

THE FAIRLIE ACCESSIBLE

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Fairlie's Christmas Parade is at 5.00pm on Friday 19th December!

Come and join the fun! We ask girls, big and small to come as fairies and little guys to come as elves!
Yes we are sexist and really don't care!

Vehicles, old and new, floats, individuals on bikes, kids on bikes, little ponies pulling carts - we want you all!
Come along to the 'Christmassy' songs that follow on the Green!

Only half an hour out of your busy schedule to join with your community to celebrate Christmas!

Assembling opposite 1 Main Street at 4.45pm and the more the merrier!



Christmas Message from our Mayor

Christmas is just around the corner now. Another year has slipped by and as it draws to a close I reflect on one issue more than any other: 2014 has seemed to me to be the worst year for losing too many of the people we love and appreciate, and who have added the colour and flavour to our communities.

While a time of joy for the most part, it will be the first time that families and friends of these folk will be celebrating without them. It will be a sad time this Christmas and at every milestone moment going forward.

To those who have lost the special people in their lives, I want to extend my sincerest sympathies and hope that you find solace and joy in being among the rest of your family and friends.

To those who are travelling on the roads this holiday period, I would like to wish you safe travels and encourage you to keep your speed down, watch out for lunatics on the road and drive to survive.

We definitely do not want to add to the road toll.

For those folk who are visiting the Mackenzie over the holiday period I would like to say a hearty "Welcome". I hope that you enjoy your stay here in this beautiful place and that you leave with a piece of the Mackenzie firmly embedded in your hearts.

To the Councillors and Community Board members who work so hard to make this district a better place and to the team at MDC that support them, I want to say a very big "Thank you". Whether you serve the Council as an elected member or as a staff member, your work is often undervalued (I know this, having been both!) but you are doing a good job and I can see the district progressing - albeit rather slowly by some people's estimations.

To all of the volunteers that provide the services and support that make our communities the vibrant, caring communities that they are, I would also like to say a big "Thank you".

We are all better off because of you.

Finally I would like to wish all of those mentioned above and everybody else in the Mackenzie, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mayor Claire



Mackenzie Summer Classic January 10th -11th inviting the community to come and enjoy!

January 10 and 11 will see show-jumping riders and their mounts converge on the Mackenzie A&P show grounds in Fairlie, from all over the South Island.

Two days of competition will see riders go head to head from grass roots riders right up to some of the South Island's top combinations.

Featured twilight classes on Saturday night will include the Auto World Horse 1.25m-1.35m and Pony 1.15 – 1.25m.

The Mackenzie Young Farmers will have a gourmet BBQ and the band, the Acoustics will entertain.

Sunday afternoon will see the Gordon Handy Machinery 'Ride and Drive, which will see competitors ride a course of fences, jump on a vehicle and drive around a course then race back on their mount. This is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

There will be plenty of action happening over the weekend.

We do encourage the public to stop in for a look, bring a picnic and enjoy the atmosphere!

We are excited to showcase our local riders.

This couldn't be done without our fantastic sponsors.

For more information see our Facebook page 'Mackenzie Equestrian' or contact Ben Lott on 027 979 1921

Note: Closing date for the first Accessible in 2015 is

Friday January 9th at 4pm

Email: accessible@xtra.co.nz Phone: Heartlands 03 685 8496 www.fairlienz.com

Dates to remember!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Fairlie Village Green

St Columba and St Stephen's

Sunday, 21st December

11.00am Christmas Carols on the Village Green

Followed with games and picnic
(bring your own hamper, rug and chair)

Christmas Eve, 24th December

11.00pm Candlelight Mass

St Stephen's, Kirke Street

Christmas Day, 25th December

9.00am Morning Worship

St Columba, Main Street

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

WET WEATHER VENUE ST COLUMBA 11AM

FAIRLIE BOWLING CLUB **'CRACKERJACK' BOWLS** TWO BOWL TRIPLES

Begins Tuesday 20th January 6pm
First 16 teams accepted \$15 per team
Non bowlers given preference



Entries to: Bruce Anderson...685 8454 John Stokes.....685 8138
Maureen McColl.....685 8466

