

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Citizenship Ceremony at Tekapo

Mackenzie Mayor Anne Munro welcomed ten new New Zealand citizens at a ceremony at Tekapo on Tuesday March 26.

They are (left to right) Hannah Joslin from the United Kingdom, Jolene O'Connor from South Africa, Sereana White from Fiji, Lyndon Forrest from England, and the Campomanes family from the Philippines – Manuel, Flordelina, Jan, Elisha, Rudolph and Pearl.

Tekapo wins the NZ Sunshine Cup

The Tekapo Community Board was presented with the New Zealand Sunshine Cup on Monday 25 March in recognition of Tekapo being the sunniest town in the country in 2023. The cup was first awarded in 2010 by the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) and is passed to the winning town each year.

Members of the board are (left to right) Sharron Binns, Matt Murphy (Mackenzie District Councillor - Tekapo ward), Steve Howes, Carol Simcox and Stephanie Hagen.



Council looks at climate change adaptation and mitigation

Council are working to develop a climate change adaptation and mitigation strategy and plan for the Mackenzie District. These will provide a practical approach to support the Mackenzie District to prepare and respond to the challenges of climate change. Chief Executive, Angela Oosthuizen said 'We have already experienced how our climate is changing with the intensity and frequency of severe weather events increasing and how that impacts our infrastructure. We also know understanding the impacts for Mackenzie is important so we can adequately develop an action plan for the resilience of our infrastructure and our future.'

Council successfully applied for and received funding for the preparation of a climate change adaptation and mitigation strategy and plan from the Three Waters Better Off Fund. The Better Off Fund supports communities to transition to a sustainable and low-emissions economy, by building resilience to climate change and natural hazards.

To inform the Strategy and Plan, a Climate Change Analysis and Literature Review has been done for the Mackenzie District to understand how the effects of climate change are expected to be felt across the district. Working with mana whenua, community stakeholders, and project partners, the Strategy and Plan 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.

To develop the Strategy and Plan, council will be seeking the input from the community. Information about the project and opportunities to provide input and participate can be found on Council's 'Let's Talk, Kōrero mai Mackenzie' website: letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz > Responding to Climate Change



Book a planner

Due to staffing numbers, the planning team have introduced a booking system. To make an appointment with the planning team, call us on 0800 685 8514 or email planning@mackenzie.govt.nz

A team member will be in contact to arrange a suitable date and time.



Looking for work?

If you're under 25 and ready to work, the Mackenzie District Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) facilitators can connect you with work opportunities and training support to help you hit the ground running.

MTFJ can support you with:

- > Work placement
- > CV and interview preparation
- > Driver's licensing
- > Work gear
- > Training and support

Find out more about how we can help you by contacting the MTFJ team.



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Mobile Shop and Traders License Applications

Applications for a Mobile Shop and Traders License for the 2024 to 2025 financial year will open on 1 April 2024 and will close on 31 May 2024.

Applications can be made through Council's website: mackenzie.govt.nz > Services > Food safety

Or alternatively email compliance@mackenzie.govt.nz for an application pack or call the office on 0800 685 8514.



Report an issue or problem?

Contact us on 0800 685 8514 or email info@mackenzie.govt.nz



Dates of upcoming meetings

Tuesday 9 April	Extraordinary Council Meeting to adopt Long Term Plan documents	12:30pm - 2:00pm	Fairlie
Monday 29 April	Twizel Community Board meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Twizel
Tuesday 30 April	Council Meeting	9:00am - 2:00pm	Twizel
	Hearing of Submissions - Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	2:00pm - 4:00pm	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.

0800 685 8514

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