

TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD

Membership:

John Bishop (Chairman)
Bruce White
Phil Rive
Pat Shuker
Cr Russell Armstrong

Notice is given of a meeting of the Twizel Community Board to be held on Monday March 9, 2015, at 4.00pm.

VENUE: Council Service Centre, Twizel

BUSINESS: As per agenda attached

WAYNE BARNETT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Twizel Community Board

Agenda for Monday, March 9, 2015

APOLOGIES:

VISITOR:

Constable Joe Rush from NZ Police reporting on crime statistics.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MINUTES:

Confirm and adopt as the correct record the minutes of the meeting held on January 26, 2015.

MATTERS UNDER ACTION

REPORTS:

- 1. Financial Report (attached).
- 2. Community Facilities Update (attached).
- 3. Funding Request (attached).
- 4. Ward member's report (verbal report).
- 5. Reports from members who represent the community board on other committees (verbal report).

GENERAL BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Availability for workshop on 'Keeping Rates Affordable in the Long Term Plan' – suggested date Monday, March 23 (4pm for Twizel and 7pm for Tekapo).

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

<u>Resolve</u> that the public, be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

 Resource consent application and accompanying letters – Russell Armstrong.

each matter to be considered
Resource consent application and

accompanying letters

General subject of

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter

Maintain effective conduct through free and frank expression

Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution 48(1)(a)(i) This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows: Resource consent application and accompanying letters under section 7(2)(f)(i).

RESOLUTION TO RESUME OPEN MEETING

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRE, TWIZEL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015 AT 4.02PM

PRESENT:

John Bishop (Chairman)
Phil Rive
Bruce White
Pat Shuker
Cr Russell Armstrong

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Claire Barlow
Cr James Leslie
Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Geoff Horler (Utilities Manager)
Arlene Goss (Committee Secretary)
One member of the public

OPENING:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on November 17, 2014, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Bruce White/Russell Armstrong

TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

1. Town Projects:

a. Walkways:

Garth Nixon to follow up the rolling of Tekapo Drive from Mackenzie to Glen Lyon

- b. Tekapo Drive:
 - Work to take place this week.
- c. Lake Ruataniwha: Bollard fencing completed. Remove from list.
- d. Greenway fencing On target at present. Edging for greenway from Mackenzie Drive to Hunter Cres.
- e. Cemetery Completed

2. Demolition of Old Twizel PublicToilets:

Waiting to hear about asbestos. Garth Nixon to bring to a future meeting.

3. Bike Lockup:

More bike space to be created when old toilets and building are removed from town centre.

4. Twizel Youth Centre:

An update has been received. Repair work is continuing.

5. Overnight Camping:

No update

6. Traffic Issues at Maitland Place and Irishman Drive:

This work gets underway this week or early next.

7. Twizel Water Supply Upgrade:

Opus have also been asked to do a review of the cost of building a water scheme for Manuka Tce residents. This will go to the full council on February 3.

8. Climbing wall in Twizel Events Centre:

Shaun Norman to come up with a concept plan for a climbing wall and bring it back to the community board.

9. Security cameras for Market Place:

Cameras are installed.

10. Manhole on the corner of Mackenzie Drive and Ostler Road:

This has been fixed and can be removed from the list.

11. Christmas Decorations for Market Place:

These were bought and put up. Remove from list.

12. TPDA Lease Agreement:

Agreement finalised and with TPDA.

13. New Twizel Medical Centre:

Council has approved this and work has begun on the subdivision.

GENERAL BUSINESS - TOWN PLANNING AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Cr James Leslie addressed the board. He said he would like to open a discussion on the future direction of Twizel. The next 12 months will see a lot of change around Twizel including the new Medical Centre, Meridian building, and other projects both underway and planned.

He would like a review a previously-written report called "Twizel – The Future Starts Today" to determine where the town is going. He tabled the recommendations from this report and went through them. He noted progress or lack of progress on some of the items.

