



## **TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD**

### **Membership:**

John Bishop (Chairman)  
Bruce White  
Phil Rive  
Pat Shuker  
Cr Russell Armstrong

*Notice is given of a meeting of the Twizel Community Board to be held  
on Monday November 17, 2014, at 4.00pm.*

**VENUE:** Council Service Centre, Twizel

**BUSINESS:** As per agenda attached

WAYNE BARNETT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## **Twizel Community Board**

Agenda for Monday, November 17, 2014

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### **APOLOGIES:**

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **VISITOR:**

Jason Gaskill from Tourism Waitaki will attend the meeting to update the community board on current activity regarding the Alps2Ocean cycle trail.

### **MINUTES:**

Confirm and adopt as the correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, October 6, 2014.

### **MATTERS UNDER ACTION**

### **REPORTS:**

1. Financial Report (attached).
2. Meeting schedule for 2015 (attached).
3. Ward member's report (verbal report).
4. Reports from members who represent the community board on other committees (verbal report).

### **GENERAL BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Freedom Camping Bylaw (For discussion. A copy of the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw, Strategy and submission form are attached for information).
2. Letter from Rose Golding regarding rubbish (attached).
3. Request for donation – Twizel Volunteer Fire Brigade (attached).

## MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRE, TWIZEL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014 AT 4.00PM

#### PRESENT:

Phil Rive (acting chairman)  
Bruce White  
Pat Shuker  
Phil Rive  
Cr Russell Armstrong

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Claire Barlow (Mayor)  
Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive)  
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)  
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)  
Keri-Ann Little (Committee Clerk)  
Liz Bloomfield (Twizel Youth Centre)  
Christine Lavery (Twizel Youth Centre)  
Lou Ochsner (Twizel Early Learning Centre)  
Graeme Bond (member of the public)

#### OPENING:

The acting chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### APOLOGIES:

Resolved that an apology be received from chairman John Bishop.

**Phil Rive/Russell Armstrong**

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

#### MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on August 25, 2014, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

**Russell Armstrong/Pat Shuker**

#### GENERAL BUSINESS - LETTER FROM LOU OCHSNER, TWIZEL EARLY LEARNING CENTRE:

This letter at page 14 of the agenda requests help to find a suitable piece of land to expand the early learning centre.

The chairman thanked Ms Ochsner for attending today's meeting and asked for any questions.

Cr Armstrong asked if there was enough room for expansion on the current site. Ms Ochsner replied stating it is the size of the building also that is restricting along with Council land and land owned by the Ministry of Education which the School are not prepared to sell, give or gift another building.

Ms Ochsner was asked would they prefer a new building or extension on the current building. She replied the current building is quite old and the up keep will be expensive so in some ways it would be better to start again with a purpose built centre.

The Chairman asked Ms Ochsner if you built new would you prefer to stay on that site or nearby or would you look at a different site. Response we are open to any options and need to do this within the next 5 years the size of the plot wouldn't give enough outside room as required per metre age per child etc.

The Mayor asked do you know what size site you require. Response the size would be 1000 square metres maybe.

The land it is currently on is zoned village centre and as council land. Spoke to Nathan on possibility and childcare centres could be deemed appropriate on Rec A land which we have between the basketball courts and the swimming pool and out past the events centre. I have looked there and the opportunities are a little bit limited because you have got a big viewing corridor that runs up from Mackenzie drive. You could get resource consent to build on there and would really depend on how the Twizel Community would feel about that. The other opportunity being in the vicinity of the skate park, I don't think the south side of the event centre is a very good place to be building with the frost. Final option that I have thought about is the basketball court when you look at the usage that gets could you replace that with a half court next to the skate park.

Cr Armstrong enquired about the old medical site when it becomes available.

Mr Nixon said it is Rec A site which Council cannot sell and the council is hoping for the funds of the medical centre sale to go back into refunding the new medical centre.

Mr Nixon rounded up the discussion by stating that he has a report going to the Council committee round on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October to discuss these same issues as this will ultimately be a Council decision, however he welcomed the community board views stating they will be useful to take to committees and to explore options further.

The community board asked Ms Ochsner to go back investigate the square meter age required and report back to the community board.

Resolved: That the Twizel Community board supports the TELC request for council land required for the construction of a new centre.

**Russell Armstrong/Pat Shuker**

*Ms Ochsner and two members of the public left the meeting at 4:30pm*

## **VISITOR: THE TWIZEL YOUTH CENTRE:**

Liz Bloomfield and Christine Lavery provided an update to the community board on the situation of repairs to the Twizel Youth Centre.

The chairman pointed out that this was a late item and distributed the tabled letter to other members and staff.

Cr Armstrong spoke to the letter saying the Twizel Youth Centre would like to make a proposal for the demolition and removal of the old toilet block and radio station room. He said the centre will demolish and clean up the site for \$5,000. The dumping of the material will be at the Council's cost. The money raised will be used to purchase the Youth Centre from the Council and improvements to the building.

Mr Nixon said he has taken the time to speak to the Council Building Manager prior to the meeting and he informed him that there is asbestos in the building that will need to be packaged and removed from the site correctly and disposed of in Timaru.

Ms Bloomfield said that the centre is looking good with plumbing work being completed and an overall tidy up, they are hoping to receive a grant from Meridian but need "money in the bank" first to do so. Ms Bloomfield carried on to say that she had received three quotes from Builders for the upgrade.

Mr Nixon said the community board would like the plan, moving forward to the community board as the board would be happy to assist the Youth Centre.

Resolved: that the Twizel Community Board resolve the public toilet building is demolished as opposed to being relocated.

**Phil Rive /Russell Armstrong**

Mr Haar the Asset Manager will gain a price for the removal of the asbestos.

Cr Armstrong will liaise with Ms Bloomfield and Ms Lavery to discuss any problems that may arise and also liaise with Mr Nixon.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT TO AUGUST, 2014:**

The purpose of this report was to update board members on the financial performance of the Twizel Community as a whole for the period to August, 2014.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Russell Armstrong/ Pat Shuker**

The chairman asked the CEO to please have the financial report ready and distributed before the meeting allowing community board members time to read and formulate the report.

Mr Haar provided the community board with an update on how the new water system implementation is progressing.

## **TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:**

### **1. Town Projects:**

#### **a. Walkways:**

Garth to follow up the rolling of Tekapo Drive from Mackenzie to Glen Lyon which was to take place in the Spring.

#### **b. Tekapo Drive:**

Levelling and re-sowing completed, rolled again in the spring. Tekapo Drive track has been sprayed. Improve irrigation. Mulch trees.

#### **c. Lake Ruataniwha:**

Bollard fencing – Garth Nixon said the posts are all in, the “tree guys” are coming back prior to the “mulches person” coming in to tidy up the area where the cable will go in and will clean out the road space and life remainder of the trees in the vicinity.

- d. **Greenway fencing** – On target at present, end fencing done in terms of upgrading greenway fencing.
- e. **Cemetery** – plan is to finish this at the same time as other work at Lake Ruataniwha.

2. **Twizel Public Toilets:**

Expressions of interest in the removal or development of the old toilets have been advertised for. New toilets to be finished in September.

3. **Bike Lockup:**

More bike space to be created when old toilets and building are removed from town centre.

4. **Twizel Youth Centre:**

No proposal has been received from the youth centre.

