

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Mackenzie
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Holding events in Mackenzie District parks and reserves

Council has decided to make some changes to how public events on our parks and reserves are managed.

We have a range public spaces across the district which are used for many events, both public and private, from weddings and picnics to sports events and commercial activities.

One of the challenges in looking after these spaces is keeping them nice and available for public use and limiting the adverse impacts of an event on other users.

From the start of the 2024/5 financial year Council has introduced a new way of managing access to our public spaces for organized events and has instituted a small charge to cover some of the costs.

We now ask that organisers who are wanting to run an event in a public park or reserve contact Council in advance and discuss their plans. We want to avoid multiple events clashing in the same space, and we want to be sure that other users are going to be safe. Therefore, we'll also ask to see your Health & Safety Plan and, if relevant, your traffic management plan.

For some events, our standard park bins may not be sufficient, and we want to make sure that the park will be available and tidy enough for other users the next day. So, for example, we may need to think about providing more bins to handle the rubbish from your event.

By contacting us well in advance we can make sure that all the arrangements are in place.

In addition to improving how we manage our public open spaces, Council decided to introduce a small fee to cover some of the costs involved. Previously all the costs were covered by the general ratepayer. Councillors feel that it is fair that the people who use a particular facility should be responsible for covering part of the costs. Therefore the following fees were introduced. These fees apply to organized public events, not to the family picnic.

If you are planning to hold such an event in one of our parks or reserves or would like further information, please contact our Parks and Reserves team on 0800 685 8514 or email info@mackenzie.govt.nz.

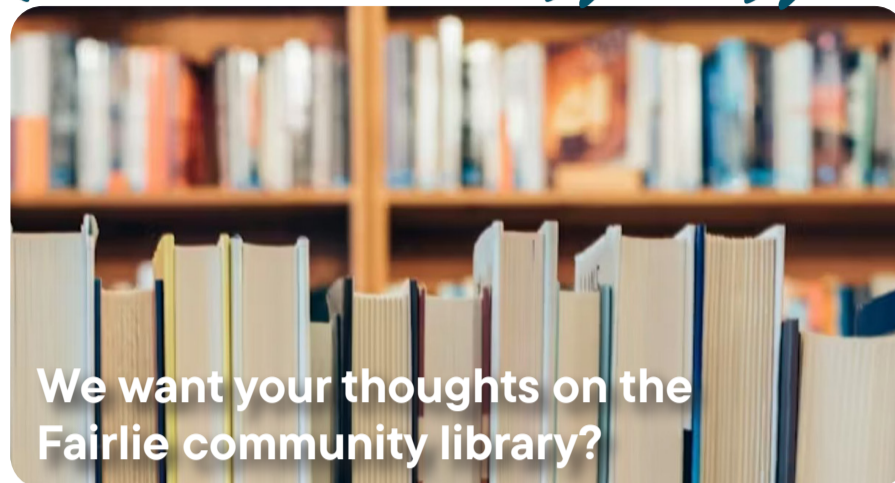
2024-2025 fees

Events on Parks and Reserves	
General Reserves	\$50
Additional bins	\$20
Weddings	\$50
Community festivals and events	\$50
Commercial operations*	On application
Event application and Health & Safety processing and assessment	\$20

*Commercial: Business organisations and individuals working for profit.

Report an issue or problem?

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



We want your thoughts on the Fairlie community library?

We want your input into a decision Councillors need to make about ongoing financial support for the library in Fairlie. Council contracts out the provision of library services to Mackenzie College to run a joint school/community library.

We all know costs have increased - for everything - and the school have come to Council requesting an increase in funding to cover their increased costs.

Councillors voted to increase the amount of funding for 2024/5 by \$34,280 to enable the current level of service to continue while we ask the community what approach they'd like Council to take in the future.

Level of service in this context means things like the hours they open and the range of services they provide.

What do you think?

If we continue with this increase in the funding we give to the library, it will have a (very small) impact on rates.

If we do not continue with an increase the funding we give the library, it will have an impact on the services they can provide as they will have to work within the current funding. This is likely to mean they are open shorter hours during the week and do not open at all at the weekend.

Consultation closes Wednesday 18 December 2024.

Have your say at letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz



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.



Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Tuesday 10 December	Council Meeting for end of year decisions	10:00am - 1:145am	Fairlie
Tuesday 10 December	Audit and Risk Committee meeting	12:30pm - 2:00pm	Fairlie
Tuesday 10 December	Citizenship Ceremony	2:00pm - 3:00pm	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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