

# **Te Kete Poipoia Mahara**

## **Memory Care Collection**

### *User Guide*

A library resource to support people living with dementia mate wareware and their whānau



*Queenstown Lakes Libraries*

# Welcome to Te Kete Poipoia Mahara Memory Care Collection

Queenstown Lakes Libraries offer this special collection, to support people living with dementia mate wareware and their whānau, friends, and care partners.

This collection aims to nurture memories, spark joy, and strengthen connections. Each item has been carefully chosen to bring comfort, dignity, and moments of calm.

Use this guide to find the resources that best meet your needs, from early through to mid and late stages. Everyone's journey of dementia mate wareware is unique. The suggested stage labels are a gentle guide; care partners know their loved one best

## Support contacts around the district

### Whakatipu:

queenstown@alzheimersotago.org.nz  
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### Upper Clutha:

wanaka@alzheimersotago.org.nz  
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# About Memory Care Collection

Dementia more widely affects everyone differently, but many people experience changes in memory, communication, and daily activities over time. Te Kete Poipoia Mahara Memory Care Collection has been developed for people at these stages:

## Early

*These resources can help maintain independence and provide meaningful engagement by encouraging conversations and thinking skills.*

Check out:

- All About Us game
- Jigsaw puzzles and card games
- Snakes & Ladders and Ludo

## Early – Mid

*Resources that are tactile or visually stimulating can help focus attention and bring a sense of accomplishment.*

Check out:

- Aquapaint
- Seek n Find
- Magnetic board

## Mid – Late

*Gentle stimulation and sensory activities can provide comfort, reassurance, and connection. Music, touch, and familiar visuals are especially powerful.*

Check out:

- Music players
- Fidget Widget
- Sensory aids

## Late

*Soothing items can help reduce anxiety and provide companionship. Resources are designed to be comforting, calming, and reassuring.*

Check out:

- Companion pets
- Sensory aids for comfort
- Music players

# How to use this collection in our libraries

## What's in the collection?

- Board games
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Fidget toys
- Memory games
- Music players
- Sensory aids
- Card games
- Companion pets

## Borrowing details

- Free to borrow for permanent **Adult and Senior borrowers** only.
- Each borrower may borrow up to three items at a time.
- Borrow for 3 weeks, no renewals.
- Available from **Frankton and Wānaka Libraries** at this stage.
- Item reservations (holds) can be placed at Frankton or Wānaka Libraries.
- Return items directly to the front desk of the borrowing library during opening hours. Do not use the after hours chute.
- Follow the included instructions for cleaning and safety before returning, if applicable.

## Fees & charges

- Borrowers will be charged for any damage or loss.
- Items more than 7 days overdue are considered lost and a replacement fee will be charged.

## Assistance & safety

- Library staff are available to help you use the items.
- QLDC Libraries is not liable for injuries caused by improper use.
- Antibacterial sprays are included for disinfecting furry and fabric items.



# Items in the catalogue



## All About Us

This cooperative game invites players to explore their personal stories from childhood to the present and beyond, fostering a sense of identity, independence, and purpose.

Stage: Early



## 63 & 100-Piece Puzzles

These jigsaw puzzles offer the perfect mixture of challenge, reward, and simple pleasure. Idyllic scenes stimulate memories and inspire conversations.

Stage: Early



## Circuit Maze

This game challenges dexterity and encourages hand-eye coordination.

Stage: Early-Mid

## 35-Piece Puzzles

These puzzles balance challenge, interest and engagement. Vibrant colours help people with visual impairment.

Stage: Early-Mid



## Category Match

This game challenges players to match cards based on category, encouraging cognitive stimulation and critical thinking skills.

