

The Fairlie Accessible

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Delivered free to residents of Albury - Fairlie - Lake Tekapo and Districts

Down Memory Lane!

The Festive Season in Fairlie constantly evokes memories of the Mackenzie Country and Western Carnival Days here when the town was buzzin with activities!

It also takes people back to the days when the Fairlie Flyer was steaming along the track into Fairlie! Folk often use the term 'if only' when referring to the Fairlie Flyer however its home in Pleasant Point became reality when Fairlie declined the purchase of the train those many years ago!

Ballad of the Fairlie Flyer

Listen and I'll tell you a railroad tale that's true
Of how the 'Fairlie Flyer' ran down to Timaru.
I'll tell you of the shearers and the tons of wool that came
Along this line each season from the great Mackenzie Plain.

Chorus:

So fireman stoke the engine,
Steam down that railway trace,
This train that's leaving Fairlie
Is never, never coming back

There's stories in the country the locals love to tell,
Of guards like Martin Fahey who served the district well;
For Martin loved the 'Flyer' and folk remember too
How he even did their shopping down the line at Timaru

I'll tell you how the children went off to school each day,
And climbed aboard the 'Flyer' at stops along the way
And oh the many memories those boys and girls recall,
To them the 'Fairlie Flyer' was the greatest train of all.

Down the line to Albury where shunting's done no more,
And at Mrs Gibson's tavern there's a welcome at the door.
They tell of far-off summers that will never come again,
When the goods shed at Albury was filled with golden grain.

At Cave the station's silent, but the goods shed
still resounds

When the local boys are training as the tug-o-war
comes round.

When the last train passes they'll give a hearty cheer
While over at the local Ted pours another beer.

From Sherwood Downs to Clayton,
Burke's Pass and Kimbell too,

The boys that drive the transports are the links with Timaru.
And now the line is closing the country folk agree,
That stories of the Fairlie train will go down in history.

Good citizen - a surprise for the day!



Janine Walker –
was the first
worthy recipient
for 2013 of the
Good
Citizen Award
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Papa Gs

Nominated for
her dedication
and contribution
to the
College PTA
Fairlie Golf Club
and Mackenzie
Theatre Group

*"The 'go to' girl to
get something
done"*

A busy time in Fairlie!

If Fairlie had a dollar for every vehicle, and an extra dollar for every caravan or boat that has passed through the town since the Friday before Christmas then we would be the wealthiest little town with planter boxes lining every street!!!!!!

Maybe not, however Norm Blakemore says it's the busiest the roads have been in the 17 years he has operated BP2GO (petrol station) in Fairlie.

Norm says the traffic started in earnest the Friday before Christmas and kept up through till the 8th January. On the busiest days, he had two tills in operation and was doing up to 78 transactions per hour.

Certainly the public toilets and playground have become an attraction to the holidaying public and by the number of vehicles parked up, the businesses that opened hopefully did very well.

With other food outlets closed some statutory days, the Fairlie Bakehouse had crowds of up to 40 lining the street. And Tui from Tui's Treats commented that she had a busy few weeks selling over 400 scoop ice creams on those hot days and 60 milkshakes on New Year's Day! She said her customers included overseas tourists, many domestic Kiwis and of course the loyal locals!

The weather created more havoc in other parts of the South Island however it impacted on us with tourists affected by road closures in South Westland and Arthurs Pass arriving in Fairlie late in the day with nowhere to stay! The local hotels helped out but with accommodation full through to Wanaka, some with specific requirements had to go to Timaru and Geraldine for the night.

It was a pleasure to see shops open on some of the statutory days, plus the Mackenzie Markets added to the ambience each Saturday morning!

NOTE: Closing date for next Accessible is Friday January 25th at 4.00 pm

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What's Happening Soon



MACKENZIE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Welcome's all Intending Players Past & New

PRE SEASON Training

Tuesday's and Thursday's 7pm

Starting Tuesday 29th January

Senior Coaches:

Colin Jordan 685 4920 or 027 667 0903

Justin Geary 685 8595 or 027 481 5842

Senior Manager & B's Manager Required

If interested please phone Colin or Justin

Kimbell Games Day update

Kimbell Games Day was cancelled for the first time in a long time!! Hopefully next year the weather will be better and look forward to seeing everyone there.

