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What better way to welcome the New Year than with the winning photos from the Fairlie Heritage Museum's New Year's Day Parade Photo Competition pictured below? Thank you to those who supported this competition and the New Year's Day Parade.



1<sup>st</sup> Haley Allison – High Country Auto Services, Twizel



2<sup>nd</sup> Neville Burt – Traction Engine



3<sup>rd</sup> Haley Allison – Rural Truck and Dogs  
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**WELCOME TO 2019** -We begin the year in a thankful manner, thanking all those who enriched our lives with the numerous events that were organised over the Festive Season and leading into 2019. Due to tremendous volunteer effort we enjoyed the Fairlie Christmas Parade and Merry Market on the Village Green, Carols at St Columba Church, New Year on the Village Green, the New Year's Day Parade to the Village Green and the ever country - Kimbell Day!

Behind the scenes and keeping us safe as well as responding to emergencies, we thank our Doctors, Paula and Lewis, St John Mackenzie, Senior Constable Russell Halkett and the Fairlie Volunteer Fire Brigade.

What do you think are the most important issues facing our town in 2019? Certainly the disposal of rubbish has to be high on our list when we see people leaving waste on roadsides, at our lakes and in the riverbed. Decline of permanent population, parking issues on Main Street, lack of green bins, the need for improved footpaths, improvements on the Fairlie Village Green – all of these issues will possibly raise their head this next year. We are fortunate that we live in such a small community and can talk with those who represent us on the Fairlie Community Board and Mackenzie District Council – so we can be heard. Also remember the public forums before every Fairlie Community Board meeting.

If there is one thing we can all help with, it is lessening the loneliness suffered by so many in this town. Think about this! Not just the elderly though many do feel alone. If you are lonely – lift yourself if you can and go visit others who could easily be in the same boat! When all is said and done, it is people that are the most important asset of this community and every other! Kindness and consideration go along hand in hand in making our community safe and caring! We all have a part to play.

**Strawberry Divine** is somewhat of a hidden treasure along the Timaru to Fairlie Road. It can be found at 68 Tengawai Road in Pleasant Point – meaning you turn at the big brick hotel! We can vouch that they have mouth wateringly good real fruit ice creams that we took delight in sampling after a recent outing to Caroline Bay!



They are well stocked and you can combine fruits to make your very own unique ice cream! Such a nice place to call! Weekday hours are 1-4 pm and weekends are 12-5 pm!



**Pass 2 Pub**  
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**Sunday 3 March**

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**COMING UP:**  
Thursday 31st January - Back Roads to Waimate

**MACKENZIE PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY**

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Don't miss the opportunity to attend a 21 Day Classic course at Outward Bound as part of the Ka Mahi scholarship programme.

Ka Mahi or 'great work', provides up to 75% funding for young people who are volunteering in their communities or doing something great in their personal lives. This funding has been generously provided by Outward Bound donors.

Applicants need to be between 18-26yrs and be ready for a personal challenge. Scholarships are available for Classic courses between May and September 2019.



2019-2020



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Is now printed and for sale at:

Heartlands Fairlie Resource Centre  
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BP 2Go Fairlie  
or any Lions Club member

**Albury Water Supply Society Inc**

AGM 30 January 2019 at 7.30 pm

Albury Hall Supper Room



**Albury Inn**

**\* GRAEME'S SPECIAL \***

**\*THAI CHICKEN LARB\***  
(Warm Salad)

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**UPCOMING  
STEAMING DATES**

**Sunday 13 January  
Sunday 20 January  
10:30am to 4pm**



**Model T Railcar running daily  
11am to 3pm**

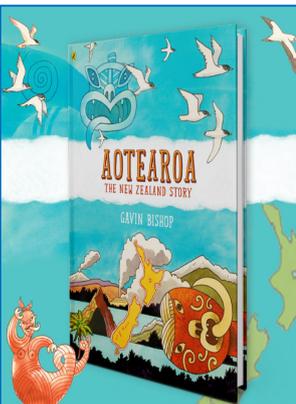
 Congratulations on your 50th  
Wedding Anniversary -  
Deborah and Kevin O'Neill

**PETRONELLA'S**  
Gallery and Bookstore invites  
All children and adults to join us for  
morning tea with author and illustrator  
**GAVIN BISHOP**  
*Winner of the New Zealand Book Award for  
Children and Young Adults 2018*

**Friday 25 January  
11 am to 12 noon**

8 SIMPSON LANE, LAKE  
TEKAPO, 03 680 6789

In the afternoon he will  
present certificates at the  
Reading Eco-Warriors  
finale party in the  
Mackenzie Community  
Library. Thank you Jackie!



  
**THE MACKENZIE LODGE NO 93**  
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Jeff Elston (03) 684 6704  
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**NEW GRANT ROUNDS 2019/20**  
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See website for closing dates and to make an application  
[www.comtrust.org.nz](http://www.comtrust.org.nz)

**To discuss any application contact us at**  
Community House  
27 Strathallan St, Timaru  
P.O. Box 983, Timaru  
Phone: (03) 687 7360  
Freephone: 0800 67 22 87  
Email: msccomtrust@xtra.co.nz



**Liz Shea**  
Chief Executive



**Rosie Oliver**  
Community Relations Manager

Congratulations on your 60th  
Wedding Anniversary -  
**Norman & Clarice Girvan**



