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Mackenzie DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

TOMORROW'S MACKENZIE
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Mackenzie District Council is planning for the future with a review of the Mackenzie District Plan. We're updating the District Plan to ensure it ensures we can grow in a sustainable way, while protecting the things that make the Mackenzie District special.

What is the district plan?

A District Plan is essentially the rule book that sets district-wide rules for sustainably managing how people use, subdivide and develop land, what and where they can build and also what kind of activities they can undertake. The Plan also controls any adverse effects an activity could have on the neighbourhood and protects the uniqueness of our district by looking after our heritage, cultural values, outstanding landscapes and coastal environment among other matters.

Why are we reviewing the district plan?

The Mackenzie District Plan (District Plan) is currently 15 years old and needs to be reviewed and updated to better respond to the effects of growth, bring it into line with national and regional planning instruments, and implement the newly created Mackenzie Spatial Plans.

The effects of growth and development are being felt across the Mackenzie District, both positive and negative. The current planning framework is outdated and has not kept pace with growth. This is leading to outcomes that were not anticipated when the operative District Plan was drafted and are affecting the communities of the Mackenzie.

There are a number of issues at play in the Mackenzie District that are creating pressures for both locals and visitors while impacting infrastructure and amenity values. Four key problems have been identified by elected members that need to be addressed.

- Uncoordinated and fragmented development is enabled, disrupting social and economic wellbeing, putting pressure on infrastructure.
- Failure to protect our natural landscapes, water and indigenous biodiversity, erodes Mackenzie's unique environment.
- Mana whenua values and footprint are missing, reducing the strength of the plan & inhibiting the ability of our tangata and mokopuna to thrive.
- The outdated and permissive nature of the plan, results in inconsistent and ad hoc decision making, creating perverse and undesirable outcomes.

What are we trying to achieve?

These are the District Plan Review's investment objectives:

- Improved social and economic outcomes, and resilience
- Enhancing and protecting our natural environment and landscapes.
- Mana whenua values are protected and integrated for future generations.
- The plan is fit for purpose & future focused.

Partnering with mana whenua and the community, the District Plan will look to raise the bar for the future of the Mackenzie District. It will ensure MDC can manage the effects of growth while planning for the future. It will also ensure the environmental, social and economic needs of each community are provided for.

How are we going to do it?

It is proposed to work through the plan in stages which, once complete, will achieve a fully replaced district plan in the National Planning Standard format. The objective is to give effect to all relevant regional and national statutory documents via this process. The development of each chapter will include a review to ensure regional and national compliance, with specific provisions or cross references included where appropriate.

How do I have a say?

Visit our District Plan Review engagement page at 'Lets Talk' - letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz/mackenzie-district-plan-review - to learn more and find out about how you can be part of the conversation. If you would like to know more, or sign up for further notifications, please email districtplan@mackenzie.govt.nz and request to be added to the District Plan Review mailing list.

MTFJ - Shannon Graham, Damon Smith Electrical Ltd

Shannon Graham always knew she wanted to do a practical and hands on job. She was able to do her Gateway placement with Damon Smith Electrical Ltd in Fairlie.

Shannon spent 2021 learning about all the different aspects of electrical work, thoroughly enjoying it.

Damon Smith, owner of Damon Smith Electrical Ltd, was impressed with Shannon's ability and enthusiasm so offered her the opportunity to join the team and begin her apprenticeship.

Shannon was also a recipient of the Prime Ministers' Vocational Excellence Awards in 2021 where she received acknowledgement of her exceptional work through Gateway.

Damon met with Leaine Rush, Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) co-ordinator for the Mackenzie District, to discuss funding opportunities and was successful in receiving funding to assist with training costs, tools and PPE gear.

The Mackenzie District Council and MTFJ wish Shannon all the best with her new career.



Ohau Road Reserve Development Plan

The Ohau Road Reserve is an underutilised space directly bordering the new Four Lakes subdivision in Twizel. Council's goal is to enhance the Ohau Road Reserve by planting, landscaping, and adding features designed to increase the area's value for recreation and leisure.

These works are also being conducted to enrich the area's visual and ecological appeal and provide quality parks space for a growing part of the Twizel township. As this location is home to the new shared path to Lake Ruataniwha, we expect the development of this reserve to enhance users experience and provide shade and a stopping point for the path's users.

The reserve is what we classify as a "local park" and is not intended to attract large amounts of people but instead will service local needs. We plan for the Ohau Road Reserve to include:

- Informal play/grassed areas
- Seats
- Picnic tables
- A water fountain
- Plantings
- Trees (deciduous exotic, conifers, and natives)
- A playground
- Basketball half-court

We will ensure that plans are in place to minimise factors that may disrupt the general public:

1. Impacts on visitors and restrictions during works. We will mitigate this as far as possible this by scheduling works during quieter months of the year.
2. Noise complaints from residents over earth-works. Strict hours of work will be in place to reduce any disruption.

We're keen to hear your feedback before we finalise plans. All feedback will be considered by the Twizel community board before they make a final decision.

You can leave feedback at letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz/ohau-road-reserve-development-plan until 8 May 2022.



Tekapo Recycling Bin Clip Roll-out

With the implementation of the new green organic bins within the Tekapo township bin collection zone, focus is being given to the yellow recycling bin lids.

Traditionally, due to Tekapo's wind conditions, yellow recycling bin lids have been held in place using bungee cords.

With Envirowaste's bin collection trucks moving to an 'automatic arm' side loading system for yellow recycling bins, bungee cords are no longer to be used, due to incompatibility with the new system.

There are further safety and time issues with bungee cords, the collection truck driver leaving the cab to undo cords each time a yellow recycling bin is collected.

To replace bungee cords, Council are rolling out a new bin clip system to all yellow bins within the Tekapo township bin collection zone.

The bin clip, made from rubber, is physically attached to the bin and is designed to keep the bin lid closed when out in the wind, though releases when the bin is tipped into the bin truck. The bin clips are used for bin collections in several areas throughout New Zealand where there are strong wind conditions.

Roll-outs have taken place fortnightly throughout April. Later dates may be advised for bins not fitted with clips. For the contractors to install the clips, yellow recycling bins are to be left out at the kerb side until 5pm. The bin clip rollout is taking place in Tekapo only at this time, though may extend to other bin collection zones in due course.



Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday 10 May

- Extraordinary Council Meeting
- Engineering and Services Committee
- Commercial and Economic Development Committee
- Planning and Regulations Committee
- Strategy Committee

Council Chambers,
Committee meetings
start at 9.30am

Friday 20 May

- Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee

Starts 9:30am

COVID-19: Please note meetings may be re-scheduled or moved to zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please check our website for the latest information.

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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