He said he would like to use this report as a basis and find out where it needs to be updated. He doesn't think there is a need to involve the community as much as they were involved last time, but would like to appoint a working group to go through it so the council

and community board have a 10-15 year view. He suggested setting up a group that includes community board members but also co-opts members of the community with suitable skills.

The community board discussed this. They want it to be an action group rather than a discussion group. Discussion was held on the cost of the projects outlined in the report and why the community boards of the past had decided not to move forward with some of the items. The chairman suggested calling another meeting for anyone who is interested to take the idea further.

Resolved that the submission from Cr Leslie be received and the community board look into this matter further.

John Bishop/Pat Shuker

Cr Leslie left the meeting at 4.27pm

FINANCIAL REPORT TO DECEMBER, 2014:

The purpose of this report was to update board members on the financial performance of the Twizel Community as a whole for the period to December, 2014.

The chairman asked that the columns be labelled on every page to allow a better understanding of the accounts.

On page 16, operational maintenance on the water supply shows a \$7000 overspend. Geoff Horler said this was due to needing to keep the pump shed going.

Resolved that the report be received.

Phil Rive/Russell Armstrong

FIRE RISK SECTIONS:

The purpose of this report was to advise the community board of progress in relation to managing fire risk sections, and discuss the option of introducing a bylaw to better manage this issue.

The Planning and Regulation Manager explained the background to this issue and asked for community board approval to approach land owners in Residential 3 and 4 areas regarding fire risk sections. He also suggested the board ask council for a bylaw that sets firm dates allowing staff to identify sections before they become a risk, and provides some teeth to address the issue.

Phil Rive read from a letter from Simon Fox, Chief Fire Officer, Twizel Volunteer Fire Brigade. A letter from Rex Miller was also tabled. Both these letters are attached to these minutes.

A discussion was held on water supply pressure to outlying suburbs. Utilities manager Geoff Horler said even with the new water supply upgrade he cannot increase water pressure without breaking the AC pipes. Discussion was held on the lack of water pressure to the end of the line at The Drive. It would cost more than one hundred thousand dollars to supply another pump for this area. The chief executive said staff needed to put information before the community board regarding the situation and the impact of the upgrade, with potential solutions.

The chairman asked if the water supply to The Drive would improve if the town stopped drawing so much water. Geoff Horler said it would be marginally better. Asset Manager Bernie Haar said he is working towards putting a new trunk main in to supply the western side of the town in the future.

Cr Armstrong asked if people on restricted supplies had been checked to see if they were complying with the provision of fire-fighting water. Planning and Regulatory Manager Nathan Hole said no, but he has recently been made aware of this and was planning to follow up.

The chairman suggested holding another meeting to discuss all the issues related to fire risk. Pat Shuker said she has talked to most of the people at Northwest Arch and handed out fire risk brochures. Most people agreed to trim their trees in winter to reduce risk.

Nathan Hole said a public meeting is being organised by Rural Fire Chief Rob Hands to discuss Twizel fire issues and this will occur on Feb 4th at 6.30pm. The community board would like to meet with Rob Hands before the public meeting and Nathan Hole was asked to organise this.

<u>Resolved</u> that the Community Board recommends to Council that a bylaw be introduced in relation to managing fire risk sections.

Bruce White/Pat Shuker

TWIZEL INFORMATION CENTRE:

The purpose of this report was to update the community board on the Twizel Information Centre and consider the hours of operation.

Garth Nixon said the number of people through the information centre door increased by a thousand, or 25% in one month. Peak periods were 10.30am to 2.30 or 3pm. He put some options before the community board to consider.

Discussion was held on winter hours and whether the Information Centre should be open on Sundays in winter. This period is fairly quiet. It might be worth looking at longer opening hours in school holidays.

The community board asked questions and discussed the issues. Cr Armstrong would like a 9.30am opening time at weekends. He moved that the community board accept option two with a change to a 9.30am opening time. He asked what the cost of this would be.

