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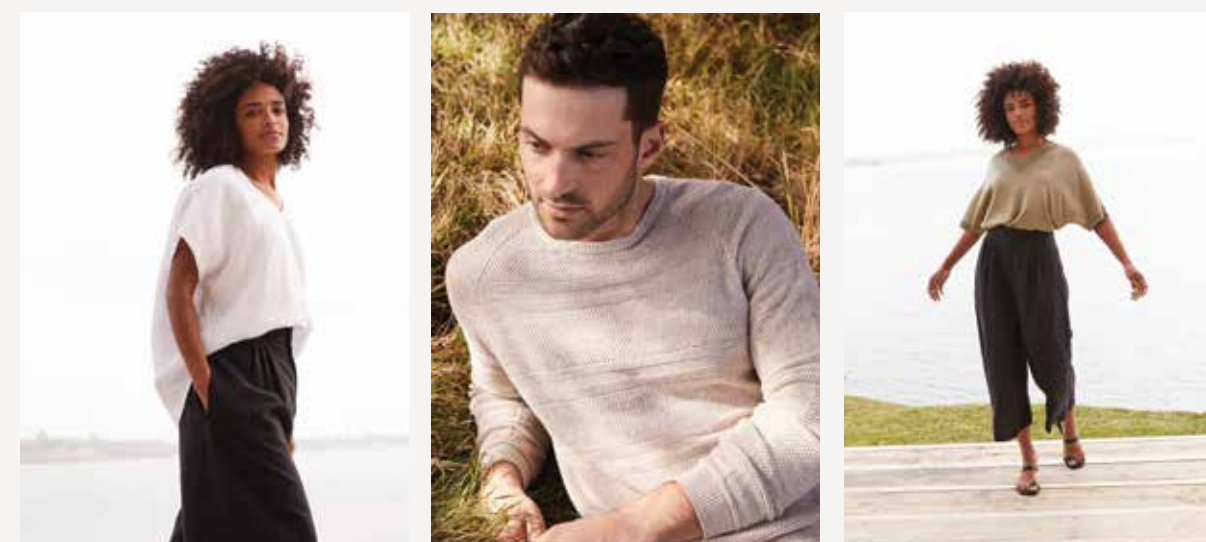
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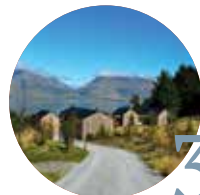
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Introducing Mischievous Milly

By Jenny McLeod



Nadia Lim loves all
her animals none
more so than Milly
the orphaned goat whose escapades are revealed
in her latest children's book.

Mischievous Milly is the third in a series about her
farm animals — there is already a big fan base for
the tales of the family's rooster Marvin, as told in
Marvellous Marvin and *Marvin Makes a Friend*.



Nadia Lim & Milly



Milly Billy & Jimmy

*"Our animals are such
characters and when Milly
was found on our farm,
Royalburn Station on the
Crown Range, I raised her
and as she got older she
became more and more
mischievous eating socks and
clothes, raspberry bushes
and strawberry plants and
generally causing havoc."*

Milly's nose was slightly out of joint when orphan
lambs Billy and Jimmy arrived.

"She was very jealous of them and would often
head butt them but about a week after they arrived
I found she had given up her special sleeping
cubby hole in the gumboot rack for them. After
that they were inseparable, just like three little
musketeers."

Milly, Billy and Jimmy along with Tilly another
abandoned goat who Milly is "joined at the hip
with" now roam free in their own pet's gully on the
farm.

Mischievous Milly includes family photos, farm
and food facts and a strawberry jelly recipe with
illustrations by leading New Zealand children's
illustrator Fifi Colston.

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Farm Direct

When My Food Bag co-founders Nadia Lim and
Carlos Bagrie opened The Royalburn Farm Shop
in a converted historic building in Arrowtown they
quickly filled a niche providing fresh organic and
free range farm produce sourced mainly from their
Crown Range property.

Along with vegetables from their extensive market
garden the store sells their free range eggs, lamb
which is killed and butchered on the farm, wild
venison, sunflower oil, honey and woollen products
direct from the station.

"We have a dedicated and loyal clientele, the locals
have been awesome," says Nadia. "We also get a
lot of domestic tourists, people coming for a long
weekend who want to buy fresh produce to cook a
simple dinner at home."



Royalburn Station market garden

The couple's energy is boundless with Nadia
following up her role as a MasterChef NZ 2022
judge — a competition which she herself won in
2011 launching her career as a celebrated cook and
author — to appear in a television series alongside
Carlos highlighting the realities of farming on their
485-hectare Royalburn Station property which they
have diversified from solely sheep and barley over
the past three years to include their organic market
garden, a wide variety of different crops and even a
micro mobile abattoir and butchery.

Nadia's Farm features the four seasons of farming
and has drawn both urban and rural audiences
attracted by the honest, down-to-earth approach.

"We tell it how it is showing what has worked and
what hasn't and we don't gloss over anything."

Nadia and Carlos have many more boxes to tick
but whatever the future holds they are relishing
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New Zealand Open back in spotlight

By Jane Brooke

After a two-year hiatus the largest event on New Zealand's golfing calendar, the New Zealand Open, is back in play in 2023.

Tournament chairman John Hart says the event scheduled for March 2 until March 5 represents a return to normality following the Covid-19 pandemic and he paid tribute to stakeholders for their support through a challenging time.

"All our major sponsors renewed their commitment to our event which is extremely gratifying. It promises to be a big year but also a rebuilding year, getting the show back on the road."

One hundred and fifty six professionals will compete on Millbrook's Coronet and Remarkables courses for the Brodie Breeze Trophy, first presented in 1923 and won by reigning champion Brad Kennedy of Australia in 2020.

The Pro-Am format will be played for the tenth successive year with paying amateurs paired with professionals in a simultaneous best-ball format. Interest in the event is high with the amateur field sold out and a significant international wait list.

"We're committed to golf and the Queenstown community and can't wait to see the tournament being played for the first time solely at Millbrook Resort on two distinct courses," says John.

"The Coronet 18 is still very new to our professionals and will be a great test for them. It will be the first time spectators can walk around the new course and see them play the challenging new holes."



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World-class Millbrook courses

New Zealand Open event underwriter Millbrook Resort has invested in a new nine holes to complete the Coronet 18 enabling it to host the 2023 event over two courses.

A renovated golf shop, new 1000 square metre practice putting green and a new fleet of golf carts housed in a state-of-the-art storage barn are also part of the recent upgrading project.

The runaway success of Millbrook's 36-hole operation also triggered significant investment into extensions and improvements at its driving range, opening to coincide with the influx of tournament players.

Competitors will play alternate rounds over the first two days on the Remarkables and Coronet courses before the Friday evening (March 3) cut which will see 60 professionals and the top 40 Pro-Am teams competing in the final weekend of play.

The Open organising team believes the Coronet course, designed by Scott McPherson and former Kiwi pro golfer Greg Turner, will be ranked among New Zealand's top golf courses.

"The transformation from the valley floor to the plateaus of the Coronet 9 completes a golfing journey which encompasses all there is to offer in the Whakatipu Basin," says Greg.

He anticipates the Coronet 18 number 11 par 5 tee looking towards Coronet Peak will become one of New Zealand's most photographed golf holes while the new 12th tee is believed to be the highest point of any golf course in the country.



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Kiwi Michael Hendry 2017 NZ Open winner

Kiwi and international players to compete

Leading Kiwi professional Steven Alker has confirmed his entry in the New Zealand Open hot on the heels of his series title win in the PGA Tour Champions which saw him lift the Charles Schwab Cup in just his second season on the tour.

"The New Zealand Open is and will always be on my bucket list of events to win. How could you not want to have your name on the national trophy alongside the greats of our sport like Sir Bob Charles, Kel Nagle, Peter Thomson, Ian Baker-Finch and Michael Campbell?" says Steven.

2020 winner Australian Brad Kennedy will also return to defend his New Zealand Open title with the co-sanctioned Tier One Australasian and Asian tour event providing a prize purse of around \$1.6 million.

Tournament director Michael Glading says the international field will again include numerous up and coming young players from around the world.

"We're proud of the fact that three of this year's International Presidents Cup team played in the New Zealand Open in Queenstown before breaking on to the world stage. We've hosted many of the world's most promising players from Asia and Australasia and the 2023 event will again feature some of the best young players from around the region."



Steven Alker

Free entry

Entry to the 2023 New Zealand Open is free and people are encouraged to turn up for all four days of what is anticipated to be spectacular golfing action.

"It's been a tough few years for many in the region so delivering an amazing sporting event free to the public is absolutely what we need to do," says tournament director Michael Glading.

"We're encouraging locals to put the dates in the diary and bring along family and friends for a picnic and get-together, while visitors are bound to love the atmosphere, the scenery and of course the best golf in New Zealand"

He says some of Queenstown's best known food and drink vendors will be on site and outdoor screens will capture exciting action around the course in what promises to be a festival atmosphere.



Live action

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It's a totally different experience because of its location on the edge of Lake Wakatipu and below The Remarkables mountain range. The course is in harmony with the nature surrounding it and for those visiting New Zealand it captures the essence of the dramatic scenery of the Whakatipu basin. The Darby designed course works effortlessly with the environment and provides all golfers a challenging but memorable round of golf.

Why is the NZ Open significant to golf in Central Otago?

It puts the spotlight on Queenstown as New Zealand's premier golf destination which impacts the wider Otago and Southland communities and adds a real buzz in the lead up to and during the championship. Because of the international media coverage and the special format of the tournament the competition attracts amateurs and professional players from many different countries particularly in the Asia Pacific rim.



Is Jack's Point planning any events around the NZ Open?

We are hosting The Lake Tewa Invitational over 18 holes with an elite field of 30-top New Zealand professionals who will tee up alongside 90 amateur players in a team format. The Jack's Point event will have a \$50,000 prize money professional purse alongside an outstanding array of prizes for amateur players.

What's new at Jack's Point golf course?

We are constantly looking at ways to improve what we offer at Jack's Point. Our valued maintenance team keep the course in excellent condition year-round and will be adding touches to the course's presentation leading into and over the NZ Open week. Our golf operations are upgrading the 75-strong cart fleet with Lithium battery carts and full GPS systems fitted in 2023.

Tell us about replay rounds at Jack's Point?

We find most visitors are not satisfied with only one round because Jack's Point is a great design with many nuances alongside breathtaking scenery. A replay round allows golfers to formulate their own game plan to play the course from the experience of their first round. We provide an incentive for people to replay and many players are keen to take up the offer.

What can golfers expect over summer 2023 at Jack's Point?

A golfing experience that will last a lifetime on a course presented to international standards. Our fescue fairways and rough alongside our brown top greens and tees provide outstanding playing surfaces. The transition into summer brings an incredible array of contrasting grasses and surrounding vegetation.

Which is the favourite hole at Jack's Point?

The 7th hole consistently takes the number one spot for our guests' favourite experience. It's a 130metre Par 3 with such spectacular views they tend to distract even the most focused golfer. The outlook to Cecil and Walter Peaks and the panoramic views of Lake Wakatipu across to central Queenstown are astounding.

Is professional coaching available at Jack's Point?

We have two NZPGA Professionals and coaching is available for individuals, small groups and clinic style tuition plus on course strategic play.

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Several outstanding ski areas are also on the doorstep.

It almost sounds too good to be true, but it's not, as demonstrated by national and international buyers. The unique village is a New Zealand 'first', where homeowners can enjoy trails designed by legendary track builder Tom Hey.

Heart of the community

Every village needs its focal point, a community hub where owners come together to connect, bring their guests, and to play.

At Mt Cardrona Station that's The Homestead, a landmark \$10million,1350sqm building. The Homestead will give owners access to resort-style facilities all year round. Sophisticated dining, meeting, and health and wellness features complement its extraordinary natural location, overlooking a tarn and with breath-taking valley and mountain views.

It's one of many benefits on offer for homeowners in this \$650m development. The architecturally crafted building, while contemporary in look and style, evokes the high-country structures and rich pioneering history of Cardrona and the wider Central Otago region.

From watching a game in the members-only club room to a long lunch on the sunny deck with friends or family, this is where a community comes to life.

It's the place to connect over a coffee or enjoy a gym workout before a quick Zoom call in a meeting room. In winter The Homestead will be a warm and welcoming après ski spot — a soak in the hot pools followed by 'bragging rights' on powder day stories.



Contemporary and bold

The Homestead is a series of four long, low buildings which are seamlessly connected.

Like those utilitarian rural buildings weathering the passage of time, The Homestead will be a symphony of raw materials, including corten steel, unfinished timber, stone, glass and concrete.

"The challenge was to capture the essence of yesterday with the needs of today and into the future," says Luke Leuschke of prominent architectural firm Leuschke Group Architects.

"Thermal performance, keeping the building cool in summer yet warm in winter, was high on our list, incorporating many sustainability measures."

Mt Cardrona Station is working towards the highest possible 6-star Green Star rating for The Homestead, representing world leadership in a building's performance and environmental impact and sustainability.

New neighbourhood releases

Four neighbourhoods are currently on the market with offers to suit everyone but are selling quickly. Homeowners can buy 'land only' sites and design their own home or use one of three designs from Leuschke Group Architects and Baxter Design, built by Wānaka's award-winning CDL Building.

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Coming of Age

By Jane Brooke

Trond Johansson

Goldfields Jewellers is celebrating its 21st anniversary under the ownership of long-term locals Trond and Anna Johansson and today is the only Queenstown CBD retail jewellery store with an onsite workshop.

"When we bought the business we installed the workshop, introduced diamonds, coloured gemstones and pearls and the store's emphasis switched to custom-made jewellery such as engagement and wedding rings," says Trond.

Trond's reputation and expertise as a master jeweller quickly built a following.

"It is surprising the number of people who come to Queenstown to propose and commission a locally made engagement or wedding ring to celebrate the occasion. It's a huge part of our business creating bespoke designs that stay in a family for years."

After Kiwi director Peter Jackson filmed the Lord of the Rings series in Queenstown the movie merchandise became popular and 20 years on Goldfields Jewellers stocks a full range of Lord of the Rings jewellery which fans love.

Trond's talent for classic and modern jewellery design is well recognised.



Trond Johansson Anja Bergsieker Nicola Adamson & Dani Anderson

"When we first took over Goldfields, Princess cut diamond engagement rings were very much in vogue and as trends go nothing beats the simple elegance of a beautiful solitaire diamond ring. These days there is a wide variety of requests which I really enjoy. Every day is different and you never know what thoughts and dreams the next client has for their unique piece. Much of my time is spent repurposing heritage jewellery pieces into more modern interpretations."