Happy Anniversary



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FAIRLIE GOLF CLUB PRIZEGIVING 2018	
OPENING DAY	N Roberts/G Wright
ANZAC DAY	G Shearer/G Wright
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY	G Brosnahan +6
CLUB STROKE PLAY	
- Senior	G Shearer 149
- Intermediate	B Thomson 158
- Junior A	C Stevens 173
- Junior B	I Chamberlain 196
CLUB MEDAL ROUND	M Herrick 268
VETERAN'S CHALLENGE CUP	N Macpherson 67
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS	
- Senior	D Green
- Intermediate	R Herlund
- Junior A	G Horler
- Junior B	A Struthers
SINGLES KNOCKOUT	C O'Neill
PREFERRED PARTNERS	G Horler/J O'Connor
DRAWN PARTNERS	G Horler/A Struthers
MIXED PARTNERS	C Stevens/J Lane
BUNCHA KEYS	B Anderson – nett 64
RINGERS	C Stevens 43.6
STABLEFORD COMPETITION	M Herrick 191
STABLEFORD SHOOTOUT	M Herrick
STABLEFORD/PUTTING	D Green
WORKMATES TROPHY	Not Played
MOST IMPROVED	M Herrick
CLOSING DAY	A Anderson/A Anderson

## AOTEAROA BIKE CHALLENGE



The NZ Transport Agency has partnered with Love to Ride to bring back the Aotearoa Bike Challenge for its third year, and it takes place in February 2019. Last year's Challenge saw more than 14,000 people take part across the country. The Aotearoa Bike Challenge is a free national workplace cycling challenge and part of the Government's commitment to making cycling a safer and more attractive transport choice for New Zealanders.

For the 2019 Challenge, businesses and organisations from across NZ are encouraged to take part by setting up teams and getting their colleagues involved. There are lots of fantastic prizes on offer to tempt teams to climb the leader board. The Challenge is a great way to get fitter, healthier and be kinder to the environment. All it takes to participate is one 10-minute trip by bike, and with the updated points-based system you can also be rewarded by simply encouraging colleagues and friends to ride a bike during February. To take part register at [www.lovetoride.net/nz](http://www.lovetoride.net/nz)

FAIRLIE LADIES GOLF PRIZEGIVING 2018	
BRONZE A CHAMPION	Lisa Forrester
BRONZE B CHAMPION	Anne Anderson
LGU BRONZE A	Jo Lane
LGU BRONZE B	Anne Anderson/ Denise Biggs
CLUB MEDAL	Jo Lane
TROTTER MEDAL	Kelly Cassie
RINGER CHAMPION	Kelly Cassie
RINGER CHAMPION + 25	Denise Biggs
HANDICAP REDUCTION	Georgie Wright
MOST IMPROVED 1 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	Kathryn May
STABLEFORD	Shelley Dobson
SUMMER STABLEFORD	Georgie Wright
STABLEFORD SHOOTOUT	Anne Anderson
KNOCKOUT SINGLES	Janine Walker
- Knockout Singles Flight	Averil Anderson
PREFERRED PARTNERS	Janine Walker/ Anne Anderson
DRAWN PARTNERS	Lyn Dobson/Kathryn May
TOP CAT	Janine Walker
WINTER PUTTING	Kelly Cassie/ Georgie Wright
PUTTER OF THE YEAR	Lyn Dobson
MOST BIRDIES 2018	Kelly Cassie
MOST CHIPPIES 2018	Lyn Dobson



### Fairlie Swimming and Fairlie Learn to Swim Programme 2019



#### Fairlie Swimming Dates

January Holiday Programme: 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January  
Term 1: 5<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> March

**THESE CLASSES ARE FULL**

### Fairlie Swimming Programme 2019

Fairlie Little Swimmers (Parent in the Pool groups), a five week programme runs in February to March on Saturday mornings. Classes only run if we have enough numbers, so put your name down if you think this class is for you and your little swimmer.

Monthly Swim "Give it a Go" Chocolate Fish Races in Timaru (Cbay) 7.00-8.00 pm are on the first Wednesday of the month. If you are interested to join the car pool, get in touch contact with us.

Always on the look out for experienced senior swim teachers! If you have an interest or background in swim teaching, aqua fitness or more, please get in touch with Kylie.

To register - please email Kylie  
[fairlieswimming@xtra.co.nz](mailto:fairlieswimming@xtra.co.nz)

# SOUTH CANTERBURY PACERS

SWIM KAYAK BIKE RUN

South Canterbury Pacers Triathlon & Multisport Club are organising two events in the coming weeks.

The first one is the Timaru Triathlon and Duathlon on Sunday, 20th January 2019. This is a sprint distance event that can be done as an individual or the triathlon can be tackled in a team. Distances for the triathlon are 750m swim, 20km bike and 5km run. For the duathlon 2.5km run, 20km bike, 5km run. The bike course is on closed roads in the inner city.

The club aims to provide a fun, encouraging environment for all levels of fitness. We would love to see you there.

'Check in' on Sunday 20th January is from 7.00-8.00 am at the bottom of Port Loop Road area, Caroline Bay. 9.00 am is race start and will be all finished by midday. There are cash prizes and spot prizes up for grabs. Then on Sunday, 3rd February is the Kids Can Do It TRYathlon. This is for children from 7-13 years with distances suitable for their ages. Check-in is from 9.00 am at C-Bay, races start at 10.00 am.

For more information on either of these events, check out [www.scpacers.co.nz](http://www.scpacers.co.nz) or go and see Corina at Museum Café, Fairlie.

# yogawell

~ a place with space to reconnect body, mind and spirit ~

**Tuesdays - 9:15 am**  
**Lake Tekapo Community Hall, starting 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**Thursdays - 9:30 am**  
**Arohata Yoga Studio, Fairlie, starting 14<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**\$100/term**

Amidst the demands of your daily responsibilities, it is easy to get caught up in just 'going through the motions.' Making a regular space to 'downshift' has many benefits for your mental, emotional and physical health.

Yogawell is a weekly space for you. With a unique combination of wellness reflections, mindfulness, affirmations and yoga asana; it is designed to encourage and inspire you to be healthful, balanced, and fully 'alive'.

Yogawell classes are a gentle introduction to yoga asana (postures, poses, stretches) that will help you to move your body in line with your breath. The classes are available to all levels of experience and are a great way to learn more about the benefits of the different movements or sequences. Each class begins with a reflection and/or discussion on the wellness theme for the week, and a chance for you to refocus your intention or goals for the week ahead. Each term offers fresh ideas and practical tips for making positive changes for your health with the support and encouragement of others.