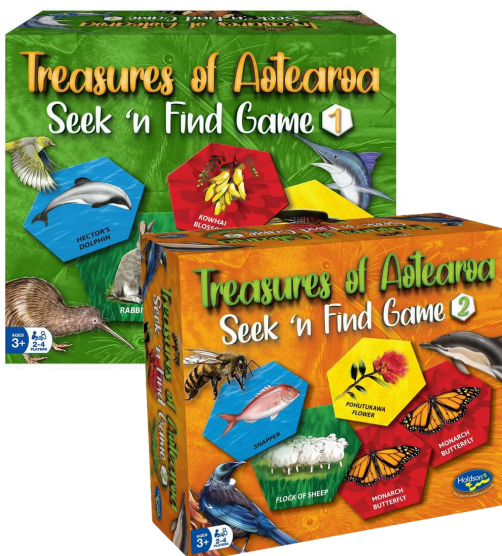
Stage: Early-Mid



## Treasures of Aotearoa Seek 'n Find Game

These games use familiar themes and gentle memory challenges to spark joy, encourage connection, and support wellbeing.

Stage: Early-Mid





## Animal Snap

Recognisable animal images in bold colours make this matching activity accessible for players with visual impairments. It has three variations with different difficulty levels; Snap, Pairs, or Full House.

Stage: Mid



## Track Marble Maze

Simultaneously calming and entertaining, this game aims to challenge dexterity and coordination.

Stage: Mid



## Aquapaint

This reusable, water-activated painting activity encourages creative expression while generating joy and accomplishment. *Ocean Life* is an example, other images and themes are available.

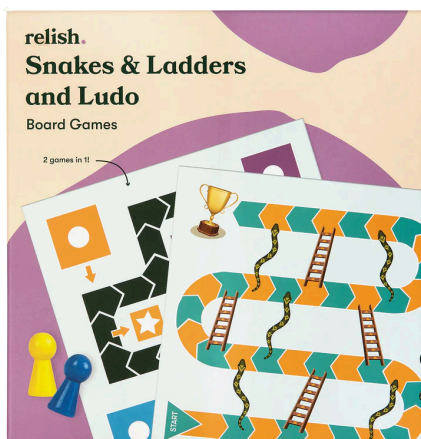
Stage: Mid



## 13-Piece Puzzles

From the idyllic to the iconic, each scene is chosen to stimulate joyful memories and inspire conversations. The larger pieces are unique in size and shape and are easy to handle for people with dexterity difficulties.

Stage: Mid



## Snakes & Ladders and Ludo

This double-sided board game make classic games accessible, engaging, and enjoyable for people with cognitive and physical impairments.

Stage: Mid



## Fidget Mat

This sensory blanket is great for busy hands. With buckles, belts, zip, pocket, buttons and ties plus the added bonus of velcro noughts and crosses. Sits on a table or unfold on your lap.

Stage: Mid





## Simple Music Player

Play favourite music by lifting the clearly indicated lid, close the lid to stop, press the large button to skip to the next track. Volume is set by carers and cannot be accidentally changed. Music uploaded via USB from any Windows, Apple or Linux PC. Capacity: 4GB (approx 1000 songs).

Suitable for all stages



## Companion Pets

Robotic therapy pets bring comfort and companionship. These lifelike animatronic animals respond to voice and touch with realistic behaviours that bring joy and connection.

Suitable for all stages

In-library use only



## Dovetale Press

These books feature short, easy-to-read stories with large text, clear character guides, and a simple layout. The books are lightweight and comfortable to hold.

Suitable for all stages



# Get in touch

## Frankton Library

Opens Monday – Saturday  
[frankton.library@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:frankton.library@qldc.govt.nz)  
03 441 3680

## Wānaka Library

Opens Monday – Saturday  
[wanaka.library@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:wanaka.library@qldc.govt.nz)  
03 443 0410

## General Feedback

Scan the QR code to **share feedback** on our dementia collections, services, or accessibility support, or visit <https://shorturl.at/jfpx3>



## Collections Request

Scan the QR code to **suggest an item** for us to purchase, or visit <https://shorturl.at/FmecY>

