

THE FAIRLIE ACCESSIBLE

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Delivered FREE to residents of Albury • Fairlie • Lake Tekapo and Districts

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It's all about protecting yourselves and our community!

This time last year, we had no idea that in a few weeks we would be in lockdown due to COVID 19. No matter what your theory or belief, it is all about looking out for yourself and others by taking the precautions identified for you.

If people choose to wear masks, to stay home, to distance themselves from others during Level 2, they deserve respect for considering the options and protecting themselves and you! We must realise that many are fearful of further restrictions.

It has been a somewhat busy summer for some, but many businesses are hurting or are about to feel the absence of our overseas guests as we head into the cooler months. It is really important to our local businesses to have your custom –

SHOP LOCAL - SPEND LOCAL - SUPPORT LOCAL

and spend in your Mackenzie District!



Remarkable Beauty Sanctuary - Relocation

Haley Shaw welcomes you to her new premises at 63 Main Street, Fairlie. In a way it feels like she's come home as she started work in Fairlie back in 1996 for Debbie Jensen's hair salon in the same building!

Haley is passionate about women's health and beauty. Having worked for 23 years in the industry, and all over the world, she has endeavoured to create an oasis in the new premises in which to service all facets of the industry.

There are multiple treatment rooms available for her clientele. This is also key to the direction she wishes to take moving forward. Haley has many visiting specialist clinics/consultations planned, with treatments including micropigmentation, botox, acupuncture and herbal medicine, to name a few.

Give Haley at Remarkable Beauty a call for all your beauty and make up requirements - facial, massage, nails, tanning, tinting, lash extension, hair removal, skincare, appearance medicine, makeup, diet and nutrition. She would love to hear from you.

Bookings may be made through her website -

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- 1 Strengthen your local economy.
- 2 Reduce climate change impacts.
- 3 Support community groups.
- 4 Keep our community unique.
- 5 Create more quality jobs.
- 6 Get better service.
- 7 Invest in your community.
- 8 Encourage local prosperity.
- 9 Put your taxes to good use.
- 10 Buy what you need. Don't buy the hype.

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STEVE
GURNEY
Your next speaker

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Lake Tekapo Community Hall
Friday, March 26th 2021 - 7.30 pm (nibbles prior)
Adults (18yrs+) - \$15.00 Students – Free
Tickets available from Heartlands

Admission includes a light supper and 1 drink...
There will be a panel of professional people discussing mental health prior to Steve's talk.

THE GOODS ON GURNEY ...

Best known for winning the Coast to Coast a record nine times, Steve is an inventor with a mechanical engineering degree, the author of two best-selling books, the recipient of an MNZM gong for services to Endurance Sport and a qualified NLP practitioner.

He's been close to death on more than one occasion and fought his way back to full health. His life lessons have given him the insight to know what matters most - learning from both winning and losing. A seasoned traveller, Steve has many hilarious stories from around the world including his record breaking wind-powered Sahara desert crossing on a kite buggy. What makes Steve truly inspiring is his ability to relate these tales back to daily life, giving the audience a sense of their own empowerment.

Kimbell Residents Meeting
Silverstream Hotel
Tuesday 9th March at 7.30 pm

Fresh-Is-Best Seafood (Canterbury)

Opposite the Motels on State Highway 8, Fairlie
Thursday 18 March & Thursday 8 April
from 12.00 noon

Freshest catch delivered overnight from Bluff, competitively priced, nourishing and delicious. Weather permitting we will have a variety of fish and products available including Whitebait, Blue Cod and other Southern white fish - also Salmon, Squid etc, and hopefully some flat-fish next time around. Also our own popular smoked Salmon/Moki, Paua Patties and Blue-Cod Pies. For any special orders please call or text in advance. See you then!!

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 time as an international
 news correspondent

Cancelled

Friday 5 March 7:30pm Fairlie
 St Columba Church, Main Street
 \$20 Book: Heartlands Fairlie & Door Sales

Southern Trust OTAGO Community Trust South Rātō Foundation Interislander Central Lakes TRUST Community

Tekapo Power Scheme
Community open day & tours

This is your chance to tour our Tekapo Power Scheme, visit our two hydro power stations and learn about where your electricity comes from.

In the town square, there will be information, free coffee, spot prizes and activities for kids.

