

# News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



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DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Removal of Wilding Pines in Twizel



From mid-May work will be starting in Twizel to remove wilding pines from two locations in the town.

In both cases the removal will be followed by remediation of the land and the planting of ornamental deciduous species.

- 1) Work will start along SH8 from Ostler Road, south on May 15. The State Highway will be closed for a week, and a detour will be in place.
  - The round-the-town walk/cycle trail will also be closed, for about 6-8 weeks until about 30 June. While it is closed, the alternative route to/from Lake Ruataniwha will be via Ostler Road.
  - Once the trees have been removed, the trail will be re-built on Council-owned land along the road.
- 2) Tree removal will start along Glen Lyon Road from Nuns Veil Road towards the campground in the following week from 22 May.

Both work sites will be clearly signposted and traffic management will be in place when necessary. All members of the public are asked to take care when in the areas during this time and to obey all signage and instructions from the contractors.

Thank you for your patience while we do this work.

## Market Place garden improvements

Work took place in early May by Whitestone Contracting to improve the Market Place gardens in Twizel.

The work involved renewing and refreshing the gardens with removal of plants that were past their best, or were pathway hazards. These have been replaced by a variety of New Zealand native plants, planted with a soil conditioner to improve their growing conditions.



## Controlled fire experiments near Twizel



Controlled fire experiments were carried out in early May on farms near Twizel. Scion led a group of international scientists from the US Forest Service, San Jose State University, the National Centre for Atmospheric Research and University of Canterbury in a research project supported by Fire and Emergency NZ.

They are carrying out a series of controlled burns, lighting up piles of wilding pine slash to monitor the resulting fire behaviour. Their research helps understand how vegetation fires behave under certain conditions, and this in turn will help our firefighters keep safe on the fireground.



Learn more about the research work here - [bit.ly/41VMCQT](https://bit.ly/41VMCQT)

## Business Excellence Awards 2023

The Business Excellence Awards are taking place for 2023. The awards recognise and celebrate business excellence, playing an important role in promoting and strengthening economic development in the South Canterbury region.

Find out more, and register for the workshops at: [southcanterbury.org.nz](https://southcanterbury.org.nz) > Business > Business Excellence Awards > Workshops Key Dates



## Genesis Tekapo Township Fund 2023



Applications for Genesis Tekapo Township Fund Grants are now open for projects promoting Tekapo.

For further information and to download an application form, visit [mackenzie.govt.nz](https://mackenzie.govt.nz) > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Genesis Tekapo Township Fund.

Applications close Friday 9 June at 5:00pm.



## Mayors Taskforce for Jobs - Angus Clarke, Jeff Haugh Panelbeaters

Angus Clarke has started his mechanic apprenticeship with Sam Haugh at Jeff Haugh Panelbeaters Ltd, with the support of MITO.

Sam, Jill and Jeff are pleased to have Angus on the team, as he is proving to be a hard worker with strong work ethics.

Leaine Rush, Fairlie Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) coordinator, was able to assist with funding from the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Rural Community Resilience Programme to get Angus a laptop and contribute towards purchasing his toolbox.

Mayor Anne Munro visited Angus and Sam to discuss how everything was going and how valuable the support from MTFJ had been.

Mayor Anne, Mayors Taskforce for Jobs, and Ministry of Social Development wish Angus well with his apprenticeship.



## What goes in your green bin?

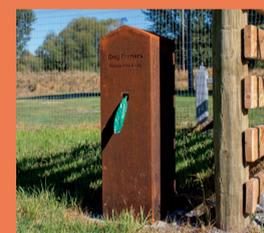
- Food waste e.g. coffee grounds, eggshells, fish, fruit and vegetable scraps, cheese, meat (raw or cooked), bones and tea bags (plastic free).
- Unsprayed garden waste e.g. branches, flowers, leaves, weeds, untreated wood, and grass clippings.
- Cardboard pizza boxes and fish and chip paper
- Paper handtowels, newspaper, tissues, serviettes and non-brightly coloured shredded paper
- Animal droppings (wrapped in paper)
- Hair and animal fur.



## Taking your pooch for a walk?

Taking your pooch for a walk? Unfortunately, there's no such thing as the dog poo fairy so please remember to pick up their poo.

If you are using our new dog park in Fairlie, we provide free bags and a wastebin - please use them. No-one likes treading in dog poo, and it's particularly hard to see when it's hidden in the grass. Your dog's poo is your responsibility - Thank you.



## Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday 30 May	Council Meeting	9:30am - 2:00pm	Twizel
Thursday 1 June	Fairlie Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Fairlie
Monday 26 June	Twizel Community Board meeting	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Twizel
Tuesday 27 June	Council Meeting	9:30am - 4:00pm	Fairlie
	Citizenship Ceremony	4:00pm - 4:30pm	Fairlie
Monday 31 July	Tekapo Community Board meeting	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Tekapo
Thursday 3 August	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.

## Report an issue or problem?

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