Swedish Connection

Goldfields owner Trond Johansson applied to attend the Swedish Jewellers School when he was just 16 and graduated in 1970 subsequently becoming a Master Jeweller three years later.

Fast forward to 1976 and he arrived in Australia on a sailing boat before heading to New Zealand on a working holiday. Seven years later he was working in Auckland with a team of jewellers designing and making his own range of jewellery which he exported to over 15 countries globally.

"Eventually I moved to Queenstown to put down some roots which felt like coming home in a way with the scenery, mountains, snow, skiing and sailing. Two of my great loves in one place. Growing up in Sweden I cross country skied from the time I could walk and always loved boats and sailing."

He met and married Anna in 1999 and their children Grete and Jack were raised in Queenstown. Trond competed in the business house sailing series on Lake Whakatipu and frequently skied at Coronet Peak.

When the opportunity arose to buy Goldfields Jewellers in the Queenstown Mall from Dave and Judith Cleghorn in 2001 the couple jumped at the chance.

Today Trond and Anna are grateful the business continues to be supported by many loyal locals and visitors.

"Support from locals and people from around New Zealand over the last two years has been fantastic," says Trond. "I've never made so many wedding and engagement rings in my life and people have come out of the woodwork having raided the family jewellery boxes with pieces they'd like re-worked into more modern interpretations."

"There's so many facets to working in the jewellery industry and I've been involved with most. There's always something new to learn and you get to make nice things for nice people."

"We've come full circle moving back into the Queenstown Mall opposite where we started out 21 years ago and it's exciting to be marking our 21st celebration."



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Private Jet Charters Take Off

By Penny Simpson



Queenstown's first permanent private jet operation has recently launched in the resort offering a new level of charter service to the region.

Jet Charters New Zealand is owned by the Skyline Healthcare Group, the largest fixed wing air ambulance operator in New Zealand. The company has set up headquarters in Queenstown to operate their Cessna C510 Mustang Jet (ZK-VXM) from.

CEO Annabel Toogood says the aircraft has operated out of Napier Airport since its purchase in 2017 and it will be a great asset to the Queenstown region.

"Our decision to relocate the aircraft has been driven by demand along with the growth in tourism. Business travel is strong and travelling on your own schedule away from crowds is appealing to many people."

The Cessna C510 Mustang jet (ZK-VXM), which has the dual capability as a charter aircraft and a fully certified air ambulance, is the first domestic lightweight jet available permanently for use in and out of Queenstown Airport.

With the ability to land in places as close as Wānaka, Alexandra and Nelson or as far away as Kerikeri, Annabel says the charter jet allows customers flexibility and direct access.

"Luxury lodges like Matakauri, The Farm at Cape Kidnappers, Annandale and Kauri Cliffs are anywhere from just a 40-minute to a one hour 45-minute journey from Queenstown. We have discreet access to airports through private lounges so the service is an ideal option for business clientele day trips requiring a quick turnaround."

Annabel says the new charter service offers a competitive solution for travellers and is an exciting alternative for both residents and visitors to Queenstown.

"Overseas markets are picking up with travellers wanting to maximise time in our country and private jet travel allows them to do this from playing golf in the far north to dining in the deep south all within a day."

"The aircraft is also available for private air ambulance hire, relocating family members from rest homes and for those unable to cope with commercial travel," says Annabel. "Our flight teams are trained to take care of low acuity to intensive care patients in the air."

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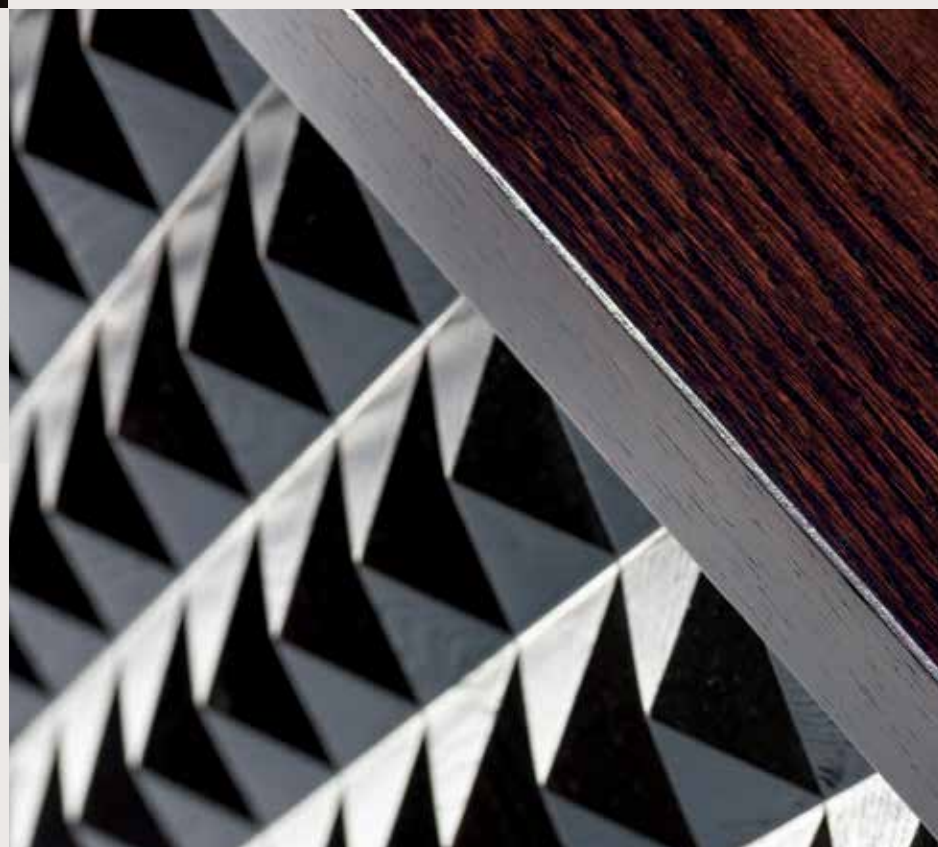
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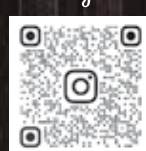
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Premium Wine Label Launched

By Jenny McLeod

A new premium Central Otago wine brand under the label of Mora has been launched by the Skeggs family which also produces the internationally successful RUA brand.



The unveiling of Mora follows the recent sale of their award-winning Akarua brand, which it founded in 1996, to French based Edmond de Rothschild Heritage (EDRH).

Managing director David Skeggs says the family owned company is pleased to bring the Mora direct-to-consumer wine brand to the market.

"The recent sale of Akarua has given us the opportunity to hone our long-term vision and strategy. With more than 25-years' experience in winemaking and viticulture we are confident that our new brand Mora will be a welcome addition to the Central Otago wine scene and we are excited to launch it alongside our much loved RUA wine label."

The name Mora is inspired by the Latin word to linger or to take pause.

"One of our most treasured possessions in life is time," says Mora general manager Kathryn Pettit. "We believe its time to slow down and enjoy time with friends and family and the Mora experiences, whether it be tasting the wines themselves or dining at the restaurant, are aimed at elevating those special interludes."



Cellar door manager Vicki Robinson

Single Site Series

The Mora wine label includes the small production Single Site series — a Central Otago range including Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Riesling, Rosé, Sauvignon Blanc and Methode Traditionelle.

Mora general manager Kathryn Pettit says all the wines are produced from Mora's 90-hectares of established vineyards in the Bannockburn and Pisa Central Otago sub-regions.

The new label is being sold exclusively through the re-branded Mora Wines & Artisan Kitchen at Lake Hayes, which formerly operated as Akarua Wines & Kitchen by Artisan, via the Mora website and the Mora Wine Club.

The RUA brand will continue to be distributed nationally through Hancocks Wine, Spirit and Beer Merchants and sold nationally through grocery and retail outlets as well as restaurants.

"We are looking forward to introducing Mora to our customers over the summer months," says Kathryn. "Mora Wines & Artisan Kitchen is the perfect place to experience the wines either in the cellar door or in the restaurant."





Downtown hospitality

Jervois Steak House's boutique bar in Queenstown's downtown Brecon Street hospitality quarter is a star summer attraction.

"At JSH we offer hospitality experiences to span the night out in Queenstown from cool afternoon drinks and craft beers alfresco in the sun to pre-dinner cocktails, aperitifs and late night drinks around the bar," says venue manager Jo Thorp-Olesen.

With a stylish copper finished bar, fireplace and internal metal staircase that links to the upstairs restaurant, the chic spot is designed as a hub for socialising.

"Our drinks menu starts with speciality cocktails handcrafted by our team including classics — Martini, Negroni, Manhattan, Margarita and Whiskey Sour — to more fruity options. The Swan Sour features Plymouth sloe gin, peach liqueur, lemon, raspberry and egg whites and is a standout as is the Uncommon made using exotic ingredients such as Scapegrace Yuzu vodka, Chapoutier muscat, lychees, lemon, grapefruit and yuzu."

Jo says if a cocktail is not listed the team will happily whip up the desired drink.

"All our premium spirits, liqueurs, champagnes, white and red wines and craft beers are from the finest sources. We have a Coravin™ wine system that gives us the freedom to pour from a dedicated selection of wine that we offer by the glass at anytime."

"The restaurant and bar are fortunate to share a dedicated wine cellar with hundreds of wines in stock from all over the world" says Jo. "The cellar has some outstanding New Zealand and international vintages, some quite rare, that we can recommend for guests to experience."



Mexican Connection

Queenstown hotspot Little Mez is a summertime destination for an impressive range of agave-based cocktails and liquor at the resorts only dedicated agaveria.

The sophisticated basement bar in Cow Lane is tucked downstairs below its immensely popular sister restaurant Margo's and has quickly established itself as one of the resort's newest night time attractions.

"Our expert team of mixologists serve up an extensive cocktail list showcasing everything from cocktail classics to organic wines and Mexican beers," says venue manager Stu Campbell. "We source our premium spirits direct from Mexico and the team like to be experimental behind the bar."

Owned by the award-winning Future Hospitality Group, Little Mez is a fun, modern locale to experience the best of Mexican delights.

"You can't beat a well-balanced drink like a classic margarita, the perfect marriage of sweet, sour, salty and bitter," says Stu, "while the pineapple barbacoa is a fresh take on the smoky old fashioned and is becoming popular."



Authentic Italian fare

The success of Giovi Restaurant at Remarkables Park Town centre has led to owner Giovanna Boventi opening a second restaurant in Queenstown.

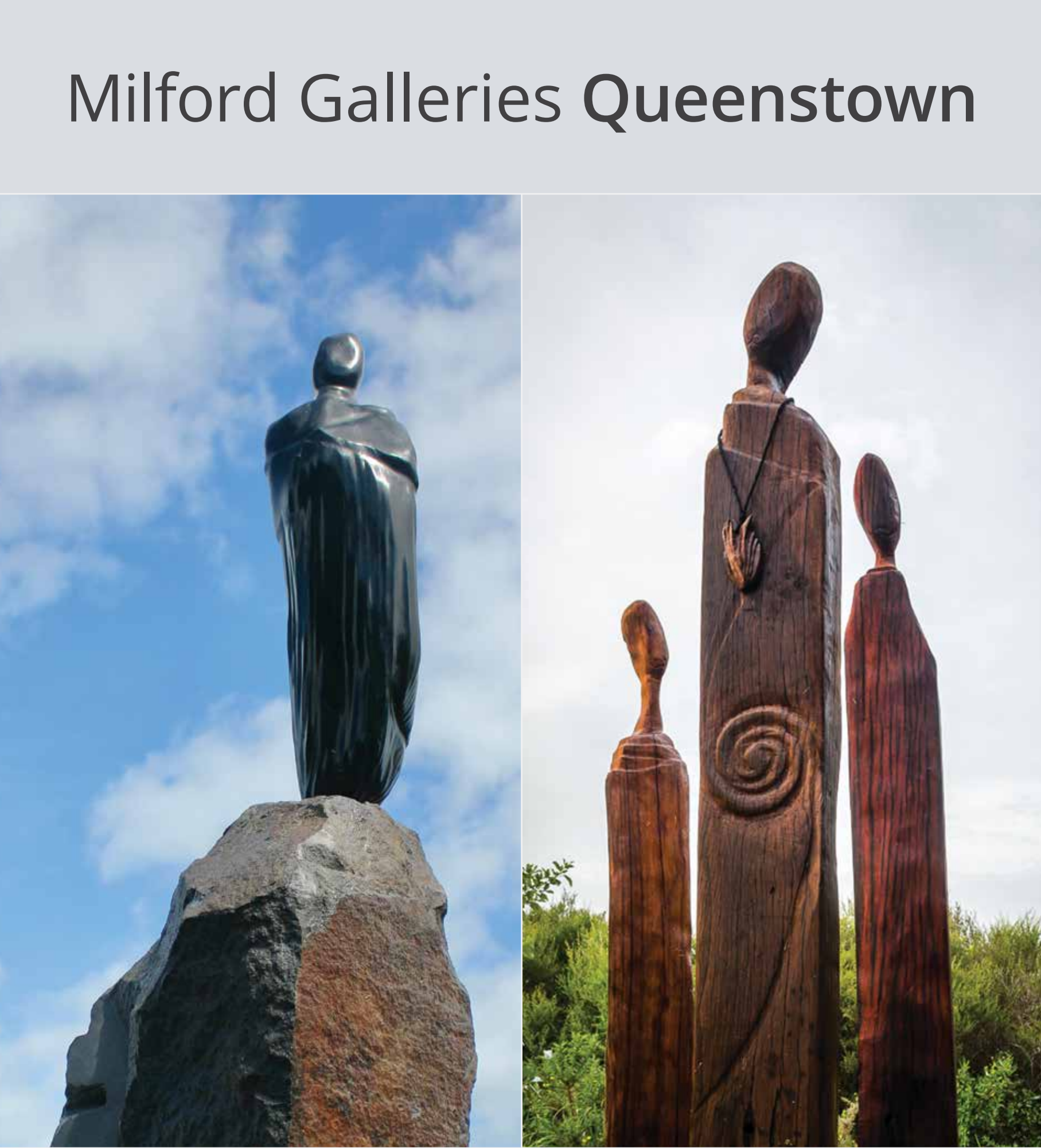
Farrell's by Giovi is based on the Steamer Wharf serving her popular and genuine Italian cuisine.

"We have experienced great success with Giovi highlighted by a loyal, local customer base regularly dining with us. The opportunity to expand into Queenstown now that tourists are coming back allows us to offer a taste of true Italian food to even more people in our authentic restaurants."

Giovanna loves to share her appreciation for good food and wine with diners and the restaurants reflect her culinary skills.

"We only use the very best local produce and complement them with ingredients we import direct from Italy. La Montina wines which are made by my family in Italy are served in both restaurants."