Garth Nixon said he could introduce this and come back if there are cost implications.

The Mayor asked how much local businesses have contributed. Garth Nixon has raised this with the TPDA and the response was flat. The chairman said it would be good if business people were involved in these issues.

<u>Resolved</u> that the Twizel Information Centre opening hours maintains the status quo and also opens from 9.30am to 3pm on weekends during the summer season and at school holidays and public holidays.

Russell Armstrong/Phil Rive

30 YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN:

The purpose of this report was to advise and consider the long term projections for delivery of the three waters service to Twizel as proposed in the draft 30 Year Infrastructure Plan and the 2015-25 Long Term Plan.

Following a presentation from the Asset Manager an update was given to the community board on the status of the land surrounding the waste treatment plant. An agreement has been reached with the landowner regarding the cost of the land and this project will be completed within two years.

Discussion was held on the type of pipes laid by the Ministry in the past and what it would be replaced with. The unique factors related to the nature of the ground and water in Twizel were explained.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Bruce White/Phil Rive

2. That the infrastructure renewal and upgrade programme as presented in the 30 Year Infrastructure Plan be approved for inclusion in the 2015-25 Long Term Plan and its subsequent consultation.

Bruce White/Phil Rive

WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Russell Armstrong reported from the last council meeting on matters that were resolved by council. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

There was nothing to report.

GENERAL BUSINESS – LETTER FROM DAVID POWER REGARDING TWIZEL EARLY LEARNING CENTRE:

The letter from Mr Power was considered by the community board. Cr Armstrong has attended a meeting of the Early Learning Centre and suggested they go to the school and look at an area near the kindergarten. Bruce White said it was likely that in a couple of years there would be talk of a new school and it would leave a stretch of land available. The chairman would like to respond to Mr Power to say his comments are noted and thank him. No decisions have yet been made on where the Early Learning Centre will go. The community facilities manager will reply to Mr Power.

GENERAL BUSINESS – TWO THUMB DRIVE PARKING PROPOSAL:

Bernie Haar presented a plan for additional parking to be provided at Two Thumb Drive. He showed an aerial photo of the area with a suggested outline for parking spaces and access driveways. There is enough space for 50 new parks.

The community board discussed the plan and debated making Tasman Road one way and asking council for a contribution towards the costs. The chairman would like to see some costings. Bernie Haar will provide costings at a future meeting.

Cr Armstrong asked for an update on repair to the tar seal in the car park outside the Twizel council office. This is continuing to provide problems and remedial work is being carried out.

GENERAL BUSINESS - TWIZEL BEDDING DISPLAY:

Garth Nixon spoke regarding a bedding display that will be lost with the construction of the Meridian building. He suggested two new flower beds on traffic islands on Tasman Road to compensate for what is being lost. The community board agreed this was a good idea. This work will happen just after Easter.

GENERAL BUSINESS – WATER AVAILABILITY FOR FIREFIGHTING and FIRE STATUS OF NORTH WEST ARCH RESIDENTS:

These items will be raised at the community board meeting with Rob Hands planned for February 4, 2015, prior to the public meeting being planned by Rob Hands for the community.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The chairman tabled a letter from G Welsh, D and M Shefford, A Booth, N and M Simpson, A and V Carpenter, all of Jollie Road, asking that trees namely Silver Birches and Oregons close to their properties be topped or removed due to blocking sunlight. Discussion was held on this issue. The chairman suggested the community board members look at this area in person before making a decision.

A further letter was tabled from Lyn Tilson asking for help to deal with dust on a gravel road near her house. This needs to go to the council as it is a roading issue. Bernie Haar said there is a list of roads being considered for a change to the speed limit and this road is on the list. He will recommend to council that it change to 50km/h for the first kilometer. Bernie Haar said he would respond to Lyn Tilson.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS	
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT	6.25pm
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CHAIRMAN:	
DATE:	

TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

1. Town Projects:

a. Greenway fencing – On target at present. Edging for greenway from Mackenzie Drive to Hunter Cres.

