



Freedom Camping - Self-containment certificates

Did you know... that the owners of all privately owned vehicles used for freedom camping must be certified to the required self-containment standard by 7 June 2026.

Under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 and the Mackenzie District Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023, vehicles used for freedom camping must have a certificate of self-containment. Certificates are issued under section 87U of the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Act 2006.

The self-containment standard in the Freedom Camping Act 2011 was updated by an amendment to the Act in 2023 which provided a transitional period for vehicles to comply. The period for hire vehicles to be certified to the standard has since elapsed, however the compliance period was extended for private vehicles to 7 June 2026.

The Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board has published useful information on the requirements for private vehicle owners at pgdb.co.nz > [Self-contained vehicles](#) > [Private vehicle owners](#).

Vehicle owners can visit the Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Register at nzscv.co.nz for further information and to search for a Certifying Authority by area.

Information on camping in Mackenzie District, including the Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023 can be found at mackenzie.govt.nz > [Services](#) > [Parks, Venues and Recreation](#) > [Camping](#).



Twizel Community Board by-election - Final result

Congratulations to Zoe White who was elected to the vacant position on the Twizel Community Board recently.



The final vote count was:

- **WHITE, Zoe - 300 votes**
- GOODMAN, Tom - 131 votes
- SHUKER, Pat - 40 votes
- ATWOOL, Tony - 31 votes
- INFORMAL - 1 vote

Kerbside bins - what goes where?

Ever wondered what-goes-where when it comes to putting rubbish in your bins?

We have created a series of posters as a handy reminder. We will print one in each of the next four issues.

You can also find them on our website at: mackenzie.govt.nz > [Services](#) > [Rubbish and Recycling](#) > [Bin Collections](#)

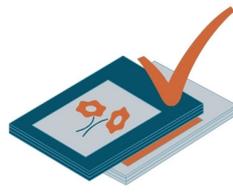


RECYCLING

What goes in your yellow bin?



Rigid plastic
#1, 2 & 5



Paper & magazines



Cardboard



Tins + Cans
(Excluding aerosols)



No rubbish or food



No lids



No clothing



No Glass
(Glass in the blue crate)



No Aerosol cans



No Soft Plastics

TEKAPO BY-ELECTION.

NOMINATIONS OPEN NOW.

2026 BY-ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER
FOR THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD



VOTE
2025

A by-election is required to fill an extraordinary vacancy for the Tekapo Community Board. The vacancy has arisen from the recent resignation of Anna Roseingrave.

This is an opportunity for a community-minded individual to join the other community board members and work for the betterment of the Tekapo area. Nominations for this position are now open and close at midday on Thursday 19 March 2026.

A nomination form and a candidate information sheet can be requested from the Mackenzie District Council Office, Main Street, Fairlie or downloaded from mackenzie.govt.nz > Council > Elections > 2026 Tekapo Community Board By-election or from the electoral officer.

Further information is available from mackenzie.govt.nz > Council > Elections > 2026 Tekapo Community Board By-election



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Go to mackenzie.govt.nz/grantfinder



Canterbury Reuse & Recycling Takeback Schemes

Some items cannot be placed into your yellow lid bin for recycling. The Canterbury Waste Joint Committee have created a useful guide detailing how to recycle items that are unable to be recycled through the kerbside bin system.



Find out more at mackenzie.govt.nz > Services > Rubbish and Recycling > Canterbury Reuse and Recycling Takeback Schemes

Current job openings

Position	Part time/Full time	Location	Applications Due
Regulatory and Compliance Officer	Full time	Fairlie	Sunday 22 March

Please visit careers.mackenzie.govt.nz for more details and to apply.

Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Time*	Location
Tuesday 24 March	Audit and Risk Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	9:00am	Fairlie
Tuesday 24 March	Council Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	10:00am	Fairlie
Tuesday 24 March	Council Workshop – Ratings Review 2 Council Chambers, Fairlie	2:00pm	Fairlie
Tuesday 31 March	Finance Committee Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	9:00am	Fairlie
Tuesday 31 March	Water Sub-Committee Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	11:00am	Fairlie
Tuesday 7 April	Extraordinary Council Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	9:00am	Fairlie
Thursday 9 April	Fairlie Community Board Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	4:00pm	Fairlie
Monday 13 April	Tekapo Community Board Meeting Lake Tekapo Community Hall	3:00pm	Tekapo
Monday 20 April	Twizel Community Board Meeting Twizel Community Lounge	4:30pm	Twizel

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

* The length of the meeting will depend on the agenda.



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