Tour times

- 9.00 am to 12.00 pm
- 10.30 am to 1.30 pm
- 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm

All tours will leave from, and return to the Lake Tekapo Town Square, 10 Rapuwai Lane.

FREE event: Saturday 13 March 2021

Places on the tour are limited, go to our website for more information and to book your spot: www.genesisenergy.co.nz/tekapo-open-day
 Alternatively call 0800 846 8253 or email lisa.reeve@genesisenergy.co.nz



Inaugural Battle of the Bridge Cricket Match



Action Shot! Ben Simpson shows his style while fielders from the East look on.

Event organisers, Craig Willis, Dale Karton and Tim Story were thrilled with the turn-out and support for the first ever Binns Cup 'Battle of the Bridges' cricket match at the TCG. The West team started strong with a total of 179 runs after 30 overs. In scorching conditions, the East gave chase for a final score of 180 runs after 22 overs! Great victory for the East!!

Lake Tekapo
Event Organisers
Craig Willis and
Dale Karton battle
it out for the
Binns Cup

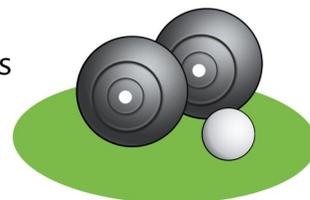


Fairlie Bowling Club

Kieran Harris, Daniel Dobbs and Hamish Johnson are off to play in the National Secondary Schools Bowls Tournament in Auckland on 22 March (all going well!) Garry Harris, Manager/Coach will travel with the team.

These boys have, over the last three years, won the South Canterbury Secondary Schools Bowls Tournament twice.

They are currently members of the Fairlie Bowling Club and we wish them well.



Mt Dobson Ski and Snowboard Club AGM



Tuesday 30th March
7pm upstairs at EAT Cafe

All interested parties are welcome.

A dinner for Committee Members will commence prior to the AGM at 6 pm.

Any apologies or questions please email mtdobsonskiclub@gmail.com

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Mackenzie Junior Netball 2021

– Registrations Open Year 5-8

Mackenzie Junior Netball club welcomes registrations for new and existing players for the 2021 season for children in **Years 5-8**.

Year 5-8 will play on a Saturday morning in Timaru starting Saturday 8 May (Term 2) with practise in Fairlie during the week.

We are always looking for people to get involved with coaching and management of the teams and encourage and support those who are interested to attend Netball South Canterbury training courses where they will receive all the required resources.

For Year 8-10 players who would like to umpire in 2021 there is a training session on Sunday 2 May 9 am-12 pm in STEC. Contact Ang if you would like more information about this.

In 2021 the **Year 3-4** competition held in Timaru will happen in **Term 3**, so we will be in touch about registration for this, and our local Year 1-2 sessions, at a later date.

To register new players follow this link <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/152635> and join our Facebook page **Mackenzie Junior Netball**. Existing players from 2020 will receive a re-registration email.

Our AGM will be on Wednesday 31 March, 7pm at Eat Fairlie and we would love some new committee members with several of the committee moving on. Please contact Ang Habraken, Club President 021 435 448 or Sarah O'Leary 027 685 4959.

Goldfields Cavalcade Twizel 2021



Firstly, thank you very much for your support for our Cavalcade Host Town events which have been turned upside down by the Covid-19 Level 2 Government announcement.

It is with great disappointment that I write this to you, as all the activities the Host Town had planned are cancelled and our priority now is to come out of this without the host town being left with a debit.

The Host Town Committee Inc is made up of volunteers who have given freely of their time and energy with the sole purpose to raise funds for the many not for profit organisations in and around our area. The whole event was expected to bring over 4,000 people to the Twizel area.

All trails will end on Friday night so only one will end in Twizel. So far we are seeing the very best of human behaviour with some market stall and ticket holders advising us that we can keep their payments as a donation.

Comms from the Cavalcade:

All trails are still going ahead under Government Covid Level 2 Guidelines.

All host town activity are cancelled until further notice.

The Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust has been running the Cavalcade for over 19 years and it was set up originally to re-enact the historic early settlers journeys from the coast to the Otago Gold Fields. They usually start their journey 7 days away from the host town, with 11 different trails. This year we have 7 horse trails, including heavy and light wagons, with 2 walking, 1 running and 1 cycling trail.

