner – not financially but in encouragement and working in tandem – they are the group entrusted with establishing restaurants/cafes/commercial ventures, and have already expressed intention of developing this key corner. They stick to their knitting, we stick to ours!
87	McDonalds or KFC, that's all Clutha even needs.
88	You guys are lucky to have a council that tries to communicate with you. Well done CDC keep up the good work. Balclutha looks much better now than it did.
89	How about putting water meters on your camping grounds and make it an even playing field... instead of just charging us for water.
90	Make it easier for residents to get employment without being judged and discriminated by employers. Also improve town pride instead of having to listen the complaining and negative attitudes.
91	An improvement for North Balclutha would be the removal of the large Macrocarpa trees at the back of Regional Council yard at Hasborough place. This would greatly enhance the views of the river and bridge.
92	Overall I think you are doing a good job, however, the rates are too high and do you think you have too many staff "supposedly" working at CDC offices, getting large wages. I am not talking about the 'front line' receptionists they are excellent.
93	I would like to comment on what has been done. My pet hate- seating is too low- some have no backs. I would personally not seat in the seating outside the Presbyterian Church, because of not protection from traffic- some apply to Elizabeth Street seating. Parking is more difficult due to the barriers around the trees. Could they not be renewed by 12" or so as I have seen cars drive over them. Seating outside some shops (against the wall) probably be used more especially families (when mum is shopping).
94	Thank you to Council for the opportunity to comment on the discussion paper.
95	It's a lovely town with a great atmosphere. People are friendly and I'm happy to bring up my children here. I assume you're consulting with older children and teenagers, as there doesn't seem to be loads going on for them, although I'm not a teenager anymore so could be very much mistaken on that!
96	Something to tap into the Chinese market. Get them to stop and pay! How to make them stop?
97	Punt raised - point of interested/novelty.
98	Free Wi-Fi in town centre, as in other towns e.g. Gore.
99	Catlins and Papatowai tracks.
100	Linkages to Lawrence, Catlins etc.

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101	<p>We have Otanamomo Scenic Reserve on our doorstep. This could be an asset to South Otago. With its historic sites. With walking tracks and bird life, it could be an attraction. We should make use of it. We wouldn't need to go to the same levels as Orokonui and put in big fence, just keep up pest control, and more birds would survive, and it has a wet land at one end. Needs to be hanged to Public Reserve, from Scenic Reserve. Dunedin has a lot of cruise ships. Could we not make use of that by offering bus or train trips down here. They would see farming, and local scenery, the nuggets light house, trip to Surat Bay to see sea lions and take in Purakaunui Falls. Bus could take locals to Dunedin, then pick up cruise passenger, when it returns passengers, pick up locals for return to Balclutha. "Councillors Folly" corner of Clyde and Elizabeth streets could have public toilets and bus stop. You could buy one of the two buildings, next to end wall garden, and convert it into new toilets, and have bus stop across the street. If you want a sculpture, how about a model paddle steamer. Or ask the local children for ideas, they would come up with better ideas than the tin hand we got in the past. We need new footpaths, and somebody to trim trees growing over footpath, we should we able to walk on footpath, not go on road to get past. We want the Council to stop wasting money, and be accountable for what is spends. I would like the council to state what the rules are for neighbours trees growing against boundary fence, as an old woman I can not reach high enough, even on near top of step of stepladder to trim them. And the leaves land on the roof. How about trees around Riverside Reserve, ones with good autumn colour, and more up the side of the river to give a bit more colour to the town.</p>
102	<p>We should drop the slogan "where everyone says hello" and replace it with something more inspiring like "gateway to the magestic south" or something similar. Also, encourage community groups to do projects - see the 7 day makeover. There are lots of inspiring community projects happening in communities which cost very little. I would be happy to share my ideas on Naish Park further if a working group is set, i would be happy to be part of it.</p>
103	<p>Hi, I am not sure if this is the right place to make some comments but the Catlins Coast/Owaka area is in dire need of promotion/activities/ a kick up the pants.</p> <p>I have been involved in tourism in the area for the past 10 years and things are not progressing as I thought they would.</p> <p>Travellers continue to pass right through and there is no real reason for them to stop overnight. I know there are more little stores and eating places in Owaka but I do not think the numbers are growing.</p> <p>The area really needs a rail trail or Coastal walk or something along these lines to keep people in the region for far longer.</p> <p>We do not need to try and be a Queenstown as this is an area for piece and quiet and the great outdoors. But it needs more visitors who stay over.</p> <p>I would love to meet with councillors or other organisations about what a collective approach could do for the region.</p> <p>I feel it is the "last untouched area" of New Zealand and it really needs to get its fair share of the tourism market.</p>
104	<p>Normally I just want to get through towns like Balclutha as quickly as possible.</p> <p>I would like to see the interests of users of state highway 1 given more weight in all future planning. An express bypass might be the ideal solution to separate through traffic from pedestrians, cyclists and local traffic but where this is not possible or practical I would like to see more emphasis on keeping them separate rather than trying to make them coexist.</p> <p>The typical solutions of seemingly unnecessary speed restrictions, roundabouts, traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, cycle lanes, tiki tour bypasses etc. are just a frustration to most state highway 1 users.</p>

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105	<p>We have a lot of buses coming through and most just carry on or go up to peggydale, a bus parking hub and the promotion of it and Balclutha to tour company's, with better parking.</p> <p>The information center is not in the most ideal space to encourage those stopping there to continue up the main street, visually the business that the visitors see from the current position of the info center would not encourage anyone to explore and use the cafes and shops.</p> <p>I don't have the answer but, bus parking somewhere around the Post Office, PaperPlus area would be better.</p> <p>The Information Centre down John Street would also be a better location.</p>
106	Consider building a replica of the SS Matau for display.
107	More attractions.
108	Lonely planet type app - how do we promote cool stuff to do around Balclutha?
109	Potential to sell a lifestyle away from the rat race.
110	Loss of original view at Milton Highway/Nelson Road- there should be a pull in area for the view.
111	Service standards are important.
112	Catlins - standard of facilities are up to speed.
113	What is there for the 18-30 age group?
114	Talk to moteliers for their view and what visitors say.
115	Need an attraction that looks out on the water.
116	Should we have a visitor attraction in Balclutha?
117	More Clutha Country branding?
118	Need short term secure storage for bikes and equipment so visitors can explore the town on foot with their camera and credit card, use the wifi and provide revenue to retailers
119	<p>Find a way to make Balclutha a destination and people will come and say hello . We have an amazing coastline south of the Nuggets and very little chance for tourists to see how good it really is. Balclutha the base for all movements out to the attractions by chopper ,hovercraft ,jet boats ,4x4 buses 4x4 quads horse back ,walking tracks and huts or tents at places along the way and the list goes on. Find someone with the desire and money to start something. One trouble is there are far to many regulatory obstacles to jump over . You have great river to hire out fishing motel house boats . Or just house boat travel. Problem finding the person with desire ,money and the strength to do it. Most people don't want pretty towns they want to see our natural attractions . They leave there family homes in the cities to come see our country with all it's natural beauties. Ask all the tourists you can and find out what they want. Easy.</p>
120	<p>Whilst in favour of development (town hall replacement with a significant local flavour modern multi-use). I overall feel we should focus on our local strengths in what has been a strong agricultural and occasionally (very successful) commercial 'can do enterprise'. Whilst tourism is huge around New Zealand I am uncertain it will offer similar significant economic gains within our District. Some very successful southern areas (Invercargill) have had very little actual (population) growth in decades: what I am suggesting is that growth within our District should be based upon increased employment opportunities and aimed at associated realistic targets.</p>
121	<p>At the moment, Balclutha isn't a destination. It's a 'passing through' point en route to the Catlins. To improve our economy, we need to give visitors more reasons to stop. Fun or interesting activities need to be developed and these would also help local families keep active and happy- especially in the holidays! Possible options include: fishing tours, trail rides, motocross competitions, kite wars, historic and/or nature tours, photo safaris, farm tours (especially during lambing and shearing). We also need to encourage more local shops to stay open at weekends when most visitors arrive. Maybe empty premises could be used for weekend pop-up shops in the summer.</p>