5. **Overnight Camping:**

There was a small workshop after the recent meeting current situation is that draft bylaw is going to the planning committee next week.

6. **Twizel Swimming Club Enquiry Regarding Pool Hire Costs:**

Garth Nixon has spoken to the Twizel Swimming Club and the issues are now resolved.

7. **Traffic Issues at Maitland Place and Irishman Drive:**

Bernie Haar design complete, have met with John on site and he has a copy of the plan and asked John to speak to the community board, this is a district wide roading project with Council sign off. A price has been obtained from Whitestone and the project will be underway shortly.

8. **Twizel Water Supply Upgrade:**

Pipe samples are being tested and results to come back to community board. Opus have also been asked to do a review of the cost of building a water scheme for Manuka Tce residents. This will go to full council.

9. **Rubbish outside Mackenzie Four Square and Events Centre:**

Garth Nixon has installed a refurbished bin set between the events centre and the supermarket and will now address the residence in regards to their own rubbish.

*Ms Shuker on behalf of Stuart and Olivia thanked the community board for erecting rubbish bins so quickly, adding it has made a huge difference.*

10. **Climbing wall in Twizel Events Centre:**

Shaun Norman to come up with a concept plan for a climbing wall and bring it back to the community board.

11. **Security cameras for Market Place:**

Garth Nixon and Phil Rive have met with the camera installer, Jo Rush and also with gym operators with a timeframe of installation within the month.

Resolved: The community board instruct Garth Nixon to go ahead with finalising the security camera system for the town and gym with the view to have these installed before Christmas.

**Phil Rive /Russell Armstrong**

**12. Manhole on the corner of Mackenzie Drive and Ostler Road:**

Bernie Haar updated that the Roading Manager has spoken with Telecom and Chorus. Rob Whaley will be onsite to fix the road within the next couple of weeks. The community board ask that this is followed up.

**13. Christmas Decorations for Market Place:**

Cr Armstrong to touch base with TPDA on progress of decorations.

**WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:**

Cr Russell Armstrong said council has the approved the meridian land sale with the recommendation from community board the sale has been completed and now it is just due course.

**REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:**

There was nothing to report.

**GENERAL BUSINESS - TPDA LEASE AGREEMENT:**

Garth Nixon has been asked by John Bishop to provide a verbal update to the community board on the current situation with the TPDA lease.

TPDA lease agreement was sent to Luke Paardekooper four weeks ago and Mr Nixon followed up last week in relation to this. Mr Paardekooper said he wasn't happy with the lease and Mr Nixon has hand delivered the amended lease to the TPDA this afternoon.

Mr Nixon said the change in the lease agreement was centred on the lease cost and the misunderstanding with GST cost.

**GENERAL BUSINESS - PUBLIC CONSULTATION TWIZEL MEDICAL CENTRE:**

The statement of proposal related to the provision of land to the Twizel Medical Centre was discussed by the community board and is attached to the agenda at page 16.

The chairman opened up to discussion with members and resolved the following.

Resolved: That the Twizel Community Board supports the Mackenzie District Council in the furthering of the High Country Medical Trust medical centre.

**Phil Rive /Russell Armstrong**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:37pm**

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **1. Town Projects:**

- a. Walkways:  
Garth Nixon to follow up the rolling of Tekapo Drive from Mackenzie to Glen Lyon
- b. Tekapo Drive:  
Levelling and re-sowing completed, rolled again in the spring. . (Work should take place this week)
- c. Lake Ruataniwha: Bollard fencing Completed
- d. Greenway fencing – On target at present. Edging for greenway from Mackenzie Drive to Hunter Cres.
- e. Cemetery Completed

### **2. Twizel PublicToilets:**

Community board has resolved to demolish the old toilets. Opening ceremony for new toilets was held on Friday, November 7.

### **3. Bike Lockup:**

More bike space to be created when old toilets and building are removed from town centre.

### **4. Twizel Youth Centre:**

An update has been received. Repair work is continuing.

### **5. Overnight Camping:**

The Freedom Camping bylaw is currently out for public consultation with a hearing planned for November 27.

### **6. Traffic Issues at Maitland Place and Irishman Drive:**

This is a district-wide roading project with council sign-off. A price has been obtained from Whitestone and work will be underway shortly.

### **7. Twizel Water Supply Upgrade:**

Pipe samples are being tested and results to come back to community board. Opus have also been asked to do a review of the cost of building a water scheme for Manuka Tce residents. This will go to full council.

### **8. Climbing wall in Twizel Events Centre:**

Shaun Norman to come up with a concept plan for a climbing wall and bring it back to the community board.

### **9. Security cameras for Market Place:**

The community board has instructed Garth Nixon to finalise security cameras and install them before Christmas. (Installing this week working with Gym Committee).

### **10. Manhole on the corner of Mackenzie Drive and Ostler Road:**



This is expected to be fixed within a fortnight. The community board has asked that this be followed up.

**11. Christmas Decorations for Market Place:**

Cr Armstrong will touch base with TPDA regarding progress on the decorations.

**12. TPDA Lease Agreement:**

Agreement finalised and with TPDA.

**13. New Twizel Medical Centre:**

Council has approved this and work has begun on the subdivision.

## **MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD  
**SUBJECT:** FINANCIAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014  
**MEETING DATE:** 17 NOVEMBER 2014  
**REF:** FIN 1/2/3  
**FROM:** MANAGER – FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
**ENDORSED BY:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

Attached is the financial report for the community board for the period to September, 2014, the purpose of which is to update board members on the financial performance of the Twizel Community as a whole for that period.

Commentary will be provided for any significant variances.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the report be received.

<b>PAUL MORRIS</b>	<b>WAYNE BARNETT</b>
<b><u>MANAGER – FINANCE &amp; ADMINISTRATION</u></b>	<b><u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER</u></b>

Mackenzie District Council  
 Twizel Community Board  
 Activity Statement  
 For the period ended September 2014

	LYTD Actual September 2013	YTD Actual September 2014	YTD Budget September 2014	Variance		Full Year Budget 30/06/2015
<b>Council - General Twizel</b>						
<b>Twizel Community Board</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
Targeted Rates	2,349	2,550	2,550	-	✓	10,200
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>10,200</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Members Expenses	2,009	2,500	2,550	50	✓	10,200
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>10,200</b>
<b>Total Twizel Community Board</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>-</b>

	LYTD Actual September 2013	YTD Actual September 2014	YTD Budget September 2014	Variance	Full Year Budget 30/06/2015
<b>Investment</b>					
<b>Twizel Community Board</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
Other Income	1,120	-	1,119	- 1,119 ✗	4,480
Internal Income	-	- -	1,119	1,119 ✓	4,480
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,120</b>	-	-	- ✓	-
<b>Total Twizel Community Board</b>	<b>1,120</b>	-	-	- ✓	-