WINSCOMBE CHRISTMAS PARTY

at Ian and Sonia Callaghan's 513 McLean's Rd

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER

6PM ONWARDS

Catch up with neighbours and friends

BYO for BBQ - usual procedure

- bring own plates, glasses and food to share
and expect a visit from Santa

Any queries 685 8075



Fairlie Golf Club's JUNIOR GOLF

During the School Holidays
Starting this Saturday morning

20th Dec 11am-11.45am

\$10 per child

12yrs and under

Please call Chris O'Neill

Phone - 685 8537 to register



MACKENZIE MARKET MORNINGS

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Updates: www.facebook.com/mackenziemarket



Kimbell Day 2nd January 2015

2.00pm behind the Silverstream Hotel

Live Music
Sheaf Tossing

Bouncey Castle
Egg Throwing

Horse Racing
Clydesdales

Pillow Fights
Tractor Pull

BBQ

All children's entertainment FREE
Come and join us for an old-fashioned family fun day

"The Fairlie to Kimbell Walk"

The traditional walk is back again along the Fairlie Lions walkway by the
Opihi River Park - meet in the paddock on the corner of
Allandale Rd/Clayton Rd for a group start at **11.30am**.

Finishing behind the Silverstream Hotel via the Seddons Rd river crossing.

Walkers to be self sufficient



Fairlie's iconic New Year's Day Parade

will be here before we know it.

The Fairlie Motor Heritage Museum invites you to dust off your vintage/classic vehicles or put together a float to enter into the parade. There is no charge and it is an opportunity for lasting memories to be made.

The parade starts at the rear of the museum at 1.45pm sharp, runs along Alloway Street to Regent Street and then onto the Main Street at 2pm.

Following the parade vehicles will be parked on the Village Green for viewing. Come along and join in the fun.

Any inquiries to Dwin Bishop 685 6075

NEEDED - DRIVERS for the parade, all inquiries to Dwin 685 6075 or Paul Gallagher 685 4809



Annual Lions 4wd Safari

Albury / Mt Nimrod area
Waitangi Day 2015

Note in your calendars now to avoid disappointment

Mini Van Trips in 2015

- not just restricted to women

We are already thinking of next year and where we might go on our trips so this is how it is looking so far!

January Thurs 15th - Mid Canterbury Adventure
February Thurs 26th - Oamaru with lunch at Moeraki
March Thurs 19th - South Canterbury - out and about!
April Thurs 23rd - Arrowtown - a big day but a great day!
do be in touch!

Anne Thomson Heartlands Tel: 684 8496

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Happy Birthday to Albury's latest pensioner!!
Celebrate with James on Saturday
night at the Albury Inn!

Fairlie Hotel Top Pub Phone 685 8061

Happy Hour
Friday nights
7pm - 8pm

\$2.00 Meat raffle
Friday Night Social Club
come on down
free to join..

Free pool and jukebox all day
Wednesday



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Fairlie Hotel
69 Main Street
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Christmas Greetings
from Natasha, Chris and staff



Old Library - Public Viewing

Members of the public are invited to view the newly-restored Old Library Café building in Fairlie between 3pm and 5pm On Monday, December 22nd, 2014

For information phone Arlene on 03 685 9010



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Thank you for your support in 2014

Don't forget **Mint** has a wide variety of special bits and bobs for that last minute shopping for Xmas!! plus free wrapping!

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Opening Saturday 20th Dec 10 - 3pm

'Christmas Special'- come and make a purchase before Christmas and go into the draw to win \$50 Mint voucher and a bottle of wine! See you all soon

Happy Christmas

St Joseph's School Fairlie 75th

Jubilee Update

The Committee would like to borrow old St Joseph's School Fairlie photos and any memorabilia associated with the school. Past pupils are encouraged and welcome to attend the 12:30 BBQ lunch and photos on Saturday 31st January—free. (School age/students attending high school/university)

Please phone/email for catering purposes

03 685 8442 or info@stjofairliejubilee.co.nz



Daisy, Maggie, Tony and Olly Holtham from Albury enjoying a treat from Tui

Hope for All

Anyone is welcome to come along and explore this message of **HOPE** at an informal, mixed age discussion group.

