



A competitors guide to

THE DROVER





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Welcome to the Mackenzie Helicopters THE DROVER. This booklet has everything you need to know about race day. Please read this carefully so that you are fully prepared when you line up to start the race on the 5th of April.





KEY INFORMATION:

RACE DAY:

5th April 2025

RACE REGISTRATION:

- Friday 4th 3:00pm - 7:30pm
- Saturday 5th 5:10am - 5:40am

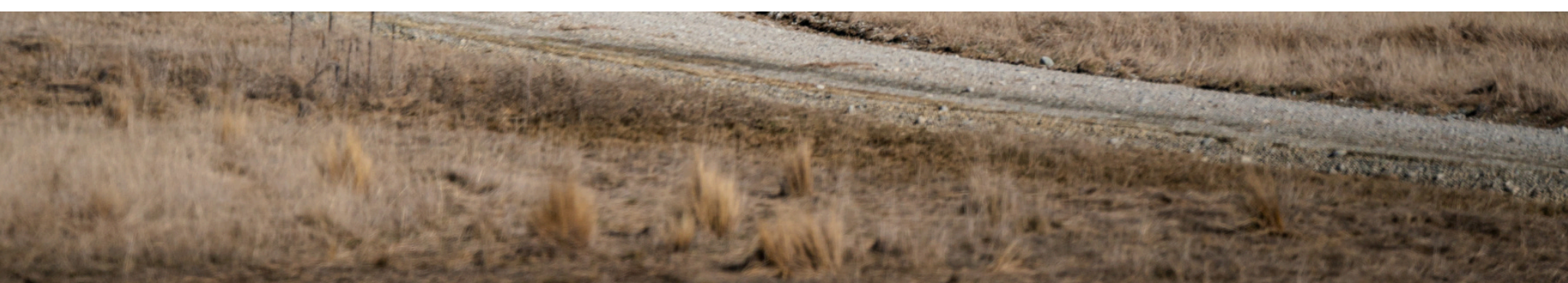
RACE BRIEFING:

Saturday 5:45am

RACE START:

Saturday 6:00am

PRIZE GIVING: 4:30pm



VENUE INFORMATION

RACE REGISTRATION FRIDAY:

Friday 4th 3:00pm - 7:30pm

Bayleys Mackenzie Office,
Mackenzie Room,
The Godley Hotel,
Unit B/2-4 Rapuwai Lane, Lake Tekapo.

MAJOR PRIZE DRAW

Make sure you come to the Prize Giving at 4:30pm to be in the draw to win one of our MAJOR spot prizes! You have to be there to be in to win.



RACE DAY – PRE RACE:

When you arrive at the Race Village there will be a coffee van (from 5am).

In the Athlete Check In area we have a Bag Drop. You are able to leave your jacket or bag for after you finish. Your bag will be labelled with your race number. When you return to collect your bag please have your race number with you. Bags will not be handed out unless you have your race number as proof of ownership.

ON COURSE BAG DROP:

Please look out for our **ON COURSE BAG DROP** drop off area. There will be 1-2 vehicles in the race village area where bags will be loaded into. These vehicles will then be transporting all bags to the Musterer's Rest Aid Station for competitors. Staff will give you a label to attach to your Drop Bag. Record your race number and name on the label.

Our crew will assist you to find your bag when you arrive at the Aid Station. Please look at the course map on Page 10 for the location of the bag drop.

All bags need to be at the Race Village by 5:40am on race day.

- No glass
- Bags to be of reasonable size
- Ensure all liquids and perishables are securely packed (we don't want leaking fluids or squashed bananas!)



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RACE VILLAGE



The Mackenzie brought to you by Devold is based right in the village of Lake Tekapo. If you are staying within Tekapo please leave your car at your accommodation and walk or ride to the Race Village.

There is limited parking available within the village.

COMPULSORY GEAR | BIKE

All bikes must be in safe and serviceable condition.

All riders must wear a NZ safety standards approved bike helmet and carry 2 spare tubes, pump or CO2 shot, bicycle multi-tool, and chain lube.

The course is a mixture of sealed and unsealed road, farm tracks, river beds, and river crossings.

The Drover only:

As the race will start in the dark you will need to have both a front and rear light:

Front light - minimum 300 lumens

Rear light - needs to be set on solid red (the strobe setting is not permitted)

You are able to drop your lights at the Woolshed Aid Station

COMPULSORY GEAR | RIDER

Lake Tekapo is just over 700m above sea level. The weather can change quickly and there can be snow at any time of the year.