Yogawell facilitator, Penny Wilson, has a broad range of nutrition, wellness and physical education experience and combines this with her current yoga teacher training to offer this unique class in the Mackenzie!

Register by email [penny@tekapowellness.co.nz](mailto:penny@tekapowellness.co.nz) or online <http://tekapowellness.co.nz/pages/yogawell>

## Fairlie Exercise Classes

Fridays 10 am St Columba Hall

*Easy low impact, good company!*

Please call Kylie 0210 837 5775 or Heartlands Resource Centre



Instead of the John I call my bathroom the Jim!  
That way it sounds better when I say I go to the Jim first thing every morning!!!

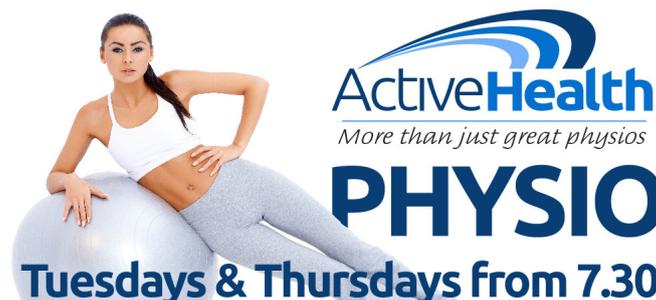


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Fairlie Medical Centre

[www.activehealth.nz](http://www.activehealth.nz)

**03 683 1122**



## SCHOOLS CALENDAR

**Term 1**

29 Jan Option Interviews	Mack College
29 Jan NCEA Endorsement Awards	Mack College
30 Jan Yr 13 Leadership Camp	Mack College
30 Jan Year 7 starts	Mack College
30 Jan Start of Term 1	Fairlie Primary
30 Jan Start of Term 1	St Joseph's
1 Feb Whole School attends	Mack College
12 Apr Last Day of Term	Mack Schools

**A message from Di ...**

"Thank you so much everyone for making my farewell so special. I was totally overwhelmed. I can't believe the organisation that went on behind my back SHERALYN and Dawn!! I cannot find words to say how moved I was and how spoiled I felt. Your generosity was incredible. The Karakia sung by the teachers from Fairlie and St Joseph's Schools was a real tear jerker!! I have truly loved my time at the BEST little school I know. I have taught the most amazing Albury kids and I love to follow their progress as they move through the school system. I will miss the contact with the children so please, parents don't forget to keep me up to date with their progress. I have had such a rewarding, fulfilling career working alongside amazing colleagues. Look after our precious little school everyone and thank you all so much for my amazing memories . Kia Kaha. Di xx"



PHOTO - 4 GENERATIONS AT DI'S FAREWELL  
 DI'S MUM - HELEN KIRBY, DI ANDERSON, DI'S DAUGHTER ANNABEL BRAY AND GRANDDAUGHTER MAGGIE BRAY WHO STARTED IN TERM 4 LAST YEAR.

# Mackenzie Community Adult Education FAIRLIE

We are in the process of arranging courses for the year and need your input.

**Do you have an interest or activity which you would like to pursue?**

If so, register your ideas at  
**Heartlands Fairlie**  
 ph 685 8496  
 or email Kylie  
 mackenziecommunity@xtra.co.nz

Courses will only run if there is enough response to advertising.

Brought to you by Heartlands Fairlie and  
 The Mackenzie Community Library



**FAIRLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
 PATHWAYS TO LEARNING AND SUCCESS

The vegetables in the school gardens are becoming ready for harvest! We welcome you to come and help yourself and we would really appreciate perhaps an exchange for a bit of weeding and watering - thank you, thank you! We encourage and welcome community involvement and support with our school gardens and enviroschools projects.



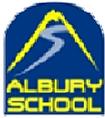

**FAIRLIE  
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We are a purpose built preschool offering the highest standard of early childhood education for children aged 0-6 years. Open 8 am—5 pm Monday—Friday (including school holidays)  
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## Education



### Albury School

Happy New Year!  
We are delighted  
to welcome Elsie

Greenwood to our teaching team for 2019. This promises to be an exciting year for our school. Plans for an Innovative Learning Environment are underway and there are opportunities for working closely with our local playgroup and the Mackenzie Community of Learning. We are also moving ahead with our Enviroschools vision. We look forward to seeing everyone back, well rested and ready to learn, on the 30th January.



2018 seems like a long time ago already! Our End of Year Prize-giving was held in brilliant sunshine and was a wonderful celebration of the achievements of our Albury Kids. Our Year 6 students did themselves proud as they presented highlights from their time at Albury. We wish Briannah, Rebecca, Will, Thomas and Dequila all the best as they move onto the next stage of their learning journey.

Following our prize-giving, we had a surprise farewell for our beloved Di Anderson who retired after 38 years at Albury School. There was much to celebrate as family, students and colleagues past and present reminisced over her outstanding contribution to our school. Her enthusiasm, love of teaching and learning and her passion for the arts, sport and Year 6 leadership are some of the things that stand out. I actually think we did surprise her. Mrs. A, you are one in a million – and you'll be missed!



### A New Style of Citizenship Ceremony at Mackenzie District Council

A waiata, the National Anthem and a tree. These are the stand out elements of a new style of citizenship ceremonies at the Mackenzie District Council. The college's kapa haka was delighted to be asked to contribute to the ceremony on Tuesday 11 December, when five families had one or more members take an oath (or affirm their allegiance) to the Queen. Each was gifted a native tree as a symbolic reminder of their ceremony. It is hoped that there will be more ceremonies like this in the coming year.

John Cruden, Mackenzie College



Pat Pudney (left) and the Mackenzie College kapa haka pose with new New Zealanders Rosie Adams (centre, teacher at Mackenzie College) and Rhys (left) and Lance Pasaol (right, former students of Mackenzie College) at their citizenship ceremony in the MDC Council Chambers on December 11th.



