

News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



Mackenzie
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Stand for Election in Mackenzie District

Mackenzie needs community-minded people to step up and stand for Council and community boards in the upcoming local government elections.

Council has released a webinar, for those who have considered standing for election and would like to know more. Covered in the webinar:

- Deputy Mayor James Leslie discusses standing for council.
- Deputy electoral officer Arlene Goss outlines vacancies that are available, and how to lodge a nomination.



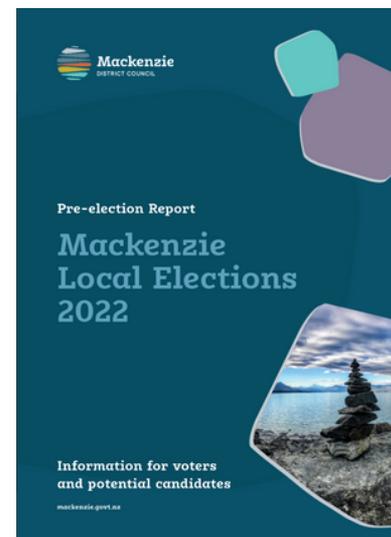
The webinar is available to view on the Mackenzie District Council website at www.mackenzie.govt.nz/council/elections or at youtu.be/dWIAVBf5s-w

Pre-election Report

The 2022 Pre-election Report provides residents and ratepayers with information on the key challenges and opportunities facing our District as we head toward the Council tri-annual elections this October.

The Pre-election Report contains the following information:

- A summary of key projects, challenges and opportunities.
- A report on compliance with Council's Financial Strategy set out in the 2018-2028 and 2021-2031 Long Term Plans. This includes a comparison of limits on rates, rate increases, debt and returns on investments and financial prudence benchmarks.
- Financial statements for the three years preceding the election year, budgeted financial statements for the election year, and forecast financial statements for the three years following the election year.
- Details of the major projects planned to follow the election, including their rationale and costs.



The report is intended to help provide voters with the information they need to make informed decisions at election time. It is also offered as an overview to election candidates, setting out the Council's existing and future challenges and opportunities in a politically neutral context.

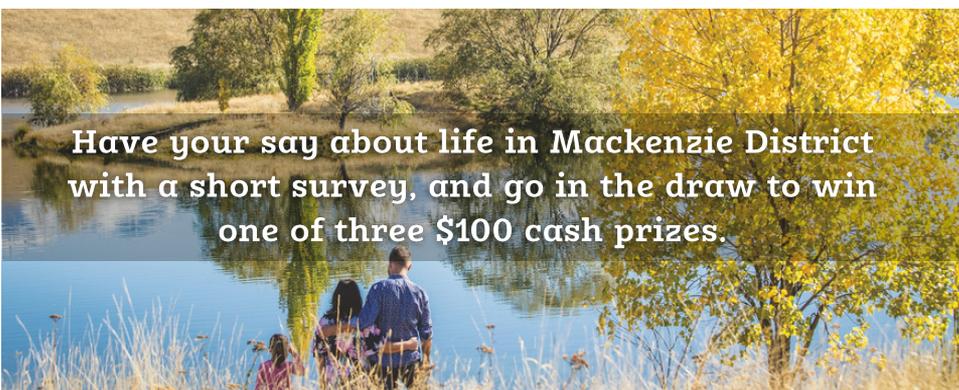
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Key Election Dates

Candidate nominations open	15 July 2022
Candidate nominations close at 12 noon	12 August 2022
Candidates announced	17 August 2022
Final Electoral roll certified by electoral officer	12 September 2022
Voting papers sent to enrolled voters	16 – 21 September 2022
Voting opens	16 September – 8 October 2022
Voting closes at 12 noon	8 October 2022
Progress and preliminary results published	8 October 2022
Final results announced	14 – 19 October 2022

Elections are being held for:

Mayor	Councillors	Community Boards
Provides leadership to the other councillors, is a leader in the community and performs civic duties.	Representing our three wards of Opuha (3), Pukaki (3) and Tekapo (1). Their role is to focus on strategic issues and regional plans, set policies, make regulatory decisions and review council performance.	Community Board Positions are available across the three boards of Twizel, Tekapo and Fairlie. Their purpose is to represent and act as an advocate for their community, provide an overview of local services and engage with community groups.



On behalf of the Mackenzie District Council, Research First is conducting Mackenzie District's annual Residents' Opinion survey. This is to inform the Council about its residents' opinions regarding services the Council offers.

We would really like to hear your opinions and would appreciate you taking the time to fill out this survey.

Access the survey by scanning the QR code below, or you can use this link - bit.ly/Mackenzie-J3400
Printed copies are available and can be returned at:

Mackenzie District Council
53 Main Street, Fairlie
Market Place, Twizel

Kiwi Treasures
12 Rapuwai Lane, Lake Tekapo



For more information please contact survey@researchfirst.co.nz or info@mackenzie.govt.nz

The survey will take around 15 minutes to complete, and your answers will remain anonymous. Everyone who completes the survey can choose to go into the draw to win one of three \$100 cash prizes. The survey is open from July 7 until August 21, 2022.



Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday 9 August	Committee Day	9:30am - 5pm
Friday 19 August	Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee	9:30am - 1pm
Monday 22 August	Twizel Community Board Meeting	3pm - 5pm
Tuesday 23 August	Council Meeting	9:30am - 5pm
Wednesday 24 August	Tekapo Community Board Meeting	3pm - 5pm
Thursday 25 August	Fairlie Community Board Meeting	4:30pm - 6pm
Tuesday 13 September	Final Audit and Risk Meeting of Triennium	9:30am - 12pm
Friday 16 September	Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee	9:30am - 1pm
Monday 19 September	Final Twizel Community Board Meeting for Triennium	3pm - 5pm
Tuesday 20 September	Final Council Meeting for Triennium	9:30am - 5pm
Wednesday 21 September	Final Tekapo Community Board Meeting for Triennium	3pm - 5pm
Thursday 22 September	Final Fairlie Community Board Meeting for Triennium	4:30pm - 6pm

COVID-19: Please note meetings may be re-scheduled or moved to zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please check our website for the latest information.

Committee meetings follow the preceding meeting and so start times will vary. 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

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