

# News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



**Mackenzie**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Fairlie Dog Park opened



The new Fairlie Dog Park is now open and available for use. You can find it next to the picnic area beside Allandale Bridge, access off Allandale Rd/SH79 on the Geraldine side of the bridge.

We want to develop the park further when funds are available. We'd be keen to hear what you would like us to do. Some ideas could be some agility items, tree planting and splitting the space to allow for separate areas for small and large dogs. Look out for the chance to give us your feedback on Let's Talk ([letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz](http://letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz)).



## Lake Tekapo/Takapō Regional Park Community Meetings

The Lake Tekapo/Takapō Regional Park is an important asset for the Mackenzie district. Unfortunately, many of the trees in the park need to be replaced as they are a source of pest tree seeds. Environment Canterbury (ECan) have developed a plan to address this issue and enhance the park's recreational and cultural values.

On Tuesday 21 February and Wednesday 22 February 2023, ECan will hold community meetings about the proposed future development of Lake Tekapo/Takapō Regional Park. The meetings will be held at Lake Tekapo Community Hall, 8 Arorangi Crescent.

After a short presentation from ECan staff, you will have an opportunity to ask questions, share suggestions, and discuss how you would like to be involved in the development of the park.

During 2022, ECan Parks & Forests, Biosecurity, and Biodiversity teams have been working on a plan to remove pest species like wilding conifers and replant areas of the park with a mixture of exotic and native trees and plants.

Working in partnership with Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, ECan have created an exciting plan that will reintroduce some native plant species that were present in Takapō prior to European settlement.

ECan has also worked with Mackenzie District Council, the Lake Tekapo Recreation Society, Wilding Free Mackenzie, and other stakeholders to ensure our plans meet the needs of the community, landowners, and businesses.

### Dates and times

<b>Tuesday</b> 21 February 7:00pm	<b>Wednesday</b> 22 February 10:30am
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### Not able to attend the meetings?

You can ask questions and share feedback about plans for the park online at [haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz](http://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz).



## Station Creek Bridge Repairs



After a washout at the end of last year, repair work is progressing well at Station Creek bridge on Plantation Road, outside of Fairlie.

The bridge is planned to reopen in early February. Alternative access is available using Middle Road or Butler Road.

## Do you use the Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail?



We are keen to hear feedback from casual riders of the Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail - from one day visitors, and those living locally that use the trail sections for fitness and recreational purposes.

Have your say, and to let us know what works (and doesn't work) at [getsmartglobal.com/alps2ocean](http://getsmartglobal.com/alps2ocean)



## Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund grants



Applications are now open for Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund grants. The fund is open to sports clubs and school teams with young people aged between 5-18 years who need help with transport expenses to attend regular, local sporting competitions.

Further information, guides and application form are available at [mackenzie.govt.nz](http://mackenzie.govt.nz) > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund.

Applications close on Friday, February 17, 2023, at 5pm.



## Report an issue or problem?

Contact us on 0800 685 8514  
or email [info@mackenzie.govt.nz](mailto:info@mackenzie.govt.nz)



## Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Thursday 9 February	Fairlie Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Fairlie
Friday 17 February	Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee Meeting	10:00am - 1:00pm	Twizel
Monday 27 February	Twizel Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Twizel
Tuesday 28 February	Council Meeting	9:30am - 2:00pm	Twizel
	Audit and Risk Meeting	2:00pm - 4:30pm	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

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.

0800 685 8514

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