

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Mackenzie
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Voting Packs distributed across the Mackenzie District

Voting packs have been delivered by NZ Post to households across the Mackenzie District.

Once you have voted, place your voting paper into the voting boxes at the following locations:

- Council office in Fairlie
- Council office in Twizel
- Kiwi Treasures in Tekapo

Your vote must be in the hands of the electoral officer by midday on Saturday, October 8, 2022.

Special votes are available during normal office hours at the council offices in Fairlie and Twizel.

Further information covering the 2022 Local Body Elections is available on the Council website - www.mackenzie.govt.nz > Council > 2022 Local Body Elections



Twizel and Aoraki Mt Cook Civil Defence exercise

On Thursday 15 September 2022, approximately 30 emergency response personal from the Twizel area met at the Meridian Emergency Operations Centre in Twizel for a multi-agency emergency planning exercise.

Mackenzie District Emergency Management Officer Joe Rush gave everyone details of an 'event' and then two separate teams had to plan how they would respond, and how they would deal with the extra details Joe added, like 'discovering' that a very pregnant woman had been cut off by rising flood waters. The 'event' featured a RED rain warning issued by the MetService for significant amounts of rain and snow in the Southern Alps and Mackenzie foothills. The Twizel River and associated streams received record rain and river flows escalated, causing widespread flooding to multiple properties and evacuations of residents. The Maryburn Stream bridge, Twizel and Ahuriri river bridges were damaged which subsequently isolated Twizel.

Further information came in that two large avalanches had occurred in the Aoraki Mt Cook National Park where there are possible fatalities and injuries to campers in the area.

The two teams had to work together and, using their expertise and local knowledge, plan how they would respond to the situation.

People attended from: FENZ, St John, Mackenzie Lakes Coastguard, Mackenzie LandSAR, Twizel Civil Defence community response team, Meridian, Aoraki Mt Cook DOC, Mackenzie District Council Civil Defence, Canterbury Regional Civil Defence and Timaru District Council Civil Defence.

The opportunity to collaborate with multiple agencies and groups invaluable and everyone came away with a better understanding of each agency's core functions and responsibilities.

Joe Rush said he was very impressed at the professionalism and enthusiasm from all that attended.



Meet the Candidates Evenings

Meet the Candidates evenings took place at Fairlie, Tekapo and Twizel over late September.

The evenings had a strong turnout from the public, and a number of interesting questions were raised. Shown at right is the Fairlie evening. Hot topics at Fairlie's meeting included Three Waters, budgets, the future vision for Fairlie, and the Timaru-Tekapo Central South Trail.



Mayors Taskforce for Jobs - William Lawrence - Barwoods

William Lawrence had ambitions of being a diesel mechanic and he has landed not far from his target, but instead of fixing trucks he is driving them. William was working casually doing farm work when an opportunity arose to work at Barwoods as a truck driver.

Leaine Rush, Mayors Taskforce for Jobs coordinator, and Tracey Cassie from Barwoods have been in contact since the inception of the programme and were thrilled to be able to work together to assist William with his employment opportunity.

Since working at Barwoods, William has achieved his full Class2 driver license and had been given his own truck to drive, which is his pride and joy.

Mike O'Brien. Dispatcher at Barwoods, worked with William on his theory for his Class 2 and he passed first time! What a great achievement. Mike says that William has a great work ethic and is always keen and willing to get stuck in at work.

Mayor Graham recently met William at the Barwoods depot and commented that William might be spreading fertiliser at his farm before long.

MTFJ and Mayor Graham wish William the best with achieving his Class 4 licence, when he is eligible, and his future career at Barwoods.



Age Friendly Strategy workshops

Age Friendly Strategy community focus group workshops were held in Fairlie, Twizel and Tekapo over August.

Six in total were held, facilitated by the Property and Commercial team, with a good turn out at all and solid feedback from community members and providers.

The related survey has closed with over 100 responses, the responses exceeding our target. Watch this space as we advance towards formulating an Age Friendly Strategy for the Mackenzie District.



Report an issue or problem?

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



Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday 18 October	Swearing In Ceremony for Mayor and Councillors	5:30pm - 6:30pm
Monday 31 October	Extraordinary Council Meeting to Adopt Annual Report	9:30am - 10:30am
Tuesday 8 November	Inaugural Council Meeting	9:30am - 5:00pm
Monday 14 November	Inaugural Twizel Community Board Meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Wednesday 16 November	Inaugural Tekapo Community Board Meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday 17 November	Inaugural Fairlie Community Board Meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm
Tuesday 13 December	Council Meeting	9:30am - 2:00pm
Tuesday 13 December	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	2:00pm - 5:00pm

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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