We are holding a First Aid Course in conjunction with Workplace First Aid Training on 12th March 2021, in the Mackenzie Community Centre Lounge. Recertification and full First Aid Courses. Please register your interest at Heartlands 685 8496 asap.



Mobile Coffee Van

Premium Espresso Coffee prepared freshly for you from our mobile coffee van.

We welcome invitations to attend markets, fetes, school fairs, sports meetings, weddings and special events in and around Lake Tekapo, Fairlie and surrounding areas.

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SCHOOLS CALENDAR

TERM 1

5 Mar	Fun Run -postponed	Mack Schools
10 Mar	Swimming Champs	Mack Schools
11 Mar	Swimming Sports	Mack Schools
12 Mar	SC Triathlon	Mack Schools
12 Mar	Life Education	St Joseph's
17 Mar	St Patrick's Day	St Joseph's
19 Mar	Assembly 2.15 pm	Fairlie Primary
19 Mar	St Joseph's Day	St Joseph's
31 Mar	SC Swimming Sports	Mack Schools
1 Apr	Assembly 2.15 pm	Fairlie Primary
2 Apr	Good Friday - Easter	
5 Apr	Mack A&P Show - Easter Monday	
9 Apr	Official Opening/Blessing	St Joseph's
16 Apr	Last Day of Term	Mack Schools

St Joseph's School Fairlie

Tena koutou,
At St Joseph's Fairlie our values are Respect, Confidence and Love of Learning. These are underpinned by the Gospel values that we teach not only during Religious Education but throughout our day in our actions and attitudes towards others, in our school, our community, our country and throughout the world.

We have been fortunate this year to maintain our current teaching staffing and have two very small classes, with 10 children in our Year 4-6 class and 12 children in our Year 0-3 class.

We are welcoming new enrolments and are more than happy to discuss a Catholic education if this is what you would like for your child.

If you are coming to have a look at the school, be aware that it is still a building site as work is currently being undertaken in our administration block, but we love to have visitors! Just head towards the classroom block and we will welcome you in.

Angela Marshall – Principal



principal@stjofairlie.school.nz

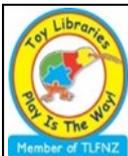
Fairlie Primary School

This term, Fairlie Primary School began their swimming programme. Juniors have been using the pool twice a week, while the seniors have been using the pool three afternoons a week.

FPS teachers were visited by Jackie Mander from Swimming New Zealand who provided professional development using the Water Skills for Life programme. This focused on teaching children the essential swimming skills they will need to be confident in any given situation in the water and to encourage lifelong enjoyment of the water.

The students have been learning skills such as: finding different ways to enter and exit the water, confidently moving through the water and floating in different positions. These skills will give children the ability to assess the risk and make smart decisions in the water.

The students have really enjoyed the swimming sessions so far this year and their confidence in the water is growing.



Mackenzie Toy Library

Open – Mon 9am-11am
(throughout school term)

Located – School Road, Fairlie
(beside Rugby Clubrooms)

We have more than 300 toys, puzzles and DVD's as well as a bouncy castle! Enquiries to President Anna Wallace
0276354413 or mackenzietoylibrary@gmail.com
(Castle – Kate Coochey 0279112542)





Head Students - Katrina & Josh
Deputy Head Students - Cassie & Ben

The past few weeks have been hugely successful for our sporting students. Following the success of students and staff at the Coast to Coast event, our Year 12 students Abby, Jack, Molli and Ollie stepped up and competed in the Wanaka Half Ironman on the 20th, showing their grit and determination whilst competing in temperatures up to 30 degrees. During this event Molli swam 1.9km in Glendu Bay, Jack biked 54km and Abbi biked 36km up and down the Wanaka-Mt Aspiring Road and Ollie ran a half marathon (21km).

The same weekend Blake, Charlize, and Sam went to Dunedin for the NZ Junior Festival (Makos) Swimming competition - achieving PB's in many of their events (Blake - 4/5, Charlize - 4/7 and Sam getting PB's in all 5 of his events). We are looking forward to seeing these students in action at swimming sports.

Annabelle was selected over the summer to represent ASCNO pony club area at the NZPCA National Dressage competition, finishing 7th in New Zealand.

