

# News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



**Mackenzie**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Be the difference

**Let's  
compost**

Food scraps, small  
branches, leaves,  
grass cuttings  
and weeds

Your new organics bin will  
be collected every week on  
your usual collection day  
starting 25 March 2022

New kerbside collection day for Fairlie: now Fridays



## New Organic Waste Collection Service

We are excited to announce the new Green Organics Bin Collection for the Mackenzie District. We have been working with our contractors for some time to make the changes necessary for us both to provide this service, which ratepayers and residents have been asking for.

The new green bins will start to be distributed to households over the next few weeks - please bear with us while we get these delivered. The Green Organics Bin Collection takes place weekly, commencing on Monday 21 March. You can start using your bin as soon as you receive it - but please don't put it out for collection before the week of 21st March.

The green bin takes food waste and garden waste - the exceptions to this are bamboo, cabbage tree leaves, rhubarb leaves, flax and palm leaves, shells and shellfish. Full information can be found on Council's website.

After collection, Green bin content is transported to the organics facility at Redruth, Timaru. This is a great step forward for waste in the Mackenzie District, which will result in around 330 tonnes of organic waste being diverted from landfill and processed into usable compost.

New collection day for Fairlie, Kimbell, Burke's Pass & Albury.

**The bin collection day for Fairlie, Kimbell, Burkes Pass and Albury will change to Friday, effective from Friday 25 March 2022.**

The collection day has changed to Friday due to availability of the collection truck, which operates out of Timaru.

Trucks can be out early, so bins should be out for collection by 7am.

Red and yellow bins continue to be collected fortnightly, while the new green organic bin, and the blue glass crate, will be collected weekly.



## Have your say on how Lake Ruataniwha Recreation Reserve is managed

The Lake Ruataniwha Recreation Reserve Management Plan is being prepared in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977. It will include management and development direction for approximately 68ha of recreation reserve that extends around the lake from the boat launching area off Morrison Terrace to the designated freedom camping on Max Smith Drive (opposite the Pukaki Canal Road junction).

This will be the first reserve management plan prepared for the reserve and will have a strategic planning focus rather than an operational focus. The plan's aim is to guide day-to-day management in a way that reflects the values of mana whenua and the community.

Council is encouraging residents to give feedback so that the plan reflects what they expect and want to experience at the reserve.

The plan will be an important document to guide decisions about how people use the reserve, which areas need protection, what aspirations the community have for the reserve and what improvements should be considered in the future.

Council will utilise the plan when approving events or granting leases to groups who want to utilise the reserve and to guide development and environmental restoration activities.

To date key stakeholders have told us that the reserve is Twizel's jewel in the crown, that the lagoon area is highly valued for informal recreation and retaining shade and wind protection is very important.

### How to have your say!

- Visit [letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz/lake-ruataniwha-recreation-reserve-management-plan](http://letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz/lake-ruataniwha-recreation-reserve-management-plan) and complete the online feedback form.
- Email [info@mackenzie.govt.nz](mailto:info@mackenzie.govt.nz) with the subject line 'Ruataniwha RMP'.
- Write to:  
Ruataniwha RMP Feedback  
Mackenzie District Council  
Market Place  
TWIZEL 7944



### Next steps

Council will review the feedback and use it to prepare a draft reserve management plan. The draft plan will then be made available to the public to specifically comment on what's in the plan. Please provide your initial feedback by Sunday 10 April 2022.



We have also had support or received suggestions for:

- The area recently cleared of pines to be used for sport fields
- Better walking and biking connections through the reserve
- The need for a more organised approach to carparking (including boat trailer parking)
- Upgrading the playground and picnic areas
- Better access and connection to the lake edge

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