



Te Manahuna Ki Uta Mackenzie Destination Management Plan

How do we strike the right balance, keep what we love about living and visiting here in Mackenzie District, and create a more sustainable future for Te Manahuna/ the Mackenzie Basin?

The Te Manahuna Ki Uta (TMKU) /Destination Mackenzie Project has developed a long-term strategic Destination Management Plan for the Te Manahuna/ Mackenzie District as part of a wider tourism journey that includes Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park, the upper Waitaki Valley and the Lindis Pass. From the outset, mana whenua have been strongly involved.

The three rūnanga of Te Manahuna, Waihao, Moeraki and Arowhenua were key partners throughout the development of the Plan. TMKU has been borne out of extensive collaboration with mana whenua, government, industry, and community. The collaborative nature that has underpinned the entire development of the DMP has left all parties with a much better understanding of the views of other agencies, how we can work together in the future to achieve individual and joint ambitions. This is a model for future collaborative projects and opportunities.

TMKU sets out a carefully considered vision and set of principles to act as compass bearings for the future. The Vision developed is : Te Manahuna's wonders and treasures are restored, protected and thriving – to be loved and valued while sustaining us, our visitors, and those who come after us.

It is supported with a number of principles:

- Protecting our treasures
- Building enduring partnerships
- Thriving people and places
- A unique experience

Tourism has always been a key contributor to Te Manahuna's prosperity and wellbeing. It supports jobs and businesses, provides infrastructure for communities and visitors to enjoy, generates investment and promotes regional growth and wellbeing.

The past two years though have been difficult for our tourism operators, and we need to recognise the tough challenges they continue to face such as severe labour shortages as tourism slowly ramps back up. We need central government support to help mitigate the immigration issues currently challenging hospitality, and a more sustainable funding model for small local authorities needs to be developed incorporating user-pays elements to help support the development of tourism infrastructure.

The DMP outlines short-term, medium-term and long-term initiatives, that if actioned would have a significant and positive impact on the way tourism functions in the district. It involves the development of more activities and focuses on projects that are both sustainable and regenerative. These projects will need support from Central Government, the private sector, and Mackenzie District Council to succeed.

The goal of regenerative tourism is not just to keep tourism sustainable, but to leave sites even better than before the tourists arrived. Hopefully, our visitors come here for the views, but leave with an appreciation of our environmental values, Te Manahuna's natural wonders, and the shared stories and whakapapa of our place.

The full Te Manahuna Ki Uta document is available from Council's website - mackenzie.govt.nz
> Council Strategies > Plans and Reports Te Manahuna Ki Uta - Destination Mackenzie

Mayors Taskforce for Jobs - Lochie Smith - Adam Chitty Building

It was an opportunistic meeting at the Fairlie Bakehouse that led to Lochie Smith securing a labouring position with Adam Chitty Building.

Lochie had contacted Leaine Rush, Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) coordinator, wanting to secure a building apprenticeship. He was keen to gain a formal qualification under his belt to secure his future.

Adam had just lost an employee and was keen to take another labourer under his wings. Lochie has embraced this opportunity and working hard with the hope that Adam will offer him a building apprenticeship. Adam has been impressed with Lochie's ability and work ethic.

Mayor Graham Smith visited Adam and Lochie on site and had a great discussion about Lochie and his future plans.

Lochie has recently gained his restricted driver license with assistance from MTFJ, so that he can drive himself to and from work legally.

MTFJ and Mayor Graham are hopeful that Lochie will secure an apprenticeship and add to the ever growing number of quality builders in the Mackenzie District.



Council Staff learn about working in an Emergency Operations Centre

On October 4 council staff from Waimate, Timaru and Mackenzie District Councils took part in a training session to prepare them for working together in an emergency.

In an emergency trained Civil Defence personnel set up an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) which becomes the hub from which emergency responses are coordinated. This training for new staff from the three councils was to enable them to work effectively in an EOC, to understand the core roles and how they interact, and to be able to work effectively with in conjunction with the emergency services, partner agencies and community.

In recent weeks Mackenzie, Timaru and Waimate District Councils, who are all members of the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group, have been joining forces to run training as part of building capability to provide a professional and coordinated response during and after a major disaster.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has given Councils clear directions setting a vision of "New Zealand as a disaster resilient nation that acts proactively to manage risks and build resilience in a way that contributes to the wellbeing and prosperity of all New Zealanders". This training contributes to building resilience in our communities.

The training was delivered by Andrew Howe (Canterbury Group Civil Defence) and Phill Mackay (Timaru District Team leader Emergency Management Adviser). The training was also supported by Mark Offen and Joe Rush (Waimate and Mackenzie Emergency Management Officers).



Mackenzie County Educational Scholarship

The Trust has Scholarships available for the first year tertiary education of post Year 12 NCEA Level 2 level.

Applications are invited from students currently attending Mackenzie College or Twizel Area School; or who are residents of the Mackenzie District; or one of whose parents (or the student's principal guardian/caregiver) is a permanent resident of the Mackenzie District.

Learn more at mackenzie.govt.nz > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Mackenzie County Scholarship

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 2 November, sent through to sam.molyneux@mackenzie.govt.nz



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Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday 18 October	Swearing In Ceremony for Mayor and Councillors	5:30pm - 6:30pm
Monday 31 October	Extraordinary Council Meeting to Adopt Annual Report	9:30am - 10:30am
Tuesday 8 November	Inaugural Council Meeting	9:30am - 5:00pm
Monday 14 November	Inaugural Twizel Community Board Meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Wednesday 16 November	Inaugural Tekapo Community Board Meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday 17 November	Inaugural Fairlie Community Board Meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm
Tuesday 13 December	Council Meeting	9:30am - 2:00pm
Tuesday 13 December	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	2:00pm - 5:00pm

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.