

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Safer Speeds For Our Community - School Areas

Safer speeds are being introduced around schools in our District.

This is a result of the Speed Management Plan that was approved by Council and New Zealand Transport Agency / Waka Kotahi in early 2024.

The first stage of this plan, coming into effect in October 2024, prioritises the safety and well-being of the community by targeting school areas, indicated by public feedback and conducted research while maintaining travel journey efficiency.

A 30km/h permanent speed limit will be put into place for streets and roads near schools throughout the district, areas indicated with speed limit signage.

Research shows that speed limits in school zones are most effective in areas that are between 300-500m in length. Drivers tend to slow down if the zone is between these lengths, we took this into consideration when developing the speed limit zones.

These speed reductions are crucial for our community; research undertaken within New Zealand and Australia shows that if a person walking is hit by a car travelling at 50km/h, the chance of survival is 20%, compared to if a person is hit by a car travelling at 30km/h, the chance of survival increases to 90%.

By implementing the changes, we aim to enhance road safety and create streets where people feel safe to walk, ride, drive and cycle.

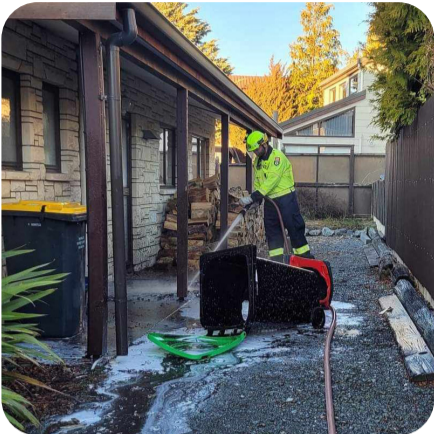
Find out more, and view maps of the speed restricted areas at: mackenzie.govt.nz > Services > Roding and Transport > Safer Speeds For Our Community



Cool hot ashes before they reach your red bin

A reminder that all ashes are to go in the red rubbish bin, though only after at least seven days of cooling down in a metal bucket well away from buildings first!

The Lake Tekapo Volunteer Fire Brigade have had a number of callouts in recent weeks due to hot ashes being placed in bins.



Wheelie Bin Placement - did you know...?

We ask you to put your bin out at the edge of the pavement. but what about if you have no pavement...? In this case please put your bin at the edge of the road.

Why? We are concerned that there are safety issues with bin collection when bins are positioned back near the fence, and we want to leave a space for pedestrians even when there is no pavement.

Report an issue or problem?

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



Mackenzie County Scholarship

The Trust has Scholarships available for the first year tertiary education of post Year 12 NCEA Level 2 level.

Applications are invited from students currently attending Mackenzie College or Twizel Area School; or who are residents of the Mackenzie District; or one of whose parents (or the student's principal guardian / caregiver) is a permanent resident of the Mackenzie District.



Applications close Friday 11 October at 5:00pm

Please visit mackenzie.govt.nz > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Mackenzie County Scholarship for more details and to fill in the online application form.



Current job openings

Position	Part time/Full time	Location	Applications Due
Planner	Permanent, full-time	Fairlie	Wednesday 9 October
Senior Planner	Permanent, full-time	Fairlie	Wednesday 9 October

Please visit careers.mackenzie.govt.nz for more details and to apply.

Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Friday 18 October	Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting	10:00am - 1:00pm	Twizel
Tuesday 29 October	Council Meeting	9:00am - 2:00pm	Fairlie
Wednesday 30 October	Tekapo Community Board meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Tekapo
Thursday 31 October	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.