	LYTD Actual September 2013	YTD Actual September 2014	YTD Budget September 2014	Variance		Full Year Budget 30/06/2015
<b>Twizel Community Centre</b>						
<b>Twizel Community Board</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
Targeted Rates	25,230	28,980	28,980	-	✓	115,928
Other Income	6,022	8,421	5,001	3,420	✓	20,000
Internal Interest Income	123	298	386	- 88	✗	1,966
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>31,375</b>	<b>37,699</b>	<b>34,367</b>	<b>3,332</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>137,894</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Employment Expenses	-	9	-	- 9	✗	-
Administration Expenses	4,220	-	4,665	4,665	✓	18,651
Operational and Maintenance	20,219	30,757	20,880	- 9,877	✗	83,532
Depreciation	-	17,853	17,853	-	✓	71,421
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>24,438</b>	<b>48,619</b>	<b>43,398</b>	<b>- 5,221</b>	<b>✗</b>	<b>173,604</b>
<b>Total Twizel Community Board</b>	<b>6,937 -</b>	<b>10,920 -</b>	<b>9,031 -</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>✗</b>	<b>- 35,710</b>
<b>Total Twizel Community Centre</b>	<b>62,750</b>	<b>75,398</b>	<b>68,734 -</b>	<b>3,778</b>	<b>✗</b>	<b>275,788</b>

	LYTD Actual September 2013	YTD Actual September 2014	YTD Budget September 2014	Variance		Full Year Budget 30/06/2015
<b>Twizel Community Sewerage</b>						
<b>Twizel Community Board</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
Targeted Rates	32,796	42,564	42,564	-	✓	170,267
Other Income	180	786	-	786	✓	-
Financial Contributions	3,765	-	-	-	✓	37,521
Internal Interest Income	6,441	7,323	9,267	- 1,944	✗	37,442
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>43,181</b>	<b>50,673</b>	<b>51,831</b>	<b>- 1,158</b>	<b>✗</b>	<b>245,230</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Consultancy Expenses	-	-	1,344	1,344	✓	5,377
Administration Expenses	1,567	148	978	830	✓	3,911
Operational and Maintenance	12,271	10,478	16,489	6,011	✓	46,602
Depreciation	-	49,809	42,981	- 6,828	✗	161,685
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>13,838</b>	<b>60,435</b>	<b>61,792</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>217,575</b>
<b>Total Twizel Community Board</b>	<b>29,343 -</b>	<b>9,762 -</b>	<b>9,961</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>27,655</b>

Mackenzie District Council  
 Capital Expenditure Report  
 For the Period ended September 2014

	LYTD Actual September	YTD Actual September	YTD Budget September	Variance	Full Year Budget 30/06/15
<b>Sewer</b>					
0298410. Sewer Reticulation - New	-	1,073	625	- 448 ✖	2,500
0298411. Sewer Treatment - New	11,437	5,070	15,000	9,930 ✔	60,000
0298807. Resource Consent Costs	-	-	9,999	9,999 ✔	40,000
<b>Total Sewer</b>	<b>11,437</b>	<b>6,143</b>	<b>25,624</b>	<b>19,481</b> ✔	<b>102,500</b>

	LYTD Actual September 2013	YTD Actual September 2014	YTD Budget September 2014	Variance		Full Year Budget 30/06/2015
<b>Twizel Community Water Supply</b>						
<b>Twizel Community Board</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
Targeted Rates	74,323	107,232	107,232	-	✓	428,940
Other Income	- 3,004	- 584	-	- 584	✗	50,542
Financial Contributions	1,151	-	-	-	✓	47,146
Internal Interest Income	7,628	7,662	-	7,662	✓	40,572
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>80,099</b>	<b>114,310</b>	<b>107,232</b>	<b>7,078</b>	✓	<b>567,200</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Consultancy Expenses	-	-	1,344	1,344	✓	5,377
Administration Expenses	1,350	1,480	1,745	265	✓	4,071
Operational and Maintenance	26,784	37,105	45,111	8,006	✓	180,450
Internal interest Expense	-	-	70,790	70,790	✓	283,161
Depreciation	-	53,571	53,571	-	✓	214,296
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>28,133</b>	<b>92,156</b>	<b>172,561</b>	<b>80,405</b>	✓	<b>687,355</b>
<b>Total Twizel Community Board</b>	<b>51,966</b>	<b>22,154</b>	<b>65,329</b>	<b>87,483</b>	✓	<b>- 120,155</b>



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	LYTD Actual September	YTD Actual September	YTD Budget September	Variance	Full Year Budget 30/06/15
<b>Water</b>					
0138201. Town Reticulation - Renewal	-	5,493	- -	5,493 ✗	-
0138204. Headworks - Renewal	-	1,774	- -	1,774 ✗	-
0138206. Service Connections - Renewal	12,982	4,644	6,501	1,857 ✓	26,000
0138207. Town Reticulation - New	-	19,000	- -	19,000 ✗	-
0138210. HeadWorks - New	-	38,939	50,000	11,061 ✓	200,000
0138211. Treatment - New	-	48,238	612,500	564,262 ✓	2,450,000
0138212. Servie Connections - New	-	536	- -	536 ✗	-
0138251. Fire Hydrant Markers	-	-	2,499	2,499 ✓	10,000
0138287. Investigation - Manuka Tce	-	2,079	- -	2,079 ✗	-
0138980. Community Assets- Water Supply	-	3,390	- -	3,390 ✗	-
0138984. Water Meters	-	444	624	180 ✓	2,500
<b>Total Water</b>	<b>12,982</b>	<b>124,538</b>	<b>672,124</b>	<b>547,586 ✓</b>	<b>2,688,500</b>

	LYTD Actual September 2013	YTD Actual September 2014	YTD Budget September 2014	Variance		Full Year Budget 30/06/2015
Twizel Investment income						
Twizel Community Board						
Income						
Targeted Rates	- 1,120	- 1,119	- 1,119	- ✓	-	4,480
Total Income	- 1,120	- 1,119	- 1,119	- ✓	-	4,480
Total Twizel Community Board	- 1,120	- 1,119	- 1,119	- ✓	-	4,480

	LYTD Actual September 2013	YTD Actual September 2014	YTD Budget September 2014	Variance		Full Year Budget 30/06/2015
<b>Twizel Reserves</b>						
<b>Twizel Community Board</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
Targeted Rates	615	3,693	3,693	-	✓	14,775
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>3,693</b>	<b>3,693</b>	-	✓	<b>14,775</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Administration Expenses	2,947	3,269	2,400	- 869	✗	2,400
Operational and Maintenance	85	145	10,476	10,331	✓	19,755
Depreciation	-	999	999	-	✓	4,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,032</b>	<b>4,413</b>	<b>13,875</b>	<b>9,462</b>	✓	<b>26,155</b>
<b>Total Twizel Community Board</b>	<b>- 2,417</b>	<b>- 720</b>	<b>10,182</b>	<b>9,462</b>	✓	<b>- 11,380</b>

Mackenzie District Council  
 Capital Expenditure Report  
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	LYTD Actual September	YTD Actual September	YTD Budget September	Variance	Full Year Budget 30/06/15
Recreational Facilities					
1068192. Other Projects	-	9,327	-	- 9,327 ✖	-
<b>Total Recreational Facilities</b>	-	<b>9,327</b>	-	- <b>9,327</b> ✖	-

	LYTD Actual September 2013	YTD Actual September 2014	YTD Budget September 2014	Variance		Full Year Budget 30/06/2015
<b>Twizel Stormwater</b>						
<b>Twizel Community Board</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
Targeted Rates	6,795	8,559	8,559	-	✓	34,232
Financial Contributions	3,860	-	-	-	✓	-
Internal Interest Income	1,193	1,348	1,979	- 631	✗	8,200
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,848</b>	<b>9,907</b>	<b>10,538</b>	<b>- 631</b>	<b>✗</b>	<b>42,432</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Administration Expenses	-	-	348	348	✓	1,398
Operational and Maintenance	10,193	4,835	2,895	- 1,940	✗	12,077
Depreciation	-	7,239	7,239	-	✓	28,957
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>10,193</b>	<b>12,074</b>	<b>10,482</b>	<b>- 1,592</b>	<b>✗</b>	<b>42,432</b>
<b>Total Twizel Community Board</b>	<b>1,655 -</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>56 -</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>✗</b>	<b>-</b>

