

# News & Information

## from Mackenzie District Council



## Township Spatial Plans - Community Engagement Results

Mackenzie District Council has received a strong response to the community survey about the Mackenzie Spatial Plans. The survey was launched on 18 September and ran through to 30 October, with over 300 people taking part. The purpose was to understand what the community thinks about how future growth might be accommodated for the towns of Fairlie, Tekapo (Takapō) and included concept plans for the smaller rural settlements of Albury, Kimbell and Burkes Pass. The responses have been analysed and loaded into an online interactive platform that allows the results to be investigated by a range of demographic markers. These results are now publicly available on the Mackenzie District Council's website. In addition to the the online material, a large number of written responses were either emailed or mailed to Council. A summary of these responses is available on Council's 'Let's Talk' engagement platform ([letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz/mackenzie-spatial-plans](http://letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz/mackenzie-spatial-plans)).

The results are being used by the project team to help identify preferred options for each town, which will be shared with the community for another round of community engagement. This will inform any final changes or improvements to the plans, which will then be presented to Council for approval. The preferred options identified through the survey are below:

Fairlie – Option C: Constrained Growth (45.5%)

Takapō – Combination of Option A: Corridor Growth (35.5%) and Option C: Contained Growth (34.6%)

Twizel – Combination of Option A: Corridor Growth (37.9%) and Option B: Clustered Growth (36.4%)

Mayor Graham Smith says the results show high level of passion from each community. "We've had great levels of feedback from across the district, through the online survey, written responses and drop-in sessions. What comes as no surprise is that there are significant differences in each community and we'll need to keep that in consideration as we work through the next stages of the project. I encourage you to take part in the next part of the process - the more responses we receive, the better we can align the final daft to the wants and needs of the community."

The Spatial Plans will outline a 30-year vision for the district and will be used to inform the District Plan review process, which will be underway later in the year. They will also be used to inform Council investment and strategic planning.

## Long Term (10 Year) Plan

### What is the Long Term Plan?

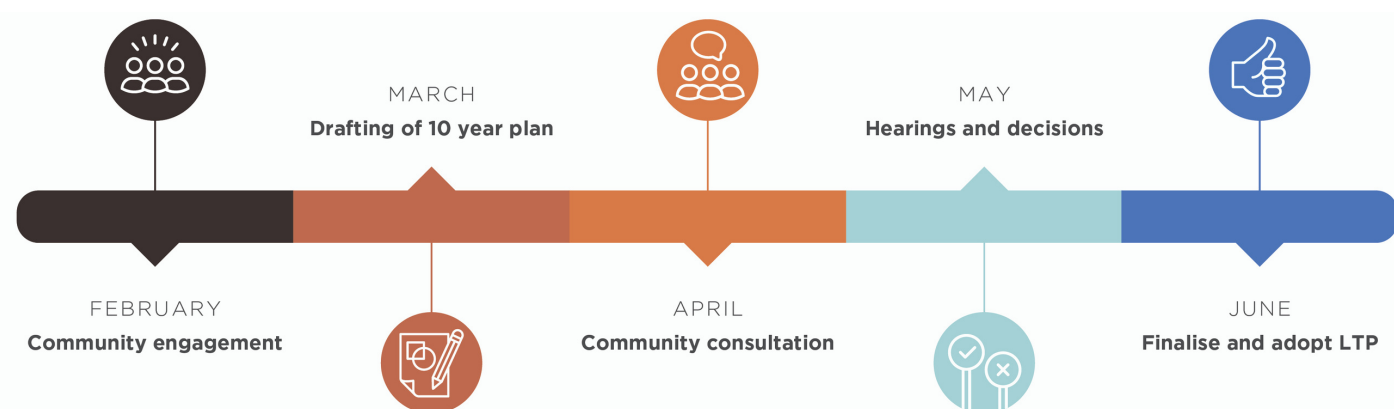
The Long Term Plan (LTP) sets out everything we intend to deliver for the District over the next ten years, and how we intend to fund it. The plan outlines the services and activities that we will provide, the projects we will carry out and the levels of service the community can expect. The plan also includes how much we expect things to cost, how they will be paid for, and what that means for rates and debt levels. An LTP looks a decade ahead, but is reviewed and consulted on every three years. An annual plan is prepared for the years in between.

