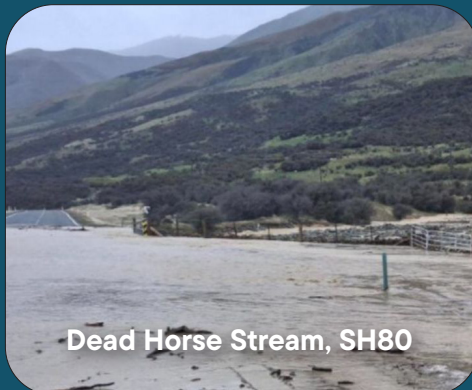


Scenes from the late-October weather events



Glen Lyon Road at
Port Bryson, Lake Ōhau



Dead Horse Stream, SH80



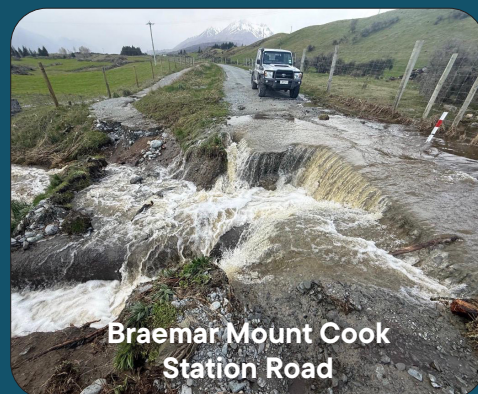
Glen Lyon Road Ford, Twizel



Edwards Stream bridge, SH8



Early morning snow at Twizel



Braemar Mount Cook
Station Road

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.

Mackenzie District Council 2025 Triennial Elections - Final Results

The final result for the Mackenzie District Council elections held on Saturday 11th October is as follows.

Mayoralty Votes Received

ARONSEN, Scott	1,132
MORGAN, Karen	437
MCKENZIE, Elizabeth (Independent)	242
JACKSON, Ash	205
MCCARTHY, Robin	96
INFORMAL	1
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	17

Scott ARONSEN is declared elected.

Tekapo Ward (1 vacancy) Votes Received

ALLAN, Sue	161
NORMAN, Maireire	83
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	2

Sue ALLAN is declared elected.

Pukaki Ward (3 vacancies) Votes Received

* ARONSEN, Scott (Withdrawn)	587
SPRIGGS, Jan	500
HOCKEN, Frank	361
FINN, Brian	358
OLIVER, Peter (Financial Responsibility)	234
HATHAWAY, Christopher (Independent)	190
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	4

Brian FINN, Frank HOCKEN and **Jan SPRIGGS** are declared elected.

Twizel Community Board (4 vacancies) Votes Received

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, **Tony HODGES, Mary MURDOCH, Katrina TE RITO** are elected unopposed.

Fairlie Community Board (4 vacancies) Votes Received

LANE-HAND, Holly	782
WHITTAKER, Tom	751
MCMURTRIE, Jamie	642
CASSIE, Simon	570
KILMISTER, Gina	426
ABBOTT, Simon	316
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	24

Simon CASSIE, Holly LANE-HAND, Jamie MCMURTRIE and **Tom WHITTAKER** are declared elected.

Opuha Ward (3 vacancies) Votes Received

FISHER, Rit	812
GUERIN, Phillipa	762
ADAMS, Mark	676
JACKSON, Ash	299
MCKENZIE, Elizabeth (Independent)	228
INFORMAL	1
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	4

Mark ADAMS, Rit FISHER and **Phillipa GUERIN** are declared elected.

Tekapo Community Board (4 vacancies) Votes Received

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, **Barbara NUSTRINI, Anna ROSEINGRAVE, Brent SWANSON** and **Simon TOCKER** are elected unopposed.

The voter return was **60.43%**, being **2,130** votes, including special votes.
Anthony Morton, Electoral Officer, Mackenzie District Council, 16 October 2025

Looking ahead to 2026

In early 2026 we will be working on two significant projects:

- Water Services Delivery Plan
- Long Term Plan 2027/37

We'll be keen to get your input into both of these, so look out for more information in the new year.



Make sure all wheelie bins are out on collection day by:

07:00

There are two collection trucks picking up different coloured bins which do not always follow the same route. Therefore bins may be emptied at any time during the day, starting from 7:00am.

Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs in Mackenzie

As the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) programme marks its 25th anniversary, Mackenzie District is celebrating its local impact.

