

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Voting papers hit mailboxes

The voting period opened on 9 September and everyone enrolled to vote will be receiving their voting documents by post in the coming weeks. Everyone should receive their voting papers by 22 September

We have been busy placing orange ballot bins in easy-to-visit locations around the district. Once you receive your voting papers you can cast your vote any time, either by post, or by popping it in to one of our ballot bins. These bins can take your vote right up to noon (12.00pm) on election day, Saturday 11 October. If you want to post your vote, it must be in the postal system by Tuesday 7 October.



If you need to cast a special vote, please visit our office in Fairlie, or the one in Twizel during normal business hours. For further questions, please contact Mackenzie District Council on 0800 685 8514 or Elections NZ on 0800 666 049.

You can find our orange 'Vote' bins in:

- Mackenzie Four Square (Twizel),
- Kiwi Treasures in Tekapo,
- Twizel Four Square
- Fairlie Four Square

We also have a ballot box in both our council offices.

Council approves Water Services Delivery Plan

At the Council meeting on 26 August the Mackenzie District Council Councillors voted to approve the Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) for an in-house business unit.

The plan outlines how water services will be delivered and financed in a manner that is compliant with the Government's Local Water Done Well reforms. The Government requires all councils to submit a Water Services Delivery Plan that complies with the legislation for meeting drinking and wastewater standards, and which is financially sustainable, by 3 September 2025.



The Plan will be submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs, who will make a decision whether to approve it, seek amendments or reject it. Any proposed changes to the WSDP after the 3 September deadline will require approval from the Department of Internal Affairs.

Council decided to adopt the in-house water services delivery model at their meeting on 15 July 2025 following community consultation and extensive deliberations.



Put food scraps in your
green organics bin

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



Did you know?

There are designated areas at Fairlie, Tekapo and Twizel where dogs need to be on leashes - and areas that they are allowed to run free.

View the dog control area maps at mackenzie.govt.nz > Services > Dogs and animals > Dog control area maps



Current job openings

Position	Part time/Full time	Location	Applications Due
Health & Safety Business Partner	Part time, permanent (32 hours per week)	Fairlie	Friday 19 September

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



Rates Due

A reminder that Mackenzie District quarterly rates payments are due on September 20 2025.

Rates information, and online payment options are at mackenzie.govt.nz > Rates, Building and Property > Rates Information



Elections 2025

Choose your Council – Key Dates

- ✓ You can vote for your next Council at any time during: 9 September – 11 October (voting closes at noon).
- ✓ Your voting papers are being delivered during 9 September – 22 September.
- ✓ All the details are available from: votelocal.co.nz > Information for voters > Key dates



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