

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Mackenzie
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Submissions welcomed for the Heritage Protection Fund



Council approved a grant for a partial contribution towards the earthquake strengthening of Aniss Cobb Cottage, Burkes Pass. The grant was used to purchase special screws designed for earthquake strengthening. One photo shows a sample of the 1.2 m Helifix screws used, and the other of one of the many screws being drilled vertically into the cob wall.

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.

Eligible for funding are: Buildings, items or places listed on the Heritage Items Schedule of the District Plan, Trees listed in the Protected Trees Schedule and archaeological sites and wahi tapu sites as identified by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. Projects eligible may be: preservation/conservation projects, enhancement/management projects or research and education projects. The fund does not apply to projects that will demolish or remove buildings or items, or add or extend buildings or items, nor any work that has been completed prior to the consideration of an application. However, Council does reserve a right to consider these types of projects for funding if appropriate circumstances exist.

At least two quotes must be supplied that provide a breakdown of the costs. The criteria and amount of funding available for different categories of heritage items is provided in the Policy, as well as a full breakdown of the information that needs to be attached with an application.

Council calls for applications to be made for the Heritage Protection Fund in March each year. The applications are presented at a Council Meeting. Information provided will be publicly available as it will be a part of the Council Agenda.



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.

Fairlie water – understanding water restrictions.

You may have seen our recent notices about the need for some water restrictions in Fairlie asking residents conserve water where they can. This caused some comment and we received a number of questions. Like any District Council, our consent to take water from the environment is controlled by our Regional Council – in our case Environment Canterbury.

A water consent comes with conditions that we are required to adhere to, and which are monitored by the Regional Council. The relevant conditions in this case are about the amount of water we are allowed to take from the environment.

The amount we can take depends on the 'unmodified' flow of the Ophi River measured at the SH1 bridge at Temuka. 'Unmodified' means the flow (as calculated by Environment Canterbury) that would be in the river if the Opuha dam was not there.

Our consent allows us to take 28 litres/sec under normal conditions. However, when the river flow drops to 8.1m³/sec the maximum we can take is reduced to 21 litres/sec, and when the river flow drops to 2.5m³/sec, we can only take 14 litres/sec. These limits are intended to preserve adequate environmental flows in the river.

Council staff monitor the flow levels in the river and our consumption daily to make sure that we stay within these conditions. When we have to reduce our water take we publish notices asking residents to save water. One of the ways we do this is via our water restrictions noticeboards (see picture). We have plans to install more of these around the district.

Typically we ask residents to limit the amount water they use on their lawns and their use of sprinklers and hoses.

Our consent was issued in 2009 and expires in 2044. In 2017 we successfully renegotiated the clauses around water take to ease the original more restrictive limitations.



Consenting matters Mackenzie

Ōmārama Drop-in Event

Are you a rural land or business owner?
Do you have questions about consents?



If you're wondering what activities require a consent or you're not sure who to talk to – we're making it easy for you to get advice.

Bring your questions to our free drop-in event for a chat face-to-face with people from relevant agencies.

Get help from:

- Mackenzie District Council
- Waitaki District Council
- Department of Conservation
- Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand
- Environment Canterbury.

When

Friday 3 March 2023
1pm to 5pm

Where

Ōmārama Memorial Hall
35 Chain Hills Highway
Ōmārama

For more information

waitaki.govt.nz > Consenting Matters



Friday 17 February 2023 marked 10 years since the official opening of the Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail, from Aoraki/Mt Cook to Oamaru. Thank you to all who helped make this vision possible, making the trail the success that it is today.

Find out more about the trail, and how it came to be at alps2ocean.com > About > Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail History



Twizel Resource Recovery Park opening hours

The Twizel Resource Recovery Park is now open 10:00am to 4:00pm daily / 7 days per week.

The Resource Recovery Park can accept a range of waste including:

- Rubbish
- Recycling
- Glass
- Garden waste
- Metal
- Batteries
- Domestic quantities of oil
- Paint
- Herbicides
- E-waste - Electronic items
 - Cameras,
 - Computers
 - Household appliances
 - Vacuum cleaners



Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Wednesday 22 March	Mackenzie District Plan PC21 & PC22 Hearing	9.00am - 4.00pm	Fairlie
Thursday 23 March	Mackenzie District Plan PC21 & PC22 Hearing	9.00am - 4.00pm	Twizel
Monday 27 March	Tekapo Community Board meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Tekapo
Tuesday 28 March	Council Meeting	9:30am - 2:00pm	Fairlie
Thursday 30 March	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.