

Citizenship Ceremony



Mackenzie Mayor Scott Aronsen welcomed new New Zealand citizens at a ceremony held at the Mackenzie Community Centre in Fairlie on Tuesday 25 November 2025.

The new citizens are Daniel, Laura, Sebastian, and Rosie Irving; Susan Kerr; Christopher Bell; Eiligh France from the United Kingdom; Lisa Forrester from Canada; Zhongheng Lou from China; Indika Napawala Gamaladdalage from Sri Lanka; Richard Radford from the United States of America; Samuel Schijvens from Australia; and Max Viereck from Germany.

Mackenzie County Scholarship recipients

The 2026 recipients of the Mackenzie County Scholarship are:

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

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

Safe driving on unsealed roads.

There are over 700kms of roads in the Mackenzie District, 500km of which are unsealed. We spend over \$1 million each year maintaining our unsealed roads.

This includes regular grading and the application of new metal every few years to ensure a good surface for traffic to run on and to protect the structural integrity of the road.



To stay safe on gravel roads:

- **Accelerate slowly.** Try not to spin your wheels, especially when entering onto a metal road from a driveway or another road. Lay off the accelerator where there are already corrugations. All wheel drive vehicles create micro corrugations through heavy acceleration.
- **Slow down.** You will create less dust and less loose shingle.
- **Avoid hard braking.** This will reduce potholes and deep corrugations. Report any intentional damage to Council or Police.

Grants and Scholarships

There are a number of grants and scholarships for the Mackenzie District that will be available during 2026. These include:



Community Board Grant

Grants to support not-for-profit community organisations within the Mackenzie District.



Creative Communities Scheme

Supporting arts activities within the Mackenzie District.



Genesis Tekapo Township Fund

Genesis Energy provides funding to support promotion of the Tekapo township.



Heritage Protection Fund

Funding to support historic buildings, items and places within the Mackenzie District.



Mackenzie County Scholarship

First year tertiary education scholarships, for secondary school students living within the Mackenzie District.



Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

Grants for transport costs for sports clubs and school teams within the Mackenzie District, with team members between 5-18 years of age.

Keep an eye on our website for more information and relevant closing dates at mackenzie.govt.nz > [Community Grants and Scholarships](#)



Child Supervision Policy - Swimming Pools

Belgravia Leisure (who are contracted to run council's swimming pools in Twizel and Fairlie) have amended their policy relating to the supervision of children for the current pool season.



Children under 8 years old must be actively supervised by a caregiver who is at least 16 years old. Actively supervised means:

- Watching your child/children/children in your care at all times and be able to provide immediate assistance.
- Remaining at a distance from where you can see, hear and be heard by your child, and your child must be able to see you.

Children 5 years and under must be within arm's reach of their caregiver who must be at least 16 years old.

Please talk to one of the pool staff if you require additional information.

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



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



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 limit while Mt Cook St will remain 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.

Battery recycling

With batteries unable to be placed in the bin collection. Our Resource Recovery Parks at Fairlie, Tekapo and Twizel offer FREE collection points for old batteries.



Batteries accepted are:

- Household batteries - AAA, AA, 9V, C, D
- Button cell batteries - i.e. watch and hearing aid batteries
- Re-chargeable batteries from hand held tools
- Automotive batteries

Booking 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 on our website.

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



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



Don't send food scraps to the landfill...



When food scraps are buried in landfill they break down without oxygen and release methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Put food scraps in your **green bin**.