The MTFJ programme in the Mackenzie is providing district-wide support to disadvantaged youth and adults, helping them into employment, education, and training, while also giving them access to a wide range of support services.

Mackenzie's Mayors have long been strong supporters of the scheme, working closely with council staff to deliver the programme locally.

Since 1 July 2024, 21 young people have gained employment placements with MTFJ support. Over the same period, 55 young people have been supported towards achieving their driver's license. This is important because in a rural district like Mackenzie, driver licensing is often a major barrier to employment, making this support life-changing for many rangatahi (young people) seeking work.



Expanding opportunities for youth

Through a partnership with the Y-Central South Island, now a regular presence at the Twizel Events Centre, young people in Twizel and Fairlie are gaining access to driving lessons, improved youth services, recreational opportunities, and new youth development initiatives.

Training opportunities are often harder to access in rural communities. To fill this gap MTFJ Coordinators have worked to bring job-specific training and upskilling opportunities directly into the district. Recent initiatives have included;

- Three Barista Courses delivered with Mint Folk and Co, and Little Bean South Cafe
- A Te Reo Māori class in Fairlie, led by Alexis Kereikeepa, strengthening skills and cultural knowledge
- Defensive Driving training in Fairlie and Twizel

Community support for young people has been demonstrated by Mint Folk and Co who donated the cost of delivering their barista course to Gumboot Friday, a charity supporting youth mental health, and a partner organisation of the MTFJ programme.

A community effort

Based at the Mackenzie District Council, staff work closely with employers, community groups, and volunteers who give their time, provide experience, and share their knowledge to support job placements and training opportunities. While we cannot name them all, we acknowledge their invaluable support with te aroha me te whakaute (love and respect) for the difference they continue to make.



25 years of MTFJ

This year marks 25 years since MTFJ was founded. What began in February 2000 when seven mayors gathered in Christchurch, has grown into a nationwide movement dedicated to ensuring that every young person under 25 is engaged in meaningful work, training, or education. The kaupapa remains strong, helping rangatahi into jobs, strengthening whānau, and building more resilient communities across Aotearoa.

Over the past quarter century, MTFJ has partnered with councils, iwi, central government, employers, and community organisations to deliver local solutions to employment challenges. To date, more than 6,400 young people nationwide have gained employment through the programme.

Looking ahead

As MTFJ celebrates 25 years, the focus remains firmly on the future. The Mayor and the Mackenzie District Council, with funding from Local Government New Zealand, will continue to:

- Support rangatahi and others disadvantaged in the workforce into meaningful employment
- Address barriers to work, such as driver licensing
- Deliver training that matches local opportunities

We encourage anyone interested in partnering with us, or rangatahi seeking support, to reach out and connect with their local coordinator.

For 25 years, the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs has been a story of collaboration, resilience, and belief in young people. The next 25 years will continue this legacy, ensuring that no young person is left without opportunity.

Did you know...
Food scraps go in your green organics bin



Coffee grounds, eggshells, fish, fruit and vegetable scraps, cheese, meat (raw or cooked), and bones.

Food Scraps - Red vs Green bin



Red bin > Landfill

Buried in the zero oxygen environment of a landfill, food scraps produce methane - a greenhouse gas over 20 times more potent than CO₂.



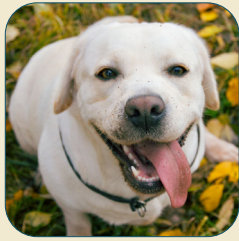
Green bin > Compost

Food scraps in the green organics bin are turned into compost which helps healthy soil to grow food.

Did You Know?

Dogs not wearing a collar with a current registration label or disc attached within the Mackenzie District are treated as unregistered.

Register your dog today at mackenzie.govt.nz > Services > Dogs and Animals > Registration information



Did You Know?

There are designated areas at Fairlie, Tekapo and Twizel where dogs need to be on leashes – and areas that they are allowed to run free.

View the dog control area maps at mackenzie.govt.nz > Services > Dogs and animals > Dog control area maps



The Mackenzie Grant Finder

Mackenzie District Council has teamed up with GrantGuru to develop the Mackenzie Grant Finder.

The Mackenzie Grant Finder brings together available grants and funding options specific to local community groups, not-for-profits, businesses and individuals.

Organisations and individuals can use the search engine and filter grants by industry, sector, or project type, as well as benefit from expert advice and tips to strengthen their grant applications.

This free resource is a comprehensive and up-to-date list of funding options for our community. It is an easy way to check out what grants are available.

