

# News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



## Lake Alexandrina Outlet Willow Removals

The second stage of works for willow tree removal around the Lake Alexandrina Outlet Bridge started this week.

This maintenance work is being undertaken with Fish & Game who are redeveloping the spawning beds in the creek at the same time. To look after the significant biodiversity in the area, all in-stream work is being timed to avoid trout spawning and the Crested Grebes nesting.

To avoid disruption to these species, the removal of the built-up root mass and deepening the streams channel is taking place at this time.



## Responding to Climate Change in the Mackenzie District

The impacts and challenges of climate change are here, in the Mackenzie District, now. As this century progresses, the effects of climate change will continue to grow.

The Mackenzie Climate Change Response Strategy and Plan will provide a practical strategy and plan to inform climate-resilient council decision making and actions over the next 30 years. It will identify the preferred options and pathways for the Mackenzie District to increase resilience to the impacts of climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We want to hear from the community to understand what matters most in our climate change response, what can we do, and how we can do it.

Let us know your thoughts about climate change and what matters most to you in the Mackenzie District by completing the short survey at [letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz](https://letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz) > Responding to Climate Change



## Heritage Protection Fund

Council are taking applications for the Heritage Protection Fund. This fund is available to assist and actively encourage property owners and members of the Mackenzie community to manage, maintain, preserve and enhance the heritage values of items or areas.

It provides a contribution towards the costs of a specific project related to a building, item or place.

For more information please email the planning team at [planning@mackenzie.govt.nz](mailto:planning@mackenzie.govt.nz), call us on (03) 685 9010, or view [mackenzie.govt.nz](https://mackenzie.govt.nz) > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Heritage Protection Fund.



## Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund grants

Applications are now open for Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund grants. The fund is open to sports clubs and school teams within the Mackenzie District with young people aged between 5-18 years who need help with transport expenses to attend regular, local sporting competitions.

Further information, guides and application form are available at [mackenzie.govt.nz](https://mackenzie.govt.nz) > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund.



Applications close at 5:00pm on Thursday, 28 March.

## Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Our draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) 2024-30 is now open for public consultation.

We would like to hear your views on the plan for how our district manages waste.

The WMMP is a guiding document which identifies Council's vision for how we manage waste, and how we are working to minimise it. It sets out targets and methods for achieving good outcomes.

This draft plan looks to build on the achievements our district has made so far, and continue to find improvements and new opportunities to improve how we manage our waste.

Go to our consultation page at: [letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz](https://letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz) > Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024

The consultation is open until Friday 12 April.



## 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](https://mackenzie.govt.nz) > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Creative Communities Scheme

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 22 March.



## Dates of upcoming meetings

Monday 25 March	Tekapo Community Board meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Tekapo
Tuesday 26 March	Council Meeting	9:00am - 2:00pm	Tekapo
	Citizenship Ceremony	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Tekapo
Thursday 28 March	Fairlie Community Board meeting	3:00pm - 4:30pm	Fairlie
Monday 29 April	Twizel Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Twizel
Tuesday 30 April	Council Meeting	9:00am - 2:00pm	Twizel

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.

## Report an issue or problem?

Contact us on 0800 685 8514 or email [info@mackenzie.govt.nz](mailto:info@mackenzie.govt.nz)

