

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Mackenzie
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Are you ready for FLOOD?

Flooding is a natural hazard that has the potential to significantly impact our local environment. Level 3 NZQA Geography students at Mackenzie College, in collaboration with students from other schools in Canterbury, are studying public perception of the risk of flooding and how prepared households are for a flood.

The results will be shared with Council which will help us understand how informed and prepared residents are for flood events. This feedback will help inform our work in the Emergency Management sector.

The survey is open until Friday 21 March.

Have your say at mackenzie.govt.nz/flood-survey



Creative Communities Scheme

The Creative Communities Fund supports and encourages arts activities within the Mackenzie District.

Under the scheme 'the arts' are broadly defined as 'all forms of creative and interpretive expression'. This includes creative participation in dance, performance, visual arts, music, arts education, toi Maori, literary workshops, digital storytelling and more.

The Creative Communities Scheme is a partnership between Creative New Zealand (the national arts development agency) and local councils in New Zealand. Each council takes responsibility for delivering the scheme in its area. Local decision-making is the key to the scheme: applications are considered by assessment committees with knowledge and experience of the arts in their area.

If you are interested in organising an arts event in the district, consider applying for a Creative Communities Grant. More information is available at mackenzie.govt.nz > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Creative Communities Scheme

Applications for the 2025 third round close on Friday 11 April.



Heritage Protection Fund

Council are currently taking submissions for the Heritage Protection Fund. This fund is available to assist and actively encourage property owners and members of the Mackenzie community to manage, maintain, preserve and enhance the heritage values of items or areas.

It provides a partial contribution towards the costs of a specific project related to a building, item or place. The fund is allocated \$5000 each financial year by Council which is then contestable by applicants.

For more information please email the planning team at planning@mackenzie.govt.nz, call us on (03) 685 9010, or view mackenzie.govt.nz > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Heritage Protection Fund.



Tekapo Community Board Grants

Do you need support for a community project?

The Tekapo Community Board has grant funding to encourage and support not-for-profit organisations with a positive impact on the Tekapo community.

They can help local organisations pay for specific projects, events, or the maintenance of facilities that benefit the community.

It is preferable that the organisations applying for these grants are incorporated societies or trusts, but informal organisations and individuals may also apply.

Find out more, and apply at mackenzie.govt.nz > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Community Board Grant.



Battery recycling

With batteries unable to be placed in the bin collection, our Resource Recovery Parks at Fairlie, Tekapo and Twizel offer FREE collection points for old batteries.

Batteries accepted are:

- Household batteries - AAA, AA, 9V, C, D
- Button cell batteries - i.e. watch and hearing aid batteries
- Re-chargeable batteries from hand held tools
- Automotive batteries



Report an issue or problem?

Contact us on 0800 685 8514 or email info@mackenzie.govt.nz



The Government's Local Water Done Well reforms mean big changes are coming for how we manage and fund our water infrastructure across the district.

Find out more at letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz/water-reform



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Current job openings

Position	Part time / Full time	Location	Applications Due
Information Systems Support Officer	Full-time	Fairlie	Sunday 23 March
Emergency Management Officer	Full-time	Fairlie or Twizel	Monday 24 March

Please visit careers.mackenzie.govt.nz for more details and to apply.

Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Friday 21 March	Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting Mount Cook Alpine Salmon office, 4 Benmore Place, Twizel	10:00am - 1:00pm	Twizel
Monday 24 March	Tekapo Community Board Meeting Tekapo Community Hall	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Tekapo
Tuesday 25 March	Council Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	9:00am - 2:00pm	Fairlie
Tuesday 25 March	Citizenship Ceremony Council Chambers, Fairlie	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Fairlie
Wednesday 26 March	Twizel Community Board Meeting Twizel Community Lounge	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Twizel
Thursday 27 March	Fairlie Community Board Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Fairlie

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.

0800 685 8514

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