	LYTD Actual September 2013	YTD Actual September 2014	YTD Budget September 2014	Variance		Full Year Budget 30/06/2015
<b>Twizel Swimming Pool</b>						
<b>Twizel Community Board</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
Targeted Rates	17,394	16,998	16,998	-	✓	67,996
Other Income	228 -	447	-	- 447	✗	10,823
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,622</b>	<b>16,551</b>	<b>16,998</b>	<b>- 447</b>	<b>✗</b>	<b>78,819</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Employment Expenses	152	-	261	261	✓	43,832
Administration Expenses	1,191	818	912	94	✓	3,653
Operational and Maintenance	83	1,446	7,002	5,556	✓	28,000
Internal interest Expense	95	113	93	- 20	✗	294
Depreciation	-	1,650	1,650	-	✓	6,602
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>4,026</b>	<b>9,918</b>	<b>5,892</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>82,381</b>
<b>Total Twizel Community Board</b>	<b>16,101</b>	<b>12,524</b>	<b>7,080</b>	<b>5,444</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>- 3,562</b>

	LYTD Actual September 2013	YTD Actual September 2014	YTD Budget September 2014	Variance		Full Year Budget 30/06/2015
<b>Twizel Township</b>						
<b>Twizel Community Board</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
Targeted Rates	96,030	118,974	118,974	-	✓	475,920
Other Income	3,133	617	2,118	- 1,501	✗	8,471
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>99,163</b>	<b>119,591</b>	<b>121,092</b>	<b>- 1,501</b>	<b>✗</b>	<b>484,391</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Administration Expenses	16,997	15,957	39,130	23,173	✓	52,693
Operational and Maintenance	57,670	35,388	83,407	48,019	✓	315,485
Internal interest Expense	6,814	6,011	7,801	1,790	✓	30,091
Depreciation	-	12,846	12,846	-	✓	51,391
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>81,481</b>	<b>70,201</b>	<b>143,184</b>	<b>72,983</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>449,660</b>
<b>Total Twizel Community Board</b>	<b>17,681</b>	<b>49,390</b>	<b>- 22,092</b>	<b>71,482</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>34,731</b>

Mackenzie District Council  
Twizel Township Expenses  
For the period ended September 2014

September

	LYTD September 2013	YTD Actual September 2014	YTD Budget September 2014		Full Year Budget 30/06/15
Twizel Township					
Twizel Community Board					
Expenses					
Administration Expenses					
0554455. Advertising	-	-	249	249 ✓	1,000
0554485. Donations & Grants	7,128	5,000	1,749	- 3,251 ✗	7,000
05544851. Twizel Information Centre	-	-	23,506	23,506 ✓	23,506
05544853. Twizel Community Care Tru	-	-	1,440	1,440 ✓	5,757
0554495. Insurance	535	-	639	639 ✓	2,561
0554595. R & M - Other Community B	-	-	288	288 ✓	1,151
0554615. Rates	9,333	10,957	11,106	149 ✓	11,106
0554616. Rate Remissions - Granted	-	-	153	153 ✓	612
<b>Total Administration Expenses</b>	<b>16,997</b>	<b>15,957</b>	<b>39,130</b>	<b>23,173 ✓</b>	<b>52,693</b>



**Mackenzie District Council**  
**Twizel Township Expenses**  
**For the period ended September 2014**

September

	LYTD September 2013	YTD Actual September 2014	YTD Budget September 2014		Full Year Budget 30/06/15
<b>Operational and Maintenance</b>					
0555019. Electricity	106	107	219	112 ✓	879
0555020. Gardening - Contractor	9,394	10,201	11,250	1,049 ✓	45,000
05550201. Gardening - Plants	-	-	396	396 ✓	1,588
0555021. Contractors	303	625	387 -	238 ✗	1,554
0555022. Irrigation of Green Areas	-	2,679	2,499 -	180 ✗	10,000
05550221. Green Areas - Equipment	-	-	1,129	1,129 ✓	1,129
05550222. Green Areas-Reticulation	-	-	876	876 ✓	3,500
0555025. Lawn Mowing	5,215	6,725	15,768	9,043 ✓	63,074
0555027. Repairs & Maint Unplanned	2,170	841	2,499	1,659 ✓	10,000
0555029. Tree Maintenance & Pruning	2,248	994	1,026	32 ✓	4,100
0555035. Playground Maintenance	232	918	624 -	294 ✗	2,500
0555041. Litterbin waste disposal fees	-	-	3,205	3,205 ✓	3,205
0555042. Litter Bin Collection	6,046	11,381	8,430 -	2,951 ✗	33,720
0555078. Spraying	-	-	501	501 ✓	2,000
0555537. Tree Belt Management	-	-	2,646	2,646 ✓	10,588
0555539. Tree Planting	1,797	-	1,323	1,323 ✓	5,294
0555542. Green Areas Path Reinstater	3,091	-	2,646	2,646 ✓	10,588
0555546. Green Ways Fence Reinstater	7,101	-	2,646	2,646 ✓	10,588
0555550. Cleanup SH8	-	-	264	264 ✓	1,059
0555558. Community Entertainment	-	-	1,727	1,727 ✓	1,727
0555561. Walkways	-	-	2,646	2,646 ✓	10,588
0555562. Water Intake Land Maintenance	-	-	1,323	1,323 ✓	5,294
0555564. Machinery Operating Costs -	147 -	156	795	951 ✓	3,177
0555602. Twizel Township Projects	20,115	1,072	18,582	17,510 ✓	74,333
<b>Total Operational and Maintenance</b>	<b>57,670</b>	<b>35,388</b>	<b>83,407</b>	<b>48,019 ✓</b>	<b>315,485</b>

## **MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD  
**SUBJECT:** MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2015  
**MEETING DATE:** NOVEMBER 17, 2015  
**REF:** PAD 4  
**FROM:** ARLENE GOSS, COMMITTEE CLERK

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To advise the community board of the schedule of meetings for 2015.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the report be received.
2. That the attached schedule of meetings be noted.

**WAYNE BARNETT**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

## Schedule of Twizel Community Board Meeting Dates for 2015

(All meetings will be formally confirmed)

Meetings will be held at the council service centre, Twizel, starting at 4pm

Monday, January 26

Monday, March 9

Monday, April 20

Tuesday, June 2 (to allow for Queens Birthday)

Monday, July 13

Monday, August 24

Monday, October 5

Monday, November 16

**Mackenzie District Council**

# **Freedom Camping Strategy**

October 2014

Status: Draft

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## **1. Approach to Freedom Camping**

Freedom camping is the use of public land for free overnight camping.

The Mackenzie District Council welcomes visitors to the District. The Mackenzie District is a great place to explore, with rare wildlife, majestic landscapes and fantastic walks and cycling routes. In the interests of protecting this for the enjoyment of everyone, the Council is seeking that camping, including freedom camping in the District occurs responsibly.