Raffle tickets for grocery hamper and portrait raffle will be drawn and advertised in next Accessible

Kimbell Games Committee



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UPPER WAITAKI WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee will be held at the

Mackenzie Country Inn - Twizel

on Friday 15th February at 9.30am

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARMLY

WELCOME TO ATTEND



FAIRLIE LIONS CLUB



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Waitangi Day

Wednesday - 6th February 2013

Sawdon Rona Holbrook Horwell Downs return
& Rollesby Range

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Start time 9-00am

High clearance vehicles only.

(Spark arresters to be fitted to diesel vehicles.
Can be purchased on day)

Bring own lunch - and refreshments.
Debriefing and BBQ at Silverstream Hotel Kimbell

Participation fee \$60-00 per Vehicle

Further Information phone

Bernie 685 8766

Michael 685 8131

Peter 685 8030

Norman 685 8106

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NEW EVENT



2nd February Lake Tekapo
(find us on www.facebook.com/tekapo10)

The 'Rams' Relay for Life Car Rally and Scavenger Hunt

Sunday 27th January
\$20 per Car

A family fun day to end the
School Holidays

Start and finish at the Mackenzie
Rugby Clubrooms with debriefing at 12.30pm
First car leaving at 12.45pm

Please remember a digital camera or
cellphone to photograph your progress
To enter the Rally call

Claire 685 8485 or Shirley 685 8221

Following the Rally at the Rugby Club grounds
there will be games,

Stalls, BBQ food and drink available for
purchase.

**All proceeds go to
'Relay for Life'**

**Interested in joining The 'Rams' team for
this worthy cause
– contact Claire 685 8485**

The RAMS 'Relay for Life' Car Rally and Scavenger Hunt

The Car Rally is aimed at bringing a bit of fun to the end of the school holidays.

Bring your car filled with friends, family or a mix of both (oh! And fuel to get you around the route) , a pen and a means of taking photos. As you go around the route you will have to find answers to your list of questions; take photos to prove you were there and collect a list of items.

The start and finish point is the rugby grounds on School Road, Fairlie. There will be a range of prizes handed out once all the cars return.

From 2.30pm the whole community is invited to join in at the rugby grounds for a fun afternoon with stalls selling jewellery, food, and stationery, races for all the family and a bouncy castle.

Relay for Life is a nation-wide event raising money for the Cancer Society. All the funds that The Rams Relay for Life team raise from this event will go towards the Relay for Life 24-hour relay in March so please come along and support us on Sunday 27th January.

To enter a team call Claire on 685 8485 or Shirley on 685 8221.

If you can't be there but you wish to donate to the Cancer Society, go online to relayforlife.org.nz, and make your donation to The Rams team or contact a team member. Thank you.

A challenge to the young men of the district!

One of the greatest pieces of poetry synonymous with the Mackenzie is 'The Godley Ghost' by Ernie Slow.

Next Accessible we will publish this poem and send out this challenge to the young men to learn it so they can recite it! It's been a source of great entertainment in the past and we would love to see this carried on and continue into the Future! So look out for the next edition!

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Lake Tekapo Goings On.....

Happy New 2013 Year!

We are 2 weeks into the New Year already, is it just me or is time flying by! Great to see the village buzzing with people; campers, boaties, walkers, mountain bikers, all enjoying our beautiful area.

Welcome to all the new staff working on the Canal Restoration Project. Due to the extraordinary weather we have recently experienced, the lake has come up over 3 metres in the last week or so which means they have now had to start spilling down the Tekapo River as the Canal has now been 'parked'.

Please do be extra careful when driving or walking around down that area.

We have also recently had 3 incidents of people attempting to cross the Macauley River while in flood and in inappropriate places. Please heed the warnings, if it is running high and dirty then don't cross it!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have been so concerned about Ian while he has been sick over the past 4 months. We live in a wonderful, caring community and it has been lovely to know people care. He is feeling much better and on the road to a full recovery.

As usual the weather is changeable at this time of year however we have had some cracker days when the fixed airplanes of Air Safaris and the Tekapo Helicopters have been very busy with flying customers up to the high snowy peaks and over our stunning scenery.