Minimum clothing required:

merino or thermal long sleeved top,
waterproof seam-sealed jacket,
survival bag (not blanket)

Basic first aid items - 4 non adherent dressing pads (ie Telfa), 6 bandaids, crepe bandage, panadol, strapping tape (no less than 1.5m)

You must also carry with you at least 2L of water and enough food to maintain your nutrition needs for the duration of the race. There are Aid Stations on course, however we will not be able to refill everyone's water bladders/bottles at every stop.

It is your responsibility to manage your nutritional needs during The Mackenzie race.

We recommend wearing padded cycle shorts, and gloves (either wearing or taking with you in your pack).

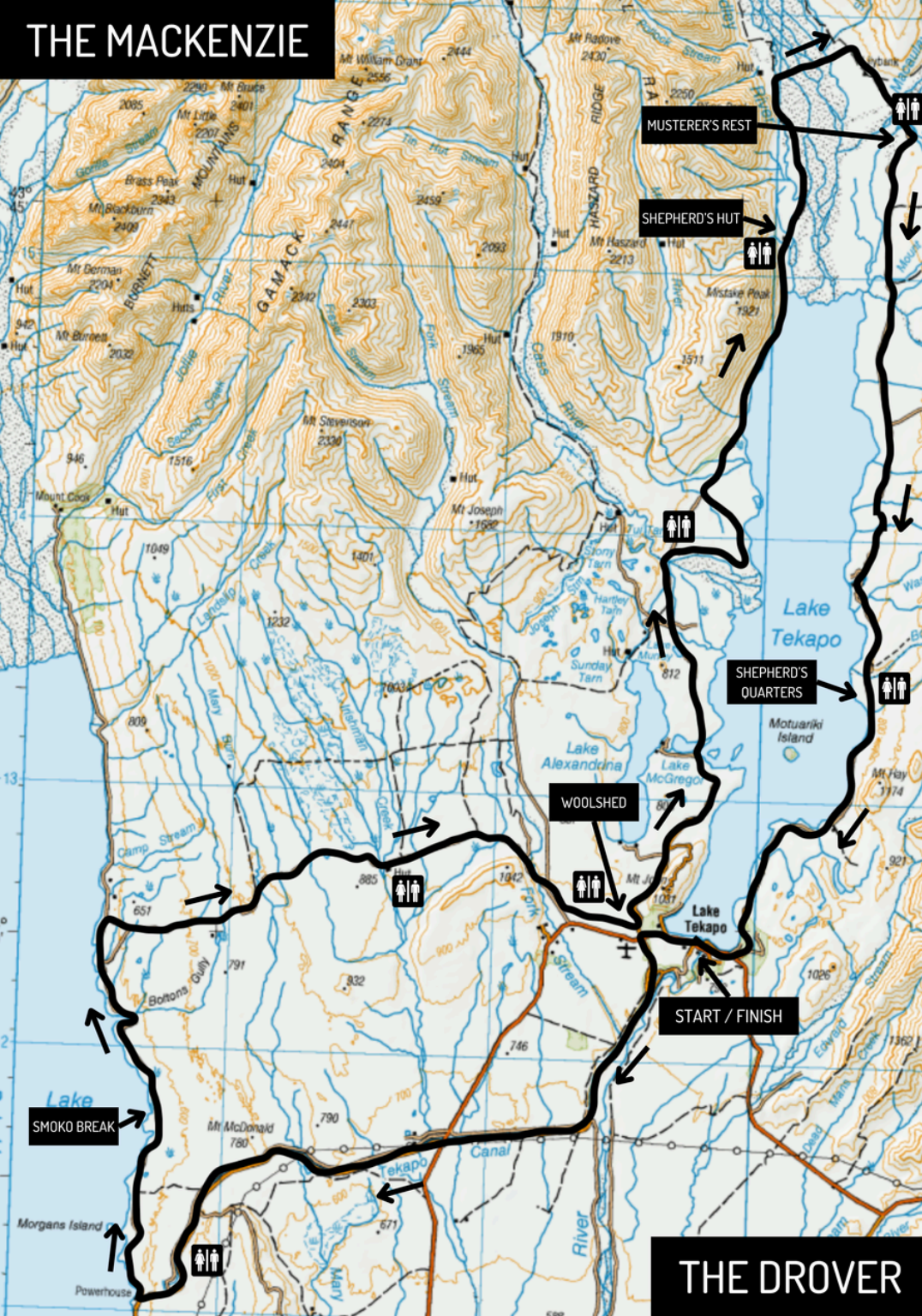
GEAR CHECKS

There are no gear checks scheduled for The Mackenzie brought to you by Devold, **although spot checks will occur before the start and also out on course.**

If someone is deemed to not be carrying the compulsory clothing required, or does not have the required bike gear to safely complete the race, it is the Race Directors discretion to remove someone from the event.