We welcome visitors who:

- camp responsibly
- have access to appropriate facilities to manage their waste
- respect public and private property
- respect the local environment and help ensure that our roadsides, lakes, rivers and townships remain clean and our public places are available for all to enjoy
- respect both residents of and other visitors to the Mackenzie District.

## **2. Background to this Strategy**

Freedom camping is popular among some New Zealand residents and is an important part of New Zealand's tourism industry.

The Mackenzie District is popular for freedom camping. While some people do freedom camp all year round the peak time for freedom camping is in spring and summer. A variety of people freedom camp, including:

- Mackenzie District residents who camp as part of their holidays

- New Zealand residents who camp as part of their holidays
- New Zealand residents who live and travel in mobile homes
- Visitors who rent purpose built mobile campervans for their holiday experience
- Visitors who rent or buy cars and vans which are used for camping
- Visitors who camp alongside their vehicle in a tent

There are a range of motivations for freedom camping including enabling people to experience some of the more remote and scenic parts of our District, providing for a simple camping experience, to campers seeking to save considerable money on accommodation in turn freeing up money to spend on other activities.

The Mackenzie District Council wishes to encourage campers to the District and welcomes all responsible freedom campers. Along with the right to freedom camp in the District comes the responsibility to respect the District and maintain the quality environment we all value.

Freedom camping does pose a number of issues for our communities. These include:

- Potential for pollution of waterways, roadsides, parks and gardens and other public places with human waste and rubbish
- Potential of a risk of fire being started by campers unaware of fire rules and risks.
- Loss of amenity and privacy for residents living nearby popular freedom camping hot-spots.
- Lost revenue for camping ground operators including theft of services (showers, power) by some freedom campers
- High cost of enforcement, signage, compliance and waste management.
- Poor image of campers sleeping and undertaking ablutions in streets and car parks.
- Loss of availability of parking for residents and workers
- Risk of crime against campers and associated impacts on tourism

This strategy seeks to manage freedom camping in the Mackenzie District through encouraging freedom camping to occur in appropriate areas. It enables the Mackenzie District Council to encourage responsible freedom camping in the District and minimises the need to further control freedom camping by regulation.

This strategy works in conjunction with the Council's Freedom Camping Bylaw which does introduce regulation to control freedom camping in some parts of the District.

### **3. Mackenzie District Council Strategy**

#### ***Objective:***

To encourage and facilitate appropriate camping, including freedom camping within the Mackenzie District.

#### ***Goals***

*Goal 1:* Freedom campers know where they can camp and what is expected from them if they choose to freedom camp in the Mackenzie District.

*Implementation Methods*

1. Freedom camping is provided for and encouraged in appropriate locations where vehicles or camping is self-contained. These sites are listed in Section 5.
2. Camping in non-self-contained vehicles or tents is encouraged in formal camping grounds where appropriate facilities are available.
3. Up to date information is maintained on the Mackenzie District Council Webpage, including:
  - a. Information on formal camping locations (including commercial camping grounds and Department of Conservation Camping sites)
  - b. Information on locations where freedom camping is encouraged in the Mackenzie District and any rules associated with the use of those freedom camping areas
  - c. Information on and maps of the location of dump stations
4. Information on freedom camping is provided to other appropriate agencies, including:
  - a. Visitor centres (within and adjacent to the Mackenzie District)
  - b. Vehicle hire companies
  - c. Information kiosks (if appropriate)
5. Signage (where appropriate) is installed in areas both where freedom camping is encouraged and discouraged.

*Goal 2:* Facilities for freedom campers are easy to find and help protect the environment.

*Implementation Methods*

1. In areas where freedom camping is encouraged, to:
  - a. Promote via all appropriate information channels a "carry-in, carry-out philosophy" in all camping areas, unless disposal services are provided
  - b. Where appropriate provide and promote rubbish disposal and recycling options for visitors
  - c. Provide information on the location of dump stations within the District
  - d. Promote camping in these areas for self-contained vehicles
  - e. Identify these areas through signage.

*Goal 3:* Freedom Campers meet the expectations of them for freedom camping in the District

*Implementation Methods*

1. Encourage freedom campers to adhere to the "camping our way approach"<sup>1</sup> and the Mackenzie District Council Care Code (Schedule 1) including:
  - a. Leaving no trace of your visit
  - b. Not using the bush and natural environment as a toilet
  - c. Using formal and authorised dump stations
  - d. Camping in locations where it is encouraged and provided for
2. Encourage staff and local communities to monitor freedom camping areas and provide feedback and information on any issues to the Mackenzie District Council.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.camping.org.nz](http://www.camping.org.nz)

3. Monitor 'hot spots' to determine whether the approach taken by this strategy is sufficient, or whether a regulatory approach to those areas through additions to the Freedom Camping bylaw should be considered.

*Goal 4:* Maintain relationships with adjoining Councils and other organisations involved in, or interested in, issues associated with freedom camping.

*Implementation Methods*

1. Maintain or establish liaison with other organisations to ensure a best practice and, where appropriate, a consistent approach is being taken to freedom camping in the Mackenzie District. These organisations may include:
  - a. Adjacent local authorities
  - b. Department of Conservation
  - c. New Zealand Transport Agency
  - d. Local holiday park operators
  - e. Local communities, and
  - f. Other organisations as relevant.

*Goal 5:* Work with private organisations and persons with facilities that may be suitable for freedom camping in the District, and where appropriate facilitate the provision of information about these facilities to prospective campers.

*Implementation Methods*

1. Identify, in conjunction with landowners, additional areas that may be appropriate for freedom camping in the Mackenzie District.
2. With the agreement of the landowners, facilitate the provision of information on the availability of these areas and any conditions that apply to their use.

*Goal 6:* Monitor the effects of freedom camping in the District.

*Implementation Methods*

1. Undertake a review of this strategy two summer seasons following its adoption, to determine whether the Strategy is effective in managing issues associated with freedom camping.
2. Consider any changes to the strategy and/or Freedom Camping Bylaw that may be necessary or desirable following the completion of the review.

## 4. Definitions

**Self-contained vehicle** means a vehicle designed and built for the purpose of camping which has the capability of meeting the ablutionary and sanitary needs of occupants of that vehicle for a minimum of three days without requiring any external services or discharging any waste and complies with New Zealand Standard 5465:2001, as evidenced by the display of a current self-containment warrant issued under New Zealand Standard Self Containment of Motor Caravans and Caravans, NZS 5465:2001.



**Self-contained camping** means camping in a self-contained vehicle or by alternative means providing that the individual camper(s) have the capability of meeting the ablutionary and sanitary needs of occupants of the camp for a minimum of three days without requiring any external services, relying on public facilities or discharging any waste.

