

Connecting Communities Fund: Successful Applicants

Round 3: 26 July 2022

	Group name	Description of activity/event
1	Wakatipu Mini Muscles	Support to add the Sports Otago 'On Your Marks' programme into weekly sessions. This is a fundamental movement skills initiative for early childhood which focuses on the phases that children develop through. It specifically covers Locomotion, Stability, Manipulation and Movement and Body Awareness.
2	Queenstown Hill Trapping Group	Helping to fund this nature-based project provides this community with opportunities to connect, learn, get active, look after their environment and build community spirit through a shared goal. People feel a sense of achievement and wellbeing by being involved in the project and improving their environment. Walking the traplines requires significant effort and, as well as exercise, will enable people to engage with nature in a relaxed and inspiring way.
3	Hospitality NZ Central Otago branch	Morning Tea and Coffee Connection in Queenstown, Wānaka and Cromwell to bring members together to connect and support each other, discuss current issues and learn how HANZ can help.
4	Hospitality New Zealand Southland Branch	Morning Tea and Coffee Connection in Te Anau to bring members together to connect and support each other, discuss current issues and learn how HANZ can help. Host a Bowls Day in Te Anau to encourage members to get together for an active and fun afternoon with industry peers.
5	Sue Hollows, Te Anau	Host an event in Te Anau for World Singing Day (WSD) to bring the community together after a difficult couple of years. WSD is an annual global sing-along celebrated in cities around the world which is held on the third Saturday in October each year (15 Oct 2022). It invites people around the world to put aside their differences, at least for a day, and share a positive human experience by singing together.
6	FEAR Society, Te Anau	A women's weekly rock climbing group at the Fiordland Climbing Wall geared towards women over the age of 30. It builds wellbeing and resilience through social connection, skill building and exercise.
7	Tumble Time Te Anau	Active movement and free choice play sessions at the Community Events Centre for local and visiting families with infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Sessions focus on building fundamental movement skills like jumping, climbing, rolling, swinging and balancing using a range of toys and gymnastics equipment.
8	MINT Charitable Trust Wānaka	An overnight adventure camp for 25 intellectually impaired youth at Camp Colomba to support confidence building, teamwork and skills-based training. Many members of the group miss out on school camps or other overnight adventures as there's not the right support in place to make it a success. This camp has been adapted to individual needs and provides a once in a life-time opportunity for participants to reconnect with the outdoors and prove to themselves that they are more able than they think. The adapted activities will help everyone learn and build on their skills, meaning they could go on to participate in other locally based activities such as rock climbing.
9	Open Community Sing, Cromwell	A Cromwell-based community singing group which provides a free platform for people to sing collectively, form positive connections and improve mental wellbeing through music. No experience is necessary, no auditions, no need to publicly perform. Future aspirations include engaging with local Te Reo Maori tutors to run a traditional Waiata and collaborating with Queenstown and other singing groups to connect the wider community.
10	Queenstown Indian Community	QIC has organised an 'Aaja Nachiyē' (means Let's Dance) programme in Queenstown to provide free Bhangra (traditional dance of Punjab, India - a sign to celebrate victory and happiness) classes in folk traditional way for local Indians and other communities. Performances will be prepared and the team will be encouraged to participate in local or national events or competitions.
11	Fiordland Vintage Machinery Museum	A live open day at the museum in Feb 2023 (a mini Edendale Crankup) for the whole Fiordland community. This is an active museum with lots of restoration and activities on offer. Members will show people around and crank up machinery. Free BBQ provided.
12	Natalie Perks, Queenstown	Free craft workshops at Te Atamira in Queenstown to encourage the community to enjoy mindfulness, skill-building and social connection through embroidery. Light refreshments will be provided and participants will be given a kit with everything they need to complete a project for the afternoon.
