

Memorable moments of 2023

What a year it's been with a whole truckload of community and council projects. Thanks for your feedback and participation in helping make them happen!

You can read more about these projects by either typing the title into your browser, OR for the digital version in The News or on the Council website, by clicking on the title itself.

Bringing cabinet art to life in Central Otago



Pictured, Millers Flat artist Sally Jory at work on her Chorus cabinet art at Roxburgh, that portrays the first phone call made in New Zealand

Exceptional Wine & Food Showcase for Eat.Taste.Central



Pictured, Waipiata Hotel's Head Chef David Aracama with the E.T.C. Sense-ational Burger Coney's Creek Beef Bulgogi Burger with Swiss Cheese.

Southern communities make the Lonely Planet Best in Travel 2024 list



Not telling us anything new! We know the south's pretty special.

Central Otago cemeteries available online



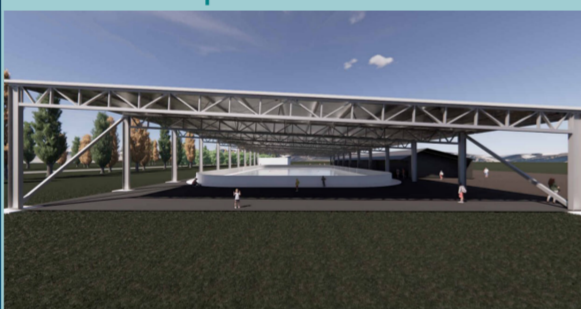
Central Otago District Council cadet Jocelyn Ryan laying flowers on the only unknown grave at Ranfurly Cemetery.

Goldfields pupils' plea: Don't let our greenways turn into brownways



Goldfields School visited Cromwell Community Board because they're worried about dog poo.

Strong support to get Iceline across the line in Annual Plan spend



The community has backed the construction of a roof over its ice rink at Molyneux Park in Alexandra.

Omakau Hub on a \$1.2 million mission



Pictured, when planning began from left: Bob Turnbull Trust trustee Peter Brabant, MCC Chair Andrew Paterson, and fellow trustees Ross Naylor, Colin Stevenson, Paul Kahukura, Bob Turnbull trustee Julie Brabant, and MVCT secretary Maree Leitch, check out plans for the Omakau Community Hub.

Preliminary design images Cromwell Memorial Hall & Events Centre



Big and bold – we've been getting sneak peeks this year of what the new hall and events centre will look like.

Plan Change 22 – Dark Sky



It has been a year of public consultations and plan change proposals, and one of the most exciting is a plan change that seeks to protect our special night sky from light pollution.

Sleep over night mischief and mayhem



Put a bunch of soft toys in a library overnight and what did you get? Mischief and mayhem!

Lake Dunstan Water Supply officially opens



Goodbye Lime! It's been a huge year for improving the resilience of our water supplies and treatment. Read more: Infrastructure Projects.

Alexandra Library Renovation Project gets a wriggle on



Hoping to bring an update early on in 2024 that will push this project to the next stage. Once the construction details are firm up, Alexandra Library will be moving to a temporary pop-up based at Central Stories, Alexandra while the refurbishment goes on.

Eden Hore collection gifted an additional three gowns



One of these was a white evening gown with an ostrich feather trimmed cape, a Lewis Townsend Original, modelled by Emer Bryant.

Taking an historic cottage into the future



The Vallance Cottage working group has been hard at it this year future-proofing this unique pioneer cottage for the community and visitors to enjoy. People can gain access via the key pad at the front door.

Recycling and Rubbish



We have been on quite a journey with our waste minimisation this year with the introduction of a organics bin and a smaller red bin. Pictured Cr. Sarah Browne.

TCO team member wins Rising Star Award



CODC staff member Morgan Potter (second from left) was awarded the Young TEC Rising Star pictured with Young Tourism Export Council NZ (TECNZ) Chair Charlotte Brady. With them are (left) TECNZ Chair Scott Mehrtens and Tourism New Zealand Chief Executive Rene de Monchy.



The last Citizenship Ceremony for the year, and it was huge! The new citizens pictured with Mayor Tim Cadogan are: Jerald Anadase, Erica Davidson, Vaiarii Tuhoie, Imran, (children Musa and Essam Ismail) and Zehra Naseer; Alvin Kumar, Emily Menzies, Alice and David Baxter, Vicky Duff, Susan Wells, Mary and Robert Mansell, Jake Parker, Craig Blair, Michelle Calitz, Pamela Calverley, Sarah Muir, Alexandra Pearce, Aidan Reilly and Richard McKay.



Mayor Tim plants a tree commemoration in Pioneer Park, for King Charles III's coronation.

Plan for Central Otago's tourism future released



An ambitious long-term tourism vision for the district.

This year Council distributed \$268,784 in community grants. In last year's round, Ranfurly received \$2000 towards the Ranfurly isite's Christmas tree, which was lit up for the first time as part of the Ranfurly 125th celebrations.



Great scenes in Ranfurly during the 125th celebrations. When Santa ran out of reindeer, an alpaca stepped in.

Open Spaces 2023



We heard from the community about what they value about their open spaces. Pictured Parks Officer Maria Burnett at an event.

Shaping tomorrow together



We recently launched Central Otago's wellbeing project and everyone is invited to be part of this conversation.

Pasifika dancing all smiles



REAP and CODC's Welcoming Communities got behind this class as part of Welcoming Week.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Central Otago District Council