## 5. Areas Where Freedom Camping is Encouraged

<b>Location</b>	<b>Parameters/Restrictions</b>	<b>Map Number</b>
Lake Opuha (3 sites)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No camping allowed from 23rd December to the second Monday in January (inclusive)</li> <li>2. No camping within 20 m of the lakeshore</li> <li>3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained camping.</li> </ol>	<b>1</b> <b>2</b> <b>3</b>
Patterson Ponds Council Reserve	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained camping.</li> </ol>	<b>4</b>
Lake Wardell	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained camping.</li> </ol>	<b>5</b>
<b>Tekapo</b>		
Lakeside Drive – dump station and carpark	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maximum number of spaces available for freedom campers - 5</li> <li>2. Camping hours are restricted to between 5pm and 9am</li> <li>3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained vehicles</li> </ol>	<b>6</b>
Gravel parking area by Tekapo River Bridge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maximum number of spaces available for freedom campers - 5</li> <li>2. Camping hours are restricted to between 5pm and 9am</li> <li>3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained vehicles</li> </ol>	<b>7</b>
Hamilton Drive site	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maximum number of spaces available for freedom campers - 5</li> <li>2. Camping hours are restricted to between 5pm and 9am</li> <li>3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained vehicles</li> </ol>	<b>8</b>
Boat ramp domain car park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maximum number of spaces available for freedom campers - 5</li> <li>2. Camping hours are restricted to between 5pm and 9am</li> <li>3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained vehicles</li> </ol>	<b>9</b>

<b>Fairlie</b>		
Allandale Road – Shearers carpark	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maximum number of spaces available for freedom campers - 2</li> <li>2. Camping hours are restricted to between 5pm and 9am</li> <li>3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained vehicles</li> </ol>	<b>10</b>
Strathconan Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maximum number of spaces available for freedom campers - 5</li> <li>2. Camping hours are restricted to between 5pm and 9am</li> <li>3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained vehicles</li> <li>4. No camping allowed on Saturday or Sunday between 1 April and 1 September</li> </ol>	<b>11</b>
<b>Twizel</b>		
Wairepo Road	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maximum number of spaces available for freedom campers - 5</li> <li>2. Camping hours are restricted to between 5pm and 9am</li> <li>3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained vehicles</li> </ol>	<b>12</b>
Town Centre behind supermarket	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maximum number of spaces available for freedom campers - 5</li> <li>2. Camping hours are restricted to between 5pm and 9am</li> <li>3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained vehicles</li> </ol>	<b>13</b>
Lake Ruataniwha (North End)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No camping allowed from 23rd December to the second Monday in January (inclusive)</li> <li>2. No camping within 20 m of the lakeshore</li> <li>3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained camping.</li> </ol>	<b>14</b>
Lake Ruataniwha (South End)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No camping allowed from 23rd December to the second Monday in January (inclusive)</li> <li>2. No camping within 20 m of the lakeshore</li> <li>3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained camping.</li> </ol>	<b>15</b>

Some freedom camping areas are limited in the number of spaces available. Where limitations are imposed, the maximum number of available spaces is identified in the parameters for each area. If these spaces are occupied, campers need to choose another camping site or a camping ground.

Campers found outside the designated parking spaces or staying longer than overnight will be moved on by authorised officers.

## 6. Areas Where Freedom Camping is Prohibited

Location	Parameters/Restrictions	Map Number
Lake Opuha (3 sites)	No camping allowed from 23rd December to the second Monday in January (inclusive)	<b>1 2 3</b>
Lake Ruataniwha (North End)	No camping allowed from 23rd December to the second Monday in January (inclusive)	<b>14</b>
Lake Ruataniwha (South End)	No camping allowed from 23rd December to the second Monday in January (inclusive)	<b>15</b>
Church of the Good Shepherd	No camping at any time	<b>16</b>
Tekapo Commercial Centre	No camping at any time	<b>17</b>



Map 1



Map 2



Map 3



Map 4



Map 5





Map 6



Map 7



Map 8



Map 9





Map 10



Map 11





Map 12



Map 13



Map 14



Map 15

## Schedule 1 - Mackenzie District Council Care Code

Mackenzie District Council land is for the benefit of all residents and visitors. Reserves and public areas are treasured by the community. Be considerate to other users.

Please:

- Help us treasure and protect the Mackenzie District's beautiful spaces and places.
- Keep vehicles to formed public tracks and parking areas. Keep clear of road ends with private gateways/thoroughfares as private landowners need access to their properties at all times.
- Use designated areas for rest stops or camping.
- Use public toilets or on-board facilities, and dump stations to empty campervan toilets and wastewater.
- Refrain from toileting on the ground or in the bush or forest.
- Take all rubbish with you when you leave.
- Place litter in rubbish receptacles or take it with you.
- Refrain from using waterways for bathing, washing clothes or dishes.
- Discharge black water (sewage) and grey water (sink and hand basin water) at designated wastewater dump stations only.
- Fires are prohibited unless in supplied BBQ areas and fireplaces and are not occurring in a restricted fire season.
- Respect our natural and cultural heritage.
- Treat all New Zealand's wildlife and plants with care. Many are unique and often rare.

### Reporting problems

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Mackenzie District Council's facebook page: [www.facebook.com/mackenziedistrict](https://www.facebook.com/mackenziedistrict)

## **STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL**

### **Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014**

#### **1. Introduction**

The Mackenzie District Council is proposing to introduce a new bylaw. The bylaw would be called the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014. The bylaw identifies areas within the Mackenzie District where Freedom Camping is controlled by prohibiting or restricting camping.

Council must follow the special consultative procedure when considering a new bylaw. This Statement of Proposal has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, and includes:

- the reasons for the proposal
- the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014.

#### **2. Proposal, Reasons for the proposal and Determinations**

The Council proposes to adopt a new Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014. There is no existing Freedom Camping Bylaw in the Mackenzie District under the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Freedom camping is popular, enabling campers to experience the Mackenzie District, but it can have negative impacts. These can include:

- pollution of the environment and resulting potential health issues, including unsanitary issues associated with human waste
- freedom campers restricting other individuals and groups access to areas, including but not limited to:
  - lakeshore areas used by a range of visitors and recreational users
  - popular tourist and visitor sites
  - commercial and business areas.

The Council recognises that freedom camping is regulated by the Freedom Camping Act 2011. Under this Act, freedom camping is permitted on all public land controlled or managed by it unless the Council prohibits or restricts freedom camping in some areas through a bylaw, for one or more of the following purposes:

- to protect the area
- to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area
- to protect access to the area.

Restrictions cannot be imposed for any reason other than those outlined above. It is recognised that the Council may not make a bylaw that has the effect of prohibiting freedom camping on all of its land in the District.

The Council proposes a considered approach to the management of freedom camping within the Mackenzie District. The draft Bylaw is only one of the tools that will be used to manage freedom camping within the District. The Council is seeking to encourage freedom camping in appropriate locations through the development and implementation of a Freedom Camping Strategy. This Strategy will provide information and encourage freedom campers to locate in areas where the activity is appropriate. The Strategy is a non-statutory approach seeking to promote positive outcomes from freedom camping within the District.



The Council carefully considered whether a bylaw is necessary and proposes that a regulatory approach is taken for particular areas of the District. The Council is proposing two areas where freedom camping will be prohibited and five areas where Freedom Camping will be restricted.

The two areas where freedom camping is identified to be prohibited are as follows:

1. *The area around the Church of the Good Shepherd in Tekapo.* This site is an iconic tourist location and subject to a high number of visitors throughout the daytime and in the evening. The area offers outstanding views over Lake Tekapo towards the Southern Alps. Freedom camping is proposed to be prohibited in this area:
  - To protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. This area has no public toilets in the immediate vicinity. Given the high level of visitors, any risk of human waste being left in the environment poses significant risk to public health and enjoyment of the area.
  - To protect access to the area. This area is one of the most visited sites within Tekapo and has a high number of visitors throughout the day and in the evening. In order to ensure that all people can readily access the area it is not appropriate for freedom camping to be undertaken at this location.
2. *The commercial area of Tekapo.* This area is the main commercial centre within Tekapo and is subject to a high number of workers and visitors in the early morning, daytime and evening. Freedom camping is proposed to be prohibited in this area:
  - To protect access to the area. This area is the commercial centre of Tekapo. The key function of the area is to facilitate and enable the operation of commercial businesses. The public areas in this location are used for car parking associated with the surrounding businesses. In order to protect access to the area for businesses and customers it is not appropriate for freedom camping to be provided for.