The next main event on the calendar is the 5th annual Lake Tekapo New Zealand Made Fete on Sunday 17th March.

We still have room for more stalls if you are an arty, crafty person or make anything that you would like to sell then please get in touch with me. We are doing a 'green' theme this year as it is St Patrick's Day. We are also running our Cheese Scone competition again this year with more great prizes up for grabs.

Hope to see you in Lake Tekapo this summer,
where the sun always shines.

Contributed Raewyn Radford

Mackenzie College MTB Riders go back to Bluff!

Whilst most school students enjoy the relaxing advantage of the summer school holidays, a group of Mackenzie College students continue to train and compete in cross country mountain biking. Seven of them travelled down to Bluff for the first round of the NZ MTB Cup on January 6th with the support of a group of parents. They return to the course on which they easily won the South Island Secondary Schools Championship in 2011.

The students all gained experience and two of the girls, Lydia Kinsman and Isabel Clarke gained 2nd and 3rd placing respectively in the U17 Category. (pictured right)

Other students completing the technical XC course on Bluff Hill were Jayson Binns, Fraser Dixon (despite a flat tyre) and Phillip Knubley. Mechanical issues caused Josh Sheehan and Thomas Clarke to pull out of the event.

Some of these students will continue to train for further NZ MTB Cup rounds with the aim of gaining an overall NZ placing as well as benefitting from the experience of racing on new tracks against the best in the country.



Bluff Squad January 6th 2013

Jayson Binns, Joshua Sheehan, Lydia Kinsman, Isabel Clarke, Phillip Knubley, Fraser Dixon, Thomas Clarke

They will also be involved with racing in a new event based at **Lake Tekapo – the Tekapo10 – a 10hr XC MTB race** for teams. Two of these students, and six of their Y12 cohort, are helping organise the event as a fundraiser so that they can compete in the NZ finals of the Hillary Challenge Adventure Race based at OPC Tongariro in May.

They hope that the event on 2nd February (find us on www.facebook.com/tekapo10) will pull in a significant number of riders from Canterbury, South Canterbury and North and Central Otago, as it will appeal to both experienced racers and MTB riders looking to enter their first event of this style. If you are a MTB rider please support this event.



For the Mackenzie students it is an extension of experience that they have already gained from 12hr relay races in Timaru, Naseby and McLeans Island.

Secondhand books on sale at Heartlands

Thank you to the kindly donor of the huge number of quality books - all funds gained go to flags for the Main Street

New Year in Fairlie

The combined efforts of the Mackenzie Highland Pipe Band, Caley Hall, Les Blacklock and Kevin Dobbs, Bob Belcher, Michael and Peter Brien, meant that the Fairlie Village Green was once again a great place to be on New Year's Eve. Having a bonfire is always fun but of course we need folk to get these things organised and in stepped Les, the new Fairlie Community Board member who got it sorted. To PGG Wrightson's John and CRT's Jo for organising and donating the pallets to burn.

A couple of days before New Year, Caley Hall found he had a change of plans which enabled him to play music on the Green to welcome the New Year. It worked out so well! The success of New Year here has caused a number of residents to suggest that we should perhaps return to some kind of carnival over the Festive Season!

Older residents will remember the Fairlie Gazette that was published back in the 70s and 80's. We at Heartlands have been favoured with the donation of a number of copies and as we are passing them on for preservation, we will copy them and have them available to read in the Centre. Come and have a read, a laugh and a trip down memory lane.

The donation has enabled us to have a new column here in the Accessible with items of history from back then. I hope they will be of as much interest to readers as they have been to staff here!

Thank you Joan!

Fairlie Community Board Meetings

We will endeavour to keep you up to pace this year with the comings and goings of the Fairlie Community Board. This will include meeting times and dates and reports following the meetings.

We will continue to encourage you to attend the public forum prior to the meeting to express your concerns, compliments and ideas. The first for the year is at 7pm on Wednesday 30th January.

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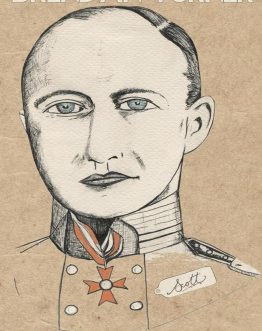
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Inspired by the incredible stories of Captain Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton, songwriter Sam Prebble has recruited a band of seasoned folk musicians from the Auckland underground and produced a series of stirring vignettes drawn from the diaries and letters of these stalwart adventurers.

