

Inside an Emergency Response

From Monday 18 July to Wednesday 20 July Council 'activated' the Civil Defence 'EOC' to deal with the weather event. But what does that mean?

Essentially a group of Council staff and other experts gather to pool information and resources to manage the work that needs to be done in the best way possible. We call this 'activation'. The room where we meet and operate out of is called an EOC 'Emergency Operations Centre'.

There is usually a wide range of experiences and expertise in an EOC, and within we had the full range – Bernie Haar is a veteran with 51 years' experience working for local councils and managing emergency situations. Isaac Ryall is an intern working at Council during school holidays to support our IT department and this was his first experience of helping with a Civil Defence event.

Isaac, who made sure all the technology was working said, 'this was a really interesting learning experience and I enjoyed seeing how everything came together.'



Bernie Haar said 'It is at times like this that people look to their Council for information and it is always a pleasure to be able to work with Council staff and other agencies to provide support and coordination of response for the welfare of our communities.'



Genesis Tekapo Township Fund grants

The Lake Tekapo Kindergarten received a \$5000 grant from Genesis Tekapo Township Fund in 2021, with the funds received put into a new outdoor native plant area. Photos show the plant area under construction, assisted by students from the Kindergarten.



The funding round has been completed for 2022, and grants have been given as follows:

- \$7,500 to the Lake Tekapo Sports and Recreation Trust, seed funding for a new sports facility at Tekapo.
- \$7,627 to Tekapo Trails, towards gravel/metal on a planned new trail to Willow Bay.

Learn more about the Genesis Tekapo Township Fund grants here - www.mackenzie.govt.nz/community/grants-and-scholarships/genesis-tekapo-township-fund

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HE KAUPAPA HAPORI ORO HANGANGA

FUNDING FOR LOCAL ARTS PROJECTS

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN
FOR THE 2022 FUND

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SEPTEMBER 2 2022

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FOR DETAILS





We're developing an Age-Friendly Strategy for the Mackenzie District

What is this about?

Mackenzie District Council and partner agencies are working together to make our community a more Age-Friendly place to both live and to age successfully.

What's important to you?

We are developing a plan for our older people and want to know what is important to you as you age in the Mackenzie District

Complete our Age-Friendly Survey now! Our survey is online at letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz

Hard copies of the survey are available from Mackenzie District Council Fairlie and Twizel offices. To request hard copies, contact the Customer Services team on 0800 685 8514.

For further information, visit our Age-Friendly page at letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz



Have your say about life in Mackenzie District with a short survey, and go in the draw to win one of three \$100 cash prizes.

On behalf of the Mackenzie District Council, Research First is conducting Mackenzie District's annual Residents' Opinion survey. This is to inform the Council about its residents' opinions regarding services the Council offers. We would really like to hear your opinions and would appreciate you taking the time to fill out this survey.

Access the survey by scanning the QR code below, or you can use this link - bit.ly/Mackenzie-J3400

Printed copies are available and can be returned at:

Mackenzie District Council
53 Main Street, Fairlie
Market Place, Twizel



For more information please contact survey@researchfirst.co.nz or info@mackenzie.govt.nz

The survey will take around 15 minutes to complete, and your answers will remain anonymous. Everyone who completes the survey can choose to go into the draw to win one of three \$100 cash prizes. The survey is open until August 21, 2022.

Public Health Notice

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a cup-full of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.



We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

Dog Registrations Due

It's dog registration time.

For 2022 the penalty date been pushed out until the 31 August.

Don't forget, you can pay any time by calling into the council offices at Fairlie and Twizel with your details, or using the online dog registration form.



Grants Committee Members Required

Mackenzie District Council is looking for new grants committee members.

The council allocates grants twice a year. This works best if members of the community make the decisions on where the money should go. We need up to five volunteers who are willing to step forward and give their time twice a year as members of a grants committee.