Tuesday's at 10.00 am 103 School Road, Fairlie.
(Jodi Payne 685 8181)

Wednesday's at 7.30pm 11 Sloane street, Fairlie
(Peter and Chrissie Bell 685 8415)

Or check out www.hopeproject.co.nz and www.10daychallenge.co.nz

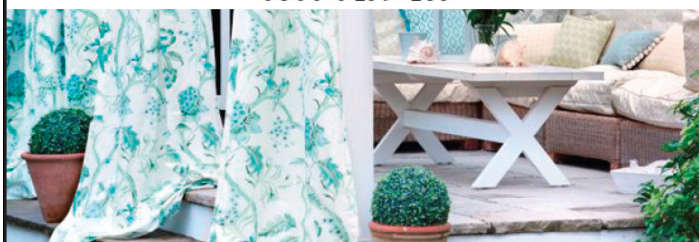
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Time to write letters to Santa!

A letterbox to Santa is placed in the garden adjacent to Ooh lala
Closes December 20th

Don't forget to include your name and address so Santa knows where you live.



Civil Defence Information Sheet coming to your letterbox soon....!!

This is advance notice that there will be an information sheet on Civil Defence – Prepare to Survive coming soon.

Please read this and keep in a safe place as it has an Evacuation Card to fill in and place in a front window of your house in an emergency to assist volunteers.

If you are keen to become a volunteer in Tekapo please feel free to contact Sandra McCarthy on 680-6222, and in Fairlie please contact Ray Gardner on 685-8483 (evenings). Training to be offered in March for all interested people.

2015 is going to be an exciting year for Civil Defence in the Mackenzie, so watch this space!

EMERGENCY EVENT TEAM

I would like to say thanks to the volunteers Greg and Chrissy, Jackie and Mike, Scott, Dale, Bob, Paul and Eunice.

A 'non event' this year which is great. Hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year
Mary Brosnahan

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the Fairlie team.

Come in-store on Friday 19th between 11.00am – 2.00pm and have your photo taken with Santa!

Plus there will be refreshments and a BBQ for shareholders

HO HO HO

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Start planning!

WEARABLE ARTS COMPETITION.

.. at this year's Mackenzie A&P Show, 6th April
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Summer Music at the Gladstone

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From this legendary band!

Eddie Simon

Friday 9th January 2015 - relax in our sun-drenched garden bar with cruise sounds by Canadian singer song writer

Karen, Rodney and the staff would like to thank their valued customers and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Safe New Year!

Closed Christmas Day !



Lake Tekapo Community Board update

The Lake Tekapo Community Board has had a very busy year. With the growth and development happening at an increasing rate in our town, we are trying to match that with improving and upgrading our facilities and services. We have faced many challenges this last year, like the new town development plan and the recent traffic and landscape study, and no doubt we will have plenty to address in the future.

All the Community Board and our Councillor work hard and thoroughly research and discuss items relating to our town – we all do it to make lake Tekapo a better place.

It is exciting times ahead and 2015 should see the completion and opening of the footbridge, the building of a new hotel complex in the town, car parking and landscaping at the community centre, as well as the commencement of the lake front town development. Also we, the community Board, are looking to improve the look of the town centre with planter boxes, a new stone wall to Aorangi Crescent, the development of the Tekapo start point for the Alps to Ocean Cycle trail, and the selective pruning of some of the large trees along Lakeside Drive, as well as a number of other initiatives outlined in the briefs that are circulated after each community board Meeting.

It is great to see Lake Tekapo so busy with visitors and tourists as summer starts and its popularity continues to spiral upwards. Take an opportunity to promote our town by pointing visitors to our wonderful attractions, the night sky, hot pools, golfing, walkways and cycle-ways like Cowans Hill, the Recreational Park, Lake Alexandrina and Mt John. Not to mention the lake for boating and fishing or just sitting at a café.

Lake Tekapo is tracking as the sunniest place in the South Island in 2014 and the second sunniest in New Zealand. Get out and enjoy that sunshine. Make sure our visitors feel welcome and enjoy their stay – they are the life blood of our town.

Progress brings with it issues and problems which we are keen to hear about and we are interested in your point of view. Please contact any community board member about your concerns and remember you are welcome to attend community board meetings as they are open to the public.

Finally on behalf of the Lake Tekapo Community Board - very best wishes for the festive season and have a safe and prosperous 2015.
Merry Christmas,

Peter Munro Chairman



Mackenzie Kindergarten's 54 Children, Teachers and Committee extend a hand {upside down in photo} of friendship with gratitude to our Community for the wonderful support shown to us throughout the year. We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

To the tune of Fred Dagg's Gumboots Song

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TO THE LOCAL TEKAPO
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MAIN STREET
LAKE TEKAPO

HO HO HO Merry Christmas Everyone!