Tales of shipwreck, frostbite, and stiff-upper-lip survival in the snow are presented in a combination of spoken-word storytelling and original folk songs, along with projected illustrations by Auckland artist Emily Cater and heritage photographs from the expeditions themselves. Performances range from ethereal to foot-stomping; arrangements run from delicate vocal harmonies to dramatic percussive explosions.



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SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT 2013

Monday 28th January:

Option Interviews

Year 11 to 13 student interviews are to discuss achievement, subject choices, achievement goals and other needs and opportunities. This will help students make the best decisions about their learning programme for 2013 and will also assist them in achieving the best they can by being focused and motivated. At least one parent is requested to attend.

All Yr 11 to 13 students are required to contact the office to book a 20 minute appointment asap.

Tuesday 29th January:

Kapahaka practice at 2.30 pm.

Wednesday 30th to Thursday 31st January:

Yr 13 Leadership Camp

Yr 7 students to attend (*please bring togs*)

NB – note this is a day earlier than published in the newsletter

Thursday 31st January:

Yr 7 students to attend (*please bring togs*)

Friday 1st February:

Whole school attend. Powhiri to welcome new students at 9.00 am. Parents welcome to attend.

Term Dates 2013:

Term 1:	As above	Friday 19 th April
Term 2:	Monday 6 th May	Friday 12 th July
Term 3:	Monday 29 th July	Friday 27 September
Term 4:	Tuesday 14 th October	Thursday 12th December

If anyone has any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office either by phone or email (office@mackcollege.school.nz). If there is no reply to your call, please leave a message and you will be contacted.

All Yr 10 to 12 students are required to contact the office asap to book a 20 minute appointment for their 2013 option interview

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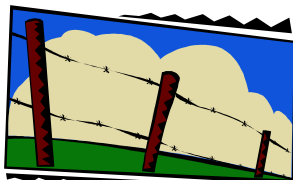
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 Timaru (Red Cross Rooms 18 Bank Street) – 14th and 15th February

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 Timaru: Red Cross Rooms: 18 Bank St - 30th Jan 14th Feb

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 Timaru: 18 Bank Street - 31st January 15th February
 24th February 27th February

Bookings: Online: www.redcross.org.nz
 0800 Red Cross (0800 733 276)
 Kathy or Margerie 03 688 6961



Line Dancing

will re-commence for the year
Monday 28th January 2013 7 - 9pm
Thursday 31st January 1-30 - 3.00 pm
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Happy New Year



It's been a hectic few months in the garage, juggling workload and Ian recovering from his operation and Christmas and New Year in the mix as well. But we have come out the other side and things are on the improve.

Our first new staff member, Mark Rengers started with us last week. Mark is originally from The Netherlands and has been in NZ for the past 4 years. He has a wide variety of experience and also loves European vehicles. He and his partner Ambi, and their little poodle, are looking for permanent accommodation in Lake Tekapo or surrounds and are very keen to become contributing community members so if you can help out, please contact us at the garage.

We are also looking forward to the arrival of another qualified mechanic Marius, who will start later in the month. The canal has been 'parked' now and they have started spilling Lake Tekapo due to the high rainfall we have experienced recently. With the gearing up of the Canal Restoration project, workload is increasing and we need to be ready for it.

With our 2 fully qualified mechanics and a general hand plus Ian and myself, we are able to attend to all general repairs, servicing, cambelt replacements, clutch jobs and even light engineering and welding jobs plus WOF on cars, trailers and light trucks and caravans.

Remember we are also on call 24 hours, 7 days a week for breakdown and accidents so help is only a phone call away. Call out Fees do apply.

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Feel free to ask if you need something.

So, if you have any mechanical repair work that needs doing on your vehicle, motor bike, or small engine, give us a ring on 03 6806 803 and talk to one of the boys; Ian, Scott or Mark about your problems and let us fix it for you.

Wishing you all a great 2013 year.

