

THE Mackenzie



MESSENGER

...KEEPING YOU INFORMED

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Message from the Mayor

All the best for 2004.

Stan Scorringe
MAYOR

New Staff Appointments

Welcome to Martin King who has joined our team as our new Manager of Planning & Regulations. Martin has come from the Tasman District Council where he managed the Compliance Monitoring Functions under the Resource Management Act for 4 ½ yrs, and also previously with Environment Canterbury. Martin shifted to the Mackenzie with his wife, Catherine and two preschool aged children. He went to Timaru Boys High School and remembers spending every Easter at either the Fairlie or Tekapo Camping ground and still has a real passion for the District!

Welcome also to Phil Brophy who has been employed as our new IT Specialist.

From the Building Inspector

New Solid Fuel Burner Criteria

The following was released by Environment Canterbury on 19th December 2003 regarding the new solid fuel burner criteria:

“A decision was made at the meeting on 11th of December to not immediately enforce Rule AQL2 in rural areas

throughout Canterbury where the nearest dwelling is greater than 100 metres away.

While we encourage the installation of burners that comply with the 1g/kg emission factor and 65% thermal efficiency everywhere in Canterbury, Environment Canterbury staff will not be enforcing the provision for rural areas where the nearest dwelling is at least 100 metres from the non-complying appliance”.

A list of approved solid fuel heating appliances is available from: www.ecan.govt.nz/Air/Approved-Burners/solid-fuel-burners.asp or from the Mackenzie District Council office.

Changes to Acceptable Solution B2/AS1 - Timber Durability

The Building Industry Authority has provided the following guidelines for the treatment of timber for building purposes, that take effect from 1 April 2004:

“An increase in treatment level from H1 (provides insect only resistance) to H1.2 (insect plus fungal or rot resistance) for subfloor framing, exterior wall framing including parapets (except in low risk veneer buildings), enclosed framing and structural supports for riskier roof types (like enclosed skillion roofs).

An increase in treatment level from H1 to H3.1 for all framing and boundary joists or walls for enclosed decks, balconies and balustrades, and for enclosed flat roofs.

Untreated kiln dried radiata and untreated Douglas fir can still be used in a range of situations, including:

Roof framing, trusses and ceiling joists (except certain roof types with a higher risk of leaking and causing damage - like flat roofs), inter-storey floor joists, interior wall framing, beams, rafters and joists, exterior wall framing in single storey, low risk brick veneer buildings.

New requirements for colour coding and identification marking of timber will be introduced so that treatment level and treatment type will be more easily identified.

The changes apply to all buildings, not just to residential building as had been originally proposed.”

If you require any further information on these two articles, please contact Dick Marryatt, Building Inspector, Mackenzie District Council.

From Civil Defence

The awesome effects of nature are a fact of life here in New Zealand. Disasters happen quickly and without compassion, have the potential to ruin everything we have worked for over the years - homes, treasured and irreplaceable mementos and possibly the loss of loved ones.

We can not prevent disasters but we can take some simple steps to ensure we will be able to cope. All of us must think ahead and be prepared by involving the whole family.

KNOW WHAT TO DO BEFORE YOU HAVE TO DO IT.

Your local council is doing this. Contact them for more information about how you can get involved in emergency management so you can help your community, your family and yourself.

Twizel and Fairlie each have six wardens who are the controllers eyes and ears together with other personnel in other areas of significance.

If everything turns to custard, it will be these volunteers who will be checking their areas and reporting to the Emergency Operations Centre. If anyone has concerns, please contact Leo Crampton on 685 8514 or 685 8697 (home).

Albury	Ted Palmer	Twizel	Dor Phillips
Ashwick	Steve Whittaker	Town	Dave Murray
Farmbarn	Simon Kirk		Sonja Valentine
Kimbell	Alaister Smith		Kevin Moore
Mt Cook	Grant Prattley		Doug Alexander
Sherwood	Tim O'Connor		Kathy Foster
Tekapo	Diane Hayman	Fairlie	Peter Bell
Twizel	Rick Ramsay	Town	Ross Buick
			John Cassie
			Bill Edge
			Gary Kerr
			Jack Maret

From Asset Management

Seal Extensions

The Haldon Road seal extension mentioned in the written of last issue of the Mackenzie Messenger has been started.

The Waratah Rd and Camp Valley Rd seal extensions are going to tender shortly.

Tourism News

Mackenzie Tourism is the body charged with promoting tourism throughout the district under the aegis of the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Board, a Standing Committee of Council.

Karen Mullaly is the Marketing Manager for Mackenzie Tourism and can be contacted at:
PO Box 2600, Christchurch
Ph 03 353 1173
Mobile 021 650 401
Fax 03 365 0787
Website: www.mtcook.org.nz
Contact Karen if you have any queries or need assistance with tourism matters.

From Waste Management

When getting rid of Waste

Our solid waste system has been designed to give users maximum freedom of choice so they can use it to the extent that best suits them.

If you really feel that you don't want to separate your waste, you are free to get rid of it all as mixed rubbish provided you use the official black bags or take it to the Recovery Park and dispose of it as mixed rubbish. The charge for this is \$ 1-00/bag or \$ 25-00/m³. This is the real cost of handling and disposing of waste of this type. If one wants the convenience of getting rid of waste in this way, one must pay for the luxury. And yes, world-wide, throwing out mixed rubbish is becoming a luxury, and an increasingly expensive one at that. Please don't be mean and try and sneak rubbish into the system as recyclables or compostables. Please also do not dump rubbish outside the recovery park gates. It makes running the system more expensive and that cost always comes back to the ratepayer. Front up with your rubbish and pay your way. Please also remember that obsolete Mackenzie rubbish bags (those that don't have tie handles at the top) are not current official bags and will not be collected from kerbside. You may use them to bring rubbish into the recovery parks, but you will have to pay to dump them.

If you choose to separate and recycle your waste, the cost to you is very much lower. That is the trade-off for doing your bit to reduce rubbish and it is something we strongly encourage. The more people recycle, the more efficient and economic it becomes.

Mackenzie Compost

Top quality organic compost from "Joan" (the composting unit) is now available at each of the district's resource recovery parks at \$4-50 per 40 litre bag, including GST. In keeping with our policy of waste reduction and re-use, the bags are recycled.

The compost is weed and pathogen free and is very good value on account of being nutritionally very rich. In fact, it qualifies as a fertiliser in its own right. It contains 2.5% Nitrogen, 0.8% Phosphorus, 1.0% Potassium, 5.2% Calcium and 0.5% Magnesium. It has a pH of 7 (+/- .3) and contains the full spectrum of micronutrients with low levels of heavy metals.

It should either be applied as a top dressing or dug into the soil. Because it is so rich, it should not be used on its own as a potting mix.

Most Mackenzie soil is low in organic matter and nutritionally poor. Application of this compost will remedy this as well as raising the pH to a more desirable level. Water retention will also be greatly improved and earthworm activity will become prolific.

For those wanting larger quantities, it may be purchased in bulk from Twizel at \$ 75-00/m³. A loader is available to load trucks and trailers. Half cubic metre wool fadges may also be ordered at any of the Recovery Parks at \$48-00 each. All prices include GST.

For enquiries or orders, please contact your nearest Resource Recovery Park:

TWIZEL:	
Bobby Hughes or Peter Rye	0275 484 807
TEKAPO:	
Mark Smith	0275 484 863
FAIRLIE:	
Andrew Wood	0275 484 851