Students had a stunning day at athletics despite the cloud, showing great house spirit and support for their classmates. House points results: 4th Dobson (318pts), 3rd Macauley (358pts), 2nd Godley (387pts) and 1st Tasman (429pts). Three records were broken during the day with Rebecca breaking the under 14 girls 1500m race record with a new time of 6mins, 19 seconds. Sophie broke two records in the U16 girls category - with a 10m, 14cm shot put and a whopping 26m 56 cm discus throw. The teachers also retained the Golden Gumboot trophy despite some tricks by the Year 13's. A big thanks to all the parents who attended and helped out on the day.

Albury School

During this week we have held Learning Conferences. It is a privilege for us to spend time sharing student learning with you. Thank you for taking the time to catch up and for the encouragement and feedback we have received.

We value the partnership we have with the NZ Police - Marie Froud and the care they provide for our Albury Kids. Here they are working through safety issues when on the bus. Students have roles and responsibilities



should they need to use their safety plan.

We had the privilege of having the PGG Wrightson Woolshed at Albury School. Supported by Alaistair, the students had great fun learning about wool and how the different properties of wool are process to make products that we all use and love!



Wheels Week - there was a lot of happiness and joy with some creative design and team work. Even the spectators were smiling.



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) We offer 20 hours ECE and WINZ subsidies are available.

19 Hamilton Street, Fairlie
 Phone: 03 685 6263
 Email: admin@fairlieearlylearners.co.nz

Fairlie Area Kindergarten - Archie helps Dad to take care of the Kindergarten

We are so fortunate at Fairlie kindergarten to have families willing and able to support tamariki to learn and make meaning of everyday tasks and real work in this environment.

Recently Ned Robertson came in to dig out a post and replace it with a new one (with the help of his son Archie and a little band of helpers). In preparation, tamariki talked about a range of ideas about how and what this would look like in practice. Ned demonstrated using his chainsaw with full safety protection and involved tamariki so genuinely with the process of choosing tools for the job and the actual physical task.

We are very proud of how beautiful our environment looks and the way that everyone takes responsibility for contributing to this. Thank you Ned and Archie.



Cyclists and skateboarders – don't ride on our Main Street footpaths!

Since mentioning the issue in the last Accessible, numerous people have come forward to speak of the 'close calls' they have had with young cyclists and skateboarders on the footpaths along Fairlie's Main Street.

Before the issue results in injury, please tell your kids to either walk their bikes along the path or ride on the road and to carry their boards along the street.

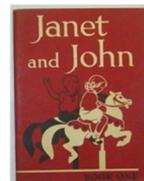
As for cyclists, some of the kids say they are too frightened to ride on the road along Main Street because of the amount of traffic, people in parked cars opening their doors and the logging trucks.



Mackenzie Community Library

Reading for Pleasure

There have been great developments recently in the area of the 'decoding' of words and text, and the most effective ways of teaching our young children the, sometimes complicated, world of reading. Schools are moving towards far more structured literacy programmes, that ensure that all students are able access and understand the basics of phonics and written language 'code', and get a cohesive and progressive foundation of literacy in their formative years (Check out [Liz Cane on Literacy on this week's AM Show](#), for more information). This has often meant that the old school tradition of 'sending a reading book home' is no longer considered the most effective way to support children's reading skills, which can be a difficult concept for parents and carers to understand. This **DOES NOT** mean that being read to and reading for enjoyment is no longer important!! In fact, the latest research is showing just how important reading for pleasure really is, in regards to literacy development and mental wellbeing.



Reading for pleasure not only uses and develops the structured literacy skills children are learning at school, but it develops emotional skills like empathy, as books can encourage the reader to

experience life in someone else's shoes. Mental wellbeing is a big concern in our modern age, and studies have found that children and young people who read have, on average, higher mental wellbeing scores to those who don't (including life satisfaction, coping skills and self-belief). Obviously, the enjoyment of a shared story being read together is one of life's pleasures, and it is sad to imagine some children never experiencing this.

We are fortunate to have local schools with inviting library spaces, so our students will be encouraged to read for pleasure and enjoyment as part of their school day. We would love to see more children, and their whanau, using our community library to choose books for reading at home. We recognise that, with many of our students catching school buses home straight after school, it is difficult sometimes to find the time to visit as a family. We are currently trialing the older FPS students coming across to us during their breaks, so that they are able to choose their own reading books to take home, as a way of working around this issue.

We have lots of new titles for our junior and teen readers, as well as **new arrivals for our adult readers**. Check out our catalogue www.mackenziecommunitylibrary.weebly.com to see what's available.