You do not have to be wearing the compulsory clothing, but you must have it with you during the race (ie, in your backpack/hydration pack)

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DISTANCE:

170km

ELEVATION:

Approx 1200m

AID STATIONS

- 40km "Smoko Break"
- 70km "Woolshed"
- 105km "Shepherds Hut"
- 120km "Musterers Rest"
- 145km "The Shearer's Quarters"

AID STATIONS

ALL FOOD IS PROVIDED AS PART OF YOUR ENTRY FEE.

Gluten Free options available at all Aid Stations.

Recyclable Biocups are used at all Aid Stations - these are recycled post race and are used for hygiene purposes for our crew and competitors.

PURE Electrolyte Hydration is at every Aid Station - a selection of Superfruits and Lemon flavours will be available (specific flavour for each Aid Station is listed).

Sanitary products, duct tape, and basic medical supplies are available at all Aid Stations.

SMOKO BREAK

- Water
- PURE Electrolyte Hydration (Superfruits)
- Coke (full sugar)
- lollies
- Bumper Trail Bites OR GF Muesli bars
- Potato chips

WOOLSHED

- Water
- PURE Electrolyte Hydration (Superfruits)
- Coke (full sugar)
- lollies
- Mini chocolate bars
- Bumper Trail Bites OR GF Muesli bars
- Potato chips

SHEPHERD'S HUT

- Water
- PURE Electrolyte Hydration (Lemon)
- Coke (full sugar)
- Scones, jam & cream
- lollies
- fresh fruit
- Bumper Trail Bites OR GF Muesli bars

AID STATIONS

MUSTERER'S REST CAFE

- Water
- PURE Electrolyte Hydration (Lemon)
- Coke (full sugar)
- **BACON BUTTIES (GF OPTION AVAILABLE)**
- lollies
- Cookies, GF Cookies
- fresh fruit

SHEPHERD'S QUARTERS

- Water
- PURE Electrolyte Hydration (Lemon)
- Coke (full sugar)
- Cookies, GF Cookies
- Lollies
- Cookies, GF Cookies
- GF Potato Chips
- Bumper Trail Bites OR GF Muesli bars



PLEASE NOTE:

The Musterer's Rest Cafe is also the Bag Drop.

Bags will be returned to Lake Tekapo and be ready for collection at the end of the Prize Giving.



A cyclist wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, dark shorts, and a helmet is riding a mountain bike through a shallow river. The water is clear and blue, and the surrounding landscape is dry with tall grasses and distant mountains under a clear blue sky. The cyclist is positioned in the center of the frame, moving away from the viewer.

COURSE CUT OFFS

- 11:00am Woolshed Aid Station (approximately 70km mark)
- 1:30pm Shepherds Hut Aid Station (approximately the 110km mark)
- 3:00pm The Musterer's Rest Aid Station.
- 6:00pm Traffic Management Cut Off across the course.

WHEN YOU FINISH YOUR RIDE

Make sure you stick around and enjoy the post race atmosphere.

Food vendors are serving up a range of food – sausage rolls, hot chips, bacon butties, fresh sandwiches, etc.

PLUS House of Hop have a FREE beer for all riders at their mobile bar!!


*must be 18yrs of age *only 1 beverage per person



House of Hop have an off licence and are able to sell during the event.

*managed by House of Hop





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THE DROVER SAFETY INFO

COURSE MARKINGS & MARSHALS

Each course is well marked.

There will be small flags along the trails at regular intervals.

At key junctions there are signs pointing you in the right direction. Make sure you follow the signs- they will either be small red arrows OR large corflutes.

We have marshals positioned all around the course. All marshals will have basic first aid supplies, a warm blanket, and lollies if you need a sugar boost. YOU DO NOT NEED A MAP to find your way - the course is very well marked.

