

# News & Information

## from Mackenzie District Council



**Mackenzie**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

### Mackenzie District Mayor, Anne Munro

As we head into the festive season, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very special Christmas and happy 2023.

Life continues to be difficult for many people as we face multiple uncertainties every day. Here in Mackenzie we are fortunate that we have supportive and friendly communities. Small things like a smile, a simple conversation to check in on a friend or neighbour, or a helping hand with a project, can often have the biggest impact on us all.

Our unique and special way of life here in the Mackenzie is something we can cherish and foster. Over the Christmas and New Year period I hope you can take a moment to simply step back, clear your mind of the things that may cause you stress and anxiety and, even just for a few moments, focus on your loved ones and friends, and the things that bring you joy.

Our local businesses are a crucial part of our communities, so as you are out and about over the holiday period it's a great time to support them when you can.

This is also the time of year when our roads really start to fill up with visitors, campervans, cyclists and a range of potential hazards. Please take extra care of yourselves and others when travelling this break.

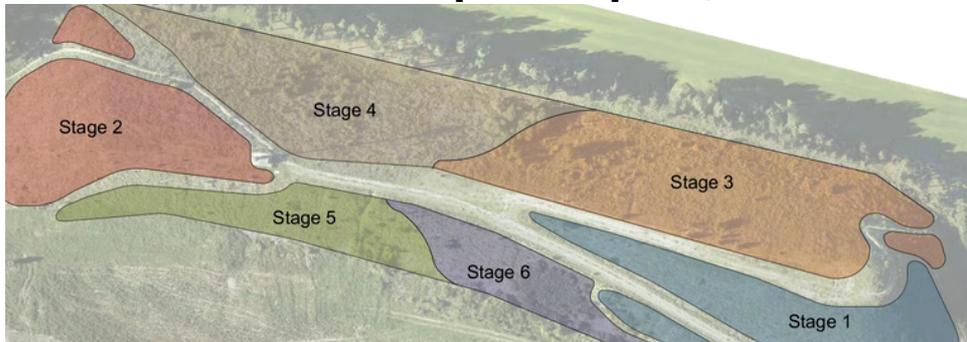
I hope you all have time to enjoy the incredible landscape and natural environment we are so lucky to have as our backyard and please, continue to be kind to one another.

Thank you for choosing me to represent the Mackenzie District as your Mayor. Thank you to my Councillors and Community Boards, to Angela our wonderful Chief Executive and to the team at our MDC offices. Thank you all for your commitment and hard work this year. Thank you also to the volunteers who do so much for our communities, especially at this time of year.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and I wish you all the very best for 2023.

Meri Kirihimete.

### Man-Made Hill Revegetation and Recreational Development plan, Twizel



We are seeking community support and additional suggestions on a staged plan for recreational development and native revegetation for Man-Made Hill in Twizel. The hill, that takes up an approximate 3-hectare footprint, was formed by excavations in the formation of the Upper Waitaki Hydroelectric scheme of the late 1960s.

The hill is currently denuded of larger vegetation having had pines removed years ago and now sports emerging wilding pines and a continuing infestation of seeded broom and other exotic weeds. During summer there is a growing need to provide outdoor recreational opportunities for the visiting and resident population.

The plan is divided into stages to be worked on from 2023. Stage one already has budget allocation which allows for some initial weed control and a segment of native planting from March 2023. The additional stages are planned through to early 2028 and include the development of a mountain bike/flow skills loop trail, walking track upgrades including two view point seats and mountain range/visa interpretation panels. The plan also includes general pest plant and animal control, rabbit proof perimeter fencing, native planting with species unique to the Mackenzie District over six stages.

The aim is to improve recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to the area, improve the environment by reducing urban weed and pest animal infestation and and showcase the unique indigenous flora of the District.

#### Tell us:

- Do you support the development of Man Made Hill as proposed in the draft development plan?
- What other things would you like to suggest to improve the environment and recreational offering on Man Made Hill?

Have your say at [letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz](http://letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz) > Man-Made Hill.  
Consultation closes on Sunday 18 December 2022.

### Report an issue or problem?

Contact us on 0800 685 8514  
or email [info@mackenzie.govt.nz](mailto:info@mackenzie.govt.nz)



### Christmas and New Year Opening Hours and Services 2022-2023



#### Council offices - Fairlie and Twizel

Council offices close at midday on Friday 23 December, reopening on Wednesday 4 January. Our customer services team are available throughout the holiday period to deal with urgent matters on 0800 685 8514.

#### Twizel NZ Post Centre

Limited days and hours of operation on weekdays from Friday 23 December 2021 to Wednesday 4 January 2023, for NZ Post Centre services only.

- Friday 23 December - Open 8:30am to 12pm
- Wednesday 28 December - Open 11am to 1pm
- Thursday 29 December - Open 11am to 1pm
- Friday 30 December - Open 11am to 1pm

Regular days and hours resume from Wednesday 4 January 2023 onward.

### 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 26 and Tuesday 27 December
- Tekapo - Wednesday 4 January



#### Resource Recovery Parks

Resource Recovery Parks are open over the following weekdays:

##### Fairlie

- Tuesday 27 December - 2:30pm - 4:30pm
- Thursday 29 December - 2:30pm - 4:30pm
- Tuesday 3 January - 2:30pm - 4:30pm

##### Tekapo:

- Wednesday 28 December - 10:00am - 4:30pm

##### Twizel:

- Tuesday 27 December - 12:00pm - 4:00pm
- Wednesday 28 December - 12:00pm - 4:00pm
- Thursday 29 December - 12:00pm - 4:00pm
- Friday 30 December - 12:00pm - 4:00pm
- Tuesday 3 January - 12:00pm - 4:00pm

All Resource Recovery Parks are closed on the following public holidays:

- Christmas Day - Sunday 25 December
- Boxing Day - Monday 26 December
- New Year's Day - Sunday 1 January
- Statutory Holiday - Monday 2 January

Regular days and hours resume from Wednesday 4 January onward.

### Building

The Statutory Clock for processing stops on Tuesday 20 December 2022, restarting on Tuesday 10 January 2023. Final day for inspections is Thursday 22 December 2022. Inspections resume on Monday 9 January 2023.

Building staff will be available from Wednesday 4 January. The Building Manager will be on call over the Christmas and New Year period.

### Planning / Consents

The Planning department is closed between Monday 20 December 2021 and Wednesday 4 January 2023.

Due to the 20-working day statutory processing requirement, submissions lodged after Friday 18 November 2022 will not be able to be issued until after Monday 9 January 2023.

0800 685 8514

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Christmas 2022