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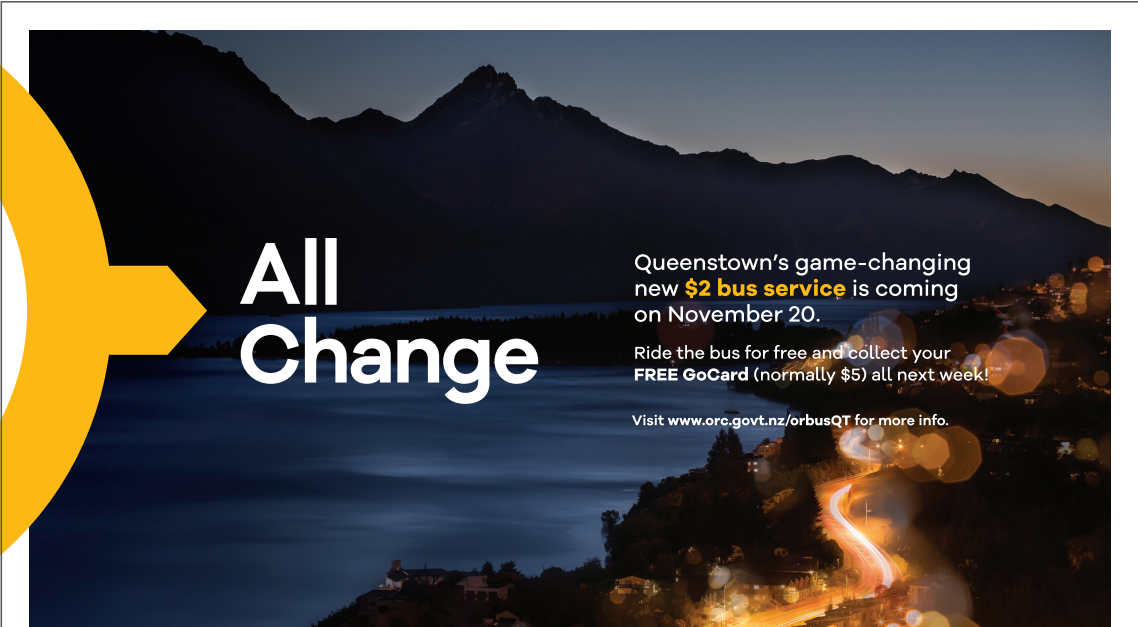


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**Mary Joyce**  
30 November at 07:48

## 30.11.'17 - Just interested to ask what others think of the new Wakatipu Bus Service?

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**Cory Ratahi** Works well for me  
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**Frances Anderson** I think it's great. My only concern is not all of the busses arrive as per timetable. I have contacted them directly with my gripe.  
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**Angela Rowson** Really good ... had one late bus but otherwise really good ...figure a few teething probs are to be expected ..... much more relaxing than approaching town and dealing with other drivers who don't know how to drive a rental car ....  
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**Mary Joyce** I've got problems, so contacted O.R.C. & QLDC with my gripe. Haven't heard back from them as yet. So will be making other arrangements. I'm near the Douglas Street bus stop (which is no more.)  
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3 Replies

**Cerys Jones** Great 🙌  
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**Jo Black** Miss my Douglas street bus stop but otherwise all good  
Like · Reply · 1 · 30 November at 08:31

**Wendy Rolls** Awesome  
Like · Reply · 30 November at 08:41

**Megan Matthews** Works awesome! Such a massive improvement of what it was before.  
  
One small flaw, the Jack's Point bus runs on the hour, but if you're transferring from town waiting on a Jack's bus your transfer ticket is only valid for 30 minutes. It's just another \$2 for a ride so no biggie.  
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7 Replies

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**Jo Spencer** The first time I wanted to get the bus it didn't turn up and waited for the next one which made me late to work. Sometimes they are early and don't wait around.  
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**MichellenWillie Rogers-Hoff** It's awesome  
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**Anke Kay** Love it  
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**Annette Pearson** Think it depends where you live. If you going from Arrowtown to Queenstown for work it to long. I think some express work buses would work well.  
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**Carolyn Steele** It's great for me - obviously a few wee issues in the first few days as expected. It really feels like we have legit public transport now which is fabulous! So pleased to see so many full buses too.  
Like · Reply · 1 · 30 November at 09:18