## Further feedback

122	H&J Smith and the mall have both closed their toilet facilities. It would be convenient to have a replacement in such a central location. Old bladders aren't fun!
123	Toilet maintenance!!!! So gross, bad impression.
124	Toilets by the town hall not in the right location - Roxburgh toilet mentioned as a an example of a destination toilet.
125	The town needs some high class public toilets on the main street or close to it so that the passing public may have a reason to stop and then they may spend some money. Keep rates to inflation, not 3-5% above. Wages are not keeping up with rates increases.
126	Tourist infrastructure lacking - lost income/opportunities.
127	Toilet maintenance!!!! So gross- bad impression
128	I would not like to see the library relocated. It is an excellent facility, in a good location and it was donated by My Carnegie, to the community. I also would not like the cenotaph to be relocated to the Town Hall. First of all, the walk from the War Memorial Hall to the cenotaph is always an important and emotional part of the event. Secondly, there is not enough room at the hall for so many people. Another observation is that I would like to see the Clyde Street entrance to Elizabeth Street, where the seats are, closed permanently, to make that lovely area a kind of entertainment area. Maybe a podium for musicians. Lastly, I would like to see the fruit stall from Central, to be part of the Saturday Market instead of on it's own elsewhere. It would bring more people to the market.
129	Family friendly restaurant or eatery.
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131	Need places to take children in wet/windy/cold weather i.e Chipmucks, trampoline world. Café/playground
132	Saturday morning markets.
133	More social places to hand out - mad house etc.
134	Why are some recycling bins being emptied when they clearly have rubbish in them. Why do 2 houses in Springfield Street have 2 waste wheeliebins.
135	Dump fees cheaper.
136	Recycle centre in town.
137	Signage raised - if you are from out of town you don't know where things are.
138	Sign post Beaumont to go by the river into Balclutha.
139	The north entrance to the bridge needs immediate attention, as trucks, buses etc. are all getting longer, so need more direct route for safety for bridge users. I am suggesting a more direct route with very little cost.
140	Redirection of State Highway one, down Cromer Street, to give a more direct route onto the North End of the bridge. By moving onto this more direct route, will give room to bring the Kaitangata turn off further North, giving much better view of the oncoming traffic and access to State Highway one and the bridge. I believe NZ Road Board has allocated 8.5 million dollars to be spend between Balclutha and Milton in this years budget so best they start at our bridge.
141	Would like the CDC to realise that the ratepayer in other towns may like money spent there instead of balclutha. E.g. footpaths in Milton. Stop upping the rates to uglify balclutha.
142	Roads and footpaths need repaired they shocking.
143	I would like to see some improvement to the road outside my house that is not going to cost me \$6000.
144	We can't even have our roads oiled anymore,well we could if we wanted to pay a fortune for it,bloody ridiculous,surely tarseal is cheaper to maintain than gravel roads,oh that's right we live in the country so no one cares what sort of road we have with it's pot holes that never seem to get fixed properly by the grader driver & within a week or so are worse than before.

## Further feedback

145	The Elizabeth Street area is fantastic, a job well-done. A great asset to the Main Street. It would be so much better if the street was closed off. The area would be utilised far more if there was no thru traffic. I worry about safety i.e. small children running out onto the street.
146	The main street upgrade. I think you could use the wooden poles to create pergolas or covered areas over the seats. A "round-about" at High Street intersection, keep traffic flowing. Look at Gores.
147	You have done a great job development the Town's main street so far. I notice far more tourists stopping and it looks great. You need to stop traffic using the top end of Elizabeth Street by ANZ. Make that area more people friendly. I like the idea of hanging baskets in the town but are disappointed by the local businesses not maintaining them. They moan about locals not shopping there but what are they doing to encourage a vibrant area.
148	Main Street upgrade is great. A real credit to those involved.
149	A more regular clean-up of glass and booze boxes left around town, goodness knows what visitors must think as they pass through this highly littered town!
150	Modernise the Balclutha Library. It's a great facility but feels dated. Whakatane is an example of a small town that had a old library and they built an amazing new space that is light, spacious and welcoming with a colourful children's area. This library could use an overhaul with a lighter, brighter feel. Teenagers need to feel it works for them, at the moment it doesn't really. It needs not IT facilities.
151	Housing shortage - flatting.
152	A need for 1 or 2 bedroom apartments.
153	The ORC site in Hasborough Place is a good place for Freedom Campers to camp/stay the night.
154	Layways being used- camping in gardens by the town hall
155	Motor camper/freedom campers parking and camper area with facilities like Te Ana
156	A public dump station, we have been asking for in submissions. Ex Lattimore swimming baths would be excellent for a park in, with a public dump station. With ever increasing motor homes and caravans, all self contained people would stop overnight and shop in the town. As it is, the larger percentage just travel through Balclutha. This would help Balclutha to become a motor home friendly town, like Gore. We ourselves enjoy a day or 2 stop-over with friends and dining and shopping there. Hospital road water is still unusable on many occasions.
157	Investigate becoming a motor-home friendly town and all that entails, majority of travellers pass Balclutha on their way to the Catlins in motor-homes. They could be encouraged to stop for a while. Encourage the use of Cross Recreation Centre at every opportunity.
158	Grass area beside downhill, designated freedom area. We are never going to get rid of them, so encourage them to stop there. Coin operated showers , toilets and BBQ with rubbish bins. Make it a nice play to stop and it will be close to the i-Site.

