

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Tekapo Lakefront Improvement Project



Council and the Tekapo Community Board are pleased to share details of forthcoming improvements to the Takapō lakefront.

The Takapō/Tekapo Lakefront Minor Improvements Project will deliver on the community's desire to improve the public space along the Takapō lakefront. The addition of well-connected high-quality paths and other landscaping improvements will make this high-profile area more attractive and accessible for locals and visitors.

The project will create a continuous pathway connection from Tekapo Springs in the West, along the main reserve waterfront to the pedestrian bridge to the Church of the Good Shepherd. It will also improve the reserve area between the main playground by the Four Square and the main car park.

The work will continue on from the Lake Front/Town Centre improvements, begun with the expanded car park, new toilets and playground installation that has taken place over the last decade.

It is recognizing the area between the highway and the lake edge needed to cater better for the high number of visitors the town receives, would support economic growth and create a desirable community space for residents.

Project details have been agreed with the Tekapo Community Board. Staff are working with lake level data to ensure the path will not be impacted by high lake levels. The contract is being finalized, and we expect work will be underway from June. Concrete will be laid in spring, with completion of the work scheduled for mid-November 2022.

Rabbit Control at Lake Alexandrina

Contractors have commenced rabbit control at the Lake Alexandrina Huts, Tekapo, on behalf of Mackenzie District Council, from Wednesday 25 May. Hutt holders (presidents), Environment Canterbury and adjacent landowners at Balmoral station have been contacted, and signs have been placed at all the entries to the Hut areas. Pindone is distributed via carrots which are dyed green and are toxic to people and animals. Poison bait and carcasses are deadly to dogs.

Everyone is asked to take care if in the impacted area. The combination of activity in the Glenmore, Balmoral and the Alexandrina Hut areas means we have a real chance of seriously impacting rabbit numbers in the area. For further information, please contact Council on 0800 685 8514 or info@mackenzie.govt.nz.

Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Chelsea Sheehan and Emma Hayes Remarkable Beauty, Fairlie

Chelsea Sheehan and Emma Hayes have both found employment at Remarkable Beauty, supported by Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ).

Chelsea Sheehan worked for Haley at Remarkable Beauty in Fairlie last summer while still at school, and was offered a full-time position once she left. Having Chelsea on board to help with greeting clients and cleaning the treatment rooms between clients has been invaluable particularly with the additional hygiene requirements needed because of COVID-19.

Emma Hayes has been employed as a beauty therapist and the ladies of Fairlie are grateful. This has allowed owner Haley Shaw to expand the services that are offered at Remarkable Beauty.

Chelsea and Emma are valued members of Remarkable Beauty, and their bright and bubbly personalities makes your experience extra special. Mackenzie District Council and MTFJ are pleased to be able to support Chelsea, Emma and Haley with funding from the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme.



Business Excellence Awards finalists

We congratulate Mackenzie District businesses who are finalists in the Ara Business Excellence Awards 2022.



Small Business Finalists

- BLANK SPACE, Fairlie
- Petronella's Gallery and Bookstore, Tekapo
- Burkes Brewing Co, Twizel
- MenardsNZ Ecosanctuary Accommodation, Twizel

Medium Business Finalists

- Glentanner Park (Mount Cook) - Holiday Park and Activity Centre High Country Heli Hike, Aoraki/Mt Cook
- Blue Lake Eatery & Bar, Tekapo

Large Business Finalist

Hermitage Hotel, Aoraki/Mount Cook, Mt Cook

Emerging Leader Finalist

Opuha Water - James Cullimore

Innovation & Technology Award

Blue Lake Eatery & Bar, Tekapo

Sustainability and Environmental Award

MenardsNZ Ecosanctuary Accommodation

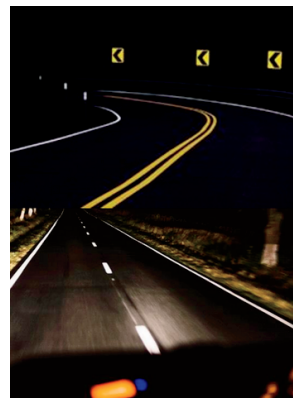
All Mackenzie District business entries are listed within the Peoples Choice Category - for which YOU can vote for - southcanterbury.org.nz/peopleschoice/

After Dark Road Safety Audit

A night time road safety audit took place by Council's roading contractor Fulton Hogan during May. The audit, lead by Fulton Hogan's Network & Safety Manager Robyn Gardener, involved a network drive of Mackenzie District roads after dark.

Along with support from Andrew 'Dusty' Rhodes, and direction from Mackenzie District Council Roding Manager Scott McKenzie, the purpose of the audit is to get an appreciation for what road users experience during the hours of darkness, checking that items such as signage and road markings are clear, in good condition and provide the clear messages for the road users across the district.

The audit will further provide focus on key network routes, focus on known 'high risk' spots but also provide opportunity to identify areas or locations that could do with more devices to help road users getting difficulty or more importantly saving lives.



Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Thomas Newell - Tekapo Auto Ltd

Thomas Newell has started his automotive apprenticeship at Tekapo Auto. With the support of the Mackenzie District Council and Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ), he has received a boost with the purchase of a new toolkit and tools to help him on his journey.

Sharron Binns, owner of Tekapo Auto, had been looking for an apprentice for some time and Thomas applied for the job whilst living in Dunedin. He was about to start a pre-trade course in Dunedin but thought the opportunity to work and learn was too good to let pass by.

As Thomas has family in Fairlie he was able to relocate without issue and has settled into his daily commute through the picturesque Mackenzie District.

Sharron has been impressed with Thomas's ability and eagerness to learn. He has started his apprenticeship with MITO and is learning to balance a life of working and studying.

The Mackenzie District Council and MTFJ wish Thomas all the best with his new career.



Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday 21 June	Audit and Risk Committee	9.30am - 12:30pm
Tuesday 28 June	Council Meeting to Adopt Annual Plan	9.30am - 12:30pm
Friday 1 July	Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee	9:30am - 1pm

COVID-19: Please note meetings may be re-scheduled or moved to zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please check our website for the latest information.

Committee meetings follow the preceding meeting and so start times will vary. 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.

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