"I am fortunate to have an excellent team of talented people working together to ensure every dish is an Italian experience," she says. "We look forward to welcoming everyone this summer to our restaurants to enjoy traditional Italian food and exceptional hospitality."



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Sailing in Luxury

By Margo Berryman

The Imperium Luxury Collection has created an unparalleled experience on Lake Whakatipu on board the private yacht *Pacific Jemm*, designed for luxury sailing combined with five-star hospitality.

“With the purchase of a new tender boat guests can now enjoy the best of Lake Whakatipu this summer exploring remote areas such as Bob’s Cove, Walter Peak and Pig & Pigeon Islands,” says Eichardt’s general manager Kylie Hogan. “We take excursions to the head of the lake to Glenorchy including visits to Greenstone and Halfway Bay stations.”

The sleek 80-foot Falcon-S vessel has five-star accommodation for luxury overnight stays available either wharf side in Queenstown or on overnight cruises docked at Pig or Pigeon Island. The yacht has a highly skilled crew, many who have worked on the international super yacht circuit, and amenities include four upmarket suites, chef’s kitchen, luxury dining area and lounge.

“We constantly get feedback on how ‘wow’ our guests are to visit areas not commonly ventured into — it is a world-class New Zealand experience,” says Kylie.

“As the region’s first premium nautical offering, it enables us to offer cruising opportunities never before seen in Queenstown. The boat was previously owned by Louis Vuitton with interiors designed by Ralph Lauren and mirrors the elegance and sophistication that is associated with the Imperium Luxury Collection. This allows us to offer our guests an elevated experience.”

Daytime sailing options include a Gourmet BBQ Cruise and a half or full-day Activities Cruise. Alternately the *Pacific Jemm* can be chartered for special occasions such as wedding celebrations, anniversaries and birthday events.

The gourmet barbecue cruise offers a Trust the Chef style menu prepared by a private chef on board highlighting regional flavours, local wines, craft beers and premium champagne.

“The activities cruise option explores the lake’s far reaches before mooring up and our crew set up a range of activities from paddle boards and aqua pads to fishing for a day of exploration and adventure,” says Kylie. “The exclusive cruises are popular with friends, families and corporate groups keen to take part in a luxury day on the water.”



Sampling Central Otago

The Grille restaurant in its dress circle Queenstown location features an extensive selection of Central Otago Pinot Noir from the subregions of Bannockburn, Bendigo and Gibbston Valley.

The restaurant’s wine cellar offers Valli Pinot Noir from Bendigo and speciality blends such as Tempranillo from Rock Ferry in Bendigo and the Italian varietals of Dolcetto, Barbera and Langrein from Terra Sancta.

“We hold a selection of varietals including a Grüner Veltliner and Riesling blend from Burn Cottage alongside a Chenin Blanc from Amisfield, Pinot Blanc from Nevis Bluff and a number of regional Chardonnays and Pinot Gris,” says Eichardt’s general manager Kylie Hogan.



Rosé is a summer favourite at The Grille with Terra Sancta Rosé from Bannockburn favoured and The Grille offers an extensive list of premium bubbles and champagne.

“A glass of local bubbles is highly recommended served with seasonal oysters while taking in the lake views and we always recommend Quartz Reef’s Methode Traditionnelle grown and bottled in Central Otago.”



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THE POWER OF PILATES

By Margo Berryman

Queenstown physiotherapist Aimee Liddington was motivated to open the contemporary Form Pilates studio at Frankton to change people's lives through exercise.

"Life is busy and exercise can be hard. Form is the embodiment of a dream to see people moving their bodies into holistic wellness through positive physiotherapy led movement," she says.

"By combining the most effective elements of Pilates, the wisdom of physiotherapy and the science of movement our method transforms the body and mind. We provide fully supported workouts that leave participants feeling energised, stronger and with a deeper connection to their body."

Aimee has created a welcoming environment where upbeat music, laughter and encouragement is all part of the atmosphere at the weekly group classes and individually tailored private sessions.

"Our Renew classes are the perfect starter for newbies and suitable for pre and postnatal women and those with a mild injury. Our signature Restore classes are open level and focused on perfecting fundamentals through basic movements with a little spice. The advanced level Refine classes are Reformer Pilates with a dynamic edge. They are an intense flow of challenging movement patterns in an advanced repertoire."

Aimee has a Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition and Sports Science and a Bachelor of Health Science in Physiotherapy and has worked in leading hospitals and musculoskeletal clinics and studied clinical Pilates at the Australian Physiotherapy and Pilates Institute.



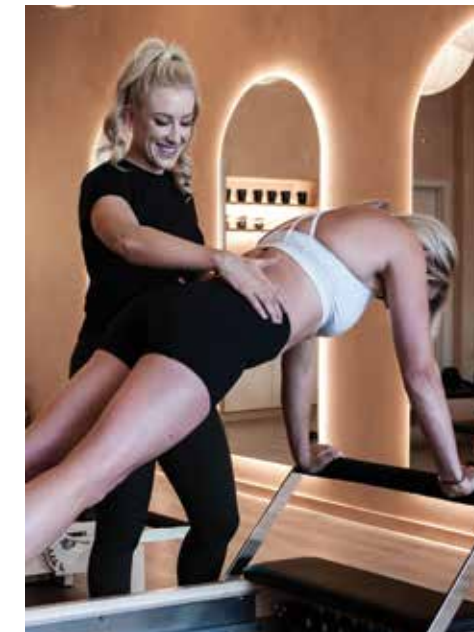
She says Form Pilates is New Zealand Physiotherapy registered and an ACC registered health provider meaning treatments may be subsidised for clients rehabilitating from injury.

"We work with amputees, people with brain injuries, stroke sufferers, multi-traumas to everyday niggly shoulders and sprained ankles. Clients often become regular members due to the wonderful results physiotherapy led Pilates provides by targeting intricate muscle groups often missed in other forms of exercise."

"We also work closely with many top-level athletes undertaking an assessment to pinpoint muscular asymmetries, imbalances, areas of weakness or tightness, reduced balance, strength and endurance. Pilates once or twice a week is the perfect adjunct to their other training, drastically improving their range of movement and flexibility."

The last 12 months has been one of intense activity establishing Form Pilates studio.

"Bringing this dream alive took a lot of perseverance with amazing support from friends, and local businesses," says Aimee. "We are seeing incredible results and love sending people out into the real world feeling stronger, warm and energised rather than exhausted or intimidated. Whether people prefer attending a group class or private training we offer a safe, non-judgmental space to exercise in the best way possible."



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Awakening the senses

By Margo Berryman

A new Queenstown wellbeing practice, incorporating a sauna and cold water immersion experiences, evolved from the need for community connection in response to mental health issues created by Covid-19 lockdowns.

Wellspace managing director Rick Gutzewitz says he and his former business partner Adam Chalmers created a project they called Wellbeing Friday which gave people free sessions in the Queenstown Gardens for eight months in the areas of movement, self-massage, philosophy jams, meditation and mindfulness which was well supported.

Rick has a film industry background and is a fully qualified personal trainer with a range of skills in massage therapy, working previously at the award-winning Aro Ha Wellness Retreat as a retreat leader.

He says following the Wellbeing Friday project, which was commended by the Queenstown Lakes Council for its positive focus, he and Adam celebrated the summer solstice at a festival known as Ancient Future.

"Adam had his mobile eight-person wood fired barrel sauna and I brought a marquee for chill space. We soon realised we had created something very special where people could connect and relax after a day of partying and dancing."

Enter Wellspace NZ a sauna and cold water immersion experience designed to create a sense of vigour and renewal.

"Wellspace involves 15-minute sessions in a bespoke 80-90 degree sauna followed by a cold water immersion/ ice bath then breath work while resting in our outdoor lounge and refuelling at our hydration station," says Rick.

"Contrast hydrotherapy in nature is at the core and can be curated for any experience. It is ideal for corporate bookings, work functions, day retreats, private celebrations and any après occasions. The space can even be hired out as a wedding venue."

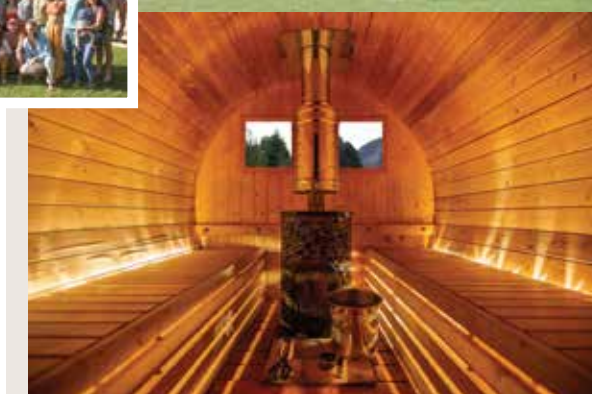
Wellspace operates from a private property alongside the Kawarau River and is close to Frankton and easily accessible.

"What makes it truly exceptional is our epic riverside location where people can relax, connect, converse and celebrate in nature," says Rick. "For events we can hire DJs for dancing, heat up the BBQ and pizza oven and offer external services including mobile massage, health practitioners and educators."

Rick now owns the business outright.

"The sauna improves blood flow and circulation relieving physical tension and stress, improving lung function and sleep and speeds up metabolism. It also supports the natural immune system and strengthens mental resilience. Cold water immersion increases injury recovery, reducing inflammation and toxicity, aids in fat loss and improves sleep quality and energy, so combining the two makes for an exceptional treatment."

"I feel grateful to be running such a cool business that makes meaningful change to peoples lives. Watching people at ease and come alive is why I love my job so much."

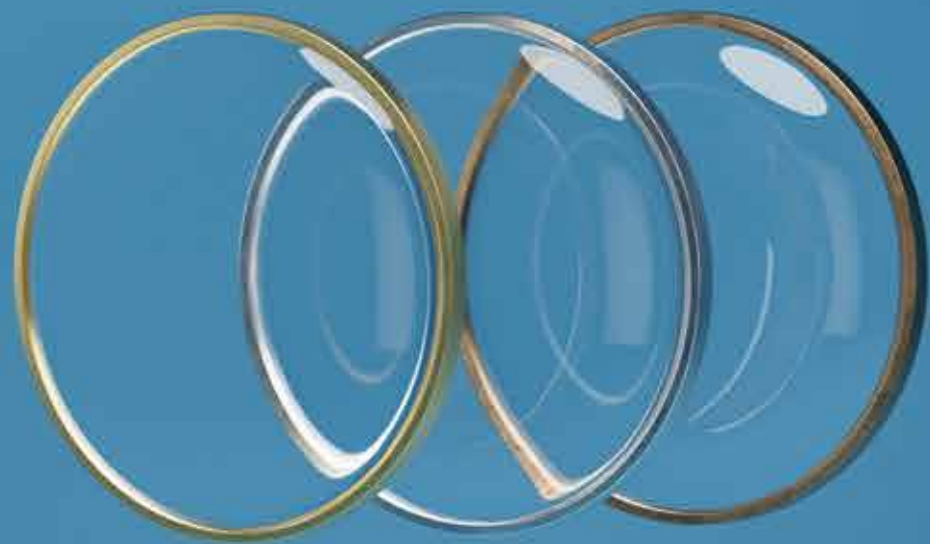


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Kia ora koutou

2022 has been a remarkable year. The sun may have risen on a community reeling from the impact of three long hard years, but it will set on one that is preparing to reclaim the appreciation of the world.

Many of the challenges faced early on have morphed into new opportunities – opportunities for a whole new realm of firsts that will define the Queenstown Lakes District of the future.

As the community reclaims its mojo, its commitment to world-leading infrastructure and innovation in technology, retail, property, tourism, farming and viticulture is palpable. So too is its renewed commitment to work in partnership to achieve collective success.

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FLYING THE FLAG FOR NATIONAL LAW FIRM

By Jenny McLeod

Alice Balme and Jenna Adamson are living the dream as they fly the flag for prominent national law firm Wynn Williams from their Queenstown CBD office.

Alice launched the firm's presence in Queenstown some 18 months ago after relinquishing her role of five years as general counsel of the Queenstown Lakes District Council.



Alice Balme



Jenna Adamson

Early in 2022 Alice was joined as a partner in the Queenstown office by Jenna Adamson whose focus is on commercial property.

Jenna previously led an award-winning real estate team in a top Australian company in Australia advising major clients and institutional landlords on issues such as complex commercial, retail and industrial leasing, property developments and sales and acquisitions.

"Prior to making New Zealand home again after Covid-19, I was in-house counsel for L'Oréal Australia and New Zealand. While working remotely from Wānaka and Queenstown during the pandemic I fell in love with the region and the people and didn't want to leave."

The opportunity to join Wynn Williams, which now has a staff of seven based in Queenstown, arose and

her decision was influenced to by the law firm's national and international reach and its refreshingly proactive approach to the delivery of legal services.

Although based in the Whakatipu Basin, Jenna successfully advises major Australasian retail clients around their requirements both in New Zealand and offshore. She was recently appointed to Property Council New Zealand's national retail committee charged with advocating for the retail sector around their property related needs — now and in the future as the face of retail evolves.

Wynn Williams recognised the potential growth of Queenstown in the construction, property development and retail sectors which was a significant motivation for opening a local office.

"We are in an ideal position to support the region as it emerges after a tough few years with lockdowns and border closures," says Jenna. "Confidence is starting to rebuild, people have more certainty and we are able to provide commercial advice across the board, enabling clients to lead the way for New Zealand."

Alice and Jenna are actively profiling Wynn Williams in the Queenstown community. Alice and Jenna are actively profiling Wynn Williams in the Queenstown community. They hosted the inaugural Winter Pride Lunch during the 2022 ski season which was an outstanding success and even, as a pair, took line honours in the annual Rotary Club charity duck race.

"We love what we do and there is so much more to achieve. Along with our local client base our profile is growing and we are developing many close connections throughout the community."

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New Cellar Door Celebration

By Penny Simpson

Kinross Winery is celebrating the opening of its new purpose-built cellar door this summer marking a significant milestone for the Gibbston winery.

The winery represents five world-class Central Otago wineries and is a showcase of the region.

"Our exclusive wine partnerships with Coal Pit, Hawkshead, Valli and Wild Irishman labels alongside our own Kinross label is a distinctive point of difference," says CEO Nicky Sygrove. "Visitors relish the opportunity to experience side-by-side tastings of each individual winemaker's expressions of the area."

"Our new cellar door is an exciting progression marking the next phase of development. We are proud to represent this calibre of wine and hold ourselves accountable to ensuring the experiences match the wines themselves."

Two of Kinross' wine partners have recently received prestigious wine industry awards.

