

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Mackenzie
DISTRICT COUNCIL

A Message From Graham Smith, Mayor of the Mackenzie District.



The cancellation of the Fairlie A&P show is just another blow to our district that we have to accept. The logistics of running such an event of its nature under the Red Light status is not practicable. Social distancing, vaccine passes, and maintaining and/or enforcing bubbles under 100 is impossible. Like everywhere else across the country and so many other big events being cancelled, tourists are not coming, there's no further wage subsidies or resurgence funds, it's putting huge pressure on our people which is going to have serious implications going forward.

We are fortunate in the Mackenzie to have vast land area and a unique natural environment, so we experienced a wonderful couple weeks over Christmas and New Year with near perfect weather. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying boating, cycling, tramping, fishing, and many other activities, however the second half of January has been relatively quiet again, especially from how it was in our "pre-covid" days. I know in Mackenzie the locals will support local and assist each other as they have always done, and we need to. We can't hide from Covid. The harsh reality is that it's happening, and the omicron variant although milder in nature, has such a high transmission rate we just want to ensure our communities and countries safety and ability to continue to function. So please mind your distance, mask up, keep the vaccine and boosters up and please take care of each other. The inevitable will happen and is happening. We need learn to manage it and live with it, and can only hope we will see some respite from it all soon.

Mayor Graham

Aorangi Crescent roading project, Tekapo.

An urbanisation project is taking place on Aorangi Crescent, Tekapo, starting on Monday 10 January and finishing on Friday 4 February. The project is being undertaken by Schick Civil, who are contracted by Mackenzie District Council.

The project, taking place adjacent to Lake Tekapo School, includes new footpaths, pavement widening, minor drainage and a new raised pedestrian crossing. Parking bays are being created to ensure both pedestrians and motorists are safe whilst entering or exiting the school.

Whilst the work is being undertaken temporary traffic management will be in place. This will include a road closure outside Lake Tekapo School on certain days, with detours in place between Roto Place and D'Archiac Drive. Residential access within the affected area will always be available throughout the duration of the project. Aorangi Crescent, from Roto Place to D'Archiac Drive will be closed from Monday 10 January at 12pm to Saturday 22 January at 5pm.



Twizel Car Park Improvements

An upgrade project is taking place at the Mackenzie Drive car park, adjacent to Four Square Mackenzie and Twizel Events Centre, starting Monday 10 January and due for completion by Friday 4 February.

The project is being undertaken by Schick Civil, who are contracted by Mackenzie District Council. Project work includes an upgrade of the current drainage, and resurfacing of the car park. During the upgrade the car park will be closed to motorists and pedestrians, due to the heavy construction equipment used.



Proposed Campervan Waste Disposal Point - Fairlie.

Council has been funded by the Tourism Facilities Infrastructure Fund to construct a campervan waste disposal point in Fairlie.

We have identified the location on Talbot Road adjacent to the Fairlie Golf Club as the preferred location given the proximity to services, easy access, the existing Golf Club carpark and adjacent uses. There are very few other options in Fairlie that meet the particular requirements of a Campervan waste disposal point.

The campervan waste disposal point would be of similar design to the one shown below and consist of two sumps in a raised concrete island and a concrete hardstand. The golf club have given their approval, but we're keen to hear the views of the wider community - you may know of other locations we should consider.

Visit letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz to tell us what you think. We will consider all feedback received before a final decision is made. This topic is open for feedback until 5pm on 18th February 2022.



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