**Further feedback**

159	<p>I believe Council is considering a dump station near Southroads yard and parking overnight for certified self contained camping vans who will not use the camping ground. I think this is a very good idea with it being within walking distance to our shops. We as a town need to capture this fresh money that otherwise gets spent elsewhere. Why on earth in you "camping in Clutha" pamphlet do you only give the one option of using the camping ground. You are fiving our town a great disservice as they spend a lot of money, but don't through it away on camping grounds which they do not need. Overnight parking could also be provided behind the town hall encouraging visitors to enjoy our river and Arthur Strang reserve a time limit for arriving and vacating these properties. A \$5 fee or donation box could be implemented. Campers would be very grateful for a rubbish skip or bin. See Lumsden township who are catering for overnight camping by their railway station on the main street. New shops are now opening there. Murchison is another town that is booming because of NZMCA park opened there. I am a Committee Member of the Clutha Valley Motor Caravan Association and have provided free camping for members overnight at the back of Clutha Modern Furniture, the back of the Rosebank shopping complex, and the Paper Plus carpark. The Town and Country Club has had a free carpark for our members and certainly profit from it over the years. As the Catlins is one of the "must do" tourist destinations, Balclutha should be welcoming them with open arms. Our town is missing out big time with the only option being the camping ground. A place beside the toilets on the riverside reserve could be used for the vans of young people. We have camped with these lovely young people at several places where toilets and rubbish collection is provided and have been so impressed with the clean area the next morning. These young people (very much like our own young tourists) also spend money on food etc. I think our parks and reserves are well maintained and make us proud. Streetscape if great. Encourage GPS companies to alter their Catlins route to go through our town.</p>
160	Facilities for freedom campers raised.
161	Need to look at the motor home friendly scheme.
162	Clean up the Rosebank footpath
163	<p>Some of the shops in town could really do with a makeover to make our streets look as if they are cared for. Empty shops need to be used, to make our town a bustling, happy, attractive place to be. Frontages need to look fresh and clean and names clearly seen. e.g. Chinese takeaway shop. Many of the footpaths around town need attention. Some are quite dangerous for walkers and are a health and safety issue, especially for the elderly.</p>
164	<p>Putting in footpaths on all Balclutha road/streets. Cambridge Street has no footpath on left hand side causing cars to park on gravel footpath and drive down the footpath and out our drive. Could be very dangerous/fatal if we walk out our path into house or out of garage the same time as neighbour honing down footpath. They don't care about driving down it and ruining the gravel footpath and our driveway.</p>
165	Carol service in Balclutha.
166	More events for building community spirit and celebrating Balclutha.
167	Light festival - mid winter.
168	<p>Have a summer wine and food festival. Have a market day at a location that is not a carpark area, using area beside hall/Charles St. Have a garden concert outdoors. If the hall was decommissioned, would it be demolished and removed? Or left empty and closed down as this wasn't written in the information (If its not used then must be gone altogether). If the bridge is our feature - use it the most and develop the area at hall to have it as our location number 1, light it up. We have no Shops!</p>



## Further feedback

169	<p>Most of these things are great ideas - but it costs to do them. So lets be realistic about what we choose to spend the money on and perhaps we could work as a community to do fundraising e.g. fairs, expo's guest speakers, quiz nights etc. Involve local groups or/schools to do some activities and donate the proceeds to the project, and in return, they get a tree planted in their name at the entrance way. Ask the Garden Clubs to be involved in the plantings. Forest and Bird could provide some of the plants? Maybe families could buy paving stones that are part of the new pathway in the park and their name goes on it. Just trying to think outside the box, and reduce the amount of rates for those who can't afford an increase, or won't benefit from it.</p>
170	<p>In 2018 there is an opportunity to promote and celebrate the district. In 1868 Mr James MacAndrew opened the FIRST Balclutha Bridge - 150 years since this vital southern link was established (the last major celebration appears to be 2002 marking 150 years of Balclutha). Bringing our community together to celebrate in this way, could act as a catalyst to bring to fruition, other projects envisioned for our community. The enemy here is apathy. Every opportunity must be utilised. The folk behind our state of the art SPORTS centre understood this. We all appreciate their hard work, I guess especially the netball teams on a winter morning!</p>
171	<p>We strongly support more events in Balclutha, particularly utilizing the river. We are keen to be a part of projects.</p>
172	<p>Wild food festival and craft beer.</p>
173	<p>Light festival - mid winter</p>
174	<p>Talk of passenger training running from Christchurch to Dunedin (2018) How can we extend this to Balclutha and promote this as a way to explore Catlins via further transport options from Balclutha.</p>
175	<p>The shop tenants and building owners should be encouraged to smarten up their frontages. The District Council must be aware there are other townships within their area that require upgrading. It is hopeful that the Council utilize the forestry assets of the proceeds from their sale wisely.</p>
176	<p>Retailers step up opening hours.</p>
177	<p>Empty shops are unavoidable.</p>
178	<p>Empty shops raised - incentives for owners to do something</p>
179	<p>Business incentives i.e. interest free loan to landowners to tidy up building frontages.</p>
180	<p>Buildings past their used by date in town.</p>

## Appendix 7: Additional Feedback Material



# Light Up the Long nights

## Balclutha Festival of light

July 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 (Last week of school term)

5.30pm to 10.00pm

### Concept

Plan is a festival of light for the whole of Balclutha township to brighten the mid-winter long nights. Because of our mid-summer Xmas we miss out on light displays that the northern hemisphere enjoy. If well organised with plenty of buy in from council and organisations, it should attract visitors and foster community spirit at a time when the town is hibernating, and when people have some time available and not heading off for holidays.

Ticks boxes for enhancing the wellbeing of residents and promoting growth

Examples of other festivals: (google light festivals)

Alexandra Blossom Festival

Oamaru Heritage Festival

Longleat Festival of Light ([longleat.co.uk/whats-on/festival-of-light](http://longleat.co.uk/whats-on/festival-of-light))

large scale

Sydney Festival of Light - Vivid

Amsterdam light Festival





## **Programme**

5.30pm All lights switched on. Shops remain open

6.30pm each night

Street parades/ static displays along Clyde St Commercial - will require closure from Town Hall to Barr St.

Town Hall and/or Cross Centre for indoor displays

Mini bus tours of participating streets and businesses

10.00pm Lights off

## **Parade participants**

Decorated trucks

Trades/emergency vehicles

Tractors/atvs

Floats/Sports clubs

Custom/classic cars

Kids/family/ethnic

Fireworks display finale Saturday 8th

Best house

Best street

Best retailer

Best corporate

Best club

## Partners

Balclutha Rotary

Clutha District Council

Youth Council

Main Street retailers

Round Table

Schools

Corporates (sponsorship/participation)