COMPULSORY GEAR

The compulsory gear is there for when something goes wrong.

If you have to stop for more than a minute or two, get your thermal and seam sealed jacket on. If you know you will be stopped for a while then get inside your emergency/survival bag.

You may leave your headlamp at the Woolshed Aid Station. DO NOT ditch any other compulsory gear.

If you are not carrying the compulsory gear you will be disqualified.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

All roads are open.

Traffic management is in place. You must follow the instructions of the traffic marshals at all times. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification from the race.

As you start the race you will be riding on SH 8 for a short period of time. It will be dark when you start the race. Riders at the front **must stay behind the lead vehicle at all times during this section.** The lead vehicle will pull over to the side once you leave the highway and you can then pass.

The Tekapo area is heavily populated with tourists at this time of the year. Do not assume a driver will behave as you might expect. Take extreme care at all times.

General NZ road rules apply. Roads will remain open for the duration of the race. Keep left and watch for traffic.



Part of the Mackenzie Helicopters THE DROVER course is on the Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail. Please watch for other cyclists and call out as you approach. Pass carefully on their right.

The section at the end of the Canals, as you reach the edge of Lake Pukaki, is particularly dangerous. This is where a lot of crashes occur for Alps 2 Ocean riders as they descend down the gravel hill. Please take extra care here and watch for traffic.

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THE MACKENZIE TOP TIPS



TIP #1

WALK WALK WALK

Get used to walking around town – The Mackenzie will bring over 1500 people to town so don't expect to take your car to the shops and find a park!

On the day of the race we **STRONGLY** suggest you walk (or ride) to the Race Village – this is within a 10 minute stroll from most accommodation providers and holiday homes.

There is no allocated event parking in Lake Tekapo.



TIP #2

PRE BOOK

Restaurants and cafés will be humming throughout the weekend.

If you are planning meals out and brunching with a view of the lake, we suggest that you PRE BOOK.

We don't want you walking the streets disappointed that you can't get a place to eat.



TIP #3

STOCK UP



Tekapo Four Square is a well-stocked and bustling shop in the middle of town. They have all your supplies there so if you find you want to cook for yourselves, or grab a quick takeaway sandwich for lunch, they have got you covered.

Owned and operated by a local family, this business is an absolute asset to the town. Make sure you pop in and get your supplies from them.

