

News & Information

from Mackenzie District Council



Mackenzie
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Genesis Tekapo Township Fund Grants

The Lake Tekapo Kindergarten received a \$5000 grant from Genesis Tekapo Township Fund in 2021, with the funds received put into a new outdoor native plant area. Photos show the plant area under construction, assisted by students from the Kindergarten.



The funding round has been completed for 2022, and grants have been given as follows:

- \$7,500 to the Lake Tekapo Sports and Recreation Trust, seed funding for a new sports facility at Tekapo.
- \$7,627 to Tekapo Trails, towards gravel/metal on a planned new trail to Willow Bay.

Learn more about the Genesis Tekapo Township Fund grant here - [Mackenzie.govt.nz > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Genesis Tekapo Township Fund](https://mackenzie.govt.nz/Community/Grants%20and%20Scholarships/Genesis%20Tekapo%20Township%20Fund)

Greater access for rural voters

Rural folk in the Mackenzie District will get a greater say in democracy at this year's local government elections.

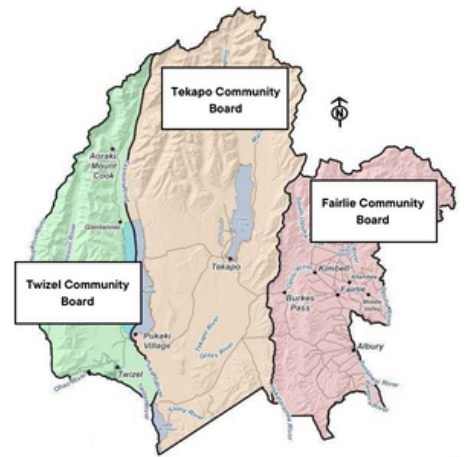
For the first time, voters who live in rural areas surrounding the townships of Twizel, Tekapo and Fairlie will be able to nominate and elect the members of those town's community boards.

The change comes due to public feedback received as part of a representation review held by Mackenzie District Council last year.

Council chief executive Angela Oosthuizen says at the last election only ratepayers living inside the town boundaries were able to vote for community board members.

However, everyone in an area, including rural folk, used town facilities like swimming pools and parks and wanted to have a say on how they were run. The council put a proposal to the Local Government Commission to expand community board boundaries to include rural areas, and this was accepted.

"I hope rural ratepayers get a pleasant surprise when they open their voting papers this year and see they can vote for community board members," says Mrs Oosthuizen. "But I'm also hoping we get some rural people stepping forward to stand for election as well, because it's a good opportunity for them to get involved in their community."



Creative Communities Scheme Grants open for 2022

The Creative Communities Fund supports and encourages arts activities within the Mackenzie District, including creative participation in dance, performance, visual arts, music, arts education, toi Maori, literary workshops and digital storytelling.



Closing date for applications is Friday September 2 2022, sent through to: arlene.goss@mackenzie.govt.nz

Wild weather across the District

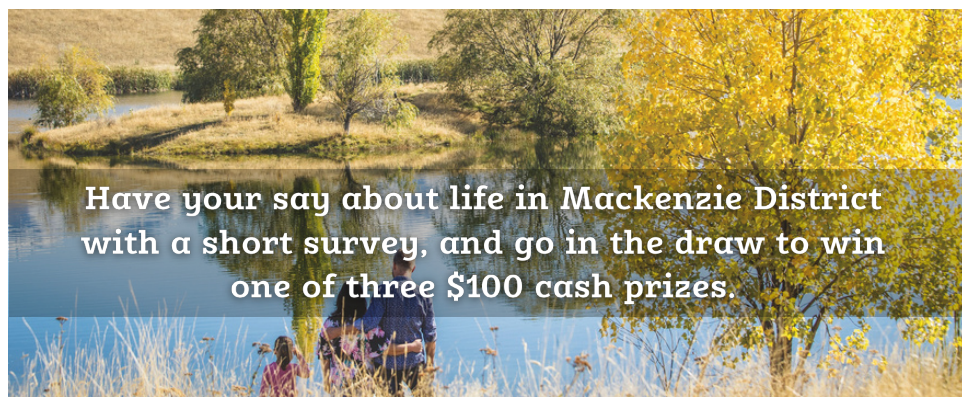


This winter a succession of rain and snowstorms have caused significant damage to our roads and their supporting infrastructure. Damage has been particularly bad in the Tekapo catchment, but other areas have also seen worse-than-expected damage.

Well-established climate change information tells us that extreme weather events are going to be more frequent and more severe. At a meeting on 9 August 2022, Council agreed that the need to repair the current damage gives us an opportunity to make some improvements and increase the resilience of our network and its ability to handle future events.

Council also asked staff to prepare a business case to go to Waka Kotahi (New Zealand's Transport Agency) to support a request for an increase in the roading subsidy we receive to support this repair and improvement work. This would mean that for the first \$350,000 we spend we would receive a 51% subsidy, and for anything over that, we would receive a 71%. Indications are that the total spend needed for basic repairs is about \$3.5 million. An additional \$1 million is needed for the improvement work.

We are committed to completing the business case, planning the work, and completing the repairs and improvements within this financial year, which ends June 2023. In the meantime, we are working on making all our roads open and navigable. While this means travel around our district will be unimpeded, there will be areas where there are temporary repairs that are not a full reinstatement of the road to pre-winter conditions.



Have your say about life in Mackenzie District with a short survey, and go in the draw to win one of three \$100 cash prizes.

On behalf of the Mackenzie District Council, Research First is conducting Mackenzie District's annual Residents' Opinion survey. This is to inform the Council about its residents' opinions regarding services the Council offers.

We would really like to hear your opinions and would appreciate you taking the time to fill out this survey.

Access the survey by scanning the QR code below, or you can use this link - bit.ly/Mackenzie-J3400

Printed copies are available and can be returned at:

Mackenzie District Council
53 Main Street, Fairlie
Market Place, Twizel

Kiwi Treasures
12 Rapuwai Lane, Lake Tekapo



For more information please contact survey@researchfirst.co.nz or info@mackenzie.govt.nz

The survey will take around 15 minutes to complete, and your answers will remain anonymous. Everyone who completes the survey can choose to go into the draw to win one of three \$100 cash prizes. The survey is open from July 7 until August 21, 2022.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Friday 19 August	Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee	9.30am - 1.00pm
Monday 22 August	Twizel Community Board Meeting	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday 23 August	Council Meeting	9.30am - 5.00pm
Wednesday 24 August	Tekapo Community Board Meeting	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday 25 August	Fairlie Community Board Meeting	4.30pm - 6.00pm
Tuesday 13 September	Final Audit and Risk Meeting of Triennium	9.30am - 12.00pm
Friday 16 September	Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee	9.30am - 1.00pm
Monday 19 September	Final Twizel Community Board Meeting for Triennium	3.00pm - 5.00pm

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.

Wherever you PAY RATES you can VOTE

0800 54 8683 | 0800 LG VOTE



0800 685 8514

mackenzie.govt.nz

August 2022