Ethnic groups

Trades

Churches

## Funding

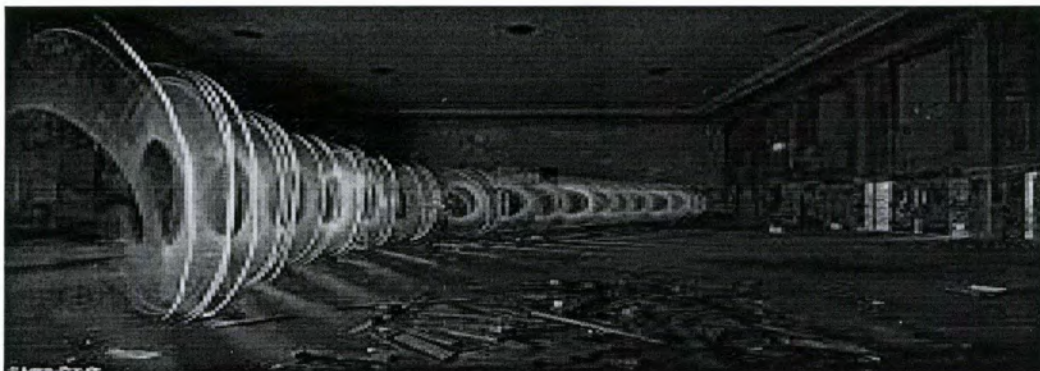
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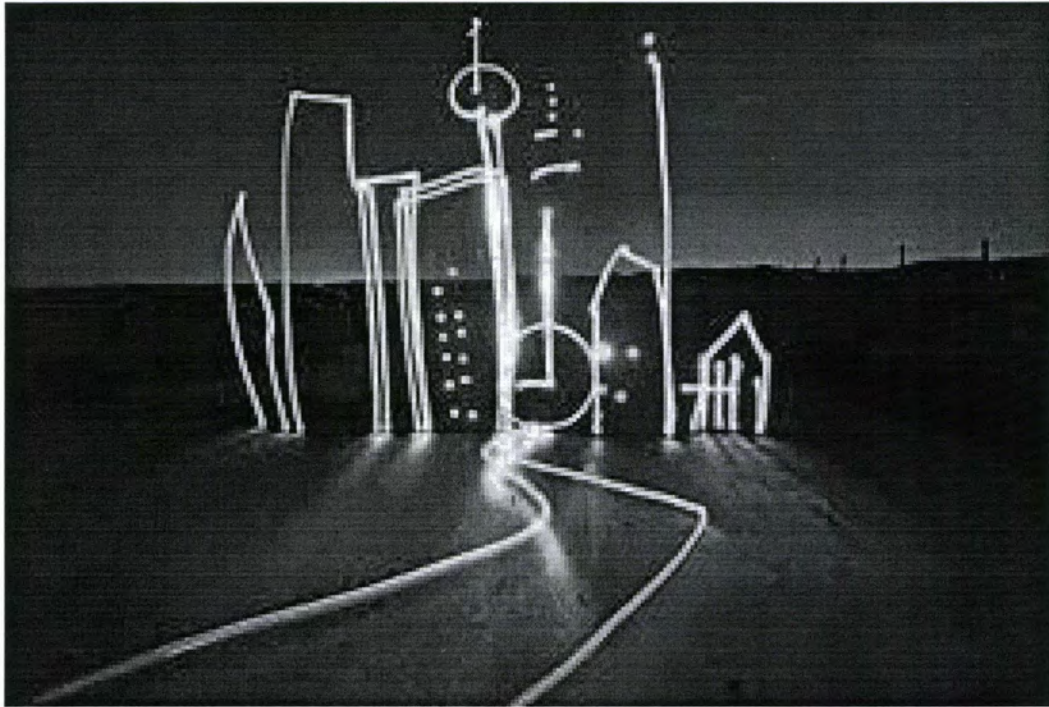
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Businesses

Lottery grant

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## Clutha District Council - Community Plan Submission

### War Memorial Hall Redevelopment

Your reference number is **CDC-QF-170212-9MU2D-WG6**.

#### Demolish or keep?

- It was built to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice so we could live and prosper in peace
- Existing Structure is an asset
- It would cost more to demolish and rebuild vs remodelling the existing
- The existing structure is an icon to Balclutha
- Much voluntary labour and donated resources went into building it.
- Capture the spirit of those who built it as a memorial and replicate that spirit to honour what they gave us and redesign it into a community hub

#### Concept

- The concept for the hall redevelopment is to make the centre a positive incoming producing activity.
- The bridge produces a 'toll gate' environment to capture all who travel north and south.
- The redevelopment requires a business plan approach
- A constructive corporate culture is required by those charged with the redevelopment
- For every hour spent in the planning you will save four in the execution
- Balclutha has the people talent and skill to undertake the redevelopment
- The redevelopment can be carried out in stages

#### For the Community:

- Meeting rooms and function centre (Corporate, Council, Funerals, Weddings)
- Movie theatre and stage show complex (Part funding available)
- Arts centre workshop and display area (Part funding available)
- Heritage museum and Clutha District resource centre (Part funding available)

#### For the Community and visitors:

- I-Site and information centre
- Tourist booking site and activity centre
- Best toilets, showers and laundrette in New Zealand
- Coffee shop and café with local fare and international dishes
- Childrens area, adventure facilities and press button learning screens
- Wifi, internet room
- Clutha district gifts, photos and books including local art and crafts shop
- Bike hire and river boat, flight joy rides, fishing trips, booking centre

## **Overview of activities associated with the Centre.**

### **Information Centre – Gateway to the Catlins and More**

- District Maps (multi lingual)
- District trips (multi lingual)
- Accommodation booking and Guides
- Clutha District Museums and activity vouchers
- Business Vouchers
- Weather Information
- Distance and time information
- “Drive through” TV screens
- www. on Line Purchases – Gifts, Accommodation Tours

### **Discover Clutha District (Income producing activity)**

- Themed rooms depicting the six Clutha District Areas
- 3D floor geography
- Panoramic wall scenery
- Tourist and heritage sites
- Clutha River panorama with history panels
- Model railway depicting railway history (Children appeal)
- Audio

### **SOHS Museum (Income producing activity)**

- Exhibits and displays relevant to Clutha History
- Information pamphlets (multi lingual)
- Monthly exhibitions depicting Clutha District Heritage
- Community involvement
- Red Carpet opening nights
- Newspaper coverage

### **Café (Income producing activity)**

- Menus in a variety of languages
- Front of house service
- New Zealand menu
- International dishes
- Children’s menu
- Children’s paper activity with birthdate



**Toilets - The best Toilets in NZ** (Income producing activity)

- Toilet only entry fee
- Pay Showers available
- Squat toilet
- Marble and tile
- Toiletries
- Glass walls with bush like setting
- Bush Audio
- Laundry facilities

**Children**

- Play area
- Adventure facilities
- Press button learning activities

**Gift Gallery** (Income producing activity)

- Clutha District gifts, photos, books
- Clutha District art
- Travellers accessories
- National and International posting service

**Art Centre**

- Incorporate Art Society
- Clubrooms and Gallery
- Framing service

**Tours - (Income)**

- Bus and Boat
- Walking Paths
- Half day and day tours
- Farm tours – Sheep, Cattle, Dairy, Deer, Pig
- Business Tours – Education, Accountants, Legal, Council, Emergency Services
- Industry Tours – Meat, Dairy, Coal, Timber, Boat Building, Telford
- Fishing Tours – River, Sea
- Flying tours – Plane and helicopter
- Heritage Tours
- Lunch, Dinner, morning and afternoon tea Tours
- Tourist Tours
- Driving Tours

