

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Twizel MDC Service Centre & NZ Post Agency Accessibility Upgrade



Work will be underway soon on the pathway outside MDC Twizel Service Centre and NZ Post Agency, to improve accessibility to Twizel Town Centre from the Market Place Carpark. The work will start on 6 March, taking place over the following 3-4 weeks.

During this time, MDC Customer Services and Twizel NZ Post Agency be relocated to the Twizel Events Centre. Signs will be in place to direct customers to the temporary location.

We apologise for any inconvenience while we make these improvements.

Station Creek (Plantation Road) and Tiffens Bridge repairs



Repair work on the approaches to Station Creek (Plantation Road) and Tiffens Bridges, near Fairlie has been completed, with the bridges reopened on Friday 3 February. The bridges are under speed restrictions until all work by Fulton Hogan is finished.

Thankyou to all residents in the area for your patience while engineers reports were obtained and repairs planned and organised. We do appreciate the inconvenience caused when bridges are unavailable, and extended timescales due lack of access to suitably qualified engineers over the holiday period.

Mackenzie District scenes of yesteryear

Photographs recently unearthed from scanned negatives in the archives, depicting Mackenzie District snow-clearing in mid-winter.



Defensive Driving Course

Gain the skills, confidence, and knowledge to be a smarter and safer driver.



Sessions take place on Friday 3, 10, 17 & 24 March 2023 at Mackenzie Community Centre Lounge, 53 Main Street, Fairlie - \$295 per person for 4 sessions plus driving assessment.

To find out more and to register, email Margaret at rbmech@xtra.co.nz or call 027 256 6018. You must hold a restricted driver licence to attend the course, and be able to attend every session.

Sessions are held in association with



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 Aorangi 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 Aorowhenua, 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.



Tuesday 21 February 7:00pm	Wednesday 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.



Report an issue or problem?

Contact us on 0800 685 8514
or email info@mackenzie.govt.nz



Dates of Upcoming Meetings

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

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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Mid-February 2023