# News & Information from Mackenzie District Council Mackenzie



## Mayors Taskforce for Jobs - Twizel Area School - Year 10 Employability programme

Over May and June Mayors Taskforce for Jobs in (MTFJ), in partnership with Mackenzie District Council and Twizel Promotions and Development Association ran their first employability programme with Year 10 students (M4) at Twizel Area School.

This has been based around the seven fundamental employability attributes - Teamwork, positive thinking, resilience, willingness to learn, communication, self-management and thinking skills.

These sessions have been focused on practical learning exercises followed by excursions out of the classroom to practice practical skills. While all the weeks were highly enjoyed and M4 should be commended for their participation and engagement three activities stood out as highlights:

#### **Top Hut Bar and Bistro**

The Top Hut Bar and Bistro allowed the students to run a work simulation. As part of these students split into three groups and rotated between three stations, Food preparation, making a hot chocolate on the coffee machine and role-playing customer service in the restaurant.

#### **Twizel OP Shop**

An excursion to the OP Shop where on entry they were handed a piece of paper each with an occupation and given five minutes to shop for an item or outfit relating to the occupation. Once back in the classroom the students then 'speed dated' each other to guess the occupation and split off into pairs to practise interview techniques.

#### Kiwi Tax, Mackenzie Four Square and Foodbank

Nathan from Kiwi Tax explained the all-important questions ('like what even is Kiwi Saver?'). The students looked at three budgets relating to different common incomes - A student allowance with a part time job, full time employee on minimum wage and on an average annual wage.

After this they were given a budget of \$8 each and went over to Mackenzie Four Square with the task being to create a lunch. We were impressed with the creativity of the students, entire meals were created and purchased with a few taking the initiative to combine their budgets. We then took all the food over and donated it to the Community Food Bank. A lot of our students didn't know about this, and we reiterated the importance of the Food Bank especially in the current economic climate.







The final morning was spent building CVs, so all the students have left the programme with a workable CV document and the knowledge of employability and its importance in the work force. We hope the Rangitahi enjoyed the program and learned some valuable skills to carry them forwards in education and

Special thanks to these individuals and businesses that donated their time and resources to making this possible. Firstly, Rachel Dacombe who was of invaluable support throughout the entire process of building the program, Top Hut Bar and Bistro (Darrin, Tracey, Phil, John, Dani and Lana), Twizel OP shop (Liz and Belinda), Kiwi Tax (Nathan Grant) Vicky Hayes (Community Care Centre), and Nick Buddajaroen. Thank you to the Twizel Area School for seeing the value in these sessions and making the time and space available for these to happen.

Hannah Beer, MTFJ Coordinator, Mackenzie District.

## Taking your pooch for a walk?

Taking your pooch for a walk? Unfortunately, there's no such thing as the dog poo fairy so please remember to pick up their poo.

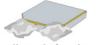
If you are using our new dog park in Fairlie, we provide free bags and a astebin - please use them. No-one likes treading in dog poo, and it's particularly hard to see when it's hidden in the grass. Your dog's poo is your responsibility - Thank you.







Food waste coffee grounds, eggshells, fish, and vegetable scraps, cheese meat (raw or cooked), bones and tea



Cardboard pizza boxes and fish and chip paper



Unsprayed garden waste untreated wood, and grass clippings.



Hair and animal fur



serviettes and non-brightly coloured shredded paper



Animal droppings (wrapped in paper)



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Access the survey by scanning the QR code below, or you can use this link survey.researchfirst.co.nz/SE/1/MDC2023

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### **Mackenzie District Council**

- 53 Main Street, Fairlie
- Market Place, Twizel
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## **Dates of Upcoming Meetings**

Tekapo Community Board meeting 3:00pm - 5:00pm Tekapo Monday 31 July Thursday 3 August Fairlie Community Board meeting 4:30pm - 6:00pm Monday 28 August Twizel Community Board meeting 3:00pm - 5:00pm Twizel Council Meeting Tuesday 29 August 9:30am - 2:00pm Fairlie Tuesday 26 September Council Meeting 9:30am - 2:00pm Fairlie Audit and Risk Meeting 2:00pm - 4:00pm Wednesday 27 September Tekapo Community Board meeting 3:00pm - 5:00pm Tekapo Thursday 28 September 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.