

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Changes to wheelie bin collections following Ministry for the Environment decision.

The Ministry for the Environment has made changes to what councils throughout the country are allowed to collect in their wheelie bins. This will mean some changes for Mackenzie District residents.

The new changes are part of the Government's move to standardise recycling and organics across New Zealand from February 1.

The main changes affecting Mackenzie District are:

- Paper and cardboard can no longer go in the GREEN bin. Instead.
 - Pizza boxes and egg cartons – if clean can go in the YELLOW bin.
 - Newspaper – goes in the YELLOW Bin.
 - Tea bags and coffee filters – go in RED bin.
 - Paper towels, serviettes or tissues – go in RED bin.
 - 'Compostable' marked paper packaging such as coffee cups – go in RED bin.
- Pet Poo – goes in the RED bin.
- Aluminium foil and aerosol cans can no longer go in the YELLOW bin – they now go in RED bin.
- Plant pots now go in the RED bin.

If you live in Mackenzie District, the frequency of your bin collection, and which bin is being collected when, is unchanged. You can always check the front page of our website to check which bins to put out this week.

Wilding Pine block removal near Twizel

In late December, Council started the removal of 50ha of mature wilding Contorta and Corsican Pine. The removal of this block removes highly flammable material on the boundary of the Pukaki Airport and Twizel township.

Additionally, these wildings have been dispersing seed across the remaining 280ha of land in this block. Their removal eliminates this seed source and will allow us to remove the remaining seedlings across this Reserve.



Heritage Protection Fund

Council are currently taking submissions 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 partial contribution towards the costs of a specific project related to a building, item or place. The fund is allocated \$5000 each financial year by Council which is then contestable by applicants. Applications for 2024 funding close 31 March.

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



Report an issue or problem?

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



Peace Tree Avenue Maintenance

Council contractors will shortly be starting on a program of maintenance work on the avenue of Peace Trees.

The avenue stretches along State Highway 8 from the Opihi River bridge North-West of Fairlie to the Cricklewood Bridge to the South.

This is the second phase of work on these trees for this project. In 2020 Mackenzie District Council engaged a contractor to identify, map and assess the condition of the trees, and to develop a maintenance plan. From this plan council programmed work to be carried out over a 3-year period, starting in September 2022.

This season works will include:

- trimming of overhanging branches in the road corridor to ensure oversized vehicles can use the road. (Waka Kotahi NZTA has advised which trees need trimming for this.)
- removal of epicormic growth (the shoots around the trunks of trees) to promote better tree health.
- removal of any large dead branches etc.
- If a tree needs to be removed the Arborist will notify Council and arrangements will be made to replant a new tree in its place. If we do to replace a tree, or plant additional trees in the Peace Avenue we intend to plant similar species to the original ones planted.

There are approximately 19 different tree species in the avenue. The highest number are Quercus robur (common oak) and Ulmus procera (English elm) but there are also walnut, maple, chestnut and ash species.

This year contractors will be working in the following areas:

- North of Fairlie towards Kimbell
- Central Fairlie to Fairlie cemetery
- Fairlie cemetery towards Cricklewood Bridge

Traffic Management will be in place wherever the arborists are working. There may be more than one work site active at any one time.

Mulch material will be taken to two MDC contractor's sites and used for gardens and future MDC projects where possible.

Arborists working on the Peace Avenue are expected to be on site approximately 19 February to 1 March, and 11 March to 22 March 2024.

Dates of upcoming meetings

Friday 16 February	Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee Meeting	10:00am - 1:00pm	Twizel
Monday 26 February	Twizel Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Twizel
Tuesday 27 February	Council Meeting	9:00am - 2:00pm	Fairlie
	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	2:00pm - 3:30pm	Fairlie
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

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.