- Children's Tours
- Destination Tours
- Cottage Industry Tours

**Boat** – Balclutha to Kaitangata  
 Balclutha to Koau Mouth  
 Balclutha to Tuepeka Punt  
 Balclutha to Pacific Ocean and return

**Bus** - Balclutha, Benhar, Stirling, Kaitangata, Wangaloa, Balclutha  
 Balclutha, Kaitangata, Toko Mouth, Milton, Lovells Flat, Balclutha  
 Balclutha, Hillend, Waitahuna, Lawrence, Gabriels Gully, Beaumont, Rongahere, Tuepeka Punt, Clydevale, Balclutha  
 Balclutha, Hillend, Lawrence, Lake Mahinerang, Waipori Falls, Berwick, Lake Waihola, Milton, Balclutha  
 Balclutha, Kaka Point, Nuggets, Tunnel Hill, Balclutha  
 Balclutha, Owaka, Purakanui Falls, Papatowai, Tatutuka Beach, Balclutha  
 Balclutha, Clinton, Owaka Valley, Owaka, Punawea, New Haven, Tunnel Hill, Balclutha  
 Balclutha, Clinton, Tapanui, Beaumont, Rongahere, Tuepeka Punt, Clydevale, Balclutha  
 Balclutha, Milton, Lake Waihola, Tairei Mouth, Waihola, Balclutha

#### **Walking**

**& Biking** – DCD - Charlotte Street, Naish Park, Clutha River, Rhododenron Dell, Hospital Road, Main Street – DCD  
 DCD – Clutha Bridge, Railway Bridge, Aerodrome, Glasgow Street, DCD  
 DCD – Flood Bank, Railway Station, High Street, Main Street, DCD  
 DCD – Clutha Bridge, Strang Reserve, Balclutha Bridge, DCD

#### **Marketing**

- Web Site
- SH 1 Signage
- Otago Daily Times, Southland Times, Clutha Leader information adverts
- Mailing Lists
- Social Media
- Building Signage
- Club/Organisation Combined

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Dear Larissa,

Further to my internet submission on Parks and Reserves, the objective of this letter is to expand on my thoughts and contribution to the Naish Park Reserve.

My objective is in keeping with the vision, objectives and policies of the CDC. To assist meet this vision I would motivate a group of people known as 'Friends of Naish Park' to carry out some of the ideas proposed and enhance the park to become a garden of national significance.

The park has the history and 'bones' to allow this to happen with its mature trees and sheltered setting.

The first step would be to attend to the vegetation and prepare it in accordance with the standards and techniques of approved arboriculture practice. This is not the case today.

Along with the tree, shrub and garden enhancement we would identify and label the trees of significance for the knowledge of visitors to the park.

Also one goal would be to return the bandstand to its former glory that could be used for entertainment, weddings and market place events in the park. (See attached)

I would envisage an annual market day in the park with garden stalls, children's activities, bands, food stalls etc with proceeds being spent on the park enhancements as identified in the strategic plan.

The activities of 'The Friends of Naish Park' would be cost neutral and no impingement on the ratepayers of the CDC. In fact the voluntary labour, contributions to amenities and enhancements would increase the asset value for the community and visitors alike.

I would like you to include this submission and if you have any questions or require further clarification on any point please contact me.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Barron

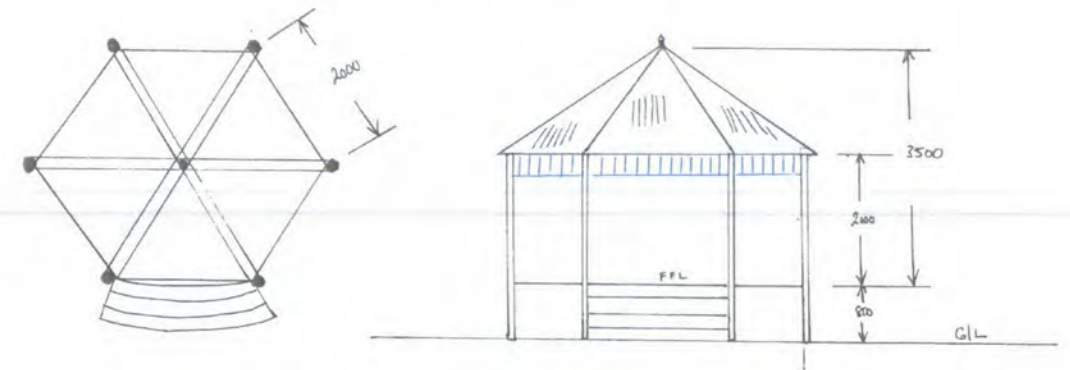




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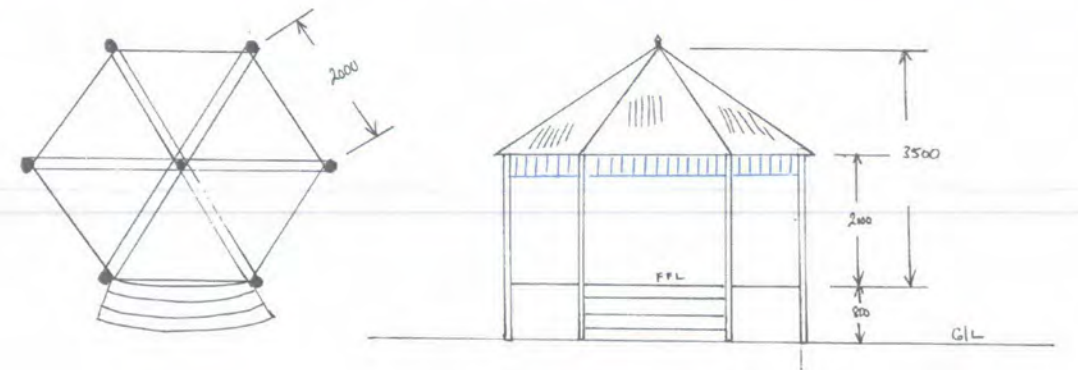




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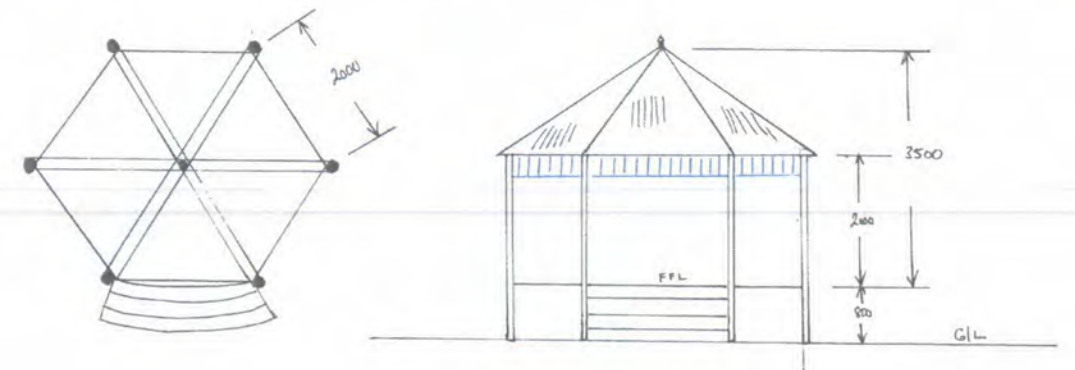