The five areas where freedom camping is proposed to be restricted are:

- Lake Opuha - Bennetts Road
- Lake Opuha - Hayes Road
- Lake Opuha - Opuha Gorge Road
- Lake Ruataniwha - North End
- Lake Ruataniwha - South End.

The restrictions proposed are the same for each area, being that freedom camping is restricted to self-contained camping, that no camping occur within 20 m of the lakeshore and that no camping is allowed from 23 December to the second Monday in January, inclusive. The reasons for the restrictions are:

- To protect health and safety of people who may visit the area. While these areas to have some basic toilet facilities, these are only sufficient to accommodate current levels of day visitors and not people camping overnight. Therefore, camping is proposed to be restricted to self-contained camping only. This means people will provide their own ablution facilities and not impose any additional pressure on the current facilities.
- To protect access to the area. These areas are all lakeside areas and popular for visitors for undertaking a range of recreational activities. Over the Christmas and New Year period, access to the lakes becomes congested due to the high number of visitors. In order to ensure that all visitors enjoy the local amenities and the lake environments, camping during the most intensive visitor period is restricted. In addition, no camping is provided for within 20 m of the lakeshore to ensure that open access to the lakes is available to everyone.

The Council considers the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw is necessary to manage freedom camping in the District.

The Council also considers that the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw is consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, and does not unlawfully interfere with the rights of people to move around the Mackenzie District. The Council only seeks to impose justifiable and reasonable limitations on persons in the interest of reducing impacts on public health and safety, and public access.

The Council considers that the proposed Bylaw is the most appropriate and proportionate way of promoting responsible freedom camping in the District while minimising negative impacts.

### **3. Process to date**

The Council has worked through a process to consider the need and desirability of developing a Freedom Camping bylaw in accordance with requirements of the Local Government Act 2002. This process included:

- review of the current Council practice with respect to management of areas including camping areas
- consideration of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990
- consultation with the Council's Community Boards
- consultation with parties with a special interest in freedom camping including; the Department of Conservation, the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association and existing camping ground operators within the Mackenzie District.

Taking the above into account, the Council has prepared the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 and is now seeking your feedback on what is proposed. You can tell Council what you think by making a submission - please see below for information on how to do this.

### **4. How to provide your feedback**

Anyone can make a submission about the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014. The Council welcomes your views.

To make a submission, simply write, setting out what you agree with, what you don't agree with, and why. Submissions forms are available from the Council's website, or from the Council offices in Main Street, Fairlie or Market Place, Twizel, freephone 0800 685 8514.

The submission period closes at **3pm on Friday 21 November 2014.**

You can make a submission by:

- posting it to: Mackenzie District Council, PO Box 52, Fairlie 7949
- emailing it to: [info@mackenzie.govt.nz](mailto:info@mackenzie.govt.nz)
- faxing it to: (03) 685 8533
- delivering it to the Council Offices in Fairlie or Twizel.

If you have any queries regarding this proposal or about how to make a submission, please contact Garth Nixon on (03) 685 6390 or email [garth@mackenzie.govt.nz](mailto:garth@mackenzie.govt.nz).

Submissions to the draft Bylaw will be heard at a hearing in the council chambers in Fairlie on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.** If you wish to be heard, you will need to keep your

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Submitters should note that their submission will be copied, made available to the public, and considered by the Council in a meeting which is open to the public.





## **MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2014**

## FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2014

### 1. SHORT TITLE

- 1.1 This bylaw is the “Mackenzie District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014”.
- 1.2 This bylaw comes into force on \_\_\_\_\_ 2014.

### 2. PROCEDURE AND COMMENCEMENT

- 2.1 This Bylaw is made under:
- (a) The Local Government Act 2002; and
  - (b) Section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011.
- 2.2 This bylaw comes into force on \_\_\_\_\_ 2014.
- 2.3 Every Schedule to this Bylaw shall be deemed to form part of the Bylaw.
- 2.4 This Bylaw shall have the effect of repealing the Mackenzie District Council Camping on Roadways and Reserves Bylaw adopted in 2010.

### 3. INTERPRETATION

- 3.1 In this Bylaw, unless the context requires otherwise:

**Act** means the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

**Campsite** means a site used for freedom camping in a local authority area.

**Council** means the Mackenzie District Council or any Committee of the Council or officer delegated to exercise the authority of Council.

**District** means the territory of Council.

**Enforcement Officer** has the same meaning as contained in Section 4 of the Act.

**Freedom Camp** has the same meaning as freedom camp in Section 5 of the Act.

**Local authority area** is:

- (a) an area of land-
  - (i) that is within the District of the Council; and
  - (ii) that is controlled or managed by the Council under any enactment; and
- (b) includes any part of an area of land referred to in paragraph (a); but
- (c) does not include an area of land referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) that is permanently covered by water.

**Offence** has the same meaning as contained in Section 4 of the Act.

**Person** includes a corporation and also a body of persons whether corporate or unincorporated.

**Public notice** means the same as in Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2002 and 'published' and 'publicly notified' have corresponding meanings.

**Self-contained camping** means camping in a self-contained vehicle or by alternative means providing that the individual camper(s) have the capability of meeting the ablutionary and sanitary needs of occupants of the camp for a minimum of three days without requiring any external services, relying on public facilities or discharging any waste.

**Self-contained vehicle** means a vehicle designed and built for the purpose of camping which has the capability of meeting the ablutionary and sanitary needs of the occupants of that vehicle for a minimum of three days without requiring any external services or discharging any waste and complies with New Zealand Standard 5465:2001, as evidenced by the display of a current self-containment warrant issued under New Zealand Standard Self Containment of Motor Caravans and Caravans, NZS 5465:2001.

#### **4. PURPOSE**

4.1 The purpose of this Bylaw is to regulate and manage freedom camping in local authority areas and its effects on the Mackenzie District community and environment to:

- (a) protect local authority areas;
- (b) protect the health and safety of people who may visit local authority areas; or
- (c) protect access to local authority owned or controlled areas.

4.2 This Bylaw is intended to encourage responsible freedom camping in the Mackenzie District. The principles by which freedom camping is regulated to meet the purpose of this Bylaw are set out below:

- (a) The District welcomes visitors who camp responsibly, respect public and private property and follow some simple rules to protect our community and our environment.
- (b) Some controls on freedom camping are necessary to protect our community and environment.
- (c) Freedom camping carries with it the responsibility to respect the community by protecting the environment from harmful contamination or fouling.
- (d) Freedom campers are expected to remove all waste and not cause any damage to the areas they use.

#### **5. LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS WHERE FREEDOM CAMPING IS PERMITTED**

5.1 Freedom camping is permitted in any local authority area within the District unless restricted or prohibited in an area:

- (a) in accordance with this Bylaw; or;

- (b) under any other enactment.

## **6. PROHIBITION ON FREEDOM CAMPING**

- 6.1 No person may freedom camp in any Prohibited Freedom Camping Area within the local authority area, as identified in Schedule 1 of this Bylaw.

