

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Mackenzie
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fairlie Volunteers recognised

At the recent Council meeting in Fairlie the Mayor, Anne Munro, thanked two local volunteers for their contributions to the community.

Anne Thomson

Anne Thomson was recognised for over 40 years of service to the community, having started as a volunteer in Fairlie on the night after she moved here.

Anne has been the driving force behind many improvements in Fairlie, and her work has resulted in a strong and thriving community.

Some of the projects she has been involved in over the years include:

- The Fairlie Village Green,
- Projects for the new millennium
- The Main Street upgrade
- The 150 Years Celebration
- The Trooper Mackenzie statue
- The Mackenzie District Archive
- Bringing arts events to Fairlie
- The new skatepark



Rit Fisher

Rit Fisher was recognised for 33 years of service on the council's Rural Travel Fund grants committee. The Rural Travel Fund grants committee started in 1990 to distribute funding from the Hillary Commission (now Sport New Zealand) to help children in rural areas get to sports practice and events.

Since it started the committee has distributed \$370,000 to children's sports in Mackenzie. The grants have paid for team vans or buses, or fuel vouchers for parents.

Or Fisher joined the Rural Travel Fund committee when it started 33 years ago and has taken part in the decision-making process every year as a volunteer until he resigned from the committee on becoming a councillor.



Creative Communities Scheme

Students attend a recent wool dyeing workshop run by Fairlie Creative Fibre. This workshop received a Creative Communities grant of \$347 from the Mackenzie District Council towards expenses. The eight people who attended got to take home some bright, hand-dyed wool to knit up for their families.

If you are interested in organising an arts event in the district, consider applying for a Creative Communities Grant. More information is available at mackenzie.govt.nz > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Creative Communities Scheme



Twizel MDC Service Centre & NZ Post Agency accessibility upgrade underway



Work is well underway on the pathway outside MDC Twizel Service Centre and NZ Post Agency, to improve accessibility to Twizel Town Centre from the Market Place Carpark.

Currently MDC Customer Services and Twizel NZ Post Agency are at the Twizel Events Centre. Signs are in place to direct customers to the temporary location.



AF8 Roadshow 2023

The Science Beneath Our Feet

A public talk will be held on Thursday 11 May, 7:00pm at Mackenzie Community Centre, Fairlie, by leading Alpine Fault scientists about the potential impacts of a large Alpine Fault earthquake in the region. Admission is free.

The Science Beneath Our Feet brings Alpine Fault science and hazard impact information to South Island communities, in areas likely to be affected by an Alpine Fault earthquake. While we can't predict earthquakes, scientific research indicates there is a 75% probability of an Alpine Fault earthquake occurring in the next 50 years, and there is a 4 out of 5 chance that it will be a magnitude 8+ event. This is likely to have major short and long-term impacts.

This event is hosted by the 6 South Island Emergency Management Groups and sponsored by Toka Tū Ake EQC. The AF8 Roadshow is supported by Resilience to Nature's Challenges, QuakeCoRE: NZ Centre for Earthquake Resilience, GNS Science, University of Otago University of Canterbury, and University of Auckland - Waipapa Taumata Rau.

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. This is the BEST solution. 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 ball in toilets/cisterns etc. As the water freezes and thaws the flexibility in the ball should take the strain. Ping pong balls may work, also tennis balls may flex or a sponge may work in the same way.
3. You can also put some salt in the water remaining in your toilet before you leave.

In this case frozen balls really are better.

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, Lake Tekapo or Twizel.



2023 Mobile Traders Applications

Applications for Mobile Shop and Traders Licenses opened on 1 April 2023. Council has designated five sites for Mobile Trading in the Mackenzie District:

- Village Green, Fairlie
- Denmark Street Greenway, Fairlie
- Lakeside Drive Carpark, Tekapo
- Hamilton Drive Carpark, Tekapo
- Mackenzie Drive Carpark, Twizel



Applications for a Mobile Trading License will close on 31 May 2023 with granted Licenses to be issued by the 30 June. More information on how to submit an application is available on the Council website - mackenzie.govt.nz > services > food-safety

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Monday 1 May	Twizel Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Twizel
Tuesday 2 May	Council Meeting	9:30am - 2:00pm	Fairlie
	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	2:00pm - 4:30pm	Fairlie
Monday 29 May	Tekapo Community Board meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Tekapo
Tuesday 30 May	Council Meeting	9:30am - 2:00pm	Twizel
Thursday 1 June	Fairlie Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Fairlie
Monday 26 June	Twizel Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Twizel
Tuesday 27 June	Citizenship Ceremony	4:00pm - 4:30pm	Fairlie

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.