**Laurel Savage** Do you still have to pay cash.  
Like · Reply · 1 · 30 November at 09:34

8 Replies

**Pauline Werahiko** Used once and thought easy to use.  
Like · Reply · 30 November at 10:00

**Emma Weinert** It's great and the bus drivers are super friendly  
Like · Reply · 1 · 30 November at 10:13

**Nancy Susan Corkery** What time do they operate on Friday and Saturday nights  
Like · Reply · 1 · 30 November at 10:39

1 Reply

**AJ Mason** It's the first third of everything I want 😊  
The key will be to make sure we walk the line between 'encouraging improvement' and just kicking back such that they they dump the whole thing.  
Like · Reply · 4 · 30 November at 13:25

**Scott Kennedy** I've been really happy with it! Buses have been plentiful (to Fernhill) and the price is right. We all need to remember that it is public transport; it's never going to go exactly where you want at precisely the time you want to go - but compared to what we used to have it's a game changer.  
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**Simone Bray** I think the Fernhill route is going really well, though it's not actually new.  
Like · Reply · 30 November at 14:53

2 Replies

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2 Replies

**Julia Milley** Would be great if they came through Dalefield but unfortunately not. Still, if it works for the majority there is always the Man St carpark for everyone else 😊  
Like · Reply · 1 · 30 November at 15:19

4 Replies

**Simone Bray** I do agree with some comments I've seen around. Namely, the buses are huge. Smaller ones could be better? And then there is the electric option. Queenstown is set to get chargers downtown and at Pak n save in the not too distant future. Chargers just ... See more  
Like · Reply · 3 · 30 November at 15:33

**Mary Joyce** Simone, I like the sound of that. Hope it gets the 'go ahead'.  
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1 Reply

**Jess Will** Need a monthly pass so locals/consistent users get a discount. I actually use the bus less now as used to go to Queenstown to the events centre to gym then onwards to remarkables park for shopping then back to Queenstown, however now I would have to pay more money I don't.  
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3 Replies

**Liz Santos** I have used it since it has started, I have been late to work twice and I have waited up to 35 mins on two other occasions . Thankfully my childminder was able to stay on. I have emailed them about this as I was pretty ropeable. Staff are nice but it ... See more  
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**Sam Ford** Really easy! And all buses have been on time so far. Only down side is that you can't get a bus straight from Arrowtown to town. Hopefully this will develop 😊  
Like · Reply · 1 · 30 November at 21:43

**Sarah Liddell** Hardly anyone using the Kelvin Heights bus route - due to not being enough inbound or outbound bus stops. Have also spoken to ORBUS about the 50minute wait at Frankton Hub if wanting to bus from Kelvin Heights to Arrowtown 😞  
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**Shane Blyth** if you live between remarkables park and the cbd its great every 15 minutes if you want to go to the cbd from shotover country lake hayes estate its once an hour then change buses at frankton so not practical for most workers from there  
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Will you be ditching your car and taking Orbus from November 20?

YES **77%**

NO **23%**



**Kate Jellyfish Robinson** ▶ Orbus Queenstown

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Loving the \$2 bus! And the driver is an awesome lady, so friendly and a great sense of humour! Free WiFi is a bonus too. #busvirgin #getthebus #queenstown #twobuckbusride

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Hi Jack, so glad to hear that our driver made your Orbus experience enjoyable 😊 We'll pass your comment along to our Transport Manager so that the driver gets the praise he's due!



## ORBUS QUEENSTOWN AND THE \$2 FARE

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Tuesday, 21 November 2017

\$2 bus network launched

By Tracey Roxburgh

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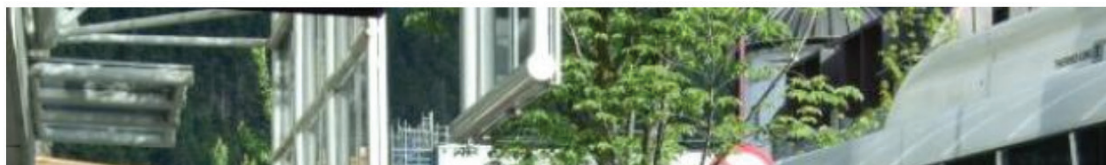


Queenstown has entered a new public transport age with the launch of its \$2 bus service.

Orbus, an initiative involving the Queenstown Lakes District Council, Otago Regional Council and NZ Transport Agency, was officially launched yesterday morning, and the first Ritchies-operated buses were on the roads from 6am.

