

HEAD OF LAKE WAKATIPU

COMMUNITY UPDATE 07 | MAY 2021

Tēna koutou katoa. Thank you for those who came along to our community events that were held on 7th and 8th April. We hope that you found the sessions a useful opportunity to learn and discuss about the future challenges and adaptation in light of our changing landscape and climate. Special thanks to QLDC, Civil Defence Emergency Management Otago, NIWA, Tonkin + Taylor and University of Canterbury for helping us make these events a success. As a recap, on the 7th, there was a public presentation by Professor James Brasington from University of Canterbury, about the Dart and Rees Rivers, how they have been changing and may change in the future, and what hazards we might expect due to these changes.

On the 8th, we held a community adaptation discussion event, where people could come in to learn about what could happen to the environment at the head of Lake Wakatipu area in the future, and to discuss what future adaptation options might look like.



Image: Discussions at community adaptation event on 8th April

Professor James Brasington's presentation – *Fluvial hazards at the top of the lake*

- Presentation slides can be found on our [Head of Lake Wakatipu web page](#), under *Presentations and other resources*
- [Direct download](#) the presentation slides
- [Watch the presentation](#)

Community adaptation discussion event

- The future challenges of a changing landscape and climate for this area
- Possible adaptation options for the main adaptation challenges

Thank you to all those who attended this event. Your input is crucial for us to get back to you with a compilation of possible options that reflect the community's needs.

We are currently studying all of your feedback to inform our next steps. We will make sure to keep you updated with each step through these newsletters.

Meanwhile, materials that were presented at this event are all available under the *Presentations and other resources* tab on our [Head of Lake Wakatipu web page](#).

What next?

We will now move on to evaluating future adaptation options, based on a range of considerations. These are:

- Your input at the community adaptation discussion events
- Discussions with our project partners – DoC, QLDC, and Ngai Tahu iwi
- New technical studies to provide more detail on natural hazard risks, and to assess feasibility and costs of possible options

The next community adaptation discussion event is planned for Spring 2021. At this event, we will discuss project progress and findings from any new studies, and talk in more details about possible pathways and adaptation options for further discussion.

Head of Lake Wakatipu newsletter sign-up

We have created a [sign-up portal](#) on the ORC website so you never miss out on our monthly newsletters. Archives of past newsletters can also be found [here](#) under the *Newsletter archives* tab. We would appreciate if those of you who currently receive this newsletter could sign up through this portal, so we can make sure that you are getting updates in a timely manner.

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