## Fairlie Area Kindergarten

03 685 8505

12 Sloane Street Fairlie  
fairliearea.kindergarten@sck.nz

30 free hours for children over 3 years.  
Spaces available for children 2 years and over.  
Enquiries welcome now.



## Mackenzie College Uniform

Available through  
Heartlands Fairlie Resource Centre  
which has most items in stock.

What is not in stock will need to be ordered  
in, so please be aware that it takes  
7-10 days for orders to arrive.

We do not hold a stock of summer skirts  
– these must be ordered!

Email - [heartlandsfrontline@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandsfrontline@gmail.com)

# Our Community

## Mackenzie Community Library News

Happy New Year everyone – we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas/New Year period and if you were on holiday that you had lots of good reading at hand.



The library has been busy over the summer holidays. At this time of the year we carry out a stocktake and although it's pretty time-consuming scanning 18,000 books into our management software, it is a necessary task in order to account for missing books.

We also see different customers at this time of the year – holiday home borrowers, tourists and locals who only have time to read during their holidays.

We have 25 children registered in our summer reading programme and library staff are enjoying hearing all about the books they are reading. We particularly love seeing the children's confidence and comprehension levels growing.

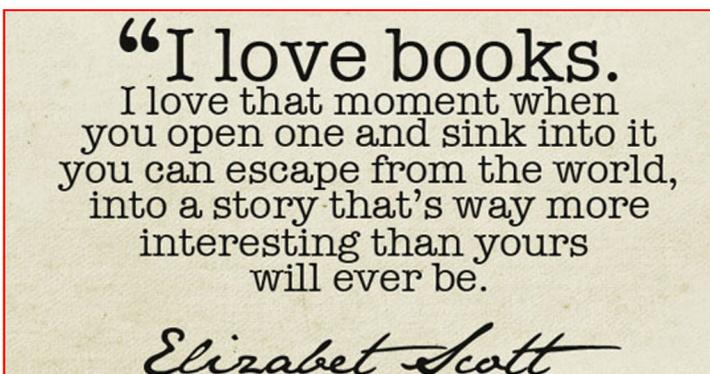
Well-known children's book author and illustrator Gavin Bishop ONZM, is coming to the library on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January to present the summer reading programme participants with their completion certificates and give a brief talk about his latest books, Aotearoa and Cook's Cook. Any members of the public are most welcome to come to listen to him and have a chat.



Mackenzie College teachers will be back on board very soon and the new Year 7s start on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. We look forward to welcoming them and supporting them with their literacy and reading for enjoyment.

Wishing you all a fantastic 2019 with plenty of engaging books to read.

*Jackie, Kathy, Mary, Claire, Averil, Heather & Valmai*



I am very ugly

So don't try to convince me that

I'm a very beautiful person

**Because at the end of the day**

I hate myself in every single way

**And I'm not going to lie to myself by saying**

There's beauty inside of me that matters

So rest assured I will always remind myself

That I am a worthless, terrible person

And nothing you say will make me believe

I still deserve love

Because no matter what

**I am not good enough to be loved**

*And I am in no position to believe that*

Beauty does exist within me

*Because whenever I look in the mirror I always think*

Am I as ugly as people say?

### **NOW READ IT FROM THE BOTTOM LINE UP!**

(Pretty Ugly is an amazing poem that can be read two ways and was written by Abdullah Shoaib)

### **FAIRLIE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE**

*Thank  
You!*

The Museum Committee would like to thank all those people who helped to make the parade such a success. Special thanks go to Whitestone and the Fairlie Lions for manning the road closure, the Police (Mr Halkett), Pipe Band, St John, Fire Brigade, Erewhon Station (Erin Cassie and Colin Drummond for the horses), the SC Vintage Car Club, Farmlands, the Mayor and his wife (Graham and Margaret Smith), all the other participants in the parade, and last, but not least, all the spectators, who kindly gave a donation or bought a raffle ticket and stayed to inspect the vehicles and listen to musician – Brad Staley. The Committee also wishes to thank our announcer, Craig Andrews of Leeston (who has retired) for his great service over the years, and wish him well in his new endeavours.

- Raffle Results  
Picture – Fraser Blakemore  
Farmlands Hamper – Tracy Cassie
- Parade Awards  
The C S Parker Tray (For Teamwork)  
– Erewhon Clydesdales  
D A Kinsman Memorial Trophy (Best restored tractor)  
– Wayne Girvan  
Tom Gallagher Cup (Best Museum Exhibit)  
– Tom Gallagher's Ammunition Box Truck and the boat it towed.  
Carnival Committee Challenge Cup (Best Carnival Entry)  
– Paul Gallagher Family Allis Chalmers Tractor – driven by Ngaire.  
Surridge Memorial Trophy – Donald White



A man walks into a local restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him. The waitress asks for their orders.

The man says, "A hamburger, fries, and a coke," and turns to the ostrich, "What's yours?" "I'll have the same," says the ostrich. A short time later the waitress returns with the order. "That will be \$9.40 please," and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment.

The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, "A hamburger, fries, and a coke." The ostrich says, "I'll have the same." Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes routine until, the two enter again. "The usual?" asks the waitress "No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato, and salad, says the man. "Same," says the ostrich. Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, "That will be \$32.62." Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table. The waitress can't hold back her curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket every time?"

"Well," says the man, "several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there."

"That's brilliant!" says the waitress, "most people would wish for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!"

"That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man. The waitress asks, "But, sir, what's with the ostrich?"

The man sighs, pauses, and answers, "My second wish was for a tall chick with long legs who agrees with everything I say."

## Mackenzie Community Development - Fairlie

**Kylie Murphy**



### Recycle and Reduce Your Waste Tip

This summer we have a focus on the love food, hate waste concept. It is always good to remind yourself to be mindful of turning your kitchen and green waste into food for your garden and reduce landfill waste. The Mackenzie District Council offer discounts on composting options, visit their website [www.mackenzie.govt.nz](http://www.mackenzie.govt.nz) to find out more on the two composting systems, Bokashi and the Earthmaker outdoor bin.