See you soon at your local.

The Library Crew

Our Community

Local Cemeteries – great places to visit!

For those who haven't visited the Fairlie Cemetery lately, you might be impressed by the state of the graves on the left as you enter. Last year they were sprayed with some wondrous concoction that has taken the moss and mould off the white marble headstones. Such a pity that the reminder of the vandalism some 20 or so years ago remains in the form of the broken headstones.

The Burkes Pass Cemetery is always a joy to visit, recording the local history of the area, including deaths on Mt Cook. What a superb place to call if you have visitors staying! Have a coffee, visit David Taylor's Three Creeks - amazing store and displays, the fabulous St Patrick's Church, take the Heritage Walk and enjoy an afternoon at Burkes Pass.

Albury Cemetery – high on the hill overlooking the township. What a delight on a sunny day!

The Lake Tekapo Cemetery must be in one of the most fabulous positions for a cemetery anywhere in New Zealand. To park up and wander the area is a delight, plus being able to collect the small pinecones as you go. Take a bag – be prepared.

One thing about our Mackenzie District cemeteries is that they are so well maintained. Realising that cemeteries are not every person's 'cup of tea' they surely make for great visiting and a picnic if the weather is right.



Send all 'congratulations' notifications to accessible@fairlienz.org or leave at Heartlands

Wedding

19 Feb Emily (Gualter) & Matthew Walker

Wedding Anniversary

15 Mar Kate & Garth Nixon - 30th

1 Mar Viv & Nigel Blair - 35th

Happy Birthday

26 Feb Jocelyn Carlton - 89th

1 Mar Casey Pridham - 40th

4 Mar Adrienne Morrison

5 Mar Marg Glass

5 Mar Kelly Cassie

12 Mar Cindy Robertson

13 Mar Kathryn Lett



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Third Generation

Tribute to Mackenzie's Dog

Composed for the opening of the Mackenzie Community Centre – 10/10/1986



*Mackenzie was a highlander, who came out here because,
They called it God's own country, and he'd show us that it was*

Beyond the snowy mountains, beyond the white man's track

*He discovered lakes and rivers, and Dobson further back,
But most of all Mackenzie found, good grazing for some stock,*

So he returned to lowlands, he'd soon build up a flock.

*While plundering sheep was honest work, below the
Scottish border*

He soon found out to his dismay, he'd outraged law and order

*They took him to a court of law, so he could face his trial,
And as a witness brought his dog, his friend there's no denial*

*But when she saw Mackenzie, she quietly slipped her chain
Then by her master's side she stood, and they were friends again.*

But when they called her witch, fit for a bullet, a damned disgrace

*The tears rolled down Mackenzie's face and then he said
your Grace*

*I'll make your roads and break you stones; you can call
me a thief said he*

Do what you will, but leave the dog with me

*But in that court of hate it makes me sad to state
They took away from him, his friend, the dog, his mate.*

*On lowlands you can muster sheep, upon a motor bike
But the kindly human touches are where the musterers hike*

*High up in the mountains where men and dogs are friends
And many a tear has fallen, when the dogs life ends,
Now Mackenzie's name's a legend, his dog immortal too
So stop and view their monuments, as you go passing through.*

Bill Perry

Action for folk in their prime!



- 4th March** Men's Trip to Timaru - visiting the forge!
- 9th March** Fairlie Friendly Club AGM 1.30 pm Meeting to follow!
- 10th March** Operatunity – 20th Anniversary Show – book at Heartlands for show and van!
- 11th March** Andre Rieu Movie and afternoon tea! 1.30 pm St Pat's Hall \$4
- 16th March** Talking Heads at the Mackenzie Community Library 7 pm Topic – Local History
- 23rd March** Timaru for movies, appointments, shopping etc. Book at Heartlands
- 24th March** Alzheimers visit - Karen Knight Eat café at 1.30 pm Interested folk welcome!
- 25th March** 'Oliver' The Movie 1.30 pm St Pat's Hall \$4

Note: Change of Date

Friendly Club AGM St John Ambulance Hall
Tuesday 9th March 1.00 pm
Followed by our monthly meeting at 2.00 pm
with guest speaker and afternoon tea.

An offer you can't refuse!

Don't be put off by the loss of your charger or the fact that you can't turn your cellphone on!



Come to 'one on one' learning to use technology!

You can learn to take control of your finances with internet banking!