"Coal Pit's Tiwha Pinot Noir 2018 and Valli's Gibbston Pinot Noir 2019 were awarded the International Wine Challenge's NZ Best Red Wine Trophy which is significant recognition" she says. "We are privileged to offer these award-winning wines alongside Hawkshead's stunning range and the finest wines from Wild Irishman produced by pioneer Alan Brady. Each has their own fascinating complexities, processes, award-winning talent and stories to tell."

The cellar door has capacity to simultaneously cater for multiple large group wine tastings and more tailored experiences for clients wanting to explore the wines.



Thomas Moschetta Nicky Sygrove & Conor O'Boyle



"Our internationally qualified sommeliers offer much more than a wine tasting sharing the flavours and stories behind the brands to help people delve deeper into our world of wine." says Nicky. "Our wine garden and bistro is the perfect summer spot to enjoy beautifully crafted dishes, snacks and platters that make Kinross such a prominent food and wine destination."

Future proofing

Kinross has a recently undergone an operational restructure to the benefit of the business.

Nicky Sygrove, previously sales and marketing manager was appointed CEO while Conor O'Boyle moved from the position of accountant to chief operating officer and Thomas Moschetta was named general manager of wine.

Nicky says the restructure is a testament to the team's dedication to wine.

"Our owner Christine Erkkila stepped into the lead role just before Covid-19 and along with her husband John's extensive experience helped to cleverly navigate the turbulence from the pandemic. This protected the company's fantastic staff culture, allowing us to retain and attract some incredible new team members over that time."

"I feel very proud and lucky to be handed the reins at such a key time with both Christine and John staying very connected to the business in governance roles. It's a win-win for further development at Kinross."

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Therapeutic Landscapes

By Margo Berryman



Christchurch landscape company Green Therapy, with its distinctive designs attracting nationwide attention, is making its presence felt in the Southern Lakes.

The company took top honours at the 2022 New Zealand Landscape of Distinction Awards winning the Supreme Landscaper of the Year Award for Queenstown property Bob's Cove Retreat.

Owner Bryce Coulter says the project was unique for its diverse natural landscape which is subject to extreme weather conditions.

"It was a wonderful project and a labour of love for five years and our team was delighted to receive the recognition. Over 98 per cent of the planting is native to fit harmoniously into the surroundings which have numerous plant and animal pest issues to deal with. The final design embodies strong environmental practices such as eco-sourcing to counter this and much of the success was down to regular engagement with our client in tweaking and managing plant establishment. Clear and regular communication during the build process achieved the ultimate results."

The company started as a response to the devastation caused by the Christchurch earthquakes and now offers a full range of services from landscape concept design, two-and-three dimensional formats to full building services across Canterbury and the Central Otago Lakes region.

"The earthquakes gave us a realisation of how important garden spaces are to people," says Bryce. "Our early clients had potentially years ahead of dealing with insurance and build companies while their house repairs were completed but we could enhance their garden spaces relatively quickly. Many clients felt it was their garden spaces they missed the most."

He says Green Therapy's expertise encompasses everything from high-end designer builds to transformations of established gardens.

"Our high-profile developments tend to be architectural builds in both the Queenstown and Christchurch areas. Communication and early engagement with clients and project partners is critical to success in all instances so everyone is working to a clearly outlined brief."

"We operate a great team culture, none of our team is afraid to put forward their ideas and we are passionate about delivering the best results," says Bryce. "We have some great new projects coming up in the Whakatipu and always welcome new opportunities. Potential clients can make contact to find out more about our expert services locally for projects finishing in 2023 and beyond."



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BREWING UP A STORM

By Margo Berryman

Queenstown success story Canyon Brewing is continuing to forge new pathways in the production of its award-winning beers in an increasingly diverse craft beer market.

Over the past two years the company has invested in planting and harvesting its own grains locally, recently opening a new commercial brewery in the Cardrona Valley.

"We believe we are one of, if not the first brewery in the country to grow our own grain, which we are really proud of," says director Jimmy Nicholson. "We've been looking for new ways to reduce our carbon footprint with a key brewing ingredient, barley, accounting for an estimated 33-39 per cent of our total emissions. After some digging we realised around 60 per cent of malt's embedded carbon emissions come from the industrial farming of barley which is focused on volume and yield."

"Luckily fellow director and lifelong local farmer James Paterson is an expert in growing grain and in November 2021 we planted our first fields of barley. In March 2022 we harvested and malted our first crop of 20 tonnes of Queenstown grown barley which is enough grain to last us a year's worth of brews."

Innovation and sustainability are two key pillars incorporated into every level of their craft beer production and hospitality operations.

"By implementing small changes in the farming process to focus on the quality and health of the grain, as opposed to the maximum yield, we have the ability to improve the flavour and consistency of our beer and most importantly reduce our carbon footprint by an estimated 7-14 per cent," says Jimmy.

The results speak for themselves with the 20 tonnes of barley grown being used to craft Canyon Brewing's new summer brew Canyon Gold.

"Canyon Gold is brewed from our first two fields of Queenstown barley along with some hops grown just down the road in Garston. It's a classic German style Helles Lager with a citrusy modern Kiwi twist and a real showcase of Central Otago terroir."



With an assortment of award-winning craft beer and ciders to their name, creativity is at the heart of the Canyon Brewing operation.

A collaboration with Wānaka's Mexican restaurant Paloma has resulted in a distinctive new craft beer being launched for summer.

"Paloma Dry is a refreshing drop utilising our home-grown Pilsner malt, Canterbury corn, Motueka hops, lime, grapefruit and chilli," says head brewer Kit Clinton-Baker.

"It's a Mexican style beer that delivers on all levels — crisp, clean and citrusy with just a hint of spice. We are super excited to offer this collaborative beer at both Canyon Brewing restaurant and at Paloma restaurant all summer long."

Kit says their new Cardrona Valley brewery has already experimented with a range of brewing techniques.

"We decided the best way to test the capabilities of our new commercial brewery was to push it to its limits. We brewed 12 beers simultaneously over six weeks allowing our brewers to run wild and create whatever styles they wanted."

"The results are an explosion of different flavours with everything from new hop varieties to funky new styles as well as modern takes on some classics."



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A new world of luxury shopping has arrived in the centre of Queenstown with the opening of T Galleria by DFS in a spacious, contemporary, design-led complex in the heart of the resort.

The world's leading travel retailer has created a destination within a destination, bringing an air of excitement for Queenstown residents and visitors.

Anchored by distinctive brands not available anywhere else in the South Island, T Galleria has a relaxed yet refined ambience, unique to the region.

The first of the retailer's Resort Galleria concept stores, it spans an impressive 1800square metres of the newly renovated O'Connells Pavilion shopping complex.

The centre has been a shopping and leisure destination in downtown Queenstown since the 1980s and in the past two years has been transformed inside and out to create world-class shopping and dining experiences.

Acclaimed architect Preston Stevens has wrapped the building in eye-catching copper cladding that mirrors the surrounding mountains and takes on differing hues throughout the day.

Casually sophisticated and inviting T Galleria by DFS brings glamour and style to its location with its carefully curated showcase of renowned international brands and the finest local products.

General manager Mario Gabriel says the resort galleria concept is tailored to Queenstown's special market — a combination of international and domestic travellers as well as a growing local community.

The galleria operates as a normal department store, with dual pricing allowing international travellers to purchase duty free.

"We love to see the world through the eyes of the many travellers who come to Queenstown in all seasons to enjoy our mountains, lakes, dramatic alpine scenery, spectacular food and wine and year-round activities," says Mario.

"A premium venue such as this is the icing on the cake for many of those visitors who appreciate and welcome our excellent service and delightful, distinctive experience. We have been warmly welcomed by our local population, something we're very grateful for as we're offering a range of community-driven initiatives instore year-round."

The store is already recognised for its support of local artists, celebrating the work of contemporary jeweller and artist Jessica Winchcombe during its opening weekend. Her artwork created live on the premises was auctioned to raise money for the environmental advocacy group Sustainable Queenstown.

The company has also collaborated with NZ design company Oi You on mural and ceiling artworks, which enhance its light and airy spaces, made from natural and sustainable locally sourced materials. A stylish lounge area is a community hub hosting local groups and workshops, also doubling as a quiet space and gallery viewing area for visitors.

The store's packed calendar of events includes local ballet, dance and musical performances, sustainability and beauty workshops, makeovers and giveaways. Since opening it has hosted a Queenstown Chamber of Commerce event for local business owners and actively supports a local art gallery showcase initiative.

"Watch this space for more," says Mario.



DFS Vice President Retail Operations
Prashant Mahboobani



ALL ABOUT THE PEOPLE

The hallmark of DFS is its contribution to the long-term business sustainability of Queenstown with the creation of around 40 jobs and dedicated career pathways for its employees.

The staff are a veritable United Nations line-up from Romanian-born general manager Mario Gabriel to operations manager Agathe Audrain, originally from France. Others hail from the UK, Australia, China, the Philippines, India and all over New Zealand.

Born in Bucharest Mario entered the hospitality industry at the age of 19 and following roles in Europe and the US he became GM at Queenstown's Kamana Lakehouse before bringing his luxury service sector skills to the DFS T Galleria role.

Agathe has a lifetime of experience in events, travel and accommodation in France, Australia and New Zealand.

Marketing manager UK born Vicky Cooper visited New Zealand on a three-month trip and never looked back while visual merchandising specialist Jo Quiozon is loving the challenge her new role brings. Talent support specialist Daniel Rosario has worked with DFS for three years and is relishing the opportunity to move to Queenstown to help launch the new venture.





BOUTIQUE ECO LUXURY IN GLENORCHY

By Jane Brooke

The Headwaters Eco Lodge at the head of Lake Whakatipu is literally on the road to Paradise.

The rustic yet sophisticated Lodge accommodation is homely but supremely stylish and recognised as an idyllic haven of peace, tranquillity and out-of-this-world scenery.

"The 45-minute scenic drive from Queenstown transports visitors to another world, one of secluded beech forests, native birdsong, stunning walks and endless lake and mountain views," says director Katherine James Schuitemaker.

Glenorchy is globally recognised as the gateway to the famous tracks in Mt Aspiring National Park and adventures are available on the lakes and rivers, in the rain forests and on the nearby mountains while the Lodge provides a welcome respite at the end of the day with world-class dining and a wine list to match.

The Lodge meets the highest global sustainability practices and features 14 elegantly appointed, supremely quiet premium eco chalets.

"The central Homestead building is a home away from home," says Katherine, "featuring a stunning dining room, sumptuous lounge area and sunroom and the spacious Humboldt Room for weddings, complimentary morning yoga or corporate meetings."



INSPIRATIONAL GETAWAYS

Founded by American philanthropists Debbi and Paul Brainerd The Headwaters Lodge aims to make people appreciate the head of the lake and everything it has to offer.

"The landscape does beautiful things for your soul," says Debbi. "That's why we created Adventures in Paradise, the all-inclusive packages at The Headwaters Eco Lodge where guests can experience all the amazing things to do in Glenorchy. These expertly-curated experiences are born out of our passion for active travel, a love of the great outdoors and the lifelong memories of people we meet along the way."

She says the small, intimate food, accommodation and exploration packages include a range of outdoor activities and experiences that invite guests to sample the best of the Glenorchy area while weaving in time to relax, restore and reconnect with nature.



FOOD FOR THE SOUL

The Headwaters Lodge offers fresh, seasonal, destination dinners five nights a week prepared by executive chef Pete Gawron.

The former owner and head chef at Arrowtown's renowned Saffron restaurant Pete earned recognition at Saffron as one of Condé Nast Traveller's Top 100 Tables incorporating the world's most exciting restaurants.

Inspired by his recent culinary adventures in Morocco, Thailand and Europe Pete loves creating culinary masterpieces for both lodge guests and the public, using produce from The Headwaters' year-round organic kitchen garden behind the neighbouring Mrs Woolly's General Store.

"There's nothing better than creating freshly prepared garden-to-table meals each day with just-picked produce from our own gardens and beautiful ingredients from our Central Otago providers," he says. "We encourage people to either come to the lodge for dinner or for a weekend away from it all!"



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Te Kano's Beating Heart

Te Kano Estate owners Rhonda and Keith Lloyd fell in love with Northburn on sight and today it is the beating heart of their extensive venture encompassing four vineyards.

General manager Nick Hunter says "the vineyards at Northburn, Bannockburn and Waitaki all add something special to the fabric that makes up the Te Kano family of award-winning wines. We farm sustainably and have two vineyards fully certified with Bio Gro."

Some of the oldest vines are at Jerome vineyard in Bannockburn which produce Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Chardonnay wines. Also in Bannockburn the Eliza vineyard focuses on organically certified Pinot Noir while the 40-hectare Northburn site which is the spiritual home of the estate produces Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris Riesling, Gamey Noir, Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc.

In early 2020 Te Kano purchased 11 hectares planted in Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling, Gewurtztraminer and Pinot Gris grapes in Waitaki.



Te Kano wines claimed four medals in the 2022 Decanter World Wine Awards, three in the 2022 International Wine Challenge including two golds and five in the 2022 National Wine Awards with a gold medal for the Te Kano Pinot Gris.

Nick says all the winning vintages can be sampled at the Te Kano cellar door at Eliza vineyard in their stunning cantilevered building, which attracted a significant architectural award in 2020.

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Wine Chat

by Jenny McLeod



Wine without compromise

With their "no compromise" mantra Andy and Misha Wilkinson set out 20 years ago to produce some of New Zealand's finest wines from their aptly named Misha's Vineyard.

The Central Otago vineyard was named one of New Zealand's Top 20 wine producers after just a few vintages and despite still being a young producer of Pinot Noir and aromatic white varieties currently exports to 17 countries worldwide.

"All of our grapes are grown on our spectacular single-vineyard site on the edge of Lake Dunstan in the Bendigo sub-region of Central Otago" says Misha. "Managing every aspect of the growing and winemaking enables us to craft premium quality wines which find their way to some of the top hotels and restaurants across the Asia Pacific region."

Misha's Vineyard Tasting Room in Cromwell, overlooking Lake Dunstan, is acknowledged as one of the best places to discover the range of wine varieties which Central Otago is renowned for.

"With ten different wines available for tasting, including the opportunity to try an aged reserve Pinot Noir, our tutored tastings are customised to suit every palate," she says. "At Misha's Vineyard we look forward to welcoming visitors on an exceptional wine journey."

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Making Dreams Possible

Burn Cottage Vineyard was developed from a love for Pinot Noir, a bit of fortuitous timing and a gut feeling about the land in Central Otago.

"When Marquis and Dianne Sauvage set up the vineyard their focus was on biodynamic viticulture to craft world-class Pinot Noir that truly expressed their unique parcel of land in Central Otago," says sales and marketing manager Andy Crozier. "The wines of Burn Cottage are now recognised both locally and internationally as some of the finest examples of Central Otago Pinot Noir."

