

Mackenzie Messenger



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News & Information from Mackenzie District Council

A Message from Graham Smith, Mayor of the Mackenzie District

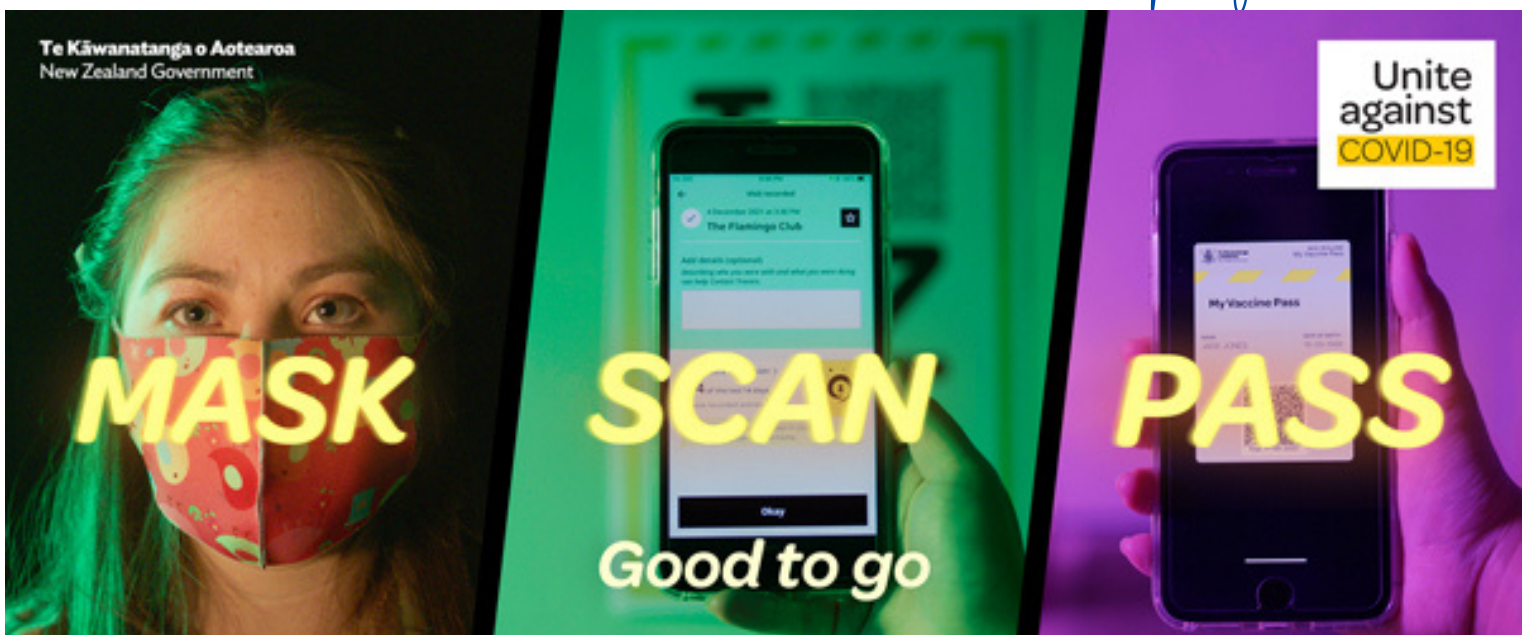
The cancellation of the Fairlie A&P show is just another blow to our district that we have to accept. The logistics of running such an event of its nature under the Red Light status is not practicable. Social distancing, vaccine passes, and maintaining and/or enforcing bubbles under 100 is impossible. Like everywhere else across the



country and so many other big events being cancelled, tourists are not coming, there's no further wage subsidies or resurgence funds, it's putting huge pressure on our people which is going to have serious implications going forward.

We are fortunate in the Mackenzie to have vast land area and a unique natural environment, so we experienced a wonderful couple weeks over Christmas and New Year with near perfect weather. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying boating, cycling, tramping, fishing, and many other activities, however the second half of January has been relatively quiet again, especially from how it was in our "pre-covid" days. I know in Mackenzie the locals will support local and assist each other as they have always done, and we need to. We can't hide from Covid. The harsh reality is that it's happening, and the omicron variant although milder in nature, has such a high transmission rate we just want to ensure our communities and countries safety and ability to continue to function. So please mind your distance, mask up, keep the vaccine and boosters up and please take care of each other. The inevitable will happen and is happening. We need learn to manage it and live with it, and can only hope we will see some respite from it all soon.

