

# News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



## Local Water Done Well

As you will be aware, “Local Water Done Well” is the Coalition Government’s policy addressing water infrastructure challenges, with a focus on local control, flexibility, and meeting water quality and regulatory standards.

This will result in a once in a generational change to how this critical service will be delivered to our communities. Maintaining the status quo is not an option – the final model will be subject to economic regulation by the Commerce Commission. It is of the utmost importance that we get this right.

We are actively collaborating with our neighboring councils, including Timaru, to explore what benefits and opportunities a joint model might deliver. To that end, several South Canterbury councils have provided water data to Martin Jenkins (a specialist advisory firm) who are working with us to prepare joint financial projections and modelling. We are also undertaking modelling for a standalone council business unit, to give a point of comparison to a potential combined scheme.

Our intention is to find a solution for the people of the Mackenzie that best provides a water service that is compliant with the new government legislation, and financially sustainable into the future, balancing the cost of delivery with appropriate oversight and management.

Before we make that decision, councillors will consider the merits of a number of options, which must be underpinned with robust data and comprehensive analysis. We will also undertake community consultation to ensure we have listened to the views of our residents and ratepayers.

We are working through the process of developing options for consideration but cannot comment on the outcome until all the data is available and we are able to make a fully informed decision. We expect to be seeking feedback from the community in May before Councilors adopt the preferred approach in June.

Acting Mayor Karen Morgan and Chief Executive Angela Oosthuizen



## Changes to water and public toilet charges and rates, and other fees and charges

Councillors want to hear the views of the community in relation to their proposed changes to both fees and charges and to rates.

Council is proposing some changes for:

- Water connection and use charges and rates
- Public toilet user charges and the rates allocation for toilet costs
- Some other user fees and charges (including for parks and reserves usage following community feedback)



Find out more and have your say at [letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz](https://letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz)



## Drop in Sessions

Your opportunity to ask questions and chat to elected members and staff about:

- Annual Plan proposed Fees & Charges
- Local Waters Done Well water reform.

Come and talk to your local councillor.

<b>Tākapo (Lake Tekapo)</b>	<b>Lake Tekapo Community Hall</b> Monday 19 May, 4.30pm – 6.00pm
<b>Twizel</b>	<b>Twizel Events Centre</b> Wednesday 21 May, 4.30pm – 6.00pm
<b>Online</b>	<b>Details to be advertised</b> Thursday 22 May, 4.30pm – 6.00pm

## Mobile Shop & Traders License Applications

Applications for a Mobile Shop and Traders License for the 2025 to 2026 financial year opened on 1 April 2025 and will close on 31 May 2025.

Applications can be made through Council’s website: [mackenzie.govt.nz](https://mackenzie.govt.nz) > Services > Food safety

Or alternatively email [compliance@mackenzie.govt.nz](mailto:compliance@mackenzie.govt.nz) for an application pack or call the office on 0800 685 8514.



Find out more, check out the full consultation document and information, and have your say at

[letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz](https://letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz) > Water Reform



### Make sure all wheelie bins are out on collection day by:



There are two collection trucks picking up different coloured bins which do not always follow the same route. Therefore bins may be emptied at any time during the day, starting from 7:00am.



## Public Health Notice

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a cup-full of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.



## 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

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May	<b>District Plan Hearing</b> Council Chambers, Fairlie	9:00am – 5:00pm	Fairlie
Tuesday 3 June	<b>Council Meeting</b> Tekapo Community Hall	9:30am – 3:30pm	Tekapo
Wednesday 4 June	<b>Tekapo Community Board</b> Tekapo Community Hall	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Tekapo
Thursday 5 June	<b>Fairlie Community Board</b> Council Chambers, Fairlie	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-May 2025