

Mackenzie District Council

Mayor

Electing the Mayor

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**Scott ARONSEN**

My principal place of residence is in the Mackenzie District Council Election area. I am also standing for Pukaki Ward.

I'm a 29 year resident of Twizel, married to Diane, with two adult daughters, Hannah and Sarah. After serving one term as a Councillor, I'm now standing for Mayor. The Mackenzie District is a jewel in New Zealand's crown - its dynamic and rugged landscapes shaped by the economies of agriculture, tourism, state-owned enterprise, and aquaculture. Our rural and urban communities - Albury, Fairlie, Tekapo, and Twizel - each have their own identity, yet we must work together as one. As Mayor, I'll restore trust and ensure Council serves our district, not central government. In recent years, we've seen unsustainable rate rises and growing debt. We must tackle this head on and it must change. We need to think outside the box, seek new revenue streams, and strengthen our economic base. Together, we can build a thriving, resilient, and prosperous Mackenzie District. The time for change is now.