



Huanui pānui

(paths and roadways newsletter)

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

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Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to our July newsletter, keeping you up to date with activity across our sites and what you need to know. This month, we've listened to bus operator and passenger feedback about making it easier to get around the new Bus Hub. Along SH6 Ladies Mile we're well placed to start construction at Howards Drive in August, while preparations continue behind the scenes for Pūāhuru Bridge. You can also get a bird's eye view of progress in our latest drone video below:



Highlights include the large work area along the north side of SH6 Frankton-Ladies Mile, the planting and landscaping at the Frankton Golf Centre, excavation outside Terrace Junction, and the northern end of the Bus Hub which is a hive of activity.

Thanks for reading,

SH6/6A Frankton Intersection and Bus Hub Improvements

Frankton Road taking shape



The new slip lane into BP and Terrace Junction is permanent, with the line of new kerb and channel on the right showing just how wide SH6A Frankton Road will be on completion.

With trenching, concrete cutting and night work completed and the new kerb and channel now being laid, work at the eastern end of SH6A Frankton Road is progressing well. This month, our team has built and opened the new permanent slip lane from Frankton Road into Terrace Junction, and drivers should find the new entry is smoother and better-aligned than before.

Also, at this end of Frankton Road, we're preparing to form the new asphalt and carpark around the Frankton Village shops after spending recent months excavating and building up this area.

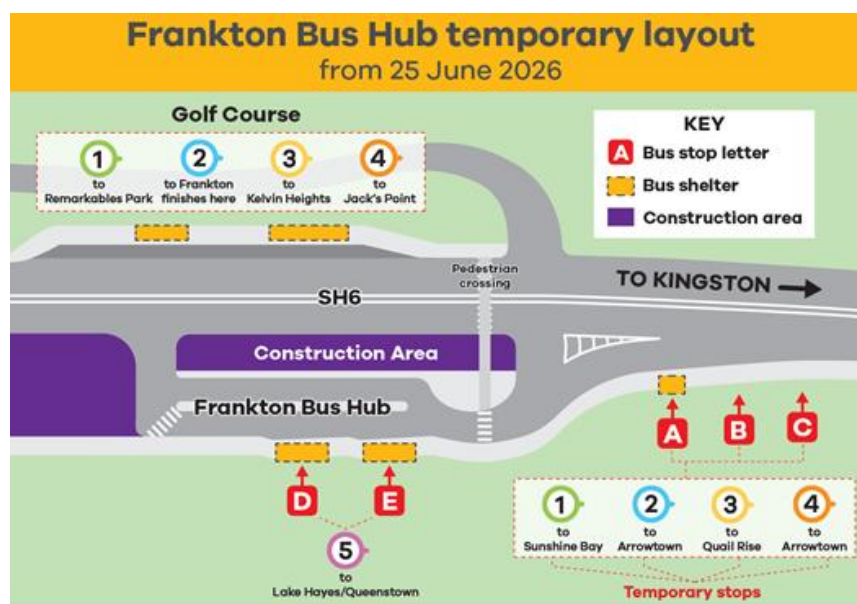


On the left of this graphic, you can see the final design for the Frankton Village entry from Gray Street, laneway and parking layout.

Alternative parking will always be available close by, but there'll be times where cars won't be able to circulate all the way around Frankton Village. We'll share more information about this piece of work, together with step-by-step diagrams showing how access will change, soon.

Be alert to Bus Hub changes

Orbus has made some changes to how buses use the stops within and around the Hub, to help make people's journeys smoother. The graphics below show the updated bus stop locations, and we're also supporting buses, coaches and passengers with extra directional signage at the Bus Hub.



Above and below, passengers can now go to stops A, B or C to catch Route 1, 2, 3 and 4 services.

New stops at Frankton Hub

From 25 June, buses will use these new Frankton Bus Hub stops:

Route	Go to stops
1 Remarkables to Sunshine Bay	A, B, or C
2 Frankton Bus Hub to Arrowtown	
3 Kelvin Heights to Quail Rise	
4 Jack's Point to Arrowtown	
5 Queenstown and Lake Hayes	D or E

Use golf course side of hub for:

- Route 1 Sunshine Bay to Remarkables
- Route 2 Arrowtown to Frankton (this route will finish on the golf course side of Frankton Bus Hub)
- Route 3 Quail Rise to Kelvin Heights
- Route 4 Arrowtown to Jack's Point

Find out more:
orc.govt.nz/FranktonHub



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Thank you for your patience while this area is being transformed. When complete, the upgraded hub will provide improved passenger facilities, safer and more efficient bus movements, more space for buses, expanded bike parking, upgraded shelters, and better transport connections - making it easier and more comfortable to get where you need to go.

For more information, visit the Orbus Queenstown bus detours webpage [here](#).

Photo gallery



A large new stormwater line underneath SH6 Frankton-Ladies Mile, which the Alliance installed to support QLDC and the property owners and developers in Hansen Road, is now operating. Pictured above is one of the team emerging from the line after opening it; the extra stormwater capacity is timely given the winter weather we're experiencing.



It's a tough job but someone's got to do it! Last week, an Alliance team spent their nights working in a 3-metre-deep trench on SH6A Frankton Road, between steel trench shields, in -4-degree temperatures, installing ducting for a major new power cable to support the energy needs of Queenstown. Trench shields are critical for our teams' safety as they act as a heavy-duty physical barrier inside an excavation, protecting workers in the event of a sudden soil cave-in.

SH6 Ladies Mile - Howards Drive

Tree removal and replacement

The removal of 30 trees near the SH6 Ladies Mile – Howards Drive intersection is underway to make space for the construction and final layout of the new, larger intersection. We're keeping as many of the trees as possible and the finished plan includes landscaping and planting to maintain the look and feel of the entrance to Queenstown. The design features landscaped buffer areas of 10 metres on the north side of SH6 and 25 metres on the south side, helping to preserve the gateway experience.



Visualisation of the completed intersection in early 2028, with new paths and additional carpark on Howards Drive.

While trees are an important part of every community, this must be balanced with the need to provide safer and more reliable travel options for people in this growing area.

Replacement trees will include specimen trees, such as deciduous oak and native kowhai, and suitable shrubs and bushes. As with previous tree removals, tree mulch and any available wood will be provided to local organisations. Groups such as the Whakatipu Rowing Club, Queenstown Lions Club and Whakatipu Reforestation Trust have received mulch and wood in the past for fundraising and revegetation efforts.

A new pedestrian and cycling path to detour off SH6

We've been sharing information with local organisations and nearby residents to prepare people for construction at the SH6 Ladies Mile – Howards Drive intersection. In addition to setting up our site, we've built a new shared path from Howards Drive that links to the existing dog walking track. This path, and a new carpark that will be built next to the existing one, will be managed by QLDC once the project is completed.



A new dedicated path for cyclists and pedestrians (shown in red in the diagram above) will divert people away from our work site and highway traffic and will remain in place after construction.

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

Please contact us should you have any queries or concerns:



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