

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Mackenzie
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Council offices at Fairlie and Twizel close on Wednesday 24 December 2025 at 12:00pm, and reopen Monday 5 January 2026 at 8:30am.

The customer services team are available throughout the holiday period to deal with urgent matters on 0800 685 8514.

A list of Council services available over the Christmas and New Year period is at [mackenzie.govt.nz](https://mackenzie.govt.nz/Pages/PublicNotices/ChristmasandNewYearOpeningHoursandServices) > Pages > Public Notices > Christmas and New Year Opening Hours and Services



Mackenzie District Quarterly Economic Monitor report

A new Infometrics Quarterly Economic Monitor report has been released for the Mackenzie District, covering the Quarterly period up to September 2025.

View the report at [mackenzie.govt.nz](https://mackenzie.govt.nz/Community/MackenzieDistrictCommunityandEconomicData-Infometrics) > Community > Mackenzie District Community and Economic Data - Infometrics



Following the discovery of potential asbestos in contaminated play sand and subsequent recall of a variety of products, Timaru District Council are accepting affected play sand carefully wrapped at their waste transfer stations.

As Mackenzie District does not have the expertise to handle these types of products, Timaru have kindly extended this service to include residents of Mackenzie District.

The sand can be disposed of at any Timaru District Council transfer station, free of charge. DO NOT dispose of it in your household kerbside bin.

When you arrive at the transfer station, head to the kiosk and let the staff know that you are disposing of asbestos contaminated material, and they will take you through the process.

Before taking any products to the drop-off-point, ensure you place the sand in a sealed container, then double-bag it in thick plastic and wrap in multiple layers of plastic wrap, seal with tape and clearly label as 'Asbestos-contaminated material'.

For more information, including the locations of the transfer stations, please go to: [timaru.govt.nz](https://timaru.govt.nz/News/PublicNotices/Disposalinformationonrecalledmagicsandproduct) > News > Public Notices > Disposal information on recalled magic sand product



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](https://mackenzie.govt.nz/Services/ParksVenuesandRecreation/HallsEventVenues) > Services > Parks, Venues and Recreation > Halls & Event Venues

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



Mackenzie Grant Finder

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

Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Tuesday 16 December	Audit and Risk Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	9:00am - 10:30am	Fairlie
Tuesday 16 December	Council Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie	10:30am - 2:00pm	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 practically 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](https://mackenzie.govt.nz/Council/MeetingsandAgendas) > Council > Meetings and Agendas



Twizel Community Board vacancy

Twizel Community Board has a vacancy for another committed community-minded person to join their team.

If you would like to support your community or know someone who would be great in the role, get your nomination in now.

Nominations are open now for the by-election which will be held in February 2026. The closing date is 22 December.

More details are available on our website at: [mackenzie.govt.nz](https://mackenzie.govt.nz/Council/Elections/2025-26TwizelCommunityBoardBy-election) > Council > Elections > 2025-26 Twizel Community Board By-election

Current job openings

Position	Part time/Full time	Location	Applications Due
Community Facilities Officer	Permanent, part time - 25 hours per week	Twizel	Wednesday 10 December 2025
Resource Management Compliance Officer	Permanent, full time - 40 hours per week	Fairlie	Sunday 14 December 2025

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

Report an issue or problem?

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