The vineyard's nine Pinot Noir blocks are handpicked, sorted, fermented and aged in their own French oak barrels.

"The Sauvages believe this is the best way to create their single vineyard Pinot Noir, reflecting the special character of the site and the personality of the vintage."

In 2017 an existing 5.8-hectare vineyard on Felton Road in Bannockburn was added to the Burn Cottage family and renamed the Sauvage Vineyard with the first Sauvage Vineyard Pinot Noir released the following year.

"A helicopter landing pad gives our guests the option to arrive by air at the cellar door which is a wonderful way to view the Central Otago landscape en route."

Mondillo is open Monday to Friday 10.00am until 3.00pm and weekends by appointment. All their current and previous vintages are available exclusively for purchase at the cellar door.

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The Burn Cottage cellar door is located at its winery in Cromwell.

"Tastings are by appointment only in our industrial chic facility," says Andy. "Current releases and older vintages from the cellar can be tasted and we welcome visitors from all over the world to experience our distinctive wines."

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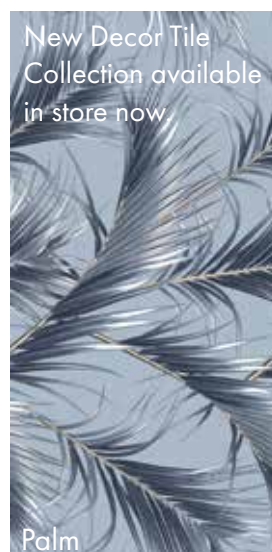
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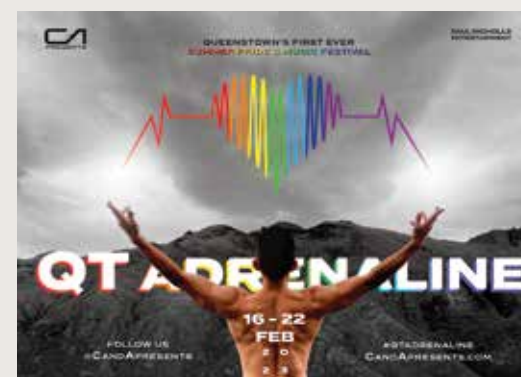
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Event targets rainbow tribe

By Penny Simpson



A new summer festival event known as QT Adrenaline has been launched aimed at the South Island's LGBT+ community and as a pitstop for international travellers heading to Sydney WorldPride 2023.

Chaz Barcenilla and Abraxas Trujillo of Queenstown company C and A Presents says the new event, being held from the February 16-22 2023 has been two years in the making.

"We laid roots here in Queenstown right before Covid-19 hit having come out of running events across the U.S," says Chaz. "Here we immediately found our queer community without a home."

"There's loads on offer in Auckland but that's a big trip for a night out. After a year-and-a-half of lockdowns we started C and A Presents to create more events for our community year-round."

QT Adrenaline will feature local DJs Charlie C, Lenni Vibe and Ben Lock to name a few along with a host of international powerhouse talent such as Enrico Meloni (Italy), Suri (Spain), Nina Flowers (Puerto Rico) and Arno Diem (France).

"We hope to give locals and our rainbow tribe further afield shared experiences in a safe and inclusive environment," says Chaz. "We're connecting and educating diverse communities as we know the positive ripple effect that has on our local businesses."

Tickets available at www.candapresents.com

NEW ARTWORK FOR SUMMER EXHIBITION

By Jenny McLeod

Queenstown artist Angus Watson has been a professional artist for more than 35 years and his diverse work attracts both New Zealand and offshore art enthusiasts.

Angus is highly sought after for commissions and holds exhibitions around New Zealand. His annual January exhibition at his studio is always a summer drawcard.

"I have put together a significant collection of new artwork for the January 3-14 2023 event," he says. "Having my own exhibition gives people a chance to visit my studio in its rural garden setting and see first-hand where my work is created."

"Clients are always keen to know what inspires specific paintings and I enjoy meeting people who take the time to visit."

Angus also sells his work online.

"It is an easy process for people to view my paintings and make a selection and I can courier anywhere in the world," he says.

Angus' latest calendar for 2023 is available online or from his studio and again represents a stunning mix of his favourite work. He also sells a beautiful selection of prints and cards.

Angus welcomes visitors to his studio in Little's Road but encourages people to call ahead to ensure the gallery is open.

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Feels like Summer

By Penny Simpson

Arrowtown boutique IKON has tailored the perfect summer wardrobe with a constant supply of summer ready pieces to shop.

“Our favourite labels such as Coop, Amuse Society and Minkpink are bringing the summer vibes with beautiful prints and patterns,” says Ikon executive director Sophie Gibbs. “Assembly Label have some bold coloured shirts and dresses, while keeping their classic neutral palette coming through in new linen styles. Tigerlily as always, have beautiful long flowing boho maxis, vintage inspired midis and minis.”

“Feminine dresses feature peak a boo cut outs, bias cut skirts and raglan sleeved tops in pink, fuchsia, lavender and salmon hues.”

The store has a fashion forward collection of brogues, heels and slides to complete the look.

“There are fun, blingy shoes from Miss Wilson, stylish statement brogues by Mollini and cute sandals by Sol Sana and Nude for summer.

New denim styles from Scotch n Soda and Diesel are the perfect base for guys teamed with tees and shirts by Diesel and Assembly Label.”



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with Jane Shaw
Provisions Café



Summer is all about refreshing swims in Lake Hayes, hiking up local Arrowtown hills and evenings spent barbequing and enjoying the long Central Otago evenings.

We are lucky to live in this beautiful area with bountiful seasonal stone fruits, award-winning wines and an increasing number of delicious locally made boutique gins.

This is the inspiration behind my Gin & Tonic cake, the perfect pick me up treat to enjoy over summer either for afternoon tea or as a delicious dessert.

My recipe is packed with lemon zest, vanilla and ground almonds which make it wonderfully lemony with a moist crumb. The syrup features gin and tonic with juniper berries to provide a real G&T cocktail flavour.

The Gin & Tonic cake features in our Provisions Café baking line up from time to time along with our very popular sticky buns and seasonal fruit frangipane tarts.

The summer menu offers a range of fresh, seasonal dishes — many using unprocessed ingredients where possible — and our cottage garden is an ideal spot to sit under the fruit trees and enjoy Allpress Coffee, brunch, lunch or sample local wines and craft beers.

I encourage people to come and enjoy our beautiful café, expertly managed by our wonderful café manager Barbara Griffin, supported by talented chef Rebecca O'Malley, both who have been the backbone of the team since we opened in 2010.

Merry Christmas and happy, safe, holidays from the Provisions team.



Barbara Griffin

Provisions Gin & Tonic Cake

Cake Ingredients

- 250g butter softened
- 200g caster sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 2 & ½ tsp baking powder
- ½ cup ground almonds
- Zest of 2 lemons
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 100g plain yoghurt
- 50ml gin

Syrup Ingredients

- 150ml tonic water
- 150g white sugar
- 1 tsp crushed juniper berries
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 25ml gin

Lemon Buttercream Icing

- 200g soft butter
- 400g icing sugar
- 2 tbsps milk
- Zest of 2 lemons



Cake Method

Heat oven to 170°C and grease and line two 20cm baking tins.

Whip butter and sugar together and beat through zest of 2 lemons then add eggs one at a time and beat in well.

Mix together juice of 1 lemon with the gin, vanilla essence and yoghurt and beat into butter mixture. Sift together flour, salt and baking powder and mix into the mixture along with the ground almonds.

Split the mixture between the cake tins and bake 30 minutes until skewer comes out clean.

Remove cakes from oven and leave to cool for 5 minutes then prick the cakes all over with a skewer and liberally spoon over the syrup.

Make the syrup while the cakes are cooking by adding all ingredients into a small pan and boiling for 5-8 minutes until syrupy. Remove from stove, let cool then add gin.

Make the buttercream icing by beating the butter and slowly adding the icing sugar and then add in zest and milk.

To assemble the cake place one cake on a board and cover with 1/3 of the buttercream then sit the second cake on top. Ice the top of the cake with a small amount of icing and then chill in fridge for 30 minutes, to make it easier to spread, before finishing off by icing the remainder of the top and sides.

To decorate use thinly sliced lemons, cucumber and mint. Another option is to add freeze dried feijoa slices and cut up paper straws for effect.

Enjoy with a cool long G&T.



Love Lorna Jane

Mixing high quality performance gear with active day wear the latest pieces by Lorna Jane are too fun to cover up this summer. Choose from their Icon Boyfriend tee's, seamless biker shorts and ¾ leggings in bright primary colours for a summer season of fun.



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Bright & Breezy

By Penny Simpson

There is plenty of summer activewear action at boutique Arrowtown store Goals.

"Summer is all about adding colour and fun prints to your everyday active wardrobe," says Goals executive director Caroline Walak. "Clothing can change the way you feel about exercise and we love helping our customers find the perfect active outfit to help them achieve their active and lifestyle goals. We have amazing new activewear from Lorna Jane, Aim'n and Onzie along with some very cool street wear from Huffer, Brixton and Misfit for guys."

Goals is the only store in the region with a range of high-end luxury swimwear brands Seafolly, Jets, Tigerlily, Amuse Society and Assembly Label.

"Our swimwear this season is stunning with bikinis, one pieces and swim sets featuring floral and tropical prints, bright hues to soft neutrals. We have the cutest little girls' swimsuits from Seafolly and stock great beach accessories including We are Good sunblocks, Aim'n caps and Reality eyewear."

Beach Babe

Our range from luxury Australian swimwear brand Seafolly features their cutest prints and styles for summer 2023. The Seafolly Longline Slide Tri bikini in Mandarin is elevated with a metallic trim and tie back options for when you need that fit versatility.





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Dial it Up

Surf clothing brand Misfit hype up guys' streetwear looks this summer with their men's retro style Dope Machine shirt in multi yardage print. Team with a pair of Huffer Castaway Relax shorts from our range instore at Goals.



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Striking Gold

By Margo Berryman

While gold mining is no longer Arrowtown's lifeblood and few gold seekers remain, Justin Eden bucks the system successfully continuing today to mine for gold in both New Zealand and Australia, after launching his career on the Shotover River 30 years ago.

Justin owns The Gold Shop in Arrowtown which attracts people from all over the world anxious to see and handle genuine gold nuggets.

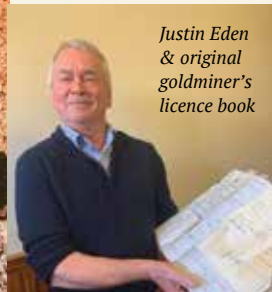
"In 1975 I spent three years living beside the Shotover River where I met three old gold miners who had been up there since the depression. These guys were still living in old riverside huts and taught me a lot. I had a motorbike so they would get me to bring in supplies and it was protocol to stop for tea and a chat at each camp so by the time I had handed over their mail, fresh milk and newspaper it was a six-hour return trip of drinking tea and storytelling."

In 1979 there was a significant flood in the Shotover River and Justin struck gold and lots of it.



Justin Eden

"The Arrow River has two kilometres allocated for recreational gold panning which is a significant area right beside the town open for public fossicking. Anyone can hire a gold pan from the Lakes District Museum or other shops around town and have a go — it's a great free activity to do with kids and very popular."

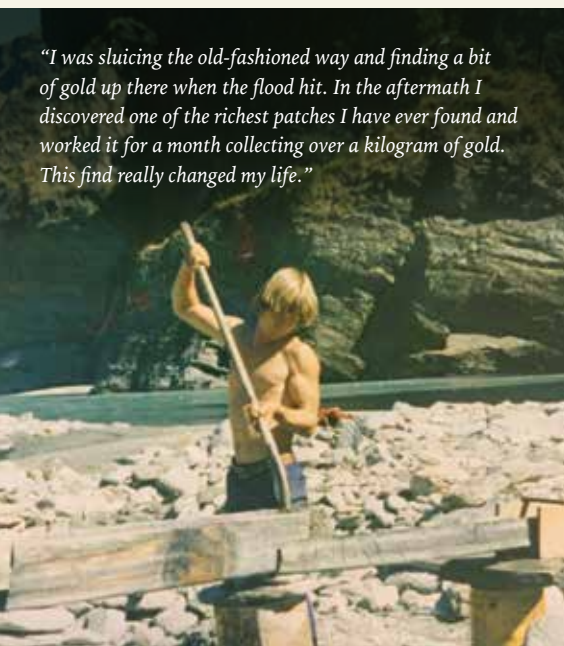


Justin Eden & original goldminer's licence book



Justin attributes a growing interest in gold mining to the television series *Gold Rush* featuring American gold miner Parker Schnabel who visited Arrowtown when filming his series Parker Trails New Zealand.

"Parker filmed us in Arrowtown which was great promotion for the town. After filming we spent a couple of hours in the back of the shop talking gold and swapping stories — after all that's what gold miners do."



"I was sluicing the old-fashioned way and finding a bit of gold up there when the flood hit. In the aftermath I discovered one of the richest patches I have ever found and worked it for a month collecting over a kilogram of gold. This find really changed my life."

Justin Eden

"During that time I read a newspaper article about these metal detectors developed in Australia that cancelled out the mineralisation and they were being used to find gold so I thought that's it I am out of here," he says.

Gold detecting became Justin's next adventure and along with his young family he headed to Australia working up into the far northern reaches of Western Australia.

The Gold Shop was established in 1989 and mining continues to be an important part of Justin's life.

"There is nowhere else in the world where someone will drop a gold nugget into your hand and we have some reasonably sized local nuggets on display in the shop. Visitors enjoy hearing gold mining stories at the same time discovering more about our town and its beginnings. I think they are often surprised that gold mining is still happening here and there is still gold to be found in the rivers."



For Art's Sake

Arrowtown is a leading centre for the creative arts and home to an increasing number of well-known New Zealand artists and art galleries.

"Arrowtown as a community is enriched by the creative industry of the many artists who choose to live and work here and it's wonderful to have a first-hand experience of their artistic output," says Arrowtown Promotion and Business Association manager Nicky Busst. "There are over a dozen galleries to visit with an intriguing mix of artists' studios, portrait and landscape galleries and contemporary design stores in and around the village."

"Our arts community is thriving making Arrowtown a true art destination with many of New Zealand's best-known artists, sculptors, ceramicists, mixed media and photographers based here. The Arrowtown Creative Arts Society is led by well-known arts practitioners and they host a variety of workshops, exhibitions and events throughout the year."

"Wandering Arrowtown streets it's easy to find many of the galleries or alternately follow the arts trail and visit artists in their home studios," she says. "Public sculpture pieces can also be seen in the green spaces around town."