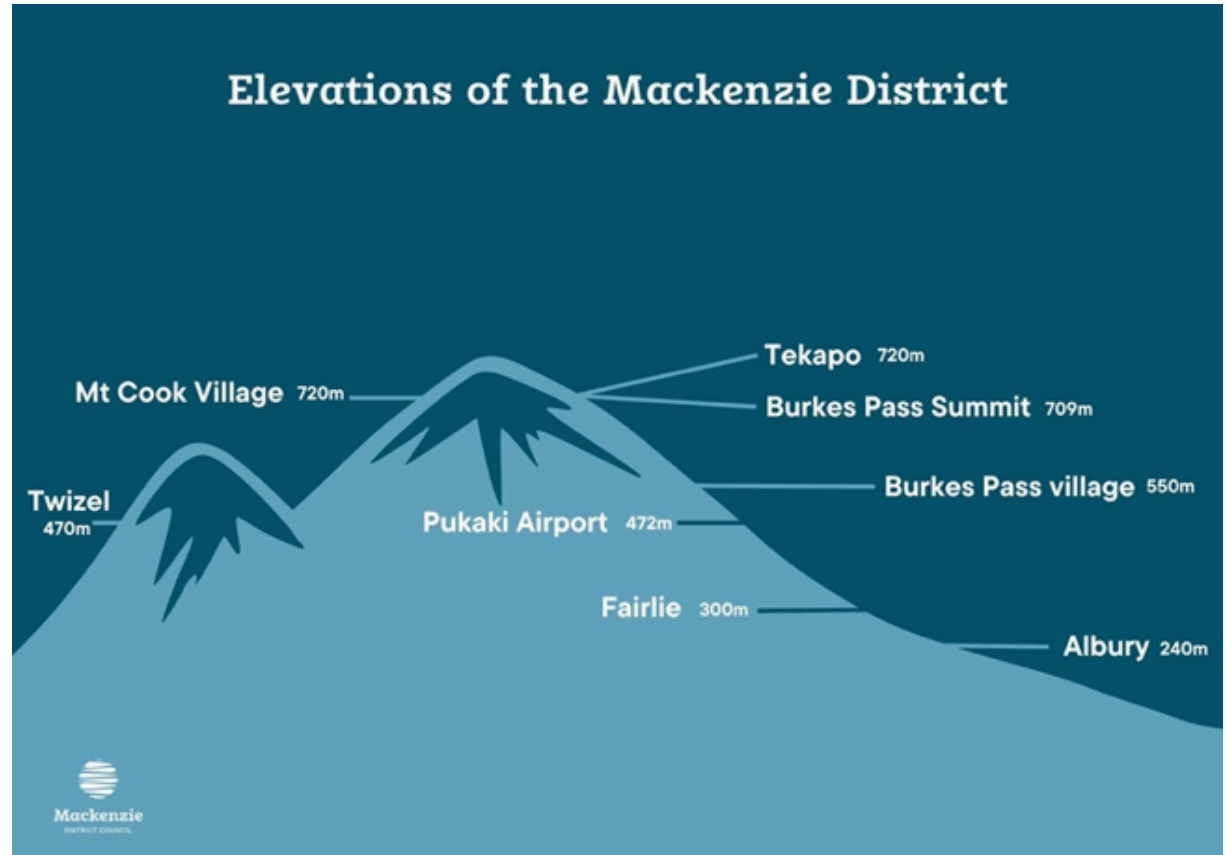


TIP #4

RESPECT THE COMPULSORY GEAR

Lake Tekapo is 720m above sea level. The event is at a time of year (and location) where any weather is possible.

Please respect our gear requirements and remember - gear is there for when things go wrong, not when things are going right.



Survival Bags are for sale at the event. These are only \$15 and should be an essential item of your kit all year round.

EFTPOS available at race reg on Friday night and Saturday morning.

TIP #5

RACE WEEKEND SPECIALS

We are updating our Race Weekend Specials regularly so please check out the details of what is on offer while you are in the #legendarymackenzie over race weekend.

The Mackenzie brought to you by Devold is very well supported by local businesses and operators, as well as by our sponsors. Make sure you make the most of what they have on offer!

<https://themackenzierace.com/race-weekend-specials-1>



TIP #6

HAVE A GREAT TIME!!

The Mackenzie brought to you by Devold is a friendly and supportive race. We support our elite riders as well as first timers.

Help each other out around the lake - whether offering to assist someone changing a tyre, to giving someone support when the going might be getting a little tough.

Lake Tekapo is a fun location with plenty to do and beautiful places to visit. Enjoy your time while here for the race.



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DEVOLD PRIZE

Want to win a \$500 DEVOLD voucher?

Make sure you are wearing wool on
race day!

Pop in to the DEVOLD tent and see the
team.

**The person who rides
The Mackenzie wearing the most
wool will win!!**

You must be at the Prize Giving to claim your prize.



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MACKENZIE HELICOPTERS THE DROVER

Mackenzie Helicopters are giving away a MAJOR prize valued at \$2995 !!

Be at the Prize Giving to be in to win a Helibike Experience for up to 2 people (includes guide)

WIN

WIN

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MEET THE TEAM

Make sure you visit the Bayleys Mackenzie team at the race village.

Not only can you have a good yarn, but you'll also score yourself a free beer cooler!

GIVEAWAY

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**YOU MUST BE AT THE
PRIZE GIVING FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN!!**

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To celebrate being a part of the event they have partnered with Specialized Bicycles and are giving away a Specialized Chisel Comp MTB valued at \$2900

Any competitor can win this bike - you just have to be riding and then be at the prize giving on the day.



Come and enjoy the famous Tekapo Springs while you are in town for the race.

All competitors will receive a 10% discount off their Star Gazing experiences (valid on Premium and Premium Plus ticket options), and also at the Hot Pools!!

Bookings available now. Use the code **themackenzie** - redeem between 29th March - 7th April 2025.



**For the month of April get 10% OFF your bill when you dine at HOUSE OF HOP.
Mention The Mackenzie race to access your discount.**

**not in conjunction with any other offer*

POST RACE MESSAGES



If you have pre-booked a massage you still need to book in with the team when you finish your race. There might be a slight wait while other massages are completed.

If your supporters are in touch with you as you near the Finish Line they are welcome to book in for you in advance.

Cash or ettpos is available for on-the-day bookings.



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