Welcome to our visitors from far and wide as the summer season is well and truly upon us. The weather just needs to settle down and get into the rhythm of summer and we'll be all good. The Motor Caravan Assoc Park over Place (POP) is now open in the Regional Park so a warm welcome to those members who will enjoy the specially designed, sheltered area with great lake views, afternoon sun and lush green grass. Credit to Murray Cox and his team for all the hard work on getting this open for summer - looks great.

Community Christmas BBQ is on at the Community Hall on Thursday 18th December from 5pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this community event, please bring a salad or dessert to share. Meat will be provided by the Promotions Assn, also your own cutlery, plates and chair or rug to sit on. Santa is coming for the kids too! We encourage all our locals to attend and get into the festive spirit and especially any newcomers that may be in your area, please extend a warm welcome to join us.

Entertainment at the Tavern this month is the Mack Basin Band 29th December and a DJ on New Years Eve to rock in the New Year. Happy hour and Tradies specials daily.

Thursday night 'Bike Night'. Meet outside the Fire Station every Thursday at 7pm sharp for a mountain bike ride around the Regional Park then an optional drink afterwards. Usually takes an hour. All ages and fitness levels welcome. No charge, just come and join in.

Locals' night - Tuesdays at The Tin Plate. Meal specials and 20% of specials sold are being donated to our local Fire Brigade so please support them!

Save the Date - Sunday 8th March 2015 is the Lake Tekapo NZ MADE Fete. www.laketekapofete.co.nz for more information. Spread the Word to all past and present pupils of Lake Tekapo School. Labour Weekend 2015 - 75th Jubilee celebrations.

See you in Lake Tekapo, where the sun always shines.
contributed
Raewyn Radford



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

A big thank you to our customers for your support over the past 12 months. It is much appreciated. Ian is on call over the holiday period for emergency breakdowns and accidents -ph 027 277 4080

Xmas Hours

24th Dec 8am - 4pm. 25th & 26th Closed.
Saturday 27th Open for Emergency work 9 - 12pm.
31st 8am - 4pm. 1st & 2nd Jan Closed.
Saturday 3rd Jan Open for Emergency work 9 - 12pm.
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What Christmas Carol is a favourite of parents? Silent Night

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Summer Photographic Exhibition

Fairlie in Focus, the local photographic group is holding a summer expo of some of the best examples of member's work

Venue: Divine Hair - Main Street

Dates: from 3.30pm Friday 19th December until mid January

Public invited to come enjoy these photos on display

*Thanks to Ashleigh at **Divine Hair** for use of the venue for display space*



Jan McPherson
holding one of her exhibition
photos

REDWOOD CHERRIES AND BERRIES

Due to popular demand and encouraging support from the local Fairlie community and surrounding districts, we will be back in Fairlie every Wednesday (except 23rd Dec) from 11 am till 3pm
Weather Permitting

Mobile Van will be parked on State Highway 8 just along from the Pinewood Motel
See you there!



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Wishing all customers a very Happy Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year

762 FAIRLIE -TEKAPO RD PHONE 685 8370



Congratulations to the Scholarship recipients



Fairlie Lions Scholarship



Fairlie Lions President Dale Tomlinson presents **Lucy Gibson** of Mackenzie College with the award. She is studying for a Bachelor of Applied Science in 2015

MACKENZIE COUNTY A & P SOCIETY

Would like to announce **Charlotte Groundwater** as the winner of our Annual Agricultural Scholarship. We wish her well in her studies for a Bachelor of Commerce Agriculture at Lincoln University and with her future goals.



TO THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT - WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS 2015



THE MACKENZIE LODGE NO. 93 CENTENNIAL BURSARY

The Mackenzie Lodge No 93 would like to announce the winner for 2014

Brad Staley is heading to Otago to study for a Bachelor of Commerce

Brad Staley was also the recipient of the Bruce Scott Memorial Prize



Mackenzie County Scholarship

The winner of the Mackenzie County scholarship is **Brett Walker** who will study for a Bachelor of Music at Otago in 2015



Congratulations to Mackenzie College Pupils



Mackenzie College student **Charlotte Willson** is the recipient of the **Enid and Jack Hutt Perpetual Trust Scholarship** chosen by the Mackenzie College Principal Reece Goldsmith. Charlotte is going to Otago to study PE



Lydia Kinsman

Dux
and

William Waters
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MERRY XMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Trooper Mackenzie Statue

There are a number of people to thank for contributing to the Trooper Mackenzie statue.