The new service offers extended hours and more frequent services on four routes: Fernhill to Remarkables Park, Arrowtown to Arthurs Point (via Frankton), Kelvin Heights to Frankton Flats and Lake Hayes Estate to Jacks Point.

Two of the first passengers were Queenstown Lakes Mayor Jim Boulton and NZTA southern region director Jim Harland, who caught the 6.02am bus from Arrowtown.



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# \$2 bus fares a Queenstown 'game-changer'

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© RNZ / Ian Telfer Queenstown's new \$2 bus fare.

Queenstown's new \$2 bus fares are part of a public transport overhaul aiming to double bus patronage and cut traffic.

The flat rate began this morning along with increased routes and frequency of services while parking charges in the centre of the resort are being hiked.

The move is being promoted as a boon for struggling service workers, which will double bus usage and fix the resort's chronic traffic problems.

Queenstown mayor Jim Boulton said the old bus service was expensive and infrequent, and the \$2 flat fee is was a "pioneering game-changer".

It is part of a wider package of measures that the council is promoting as it tries to quickly



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# Your new Orbus routes revealed

November 2, 2017

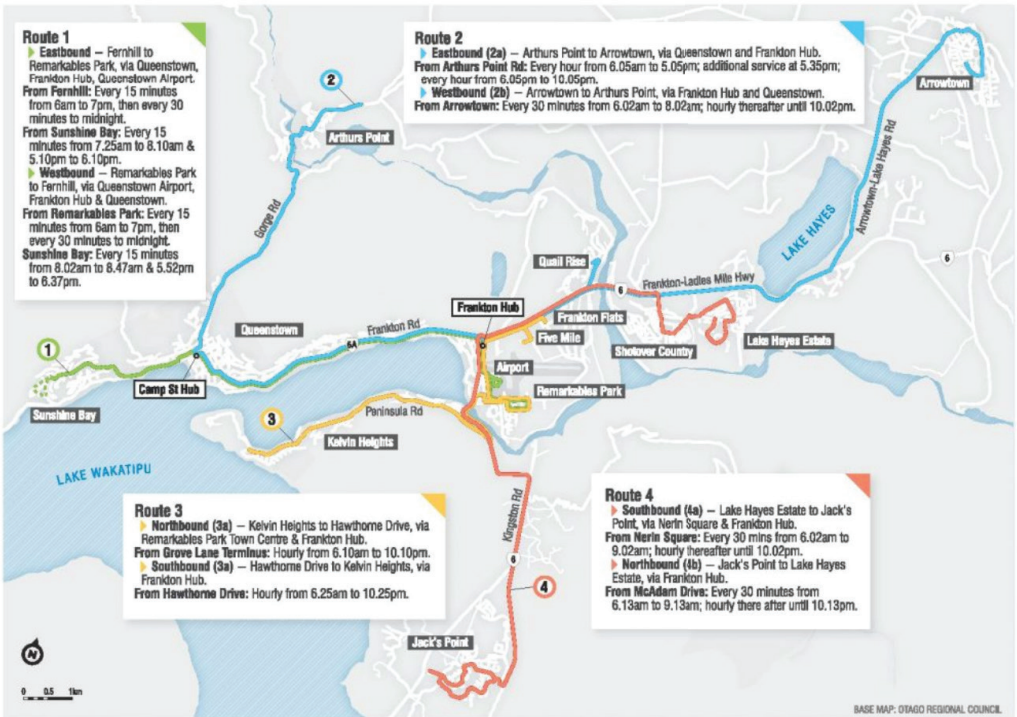
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From November 20 Queenstown residents can take their cars to work – or bus free for a week.

Today *Mountain Scene* exclusively reveals the four new Orbus routes, which cover most of the Wakatipu Basin.

For the first seven days of the new service, until November 26, residents can ride the new Ritchies-operated buses and grab a GoCard for free.



Tuesday, 21 November 2017

## On the buses: all go in race against clock

By Tracey Roxburgh and Guy Williams and Paul Taylor

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With one of Queenstown's new Ritchies-operated \$2 Orbuses yesterday are (from left) NZ Transport Agency southern region director Jim Harland, Queenstown Lakes Mayor Jim Boulton, Otago regional councillor Andrew Noone, ORC acting chief executive Nick Donnelly and Ritchies' Auckland-based owner, Andrew Ritchie.

