

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Mackenzie
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 at: mackenzie.govt.nz > Community Grants and Scholarships > Creative Communities Scheme



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



Work on our roads

Fulton Hogan, Council's roading contractor, has been busy over January dealing with the impact of the un-seasonal summer weather on the Mackenzie District roading network.

Large trees fell across Monument Road near Fairlie in the middle of January after a heavy rain fell but were quickly cleared out of the way and the road re-opened for motorists.

They also monitored the ford on Mackenzie Pass Road, and checked it was working as intended after all the rain.



Report an issue or problem?

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



School Speed Limit Changes

As school returns you will notice some changes to the speed limits around schools, realigning with the government's changes to the Land Transport Rules.

- **Fairlie, Albury & Cannington:** Timed school speed zones around beginning and ends of school days.
- **Twizel:** Mackenzie Drive will return to a 50 km/h road while Mt Cook St will remain permanently 30 km/h.
- **Tekapo:** No Change to the 30 km/h Zone.

A further speed limit change will take place for Albury township, with the speed limit for all roads decreasing from 60 km/h to 50 km/h.



TWIZEL BY-ELECTION.

IT'S TIME TO VOTE.

2026 BY-ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER
FOR THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD



After the local government elections in October, there was one remaining vacancy on Twizel Community Board. We are now holding a by-election to fill that vacancy.

How to vote

Voting is by postal ballot, and voting papers are arriving in the post from 30 January. Twizel residents who are enrolled to vote should have received them by about 10 February.

Completed voting papers can be dropped into the bright orange bin at the Council offices or posted back in the envelope provided.

Who's standing?

We have four candidates standing for election to the one vacancy on the Board.

They are: Zoe White, Pat Shuker, Tony Atwool, Tom Goodman.

More details can be found at mackenzie.govt.nz > Council > Elections > 2025-26 Twizel Community Board By-election



Voting closes

12 noon, Tuesday 3 March.

Mackenzie Grant Finder

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



Temporary Appointment of Acting Mayor

Mackenzie District Mayor, Scott Aronsen, will be taking leave for a period of two weeks from 29 January 2026 to undergo elective surgery.

During Mayor Aronsen's absence, Deputy Mayor Rit Fisher will be appointed as Acting Mayor and will carry out the mayoral duties and responsibilities during this period.

Mayor Aronsen is expected to resume his duties two weeks after his surgery. Following his return, he will work remotely for a further six to eight weeks while completing his recovery.

The Mackenzie District Council extends its best wishes to Mayor Aronsen for a successful procedure and a smooth recovery.

Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
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
Tuesday 17 February	Council Workshop Council Chambers, Fairlie	9:00am - 2:00pm	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
Tuesday 24 February	Council Workshop Council Chambers, Fairlie	9:00am - 1:00pm	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

