

# News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



**Mackenzie**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



## Man Made Hill Mountain Bike Trail Opening

The Twizel Mountain Bike Club has been working with Mackenzie District Council, RideLine and Graded Earth to develop a bespoke mountain bike track on Man Made Hill. Opening day is 14 October, so save the date!

The Man Made Hill track is an Advanced Blue Flow Trail, combining pump and jump features. To help Twizel get the most from the new track, the Twizel Mountain Bike Club is hosting a 'Give it a Go' session for anyone wanting to upskill for the new Flow trail.

### 'Give It a Go' Riverside Pump Track

**Saturday 7 October - 10:00am senior citizens, 11:00am everyone else**

This session is free to club members and \$20 for non-members. The session is hosted by the Twizel Mountain Bike Club and JJ from ALine Coaching.

### Man Made Hill Trail Opening

**Saturday 14 October - 11:00am-Late**

The official opening will be conducted by Mackenzie Mayor, Anne Munro. ALine Coaching will be providing support. Come down and meet the team behind Twizel Mountain Bike Club, and join us for:

- Fundraising barbeque (bring cash)
- Coaching
- Prizes
- To connect with other riders

For event updates and to join the Twizel Mountain Bike Club page [scan the QR code](#) or visit [facebook.com/groups/twizelmountainbikeclub](https://facebook.com/groups/twizelmountainbikeclub)



## Fairlie to Kimbell Central South Trail section now open

Have you checked out the newly opened shared-use Fairlie to Kimbell section of the Central South Trail yet? The trail provides a great off highway option for those walking or cycling between the towns.

The trail section was officially opened on Sunday 10 September by Mackenzie District Mayor Anne Munro. In time, the trail is planned to extend further west towards Stoneleigh Road and bridge, and will eventually link up with the Lake Tekapo-Twizel section of the Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail.

## Draft Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw

Council is making a new bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011. The new bylaw will be called the Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023. It carries over many of the provisions from the previous Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016.

Freedom camping has become a popular option for visitors throughout New Zealand and offers an affordable holiday for domestic and international visitors. The Mackenzie District is a popular destination for all types of visitors, which is why Council is proposing to have a mechanism to manage Freedom Campers.

The Council adopted a draft Responsible Freedom Camping bylaw for consultation following initial feedback from the community and external stakeholders.

The draft bylaw includes:

- Moving freedom camping away from all three main townships in the Mackenzie District.
- Restricted camping will be provided at Lake Opuha (Bennetts Road, Hayes Road, and Opuha George Road areas), and Edwards Stream (NZTA).
- Prohibiting tents, temporary structures, and non-self-contained vehicles throughout the Mackenzie District.
- Prohibiting the use of all open fires and firepits while freedom camping in the Mackenzie District.
- Explanatory notes to assist in better understanding of the Bylaw, including an explanatory note to let people know that Reserves in the Mackenzie District will be regulated under the Reserves Act 1977 rather than the Freedom Camping Act 2011, and that there will be provisions for restricted camping at the Lake Ruataniwha (West End) and Lake Wardell reserves.

Submissions for the Draft Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw are currently open at [letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz](https://letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz) > **Draft Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023**



## Speed Management Plan 2023



We want to know what you think about safer speed limits in our district.

We know that lowering the speed on our roads makes things safer for pedestrians, cyclists, horse-riders. We also know that slower speeds mean that when accidents do happen, less harm is caused.

The Government recently introduced legislation to reduce the speed around schools to 30km/hour to protect children who, as every driver knows, can behave in unpredictable ways.

Council is now asking for your opinion on a draft speed management plan which would see speed limits reduced across our district, with particular emphasis on urban areas. Slower speeds in these areas have been shown to encourage people to use active transport options like walking or cycling.

Have your say at [letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz](https://letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz) > [Speed Management Plan 2023](#)

## Old Iron Bridge - Tekapo River



The Iron Bridge on the Pukaki River track, which crosses the Tekapo River, is one of Council's more unusual assets - the bridge is from the Ministry of Works days, sold to the Council many years back for a symbolic \$1 dollar.

This bridge is accessed from the Haldon Arm camp and crosses the lower Tekapo River, connecting Haldon Arm Road to 4x4 tracks across the river. The river usually runs low, however when there is spilling from Lake Tekapo the environment changes dramatically.

It is a bumpy trip from the Haldon camp along a riverbed surface for approximately 20 mins before turning onto more riverbed and crossing a couple of fords before reaching the bridge.

Inspections are taken by Fulton Hogan on a six-monthly basis to check the condition of structure.

## Public Notice of right to demand a poll on Electoral System

Notice is given under section 28(1) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, that electors of the Mackenzie District Council have the right to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used at the next two triennial general elections (2025 and 2028) of the Mackenzie District Council.

The choice is between the First Past the Post (FPP) and the Single Transferable Vote (STV) electoral systems. Unless a poll determines otherwise, the First Past the Post (FPP) system will be used for the Mackenzie District Council.

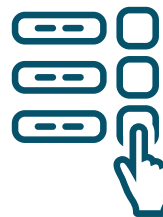
A valid demand for a poll must be:

- Made in writing.
- Signed by at least five percent of eligible electors of the Mackenzie District Council. This will require a minimum of 170 elector signatures.
- Delivered to the office of the Mackenzie District Council, 51 Main Street, Fairlie by 5pm, 11 December 2023.

Every elector who signs a demand must also set out in it his or her full name and the address for which he or she is qualified as an elector of the Mackenzie District Council.

For further information, please contact Arlene Goss, Governance Advisor, phone (03) 685-9010.

Dated at Fairlie, this 28th day of August, 2023.



## Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Friday 13 October	Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee Meeting	10:00am - 2:00pm	
Monday 30 October	Twizel Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Twizel
Tuesday 31 October	Council Meeting	9:30am - 2:00pm	
Friday 10 November	Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee Meeting	10:00am - 3:00pm	
Monday 27 November	Tekapo Community Board meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Tekapo
Tuesday 28 November	Council Meeting	9:30am - 4:00pm	Fairlie
Thursday 30 November	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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