

Mackenzie District Mayor, Anne Munro

The first few weeks as your newly elected Mayor have kept me busy getting myself and my fellow Councillors organised for the new triennium. I've attended a Mayoral induction in Wellington at which I met both new and experienced mayors from around New Zealand, and several government personnel and will continue to build positive relationships across the sector. The new Councillors have been working through an induction program, to ensure they fully understand the breadth of activities and responsibilities that local government is charged with delivering. We've also changed our committee and meeting structure to deliver efficiencies, and worked through the appointment of councillors to the various external boards and committees we are privileged to be a part of. A real highlight was a trip around the District visiting our facilities, learning about current infrastructure, and discussing the infrastructure projects we have in the pipeline – no pun intended! All of this has reinforced my belief that we have a capable and motivated group of Councillors, and a solid team led by our CEO, Angela Oosthuizen and I look forward to working with them to deliver positive outcomes for our communities and the District.

The District Plan review, while long overdue, is now well underway. The current planning framework is outdated and has not kept pace with growth. This is leading to outcomes that were not anticipated when the operative District Plan was drafted and are impacting our communities. This is a critical document because it provides the framework to allow growth in a managed and sustainable way, while protecting the things that you have told us make the Mackenzie District so special. Partnering with mana whenua and the community, the new District Plan will look to raise the bar for the future of the Mackenzie District. It will ensure MDC can manage the effects of growth while planning for the future. It will also ensure the environmental, social and economic needs of each community are provided for. It's a large and complex document, and so we're working through it in stages. You can find the latest information and details of how to share your thoughts or participate in the process on our website, and I encourage you to get involved and play your part on shaping the Mackenzie District of the future.

I'm particularly excited that Council is now in a position to play a more active role in Community Development. Once recruited, we will have community development officers based in both Twizel and Fairlie. This will enable us to work more effectively in partnership with the various stakeholder and volunteer groups that are the backbone of our communities to deliver outcomes that you tell us you want to see delivered. We'll shortly be asking for your input on planning for community projects to be considered for inclusion in the next iteration of our long-term (ten year) plan and I hope you'll take the opportunity to get involved and share your thoughts. There will be the opportunity to feedback online, via paper based forms or at drop in sessions in Twizel, Tekapo and Fairlie.



Rārangi maunga, tū te ao, tū te pō,
Rārangi tangata, ka matemate noa,
Rārangi raraunga, ka ao ka awatea,
Hei oranga mō te iwi,
Tihei mauriora!

Rows of mountains will endure time
Rows of people will eventually pass on
But rows of data bring new knowledge and enlightenment
For the wellbeing of all people.
Kia kaha Aotearoa, let's take this wellbeing journey together.

Central Government is also keeping us busy with a rapid program of change and reform, some more advanced than others, and some will have more impact than others. I'm in the process of digesting the contents of the initial recommendations of the report into the review of the future for local government which was released last week. I'll aim to share some thoughts with you on this, and other proposed reforms, in the next edition of the Mackenzie Messenger which will be with you in February next year.

I look forward to meeting as many people as possible in the coming weeks and months. A reminder that there is time set aside for members of the public to address Council at the beginning of every council meeting, and we can arrange for this to happen over teams or zoom if needs be. No one knows our communities better than you – the people who live and work in them – and so I encourage you to get involved and provide feedback when there is the opportunity to do so. We do listen, and often make changes to draft plans based on your feedback.

I'm conscious as I write this that the holiday season will soon be upon us! So can I take this opportunity to wish you, your family, whanau and friends a very merry Christmas, and happy, healthy, safe and prosperous New Year.

Fairlie Main Street redevelopment receives award



The New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects recently held their 50th Bi-annual Conference in Auckland. Mackenzie District Council, along with project partners Waka Kotahi and WSP (previously Opus), won an award in the Enduring Landscape category.

This award looks at a piece of landscape work which is over 20 years old, in the context of how it has aged and how it is still performing. The winning piece of work was our upgrade of Fairlie main street in 2000.



Eliminating wild Russell lupin from land adjacent to SH8

Environment Canterbury is responsible for providing regional leadership in pest management and for implementing the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan. Its purpose is to minimise adverse effects associated with specified organisms, through a regionally coordinated approach.

Wild Russell lupin is declared a pest under the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan. Rule 6.4.23 (d) of the Plan requires land occupiers on rural zoned land to eliminate wild Russell lupins within:

- d. 10 metres from an adjoining property boundary.

The reason for this rule is to prevent wild Russell lupin establishing and seeding within the specified distances from waterways and adjoining property boundaries.

Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency undertakes annual lupin control along the road margins of State Highway 8. It is therefore required under the rules specified above, that all wild Russell lupin be controlled within 10 metres of the adjoining NZTA property boundary.

An inspection will be carried out in January 2023 to ensure the control of wild Russell lupin has been undertaken.