We are looking for:

- People with an arts background to help allocate Creative New Zealand funding to local arts projects.
- People with a sports background to help allocate Sport New Zealand funding to local children's sports clubs and school sports teams.
- A spread of people from all three townships, and also rural areas.
- People with a Maori background.
- People with a community focus.

These positions are unpaid because we want all of the money to go into the community. But it's very rewarding to support worthwhile groups who are making a difference in people's lives. If you would like to register your interest, or need more information, please contact the grants officer, Arlene Goss - arlene.goss@mackenzie.govt.nz

Wherever you PAY RATES you can VOTE

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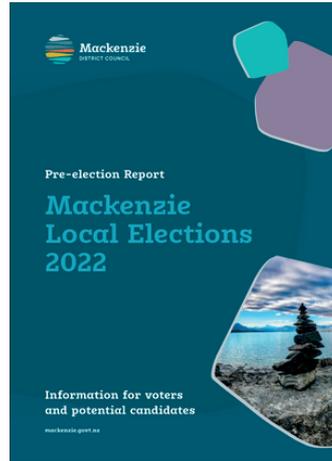
Pre-election Report

The 2022 Pre-election Report provides residents and ratepayers with information on the key challenges and opportunities facing our District as we head toward the Council tri-annual elections this October.

The Pre-election Report contains the following information:

- A report on compliance with Council's Financial Strategy set out in the 2018-2028 and 2021-2031 Long Term Plans. This includes a comparison of limits on rates, rate increases, debt and returns on investments and financial prudence benchmarks.
- A summary of key projects, challenges and opportunities.
- Financial statements for the three years preceding the election year, budgeted financial statements for the election year, and forecast financial statements for the three years following the election year.
- Details of the major projects planned to follow the election, including their rationale and costs.

The report is intended to help provide voters with the information they need to make informed decisions at election time. It is also offered as an overview to election candidates, setting out the Council's existing and future challenges and opportunities in a politically neutral context.



The report is available to view online at www.mackenzie.govt.nz/council/elections

Key Election Dates

Candidate nominations open	15 July 2022
Candidate nominations close at 12 noon	12 August 2022
Candidates announced	17 August 2022
Final Electoral roll certified by electoral officer	12 September 2022
Voting papers sent to enrolled voters	16 – 21 September 2022
Voting opens	16 September – 8 October 2022
Voting closes at 12 noon	8 October 2022
Progress and preliminary results published	8 October 2022
Final results announced	14 – 19 October 2022

Greater access for rural voters

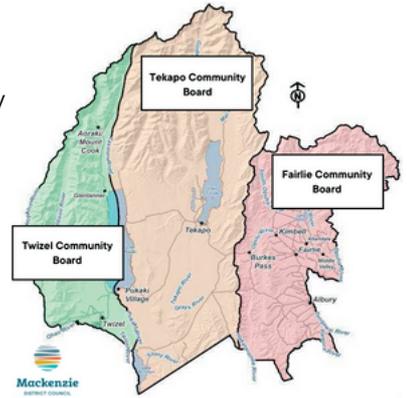
Rural folk in the Mackenzie District will get a greater say in democracy at this year's local government elections.

For the first time, voters who live in rural areas surrounding the townships of Twizel, Tekapo and Fairlie will be able to nominate and elect the members of those town's community boards.

The change comes due to public feedback received as part of a representation review held by Mackenzie District Council last year.

Council chief executive Angela Oosthuizen says at the last election only ratepayers living inside the town boundaries were able to vote for community board members. However, everyone in an area, including rural folk, used town facilities like swimming pools and parks and wanted to have a say on how they were run. The council put a proposal to the Local Government Commission to expand community board boundaries to include rural areas, and this was accepted.

"I hope rural ratepayers get a pleasant surprise when they open their voting papers this year and see they can vote for community board members," says Mrs Oosthuizen. "But I'm also hoping we get some rural people stepping forward to stand for election as well, because it's a good opportunity for them to get involved in their community."



