

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



By-election: Twizel Community Board

In October elections were held for Council and for all three of our Community Boards. Unfortunately, in Twizel not enough people were nominated to fill all the vacancies so we must now hold an extra election (a by-election) to find a fourth person to join Tony Hodges, Mary Murdoch, and Katrina Te Rito who were elected unopposed.

What does a Community Board do?

A Community Board is made up of people who represent and advocate for their community's interests. They bring the views of their community, community organisations and special interest groups to the attention of Council.

They maintain an overview of Council services and provide feedback from their community to Council, and they campaign for improvements on behalf of their community. They meet six times a year for approximately two hours at a time.

Standing for Election

If this sounds like you and you would like to stand for election, or if you know someone who would be great in the role, the next step is to be nominated.

Each candidate must be nominated on the official nomination form which is available during normal office hours from 24 November:

- Mackenzie District Council offices, in Twizel and Fairlie, 0800 685 8514
- or by phoning the election helpline on 0800 666 048

They are also available on council's website:
mackenzie.govt.nz/Elections.

Key Dates

- Nominations open on Monday 24 November 2025 and close at 12 noon on Monday 22 December 2025
- Voting opens Friday 30 January
- Voting closes 12 noon Tuesday 3 March

Want more information?

The Elections page on our website contains the information you'll need to nominate someone (or yourself) to stand for election, or to enrol to vote so that your voice can be heard. The Candidate Handbook is full of potentially useful information and is also available for download, or on request from our offices.



Use ice cream containers or bowls to collect food scraps for your green organics bin

Public Health Notice - Plumbosolvency

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.



BOIL WATER NOTICE: Albury and Allandale Water Supplies

Consumers on the Albury and Allandale Water Supplies are advised to boil all water used for drinking, food preparation and brushing teeth until further notice.

Water feeding the Albury and Allandale Water Supplies is drawn from surface water sources, (the Opawa Stream and the South Opuha River) and receive much of their water from rainfall which collects contamination from silts, dirt, debris, and animal waste as it drains into the waterways.

Council treats the water with chlorine which protects against some pathogens, but unfortunately some are too strong for the chlorine to be effective, and additional treatment steps are needed to protect health to current water standards.

The way the schemes operate has not changed. However, the government has made significant changes to the legislation and under these rules, operators of water schemes are required to issue boil water notices where treatment systems do not meet the current standards.

More Information

More information about these schemes and this ongoing boil water notice is available from our website at mackenzie.govt.nz, follow the front page link to Water Alerts.

Print copies of this notice and the individual scheme notices can be picked up from the Council office in Fairlie.

Advice about how to safely boil water for use in the house is available from The Water Services Authority, Taumata Arowai - taumataarowai.govt.nz - follow the front page link to Boil Water Notice.

The website of the Water Services Authority, Taumata Arowai also has more information about the current regulations and what they mean - taumataarowai.govt.nz



Current job openings

Position	Part time/Full time	Location	Applications Due
Public Facilities, Parks and Places Manager	Full time	Fairlie	Sunday 30 November

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

Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Thursday 20 November	Fairlie Community Board - Swearing In and Inaugural Meeting Council Chambers	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Fairlie
Tuesday 25 November	Council Meeting (First Ordinary Meeting) Council Chambers	9:00am - 2:00pm	Fairlie
Tuesday 25 November	Citizenship Ceremony Council Chambers	3:00pm - 4:00pm	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 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