We hope the community is as proud of it as we are and thank you for your participation in the unveiling.

To Richard Herlund, Owen Hunter, Grant Gibson, Garry Dennison and Peter Taylor for your contribution to the surrounds! May you long enjoy seeing your handiwork.

To Donald Paterson for creating the trooper for us!
You are magic!

To Brian Beattie, David and Anna Irving, Russell Thomas, Len Smith, Fairlie RSA, Jennie Cordes and the anonymous funders towards the project.

To Tony Rippen, Alex Heinz, Colin White, Roger Mahon, Malcolm Brady, Thuron Yates, Lois Campbell, Ann Huntington, Philip Brownie, Rodney O'Loughlin and Russell Halkett – for your help

To Thomas Adams, Reverend Andrew McDonald, Father Brian Fennessy, Bruce McDougall, Chris Clarke, the Mackenzie Theatre Group, the Mackenzie Highland Pipe Band and all schools who so kindly supported us on the day!

To Ted Glass, Lt Nic Bell, Andrew Pye, Alister Pye, Rit and Sara Fisher – thank you – your presence and contribution added to the occasion.

To Mick and Graham and the local RSA men and women! How wonderful to work with you.

To Heta Pene and Garth Nixon and Terry Sharples and Steve Barlow – you are champs for helping too!

To the 'ladies' in the kitchen – thank you, and to all we have missed – you helped make it happen!

The Mackenzie Patriotic Committee
Jeremy Sutherland (chair) Anne Thomson (sec)



Albury Inn

A very Merry Christmas from James, Graeme and team thank you for your support!

Open Christmas Eve from
4pm
for a BBQ!
Restaurant will be closed



The Albury Inn
will be closed from December 25th
reopening January 15th 2015



BARWOODS

FAIRLIE

**The team at Barwoods
wish you all a Merry Xmas
and a Happy New Year**

**We thank you for your support in 2014
and the coming year**



Celebrating what we have!

The year seems to rush by as you get older and this is certainly the case for me!

We constantly hear bad news from throughout the world and other places in our beloved New Zealand, and just today the events in Sydney suddenly bring the world of fear much closer! But here in Fairlie and the Lower Mackenzie life goes on much as it always has!

Folk come and go, many stay for the duration of their lives!

We must be open to new folk, new ideas and change.

Just because we have been here for a long time doesn't mean we know what is best for the community!

I think of those who have died this year, and their contribution to our lives here! I think of their families as they face this first Festive Season without those they love. I hope the love and support of others helps you through!

I think of the joy of the children as Christmas approaches and their hopes and dreams of gifts. As you age, gifts are no longer important, and I know I'd rather enjoy friends and family rather than get them. I have all I need for a happy life! Sadly some don't have happiness and if you can reach out to those folk in need then, your Christmas will be greatly blessed.

I love this town and community and encourage you to have your say as to its future. If we sit back and criticise and do nothing to help, we get what we give!

2015 – new year, new hopes, new dreams, new friends to be made, new places to go – I wish you well! I wish you safety on our roads; the smile of a child; the sweet smell of a rose; the love of another and most of all I wish you a life of contentment and fulfilment here in our little piece of paradise.

Anne Thomson

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We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and great times with family and friends!



'Get ready - Get thru'

the reminder to be prepared for any emergency - in your car always carry a little cash especially if going to

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Good Wishes from the Fairlie Community Board

2014 has been a positive year for the Fairlie Community Board and seeing such projects as the restoration of the Old Library nearing completion, must remain one of the highlights.

The Fairlie Community Board thanks you, this community, for your support and care of the township and its environs.

We must all be proud of this community and we, as a Community Board, are always here to listen to your ideas as we value your input.

We wish you a safe and restful holiday season and good health and happy times in 2015! Owen Hunter, Chair

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Aoraki Mount Cook Mackenzie Marketing Update – December 2014

This is my last column for 2014 which means the countdown to Christmas is on!! I'm looking forward to spending some time relaxing with friends and family throughout this time and I hope you are too.

