

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Mackenzie
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Christmas and New Year Opening Hours and Services 2024-2025

Council offices at Fairlie and Twizel close on Tuesday 24 December 2024 at 12:00pm, and reopen Monday 6 January 2025 at 8:30am.

The customer services team are available throughout the holiday period to deal with urgent matters on 0800 685 8514.

A list of Council services available over the Christmas and New Year period is at [mackenzie.govt.nz](https://mackenzie.govt.nz/Pages/Public-Notices/Christmas-and-New-Year-Opening-Hours-and-Services) > Pages > Public Notices > Christmas and New Year Opening Hours and Services



Parking in the Mackenzie District.

This summer you will start to see Council staff monitoring parking around the district. Our new parking bylaw was adopted by the Councillors at their meeting in August and during this first summer we will be taking a largely educational approach.

The areas we are focussing on are reminding people not to park in a mobility area unless they have a valid permit, and keeping an eye on our areas of 'timed' parking. These are the ones where parking is permitted for a fixed period, like an hour, and where demand means that it's important there is a regular turnover of vehicles and the space is available for others to follow. Council receives the most complaints about these things.

The bylaw also allows us to issue infringements. The details, including the locations of parking zones in our towns, are available from our website at mackenzie.govt.nz > search: parking bylaw.



Resource Recovery Parks

If you are having a clear-out, or doing a lot of gardening over the Christmas and New Year period., our resource recovery centres at Fairlie, Tekapo and Twizel are open throughout the break.

Opening days and times are at [mackenzie.govt.nz](https://mackenzie.govt.nz/Pages/Public-Notices/Christmas-and-New-Year-Opening-Hours-and-Services) > Pages > Public Notices > Christmas and New Year Opening Hours and Services



Make sure all wheelie bins are out on collection day by:

There are two collection trucks picking up different coloured bins which do not always follow the same route. Therefore bins may be emptied at any time during the day, starting from 7:00am.



Report an issue or problem?

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



Watering your garden over summer

Early summer has arrived and recently the weather has started to heat up. Many of us have also started to water our gardens.

There are some watering tips that can help make the most of your water:

- Water your garden in the early morning before the sun heats up.
- Or, water in the evening as things start to cool off.
- Avoid watering during the heat. You risk damaging your plants, and won't get the most benefit.
- Water more deeply and less often. Get the water down into the roots to encourage their growth, and water about 3 times per week.
- Water when your soil is dry for the first 2.5cm

Although it is lovely to have a lush green lawn, it does take a lot of water to maintain. If you can, concentrate your watering efforts on other parts of the garden.

If hot dry conditions continue over the summer we may have to introduce water restrictions. Keep an eye on Council's messaging (our website will always be updated, and we will put posts on our Facebook page and in newsletters) and on the water restriction boards in our towns.



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](https://mackenzie.govt.nz/Community/Grants-and-Scholarships/Creative-Communities-Scheme) > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Creative Communities Scheme

Applications for the 2025 first round close on Wednesday 12 February.



Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund grants

Applications are now open for Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund grants. The fund is open to sports clubs and school teams with young people aged between 5-18 years who need help with transport expenses to attend regular, local sporting competitions.

Further information, guides and application form are available at [mackenzie.govt.nz](https://mackenzie.govt.nz/Community/Grants-and-Scholarships/Sport-NZ-Rural-Travel-Fund) > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund.

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**Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a
relaxing new year from all of us at
Mackenzie District Council**