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The Fairlie Vehicle Trust

The Fairlie Vehicle Trust reports it is only weeks away from being in a position to accept bookings for the Fairlie Community Minivan. This is all dependent on the Trust receiving their operating certification. Once this and the pricing is sorted they will be able to tell the community more.

So watch the next Accessible for details.

This trust has done so well to get this project up and running and now it is time for the community to support it and keep the wheels turning!

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Fundraising - planning for 2013

Throughout the year we are constantly asked if we know if any other group is doing a certain fundraising activity and so many times we answer that we don't know (because we don't) and the group goes forth on their proposed activity only to find that they are competing against another group doing the same thing! Did you understand that mouthful?

Anyway what we are asking is that when your group has **set its plan for fundraising for the year – (yes groups actually do that)** that you let us know so we can pencil it in on the calendar for the year!

Already on the calendar - A Spring fling
- fundraiser for community projects in Mid September

The return of adult education – can only happen with your help!

It may seem like 'same old – same old' and to a degree it is with the fabulous classes in Yoga, Zumba, Pilates, Spin and Cardmaking already in existence but the time is right to consider others.

We at Heartlands in conjunction with Mackenzie College are inviting you to tell us what you would like to learn or what you can teach and we will take it from there.

We will advertise and see if there is enough interest and if there is then we will proceed with these classes and courses!

Already planned -

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A proud moment for Claudia Willis and Grandma (Leonie Dwyer) both of Fairlie, having been selected to go into the final of Pleasant Point's Got Talent.

Claudia sang Skinny Love by Birdy in the second of two evenings of auditions with the final yet to come this Sunday at 5pm at Legends Café - Pleasant Point. Good Luck Claudia!

The secret of giving advice is to know when to stop!



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HAPPY GARDENING - KIM



Bowls is not always the name of the game at the Fairlie Bowling Club!



A little strange maybe but the Fairlie Bowling Club's decision to have their Christmas party in January proved an outstanding success with members and partners enjoying a game of bowls, plus a number of other competitions including 'Best Dressed'-winner Bill Edge

The evening concluded with a Pot luck tea!

Pictured is Bill Edge, who dressed in memory of his schooldays, dressed in complete uniform.



**The Restaurant will be
closed for
2 weeks**

**Re opening with a new chef and a new menu
Family oriented dining**

More details in the next issue of the Accessible

Curtis Contracting



DRILLING

- **Duncan DD30 Air Seeder Disc Drill** - narrow row spacing, tyne harrows, tyre roller
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Kaki/black stilts to live in tourist town

In a rare move, endangered kakī/black stilts have been released in Lake Tekapo township today, alongside a popular walking track.

Traditionally Department of Conservation (DOC) rangers have released kakī nearly 20 km away from the town at sites closer to Lake Tekapo. To the delight of local residents and DOC staff, 31 juveniles and two adult kakī strode out amongst the tams on Cowans Hill Walkway, a walking and cycling track in the town.

"We have taken a bit of a risk but it will be great for the Lake Tekapo community to have an iconic Canterbury bird on their doorstep," explains DOC ranger Simone Cleland.

"Residents in Lake Tekapo will be able to direct tourists to the site and we will have a DOC ranger feeding these released birds. This means they should stay within the area for up to six weeks before flying to riverbeds in Mackenzie Basin."

Today's release is expected to provide spin-off opportunities for the community and for conservation. It could create a short-term tourist attraction, provide control of pests close to the town and complement the kakī promotion being undertaken by the Tekapo Springs hot pools complex. It also allows for more people to find out about this iconic bird with a chance to spot them up close.

A trapping programme will operate around the release site on Cowans Hill Walkway, targeting stoats, ferrets and weasels. Havahart traps will also be in place to catch wild cats, while domestic cats will be removed from the area.

"We are asking for a bit of community buy-in – locals can help by keeping their cats well-fed at home, and locked inside at night."

"And our predator control rangers can easily tell a wild cat from a domestic one so any pets caught will not be harmed," assures Ms Cleland.

"Dogs are required to be on lead on Cowans Hill Walkway so they should not pose a risk to kakī. The track is very busy with walkers and mountain bikers throughout summer so keeping dogs on lead is a commonsense approach anyway."