13	Cromwell Scout Group	Support for a Group Camp for the Cromwell Scout Group in November 2022. A Group Camp includes all sections of a Scout Group (Keas, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers) and covers ages 5-18. It will bring scouts together as a mixed age group to enjoy fun and adventure and provide an opportunity to learn from one another (tuakana teina), reflect and celebrate successes, and foster a sense of belonging.
14	The CanInspire Charitable Trust	Free CanBead workshops in Queenstown and Wānaka. These provide a creative outlet in a supportive environment for people and their support networks who are experiencing illness, trauma and loss. Participants learn basic jewellery-making and beading skills and receive a kit to take home to carry on creating when they need distraction. Run in conjunction with host agencies such as the Cancer Society.
15	Fiordland Introduction to Adventure Racing Skills	Created for Fiordland Woman entered in (but not limited to) the 2022 Spring Challenge and 2023 Spirited Woman Adventure Race. The Fiordland-based weekend will bring together local and out of town skilled adventure race experts to teach attendees the necessary skills to succeed on race day, including

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	Weekend Organizing Committee	kayaking, rogaining, map reading, mountain biking, nutrition and other adventure racing basics. These skills can then be passed on to friends and family in the Fiordland and wider southland area.
16	St Joseph's School, Queenstown	Support for a wellbeing retreat which will help staff reflect on experiences over the last 18 months that have impacted their wellbeing and learn helpful techniques to promote healing.
17	Upper Clutha Historical Records Society	Support for a new team of oral historians to run an oral history project which will help gather the area's history and stories from locals.
18	Fine Thyme Theatre Company, Cromwell	Improv (think "Whose Line Is It Anyway?") acting workshops for youth and adults.
19	Aspiring Quilters, Wānaka	Funding will be spent on materials to make more quilts so the group can continue giving back to those in need. The current focus is to make charity quilts for the Cancer Society to give to their patients. The group is also responding to the huge demand for neo-natal and cot-size quilts which are donated to the Upper Clutha Plunket Society to pass on to new mums.
20	Grow Wānaka Community Garden	Fundraiser movie night and panel Q&A session to share ideas about enhancing and strengthening the local community through greater connection, collaboration and new initiatives for a more regenerative and resilient future.
21	NZ Deerstalkers Association (Upper Clutha Branch)	Host an event that will bring members together for activities and provide an opportunity to connect, share experiences and enjoy a meal. The Branch/Club comprises 300+ members - men, women and family groups spread from Makarora to Cromwell.
22	Southern Lakes Branch of the Deerstalkers Association	The funding will go towards a club trip into the Greenstone and Steele Creek valleys to learn about bush craft, firelighting, camping in the outdoors and navigation. It will also be used to purchase compasses, safety equipment and PLBS for members to borrow free of charge.
23	SKAL Business Network	Funding for monthly member catch-up sessions for tourism industry people. They can come along and over a cuppa, discuss the issues of the day that are affecting their tourism business and their wellbeing.
24	SANDS Queenstown and Central Lakes	Support to promote awareness, understanding and support for those dealing with the death of a baby in pregnancy, birth or as a newborn, due to medical termination or other forms of reproductive loss. SANDS provides an opportunity and environment to share experiences and receive helpful resources.
25	Wakatipu Presbyterian Church, Queenstown	The Pasta Cafe is an annual event to which the community has been invited for the past 20 years. This year the Pasta Cafe will run for 4 successive Friday evenings and will serve free freshly cooked pasta-based meals, home baking, and beverages to all who attend. This is accompanied by music and conversation and typically a family corner where games and other activities are available.
26	Songbirds, Queenstown	Coordinate a free and informal outdoor Christmas Carol performance and sing-along in Queenstown aimed at families and the wider community. Local choirs from other cultures will be invited to join. Funds will go towards hiring of equipment, printing of lyrics etc.
27	Te Waiau Mahika Kai Trust, Te Anau	Community Cultural Day at the Trust's block of land which is not usually open to the public. This is a good opportunity for people to come and explore, learn more about the Trust, the Mahinga Kai Restoration Project, and Ngai Tahu culture as well as enjoying a fun day out. Activities will include stories about the region, Kapa Haka/live music, Harakeke weaving, kids games and activities, a kai talk/walk, and kai.