You can also register for alerts about funding programs that are relevant to you when they become available, so that businesses and community groups can prepare funding applications well in advance of the closing date.

Discover more at mackenzie.govt.nz/grantfinder



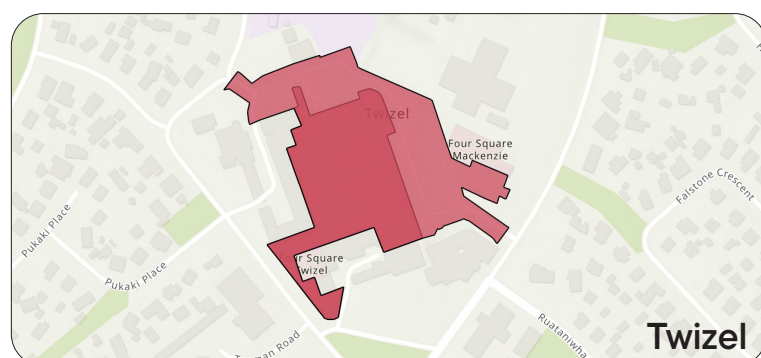
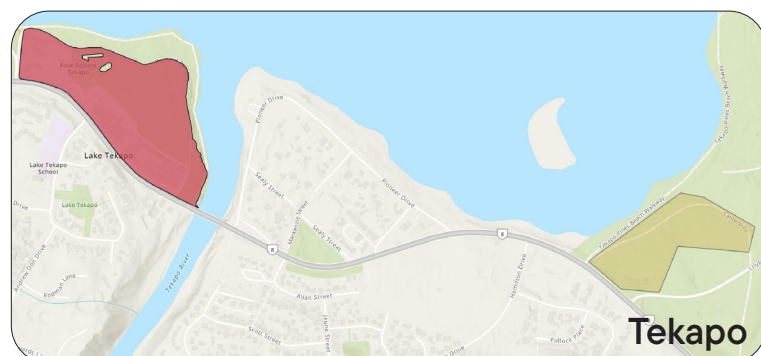
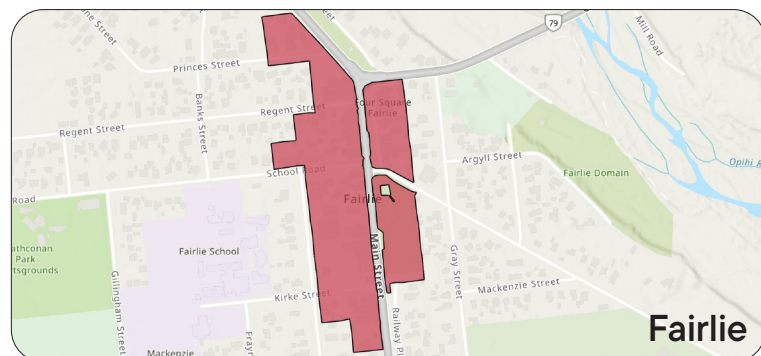
Controlling Your Dog in Town Centres

Here in Mackenzie we love our dogs. We have a total of about registered 1500 dogs in the district.

Many of us take out dogs with us when we are out and about or and heading into town. As owners we probably know of the cafes and other businesses that are dog friendly too.

However, dogs can sometimes be a nuisance. In some areas we ask owners to take extra measures to prevent their dogs being a problem. To help control this Council has a Dog Control Bylaw. For example, under the Bylaw, all dogs in our town centres must be kept on a leash, as shown below in red on our town centre maps.

We have other areas where dogs are permitted to be off-leash (but still under your control). Details of those, and the rest of the bylaw can be found on our website at: mackenzie.govt.nz > Services > Dogs and Animals



Booking of Facilities

Are you planning an event, and would like to see if a community centre or public open space within the Mackenzie District is available? Booking schedules are available for these at mackenzie.govt.nz

Schedules for hall and event venues at Albury, Fairlie, Tekapo and Twizel are under mackenzie.govt.nz > Services > Parks, Venues and Recreation > Halls & Event Venues

To book a facility, contact Council on 0800 685 8514 or email info@mackenzie.govt.nz



Swimming Pools Re-opening

Strathconan Pool in Fairlie and Twizel Community Pool have re-opened for the 2025/2026 Summer Season.

Check the mackenzie.govt.nz website, [Strathconan Pool - Fairlie Facebook](#) page and [Twizel Community Pool Facebook](#) page for the opening hours.