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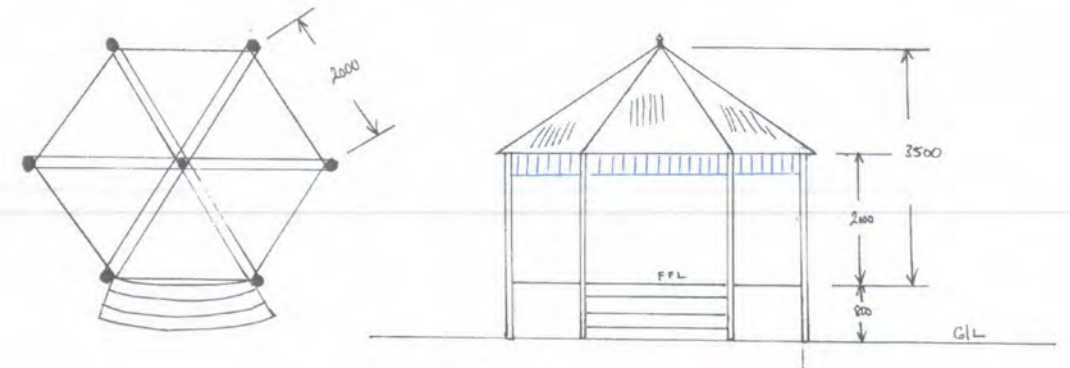




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Chief Executive,  
Clutha District Council.

26.1.17

To whom it may concern,

I am writing a submission to the Balclutha Annual Plan on behalf of Catlins Coast Inc.

Catlins Coast Inc. is a community driven not for profit society that aims to have an active role in the sustainable development of tourism and community development in The Catlins. We plan, manage and promote activities that enhance the well being of all people of The Catlins.

We also commend the Council on their community initiative plans particularly the Living and Working and Economic Development Strategies. The Balclutha Centre upgrade has been very timely and will enhance the visitor and local experience when visiting our region.

### 1. Signage

Catlins Coast wishes to kindly request that the Clutha District Council consider erecting directional signage at key locations in and from Balclutha directing travellers to The Catlins; and that this signage refers directly to "The Catlins".

There remains serious confusion amongst travellers looking for The Catlins who are informed of directions to Owaka, Invercargill or the Southern Scenic Route with no idea that this is all relative to their journey - they just want (and are looking for) "The Catlins".

A number of years ago The Catlins community applied to the New Zealand Geographic Board (NZGB) to have The Catlins recognised as an official location so we therefore believe that it is appropriate that it be sign posted as such. Addressing this issue, would make travelling to our amazing area less difficult and would enhance the safety and overall experience of visitors who would have a clear idea of where they are travelling too.

### 2. The Catlins Brand

Catlins Coast are key stakeholders regarding The Catlins brand and respectfully request that they are consulted on any issues relating to the use of this brand. Catlins Coast have trademarked this brand. After many years of promoting The



Catlins and successfully advocating for the NZGB to recognise it, we are also aware that the brand requires protection and therefore respectfully request consultation before use. This is important as many local businesses depend on correct use and perception of the brand as an important part of their business success.

### **3. Appreciative of Council Support and Need for Councils to work together**

We would like to acknowledge the support of the Council in recent times and in particular, Cr Hilary NcNab. Cr NcNab is a regular attendee of our monthly meetings and her input and insights are much appreciated. What is very clear to us - particularly following on from the recent completion of the Catlins Tourism Strategy review – is the need for increased communication and partnership between Council, our community and in particular, our organisation.

With this in mind, we would also like to endorse the cross Council approach and in particular, we wish to encourage continued collaboration with the Southland District Council and Venture Southland. This is integral to the future sustainability of our industry and community.

### **4. Catlins Tourism Strategy Implementation**

We look forward to partnering with Council on a range of initiatives and projects as identified in the Catlins Tourism Strategy. Tourism is a very exciting opportunity for our community, but one which needs to be managed appropriately and collaboratively, considering first and foremost the community. Our goal is to realise more value from visitors to our region by creating more reasons for them to stay longer and spend more. Freedom camping and infrastructure provision also remain key issues affecting sustainable future development. While there have been excellent improvements in recent years, there is a need to ensure that this continues as the area grows in popularity.

We also would like to thank the Chief Executive for his input to date with the implementation strategy – this has been much appreciated and has assisted in our plan being very comprehensive and inclusive of planned Council infrastructure developments.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to you plan. If you require any more information regarding Catlins Coast Inc or our Aims and Objectives please feel free to contact our chairperson Robyn Shanks 034158013 or [shankspr@yrless.co.nz](mailto:shankspr@yrless.co.nz)

We would also like to speak to this submission and look forward to notification of when this might be scheduled.

Yours faithfully



Dianne Miller (Mrs)

Secretary Catlins Coast Inc.

To Clutha District Council

I am writing on behalf of City Impact Church Balclutha in the hope that we may be able to work together for the benefit of our community.

At least once a school term we run a Community Impact Day where we come together as a church and help people in need in the community to do things like gardens, house work and minor repairs.

What we are hoping by making contact with you is to work with you to support the community.

There is no cost involved to you – no strings attached.

We are all volunteers working together to help wherever we can in the community.

*Vision statement*

*To mobilise volunteers into the community to help families in need*

If this is something that you think could be possible then either myself or one of the team would be keen to make contact and discuss details further.

Many thanks

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## Let's talk some more...

What else do you think we should be considering for Balclutha?

WRITE SOME IDEAS DOWN HERE OR USE THIS SPACE IF THERE WASN'T ENOUGH ROOM ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM...

I believe council is considering a dump station <sup>near Southroads yard</sup> & parking overnight for certified self contained camping vans who will not use the camping ground. I think this is a very good idea with it being within walking distance to our shops. We as a town need to capture this fresh money that otherwise gets spent elsewhere. Why on earth in your "Camping in Clutha" pamphlet do you only give the one option of using the camping ground. You are giving our town a great disservice as they spend a lot of money, but don't throw it away on camping grounds which they do not need. Overnight parking could also be provided behind the town hall encouraging visitors to enjoy our river and at Arthur Strang reserve. A time limit for arriving & vacating these properties. A \$5 fee or donation box could be implemented. Campers would be very grateful for a rubbish skip or bin.

See Luncheon township who are catering for overnight camping by their railway station on the main St. New shops are now opening there. Murchison is another town that is booming because of a NZMCA park opened there.

I am a committee member of the Clutha Valley motor caravan assn and have provided free camping for members overnight at the back of Clutha Modern Furniture, The back of the Rosebank shopping complex, and the Paper Plus car park. The town & country club has had a free park for our members & certainly profit from it over the years.

As the Catlins is one of the "must do" tourist destinations. Balclutha should be welcoming them with open arms. Our town is missing out big time with the only option being the camping ground.

