

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



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Matariki Mackenzie Festival

The rise of Matariki in the winter skies is an important time for Aotearoa New Zealand: it signifies the start of the Māori new year.

Matariki Mackenzie offers a special place for Mana Whenua, community and manuhiri (visitors) to connect with whānau (family) and whenua (land) through culture, kai (food) and kōrero (conversation).



The inaugural Matariki Mackenzie festival took place at Tekapo over 24 and 25 June 2022.

Mackenzie District Mayor Graham Smith, and Chief Executive Angela Oosthuizen attended various Matariki Mackenzie events, including meeting with Hon Stuart Nash (Minister for Economic and Regional Development), Hon Peeni Henare (Minister of Defence, Associate Minister of Tourism) and Iwi, a poi making workshop, a Matariki feast, a night time star gazing at Mount John, a dawn service to learn more about Maori astronomy and a Matariki Market, to mark this historic event in Takapō.

Congratulations to all involved for such a successful weekend, and the volunteers who made the events possible.

Ara Business Excellence Awards Winners

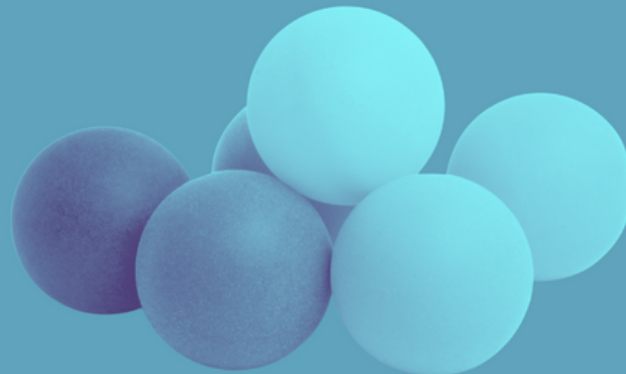
Council congratulates category winners from the Mackenzie District in the 2022 South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce Ara Business Excellence Awards.

- Small business award: Petronella's Gallery and Bookstore
- Sustainability and environmental award: MenardsNZ Ecosanctuary Accommodation



We further congratulate BLANK SPACE - 3rd place in the ANZ People's Choice Award. Thankyou to all Mackenzie businesses who participated in this event.

Frozen Balls are Better



Now that the weather has turned cold we start to think about freezing water in pipes and cisterns of properties that are not in constant use.

Anecdotally we know that some people put anti-freeze in toilets, to try and avoid frost damage. Unfortunately, anti-freeze is fairly toxic and it's not a chemical we want in our water treatment plants where it can cause problems.

Instead how about trying one of the other solutions to this age-old problem:

1. Drain your pipes. If you're going to be away for a while this is the best long-term solution to frost damage in your water pipes.
2. Float a ping pong ball in your toilet. When the water freezes the ball will take the strain and pop instead of your toilet bowl.
3. Float a tennis ball in cisterns etc. As the water freezes and thaws the flexibility in the ball should take the strain. A sponge may work in the same way.

In this case frozen balls really are better.

To get you started we are giving ping pong balls away to home owners. If you call in to your local Council office in Fairlie or Twizel you can pick up a couple of complimentary balls.

ALSO: Did you know that if you have anti-freeze to dispose of, it can be dropped off at one of the Resource Recovery Parks in Fairlie, Tekapo or Twizel.

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RESEARCH FIRST

Have your say about life in Mackenzie District with a short survey, and go in the draw to win one of three \$100 cash prizes.



On behalf of the Mackenzie District Council, Research First is conducting Mackenzie District's annual Residents' Opinion survey. This is to inform the Council about its residents' opinions regarding services the Council offers.

We would really like to hear your opinions and would appreciate you taking the time to fill out this survey.

Access the survey by scanning the QR code below, or you can use this link - bit.ly/Mackenzie-J3400

Printed copies are available and can be returned at:

Mackenzie District Council
53 Main Street, Fairlie
Market Place, Twizel

Kiwi Treasures
12 Rapuwai Lane, Lake Tekapo



For more information please contact survey@researchfirst.co.nz or info@mackenzie.govt.nz

The survey will take around 15 minutes to complete, and your answers will remain anonymous. Everyone who completes the survey can choose to go into the draw to win one of three \$100 cash prizes. The survey is open from July 7 until August 21, 2022.

TAKE A STAND

Stand for your community
Stand for election

PŌTI 2022
MĀI PŌTITANGA Ā-ROHE

VOTE 2022
LOCAL ELECTIONS

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Monday 11 July	Twizel Community Board Meeting	3pm - 5pm
Wednesday 13 July	Tekapo Community Board Meeting	3pm - 5pm
Thursday 14 July	Fairlie Community Board Meeting	4:30pm - 6pm
Tuesday 9 August	Committee Day	9:30am - 5pm
Friday 19 August	Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee	9:30am - 1pm
Monday 22 August	Twizel Community Board Meeting	3pm - 5pm
Tuesday 23 August	Council Meeting	9:30am - 5pm
Wednesday 24 August	Tekapo Community Board Meeting	3pm - 5pm
Thursday 25 August	Fairlie Community Board Meeting	4:30pm - 6pm

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.

Wherever you PAY RATES you can VOTE

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