Mayor Graham



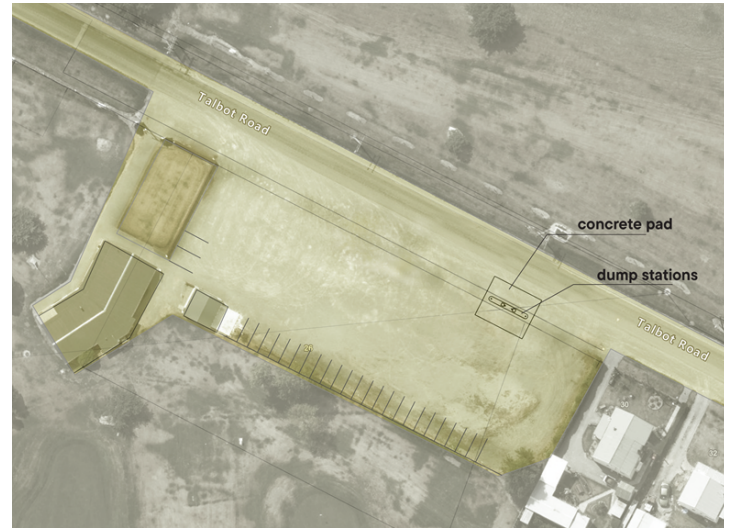
Twizel Car Park Improvements

An upgrade and improvement project is taking place at the Mackenzie Drive car park, adjacent to Four Square Mackenzie and the Events Centre in Twizel. Work started in early January and the project is due for completion by Friday 4 February.

The project is being undertaken by Schick Civil, who are contracted by Mackenzie District Council. Project work includes an upgrade of the current drainage, and resurfacing of the car park. During the upgrade the car park will be closed to motorists and pedestrians, due to the heavy construction equipment used.



Proposed Campervan Waste Disposal Point - Fairlie.



Council has been funded by the Tourism Facilities Infrastructure Fund to construct a campervan waste disposal point in Fairlie.

We have identified a location on Talbot Road adjacent to the Fairlie Golf Club as the preferred location given the proximity to the required services, easy access, the existing Golf Club carpark and adjacent uses. However there may be other suitable locations - bearing in mind the need for proximity to waste infrastructure. The campervan waste disposal point would be of similar design to the one shown below and consist of two sumps in a raised concrete island and a concrete hardstand.

We're keen to hear the views of the wider community - you may know of other locations we should consider.

Visit letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz to tell us what you think. We will consider all feedback received before a final decision is made. This topic is open for feedback until 5pm on 25th February 2022.



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ONE POO CAN CLOSE THE LAKE



POO IMPACTS WATER QUALITY IN OUR LAKES

Just a small amount of human or dog poo can shut down a whole swimming area for days – don't ruin everyone else's holiday.

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Aorangi Crescent roading project, Tekapo.

An urbanisation project is taking place on Aorangi Crescent, Tekapo. The work started in early January and is due for completion in early February. The work is being undertaken by Schick Civil, who are contracted by Mackenzie District Council.

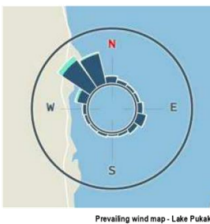
The project, adjacent to Lake Tekapo School, includes new footpaths, pavement widening, minor drainage and a new raised pedestrian crossing. Parking bays are being created to ensure both pedestrians and motorists are safe whilst entering or exiting the school.



