



Visitor Accommodation Compliance

In response to a recent media report regarding short-term visitor accommodation in Lake Tekapo, the Council has acknowledged concerns that have been raised by members of the community and industry.

The issues are already being actively working on with a targeted compliance programme.

Mayor Scott Aronsen said the Council has taken concrete steps to respond.

“We understand that many residents want confidence that the rules around visitor accommodation are being followed consistently across the district.

“The Mayor and Councillors recognise the significant contribution accommodation providers make to the district’s economy and tourism sector. They also acknowledge the concerns raised by residents. Council’s role is to balance these interests by ensuring that applicable rules are followed.”

The full article can be read on Council’s website at mackenzie.govt.nz > Mac News > 2026 > Visitor Accommodation Compliance



Annual Plan 2026/27 Adopted

Council has adopted its Annual Plan 2026/27, outlining the work programme and budget for the coming financial year.

In the years between Long-Term Plans, Council prepares an Annual Plan to provide updated budgets and information on key projects and services planned for the year ahead. The plan also identifies any changes from the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034, which sets out Council’s ten-year budget and work programme.

The 2026/27 financial year marks the third year of the current Long-Term Plan. The Annual Plan serves as Council’s formal statement of intent for the year and is prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.

The Annual Plan 2026/27 is available at mackenzie.govt.nz > Council > Plans, Reports and Strategies > Annual Plan.



GET READY

Are you ready?

Emergencies can happen any time, be it earthquakes, floods, fire or weather.

Last month’s earthquake near Te Anau is a useful reminder to check that our households are ready and we can look after ourselves and our families if an event happens.

Check out the advice on the Civil Defence Get Ready page for useful tips and resources at getready.govt.nz/prepared



Council welcomes Government investment in visitor infrastructure

Mackenzie District Council has welcomed the Government’s announcement of \$2.5 million from the International Visitor Levy (IVL) to support improvements to public toilet infrastructure across the district.



Read more at mackenzie.govt.nz > Mac News > Mackenzie District Council welcomes Government investment in visitor infrastructure



Did you know?

The MTFJ team can assist with helping you to get your Driver’s Licence - from Learner Licence to Class 2.

Find out more at mackenzie.govt.nz > Community > Mayors Taskforce For Jobs



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Headstart

For the latest information on Headstart, go to our Lets Talk page - letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz > Local Government Reform - Head Start



Report an issue or problem?

Contact us on 0800 685 8514, email info@mackenzie.govt.nz or use MyMDC - mackenzie.govt.nz/mymdc





Did you know?

You can now watch Mackenzie District Council meetings live online.

If you miss the livestream, you can find the videos and catch up on our website. Look for the meeting details on our Meetings and Agendas section of the website at mackenzie.govt.nz > Council > Meetings and Agendas



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.

Current job openings

Position	Part time/Full time	Location	Applications Due
Executive and Governance Support	Full-time	Fairlie	5 August 2026
Public Facilities, Parks, and Places Officer	Full-time	Fairlie or Twizel	5 August 2026

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



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Mackenzie Grant Finder

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Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Time*	Location
Thursday 6 August	Fairlie Community Board Meeting Lake Tekapo Community Hall	4:00pm	Fairlie
Monday 10 August	Tekapo Community Board Meeting Lake Tekapo Community Hall	3:00pm	Tekapo
Tuesday 11 August	Council Workshop Council Chambers, Fairlie	9:30am	Fairlie
Monday 17 August	Twizel Community Board Meeting Twizel Community Lounge	4:00pm	Twizel
Tuesday 18 August	Council Workshop Council Chambers, Fairlie	9:30am	Fairlie
Tuesday 25 August	Finance Committee Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	9:30am	Fairlie
Tuesday 25 August	Council Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	11:00am	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).

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