Someone once said a man beyond the age of 26 who found himself on a bus could count himself as a failure. But the hundreds of Queenstown residents who yesterday embraced the long-awaited Orbus \$2 network across the Wakatipu — free for the first week — would argue the opposite is true. *Otago Daily Times* Queenstown reporters Paul Taylor, Guy Williams and Tracey Roxburgh decided to give the buses a whirl, and roped in Kelvin Heights resident Hannah Martin as well.



### Queenstown's new \$2 bus service


Anna Cameron



Tuesday, October 31, 2017

The Otago Regional Council, with support from the Queenstown Lakes District Council and New Zealand Transport Agency, is launching a new bus service for Queenstown. The name for this new service is [Orbus](#). It should be the easiest, most convenient and most affordable way to get around Queenstown with flat-rate fares for just \$2. The new bus service, will be running from November 20, 2017.

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# New \$2 bus services in Queenstown to start next week

Dasha Kuprienko • 16:29, Nov 14 2017



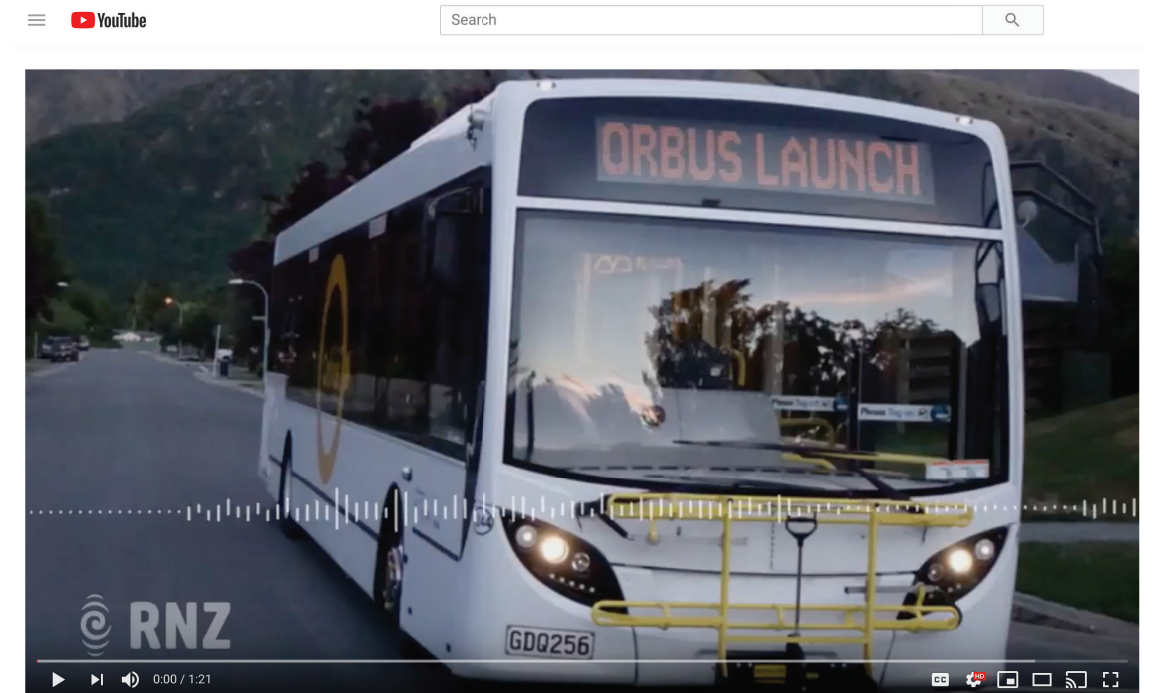
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Pradeep Singh, Geoff Leach and 66 other bus drivers from Ritchies will provide Queenstown's new \$2 bus service from Monday.

Nearly 30 new bus drivers are undergoing training as Queenstown prepares for its public transport revolution on Monday.

The \$2 publicly subsidised Orbus service is launching next week, with the goal of reducing traffic congestion in the resort.

The new bus service is being delivered by the Otago Regional Council, with support from the Queenstown Lakes District Council and the NZ Transport Agency



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One of the richest places in New Zealand now has some of the cheapest buses. Queenstown has introduced \$2 flat rate bus fares. The rule covers the whole region so now a bus trip from Arrowtown that used to be \$15 is now only \$2.

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