2. Twizel PublicToilets:

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3. Bike Lockup:

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4. Twizel Youth Centre:

An update has been received. Repair work is continuing.

5. Overnight Camping:

No update.

6. Traffic Issues at Maitland Place and Irishman Drive:

Work under way.

7. Twizel Water Supply Upgrade:

Opus have also been asked to do a review of the cost of building a water scheme for Manuka Tce residents. This went to full council.

8. Climbing wall in Twizel Events Centre:

Shaun Norman to come up with a concept plan for a climbing wall and bring it back to the community board.

9. New Twizel Medical Centre:

Council has approved this and work has begun on the subdivision.

10. Car Parking at Two Thumb Drive:

Bernie Haar to provide information on costs.

11. Future Direction for Twizel:

Councillor Leslie would like to open a discussion on the future direction of Twizel, the Community Board have resolved to look into this further.

12. Twizel Bedding Display on Tasman Road:

Two new flower beds to be installed just after Easter.

13. Tree Control on Jollie Road:

Community Board to view this area before making a decision.

14. Nuisance Dust Old Glen Lyon Road:

Bernie Haar wrote to Linda Tilson advising this matter would go on Agenda for Council. (Letter attached, sent 29/01/15).

15. **Early Learning Centre Location:**Suggestion of placing the centre near the kindergarten. Garth Nixon replying to Mr Power's letter.

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORT – JANUARY 2015

MEETING DATE: 9 MARCH 2015

REF: FIN 1/2/3

FROM: MANAGER – FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

ENDORSED BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

Attached is the financial report for the community board for the period to 31 January, 2015, the purpose of which is to update board members on the financial performance of the Twizel Community as a whole for that period.

Commentary will be provided for any significant variances.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report be received.

PAUL MORRIS WAYNE BARNETT

MANAGER – FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT
Activity Statement
For the period ended January 2015

Council - General Twizel
Twizel Community Board
Income
Targeted Rates
Total Income
Expenses
Members Expenses
Total Expenses

Full Year	Budget June 2015	10,200	10,200	10,200	10,200	E
	Variance		•	(358)	328) %	358 💥
YTD	Budget January 2015	2,950	5,950	5,950	2,950	
YTD	Actual January 2015	5,950	5,950	6,308	80£'9	(358)
LYTD	Actual January 2015	5,482	5,482	5,421	5,421	61

Investment Twizel Community Board

Income
Other Income
Internal Income
Total Income

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Internal Interest Income **Targeted Rates** Other Income

Total Income

Operational and Maintenance Administration Expenses Expenses Employment Expenses Depreciation Total Expenses

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67,620	11,669 2,6		80,306 2,39	. (25)	10,885 1,413	48,720 (6,87	41,657	101,262 (5,48	(20,956) 7,88
67,620	14,307	775	82,702	25	9,472	55,594	41,657	106,748	(24,046)
58,870	12,660	337	71,867	•	9,846	45,086	39,900	94,833	(22,966)

Twizel Community Sewerage Twizel Community Board Income	Targeted Rates	Financial Contributions	Internal Interest Income	Total Income	Evnancac	Consultancy Expenses	Administration Expenses	Operational and Maintenance

2,500	60,000	40,000	102,500
177 🗳	28,026 🖋	23,331 🔌	51,534 🎻
1,250	35,000	23,331	59,581
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,	32,185	1	32,185

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Depreciation Total Expenses

Capital Expenditure

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Total Sewer Capital Expenditure