Proposed Site Plan
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KEY:
 A: 4 unisex toilets (1 accessible)
 B: 2 unisex toilets (1 accessible)
 C: shelter seating area
 D: concrete handstand path
 E: 5 custom steel & timber bike stands
 F: new low level planting
 G: rock retaining mound
 H: rock soak pit for roof water
 I: existing fence toilets
 J: existing male toilets & urinal
 K: existing chairman's cupboard (sink & HWC)
 L: existing grassed pedestrian area
 M: existing information kiosk
 N: car park

NOTE:
 - Actual siting of building to be confirmed
 - Low level landscaping & stanting confirmed on site



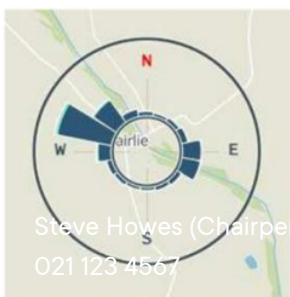
Funding for Additional Toilets

Following receipt of a grant from the government's tourism infrastructure fund, new toilets will be constructed at Fairlie, Lake Pukaki Lookout and Lake Ruataniwha. Construction will be underway in the coming weeks with completed expected by June 2022.

Indicative designs for Lake Pukaki Lookout are shown to the left, and Fairlie village green below.



Proposed Concept - 3D Visualisation



SPECIFICATION:
 Exceloo Toilets - roof included (2x of 4 pan blocks)
 Stone cladding (2x blocks = 76sqm) and paving (65sqm)
 Steel canopy structure CHS (150-170mm dia)
 Thermospan 150mm roofing (max span 4m for 2kpa)
 Custom curved rolled gutter
 St.st. woven mesh, fitted over CHS posts (from stone cladding to soffit)
 Stone clad free standing basins 2x

Interior Integrated Poetry Display
 To be selected - in consultation with clients

N/C/E:
 Actual siting of building to be confirmed
 Landscaping & planting options shown are indicative TBC

Refer to page 2 for further drawings and specifications



Proposed Site Plan
1:1000

Local Government New Zealand releases Mackenzie District Council benchmark report.



Local Government New Zealand’s independent CouncilMark programme is giving Mackenzie District Council’s performance a tick of approval in its second assessment. Since the last assessment in 2018, the Council has improved its operations in several key areas with communications and engagement being the standout.

LGNZ President Stuart Crosby says the improvements are heartening to see, especially for a size-challenged rural council. “The Council’s communications and engagement policy framework is very soundly based, and recent engagement with iwi has been a breakthrough. The growing collaborative partnership with them, and other key councils and agencies, sets the Council up to successfully address growth and sustainability issues.”

“As a small rural council, Mackenzie district faces the challenge of providing viable and sustainable services to a widely distributed ratepayer base. However, the Council recognises the need to be strategy-led and is committed to being so.”

Of note, the CouncilMark report found the Mayor and councillors have a blend of experience, a strong sense of the communities they represent, and valuable renewed relationship with Papatipu Rūnanga. Crosby also commends that there is a sound working rapport between elected members and staff which is respectful of the governance and management roles.

Mackenzie Mayor Graham Smith says the efforts of staff and stakeholders, alongside good community support, help ensure the Council can be outward looking, effectively face challenges and take a strategy-led approach. “We’re dedicated to providing the community core services and further building strong relationships with other councils, Papatipu Rūnanga and government agencies. Having these efforts positively highlighted in the independent report is heartening,” he says.

Mackenzie CEO Angela Oosthuizen says the assessment shows the Council has improved significantly in governance, leadership and being strategy-led. “Service delivery has been enhanced with new approaches, improved asset management, and, as was highlighted in the report, exceptional advances in Council’s communications and engagement with the community. This year marks the completion of the transitional programme as we consolidate the changes initiated into our business-as-usual operations. We are focusing on projects that improve strategic financial management, stabilise our people management and deliver core strategic projects such as Te Manahuna Ki Uta and the District Plan Review. These forward-looking strategic projects will result in proactive management of growth and sustainability issues,” she says.

The assessment notes there were hold-ups in reporting and planning obligations, with both its 2019-20 Annual Report and 2021-31 Long Term Plan were reported to be late. The Council achieved several commendable improvements and maintained its “B” rating. Due to natural progression and continuous improvement maintaining a positive rating in the current environment, it should be seen as a win.

The on-site CouncilMark assessment took place 30-31 March and was completed in August 2021. The full media release from LGNZ and the CouncilMark report can be found on Council's website mackenzie.govt.nz.