Fiona Garlick



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What's New in Arrowtown

By Margo Berryman



Arrowtown Artists

- Jenny Mehrtens Artist's Studio
- Graham Brinsley Studio
- Nadene Milne Gallery
- Birdwoods Arrowtown Gallery
- Astor Bristed Gallery
- Angus Watson Studio
- Thomas Brown Gallery
- David John Gallery
- Lakes District Museum Gallery
- Fiona Garlick Gallery
- Jasmine Clark Little Hut Gallery
- New Lands Art Studio
- Bonham Art & Design
- The Gallery by Eric Nauta



Holly Zandbergen - Astor Bristed Gallery

Heritage Walking Tour

As an authentic goldmining town Arrowtown attracts its fair share of history buffs eager to walk in the footsteps of the early settlers and gold mining pioneers.

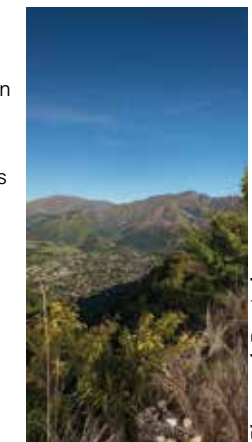
The Lakes District Museum in Buckingham Street is the central point for modern day history exploration with its interactive displays, art gallery and bookshop housed over two floors.

"It's been exciting to watch recent restoration and earthquake strengthening of the former Bank of New Zealand building that has been home to the Lakes District Museum since 1955," says Arrowtown Promotion and Business Association manager Nicky Busst. "Visitors and locals love spending time there and summer is an excellent season to wander around some of the town's high points of interest."

"The Lakes District Museum produces an informative booklet detailing Arrowtown's many historic buildings and includes a Buckingham Street history map which is a walking guide to discover all the significant sites."

The Postmaster's House and Post and Telegraph office, Mary McKillop's Cottage, the Berkshire Street Stone Stables, the Chinese Village and the original Police Hut are highlights.

"This is a fun and fascinating tour for families. It's also possible to obtain the key for the original Arrowtown Gaol, built in 1876, and gain access to photograph the original schist walls and interior," says Nicky.



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Combining Coffee & Design

By Margo Berryman

Backgrounds in hospitality, coffee, design and a love for the area are the inspiration behind a stylish new design store and coffee roastery in Arrowtown's dress circle.



Owners Alex Tong and Devan Tyler have combined their entrepreneurial skills and knowledge to establish the contemporary Wolf Coffee Roasters and Cleo Store at 44 Buckingham Street.

"We have chosen Arrowtown as our base and have loved slowly evolving and establishing the design and coffee space together," says Devan.

Alex attended Queenstown Resort College in 2009 and after graduating was determined to find a career path to stay in the region and set himself a five-year goal of opening a coffee roastery locally.

"Alex returned to Auckland to learn the trade, establishing Wolf Coffee in 2015 from a container café on Auckland's Princes Wharf," says Devan. "I came along a couple of months after and quickly became 'girlfriend turned operations manager'. It was a lot of fun and hard work and just over five years later Wolf Coffee relocated to Arrowtown."

Their first venture was a collaboration with Goldies Café which continues to operate while their newly opened café and design store is the next step.

"It's a sunny, light space with a great outdoor option that Cleo Store has fitted out with Arnold Circus stools and teak benches. We encourage customers to take a moment out, relax and enjoy their coffee. Our coffee roaster which is a refurbished 1950s Probat is on show and the coffee is so fresh you can smell the aromas from the end of the street."



Cleo Store is a design concept Devan has been working on since 2020.

"I have dreamt of this for a while and when the option came up to combine the businesses I jumped at it. My middle name is Cleopatra hence the store's name."

"Cleo is about bringing a fresh approach to designerware and every brand which is stocked has a purpose and a story. It's designed to spark inspiration for the home, for skincare or for gifts that bring joy."

Cleo displays New Zealand and Australian made products with a mix of international brands.

"Leif is a stunning body care range using native Australian ingredients. Cheese Before Bedtime hand embroiders incredible one-off pieces and we stock Great Barrier cooking salts from TASTEOLGY along with New Zealand made Sans [Ceuticals] skincare. We also sell Arnold Circus stools and a range of Japanese made products."

Devan is confident Cleo's selected brands meet her target market with new designer pieces arriving instore regularly.



"I've had travellers buy New Zealand made ceramics to take home, locals have popped in for birthday gifts and skincare top ups, it's been a great response. There is a gap in the market for affordable quality homeware brands with purpose and I hope Cleo Store addresses that. We also have an online store at cleostore.co.nz offering nationwide shipping."



Espresso Buzz

Arrowtown's new Wolf Coffee Roasters is a café with a difference.

"Wolf Coffee is about creating partnerships between the community, the coffee farmers, our customers and staff," says co-owner Devan Tyler. "We bring a new approach to coffee wholesale with a strong focus on sustainability and finding innovative ways to keep our company's footprint as small as possible."

They sell a range of single origin and small batch blends that reflect different regions and roasting techniques with fresh coffee blends to suit a variety of tastes.

"It's been an amazing three-year journey that didn't quite go to plan when we first arrived," says Devan. "Our seasonal blend had just been perfected for our Auckland customers and was floral and fruity unlike the darker roasts you find down here. We made a few for some local tradies and they didn't like it with someone even saying 'you won't get far serving this.'"

"We went back to the drawing board playing around with different beans and roasting techniques tailoring a blend to accommodate the local palate while still being authentic to us. It's a bold and complex blend with notes of milk chocolate, blueberries and lemon with beans from Colombia and Brazil."

The Wolf Coffee Roasters online store offers a range of single origins and blends along with a subscription service and free local delivery.

"The coffee community has been incredibly welcoming, everyone is so supportive and helpful," says Devan, "and we've made some lifelong friends."



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Greening up Wānaka lakefront

By Tom Kalliber

Wānaka is sporting a new and welcoming green space on its lakefront this summer.

Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) General Manager Community Services Ken Bailey says the latest stage of its lakefront development plan opened just as newly sown grass was creating a vivid green strip between Dungarvon and McDougall Streets in front of Pembroke Park.

He says the timing is perfect.

"As the weather warms up and people start spending more time by Lake Wānaka they'll discover a beautiful open space complete with picnic tables, sun loungers and a new shared pathway for pedestrians, runners and cyclists."

"We've also incorporated a paved area featuring a recreation of Te Huru-huru's Map — the first map of the area which aided early European explorers — that adds an extra cultural element for people to enjoy."



Ken says the pathway will also feature hundreds of etched tiles highlighting historical information about the Upper Clutha, Aotearoa New Zealand and the world. "It will be a reimaging of the much-photographed Millennium

Pathway in Wānaka that will inspire and inform people using the area."

More than 100-car parking spaces have been created as part of the development, but they no longer encroach onto the green space, leaving an unobstructed view across Roys Bay.

"The goal was to retain easy access," says Ken, "but remove the dominance of vehicles on this premium recreational area, allowing more space for the public to enjoy."



Connecting with community

By Tom Kalliber

Queenstown Lakes District mayor Glyn Lewers has his eye on a number of underlying issues facing the area which he is committed to resolving with the new council.

Mayor Lewers and the council, which has a number of new faces at the table, were officially sworn in following the October 2022 election with councillor Quentin Smith elected deputy mayor.

"High on the agenda are economic diversification, sustainable tourism, affordable housing, social infrastructure and local action to protect against the global effects of climate change," says Mayor Lewers. "Then there are the government's proposed reforms of three waters, planning and local government which are all at different stages but all needing council to play an active role advocating for the best interests of our district on behalf of the community."

One of his priorities is for all elected members to return to engaging more directly with the community.

"The pandemic meant we had to do things differently at times but the way is now clear for us to get out and about once more."

A new Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board has also been sworn in with its own specific responsibilities. Three of the four local ward councillors sit on the board along with chair Simon Telfer, deputy chair Chris Hadfield, Linda Joll and John Wellington.



Queenstown Lakes District Council elected members from left: Craig 'Ferg' Ferguson Matt Wong Mayor Glyn Lewers Quentin Smith Niki Gladding Esther Whitehead Cody Tucker Lisa Guy Barry Bruce Neeta Shetty & Lyal Cocks (absent Gavin Bartlett).

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Alfresco dining

Alfresco dining is at its best at Five Mile where its mix of eateries boast stunning views of The Remarkables and surrounding mountain ranges along with ample parking.

Café Society is the ideal spot to grab a coffee and a bite to start the day. There is plenty of outside seating while indoors floor to ceiling windows create a warm atmosphere.

The deck at Joe's Garage, famed for its coffee and simple, reliable food, is welcoming and a prime place for breakfast, lunch or dinner during summer.

Nearby The Crown pub's beer garden enjoys the afternoon sun and families are welcome with an outdoor play area and kids' menu provided. When the sun goes down the festoon and fairy lights generate a special ambience.

Sudima Hotel's Podium restaurant takes dining to the next level and the mezzanine with its alpine views is popular for both meals and pre dinner cocktails or a nightcap.



Gearing up for the outdoors

By Jane Brooke

Five Mile is close to a network of world-class cycle and walking trails, mountain biking and alpine hikes and many stores in the centre are geared to provide clothing and accessories for a range of recreational sports in and around Queenstown.

Home living & art

Five Mile home and living stores Peak Interiors and Redcurrent have an extensive range of beautiful glassware, vases, candles, luxurious bed linen and furniture. The Peak Interiors showroom walls

feature landscape paintings from Queenstown artist Ira Mitchell and other well-known painters.

The Five Mile Broker Galleries, operated by local artist Marc Blake, presents exciting new works from New Zealand and Australian artists in a wide range of contemporary mediums.

The Insiders exhibition is a drawcard during summer and includes photography, video, painting and drawing with work from Jane Reynolds, Caryline Boreham, Sarah Bultitude, Tori Beeche, Ekaterina Dimieva and Blair McLeod.



The latest addition is Cactus Outdoor, housed in the Sudima building, with its durable clothing and gear designed to handle the toughest adventures.

New Zealand owned and operated with a focus on sustainable and ethical, the brand manufactures high quality products and clothing ensuring their gear "wears in not out".

Premier bike retailer Alta has opened a new store in Five Mile Place to coincide with summer. A variety of bike rentals are available to suit any local trails and include enduro, downhill and e-bikes as well as sizes for kids.

Kathmandu and Bivouac Outdoor stores are home to top-of-the-line outdoor clothing, camping gear and other outdoor equipment. They stock everything from sleeping bags and tents for overnight missions to water bottles, shoes and day packs for shorter adventures.

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The Pinot Junction journey

By Jane Brooke

The first stage of Pinot Junction, a standout new wine experience in the Old Cromwell Heritage Precinct has launched and is encouraging people to explore a taste of Central Otago.

Kate and Matt Barnett are behind the venture and excited to share their passion and knowledge of the #pinotcentral wine industry.

"We love Central Otago, and we love its wines," says Kate. "Our vision has been to create a relaxed, informative, neutral space where visitors can get an overview of our beautiful wine growing region, sample Central Otago's finest and discover more about the local wine industry, climate and history."

The Barnetts have been planning the venture for the past 12 months negotiating with local authorities to refurbish the original McNulty Shed in the upper precinct of Old Cromwell.

However, just a few months ago the opportunity arose to buy Armando's Kitchen restaurant in the historic Murrell's Cottage.

"It was a serendipitous moment that allowed us to fast track our plans to open for summer while continuing to work on the original plans to renovate the shed," says Kate. "We are delighted to now be open and have added an extensive selection of Central Otago's best wines into the restaurant that has stunning views over Lake Dunstan."

"Our goal is for people to experience a variety of labels with side-by-side tastings that truly represent Central Otago's world-class, award-winning wines in one easy central location. We plan to incorporate two enomatic wine tasting machines into the operation and currently offer a delicious menu that includes pizzas, pastas, antipasto and cheese platters."



Kate & Matt Barnett

Viticulture Gateway

Pinot Junction is both a nod to Cromwell's original name, The Junction, and the town's reputation as the epicentre of award-winning local wine growing sub-regions.

"Cromwell is one of the first stops in the visitor experience and a gateway to wineries and cellar doors in the region," says owner Kate Barnett. "Our logo represents the six sub-regions of Alexandra, Bannockburn, Bendigo, Cromwell, Gibbston and Wānaka with the colour of the dots representing a special aspect or the terroir of that area"

Central Otago wine and its pioneering history have been an integral part of Kate's life. Her father Stewart Elms established Felton Road Wines in 1992 and her career is steeped in the local industry with positions at Mt Difficulty Wines and more recently Domaine Thomson Wines where she spearheaded the establishment of its state-of-the art cellar door.

Matt Barnett's background is in media and retail with Dunedin's Arthur Barnett's department store his family legacy. He currently manages The Cromwell Bulletin and the couple have made their home in Lowburn with their children Ben (17) Charlie (15) and Annie (13).

"We are dedicated to curating an elevated wine experience where people can enjoy the quality and variety of wines available. Our wine industry has come of age and our business reflects this new era highlighting our world class products firsthand," says Kate.

With the Cromwell basin experiencing unprecedented growth Kate says their wider business model, that incorporates the historic McNulty Shed into Pinot Junction's footprint, will cater to an increased numbers of visitors and newcomers as the area continues to flourish.

"This project has received unanimous positive support from the Cromwell Community Board and others and our plans for the shed conversion are well underway. We are working with local architect Jess Sutherland to create a modern and contemporary space within the original building, which will enable us to host large events such as winemaker evenings and functions, alongside an elegant and comfortable wine bar and courtyard."

Pinot Junction Wine Club

The Pinot Junction Wine Club offers a seasonal three-month delivery of its sommelier selected Mystery Mix of six Central Otago wines for \$199 (NZ only) straight to the door.

"This includes three Pinot Noirs and three Rosés or whites," says Pinot Junction owner Kate Barnett. "We also offer a private cellar stocking service delivering hand selected wines to fill a home cellar. With our long-standing industry relationships we can source a wide selection of labels and some of the more exclusive new local wines from producers who have limited distribution."



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FORAGING & FEASTING

By Penny Simpson

Sampling local produce in Wānaka and Central Otago is one of the best ways to experience the region during summer according to Forage & Feast Food Adventures founder Naomi Lindsay.

Naomi launched her food tour company in 2020 fulfilling an ambition to develop a business that shared her infatuation for the vast array of local food and wine available in the area.



"As an enthusiastic foodie myself it was about creating a platform to bring people together for a memorable gastronomic day out that not only fuelled appetites but also introduced them to the special features of Central."

Naomi says there is a growing demand from local businesses keen to take their teams out on an immersive experience and Forage & Feast is the only one of its kind to offer the full package.