Income					
Targeted Rates	173,427	250,208	250,208	>	428,940
Other Income	(1,690)	(3,727)	31	(3,727) 💥	50,542
Financial Contributions	16,866	r	Е	>	47,146
Internal Interest Income	17,910	17,316	1	17,316 🖋	I
Total Income	206,514	263,797	250,208	13,589 🔦	526,628
Expelises					
Consultancy Expenses	3,520	735	3,136	2,402 🖋	5,377
Administration Expenses	1,834	3,021	2,781	(240) 💥	4,071
Operational and Maintenance	83,657	129,905	105,259	(24,646) 💥	180,450
Internal interest Expense	I	E	26,270	26,270 🗸	75,288
Depreciation	92,931	124,999	124,999	-	214,296
Total Expenses	181,941	258,659	262,445	3,786 🖈	479,482
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	24,572	5,138	(12,237)	≥ 808′6	47,146
Capital Expenditure					

Twizel Community Water Supply

Twizel Community Board

1,094,482	1,347,456	252,974	35,780
>	1	1	(67,188)
1,012	1,456	444	1,110
(3,390)	1	3,390	1
5,831	5,831	r	1
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1,062,649 🔷	1,225,000	162,351	35,780
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0138980. Community Assets- Water Supply

0138999. Transfer to Assets Total Water Capital Expenditure

0138984. Water Meters

0138212. Servie Connections - New

0138251. Fire Hydrant Markers

0138206. Service Connections - Renewal

0138204. Headworks - Renewal

0138207. Town Reticulation - New

0138210. HeadWorks - New

0138211. Treatment - New

Twizel Investment income
Twizel Community Board
Income
Targeted Rates
Total Income

(4,480)	(4,480)	(4,480)
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(2,611)	(2,611)	(2,611)
(2,611)	(2,611)	(2,611)
(2,613)	(2,613)	(2,613)

Income

Targeted Rates **Total Income**

Expenses

Operational and Maintenance Depreciation **Total Expenses** Administration Expenses

14,775	14,775	2,400	12,375	4,000	18,775	(4,000)
-	•	% (698)	1,106 🐠	-	237 🗳	(237)
8,617	8,617	2,400	7,224	2,331	11,955	(3,338)
8,617	8,617	3,269	6,118	2,331	11,718	(3,101)
1,436	1,436	2,947	4,654	175	7,775	(6,339)
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Twizel Community Board Income

Targeted Rates Financial Contributions

Total Income

Internal Interest Income

Expenses

Consultancy Expenses Administration Expenses Operational and Maintenance

Depreciation

Total Expenses

Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)

8,200 1,398 12,077 28,957 34,232 42,432 42,432 (1,497) **%** (435) **%** 1,062 🖋 (4,495) 🗶 (3,683) 3,248 💥 812 🧳 4,716 6,755 229 19,971 812 24,458 16,891 11,250 19,971 1,062 3,219 24,252 16,891 28,141 (3,889) 2,872 1,775 3,860 15,855 1,380 20,044 2,542

Income Targeted Rates Other Income

Expenses

Total Income

Employment Expenses
Administration Expenses
Operational and Maintenance
Internal interest Expense

Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)

Total Expenses

18,171 💥	(39)	(8,699)	(19,971)
(13,415) 💥	45,113	58,528	66,689
	3,850	3,850	4,156
	197	243	231
	16,338	17,620	27,373
	2,128	2,413	2,364
(11,803) 💥	22,600	34,403	32,565
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Income					
Targeted Rates	224,069	277,606	277,606	;	475,920
Other Income	7,387	4,959	4,942	17 🖋	8,471
Total Income	231,457	282,565	282,548	17 🖋	484,391
Expenses					
Administration Expenses	17,850	17,714	21,648	3,934 🗬	29,187
Operational and Maintenance	155,061	145,070	180,474	35,404 🖋	309,424
Internal interest Expense	15,610	13,732	18,004	4,272 🖋	30,091
Depreciation	27,761	29,974	29,974	-	51,391
Total Expenses	216,282	206,490	250,100	43,610 🧳	420,093
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	15,175	76,075	32,448	(43,593) 🧳	64,298

Twizel Community Board

Twizel Township

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(18,418) 💥	(22,462) 💥	-		(40,880) %
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18,418	22,462	3	1	40,880
2,125	1	4,753	(4,753)	2,125