### Community Weekly Events

In 2019, the Fairlie Accessible will be publishing a fortnightly list of regular events that are happening in our town eg: sports, health and service activities. This listing is free and will hopefully benefit the community in that it will raise the profile of what is happening in the area, assisting both organisations and individuals seeking things to do. To be included in this list which will have regular updates then please contact:

**Kylie Murphy [mackenziecommunity@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mackenziecommunity@xtra.co.nz)  
Heartlands Fairlie Resource Centre 685 8496**

... with your regular activity, date, time, venue, contact person and details.

## ECO ETHEL

2019 and Eco Ethel is focusing on alternate options for plastic bags. One of the complaints we hear is the concern of what to use as a bin liner?

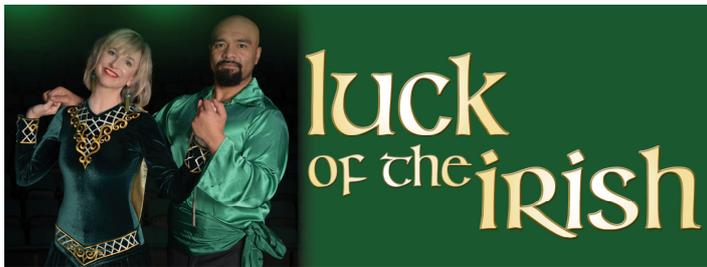


Eco Ethel likes to use **rubbish** bin liners that aren't **plastic bags**.

Eco Ethel suggests to try paper bags as Great Auntie Daisy would use back in the day. Alternatively try the reuse concept - empty pet food **bags**. Consider trying a cloth **bag** that can be emptied, washed and reused or just wash out your unlined bin when empty.

*Thank you to all the kind folk of Fairlie who have sent cards, flowers, baking and condolences at this sad time of losing Hugh. Your kindness is much appreciated.*

*Marta McKenzie and Family*



Timaru's first Operatunity concert is the 'Luck of the Irish' on Wednesday 30th January.

Featuring esteemed violinist Jessica Hindin and everybody's favourite Operatunity veteran Bonaventure Allan-Moetaua, and they bring back the beautiful Soprano Bryony Williams. This show will be a tribute to all things Irish! Their ballads encapsulate their rich history which included some grim times. Their fiddle music portrays their musicianship, deep passion and their sense of humour. Their quirky ditties demonstrate their incredible resilience and joy of life. With all the amazing music that Ireland has produced, come join us – the group from Fairlie – and come salute the Irish!

### Operatunity - TIMARU VENUE UPDATE

A friendly reminder from Operatunity, that the first two concerts for 2019 - Luck of the Irish and From Phantom to Les Mis, will be held at Theatre Royal, 122 Stafford Street.

The Theatre is not undergoing maintenance till late April so they are still able to use the venue in the meantime. Shows three - eight will be held at Caroline Bay Hall, 1 Virtue Ave.



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### Social Interaction for the Older Folk in Fairlie in 2019 – but all ages welcome!

We are just so aware that loneliness and the lack of exercising both brain and body, impacts on our older residents and those living alone.

So in 2019 we at Heartlands are going to heighten opportunities for folk to get together in a social environment.

The community already has Friendly Club and the former Probus Group (CCM), plus sporting groups offering membership – golf and bowls for example! But this is different yet again! It is scheduling and adding to events that already happen.

### January

**17<sup>th</sup>** *Movie in Mackenzie Community Theatre*  
1.30 pm - Leap Year

**24<sup>th</sup>** *Cooking up a Storm!*  
For yourself and to deliver to others  
St Pat's Hall 10.00 am

**30<sup>th</sup>** *Operatunity in Timaru* – Luck of the Irish

**31<sup>st</sup>** *Tiki Tour* - Back Roads to Waimate

### CAUSES OF FALLS 1 IN 3 OLDER ADULTS FALL EACH YEAR!

**Impaired Vision** - Cataracts and glaucoma alter depth perception, peripheral vision, susceptibility to glare and visual acuity. **Solution** - Add colour and contrast to identify objects, such as grab bars and handrails.

### Advance Care Plan and Guide

Plan the healthcare you want in the future and at the end of your life by considering it, discussing it with family and loved ones, even if you never write down an actual plan.

If you do decide to complete an advance care plan, it needs to be shared with your healthcare team and anyone else you might want to have access to it.

It is important that your family and loved ones know you have a plan and where it is kept. It is also important to review it on a regular basis, maybe every year around your birthday!

An Advance Care Plan describes what is important to you as well as the healthcare and treatment you want. The plan is yours and it is there to help loved ones make decisions for your care when you can no longer tell them what you want!

If you want to write down these wishes then Heartlands has a document you might like to use. Pop in and pick one up. Advance Care Plan and Guide!

## *Don't Drink the Water!* *Blue-Green Algae Can Be Deadly*

It should be the epitome of pure joy: a dog leaping off the bank into a lake or river on a sweltering summer day. But for some dog owners, the scene can quickly turn into tragedy.

### **The culprit – TOXIC BLUE-GREEN ALGAE**

Blue-Green Algae can cause signs of poisoning in as little as an hour - vomiting, collapse, seizures and coma can be almost immediate, and often it's too late by the time a pet gets to the Vet Clinic.

Despite their name, blue-green algae are actually microscopic organisms called cyanobacteria that can be found in freshwater lakes and streams.

A combination of sunlight as well as nutrient-rich runoff and decaying fish and plants encourage the organisms to grow into toxic colonies, or 'blooms.' In the height of summer, toxic blue-green algae can dry out at the side of rivers and lakes forming 'mats' as the water flow reduces. These 'mats', even when dry, can be toxic and should be avoided.