28	St John Wakatipu Area Committee	Funding will be used to grow the weekend drives initiative which helps to address isolation and loneliness for older people. Volunteers are taking groups for weekend drives and morning teas, listening to where would be most meaningful for them to go. It's a great way of hearing about their amazing experiences and giving them the chance to explore the area. The majority of guests so far are losing their sight, are mobility impaired or haven't got any family around them so it's very difficult for them to get out and socialise. Funds will also be used to document the trips through photographs, memories and stories shared and these books will be gifted to the people and the families who are a part of the service.
29	Kingston Community Association	A free farm day for the Upper Mataura Valley (Kingston, Garston, Athol) community at the Real Country Farm on 1 October run by the Kingston Community Association and Real Country, with support from local businesses, organisations and individuals (Wilson's Contractors, The Athol Hunting and Fishing Club, The Kingston Rural Fire Brigade and volunteers). A range of activities, designed to help build skills, increase confidence, and encourage the community spirit, will be on offer. All activities will be a great opportunity for residents to meet each other and strengthen the bonds between locals.
30	Women's Circle	The Women's Circle provides a safe space where women from ethnic communities living in Queenstown, Wanaka, and Cromwell can connect, share, learn and support each other. Initially the circle started as a Latino gathering, and it already has more than 115 members. The aim is to become a multicultural integrative circle that encompasses different ethnic groups such as Brazilian, Filipino, Nepalese, Indian.
31	Fiordland College	Fiordland College is hosting a wellness day for all staff and students with 20 different sessions available throughout the day. Each person can opt into participating in 3 different sessions. These sessions cover all aspects of Hauora and include yoga, stress management, weaving, waiata, music, dance, circuit training, relationships, communication, financial smarts, art, nutrition and much more. This funding will

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		be used to secure a keynote speaker to present to all of Fiordland College, facilitate workshops, and run a workshop/presentation for the Fiordland community at night.
32	Clarice Wang, Queenstown	Mandarin language lessons for children at Te Atamira to encourage them to learn and understand Chinese culture, customs, food, spirit etc. Students connect, make friends in class and share ideas, and parents also can support each other.
33	Fiordland Players Inc.	A weekend of Performing Art and singing workshops followed by a grand finale Performing Arts/Music Concert for the community to watch. People can participate in a music/performing arts workshop with one-to-one lessons, followed by a group workshop, then a concert. Staged across a weekend, the aim is to make music, have fun, learn to perform, share and make new connections.
34	Fiordland Outdoor Playgroup	Host a Pukapuka Party, a fun literacy-based event for Fiordland children aged 0-16yrs with a free lunch provided. This will be a positive, fun day out but also focus on the quieter aspects of reading, arts and creativity which will have a flow-on effect and promote literacy.
35	Multicultural Festival, Queenstown	Partial funding to support a Multicultural Festival at Queenstown Memorial Centre on 8 October. This is a great opportunity for the Japanese, Indonesian, Filipino, Chinese, Taiwanese, Korean, Malaysian, Singapore, and Brunei communities to come together to showcase their culture and food to the community. There will be cultural performances on the stage, multicultural food stalls, language workshops, fun games for kids, and a photo booth with the national costumes.
36	Community Sing, Queenstown	Community Sing is a chance for anyone and everyone to experience an open drop-in choir. Run by a consortium of Choir Masters in the area: Margaret O'Hanlon (The Singers WorkshopNZ) Alison Price (Remarkable Voices, WHS), Natasha Wilson (Southern Soul), Michelle Moynes (Songbirds), Masaki Nakasawa (Wasabi Japanese Choir), Cory Rataha (Queenstown Waiata), Pol Nicholson (Showbiz), Lisa Moore-Clough (Wild Thyme, Showbiz), and Emma Wilson (Turn Up The Music). The intention is to provide a non-judgemental, relaxed and supportive environment every fortnight for the community to connect and enjoy the wonderful release that singing brings. Songsheets are provided and a brief overview of harmony/types of harmonies are explored for those who wish to develop some skills.
