

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Mackenzie
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Citizenship Ceremony at Tekapo

Mackenzie Mayor Anne Munro welcomed six new New Zealand citizens at a ceremony held at the Tekapo Hall on June 27.

The new citizens are (left to right): Zita Speck-Rickenbach from Switzerland, Patricia Alty from Canada, Daniela Mello from Brazil, Genifer Tadielo from Brazil, Lewis Brindley from England, Mayor Anne Munro, Marjorie Arellano from the Philippines.



Lake Alexandrina Tree Works

Water levels at Lake Alexandrina have been slowly rising over the last few years with the increase in willow root growth at the outlet, which has congested the creek, restricting water flow. As a result:

- Traditional crested grebe nesting sites around the lake have been flooded.
- Boat sheds and access points around the lake have been flooded.
- The bridge to the outlet huts has been placed at risk of washout during high rainfall events.

Following multi-agency discussions involving DOC, ECAN, Fish & Game, the Outlets Hut Holders Association, the Lake Alexandrina Conservation Trust, and the Mackenzie District Council, it was decided to remove several willows immediately upstream of the bridge to the Outlet Huts to stop further root growth congesting the creek and to increase flow.

Significant biodiversity in the area mean that in-stream works cannot take place between April and November for trout spawning, and work on the trees cannot take place between August and March for nesting crested grebes.

To avoid disruption, tree removals took place in mid-July, taking care to not disturb the creek and trout spawning. A second round of works will be completed in late March 2024 to remove the root mass and deepen the channel.

Wood suitable for firewood will be piled for the hut holders following the July works.

Greta Lodge - Lease available



Greta Lodge is a historic hut situated alongside Lake Ohau with a long and varied history. The Twizel Community Board have recently decided to offer the hut to a club or community group.

The Board is keen to establish a long-term pepper-corn lease with a suitable group to manage and maintain the hut.

To express an interest, please fill out the form at letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz > Greta Lodge

Dog Registrations are coming – but not quite yet

It's that time of year again – when our canine friends get their nice new (yellow) council tags. Because the fees and charges for this financial year are adopted with the Annual Plan at the end of June, it takes a bit of time after that to update our system, generate and post the invoices. We are expecting to send out dog registration notices in the next couple of weeks.

Because the notices have been delayed, we are extending the payment date so dogs must be registered by 31 August, and the 50% penalty will only be imposed if your dog is not registered before 1 September. As always, if you will have difficulty paying your invoice, please contact us in confidence on 0800 685 8514 so we can discuss payment options. We're here to help.



Creative Communities Scheme

The Creative Communities Fund supports and encourages arts activities within the Mackenzie District.



Under the scheme 'the arts' are broadly defined as 'all forms of creative and interpretive expression'.

This includes creative participation in dance, performance, visual arts, music, arts education, toi Maori, literary workshops, digital storytelling and more.

The Creative Communities Scheme is a partnership between Creative New Zealand (the national arts development agency) and local councils in New Zealand. Each council takes responsibility for delivering the scheme in its area. Local decision-making is the key to the scheme: applications are considered by assessment committees with knowledge and experience of the arts in their area.

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

Applications close at 5pm on Friday, 21 July 2023.



When disaster strikes, the community will always step up?

Are you interested in helping your community in becoming a Twizel Civil Defence Volunteer?

To find out more, come along to the Twizel Event Centre Community Lounge on Wednesday 2 August 2023 at 7:00pm



For further info contact:
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RECYCLING

What goes in your blue glass crate?



Glass bottles
(Rinsed, no lids)



Glass jars
(Rinsed, no lids)

The below items are not for the blue glass crate - these go in the red rubbish bin



Windscreen glass



Mirror or Plate glass



Drinking glasses



Oven-safe glassware



Light bulbs



Lids & Caps



Want to know more?
www.mackenzie.govt.nz

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Monday 31 July	Tekapo Community Board meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Tekapo
Thursday 3 August	Fairlie Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Fairlie
Monday 28 August	Twizel Community Board meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Twizel
Tuesday 29 August	Council Meeting	9:30am - 2:00pm	Fairlie
Tuesday 26 September	Council Meeting	9:30am - 2:00pm	Fairlie
	Audit and Risk Meeting	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Fairlie
Wednesday 27 September	Tekapo Community Board meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Tekapo
Thursday 28 September	Fairlie Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm	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.

0800 685 8514

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