Toxins are typically ingested when a dog inadvertently swallows blue-green algae while fetching or chasing balls, sticks etc from infected water. Just a few mouthfuls can be harmful.

Signs can begin soon after exposure and vary depending on the type and amount of toxin ingested. Microcystins cause liver damage, leading to weakness, vomiting, diarrhoea, bloody or black stools, pale or yellow gums, seizures and coma. Anatoxins affect the central nervous system with symptoms including excessive drooling, muscle tremors, paralysis and difficulty breathing, resulting in a bluish tone to skin and gums.

Because toxic effects can happen quickly, if you suspect your dog has been exposed to blue-green algae, it is important to seek veterinary help immediately. Even if your dog isn't showing signs yet, the vet may induce vomiting and/or provide supportive therapies to reduce the effects of toxins.

It is also a good idea to rinse your dog with fresh water after being in a lake or river, to remove any traces of algae that remain in the fur and would be swallowed when grooming.

### **WHEN IN DOUBT - STAY OUT!!**

Before you take your dog to any body of water, check the local Council algae warnings – and if the water looks



## Holiday Baking for the Kids!



### Apricot Muesli Bars



3/4 c dried apricots (cut into small pieces)  
1/2 c water  
3/4 c brown sugar  
1 1/2 t baking powder  
1 c white choc bits

150g butter (in cubes)  
1 1/4 c flour  
1 c rolled oats

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Line the base of a 27x18 cm baking tin.
2. Bring the apricots and water to the boil and then simmer until liquid has absorbed. Take off heat.
3. Add the butter and stir until melted. Leave to cool.
4. Add flour and baking powder together, mix in along with rolled oats and choc bits. Mix thoroughly. Press into tin.
5. Bake for 30 mins or until golden brown. Leave in tin for 10 mins.
6. Turn out to cool on a rack and when cold, cut into bars.



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# Emergency Services

## Police Notebook:



I hope everyone had a good Christmas and holidays without getting into too much strife.

The New Year has started off reasonably well with not too many problems reported so far.

A visiting driver was reported for a dangerous passing manoeuvre in Fairlie. He was followed to Tekapo where he was boxed in at a carpark and his keys removed by the other party. Things got a bit heated and could have escalated quite easily if police hadn't arrived when they did. This is a reminder to not take the law into your own hands. All you need to do is follow the offender if possible and record details from a safe distance. Stay on the line to us to advise of location and direction of travel. Let us do the rest.

A local lady had her cell phone stolen and then her bank accounts cleaned out by the offender. A Timaru man has been identified and inquiries are continuing.

A Twizel woman was been charged with theft after stealing several items from the Fairlie Caltex Station and will be appearing at the Timaru Court in a few weeks.

A couple of wheel barrow loads of macrocarpa firewood has been taken from a wood shed at the rear of a house on Regent St.

A single car crash was reported at Mt Michael where the visiting driver has gone too fast around the bend beside the Farm Barn Café. The car has rolled and ended up in the middle of the road. No injuries thanks to seat belts.

There have also been several other single car crashes of cars going too fast around the Pusey Gorge and tangling with the unforgiving rock bank.

A drink driver was stopped at Tekapo after a night out and returned a positive result from the subsequent blood test. He had stopped drinking about six hours previously, which is a good example of alcohol staying in the system and not being safe to drive for at least 12 hours after drinking.

A cell phone was lost around Clayton Rd and may have been picked up by someone. The owner tracked it with the GPS tracking system to a farm property on Hamilton Rd. The finder may have decided to keep it or has not got around to doing the right thing and giving it to me. Inquiries are continuing.

A motorcycle rider from Oxford that was the subject of three police pursuits in Otago and South Canterbury due to high speeds was apprehended in Fairlie. His bike was impounded and he is facing a raft of charges as a result. He mistakenly tried to get through Fairlie unnoticed.

A local person was reported missing by his concerned family and then located living rough in the riverbed after going off the radar for about nine days.

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Back before Christmas a white Toyota Hilux was stolen from the North Opuha DOC hunting block carpark. The Christchurch owner returned from his overnight hunt to find it gone, which obviously did not make his day. It is quite identifiable with fat tyres and a big black roll bar. It is still outstanding as I write this.

The kids will be back to school again soon. Take extra care when driving around the schools and expect the unexpected when young kids are around. There will be school buses on the roads around the district that are stopping to pick up or drop off the kids. The speed limit for passing these buses from either direction is 20kmph for a good reason. The speed limit is also 20kmph when there are accident signs displayed, as there will be people moving around on the road doing an important job.

The cannabis growing season is well underway and I am always keen to hear from anyone with information on the perpetrators or about suspicious activity that may look out of the ordinary.

Until next time, be good and look out for each other.

Russell Halkett, Fairlie Police

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## Kimbell Day Results 2019

### ***Sheaf Tossing:***

Men's - 1<sup>st</sup> Hayden Stanley 7.25m

2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Gallagher 7.0m

Paul Gallagher 7.0m

Ladies - 1<sup>st</sup> Susan Kerr 6.50m

2<sup>nd</sup> Amber Gallagher 6.0m

3<sup>rd</sup> Pip Thompson 5.50m

### ***Tractor Pull***

1<sup>st</sup> Team Stanton

2<sup>nd</sup> Team Nana

3<sup>rd</sup> Globetrotters

### ***Pony Tacky Bingo***

Tracey Cassie

### ***Grocery Hamper***

J Campbell

### ***Pillow Fighting***

Girls- U10 Jesse Patterson

U14 Sophie Kerr

Boys- U6 Eli Wright

U10 Codie De Heer

U14 Luke Jordan

Overall- Luke Jordan

### ***Barrel Rolling***

1<sup>st</sup> Sherwood

2<sup>nd</sup> Gallagher's

3<sup>rd</sup> Cassie Family

### ***Egg Throwing***

Luke O'Connor/Chris Guiney

### ***Gumboot Throw***

U6 mixed- Henry Wynn

U10 mixed- 1<sup>st</sup> Heath Farmer

2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Wynn

U14 Boys- Tom Geary

U14 Girls- Sophie Kerr

Open Gumboot Throw-

George Kerr

Huge thanks to the Guerin Family, Mandy and Dave at the Kimbell Pub, Whitestone, Kimbell Day Committee and all the locals for your support on the day.



## Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee

# Take your own picnic and leave the stunning view.

Use a picnic set and reusable containers to enjoy a low-waste lunch without leaving any rubbish behind. Don't let waste get into our lakes and rivers – it can impact water quality.

Here's a few tips for a low-waste picnic:

- Pack your sandwiches rather than buying them in wrapping.
- Use beeswax wraps or reusable containers for carrying food.
- Fruit is a great low-waste option.
- Pack a reusable water bottle and flask for waste-free drinks.
- Use a face cloth for wiping hands and faces.
- Take home any waste – including bottles, packaging and food waste – or use provided rubbish bins.

**Remember to use the toilet facilities provided as well!**

[www.ecan.govt.nz/upperwaitaki](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/upperwaitaki)



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Jacqui would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year

**Jacqui Dean**  
MP for Waitaki

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### Mackenzie District Council Citizenship Ceremony held on 11 December 2018

**The Frank family**, originally from the United Kingdom, now living in Twizel. (Russell and Nicola, children are Samuel and Charles.) **Evangeline Goh**, originally from Brunei, now living in Aoraki Mount Cook. **Mayor Graham Smith, The Pasaol Family**, originally from the Philippines, now living in Tekapo. (Lalaine and Abner, children are Rhys and Lance.) **The Laukkanen family**, originally from Finland, now living in Twizel. (Jyri and Marju, children are Tuulianna and Hannariina.) **Rosie Adams**, originally from England.



### Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Water Zone Committee

## Boost for bat roosts

Roosting areas for South Canterbury's native bat population are being given a boost thanks to a local landowner and support from the OTOP Water Zone Committee's Immediate Steps fund.

Long tailed bats are New Zealand's only native mammals and are endangered due to the loss of feeding and roosting places as, over time, land has been cleared for farming. The bats are dependent on large old-aged trees – both introduced and native – that provide nooks and holes for breeding. The funding will help fence off existing roosting trees near the Te Ngawai River to protect them from stock, and predator control will also be undertaken.

New native trees will also be planted, which will eventually grow large enough

for natural roosting cavities to form.

The zone committee has supported many projects to protect South Canterbury's bat population which are classified as Endangered - Nationally Critical by the Department of Conservation.

If you have a local biodiversity project that could benefit from funding support or want to learn more about caring for our environment visit [www.ecan.govt.nz/biodiversity](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/biodiversity).

*The mature willow and poplar near the Te Ngawai bridge are roost trees for long tailed bats.*



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## Mackenzie District Council Upgraded Twizel Wastewater System brings better efficiency

An upgrade of Twizel's wastewater system provides for more efficient and effective management of wastewater.

The upgrade includes installing a new, modern screening plant to more effectively remove waste.

"The plant efficiently removes all improper material in the system. In the past this has ended up in oxidation ponds and taken a long time to break down," says Mackenzie District Council Group Manager Assets, Bernie Haar.

New oxidation ponds and another disposal field have also been built. Wastewater now travels into the ponds where it is treated and filtered before moving to another disposal field where it eventually soaks into the ground. The new system ensures that wastewater is appropriately treated before being disposed of.

Council was recently granted a 35-year consent for the discharge to ground for the effluent from the oxidation ponds, and the upgrade means Council's operations will comply with the new consent conditions.

"Residents won't notice any difference to the service they receive but Council staff will have better knowledge and control of the whole treatment plant," Mr Haar says.

The project has been completed within budget at a cost of \$685,242.

New security fences have also been installed around the expanded site.

While there is still site clearance work to be finished and a new entrance to the ponds will be constructed off State Highway 8, the new system is now operating.



## Waitaki Valley and Mackenzie Basin campers reminded to be vigilant over holidays

Environment Canterbury is advising campers and holiday-makers to take care and keep up-to-date with weather conditions when choosing campsites by the Waitaki and Mackenzie lakes, rivers and streams over the holiday season.

Environment Canterbury Duty Flood Controller Phil Lees says late December and early January is often a time when heavy nor-west rain can occur in the main divide, which may result in a rapid rise in water levels in rivers and streams.

"All campers and holidaymakers should be aware of the potential for rising water levels and changing river flow paths. The problem can be that it is a beautiful day in the Waitaki Valley, yet it is pouring with rain back in the mountains. This water has to go somewhere and holiday-makers are reminded that it may take several days to arrive in downstream waterways. We want people to enjoy their summer but stay safe as well."

If you are planning to visit lakes and rivers, or camp nearby, check the latest weather forecast before heading out, as well as monitoring our [rainfall data](#) and [river flow data](#).

### HOPE FOR ALL

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## Mackenzie District Council - Notice of Meetings

Tuesday, January 15, 3.00 pm, Twizel Events Centre.	Extraordinary Council Meeting.
Monday, January 28, 3.00 pm, Twizel Events Centre	Twizel Community Board meeting. <b>Public Forum from 3.00 pm.</b>
Wednesday, January 30, 4.00 pm, Tekapo Hall.	Tekapo Community Board meeting. <b>Public Forum from 4:00 pm.</b>
Thursday, January 31, 4.30 pm, Fairlie Council Chambers.	Fairlie Community Board meeting. <b>Public Forum from 4:30 pm.</b>
Tuesday, February 12, 9.30 am, Fairlie Council Chambers.	Full Council Meeting
Friday, February 15, 9.30 am, venue tbc, Twizel	Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee meeting.
Tuesday, February 26, from 9.30 am, Fairlie Council Chambers.	Forestry Committee meeting. Strategy Committee meeting. Finance Committee meeting. Asset and Services Committee meeting. Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend unless the matters discussed are confidential. Agendas are available at [www.mackenzie.govt.nz](http://www.mackenzie.govt.nz) two days before each meeting, or from the Committee Administrator 03 685 9010.