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Just ask around and see who is learning to use their devices already! Or those who are learning, please tell others about it!

OPEN TO ANYONE NEEDING HELP!
Call Mary McCambridge 03 614 3373

Second Hand Markets - only 6 Saturdays left before Winter! Make sure you have that clean out now - would love to receive your clean, as new, 2nd hand goods. All proceeds go to the Fairlie community.

Our Community

Opihi Gorge Tramping Route

This track was originally put in during the late 1970's. In 1986, a 100 year flood took out the bridge accessing the north side of the gorge, and then again in 1995. After this, DOC never replaced the bridge, and then after the Cave Creek tragedy, they cut out and took all markers and rock protection. We lost a track in a very rugged and beautiful environment and eventually it became over-grown and disappeared.

The re-opening of the Opihi Gorge Tramping Route was raised at the Fairlie Lions back in 2016. Fairlie Lions joined with Pleasant Point Lions and have for the last 4 years, been pursuing this goal. We have had lots of support from businesses and individuals and also fundraising activities, run by Lions.

So while the route has been accessible, it has not been finished.

Last week, Mike Prosser flew 8 volunteers into the gorge. They have put in wire rope protection around several more rock bluffs in the middle of the gorge.

This route would be graded moderate to hard tramping with a good level of fitness required. Tramping time is estimated to being between 3.5 to 7 hours for the 13km, from Opihi Gorge Rd to Rockwood Bridge. It is not recommended for young children.

You can also just walk into the bridge – approximately 40 min to 1 hour return trip. Again, not recommended for young children.

This is a rugged, but beautiful place, made accessible by surrounding farmers giving access through their land. Please respect their property. Light no fires, and take your own rubbish out with you.

This track is slippery in wet conditions, there are some challenging areas but not extreme. The track has been provided and maintained by volunteers with no Council or Government funding. If you would like improvements, please offer your services.

Thanks to the many volunteers who have helped:
High Country Carpentry – foundations and placing bridge.
Ongoing work on the track.

Gibson Bros – building the bridge. Consumable materials.
Mike Prosser helicopters – Airlifting materials and volunteers into the gorge.

NZ Airforce – airlifting bridge

Guiney Family – providing steel for bridge

Gary Littler – Engineering design

Mark Lowen – drawing and specifications for bridge

Ravensdown – volunteer days

Mt Dobson Ski Area – Wire Rope

Fairlie and Pleasant Point Lions and many other volunteers

We live in a great community and live in a great environment. Thank you everyone for your ongoing help and support.

Murray Bell, Lions Tracks Convenor 027 273 9797



Q: When is the NEXT TRIVIA NIGHT at the Silverstream Hotel, Kimbell?

A: Wednesday 31 MARCH 7 PM

Food and drink specials - teams of 4-6
- all welcome - join a group on the night!



ARE YOU UP TO A CHALLENGE



18-80 YEARS OF AGE

BERWICK OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE 2021

Fairlie Lions are offering a sponsored place on this year's 8 day course 7 to 15 May 2021.

The aim of this course is to overall broaden ones experiences in life by using team work to improve individual confidence and self esteem.

To register your interest in this event or for further information, please email Terry on

secflcinc@outlook.com

Applications close 26 March 2021

TAKE CENTRE STAGE ...

Send in your nominations via -

- private message Fairlie Accessible
- email accessible@fairlienz.org
- call into Heartlands or phone 685 8496

Nominate someone special who has gone out of their way to be generous and kind to others. We will draw this monthly and the deserving winner will receive a gift voucher from a local business.

- ⇒ **CELEBRATING OUR LOCALS**
- ⇒ **SUPPORTING OUR LOCALS**

PS – we hope to have official opening of the Opihi Gorge Tramping Route in late March. Date to be advised.

Lake Tekapo

Penny Wilson - 0210 232 2741
mackenziecommunitytekapo@gmail.com



Thanksgiving

The summer months have brought many reasons to be thankful. Our freedoms to enjoy travel, time with family and friends, and good health among them. We can also celebrate the new projects and growth in our community over the last year. The Lockdown Book, the Community Garden, the inaugural East vs West cricket match, the new bus shelter, the opening of the new school and swimming pool have all been a chance for us to celebrate our life as a community in Tekapo. Thanks to all those volunteers who have helped these projects along – please know that your contributions are appreciated!