Since returning to this role in June, it has been very busy but the best thing is to get out and about talking with tourism operators and seeing visitors enjoying their time in our beautiful region. We are very lucky to live and work throughout the Mackenzie and when the summer weather finally arrives, there is nothing better than enjoying the quality tracks, tourism activities and local eateries.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year and I look forward to another busy and enjoyable 2015.

Tourism New Zealand Results Video

Tourism New Zealand have presented their results on activity from the last six months. Please visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-Gf_ej1Dik&feature=youtu.be or search 'TNZ Update November 2014' on You Tube.

Do you need more Visitor Guides?

Do you need to stock up on our Aoraki Mount Cook Mackenzie Official Visitor Guides? This is a great information resource for visitors travelling throughout our region. To order please visit Beck & Caul's website and they will deliver the guides for free. http://www.beckandcaul.co.nz/ovg_forms/distribution.php



Do you still want to meet with me?

Thank you to those who visited me in Twizel last month, it was great to sit down and have a chat. If you would like to meet with me to discuss tourism related issues you may have over a coffee, please get in touch.

Send me some snaps throughout the holiday season!

Don't forget to keep those snaps coming in of yourself and visitors enjoying our beautiful region. If you are out camping throughout the Mackenzie, send me a snapshot of the view from your tent or caravan, I'd love to see it!

If you have any questions about the information in this column or regarding tourism in the Mackenzie region, please contact me, I would love to talk to you.

Annabelle Bray - Mackenzie District Marketing Coordinator
027 474 8687 Annabelle.bray@christchurchnz.com



How superb seeing our young folk enjoying the Village Green!

Our plan for 2015 is to look at some sort of activity on the Green to suit this age group. A number of structures have been suggested and no, whatever is decided upon, won't clutter the Green!

The fact is that over these last few years everything that has been put in place on the Green has been successful and we envisage any future addition being the same!

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Village Green this year including the Fairlie Lions, Fairlie Community Board, Mackenzie Patriotic Committee - and those who care for the area!
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Merry Christmas from Mackenzie Community Library

Wow, what a response we've had to our Summer Reading Programme – we filled all 25 spaces within five days, and registered 13 new children!

Sorry if your child has missed out this year. Please do put their name down on our waiting list so that we can give them the first opportunity to register for next year's programme. We will be applying for more funding to open the programme up to more children next year. The library is closed on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th Dec and also on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd January. We open as normal on the two Saturdays from 11.00am -2.00pm.

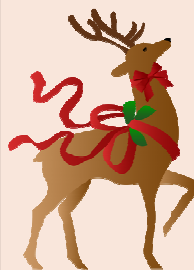
Here are some new books in stock (you may have to reserve them):

An Appetite for violets, Martine Bailey
High rollers, Jack Bowman
A History of loneliness, John Boyne
The Good life, Martina Cole Blackpeak vines, Holly Ford
Saving Grace, Jane Green Enemy of Rom, Douglas Jackson
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Count to ten, Karen Rose Nothing to fear, Karen Rose
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One hot country summer, Rebecca Shaw
A Village deception, Rebecca Shaw
The Village green affair, Rebecca Shaw
The Rosie project, Graeme Simsion
The Rosie effect, Graeme Simsion
Clearskin cowgirls, Rachael Treasure
Before I go to sleep, S. J. Watson

Jackie, Kathy, Averil & Mary would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy 2015. We look forward to seeing you at the library soon.

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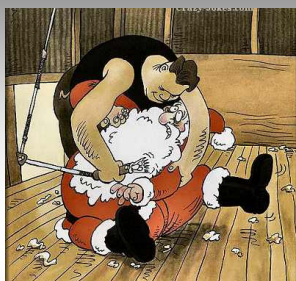
Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!
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Fairlie turning 150

It may seem early but we need to get the word out that 2016 is the year to celebrate this town being in existence for 150 years.

Having consulted with the Fairlie Community Board, we are calling a community meeting for Monday evening the 2nd of February, at 7.30pm in the Mackenzie Community Centre and will follow the same democratic process as we did to get the soldier statue; community consultation, community participation in decision making on the project/s and then taking it from there.

So the first night will be discussing just what we could have. Your ideas will be welcomed.

It's an exciting time and gives us all celebrations to look forward to. Happy Birthday to us!

