



Summary of decisions from Mackenzie District Council meeting - 23 June 2026

At the Council Meeting on 23 June the elected members made a number of key decisions.

Code of Conduct Investigation

Councillors received the independent investigation report into an incident that occurred at MDC offices on 16 April 2026 involving Councillor Frank Hocken and three members of Council staff.

Council considered the recommendations in the report and approved the actions to be taken. These included:

- That Council consider and determine what actions will be taken. The recommended actions as a result of the review finding highlighted in paragraph 41 to 45 of the investigation report.
- That Cr Frank Hocken provide an apology to the Chief Executive and the two senior managers involved in the incident.
- That the matter be referred to the Council committee responsible for health and safety oversight and recorded as an aggressive incident / health and safety event.
- That, in the interests of health, safety and wellbeing, communications between Cr Frank Hocken and Council staff be channelled through the Mayor or Deputy Mayor.

Community Development Role

Following the recent resignation of the Team Leader: Community Development, Council directed that the position should be disestablished, the Annual Plan 2026/2027 Budget be reduced by a further \$80,000, and the subsequent rates requirement for 2026/27 to be amended.

They also asked the Chief Executive to make the required operational decisions to manage the consequential changes to staff structure and work programme in the Community Development team.

Land Sale for St John Station Twizel

Council approved in principle, to sell 2 Glenbrook Crescent, Twizel, for use as the site for a St John Ambulance facility and retirement units.

Headstart Decision

Council made several decisions relating to the Government's Head Start pathway for Local Government Reform.

They confirmed that they want to proceed with a proposal for reform under the Government's Head Start Pathway and that they want to work with Mackenzie's neighbours to develop an outline proposal by 9 August 2026.

Because the timeframe is too short to allow for a full public consultation, they will undertake a targeted, time-limited consultation process and the results will be presented to council for a decision in an extraordinary meeting in August 2026.



Snow clearance of roads

With weather events expected over the winter months, we thought it would be timely to share the following information. When we have a dump of snow we get a lot of queries about when we will be clearing a particular road. We thought it might be useful to let you know what the priorities are for our staff and contractors out on the roads.

1. Clear critical emergency services
2. Clear commercial areas and expose fire hydrants
3. Widen intersections on streets and schools including bus stops
4. Widen intersections
5. Urban streets cleared approximately one lane
6. Clear rural roads including intersections
7. Move back to urban area and widen streets and clear storm water drains and grates
8. Widen rural roads
9. Remove snow piles in commercial / critical care areas if forecast dictates snow will linger for a number of weeks

The following roads within the Mackenzie District are administered by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA):

- State Highway 8, Cave to Twizel
- State Highway 79, Fairlie to Geraldine
- State Highway 80, Pukaki to Mount Cook

Their 24 hour contact line is 0800 444 449 and highway website is journeys.nzta.govt.nz

Did you know?

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



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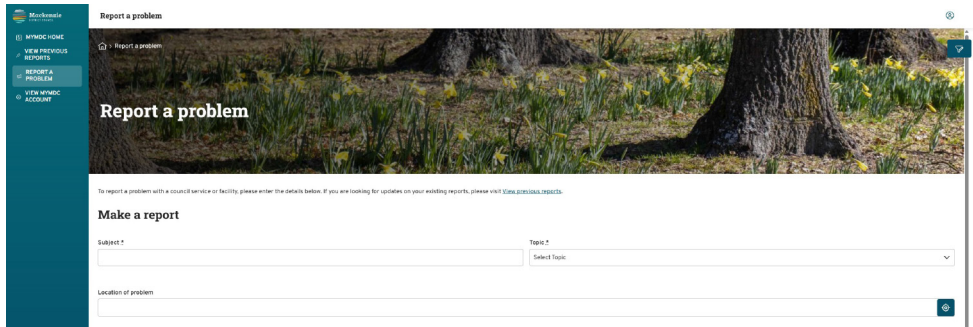
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Dog Registrations Due

Dog registrations are due by 31 July 2026.

Don't forget, you can pay any time by calling into the council offices at Fairlie and Twizel with your details, or using the online dog registration form at

mackenzie.govt.nz > Services > Dogs and Animals > Owning a Dog > Registering your dog



Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Time*	Location
Tuesday 14 July	Council Workshop Council Chambers	9:30am	Fairlie
Tuesday 21 July	Council Meeting Council Chambers	9:30am	Fairlie
Tuesday 28 July	Council Workshop Council Chambers	9:30am	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.

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



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