### Why is it important?

There are a number of significant projects underway that will guide our investment over the next ten years. These include the Spatial Plans, the District Plan Review, Te Manahuna Ki Uta/Destination Mackenzie and more. We are also dealing with the longer term effects of COVID-19, which will continue to impact our district into the future. We face challenges around major issues like climate change, government driven drinking water, wastewater and storm water reforms and other central government initiatives. Council thinks we needs to do more of what we've been doing – improving our infrastructure, upgrading parks, reserves and facilities, and planning for the future. If we continue to invest, we'll be making our communities better places to live, work and visit, and helping our economic recovery.

### How can I have my say?

The LTP affects every single person in our district and is developed through discussion with our residents and ratepayers, outlining a proposed work plan and how we propose to fund it. We will be undertaking early engagement with the community to help us better understand the issues you think are important and what we should be focusing on. This will help us inform our draft LTP which will be formally consulted on later on in the year.



## Fairlie Community Skatepark nearing completion

Congratulations to Heartlands Fairlie and the Skatepark group who are close to completing the new skatepark on the Fairlie Village Green. The group undertook local fundraising and applied to Lotto who provided the majority of the funding. The Fairlie Community Board also supported the project, and Council have been pleased to assist by project managing the construction process. We were excited to see the concrete being poured last week and look forward to seeing the skatepark in use. Thank you to all in the community who have donated time and resources to the project - what a great example of what can be achieved when we combine resources and work together! Look out for details of the opening in the Fairlie Accessible.

## Bylaw Review Process

Bylaws are rules made by Council under the Local Government Act 2002 (the "Act") which affect the way we live, work and play. They are created for the purpose of:

- Protecting the public from nuisance;
- Protecting, promoting, and maintaining public health and safety; and
- Minimising the potential for offensive behaviour in public places.

Bylaws are also made to regulate activities such as solid waste and to manage, regulate and protect Council infrastructure from damage, misuse or loss, including the public water supply network and cemeteries.

Bylaws are reviewed every five to ten years. This process involves engagement and in some case more formal consultation to make sure our bylaws are fit for purpose and reflect the needs and aspirations of the community. In the coming months we will be reviewing the following bylaws:

Dog Control Bylaw	Mobile Shops & Traders Traders Bylaw	Liquor Ban Bylaw
Water Supply Bylaw	Downlands Water Supply Bylaw	Wastewater Network Bylaw
Solid Waste Bylaw	Cemeteries Bylaw	

Following feedback from residents and ratepayers, Council have asked staff to draft a number of new bylaws including:

Keeping of Animals, Poultry & Bees Bylaw      Parking Bylaw

For both new and existing bylaws, we will undertake engagement to understand the view and aspirations of our communities before staff prepare drafts. More information on how to have your say will be provided once the review process is underway.

## Dates of Upcoming Meetings

9 February	Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 9.30am
10 February	Tekapo Community Board	Community Hall, Tekapo, 3pm
2 March	Engineering & Services Committee	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 9.30am
2 March	Commercial & Economic Development Committee	Council Chambers, Fairlie
2 March	Strategy Committee	Council Chambers, Fairlie
2 March	Planning & Regulation Committee	Council Chambers, Fairlie
15 March	Twizel Community Board	Event Centre, Twizel, 3pm
16 March	Audit & Risk Committee	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 1pm
17 March	Tekapo Community Board	Community Hall, Tekapo, 3pm
18 March	Fairlie Community Board	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 4.30pm
23 March	Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 9.30am

Committee meetings follow the preceding meeting and so start times will vary. The public are welcome to attend meetings. Occasionally times and venues change so please call and check beforehand. There is a public forum at the beginning of each Council and Community Board meeting and members of the public are invited to address elected members on relevant matters. Agendas are available on the Council website at least two working days before each meeting.

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