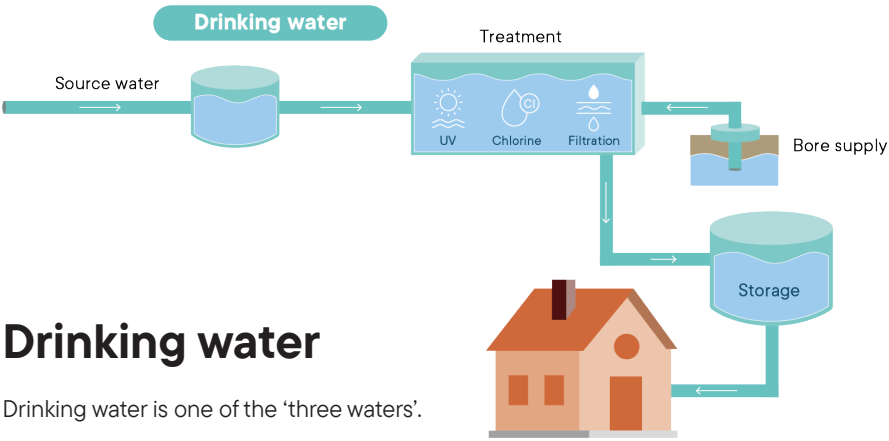


News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Drinking water

Drinking water is one of the ‘three waters’.

Did you know Mackenzie District Council has:

- 402.6 km of drinking water pipes
- 6 treatment plants
- 9 water intakes
- 6 pump stations.

All our water supply assets would cost us more than \$55M to replace (2024 valuation). Find out more at letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz > Water Reform



Lets Talk Water Reform 2025

Water reform as part of the Government’s Local Water Done Well legislation means big changes are coming to the way our water is delivered and paid for.

We are currently consulting with our communities on two options for the future of water service delivery.

- **Option 1** – Delivering water services ‘in-house’
- **Option 2** – Join a new multi-council water services organisation with some of our nearby councils.

Find out more and have your say at letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz > Water Reform

Consultation is open until 5:00pm, Friday 13 June, 2025



Icy roads in winter

With ice often settling on road surfaces throughout the Mackenzie District at this time of year, it is recommended to drive to the conditions, and where necessary, reduce your speed.



Current job openings

Position	Part time/Full time	Location	Applications Due
Senior Building Control Officer	Full time	Fairlie	Monday 5 June

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

Tekapo Smart Meters Project

Council contractors are currently installing smart water meters at every property in Tekapo, including businesses. Where a property already has a water meter it will be replaced with one of the new ones.

Why are we doing this?

Drinking-quality treated water is expensive for Council to produce, and it is important that we do not let it leak out of pipes or valves and go to waste. We know the quantity of water that is leaving the treatment plant. By installing meters at the point of consumption we can calculate our real water loss between the plant and the consumer and find the places where we are losing water. By identifying areas of leaks and other losses we can target our repair work.

The meters will also let us know where a property has a potential leak so that we can alert the home owner that there may be a problem. This could mean we can prevent unexpected large bills from undetected leaks etc. This can be particularly useful for holiday home owners.

What you can expect

The meters will be installed at the toby. (The toby is the water shut-off valve, generally located at the boundary of the property, that sits between the council water main and your private water pipe.) This means that our contractors will need to access the property around the toby. We expect that some will be easy to do. However, we also know that there are some older tobys which need to be replaced as part of this work. Where our contractors do need to replace your toby there will be no charge to the home owner.

Most tobys are already situated at the property boundary on the road reserve. If a toby is somewhere else, where we can, we will also move it to the road reserve. Where this is not possible, it will remain inside the property.

How will the meters work?

The meter will log the flow of water through meter and will send that information via the cell network to Council’s systems in the office every day.

Does this mean that water will cost more?

Currently, the first 700m3 are paid for by your water rate. Anything over 700m3 currently incurs a charge, and this extra will continued to be billed. However, Council is currently consulting on proposed changes to water charges for the coming financial year. Find out more and have your say at letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz > Fees and charges 2025.



Rates Due

A reminder that Mackenzie District quarterly rates payments are due on June 20 2025. Rates information, and online payment options are at mackenzie.govt.nz > Rates, Building and Property > Rates Information



Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Thursday 5 June	Fairlie Community Board Council Chambers	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Fairlie
Monday 16 June	Tekapo Community Board meeting Lake Tekapo Community Hall	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Tekapo
Monday 30 June	Twizel Community Board meeting Twizel Community Lounge	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Twizel

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 are available on the Council website at least two working days before each meeting.

WHEREVER YOU PAY RATES YOU CAN VOTE.

Do you live in one area and pay rates on a property in another? Then you may qualify to vote in both areas at the local authority elections this October.

Remember – if you are not enrolled your vote will not count.

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