



Welcome to the second edition of **Mackenzie Business Connection**, a new quarterly summary providing Mackenzie businesses with relevant, useful business information and resources. This initiative is part of South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce's ongoing 'Economic Development & Business Support Services' agreement with Mackenzie District Council.

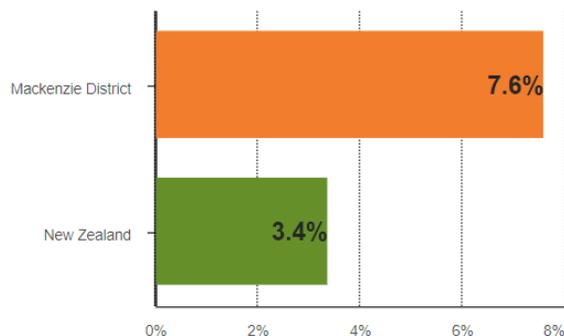
Wishing you, your family and business family a very happy Xmas and safe holiday period as we approach 2020

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## Mackenzie Economic Update (Source: Infometrics Quarterly Economic Monitor Mackenzie Sept 2019)

[View Full Sept 19 Report](#), commencing with **Overview of Mackenzie District**. Highlights include:

**Growth in consumer spending**  
Annual average % change Sep 18 - Sep 19



- **GDP (provisional)** in Mackenzie District was up 3.5% for the year to September 2019. Higher than New Zealand (2.4%) and Canterbury Region (1.9%)
- **Guest nights** have grown by 6.6% over the past year, particularly strong compared to national growth of 1.2% as tourism sector settles into plateau level
- **Consumer Spending** increased 7.6% over the year to Sept 2019. This compares with an increase of 3.4% nationally
- **Total dairy payout** Mackenzie District's total dairy payout for the 2018/19 season is estimated to have been approx. \$37.8m

**GDP National Overview:** The latest provisional estimates from Infometrics indicate economic growth continues to slow, with the economy expanding 2.4%pa over the 12 months to September 2019. Global growth expectations remain lower, particularly regarding China, other Asian economies, and Germany. [Read more](#)

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## Business Resources

[www.business.govt.nz](http://www.business.govt.nz) invaluable website for small business. Free Resources, always current.

Example: tips and tools to help decisions around **hiring and managing staff, how to interview and the costs of taking people on** [Read More](#)

## Export Assistance

No matter where you are in your journey to reach international markets, New Zealand Trade & Enterprise export assistance is available. [Read More](#) The South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce is the pathway for Mackenzie businesses to discuss your ideas, specific contacts and information within NZTE. Please contact Contracts manager Fiona Stevens [fiona@scchamber.org.nz](mailto:fiona@scchamber.org.nz)

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## News

**Immigration NZ New Work Visa Policies:** South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce supported Immigration NZ's presentation of new policies held in Timaru on 13<sup>th</sup> November. Strong Mackenzie attendance. SCCC remains heavily involved with advocacy in this area and providing support/updates to individual businesses as significant changes to the Employer-assisted Temporary Work Visa system are rolled out.

- [View Presentation slides](#)
- **Current ANZSCO codes will cease mid 2020** [More information here](#)
- **Keep informed of what is changing and when** [here](#)

### Responsible Camping technology pilots

On 29<sup>th</sup> November the government announced technology pilots to support responsible camping this summer.

The three technology pilots are:

- The new Ambassador App for responsible camping ambassadors employed by local councils ... the app will also provide ambassadors with information for campers in an emergency, along with local weather updates.
- A new zoning pilot for Kaikōura District. The Kaikōura District Council area has been mapped into different zones to show campers where they can and can't camp ...
- An expanded pilot of AI solar-powered cameras. The cameras will monitor capacity at a minimum of 10 camping sites.... [Read More](#)

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## SC Chamber of Commerce services

**Mackenzie District** – our objective is to help facilitate and support smart sustainable economic and business development in the Mackenzie District, contributing to the well-being and prosperity of the community through individual business, regional and national growth. Economic Development & Business Support Services agreement with Mackenzie District Council. [Read more](#)

### Training

A wide range of training is available to all. Effective training and coaching to help your and your staff's business skills and development, including various H&S, Stepping Up to Management, Coaching & Mentoring, and Train the Trainer in February and March. View full [2020 Training Directory Feb-June](#)

### Practical HR for Mackenzie District: In Tekapo, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Earmark this date and register early. SCCC is bringing this workshop to Tekapo for the convenience of Mackenzie businesses. This workshop will focus on information relevant to Mackenzie District businesses, covering Employment legislation updates, Disciplinary Process and Immigration Updates. [More information and Register online](#)

The 'Essential Workshop Series' introduced by SCCC include Health & Safety, Social Media, HR, and Finance. Essential Series videos are now available free of charge to every Mackenzie business.

**Essential Health & Safety**, divided into 3 parts for ease of timely viewing.



**Essential Health & Safety #1** - Helen Mason, CECC <https://bit.ly/2DDpXzB>

**Essential Health & Safety #2** - Karl Robertson, Worksafe <https://bit.ly/2rKmU6e>

**Essential Health & Safety #3** - Khan Adam, High Country Contracting <https://bit.ly/2Rafxzz>



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