



## Canterbury Mayoral Forum Releases Mid-Term Achievements Report.

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum's mid-term achievements report showcases the results of its leadership, advocacy and regional coordination. The report is published in the middle of each local government term and is available at [www.canterburymayors.org.nz](http://www.canterburymayors.org.nz).

The report details progress made on achieving the aims of the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2020-22. The key priorities laid out in the Plan are sustainable environmental management of our habitats, shared economic prosperity, better freight transport options, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and enabling the sustainable management of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services.

The Plan for Canterbury was developed in 2020 in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and replaced the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS) led by the Forum since 2015. Key achievements in the mid-term report include:

- oversight of the implementation of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy, and the establishment of an Essential Freshwater Steering Group to oversee a regional response to the Essential Freshwater package
- working with partner Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu to deliver the Canterbury Three Waters Service Delivery Review project to understand the probable impacts of the Government's three waters reform on Canterbury councils
- mapping of Canterbury's state highways for mobile blackspots, with the top ten blackspots agreed by Canterbury councils and emergency management agencies
- overseeing the delivery of a multi-year project to boost value-added production, with a focus on food, fibre, agritech and high-value manufacturing
- advocating for the community on the Government's COVID-19 response, including unlocking funds for Canterbury councils from the Crown Infrastructure Partners' shovel-ready fund.
- coordinating regional submissions on a range of government-led climate initiatives, and leading the launch of the It's Time, Canterbury climate change engagement campaign
- meetings with ministers to advocate on transport, housing, spatial planning, and three waters reform
- setting up two regional councillor forums – the Biodiversity Champions and a group of councillors with an interest in climate change
- establishing regular dialogue with chairs of Canterbury's papatipu rūnanga
- hosting a freight tour of key Canterbury freight facilities alongside the Regional Transport Committee.

Mayor Graham Smith welcomed the release of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum's mid-term achievements report. "For a smaller council like Mackenzie, being a part of this forum allows us to leverage advocacy opportunities that would not be available to us on our own. A strong, collective voice for the region has resulted in the large volume and breadth of achievements outlined in the report, including government reform programmes, progress with the Food, Fibre and Innovation Programme, and COVID-19 response initiatives," he said. Mayor Smith looks forward to continuing momentum in the remainder of the term.

To receive the latest news and updates from the Mayoral Forum, you can subscribe on the [www.canterburymayors.org.nz](http://www.canterburymayors.org.nz) website.



## Te Manahuna Ki Uta | Destination Mackenzie

Enormous thanks to all those who shared your values and aspirations online or at the drop-in sessions. We're collating the feedback and will share it on our engagement platform shortly. The team are now working to draft a Destination Management Plan that is reflective of the values and aspirations of the community and stakeholders. There will be an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft document in the coming weeks. All the details can be found online at [www.letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz](http://www.letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz)



## COVID-19: Update on Council Services at Level 3.

Council has once again been impressed, but not surprised, at the way the district has responded to the recent outbreak of the delta variant of COVID-19 and the resulting lockdown. Our communities and businesses have demonstrated their resilience and optimism in the most challenging of circumstances. Alert levels and restrictions can change at short notice, but below is a summary which is correct at the time of writing. The latest details can be found at [www.mackenzie.govt.nz](http://www.mackenzie.govt.nz)

### Waste & Recycling

Kerbside collections will take place as normal under Level 3, and collection of glass crates will resume.

The resource and recovery parks remain closed at Level 3.

### Offices & Facilities

Our offices and most council operated facilities remain closed at Level 3.

### Customer Services

Our customer services team are available 24/7, and the majority of staff are working from home. Calls will be directed to the relevant team and we are able to provide most of our usual services while working remotely.

### Wellbeing

We know that lockdown can be stressful - especially for the business community. There is help out there, and details can be found on our website. Look after your friends, whanau and each other. If you're not sure where to find help, please give us a call on 0800 685 8514 and we can connect you with the relevant service. We're here to help.

## Government proposals for water reform



Mackenzie District Council is working to understand the implications of these proposed changes, and is committed to transparency as we work through our assessment of the data and assumptions provided by Government in support of their case for change.

We will hold public information sessions: due to timescales and alert levels these may be held online (we are required to give feedback to Government later this month), and we will publicise details in due course. Ultimately, we are committed to delivering whatever solution gives the best outcomes for our communities, and will continue working in this space with that objective in mind.

Further details can be found on our engagement website [www.letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz](http://www.letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz)

## Dates of Upcoming Meetings

2 September	Fairlie Community Board	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 4.30pm
7 September	Extraordinary Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Fairlie, Midday
14 September	Bylaw & Policy Hearing	Council Chambers, Fairlie & zoom 9.30am
12 October	Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 9.30am
27 October	Tekapo Community Board Meeting	Community Hall, Tekapo, 3pm
28 October	Fairlie Community Board Meeting	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 4.30pm
1 November	Twizel Community Board Meeting	Community Lounge, Twizel, 3pm
16 November	Committee Meetings	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 9.30am
1 December	Twizel Community Board Meeting	Community Lounge, Twizel, 3pm
8 December	Tekapo Community Board Meeting	Community Hall, Tekapo, 3pm
9 December	Fairlie Community Board Meeting	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 4.30pm

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.