Total Recreational Facilities Capital Expenditure

Capital Expenditure
Recreational Facilities
1068192. Other Projects
1068925. Plant and Equipment
1428215. Plant

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY BOARD Detailed Exnenses Report	
For the period ended January 2015	

	Full Year Budget	Variance June 2015					581 💜 1,000	(1,497) % 7,000	3,360 🗳 5,757	312 🚀 2,561	672 🚀 1,151		357 🧳 612	3,934 🗳 29,187
	YTD Budget	January 2015 Varie					581	4,081	3,360	1,491	672	11,106	357	21,648
	YTD Actual	January 2015					•	5,578	•	1,179	1	10,957	•	17,714
	LYTD	January 2014					,	7,268		1,249	1	9,333		17,850
For the period ended January 2015			Twizel Township	Twizel Community Board	Expenses	Administration Expenses	0554455. Advertising	0554485. Donations & Grants	05544853. Twizel Community Care Trust	0554495. Insurance	0554595. R & M - Other Community Bldgs	0554615. Rates	0554616. Rate Remissions - Granted	Total Administration Expenses

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Twizel Community Board

SUBJECT: Community Facilities Update

MEETING DATE: 9/3/2015

REF: WAS 3/6

FROM: Garth Nixon Community Facilities Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

Update the Twizel Community Board in my absence

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report be received.

GARTH NIXON
COMMUNITY FACILITIES MANAGER

Demolition of Twizel Toilets

One price received for the removal of the asbestos from the old toilets, The Contractor is a licenced operator and can undertake the work after easter. Working with Councillor Armstong on the remainder.

Fire Risk on Council Land

Assessing risk on Council Land areas including North west Arch reserve and Council owned land bounded Ohau Road NW Arch and Totara and Rata roads

Twizel Bedding Display

Following the sale of the Meridian site we are relocating all the bedding displays into the vicinity of Tasman Road some of which we discussed at the last meeting The attached plan shows new bedding areas Photo attached

Info Centre Hours

Following the last Community Board meeting the new Info centre hours have been implemented and now include extended hours on Saturday 9.30am till 3.00pm and Sunday 9.30am till 3.00pm This will continue through to Easter when we will drop the Sunday.

Twizel Walkways

Whitestone pricing footpaths between Tekapo Drive Godley and Mackenzie Drive

Twizel Early Learning Centre Letter to Mr Power sent

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FUNDING

MEETING DATE: 9 MARCH 2015

REF:

FROM: WAYNE BARNETT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

For the Twizel Community Board to consider a request from the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve Board for funding of \$5,000 towards their 2015 Starlight Festival in Twizel.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the report be received.
- 2. That the Twizel Community Board indicate their support or otherwise for this request.

WAYNE BARNETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ATTACHMENTS:

Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve Board request for funding.

BACKGROUND:

The inaugural Aoraki Mackenzie Starlight Festival was held in October 2013 in Lake Tekapo.

The second Starlight Festival is taking place from 9-11 October 2015, this time in Twizel.

Below is the resolution from the Tekapo Community Board meeting minutes of 4 June 2013.

STARLIGHT FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer is a late item regarding Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve Board inviting the Council to contribute \$5,000.00 to the Starlight Festival being held in Tekapo from the 11th to the 13th of October 2013. As the Community Board are supplying blackout blinds at a cost of \$800 the amount the Community Board will consider contributing is \$4,200.00

Resolved:

1. That the Community Board contributes \$1,000 towards the Starlight Festival as long as the Council contributes \$1,000 or more.

Peter Maxwell/ Alan Hayman

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Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve Board

Starlight Festival 9 10 11 October 2015

Overall Objectives

- To build domestic and international awareness of the Aoraki Mackenzie Dark Sky Reserve as a destination for domestic and international travellers.
- To hold a bi annual Starlight Festival promoting astronomy, astro-tourism, astro-photography, science education through astronomy and recreational activities.
- To provide opportunity for young people to be introduced to astronomy through a range of activities that will capture their interest in science.
- To promote the University of Canterbury's Observatory at Mt John and their research programme undertaken there.
- To engage with the local community in promoting the Mackenzie as a destination.

