

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



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DISTRICT COUNCIL



Creative Communities Grants

The second Creative NZ Mackenzie District funding round for 2025/2026 is open, closing 5:00pm on Wednesday 11 February 2026.

We want to widen the scope and variety of community arts projects supported for our community. We would love to hear if:

- You have an idea for a diverse art or cultural project
- You seek to engage young people in the arts
- Your project encourages community participation in arts and culture

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

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



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Twizel Community Library

The Twizel Community Library has reopened for 2026.

Opening days and times are:

- Wednesday – 12:00pm – 5:00pm
- Thursday – 12:00pm – 6:00pm
- Friday – 10:00am – 2:00pm



2026 Bin collection calendars

Printable PDF copies of these calendars are available at our offices or from our website – mackenzie.govt.nz > [Services](#) > [Rubbish and Recycling](#) > [Bin Collections](#)



Watering your garden over summer

It is mid-summer and many of us are watering our gardens. There are some watering tips that can help make the most of your water:

- Water your garden in the early morning before the sun heats up.
- Or, water in the evening as things start to cool off.
- Avoid watering during the heat. You risk damaging your plants, and won't get the most benefit.
- Water more deeply and less often. Get the water down into the roots to encourage their growth, and water about 3 times per week.
- Water when your soil is dry for the first 2.5cm.

Although it is lovely to have a lush green lawn, it does take a lot of water to maintain. If you can, concentrate your watering efforts on other parts of the garden.

If hot dry conditions continue over the summer we may have to introduce water restrictions. Keep an eye on Council's messaging (our website will always be updated, and we will put posts on our Facebook page and in newsletters) and on the water restriction boards in our towns.

Did you know?

If you intend to keep more than two dogs that are over 3 months old, you will need to let Council know.

Register your dogs today at mackenzie.govt.nz > [Services](#) > [Dogs and Animals](#) > [Registration information](#)



Swimming pool season passes

If you hold a season pass, this is now able to be used for both Twizel Community Pool and Strathconan Pool – Fairlie.



Report an issue or problem?

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



Community Drop-in Sessions

What's important to you?

We are looking ahead and want to know what's important to you, your community, and the Mackenzie District. Look out for Councillors and staff in our main town centres over the next couple of months on the following dates:

Location	Date	Time
TWIZEL	Thursday 22 January	3:00pm - 7:00pm
TEKAPO	Wednesday 28 January	3:00pm - 7:00pm
FAIRLIE	Tuesday 3 February	3:00pm - 7:00pm

Drop-in and share your ideas.



Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Tuesday 27 January	Council Workshop - Rating review Council Chambers, Fairlie	9:00am - 2:00pm	Fairlie
Tuesday 3 February	Finance Committee Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	10:30am - 12:30pm	Fairlie
Tuesday 3 February	Three Waters Sub Committee Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Fairlie
Tuesday 10 February	Council Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	9:00am - 2:00pm	Fairlie
Thursday 12 February	Fairlie Community Board Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	4:00pm - 5:30pm	Fairlie
Wednesday 18 February	Tekapo Community Board Meeting Tekapo Community Hall	3:00pm - 4:30pm	Tekapo
Monday 23 February	Twizel Community Board Meeting Twizel Community Lounge	4:30pm - 6:00pm	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



Mackenzie County Scholarship recipients

Congratulations to the 2026 recipients of the Mackenzie County Scholarship:

- Briannah Hadfield-Broatch
- Eshee Pasaol
- William Gorospe
- Rebecca Boon
- Jack Cassie
- Lexie Biggs
- Mackenzie Dunnicliff

Sponsorship was given for these awards from RSM Law Ltd, the Estate of Len Smith - Fairlie, and Mackenzie District Council.



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.

Mackenzie Grant Finder

Looking for funding opportunities?
Go to mackenzie.govt.nz/grantfinder

