

# News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



**Mackenzie**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Aoraki Mt Cook - Community Civil Defence Training

On 4 December 2023 a group of approximately 25 community participants attended an Aoraki-Mt Cook Civil Defence workshop. The group represented a variety of local emergency service providers such as FENZ, St John, Department of Conservation, Search and Rescue, Alpine Guides, Rescue Pilots from the Aoraki-Mt Cook airport, Hermitage Hotel, Haka House, Aoraki Mt Cook School, Mackenzie District Civil Defence and Mackenzie District Council.

The group was presented a severe weather warning based on a historical flooding event that occurred in 1979 where parts of the Aoraki Mt Cook village had to be evacuated due to flooding. Several local bridges were damaged in the storm and power was cut off.

The purpose of the workshop was to understand and plan for a localised event where outside resources were limited. Utilising local resources and a coordinated incident management approach to efficiently respond, evacuate, and communicate their response.

Aoraki Mt Cook is a very unique environment that poses many challenges such as topography, extreme weather and high domestic and international tourists visiting the National Park each day. However, they have skilled emergency and community responders and strong community spirit to do what is best for their community.

This workshop is one of the four Civil Defence workshops planned for the Mackenzie District in 2023/24. Twizel, Lake Tekapo and Fairlie workshops will commence in 2024. Mackenzie District Emergency Management Officer Joe Rush was impressed at the commitment and professionalism the group showed during the workshop. Lots of discussion and collaboration between the participants was extremely valuable.



## Lilybank Road bridge repair work

Over winter a large vehicle caused damage to Boundary Stream Bridge, a single lane bridge on Lilybank Road.

A bridge inspection was undertaken by Council's roading contractor Fulton Hogan to confirm the damage was not structural and the bridge was signposted to warn motorists.

Repairs were programmed to be completed once the Round Hill ski season was over to allow crews to undertake the repairs safely. Subcontractors L & L Construction undertook the repairs with High Country Earthworks managing the traffic management.

Work consisted of replacing the damaged boards and uprights on the bridge and also rebuilding the damaged concrete.



## Libraries

Thinking of getting some reading in over the holiday break? These are the hours of operation for libraries within the Mackenzie District.

### Mackenzie Community Library - Fairlie

- 23 to 26 December 2023 - Closed
- Wednesday 27 December 2023 - Open 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Thursday 28 December 2023 - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Friday 29 December 2023 - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Saturday 30 December 2023 - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- New Year's Day Statutory Holiday period 1 to 2 January 2024 - Closed

### Twizel Community Library

- Closing Friday 22 December 2023, Reopening Monday 8 January 2024.



Even though our offices will be closed for the holiday, you can still get in touch with us at any time if you have a problem or urgently need to contact us for things such as animal control, roading and water services.

Call us on 0800 685 8514 and speak to our after-hours service. They will be operating 24 hours-a-day, every day over the holiday period. Calls will be dispatched to the right department and urgent issues will be actioned as soon as possible.



**Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a  
relaxing new year from all of us at  
Mackenzie District Council**

## Christmas and New Year Opening Hours and Services 2023-2024

### Council offices - Fairlie and Twizel

Council offices close at midday on Friday 22 December 2023, reopening on Wednesday 3 January 2024. The customer services team are available throughout the holiday period to deal with urgent matters on 0800 685 8514.



### Twizel NZ Post Centre

Limited days and hours of operation on weekdays from Friday 22 December 2023 to Wednesday 3 January 2024, for NZ Post Centre services only.

- Friday 22 December - 8:30am to 12:00pm
- Thursday 28 December - 11:00am to 1:00pm
- Wednesday 27 December - 11:00am to 1:00pm
- Friday 29 December - 11:00am to 1:00pm

Regular days and hours resume from Wednesday 3 January 2024 onward.

## Waste Services

### Kerbside collections

There are no kerbside collection on Christmas Day or New Years Day.

For the week following Christmas Day 2023 collections are as follows:

- Twizel (outer) - Tuesday 26 December
- Fairlie, Albury, Burkes Pass and Kimbell - Friday 29 December
- Twizel (inner) - Wednesday 27 December
- Tekapo - Thursday 28 December

For the week following New Years Day 2024 collections are as follows:

- Twizel (outer) - Tuesday 2 January
- Fairlie, Albury, Burkes Pass and Kimbell - Friday 5 January
- Twizel (inner) - Wednesday 3 January
- Tekapo - Thursday 4 January

Normal kerbside collection days will recommence from Monday 8 January 2024.

### Extra red bin collection

There is an extra red bin collection on the following days, in addition to the yellow, green and blue bins.

- Twizel - Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 December
- Tekapo - Thursday 4 January

Please have bins out for collection by 7am.



## Resource Recovery Parks

Resource Recovery Parks are open over the following days during the Christmas/New Year Period:

### Fairlie:

Dobson View Road

- Thursday 28 December - 2:30pm to 4:30pm
- Saturday 30 December - 12:30pm to 4:30pm
- Sunday 31 December - 12:30pm to 4:30pm

### Tekapo:

Highview Lane (off Murray Place)

- Wednesday 27 December - 10:00am to 4:30pm
- Saturday 30 December - 9:00am to 11:30am
- Sunday 31 December - 9:00am to 11:30am

### Twizel:

Corner Ostler Road and Hooker Crescent

- Wed 27 December - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Thursday 28 December - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Friday 29 December - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Saturday 30 December - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Sunday 31 December - 10:00am to 4:00pm

All Resource Recovery Parks are closed on the following public holidays:

- Christmas Day - Monday 25 December
- Boxing Day - Tuesday 26 December
- New Year's Day - Monday 1 January
- Statutory Holiday - Tuesday 2 January

Regular days and hours resume from Wednesday 3 January onward.



## Building

The Statutory Clock for processing stops on the Wednesday 20 December 2023, restarting on Wednesday 10 January 2024.

Final day for inspections is Thursday 21 December 2023. Full inspections resume on Monday 8 January 2024.

For the period 3, 4 and 5 January building officers can provide remote inspections however these will need to be arranged no later than close of business on Thursday 21 December 2023.

Building staff will be available from Wednesday 3 January 2024 with the Building Manager being on-call over the Christmas and New Year period.

## Planning / Consents

The Planning department will re-open Wednesday 3 January 2024.

The processing of resource consents (statutory time frame) pauses from Wednesday 20 December to Wednesday 10 January. This means that any consents lodged within this time will not have the 'clock' start.

There will be a planner on location each day the council office is open.



## LIM applications

The last date for accepting LIM applications for processing before the Christmas Shutdown is Thursday 7 December with urgent LIMs applications closing on Thursday 16 December. On that basis processing (statutory time clock) will commence again on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.



**0800 685 8514**

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**Christmas 2023**