Anne Thomson
Heartlands Fairlie

Heartlands Fairlie's Operating Hours over the Festive Season 2014 - 15

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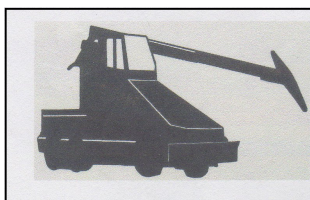
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Gold for the glow of the Christmas Star
Than shone serene and bright.
Warm for the love of the little babe
Safe in the oxen stall.
We know our Christmas by these signs
And yet around my wall
On Christmas cards the holly gleams
And snow flakes coldly fall,
And robins I have never seen
Pipe out a Christmas call.

Margaret Mahy



Above: Kathy and Amanda wish you all a safe Festive Season!

Right: Karla and Bron join the Festive spirit on Main Street





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Neighbourhood Support – Fairlie

Reminds you to secure your home should you be going away and to let your neighbours know.

Keeping a look out for each other in this community is the aim of this group! If you have concerns or worries, contact your street contact person or the Police!

If you wish to join Neighbourhood Support, no matter if you live here or have a holiday home here, then pop in and collect a form from Heartlands. Keep safe this Festive Season and into 2015



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Hair on Regent will be closed from 22nd December 2014 and re-opening Monday 12th January 2015

Due to the intake of new clients Hair on Regent is to undergo some extensions and renovations so new things will take place in the New Year!



Thank you to all my clients through-out the year. Please have a safe and happy Christmas season and I look forward to seeing you all in 2015!!!

Cath Hanrahan - Hair on Regent



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CHRISTMAS EVE	6-8:30am	3-5pm	CLOSED
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Reminder of the Rules are:

Dishonest people swim at the pool too. So don't leave any valuables in the change rooms, we are happy to keep wallets and phones in our locked draws in the office and recommend you put your swimming bag on chairs outside the change rooms.

Water Safety:

Please remember that even if your child is a champion swimmer, it does not mean they are safe in open water. Swimming-pool swimming is different from swimming in cold choppy water. However, swimming at Fairlie Pool is a great way to provide opportunities for your child to learn in the water but don't overestimate your child's ability to cope in the water. We, not only encourage active supervision, we encourage active interaction, so come along and get in the pool with your kids – all in the name of fun.

Monday Night Aquafit Update:

A fabulous group and brilliant work out !! Two more sessions left 15th and 22nd 6:30 – 7:15pm. Its not too late to come along on a casual basis. If you would like Aquafit to continue in the new year (start of school term) please express your interests to the Council swimming@mackenzie.govt.nz 03 685 9010.

On behalf of the Pool staff

WE WISH OUR COMMUNITY A HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS.

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TUES	6-9:30am	3-5pm	CLOSED
WED	6-8:30am	3-5pm	5-6:30pm
THUR	6-9:30am	3-5pm	CLOSED
FRI	6-8:30am	3-5pm	5-6:30pm
SAT	NO LANES	1-5pm	CLOSED
SUN	NO LANES	1-5pm	CLOSED

Please note the Tues/Thur lane times will finish at 8:30am to allow for the January 2015 Holiday Learn to Swim Programs 5th Jan – 10th Jan

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**People come into your life for a reason,
a season or a lifetime.
When you know which one it is,
you will know what to do for that person!**

When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, To aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually.

They may seem like a godsend and they are.

They are there for the reason you need them to be.

Then, without any wrongdoing on your part or at an inconvenient time, This person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an End.

Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away.

Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand.

What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire Fulfilled, their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered and now it is time to move on.

Some people come into your life for a SEASON, because your turn has come to share, grow or learn.

They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh.

They may teach you something you have never done.

They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy..

Believe it, it is real but only for a season.

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons,

Things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional Foundation.. Your job is to accept the lesson,

Love the person and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life.

It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant



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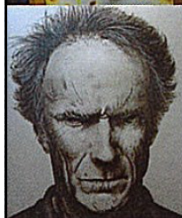
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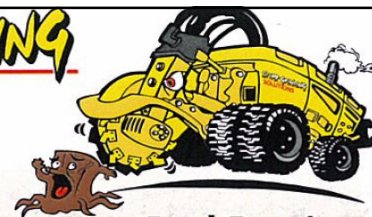
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