37	Te Anau Waitangi Charitable Trust	Funding for a Mokomoko Educators Wananga in Te Anau on 27 August to educate and inspire a connection to place, environmental stewardship and support kaitiakitanga.
38	Fiordland Climbing Wall	This is a popular activity for all ages and the funding will be used to create a social/inclusive space to encourage friends/family to come and climb and watch.
39	Parent to Parent Otago	A workshop is being held in Wānaka in September for families who have a child with a disability, autism or a health issue, and will focus on building connections between the participants as well as giving them ideas and skills to support and understand their child better. Many parents do not access any supports at all as they are struggling with the fear of judgement, so remain isolated. The funding will be used to create a regular support group where parents can build on connections made at the workshop and gain support and understanding from others going through similar experiences.
40	Fiordland Community House	Host a series of free weekly Games Café events at community facilities in Te Anau. This is an open invite for people of all ages and abilities to get together and enjoy playing indoor board games in a warm and welcoming space, with some light refreshments.
41	Social Workers in Schools, Central Lakes Family Services	Funding will be used to buy evidence-based books to support work already underway in schools and to progress future work with teacher groups and in the classroom. The identified books are written by psychologists and social workers, that are well recognised and well used in therapeutic settings. They are a mix of picture and chapter books aimed at primary school aged children, with content relevant to what social workers are seeing: anxiety, low mood, social connection and living with neurodiversity and difference. These books will be of benefit for years to come and can assist with the ongoing developments of supporting students in school.
42	Fiordland Multicultural Community	A recently re-established group that provides a welcoming, inclusive space where people from all cultures and walks of life can come together and makes connections, and learn about each other's cultures, traditions and values.
43	Te Kura Whakatipu o Kawarau Friends of the School Association	Three community gatherings to provide prospective families of Te Kura Whakatipu o Kawarau and interested community members a chance to come together, form connections, discuss how the school is becoming the hub of the community and how they can get involved. Refreshments provided.
44	KUMA Business Network	Host a Wellness and Whanaungatanga Hui in Queenstown for the KUMA business network and wider connected whānau. Delivered through a luncheon at Blue Kanu Restaurant, it incorporates a wellness panel discussion and Q&A session to share local expert knowledge, build awareness of the availability of services, and encourage impactful connections.
45	Lake Hawea Community Centre	Polar Plunge family fun and picnic day, and a mid-winter Christmas lunch for locals over 60 years of age.

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46	Te Atamira Whakatipu Community Trust	A series of 8 free Feldenkrais (www.feldenkrais.org.nz) classes for the local community run by a trained practitioner.
47	Pivotal Point Charitable Trust	Assistance to fund monthly support group meetings for parents and caregivers of neurodiverse children. This will provide much-needed support and connection for caregivers where they can come along and have a cuppa while connecting with families that have similar experiences, discuss their wellbeing and gain support with their challenges and learn more about neurodiversity.
48	Fiordland Community Garden Charitable Trust	Host a Food Resilience Workshop in the Te Anau Basin run by world-renowned expert Robina McCurdy. The purpose of the workshop is to bring the community together to learn about, and create, local food prosperity. Outcomes include creating a seasonal calendar for the Basin, a local food action plan, and facilitating a move towards local food resilience and food security.
49	Wakatipu High School Foundation	Support costs for Wakatipu High School school musical practices and performance with a focus on student, staff and volunteer wellbeing.
50	Japanese Family Society of Queenstown	Women's Wellbeing Workshops to help Japanese women understand more about mental health and wellbeing (facilitated in Japanese). Workshops including learning and practising the basic skills of meditation yoga and improving English language skills to increase job opportunities and socialisation with the wider community.