"From a team building perspective it can be an excellent way to be out of the office in an informal and relaxed environment learning new things and experiencing that together. Discovering the depths of the exceptional local produce and Central Otago wines takes a group's bonding to a whole new level."

"The tour is also perfect for groups of friends and families who want a local adventure suitable for all ages. They get to hang out together, be amongst nature and connect with the local foodie community who are a great bunch of people."

Forage & Feast offers a Taste of Wānaka half day tour and a full day Forage and Feast Wānaka tour option. The full day immersive food adventure visits a wide range of Wānaka producers and includes a foraging walk and interactive food discovery sessions. Specialty tours are also available and cater to an individual group's needs.

Naomi says tours can also be curated around birthday, anniversary or special occasion celebrations.

"The feedback we get from people who do the tours is heart-warming," says Naomi. "I am very keen about food and wine myself so hopefully that's contagious for the group and we always have a lot of fun — it's like going on a treasure hunt together."

"For tourists and people new to the area the tours take them beyond just being a tourist, immersing them into the experience and giving them an insight into the stories behind the products. People love to sit together and share food, wine and laughter while learning about each property and producer we visit. It becomes a long-lasting memorable experience."

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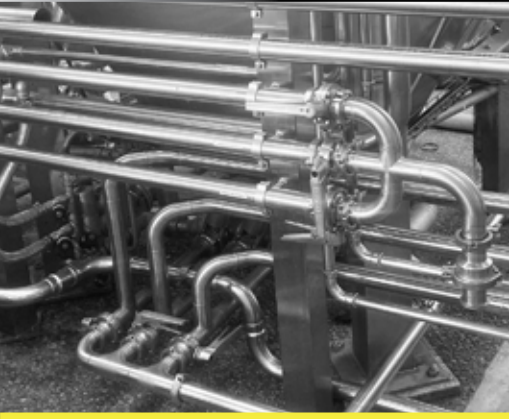




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THE BELLA EXPERIENCE

By Margo Berryman



Fashion should be fun and interesting, according to Jen Milburn and Marg Caldwell, and that's the mantra behind their Wānaka boutique store Bella.

The pair have owned the stylish Dunmore Street store for the last ten years and pride themselves on stocking the pick of New Zealand designers each season.

"Each garment is carefully chosen to effortlessly style with other easy-wear labels instore including gorgeous accessories and footwear," says Jen. "From winery weddings to lakeside lunches, our team loves helping women of all ages find the perfect outfit to suit them."

"There is an exuberant atmosphere in store when we have different groups arrive at the same time and we see women supporting each other as they discover new styles together. They usually leave as friends."

Bella is entering a new era with two loyal staff members, Rachael Wilson and Eve Thorp, joining the store's ownership management team.

"We see this as a progressive step bringing younger blood, renewed energy and drive into the business that allows Marg and I a little more time out on the golf course," says Jen.

Rachael comes from a creative documentary film and photography background while Eve has followed a nursing career. Both bring their own strengths and experience to Bella's team.

"It's business as usual for Jen and Marg who remain at the helm but now Eve and I are involved at this level there is scope for further development," says Rachael. "Our database is growing along with our online store thanks to Eve's expertise and we continue to attract new customers searching for our coveted New Zealand designers."

"We feel lucky to be learning the art of 'considered' buying from Jen and Marg as they have such a wealth of experience and know what our loyal customers like."

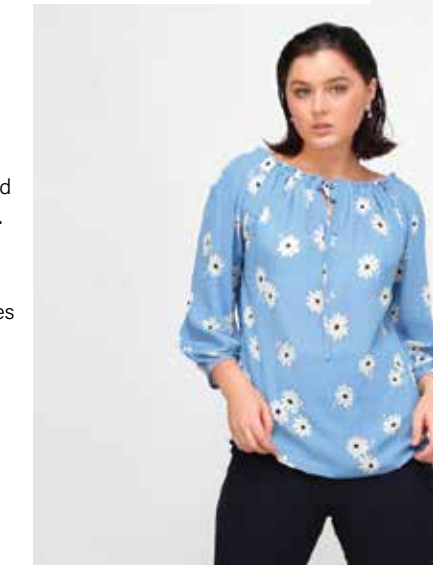
Bella is recognised for its selection of high-quality lifestyle fashion and accessories which local customers and both domestic and international visitors to Wānaka appreciate.

"New arrivals to Wānaka often find their corporate wardrobes are not right for lakeside mountain resort living and the store is renowned for offering exceptional service with our team going above and beyond to make women of all ages, shapes and sizes feel good in what they wear," says Rachael.

"It can be stressful looking for a particular dress or outfit for special occasions and because we know our designer ranges so well we can tailor options to ensure the right style and fit for the best results. The confidence our customers get knowing they are looking great is amazing. That really sums up the instore Bella experience."



Rachael & Eve's Summer Fave



Ava Blouse by Carlson

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DIAMOND HEART

by Rebecca Williamson



Alice Herald

Alice Herald's new interactive retail space in Wānaka creates a backdrop for people to watch the luxury jewellery designer at work.

Alice has expanded her boutique in the upmarket Precinct complex to include an open design studio and a gallery display of her ready-to-wear collections.

"Clients can now see me designing and working and at the same time try on the collections. I can also invite people into a unique, more private consultation area for design appointments."

Bespoke jewellery has a special place in Alice's heart. With access to some of the finest ethically sourced diamonds and other gems in the world she is intent on bringing them to life in the best possible setting and style. She also excels in reinvigorating stones from past generations.

"I've had the pleasure of designing some stunning, radiant diamond rings recently, as well as jewels with rubies, emeralds and blue, purple, yellow and incredible green sapphires of various shapes," she says. "I also really enjoy jazzing up Mum's and Granny's gemstones into something new from diamond anklets and cufflinks to necklaces. It's wonderful to be able to tell an authentic, heartfelt story through every piece and retain that history."

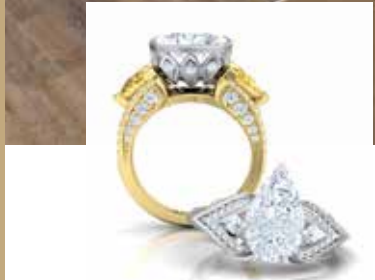
Alice's ready-to-wear collection is now sold online, depicting every woman's dream jewellery box with timeless pieces such as yellow-diamond hoop earrings and multi-carat eternity rings, along with beautiful yet practical pieces for luxe everyday wear.

"For this collection I like to design fuss-free pieces that have a splash of diamond so they can easily transition from day to night. I'm also beginning a new couture collection that's inspired by decaying architecture. Patterns in nature will also feature because nature always inspires me and is never wrong — it is a constant, solid reference for colour and form."

Whether it's creating specifically for a client or for her coveted collections Alice approaches her designs from an intellectual stance which means extensive research, structuring a brief, then pushing the boundaries to conjure up something exceptional.

In her show space beauty, opulence and creativity collide. Not only is the boutique sparkling with iridescent jewels, it doubles as a celebration of art in its many forms.

"I have a wall that exhibits five artists who are free to celebrate their expression, in whatever form that may be," says Alice. "Many of these creators do not have a physical platform, despite achieving great things with 2D or 3D art, fashion and architecture. We kick off their exhibition with a fun event and I've found it to be a great way to share networks. It's also fantastic to have fresh wall space decorated with outstanding, meaningful work."



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Kika

Location: Wānaka's award-winning restaurant Kika (2022 *New Zealand Cuisine Good Food Awards* /Cuisine Top 100 List) is centrally located in Dunmore Street and features a trellised outdoor area.

Food Style: The stylishly appointed dining room is legendary for its cool relaxed vibe and impeccable modern, clean cuisine. From the sharing piccolo menu to larger dishes such as lamb shoulder or market fish there is a focus on regional food and wine using the best seasonal produce available.

Outdoors: The terraced balcony deck overlooks Bullock Creek surrounded by native plantings. The deck is fully enclosed with trellis and an excellent spot for pre-dinner drinks, cocktails and snacks. "It's a non-booking area so diners can relax, while waiting for their inside table, with a glass of prosecco and a sharing plate of Kika fried chicken or our chicken liver parfait eclairs," says owner James Stapley.

Paloma

Location: Wānaka's newest Mexican style restaurant at the end of The Precinct's laneway in Helwick Street is a beacon for fresh, flavoursome dishes, South American inspired cocktails and craft beers.

Food Style: The response to Paloma has been overwhelming since it opened mid-winter, according to owner James Stapley, with the restaurant fully booked every night. "Our focus on fresh tortillas made from scratch using New Zealand corn in our own press is one of the attractions. Seeing people's reaction to eating fresh soft tacos is very cool because most have never experienced them."

Paloma stocks over 80 different tequila labels alongside bottled and canned craft beers and the restaurant is launching its own branded Paloma beer this summer produced by Canyon Brewing.

Outdoors: The appeal of Paloma's outdoor courtyard is its extensive bi-fold doors that provide the restaurant with an indoor-outdoor flow. External lighting and music add to the ambience. "It's very sheltered with a definite Melbourne laneway vibe — It's definitely not like anything else in Wānaka."

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Kamino

Location: Boutique café Kamino, formerly Wee Tart, is tucked down the laneway in Wānaka's The Precinct.

Food Style: The café has recently restyled its daytime menu with a full time French pastry chef creating delicious fresh pastries daily.

Appealing to everyone from school kids and families to retirees the café serves excellent coffee, milkshakes and soft serves alongside breakfast muffins, poke bowls, fried chicken, fresh salads and baked treats.

Outdoors: "Kamino is the perfect stop in for coffee, lunch or maybe even a drink in the afternoon," says owner James Stapley. "The outdoor courtyard and upstairs rooftop deck are stylishly expansive and this summer we are excited to be opening a boutique little bar upstairs on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights"

Arc

Location: Within walking distance of Lake Wānaka, Arc is in Ardmore Street and the ideal place to gather for a weekend brunch or evening tapas.

Food Style: Open for brunch on Saturdays and Sundays from 9.00am

until 2.00pm and every evening from 5.00pm. Arc is known for its modern small plates with fresh twists like Ora King salmon with shiitake XO, horopito mayo and fennel. The crayfish benedict is a brunch menu

favourite.

Outdoors: The restaurant has a fully enclosed secret garden courtyard featuring 20-year-old native trees. "There is space for around 20 people and it's very cool with a completely different vibe," says co-owner James Stapley. "We have just re-landscaped adding beautiful wooden bench seating, tables and umbrellas. It's the place to enjoy a selection of tapas and a glass of bubbles from our extensive list of Central Otago, New Zealand and international varieties as the sun goes down."





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Sustainability Commitment

By Margo Berryman

Untouched World which is a Sustainable B Corp certified lifestyle brand was born out of a desire by New Zealand entrepreneur Peri Drysdale to make a positive impact in the world while producing high-quality clothing to navigate an active lifestyle.

"Our clothes are designed for travel, work and play without compromising comfort or style and thoughtfully designed with pared back silhouettes that remain relevant season after season," says development manager Fiona Bretherton. "Using beautiful natural fibres and earth inspired hues we create collections that connect people with nature in effortless, eco-friendly style."

Untouched World's global success is well documented with its unwavering commitment to sustainable practice. It is the first fashion company in the world recognised by the United Nations for sustainability and its own Untouched World Foundation which provides ground-breaking Leadership for a Sustainable Future programmes is recognised by UNESCO as one of three global models in that space.



"Our sustainable values have been there right from the outset in 1997 when Untouched World was founded," says Fiona. "Our customers trust our sustainability efforts and we believe in quality over quantity and doing right by people and the planet."

High profile world leaders and celebrities from Barack Obama and Hillary and Bill Clinton to Prince Harry and Joanna Lumley have been photographed wearing Untouched World clothing which she says has only added to the brand's global endorsement.

"An early adopter, Peri could see the benefits of adding value to one of New Zealand's primary products by developing beautiful merino wool garments that others around the world find appealing. We're super proud to make ninety-two per cent of our collection in New Zealand with much of that created in our own workrooms which keeps the supply chain simple and transparent."



"Ninety per cent of the wool is sourced from Glenthorne Station, a ZQRX™ certified farm with the highest standards of animal, social and environmental welfare and a leader in regenerative farming practices," says Fiona. "This beautiful South Island high country farm is just 110 kilometres from our workrooms and their merino wool is used in our Mountainsilk™, Total Easy Care Merino and CoolTree™ collections."

CoolTree™ is Untouched World's proprietary blend of TENCEL™ and ZQRX Glenthorne merino. The soft, temperature regulating super fabric is made entirely from natural fibres that are completely renewable.

"It is our coolest and most effortlessly stylish fabric featured in our new summer ranges. Its key benefits include temperature regulation, UV protection, odour resistance, wrinkle resistance — it is also long lasting and exceptionally easy care."

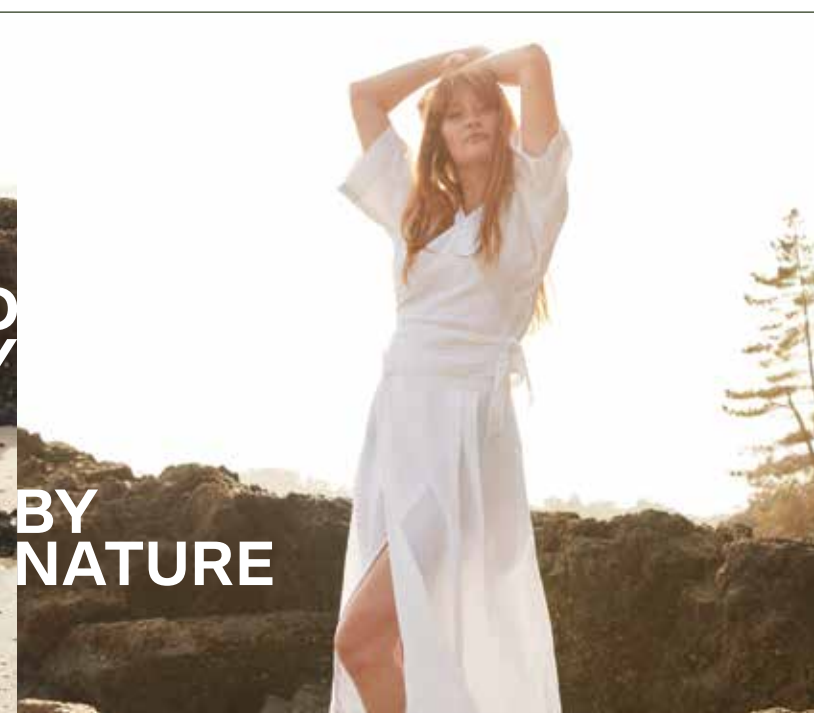
The latest ranges are on display at Untouched World in Wānaka.