Further information covering rules and control options is available at ecan.govt.nz

Ruataniwha Reserve Management Plan



Ruataniwha Recreation Reserve comprises of 68.77ha of land classified as recreation reserve under the Reserves Act 1977. Mackenzie District Council has prepared reserve management plan for reserve and in accordance with section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 and invites the public to submit written suggestions on the draft plan.

Council has also prepared a (non-statutory) concept plan for the reserve that provides graphic representation of the vision and development aspirations provided for in the reserve management plan. Council would also like your feedback on this concept plan.

For more information and to provide feedback:

- Visit letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz > Lake Ruataniwha Draft Recreation Reserve Management Plan
- Email submissions to info@mackenzie.govt.nz

Or write to:
Dafydd Pettigrew
c/o Mackenzie District Council
Service Agency
Market Place
Twizel 9744

The submission period ends at midnight on Sunday 15 January, 2023. Please indicate if you would like to speak your submission.

Next steps

Once the submission period has closed comments collected through this process will be considered, a summary of submissions prepared and hearing may be held if submitters wish to speak in support of their feedback.

Appointment of Chief Executive

Mackenzie District Council has re-appointed Angela Oosthuizen to the position of Chief Executive

The role became vacant when former Chief Executive Suzette van Aswegen resigned in 2021 and Oosthuizen was employed on a short-term contract.

Outgoing Mayor Graham Smith says he's confident that Angela is a great fit for the organisation.



“We carried out a robust recruitment process and we're delighted to be able to re-appoint Angela to the position. Angela has significant local government leadership experience and has made a real impact in the short time she has been with us in the Mackenzie. Both I and my Councillors are confident that her skills and experience mean she is well placed to lead the organisation through the up-coming local government reforms while remaining focused on delivering council's core objectives”.



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 - www.mackenzie.govt.nz > Council Strategies > Plans and Reports Te Manahuna Ki Uta - Destination Mackenzie

Best wishes for the festive season

Council offices close at midday on 23 December, reopening on 4 January. Our Customer Services team are available throughout the holiday period to deal with urgent matters on 0800 685 8514.



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.



Proposed Plan Changes 21 & 22

Implementation of the Spatial Plans and Light

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 21 and 22 to the Mackenzie District Plan.

Proposed Plan Change 21 and 22 form Stage 2 of the review of the Mackenzie District Plan and have been drafted in accordance with the National Planning Standards.

Plan Change 21 proposes to add the following changes to the Mackenzie District Plan:

Part 3 – Area Specific Matters

- Residential Zones
 - Large Lot Residential Zone
 - Low Density Residential Zone
 - Medium Density Residential Zone
- Commercial and Mixed-Use Zones
 - Large Format Retail Zone
 - Mixed Use Zone
 - Neighbourhood Centre Zone
 - Town Centre Zone
- General Industrial Zone
 - General Industrial Zone
- Precincts
 - Takapō/Lake Tekapo Precinct
 - Commercial Visitor Accommodation Precinct
- Development Areas
 - Takapō/Lake Tekapo West Future Development Area
 - Takapō/Lake Tekapo North-West Future Development Area

Part 4 – Appendices and Maps

- Appendix 1 – Height in Relation to Boundary
- Appendix 2 – Takapō/Lake Tekapo Character Guide and Medium Density Residential Design Guide
- Maps are at www.mackenzie.govt.nz > Council > Strategies, Plans and Reports > District Plan

Plan Change 21 also proposes to amend the following sections of the Mackenzie District Plan as a consequence of introducing the above chapters:

- Section 3 – Definitions
- Section 5 – Business Zones
- Section 6 – Residential Zones
- Section 10 – Hazardous Substances
- Section 13 – Subdivision
- Section 15 – Transportation
- Section 16 – Utilities
- Appendix P – Lake Tekapo Design Guide (proposed to be deleted)
- Appendix Q – Lake Tekapo Village Centre Outline Development Plan (proposed to be deleted)
- Maps – 31, 33, 44, 44a, 44b, 45 to 49 and 51 to 57.

Plan Change 22 proposes to add the following change to the Mackenzie District Plan:

- **Part 2 – District-Wide Matters**
 - Light

And will amend the following section of the Mackenzie District Plan as a consequence of introducing the above chapter:

- Section 12 – Signs, Outdoor Lighting and Aerial Distractions

The above changes are within the scope of Plan Change 21 and 22, and changes to other provisions (including maps) of the Mackenzie District Plan are not within the scope of Plan Change 21 and 22.

All information on Plan Change 21 and 22, including the submission forms, is available at www.mackenzie.govt.nz > Council > Strategies, Plans and Reports > District Plan Changes and Consultation

Paper copies of the Plan Changes 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 21 and/or 22. 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 21/22 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 you wish to be heard on your submission. Paper submission forms are available at the Council Offices in Fairlie and Twizel.

The closing date for lodging a submission is 5.00pm Wednesday 23 November 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.

Council hearings for Plan Change 21 and 22 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 hearings and present their submission.

Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on the Plan Changes 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 21 and 22 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

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