Elections are being held for:

Mayor

Provides leadership to the other councillors, is a leader in the community and performs civic duties.

Councillors

Representing our three wards of Opuha (3), Pukaki (3) and Tekapo (1). Their role is to focus on strategic issues and regional plans, set policies, make regulatory decisions and review council performance.

Community Boards

Community Board Positions are available across the three boards of Twizel, Tekapo and Fairlie. Their purpose is to represent and act as an advocate for their community, provide an overview of local services and engage with community groups.

Annual Plan 2022/23

In the years when we do not produce a Long Term Plan, an Annual Plan is prepared to detail the work programme and expenditure for the coming year. The Annual Plan provides up to date budgets and information on specific areas of work Council plans to undertake for the next financial year.

The Annual Plan highlights any variations for the coming year from what was proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

Where there are significant variations, reasons are provided as well as the financial impact of these changes.

The financial year beginning 1 July 2022 is the second year of Mackenzie District Council's Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

The Long Term Plan sets out the Council's ten-year budget and work programme and is updated, in consultation with the community, every three years.

The Annual Plan is available online at www.mackenzie.govt.nz/pages/public-notices/2022/annual-plan-2022-23



Proposed Plan Change 20 - Strategic Direction Chapters

Pursuant to Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Mackenzie District Council (the Council) gives public notice of proposed Plan Change 20 to the Mackenzie District Plan.

Proposed Plan Change 20 is part of Stage 1 of the review of the Mackenzie District Plan and proposes to delete the following sections of the Mackenzie District Plan:

- Section 1 – Introduction
- Section 2 – Policy and Legal
- Section 3 – Definitions (in part)
- Section 4 – Takata Whenua

The Plan Change has been drafted in accordance with the National Planning Standards and proposes to add the following changes to the Mackenzie District Plan:

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| Part 1 – Introduction and General Provisions | Part 2 – District-wide Matters |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• How the Plan Works• Interpretation (in part)• National Direction Instruments• Mana Whenua | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic Direction |

These are the only changes within the scope of Plan Change 20, and changes to other provision of the Mackenzie District Plan are not within the scope of Plan Change 20.

All information on Plan Change 20, including the submission form, is available at

www.mackenzie.govt.nz/council/strategies-plans-and-reports/district-plan-changes-and-consultation

Paper copies of the Plan Change are also available for viewing at the Council Offices in Fairlie, 53 Main Street, and Twizel, Market Place.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on proposed Plan Change 20. Where a person can gain advantage in trade competition through a submission, then the person may only do so if the person is directly affected by an effect of the Plan Change that adversely affects the environment; and does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

A submission may be made via email and/or post.

Email

districtplan@mackenzie.govt.nz

Post Plan

Change 20 to the Mackenzie District Plan
Mackenzie District Council
PO Box 52, Main Street
Fairlie 7949

Submissions must be in the format prescribed by Form 5 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. Submission forms can be downloaded from Council's Website at www.mackenzie.govt.nz. Paper submission forms are also available at the Council Offices in Fairlie and Twizel.

The closing date for lodging a submission is 5.00pm, Friday 9 September 2022.

Once the closing date for submissions has passed, Council will publicly notify all submissions received, prepare a summary of submissions, and will allow a period for further submissions in support of, or in opposition to, those submissions already made.

A Council hearing for Plan Change 20 will then be arranged to consider all submissions. Anyone who has made a submission and indicated that they wish to be heard will have the right to attend the hearing and present their submission.

Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on the Plan Change to the Environment Court if in relation to a provision or matter that is the subject of the appeal, the person referred to the provision or matter in the person's submission on the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding Plan Change 20 or the submission process, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Department at 03 685 9010 or via email districtplan@mackenzie.govt.nz

Angela Oosthuizen, Chief Executive
On behalf of Mackenzie District Council

Notification Date: 15 July 2022