## **7. RESTRICTIONS ON FREEDOM CAMPING**

- 7.1 A person may freedom camp within the local authority areas identified in Schedule 2 of this Bylaw but subject to the restrictions set out in that Schedule for any particular area.

## **8. PRIOR CONSENT FROM COUNCIL**

- 8.1 The Council may grant consent to waive freedom camping restrictions in any of the areas identified in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 of this Bylaw.
- 8.2 Any application for consent must be made in writing to the Council at least two weeks in advance of the date planned for freedom camping within the relevant area.
- 8.3 A person freedom camping in accordance with a consent granted under clause 8.1 must comply with any conditions of consent.
- 8.4 A Council Officer may revoke a consent granted under clause 8.1 by giving a direction for the person to leave the camping area where that person has:
  - (a) acted in a manner likely to endanger the health and safety of other people;
  - (b) damaged or is likely to cause damage to the site;
  - (c) breached any of the conditions included in any consent.

## **9. CLOSURE OF FREEDOM CAMPING AREA**

- 9.1 The Council may temporarily close or restrict entry to any overnight freedom camping area or part of any freedom camping area where such restriction is considered necessary by Council to:
  - (a) prevent damage to the local authority area or facilities in the area; or
  - (b) allow maintenance to the local authority area or facilities thereon; or
  - (c) protect the safety of persons or property; or
  - (d) allow or facilitate public access.

## **10. OFFENCES**

- 10.1 As specified by section 20(1) of the Act, every person commits an offence who:

- (a) freedom camps in a local authority area in breach of any prohibitions or restriction in this bylaw that applies to the area: or
  - (b) makes preparations to camp in a local authority area in breach of any prohibition or restriction in this Bylaw that applies to the area.
- 10.2 An Enforcement Officer may issue an infringement notice to anyone who the Enforcement Officer believes on reasonable grounds has committed or is committing an Infringement Offence as set out in section 20(1) of the Act.
- 10.3 Where any person is committing or has committed an offence under this Bylaw or the Act, that person must, on the request of an Enforcement Officer:
  - (a) leave the relevant area immediately; and
  - (b) supply their full name, date of birth, full address, telephone number and occupation to the Enforcement Officer, as well as those same details for any other person connected in any way with the alleged offence.

## **11. PENALTIES**

- 11.1 As specified by section 23(1) of the Act, every person who commits an offence pursuant to section 20(1)(a) and (c) of the Act is liable to an infringement fine of \$200.
- 11.2 The enforcement officer may also take such other action against the permit holder as authorised by this Bylaw or the Act as the Enforcement Officer deems necessary. It shall not be a precondition to taking such other action that a permit is revoked.

### **Schedule 1 – Prohibited Freedom Camping Areas**

A person must not freedom camp in any prohibited area within the Mackenzie District, as identified in Schedule One: Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping, without the prior written consent of the Council.

#### **Church of the Good Shepherd, Tekapo**

The Church of the Good Shepherd area is located within the Tekapo Township, on and adjacent to Pioneer Drive. Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of this area shown on Diagram 1 highlighted blue.



Diagram 1: Church of the Good Shepherd, Tekapo

#### **Tekapo Commercial Area, Tekapo**

The Commercial Centre in Tekapo township is shown on Diagram 2. Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of this area shown on Diagram 2 highlighted blue.



Diagram 2: Commercial Centre, Tekapo township

## Schedule 2 – Restricted Freedom Camping Areas

Freedom Camping is provided for, subject to the restrictions specified for each area. Any restrictions must be complied with unless the prior written consent of the Council is obtained.

### Lake Opuha - Bennetts Road

1. No camping is allowed from 23rd December to the second Monday in January (inclusive).
2. No camping within 20 m of the lakeshore.
3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained camping.



### Lake Opuha - Hays Road

1. No camping is allowed from 23rd December to the second Monday in January (inclusive).
2. No camping within 20 m of the lakeshore.
3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained camping.



### **Lake Opuha - Opuha Gorge Road**

1. No camping is allowed from 23rd December to the second Monday in January (inclusive).
2. No camping within 20 m of the lakeshore.
3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained camping.





### Lake Ruataniwha (North End)

1. No camping is allowed from 23rd December to the second Monday in January (inclusive).
2. No camping within 20 m of the lakeshore.
3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained camping.



### Lake Ruataniwha (South End)

1. No camping is allowed from 23rd December to the second Monday in January (inclusive).
2. No camping within 20 m of the lakeshore.
3. Freedom camping is restricted to self-contained camping.



# Mackenzie District Council

## SUBMISSION FORM

**Post, fax, email or hand deliver your submission by  
3pm on Friday, 21 November, 2014**

Which bylaw, strategy or policy are your comments about? Please use a separate form for each bylaw or policy that you want to comment on.

- ☐ Draft Freedom Camping Strategy 2014
- ☐ Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014
- ☐ Draft Dog Control Bylaw 2014
- ☐ Draft Dog Control Policy 2014
- ☐ Draft Mobile Shops and Traders Bylaw 2014
- ☐ Draft Market Place Liquor Ban Bylaw 2014
- ☐ Draft Wastewater Network Bylaw 2014
- ☐ Draft Water Supply Bylaw 2014
- ☐ Draft Downlands Water Supply Bylaw 2014

**Please indicate whether you wish to be heard at a hearing:**

- ☐ I wish to be heard in support of my submission
- ☐ I **do not** wish to be heard in support of my submission

Full name of submitter: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return to the Mackenzie District Council by:**

- posting it to: Mackenzie District Council, PO Box 52, Fairlie 7949
- emailing it to: [submissions@mackenzie.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@mackenzie.govt.nz)
- faxing it to: (03) 685 8533, or
- delivering it to the council offices in Main Street, Fairlie or Market Place, Twizel.

**Enquiries: (03) 685-9010 or 0800 685-8514**

My submission(s):

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Mackenzie Lotto Plus  
9/10 Market Pl,  
Twizel

30.10.14

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to express my concerns with regards to the poor state of the rubbish bins in the Market Place over Labour weekend.

Rubbish overflowed for 2 days (Sunday 10.00 am until 12.00pm Monday). Horribly good enough.

I have a lot of money invested in Twizel as well as a lot of pride & I wouldn't like to imagine what the visitors to our town thought of the state of things in the Market Place during this long weekend. Not a good look.

Also I would like to see something done A.S.A.P. about the dogs, bikes etc. in the Market Place.

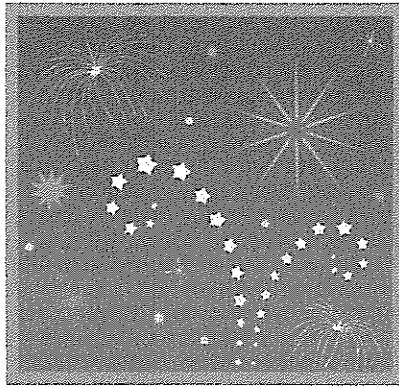
There is a by law with regards to these & so it needs to be enforced Before someone is badly hurt.

Come on councillors please do something to correct these serious problems.

Thank you

04 NOV 2014

Yours faithfully  
Rose Golding



It is that time of the year again where  
**TWIZEL VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE**  
Are looking for donations for the yearly  
Fireworks display we put on  
For the community  
We are looking for a donation of \$50-00

It is a great night for the community and we would like to  
Thank you in advance for your donation

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