"It has been a very successful breeding season for adult kakī in Mackenzie Basin. We have raised 125 chicks at the DOC Captive Breeding Centre in Twizel. Over 90 young birds will continue to be kept at the centre until they are released into the wild in late winter/early spring," said Ms Cleland.



The release of the
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This trust has done so well to get this project up and running and now it is time for the community to support it and keep the wheels turning!

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Ian and Robbie Anderson



MACKENZIE ENDURANCE RIDING CLUB

Our club held its "Cup Ride", December 29th at Ashwick Flat which was a great success and enjoyed by over 20 competitors from around the South Island. The weather was kind to us also which helps competitors and ground crew alike.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the land owners who permitted access to their land for our ride.

Our base was on Aaron Reid's property and we rode over Craig Gallagher's; Chris McCarthy's; Berrydale; Steve Kerr's; Steve Gallagher's; Paul Gallagher's; Alistair Holmes's; Peter Callaghan's; Steve Whitaker's and Reagan O'Leary's.

We were also sponsored by local businesses for prizes and gifts to give competitors and helpers. We would like to thank : - CRT; PGG Wrightson's; Barwoods, Alpine Autocare; Couplands; Aorangi Vets; The Fairlie Bakery; Eat Café; Fairlie Pharmacy; Tui's Treats; Aorangi Electrical; The Gladstone Hotel; The Top Pub; Poppiez Hair Salon; The Alpaca Shack and L & L Hardware.

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This is the first in our year long series of articles from the Fairlie Creek Gazette - Taking you back in time and giving you an insight into local history!

THE FRONTIER PRESS

The First Newspaper in The Mackenzie

An important medium of advertising and communication for the Mackenzie Carnival Society has been their local newspaper "The Fairlie Creek Gazette" – now in its sixth year of publication. The front page heading was designed by a past President of the Society, Lester Cordes.

This depicts in one corner, a steam locomotive, recalling the days when Fairlie had a railway. In the other corner a wool wagon is suggestive of the transport used in this territory in pioneer times.

The mountain and tussockcovered foreground is representative of the Mackenzie Country.

Although nowadays this is the only paper produced for Fairlie, it really isn't the first local publication to have circulation here. There was a local paper – "The Fairlie Creek Star" in this district as far back as 1899. It was one of a chain of small newspapers printed in Geraldine, Joseph Ivess, a pioneer newspaper promoter known to his colleagues in journalism as the "Rag Planter." His career began in the last decade of the 19th century, when small towns like Fairlie Creek were springing up in all directions. Like many businessmen of the day, composers, printers and journalists also ventured out in to the new territories to try their luck with the pioneers.

Often a small hand printing press and a hat full of type were the beginnings of local papers which guided and voiced the needs of the new settlers. Foremost of those early newspaper men were Irish born Joseph Ivess. He came to Melbourne with his parents at the age of eight – learned the printing trade there, and later crossed to New Zealand in 1866.

Ivess established many papers on the West Coast and the North Island, before coming to South Canterbury. Here he set up "chain" newspapers at Fairlie, Pleasant Point, Temuka, Geraldine and the Mackenzie Country. But ever restless Joe Ivess never stayed long in one place.

A few months of hard and anxious work in one area, and then he was off to start another newspaper in some other part of the country. Altogether he established 25 newspapers throughout New Zealand, and many of them have now long been forgotten. Carrying on in the "local" newspaper tradition "The Fairlie Creek Gazette" not only brings news from a Society that has put Fairlie on the map with its annual Christmas Carnival, but it recalls memories of pioneer times when the "frontier press" played its part in breaking down the isolation of the Mackenzie's first settlers.

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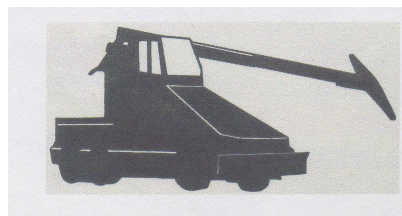
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27th Car Rally and Scavenger Hunt Rugby Grounds 12.30pm
28th Linedancing commences St Columba Hall 7pm
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31st Operatunity in Timaru

February

2nd Tekapo 10
6th Lions "4WD Safari" opposite BP2GO 8am
14th Celebrate Valentine's Day with Bond Street Bridge at
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