Target Markets

- Young people of all ages
- Families particularly from North, Mid and South Canterbury
- International travellers to New Zealand

Marketing

- Articles in the Christchurch Press, the Christchurch Star, The Mail(Christchurch), Otago Daily Times; Timaru Herald; The Listener; Kia Ora Magazine, Mindfood, Avenues: Local papers in Fairlie, Tekapo, Twizel, Wanaka, Ashburton, Queenstown and Age Concern in Christchurch.
- Education Newspapers and the Education Gazette
- RadioNZ: TVNZ: TV3: NewstalkZB
- Website information with links to RASNZ, RSNZ, UNESCO NZ, Photographic Society, TNZ, Google Alerts (Starlight) CCTourism.
- Internationally IDA, WTO, ICOMOS, Grossmugl Austria.
- Brochures and posters to Schools and Tourism agencies.

Recognition

The Mackenzie District Council would be recorded as a donor in all publicity material including brochures, the website, advertising and banners in the Twizel Community Events Centre and the Earth and Sky Café on Mt John.

Sponsors

At the present time we have received sponsorship funding from the University of Canterbury; Institute of Strategic Leadership, Auckland; The Christchurch Press; Genesis Energy; The Christchurch International Airport Company: Sir John Davies through his group of companies; Air New Zealand, with applications in the pipeline to a number of other prospective supporters. These are registered on our website www.starlightfestival.org.nz

Programme

An outline of the very full programme is attached for your information.

The organising group will issue an invitation to Claire Barlow as Mayor to participate in the Opening of the Festival at the Twizel Events Centre, preceded by a meal atthe Mackenzie Country Intron Friday evening October 9th at 6.00pm

Saturday

Proposal

The Mackenzie District Council is invited to contribute \$5000.00 to the Festival. This funding would allow us:

- (i) to host a dinner on Friday October 9th at the Mackenzie Country Inn in honour of the prestigious visiting speakers, and the key sponsors and special guests who would be invited.
- (ii) to hire the Twizel Events Centre for three days during the Festival for events and presentations.
- (iii) covering the shortfall for the Opening Ceremony.
- (iv) assisting with the costs of setting up the Asto-photography display.

We trust our proposal will be very favourably received by the Mackenzie District Councillors and the Twizel Community Board.

Yours sincerely

for the Aoraki Mackenzie Dark Sky Reserve Board

Margaret E. Austria

Aoraki Mackenzie Starlight Festival Twizel, South Canterbury, New Zealand

www.starlightfestival.org.nz

9 - 11 October 2015



The Second Aoraki Mackenzie Starlight Festival will take place 9-11 October 2015 in Twizel, and will celebrate the creation of the southern hemisphere's first International Dark Sky Reserve, in the Mackenzie Basin and at Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park in the centre of New Zealand's South Island.

The Festival will be a celebration of dark skies and astronomy, and include a mix of cultural, educational and scientific activities to engage the community at the level of families and young people.

It will promote awareness of the stars and the dark sky above and a range of hands-on activities for everyone will be put on. The Festival will focus on education and learning about stars, space, light pollution and the environment.

The Second Starlight Festival will have two additional themes: The UN International Year of Light 2015 (IYL) and the cultural significance of the Mackenzie for Māori. The IYL2015 was declared by the UN with support from the European Physical Society and the International Astronomical Union and with UNESCO the nominated lead Agency. It will celebrate light, light-related technologies and cosmic light, which includes astronomy and star-gazing. Events to celebrate IYL2015 will be celebrated in many countries around the world.

