

## **Press Release from Dairy Guest House**

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### **Major Upgrade for Dairy Guesthouse**

Queenstown's Dairy Guesthouse is to close for the month of May for a complete refurbishment. When the historic property reopens in early June, guests will be welcomed into a stylish and comfortable alpine lodge that reflects its superb location and distinctive character.

Renovation of the guesthouse has been planned since new owners Claire and Andrew Brinsley and John and Susanna Martin took over management in September last year.

Ms Brinsley says they have invested time and energy over the past five months talking to guests and listening to their feedback to ensure their plans were on track.

“We've had wonderful comments about our service delivery and are now very clear on how we can improve and lift the quality of the guesthouse itself.”

The 1920's era of the original dairy has been the focus of refurbishment plans and the partners have employed interior designer Simone Crowe to work with Susanna to ensure the theme is reflected in the interior style.

“The dairy has loads of character and history which Simone and Susanna will carry right through every aspect of the refurbishment.

“The guesthouse really is a haven for anyone who stays. It is not your standard hotel and we aim to build on its defining characteristics to provide a really special place for people to come to,” says Ms Brinsley.

The upgrade will include minor structural changes that will result in a larger living area with an open fireplace, improved, larger bathrooms, a new library, a new reception and a

new entrance. New carpets, drapes, luxurious bedding, sumptuous furnishings and a full repaint are also planned.

Outdoors, a fully enclosed private courtyard is to be developed featuring stone walls and an outside fireplace.

Some work is already underway but the majority of the project will take place from when the property closes on May 3. A reopening is planned to coincide with the opening of the ski season in early June.

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