### Kiwi Access Card launched on 14 January, replacing the 18+ Card

The new Kiwi Access Card launched nationwide on 14th January, and will replace the current 18+ Card. Launched by Hospitality New Zealand, the Kiwi Access Card has been created to better facilitate access to goods and services for everyone, across all sections of society in New Zealand. Like the 18+ Card, the new Kiwi Access Card is a secure and reliable way of proving your age and identity and is therefore a valuable resource for everyone in New Zealand. Like the 18+ Card, applicants must be 18 years or older to be entitled to apply for a Kiwi Access Card. Proof of age is required as part of the application process.

The Kiwi Access Card was developed after consultation with agencies such as the Department of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Social Development, Office for Disability Issues and NZ Post. The key feedback received was that a wide range of people across New Zealand find it difficult to gain access to everyday goods and services (such as opening a bank account), because they are unable to obtain a driver licence.

The new Kiwi Access Card has been designed with everyone in the community in mind. The card is also available to people who are not NZ nationals, but need a secure and reliable evidence of age and identity while in the country. The design of the Kiwi Access Card has been updated in order to ensure it is compliant with the latest enhanced security features. For example, the new card includes embossing, micro text, and also braille.

Commenting on the launch of the new Kiwi Access Card, Hospitality New Zealand CEO Vicki Lee said: "Hospitality New Zealand is proud to introduce the new Kiwi Access Card, which has had a significant design upgrade to ensure that it has state of the art security.

Explaining the significance to the wider community of the new Kiwi Access Card, Minister for Disability Issues the Hon Carmel Sepuloni said: "The new Kiwi Access Card will have a positive impact for disabled people who do not have, cannot afford, or are not eligible for a driver licence or passport. The Kiwi Access Card will allow disabled people to be able to prove who they are so that they can do things like open bank accounts, make hire purchases and pick up prescriptions."

Applicants must be able to prove that they are 18 years old or over at the time of application for the Kiwi Access Card. The current and previous versions of the 18+ Card will continue to be valid for 10 years from the date of issue. However, new 18+ Cards will no longer be issued from 14 January 2019.

There have been no changes in the process to obtain a card. Applications for the new Kiwi Access card will be available from 14 January 2019, and can be made via NZ Post. **Heartlands in Fairlie will stock these applications.**

### – WHERE TO FIND A DEFIBRILLATOR –

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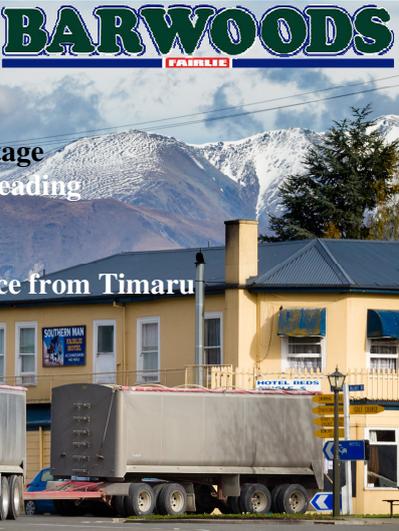
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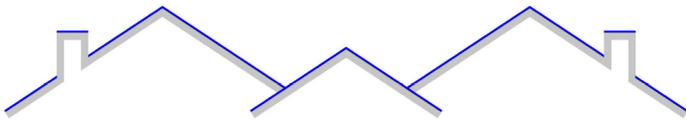


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1. IRD - Automatic tax refunds are coming in 2019 and already scammers are taking the opportunity to trick people into handing over bank account details. Inland Revenue recently sent out e-mails informing New Zealanders about proposed changes that would see automatic tax assessments and other initiatives in the biggest change to the tax system in a generation. Bernadette Newman, a customer segment leader at Inland Revenue, says scammers are trying to take advantage of the campaign.
2. SPARK - **Spark** is investigating a recent fraud scam in which people claiming to be a Spark staff member calls its customers saying they have a virus in their modem and that they need to take over the computer to sort it out.

An elderly Auckland man lost thousands of dollars after falling for the scam. The scammers took valuable information from the Auckland man's computer that enabled them to take money from his bank account, and even provided a phone number for him to call back and verify that the call to him had been genuine.

***The Spark spokesperson says the company does not call customers telling them there's a virus on their computer or wanting to take control of it, and never asks for passwords.***

If a call purporting to be from Spark sounds suspicious it probably is, and if in any doubt people should hang up and call Spark itself. Scammers tend to be targeting older people and when they hear an older person's voice, ramp up the supposed seriousness of the issue and bamboozle them.

# What's Happening

## January

- 17 Movie in Mackenzie Community Theatre 1.30 pm
- 19 Second Hand Market outside Heartlands
- 19 Garage Sale 20 Ayr Street 10 am
- 19 Fairlie Golf Club Sponsors Day - Ambrose Teams
- 20 Pacers Triathlon and Duathlon 9 am Timaru
- 21-26 Fairlie Learn to Swim
- 24 Cooking for Yourself and Others – St Pat's Hall 10 am
- 30 Operatunity, Timaru "Luck of the Irish" Book at Heartlands
- 30 Albury Water Supply AGM Albury Hall 7.30 pm
- 31 Tiki Tour - Back Roads to Waimate

## February

- 3 Pacers Triathlon & Duathlon 10 am start Timaru

### AN INVITATION TO NEWCOMERS TO THE AREA

Heartlands Fairlie Resource and Info Centre stocks info packs for people moving to the area and can answer questions about the community. We want you to be part of our community and look forward to meeting you!

**Borrow Bags - working bees are held every fortnight on Monday evenings (next is 28th Jan) 7.00 pm at Heartlands Fairlie Resource Centre. Anyone who irons, cuts or sews is very welcome to come and help. Thanks!**

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**Next Closing Date - Friday 25 January**

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