

# News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



**Mackenzie**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Parks & Trails Strategy - another chance to have your say!



Earlier this year, we asked how you and the people in your community currently use the existing parks, trails, playgrounds and public toilets in the Mackenzie District, what you like about them, and what you think is missing. We've incorporated that feedback into a draft strategy document, and would now love you to share what you think about the draft strategy for the Mackenzie District's parks and amenities.

We used your insights to develop a draft strategy that sets out what we'll do across the district, including those communities outside of the main townships, over the next 10 to 20 years.

The draft Mackenzie District Parks and Amenities Strategy outlines the priorities and goals, the framework for decision-making, the level of investment needed, and a priority plan for the delivery each of identified projects.

Before we finalise the strategy, we want to check in and see whether we've missed anything. You can do this by heading to our engagement website ([www.letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz](http://www.letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz)) and either completing the survey or asking a question.

We'll use your feedback to refine the strategy. Feedback closes Friday 17 December.

## Christmas & New Year Opening Hours and Services.

### Twizel NZ Post Centre

Limited days and hours of operation on weekdays from Friday 24 to Wednesday 5 January, for NZ Post Centre services only.

- Friday 24 December 2021 - Open 8:30am to 12pm
- Monday 27 December 2021 (Statutory Holiday) - Closed
- Tuesday 28 December 2021 (Statutory Holiday) - Closed
- Wednesday 29 December 2021 - Open 11am to 1pm
- Thursday 30 December 2021 - Open 11am to 1pm
- Friday 31 December 2021 - Open 11am to 1pm
- Monday 3 January 2022 - (Statutory Holiday) - Closed
- Tuesday 4 January 2022 - (Statutory Holiday) - Closed

Regular days and hours of opening resume from Wednesday 5 January onward.

### Planning & Consent Processing

The Planning department is closed between Monday 20 December 2021 and Monday 10 January 2022. Due to the 20-working day statutory processing requirement, submissions lodged after Friday 19 November 2021 will not be issued until after Monday 10 January 2022.

Full details of changes to services can be found on our website at [www.mackenzie.govt.nz](http://www.mackenzie.govt.nz), or give our customer services team a call on 0800 685 8514. We're here to help.

**Best wishes for the Festive Season!**

**Council offices close at midday on 24 December, reopening on 5 January. Our customer services team are available throughout the holiday period to deal with urgent matters on 0800 685 8514**



## Angela Oosthuizen appointed Acting Chief Executive Officer.



The Chief Executive of Mackenzie District Council, Suzette van Aswegen, announced in November that she had decided to decline the council's offer to extend her four year employment agreement with the council for another 2 years. Instead, she has decided to return to Perth so that she can spend some time with her family and in particular her new grandson. Suzette goes with the council's best wishes and its thanks for her contribution.

Council are delighted to welcome Angela Oosthuizen who has been appointed Acting Chief Executive Officer while recruitment for Suzette's replacement is underway. Angela was formerly Chief Executive Officer at Kaikoura District Council, and has been working for Mackenzie District Council for eight months overseeing the 2021 - 2031 Long Term Plan and Te Manahuna Ki Uta (Destination Mackenzie) project.

Angela is looking forward to spending more time in the Mackenzie District, and looks forward to meeting more residents and ratepayers in the coming months.

## Holiday Waste Services.

### Kerbside collections

All collections take place on regular collection days. Please have bins out for collection by 7am. There is an extra red bin collection on the following days, in addition to the yellow and blue bins.

- Twizel - Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 December 2021
- Tekapo - Wednesday 5 January 2022

### Resource Recovery Parks

#### Fairlie

- Tuesday 28 December - 2:30pm to 4:30pm
- Thursday 30 December - 2:30pm to 4:30pm
- Tuesday 4 January - 2:30pm to 4:30pm

#### Tekapo

- Monday 27 December - 9am to 11:30am
- Wednesday 29 December - 10am to 4:30pm
- Monday 3 January - 9am to 11:30am
- Wednesday 5 January - 10am to 4:30pm

#### Twizel

- Monday 27 December - 10am to 4pm
- Tuesday 28 December - 12pm to 4pm
- Wednesday 29 December - 12pm to 4pm
- Thursday 30 December - 12pm to 4pm
- Friday 31 December - 12pm to 4pm
- Monday 3 January - 10am to 4pm
- Tuesday 4 January - 12pm to 4pm
- Wednesday 5 January - 12pm to 4pm

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Please see our website for full details.

## Dates of Upcoming Meetings

6 December	Twizel Community Board Meeting	Community Lounge, Twizel, 3pm
8 December	Tekapo Community Board Meeting	Community Hall, Tekapo, 3pm
9 December	Fairlie Community Board Meeting	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 4.30pm
14 December	Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 9.30am

COVID-19: Please note meetings may be re-scheduled or moved to zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please check our website for the latest information.

Committee meetings follow the preceding meeting and so start times will vary. 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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**December 2021**