The Mackenzie Basin played a significant role for Māori before European settlement, as it was on an overland route from the West Coast to the mouth of the Waitaki River used for the transport of pounamu (greenstone), which was processed at the Waitaha settlement of Huruhurumanu on the Waitaki. It is also well-known that the Māori used the stars for navigation and for synchronizing their calendar, through the dawn rising of Matariki (the Pleiades) in June.

Nagi Tahu are supporting the Festival and the theme of the Maori knowledge of astronomy. A keynote speaker at the Festival will be Dame Anne Salmond, the distinguished New Zealand anthropologist and expert on Maori traditions and culture from the University of Auckland. She will give a lecture on the Maori knowledge of the stars.

The principal overseas speakers at the festival will be Professor Chris Lintott, who is Professor of Astronomy at the University of Oxford, UK and Dr Seth Shostak, from the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California.

Professor Lintott, as well as being an active researcher on the physics of star and galaxy formation, is the principal presenter of the BBC's 'Sky at Night' programme in succession to the late Sir Patrick Moore. He has written two popular books on astronomy jointly with Patrick Moore and Dr Brian May (the astrophysicist in the band, Queen).

Dr Shostak is director of the Center for SETI Research at the SETI Institute and well known for his outstanding contributions to public outreach in astronomy and for the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. He has published four books, nearly 300 popular articles on astronomy, technology, film and television and gives frequent talks to both young and adult audiences.

As part of the Festival there will be a Starlight Essay and Poetry Competition for school students, http://www.msn.com/en-nz/motoring/research/more-electric-car-charging-points-in-japan-than-gas-stations/ar-BBhES2X which will commemorate the name of children's writer, the late Margaret Mahy, who was also a keen amateur astronomer. The competition is being sponsored by Genesis Energy. Also a musical and dance event with the theme of 'Starlight' is being planned for one evening during the festival. The music will be performed by the Woolston Brass Band and the concert will include a specially commissioned piece by New Zealand composer. Anthony Ritchie, The Silhouette Adagio dance duo wil also perform at the concert.

There will be ample opportunity for starwatching at the Festival which will be conducted with the support of Bigsky Starwatching at the Mt Cook Hermitage with a starlight barbecue at the Twizel Airfield. Starwatching at Mt John Observatory at Tekapo will also be a part of the Festival.

The Festival organizers are grateful to the Institute for Strategic Leadership in Auckland for funding Galileoscopes which will be offered to Festival participants for stargazing. A workshop to assemble the Galileoscopes is being organized in conjunction with Science Alive, Christchurch.

There will be a live musical performance at the festival given by the Woolson Brass Band with the theme of Starlight. A specially commissioned starlight piece will be composed by NZ composer Anthony Ritchie for the occasion and will premier at the Festival.

A photographic exhibition featuring works by some of New Zealand's most prominent astro-photographers is planned. This will have nightscape astro-images, and also landscapes of the Mackenzie Basin. The exhibited works will be for sale.

The Starlight Festival is being organized by the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve Board, in partnership with the University of Canterbury.

The Twizel Events Centre will be the main venue for the festival. but some events will be at other venues. including the Hillary Alpine Centre (Mt Cook village) and Mt John University Observatory (Lake Tekapo).

The programme for the Aoraki Mackenzie Starlight Festival will be advertised on the Festival website at www.starlightfestival.org.nz. We are looking at a mix of scientific, educational and cultural events on the general theme of starlight.

We are expecting wide community support for the Starlight Festival from throughout the Canterbury region, including from Christchurch and Timaru, with additional participants coming from throughout New Zealand.

For more information contact: Sharlene Mullen at the University of Canterbury (Sharlene.mullen@canterbury.ac.nz).

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Earth&Sky night tour to MJ

Saturday 10 October

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5.30-6.00	Twizel Events Centre (auditorium)	Jerry Rock-Archer and Laura Sargison video 'Dark Skies'
6.00-7.30		Dinner break
7.30-9.00	Twizel Events Centre (auditorium)	Woolston Brass band plus Silhouette dance duo

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2.00-4.30

Mt John

Open day; see the telescopes, talk to astronomers