A place beside the toilets on the riverside reserve could be used for the vans of young people. We have camped with these lovely young people at several places where toilets & rubbish collection is provided & have been so impressed with the clean area the next morning. These young people (very much like our own young tourists) also spend money on food etc.

I think our parks & reserves are well maintained & make us proud.

Streetscape is great.

Encourage GPS companies to alter their catlins route to go through our town.

Please return by 27 February 2017

Your answers, ideas and suggestions will be collated with all the feedback we receive and provided to elected members. Your contact details will be withheld publicly to protect your privacy.







our green van parked overnight  
at lake taupo 2016. Most people  
shopped in the township  
see catlins advertising at the  
back of our green bus



Lake Taupo overnight parking 2016





Nice looking rubbish bins Taupo 2016



Rubbish containers Lake Taupo  
2016



Taupo beside the lake 2016



*friendly*

# GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ

WELCOMES RESPONSIBLE CAMPERS

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**SELF CONTAINED**



\* INFRINGEMENT FEES APPLY \$200.00

Taupe 2016







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We promote the catkins on the front & back of our motorhome & are frequently giving out pamphlets about our area

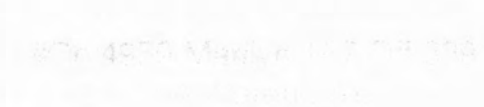
**Drive safely on Northland beaches**  
**Ata haere ki ngā one o Te Rohe o Te Raki**

**Road rules apply**  
**on the beach**

**Orite ngā Ture mō ngā one katoa**  
**o Te Raki**

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Example of sign on Northland Beach





**NO  
CAMPING**

**DAY PARKING  
ONLY**



**EXCEPT FOR  
CERTIFIED  
SELF  
CONTAINED  
VANS**

North Island east coast. Could be  
used down the Nuggets road & Catlin's  
area 2015

**YOUR  
DONATION IS  
APPRECIATED**

Money received assists  
Council with making this  
reserve available for  
your enjoyment.



at Clive beach front Napier  
2015



# Tourists spend up large

2-2-2017  
**MARY-JO TOHILL**  
*Clutha leader*

Tourism spending in the Clutha district in December 2016 jumped by 16.5 per cent, compared with December 2015.

According to Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment figures released last week, Clutha was ahead of other popular destinations in December. Spending had increased in Fiordland by 14.1 per cent to \$31m, Queenstown by 5.9 per cent to \$233m, Clutha by 16.5 per cent to

\$7m and Southland by 12.9 per cent to \$46m.

Domestic and international visitor expenditure in the last year had increased in Fiordland by 14.9 per cent to \$217m, Queenstown by 12.6 per cent to about \$2.1 billion, Clutha by 4.4 per cent to \$62m and Southland by 3.9 per cent to \$391m.

Clutha-Southland MP Todd Barclay said this was "a fantastic result" for the southern regions.

"It's great to have statistics backing up anecdotal feedback

that the tourism sector in Clutha-Southland is experiencing exceptional growth," Barclay said.

The results were testament to the hard work and innovation of tourism operators, businesses and passionate people, he said.

Councils, operators and groups were encouraged to apply for the next round of funding in the Government's Regional Mid-sized Tourism Facilities Grant Fund, which helps small towns and organisations upgrade facilities, such as carparks and toilets.



Cathedral Caves attracted record crowds over the New Year.

MARY-JO TOHILL

# Camping facilities backed

ODT  
 By JOHN GIBB 2-2-2017

NEW Zealand should be seen by overseas visitors, including freedom campers, as a "welcoming country", Waikouaiti Coast Community Board chairman Alasdair Morrison says.

Mr Morrison also emphasised the need for a collaborative, consistent approach to the provision of freedom camping facilities throughout the country, during a discussion at a community board meeting at Waitati last night.

What was needed was combined action by government as well as local authorities and community bodies to ensure adequate facilities were provided, he said.

"I have a view that the Government should be doing more" to support facilities for the millions of visitors being attracted to the country each year.

Demand for freedom camping at the Waikouaiti Domain and elsewhere in Dunedin was "going to get bigger".

In a brief update tabled at the meeting, Dunedin City Council recreation planning and facilities manager Jendi Paterson said council staff would present a report to council next month with proposed changes to the freedom camping bylaw.

Before the report was presented, staff wanted "feedback and suggestions" from the community board regarding how the Warrington Domain should be managed as a site, "whether by area restriction, vehicle restriction or full restriction".

More of Dunedin could be opened up to freedom camping next season, while new restrictions are considered for Warrington Domain, as the city council mulls further changes to its approach.

The bylaw changes could result in new locations being added to the list of permitted freedom camping spots in Dunedin, at present limited to Warrington Domain and Ocean View Recreation Reserve for non-self-contained vehicles.

Mr Morrison said earlier positive changes made by the council, including upgraded toilet facilities and high-tech rubbish bins, had been working well at the domain, and other board members agreed.

Board members warned of the danger of imposing big restrictions on the use of the domain, and said freedom campers had responded positively to the improvements.

City council representative Cr Jim O'Malley said the community and council response provided a positive example of how freedom camping issues could be handled.

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*Clutha Country's many distinct and diverse areas, rich in natural and scenic landscapes, coastlines and wide-open spaces are well-suited to campers. Having guidelines for campers allows this form of tourism and recreation to continue, and provides some protection to our community's natural environment, by minimising littering and dumping of toilet wastes.*



### Where can you camp?

There are some great places to stay in Clutha Country and we welcome responsible campers who are prepared to look after our unique natural environment and follow some simple rules. Camping is permitted in any designated camping ground for all types of camping – tents, campervans, sleeper vans and vehicles. See map inside this brochure for locations.

If your campervan is fully self contained (with a toilet, wastewater and rubbish facilities on-board) then you may camp overnight for free on most land administered by Council away from the town centres and residential areas. Some public land is excluded however. Please observe all no camping signs.

**If you do not have a fully self-contained campervan then please stay at a camping ground if you wish to camp.**

### Camping in The Catlins

The Catlins is a popular and frequently visited area of Clutha Country. Its unique and fragile coastlines and ecosystem are home to endangered wildlife and bird species. Please camp only in permitted areas.

There are three Department of Conservation (DOC) camping grounds in Clutha Country (Tawanui, Purakaunui Bay, and Papatowai), all of which are located in The Catlins and are relatively cheap to stay at. These are all standard campsites with a limited range of facilities and services, including toilets, water supply and vehicle access.

See map inside this brochure for locations of DOC sites and various other private camping grounds within Clutha Country.

### Why we need rules around freedom camping

These rules are designed to assist with the protection of our natural environment and the sustainability of this tourism activity for years to come. Further general information about freedom camping is available on [www.camping.org.nz](http://www.camping.org.nz)

### If freedom camping, we ask that you please:

- Stay away from the town centres, residential areas and prohibited camping areas (see right).
- Stay a maximum of three nights in any four-week period at any one single location.



