

# News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



**Mackenzie**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Annual Plan for 2023/2024



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 2023 is the third 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 will be available for viewing on the [mackenzie.govt.nz](http://mackenzie.govt.nz) website in the coming weeks.

## 2021/22 Annual Report

Mackenzie District Council adopted the audited 2021/2022 Annual Report on 16 May 2023.

Revenue for the year was less than planned mainly because we received less income from subsidies and grants, and lower than expected timber sales. However, we did receive additional income from unbudgeted carbon credits, higher development and financial contributions, and vested assets.

We spent more than planned on forestry costs, corporate planning support and consultancy fees, road flood repairs and signage replacement.

During the year we successfully completed or progressed the following key projects:

- Secured \$500,000 grant funding which enabled the placement of 25 youth in employment within the district under the Mayor's taskforce for Jobs Scheme.
- Completed the Te Manahuna Ki Uta/Destination Management Plan, a multiagency strategic planning process for the Mackenzie District.
- At the Twizel Events Centre we completed essential remedial works addressing fire safety, compliance matters, and roofing repairs.
- Introduced a kerbside collection for organic waste.
- Activity started on the review of our outdated District Plan.
- Completed projects funded from the government's Stimulus Funding and the Department of Internal Affairs Tranche 1 Three Waters Funding including: preliminary design for the Fairlie Water Treatment plant, water pipe replacement in Twizel, Lake Tekapo/Takapō and Fairlie, Rural Water Safety Plans.



The 2021/2022 Annual Report is available to view at [mackenzie.govt.nz](http://mackenzie.govt.nz) > Council > Strategies, Plans and Reports

## Feedback on District Plan Rural Chapter and next steps

Stage Three of the Mackenzie District Plan Review is continuing to progress well.

MDC wants to thank everyone who contributed to the last round of consultation, whether it was completing the online survey, attending community open days, or getting in touch with the District Plan review team directly.

We had a great response to the survey and open days, and it's great to see so many people showing an active interest in the future of the district.

We are currently working through the feedback received and will be using it to inform the next stage of the process, as we look to develop the preferred approaches for the next round of plan changes.

We will be coming back to the community for additional feedback on these preferred approaches – this will be happening in late July, so stay tuned.

To find out more visit [mackenzie.govt.nz](http://mackenzie.govt.nz) > Council > Strategies, Plans and Reports > Strategies > District Plan Review



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DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW  
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## Tips for Winter Driving



Mackenzie District experiences severe winter driving conditions every winter. Often, these are the worst in the country, and can be life threatening.

Modern cars come with a myriad of safety features, however the most critical is the driver behind the wheel. A number of these safety features lose their effectiveness in snow, ice and driving rain. Note that having a 4WD vehicle does not exempt you from following these basic rules as although they may provide better traction they are still susceptible to black ice, fog, snow and other hazardous winter driving conditions.

Ideally, you should avoid driving in bad weather. If you must drive check the weather forecast – if you are heading out and the weather might turn on you, always choose the safer route over the quicker one. Be prepared, have your phone fully charged, stock your car for an emergency with items like blankets, gloves, hats, torches, first aid kit, tools, and always carry a plastic window ice scraper.

### Further winter precautions include:

- Being aware of black ice, which is particularly slippery – it can appear as a glossy sheen on the road but is sometimes impossible to spot. Black ice is most common on quiet roads.
- If you're travelling at dawn, be wary of frost.
- Accelerate smoothly and brake gently.
- On stormy and windy days, take corners slowly as trees or debris may have been blown onto the road.
- If you are involved in a crash, tell the police even if no one is injured. This type of information helps us to make improvements to the road where necessary.
- If you get stuck stay with your vehicle and keep everyone warm until help arrives
- In the event of an emergency call 111
- Being prepared for delays
- Drive more slowly than usual
- Watch out for maintenance vehicles, road information signs
- Not travelling unless you really need to.
- Respect of other drivers on the road to ensure we all arrive safely at our destination
- Maintain a greater following distance than you would in fine weather.
- Avoid sudden braking or sharp turns – these can cause skids.
- Dip your headlights on foggy, snowy, or very cloudy days.
- Use the lowest reasonable gear when travelling downhill, and the highest going uphill.
- Watch out for shady areas of the road on cold days, as ice will form faster and linger in these cooler spots.
- Slow down on bridges, flyovers, in tunnels, and shady patches on the road.

## Elevations of the Mackenzie District

When the weather forecast tells us to expect snow down to 600m do you wonder if that means you might get some snow? These are the elevations of some key points in our district.



## Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Date	Meeting	Time	Venue
Thursday 1 June	Fairlie Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Fairlie
Monday 26 June	Twizel Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Twizel
Tuesday 27 June	Council Meeting	9:30am - 4:00pm	Fairlie
	Citizenship Ceremony	4:00pm - 4:30pm	Fairlie
Friday 30 June	Extraordinary Meeting (Tentative)	9:30pm - 3:00pm	Fairlie
Monday 31 July	Tekapo Community Board meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Tekapo
Thursday 3 August	Fairlie Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Fairlie
Monday 28 August	Twizel Community Board meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Twizel
Tuesday 29 August	Council Meeting	9:30am - 2:00pm	Fairlie

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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