

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Update on library services in Twizel

The Twizel community library is currently operated by Twizel Area School under a contract from Mackenzie District Council. The Ministry of Education is constructing a new school for Twizel, and once the new school building is operational, the school will not be able to continue to provide library services for the community.

The Ministry of Education have recently advised that due to a favourable tender for the building project, the build period will be considerably shorter than they initially envisaged. This means that the school will terminate the library contract at the end of December 2025, earlier than expected.



Council has been working for some time on options to ensure there is a library service in Twizel. Working with the Ministry of Education, council are making the necessary arrangements to operate the library from the existing location until the building is demolished sometime in 2026. We are also working with the Twizel Community Care Trust to establish a joint building, potentially on land adjacent to the Twizel Event Centre, to house both the Trust and the community library while longer term plans for a community hub are explored and developed. It is envisaged that the library will move to this location once the Ministry is in a position to demolish of the current library building.

There will likely be some interruptions to service while the school move their assets out of the library, but council will endeavor to keep this to a minimum. We will provide more information in the coming weeks and months as we finalise arrangements with Twizel Area School, the Ministry of Education and the Twizel Community Care Trust.

Creative NZ funding opportunities

The first Creative NZ Mackenzie District funding round for 2025/2026 is open, closing 5:00pm on Wednesday 27 August 2025.

We want to widen the scope and variety of community arts projects supported for our community. We would particularly love to hear if you have an idea for a diverse art or cultural project, you seek to engage young people in the arts or if your project encourages community participation in arts and culture



Further details, and an online application form is at: mackenzie.govt.nz > [Community Grants and Scholarships](#) > [Creative Communities Scheme](#).

Any questions? Contact Jean Proctor, Community Advisor on 027 269 0217 or grants@mackenzie.govt.nz



Mackenzie District Creative Communities vacancy

Are you community minded? Do you have an interest in the arts? Do you live in the Mackenzie District? The Mackenzie District Creative Communities assessment committee has vacancies and are seeking:

- Two people interested in representing Mackenzie Youth on the committee.
- One person to represent Twizel on the committee.

Find out more at mackenzie.govt.nz > [Public Notices](#) > [Mackenzie District Creative Communities vacancy](#)



Elections 2025

Choose your Council – Key Dates

- ✓ You can vote for your next Council at any time during: 9 September – 11 October (voting closes at noon).
- ✓ Your voting papers will be delivered to you during the period 9 September – 22 September.
- ✓ All the details are available from: votelocal.co.nz > [Information for voters](#) > [Key dates](#)



Candidate nominations confirmed

Mackenzie District Council has confirmed the candidate nominations for the 2025 local elections. Thirty-one candidates have been nominated across roles for mayor, Council and community boards.

Where the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, elections will be held. Where the number of candidates matches the number of vacancies, those candidates are elected unopposed.



The full list of candidates may be found at: electionz.com/LGENominations/2025/ELT65MK25_candidates.htm

Elections will be held in October for the following roles:

- **Mayor** – 5 candidates
- **Council – Pukaki Ward** (3 vacancies) – 6 candidates
- **Council – Opuha Ward** (3 vacancies) – 5 candidates
- **Council – Tekapo Ward** (1 vacancy) – 2 candidates
- **Community Board – Fairlie** (4 vacancies) – 6 candidates



The following candidates will be elected unopposed:

- **Community Board – Tekapo** (4 vacancies)
 - Barbara Nustrini
 - Anna Roseingrave
 - Brent Swanson
 - Simon Tocker
- **Community Board – Twizel** (4 vacancies)
 - Tony Hodges
 - Mary Murdoch
 - Katrina Te Rito

A later by-election will be held for

- **Community Board – Twizel** – one position

For more information on the election, visit: mackenzie.govt.nz > [elections](#).



Report an issue or problem?

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



Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Monday 25 August	Twizel Community Board Meeting* Twizel Community Lounge	3:00pm – 4:30pm	Twizel
Tuesday 26 August	Audit and Risk Meeting* Council Chambers, Fairlie	9:30am – 11:30am	Fairlie
Tuesday 26 August	Council Meeting* Council Chambers, Fairlie	11:30am – 3:00pm	Fairlie

*This will be the final meeting before Local Government Elections in October.

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 for scheduled meetings are available two days before the meeting (with the exception of late papers, which are added to the agenda when available). Agendas for extraordinary meetings are made available as soon as practicably possible. (Extraordinary meetings are meetings held outside the published meeting schedule and are called when a decision cannot wait until the next scheduled meeting).

Once published, agendas are available at mackenzie.govt.nz > [Council](#) > [Meetings and Agendas](#)