- Dispose of your wastewater at one of the waste disposal dump sites
  - Put your rubbish in bins provided within the town centres or the Council transfer stations.
  - Do not light any fires.
  - Leave the area as you found it, free of litter and damage.
  - Comply with any request to move on by an Authorised Officer.
- Please note that breaching any of these rules can result in an in fine or prosecution. Instant fines start from \$500.

### Prohibited camping areas:

- Public places in any urban area. This includes the townships of Balclutha, Clinton, Kaitangata, Kaka Point, Lawrence, Milton, Owaka, Papatowai, Pounaweia, Stirling, Taieri Mouth, Tapanui and Waihola. This prohibition does not apply to any signpost designated camping or freedom camping sites in those urban areas.
- All areas where "No Camping" signs are displayed.
- The foreshore area between Kaka Point and The Nuggets.

### Rubbish & Recycling

Please put your rubbish in bins provided within town centres or one of the Council transfer stations. Transfer stations are located in most urban townships in the district. Here you can drop off recyclables for free, or dispose of rubbish for a fee. Please visit one of the information centres to find out the opening hours and transfer stations.

*How un-welcoming is this where?*



Councils are sitting up and taking notice after new research has revealed that campervan tourists are spending nearly \$500 million per year as they travel around the country.

## Report highlights benefits to NZ of 'campervan tourism'

New research on the significant economic benefits of motorhome tourism to New Zealand has already resulted in local bodies reconsidering their stance on freedom camping.

The report – which was undertaken on behalf of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment – revealed that 'campervan tourists' spend close to \$500 million a year in New Zealand. And that doesn't include the considerable annual spend in communities throughout the country by motorhome and caravan owners, like the members of the NZMCA.

In the wake of the report's release, councils like Napier – which traditionally hasn't been 'motorhome friendly' – are reportedly rethinking their approach in light of the potential benefits to the local economy.

The 2011 research results – which were adjusted to exclude the impact of the Rugby World Cup on expenditure and travel patterns – showed:

- There were 63,930 campervan hires in 2011 – 10,220 by NZ residents and 53,710 by international visitors;
- Each domestic hire involved 2.1 adult occupants and each international hire 2.2 adult occupants;
- Campervan occupants spent \$547.2 million in NZ, including money paid to Air New Zealand;
- Total expenditure within NZ by campervan occupants was \$486 million – comprising \$447.9 million by international visitors and \$38.1 million by domestic residents;
- Domestic campervan occupants generated 194,453 visitor nights (9.1 nights per person) and international occupants generated 2,302,959 visitor nights (19.7 nights per person).
- New Zealand residents spent an average of \$1,787 per person (\$196 per night) and international visitors spent \$3,836 per person, excluding international airfares (\$195 per night).
- Australian tourists spent the most while visiting (\$214 per night) while the Dutch spent the least (\$173 per night).

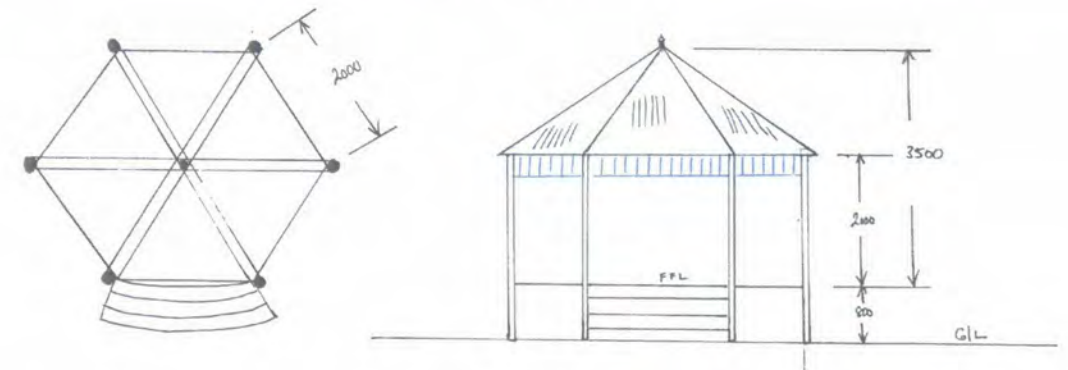




GAZEBO PROPOSAL



EXISTING



LINE DRAWING OF PROPOSAL



# Property Map

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## Legend

- Assessment Boundary
- Parcel Boundary
- District Boundary

Redirection of State Highway one down Cromer Street to give a more direct route on to the North End of the bridge. By moving onto this more direct route will give room to bring the Karangah twin off further North giving much better view of on coming traffic and access to State Highway one and the Bridge. I believe NZ Road Board has allocated 8-5 million dollars to be spent between Baldutha and Mossiel in this years budget so best they start at our Bridge.

Hasborough Place site 26 a motor lodge. This site is ideal as it has the area to build a complex, magic views of the river and our iconic Bridge. Bringing in much needed jobs and tourists to our town. This could be funded in conjunction with the Clutha Keenings Trust and other town franchises.

I urge the council to take a constructive view of these two proposals.

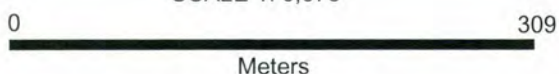
*C. J. Paterson*

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**SOUTH OTAGO INDOOR BOWLS ASSN INC.**

22 FEB 2017

Keys Road  
RD 5  
TAPANUI17<sup>TH</sup> February 2017Clutha District Council  
PO Box 25  
BALCLUTHA

Dear Sir

Re: Balclutha War Memorial Hall

On behalf of South Otago Indoor Bowls I wish to express our concern over one of the options currently being looked at by the District Council for the future of the Memorial Hall.

The option of concern to us is the decommissioning of the hall. If this was to happen then this would seriously affect the continuation of indoor bowls, not only in Balclutha, but in the wider South Otago area. Balclutha is the centre of the South Otago Association and, apart from hosting our own events, is also host to events involving other centres – representative games and inter-centre events. Such events require 18 mats – which completely fills the hall. There is no other venue in Balclutha with this capability, nor suitability. The Cross Recreation Centre never had heating installed, and if it had, because our events are during winter, there would be a conflict with netball for the use of the Centre. While there may be other venues throughout the wider South Otago area that would be large enough, the floors on these venues are not of the required standard for large competitions.

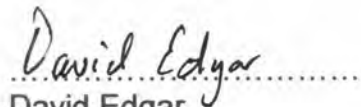
On two separate occasions, South Otago has hosted the international game against Australia – the only times that international events have been held in South Otago. This brought players in from Australia as well as the New Zealand team who played against them, and their supporters – and with them came money into our area. Without the Memorial hall, this would not have been possible.

Some years ago South Otago Indoor Bowls contributed funds towards installing the additional lights that are used, and also, at their own cost, re-sanded and varnished the floor – all done with the idea that the hall would remain for years to come.

If the hall is decommissioned we believe it would not only be to the detriment of indoor bowls, but also to other large events that the town hosts from time to time.

We would be grateful if you would take our plight into consideration when considering the future of the Memorial Hall.

Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Edgar". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a dotted line.

David Edgar  
President  
South Otago Indoor Bowls Assn