"This is a very relaxing, contemporary designer store," says Fiona. "We have an amazing team in Wānaka who provide an inviting and welcoming environment for our customers."



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Wine & cuisine in the limelight

By Jane Brooke

Central Otago's acclaimed wine and cuisine takes centre stage at an all new four-day celebration, known as Roam Central, in and around the Southern Lakes and Central Otago regions in January 2023.

The inaugural festival's highly anticipated flagship event — the Roam the Valley Wine & Food Festival — is scheduled for Saturday January 28 at Cargo Cellar Door in Gibbston near Queenstown.

A programme of other events which reinforce the celebration include Roam Together which focuses on master classes and cellar door tastings, Roam Around Town featuring collaborations between local restaurants and wineries and Roam the Vines, a relaxed brunch in the vineyards of selected wineries.

Roam Central is presented by the Central Otago Winegrowers' Association (COWA) and is designed to shine the light on the world-famous Central Otago wine region and its terroir, local produce, flavours and its people in new, diverse and engaging ways.

"Our wine region is regarded as one of the best in the world and we want to throw our doors wide open and celebrate it. Roam Central is an amazing opportunity to invigorate the local industry and will be a drawcard for wine lovers beyond our region," says COWA event manager Jo Brown.

Roam the Valley Wine & Food Festival is planned as a relaxed, welcoming affair with wine the main attraction.

Other zones at the festival are Water & Ice, which represents the lakes, snow-capped mountains, hard frosts and cooler temperatures along with Fruit & Bloom celebrating the cherries, fruit trees, and blossoms of the region.

She says Roam the Vines, an exclusive, one-of-a-kind pop-up dining experience amongst the vines in various distinct locations is expected to have a big following. Guests will be treated to outstanding cuisine prepared by celebrated chefs from Amisfield, Te Kano Estate, Mora Wines & Artisan Kitchen and Mt Rosa.

"This is going to be such a special event. Limited tickets are being sold for each location and guests will be treated to an enchanting experience with a combination of wine, food and location that has never been offered before."

"Roam Central has so much to offer wine and food lovers," says Jo. "It's also the perfect event for special occasions, like girls' weekends, post-Christmas work parties or a romantic getaway."

Tickets are on sale now from roamcentral.co.nz



Jo Brown



"We'll certainly have live music to provide atmosphere but Roam the Valley will take guests on a journey by showcasing our wines and the sub-regions they come from. For example, the Rock & Gold zone will recognise the rocky hillsides, mountains and rich gold mining history of Central Otago."



Roam Central at a glance

Roam Central comprises four anchor events between January 26-29 2023.

Roam Together (Pinot Central) January 27-29: A programme of events that includes master classes, cellar door tastings, ticketing and transport hub.

Roam Around Town (Wine & Dine) January 26-28: Participating local restaurants pair up with local wineries to treat guests to a unique four-course wine and food matched dinner.

Roam the Valley Wine & Food Festival January 28: To be held at the picturesque grounds at Cargo Cellar Door in Gibbston the festival is a ticketed event for up to 3000 people and includes themed zones with seating and entertainment.

Roam the Vines (Brunch in the Vineyards) January 29: Selected local vineyards will host a relaxed brunch among the vines to wrap up the four-day celebration.



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Everyday elegant escape

By Rebecca Williamson

Well regarded for its coveted collection of New Zealand and international designer fashion Wānaka's Escape Clothing has been a style institution for almost 20 years.

Owner Lucy Lucas has a natural knack for fashion and trends and personally selects an exclusive range of garments from leading designers such as Trelise Cooper, Camilla, Loobies Story, Summery Copenhagen and Diesel.

"Some of the range is high-end, complemented by middle of the road but high-quality and practical pieces. We always have new stock arriving and I curate the seasons with garments that were made to be treasured, having been designed with versatility and longevity in mind. We cater to fashion-conscious women aged anywhere from 30 to 80 years and it's lovely having access to such a wide range of designers because it enables us to find something special for everyone."

Styling outfits and accessories, finding the perfect fit for any figure and deciphering colours to enhance skin tones is all part of the Escape Clothing experience.

Lucy has had a passion for design and textiles since the age of 10 when her mother taught her to sew. She continued her fashion journey by completing a Bachelor of Consumer and Applied Science, majoring in Clothing, Textile Science and Design.

"One of my biggest-selling brands for weddings and resort wear is Camilla and Moss & Spy. Both are Australian labels and very easy to wear," says Lucy. "Camilla is crafted from their signature silks and designed in-house, so customers can be sure there are not a million people dressed in the same design."

Today summer is her favourite fashion season and the team at Escape on upper Admore Street are adept in helping women find the perfect wedding guest frock, a dream-fitting pair of jeans or flirty and flattering swimwear.

"I also love selling our Kiwi brands Loobies Story and Trelise Cooper — I choose pieces that are feminine and uplifting and will take the wearer from day to night with a change of shoes and accessories. We also have the largest swimwear range in Wānaka, stocking both Jets and Seafolly, and we really enjoy helping women choose the best swimwear for their shape."

Along with pretty florals, checks and floaty fabrics Lucy says that fun, bright colours are hot for summer 23 — perhaps a reflection of happier days ahead of post-Covid-19.



Camilla



Jets



"Highlight colours are fuchsia and kelly greens and beautiful floral prints finished with embellishments are still going strong. Linens are also making a comeback in pintuck tops and shirts as well as easy, natural-coloured pants."



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Following in Family Footsteps

BY JENNY MCLEOD

Kevin Jackson is a fourth-generation orchardist whose name is synonymous with the flourishing Central Otago fruit growing region.



Kevin Jackson & Julie Tate

Born in Alexandra, the son of an orchardist, orcharding was always going to be in his DNA.

"My great grandfather established an orchard in Alexandra in the 1860s after coming to the area in search of gold," says Kevin. "My grandfather carried it on while my father later planted his own separate orchard inside the Alexandra town boundary. After he died in the 1960s the orchard was sold to make way for a housing subdivision."

While Kevin's mother encouraged him to finish his schooling and take a university course Kevin had other ideas and left school at the age of 15. With his heart set on owning his own property he purchased a successful apricot orchard in the Cromwell Gorge and Jackson's Orchard was launched.

Then came the Clyde Dam which led to the flooding of his orchard and in 1989 he bought his present property on the Luggate-Cromwell highway and began planting a range of fruit from cherries, apricots and peaches to nectarines, plums, greengages, apples and pears.

"While we specialised in apricots because of the soil type in the Gorge our new site, now named Jackson Orchards, lent itself to a mixed orchard and because of the diversity of our fruit we have the longest season of any orchard in New Zealand. Starting with cherries and finishing with pip fruit we are harvesting for around five months."

Kevin says the long season means they can employ more permanent staff.

"There is no break between seasons as once the harvesting is complete there are year-round jobs in the orchards. Due to the extended season we can also offer work to people such as backpackers and



Kevin Jackson

retirees who are looking for employment for a few months."

Kevin's commitment and enthusiasm has led to a diversification from the traditional orchard operation with guided tours and tastings giving visitors an insight into the daily workings of the property.

"It is wonderful to be able to share our orchards with people from all over the world and for many it is a first-time and fascinating experience."

Tours & Tastings

Tours at Jackson Orchards take place throughout the year and owner Kevin Jackson says visitors can experience life on an orchard whatever the season.

"We have four distinctive seasons in Central Otago and although we originally ran tours just in summer, we have extended them to all year round because there is always something different happening."

Due to demand from both New Zealand and overseas travellers the company is expanding its fleet of electric buses to cater for more people at one time.

"We have a guide for each trip and during summer visitors can take part in sample picking and eat fruit directly from the tree which can be a whole new adventure particularly for international visitors. We are particularly proud to show off our new state-of-the-art packhouse which will alleviate the cramped conditions in our original packing shed and allow us to increase the size of our popular fruit stall."



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Ripe for taste

By Penny Simpson

The Wānaka Wine and Food Festival, Ripe, returns to the shores of Lake Wānaka in March 2023.

The event is being held within the stunning natural setting of Glendhu Station, just ten minutes' drive from Wānaka township in Glendhu Bay and event organiser Nathan White says it is the ideal location for a relaxing and fun day out.

"The festival is returning after Covid-19 restrictions forced the postponement of the 2022 event. We know many locals and visitors are hanging out to come and enjoy everything that will be on offer in this majestic mountain and lake location."

As Central Otago's marquee wine and food event Ripe will showcase an exceptional line-up of premium regional wine and food suppliers.

"Ripe truly is a celebration of the wine and food that is produced locally and some first-rate wineries will be pouring wines on the day including Akarua, Quartz Reef, Amisfield, Cloudy Bay, Gibbston Valley, Maude Wines, Misha's Vineyard and Valli — the list goes on."

Nathan says live music will keep festival goers entertained throughout the day along with master classes being held in the onsite Quartz Reef Wines Masterclass Marquee.



Bob Campbell

"I'm really looking forward to soaking up the knowledge and expertise of our masterclass hosts Joelle Thomson and Bob Campbell MW along with a cooking demonstration by Christchurch based best-selling authors Two Raw Sisters. The Maude VIP tent will provide some extra pampering with complimentary Maude wine served throughout the day along with some delicious canapes by The Platter Share."

The festival is scheduled for Saturday March 18 with VIP and general admission tickets available for purchase online at ripewanaka.nz

UNPRECEDENTED CYCLING DEMAND

By Penny Simpson

Central Otago bike trails are expected to experience unprecedented demand over summer with forward bookings from both Kiwis and internationals reaching an all-time high, according to biking specialist Bike It Now!



The company has stores in Clyde, Cromwell and Wānaka and specialises in high-quality bike rentals, sales, repairs and tours and co-owner Kathryn Fletcher (Fletch) says the dynamic has changed now that tourism is up and running again following Covid-19.

"We have many bike tours booked out over holiday and public weekends right through until 2024. Some local trails will quickly reach capacity this summer and we encourage people to be super flexible when requesting our shuttle services or renting e-bikes."

"It is best to book ahead to avoid disappointment and important to be aware that our shuttles will be full every day over the season so sometimes it's a matter of working with us to find a date, time and direction for a trip."

Fletch and partners Lisa Joyce and Duncan Randall have developed Bike It Now! into a successful enterprise which is at the heart of cycling Central Otago.

The company offers multiday tours, daily trips and shuttle services across popular Central Otago trails including the Otago Central Rail Trail, the Lake Dunstan Trail, Roxburgh Gorge Trail and the Clutha Gold Trail.

"Our business is all about cycling in Central Otago with our number one focus being to provide the best service to our customers, so more people get out and experience our fantastic trails," says Fletch.

"Our Clyde shop is the hub for Central Otago bike tours. We endeavour to help people as much as possible and will recommend other good operators in the area if we can't assist on the day. With so many people on the trails this season my advice is choose an appropriate trail for your family's riding level and spread the love as there are so many amazing trails to experience."



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DUO SOLO SUMMER EXHIBITIONS

By Jane Brooke

Silhouette

Rachel Hirabayashi and Lynne Wilson

January 2023

Award-winning painter Rachel Hirabayashi and ceramic artist Lynne Wilson are producing a duo solo exhibition highlighting their diverse works together.

It is not the first time they have collaborated.

"It was a good challenge to take up when Eade Gallery offered it to us," says Lynne. "During our 16-year friendship there have been many opportunities for Rachel and I to exhibit together, either as members of an artist collective or as a duo, so we felt confident we could achieve it."

As the title suggests *Silhouette* investigates the restricted use of light within the Central Otago landscape.

"We needed a story to bind us together and fortunately a friend of ours studied Rachel's extensive ongoing works and found some pieces that were still being resolved and completed. They featured mainly silhouettes of trees and that sparked the idea for a show focusing on the negative shapes in our landscapes."

"Our artistic styles are very different with Rachel constantly working in advance on her series of paintings because her process takes a long time whereas my work and the firing of raku ceramics is more immediate."

Lynne says their exhibition ideas are reinforced by daily walks they take together.

"While walking our dogs in the pine forests of Cromwell we often discuss our similar responses to the landscape through our work, be it on canvas or in ceramics. We both visually think very similarly and this is a good opportunity to work together exploring the link between the light and shapes of the Central Otago landscapes that we see and enjoy around us."



Rachel Hirabayashi



Lynne Wilson

Subliminal

Esther Dexter

February 2023

Auckland based artist Esther Dexter, previously from Central Otago, is no stranger to Eade Gallery where her bright and vivid textural artworks are sought after.

"Initially I was to produce work alongside a ceramic artist who unfortunately had to withdraw so my February exhibition will be a solo show featuring a variety of works. In many ways it's easier this way as I can choose my own theme which is based on my personal journey."

Esther produces a variety of works that are instantly recognisable for their graphic local landforms.

"My artwork is acrylic — mixed media on board. I work with eggshells, resin and sometimes hand-painted recycled glass and LED lights. My chosen theme for this exhibition is *Subliminal*. This enables me to paint South Island inspired landscapes and dreamscapes that will have hidden themes and ideas within the works."

Esther hopes her new exhibition will push the boundaries.

"It will include at least one artwork that lights up from within and landscapes with messages in them that are both subtle and obvious. I hope people have fun discovering the messages in the artworks."

"An example is *A Mountain of Healing* which has LED lights buried behind hand-painted glass. There are positive messages and affirmations buried in this piece which can be seen under close inspection."



Esther Dexter



A Mountain of Healing

Paper Trails

Nigel Wilson and Neville Porter

March 2023

Renowned New Zealand painter Nigel Wilson and landscape photographer Neville Porter both have a reputation for their atmospheric works of Central Otago scenes.

"Neville and I are happily paired together as artists for the planned duo solo exhibitions at Eade gallery because there are already some links between our respective works," says Nigel. "This is to do with the similar Central Otago landscapes that we both choose as subject matter for our individual works."

They are producing four to five works each under the working title *Paper Trails*.

"Our collaboration link relates to using the exact same paper and size as the medium and that forms the common thread between our work which will be produced using handmade Japanese paper that is 80 x 80cm in diameter and 600gsm in weight."

"We won't be working any more closely than those general paper themes so as to allow us both to think and create on our own terms. Neville, as the photographer, will print his work onto this very textured paper and I will paint my works on it which will create the exhibition parallels."

Neville's timeless and ephemeral quality photographs are represented by Eade Gallery as are Nigel's distinctive and expressive landscape paintings.

"I enjoy Neville's photography because of the atmosphere qualities that he achieves," says Nigel. "I too can also work towards an atmospheric quality in my work sometimes quite successfully so those are additional links between our styles."



The Musterer's Window - Neville Porter.



View from Carrick Winery - Nigel Wilson



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BY SARAH & TODD SISSON



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