This Sunday 7th March we will be giving thanks for the harvest from our community garden, and extend an invitation to the community to join a pot-luck dinner at the Tekapo Community Hall from 5.30 pm.

We will also be celebrating Neighbours Week, 20-30 March and encouraging Neighbourhood groups to meet together for a coffee or bbq whilst the days are warmer. Lots happening in Tekapo, so be sure to keep an eye out for events and activities coming up. And amidst the busyness of events and activities, maybe this week we can all take a moment of gratitude and thanksgiving as well!?

Be kind, stay safe. Penny Xx

No. 8 Community Hub – Doors are Open!

Tekapo Community Development is back up and running - with 8 Simpsons Lane open every Tuesday 11:00-2:00 during term time. This space is also available for community groups, gatherings and office space to use, contact Penny for more information.

mackenziecommunitytekapo@gmail.com

Dates for the Diary

- 4 March English Classes at 8 Simpsons Lane
- 26 March Steve Gurney, Lake Tekapo Community Hall
- 20-30 March Neighbours Week
- 10 April Bright Stars Sip and Paint Evening,
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For more information, the terms and conditions, or to receive an application form, please contact Anna Jessup, Environmental Advisor, Genesis Energy at Anna.Jessup@genesisenergy.co.nz.

Applications open: 1 February 2021 – 5 pm 22 March 2021. All applicants will be advised of the review panels decisions by 16 April 2021.



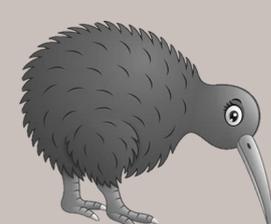
community harvest pot-luck

SUNDAY 7TH MARCH
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- 1:00pm** Meet at Community Gardens, Aorangi Crescent for garden tour and plant harvest
- 2pm-4pm** Volunteers of all ages are welcome to help prepare dishes for the evening meal @ community hall kitchen
- 4:00pm** Community Thanksgiving Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd
- 5:30pm** Pot-luck meal at the Tekapo Community Hall

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In the last Accessible I mentioned a "Repair Café" and I'm very keen to establish something along these lines within the Mackenzie District. There are similar ideas across New Zealand and Wastebusters in Wanaka held four repair events across their district in 2020.

The idea being, if you have something that needs fixing, volunteers from the local repair café may be able to help you mend it. This helps prevent items being thrown out needlessly and saves the cost of buying a replacement. It's better for the environment too with less materials and energy needed to make new goods.

An important aspect of the work of the café is about empowering people to be able to do their own repairs in the future. Where possible you would sit with the repairer and learn from them. This may be something like replacing a fuse, mending a ripped jacket or cleaning an item to keep it working properly. Clothing, garden tools, bikes, hand tools and small items of furniture are some examples of what could also be considered for repair.

We may even be able to assist with cooking jams, preserves and other delights from produce donated by the community and/or from the Kirke Street Community Garden.

Our mission is to cut down waste, build skills within the community and to make new, or expand on existing, connections within the Mackenzie District.



Neighbours Day Aotearoa 2021

Growing stronger together

10.00 am 28th March 2021

Get involved in 'The Great Plant Swap' for Neighbours Day 2021, share seeds, plants or produce you have grown with your neighbours at the Kirke Street Community Garden. It's all about growing connections, growing stronger, more resilient neighbourhoods.

Fairlie Mid-Winter Indoor Market 1 August 2021

Following on from the most successful indoor market last winter, the date has been set for the event this year in the Mackenzie Community Centre.

Sites will once again be free, encouraging people to get out and about and sell their wares! The market attracted over 40 stalls last year and this year it is hoped to exceed that number.



Celebrating 100 Dignity Bags that have been sent to the Women's Refuge. Congratulations Gillian.

Talking Heads @ the Library

Tuesday 16th March at 7.30 pm



Trying again for our third "Night to Remember", a wonderful opportunity to listen to local residents sharing stories and memories of Fairlie's past.

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Fairlie Garden Club

Wow! was the exclamation made by members of the group when visiting gardens in the Ashburton area mid February.

Winchmore gardens, owned by Marg and Bob Verall, covering 1.8 hectares with established trees planted over 5ha on the farm by the early settlers. Rhododendron, cherry, maples, roses and perennials, enhanced by clipped buxus hedging, present a beautiful effect and a wonderful venue for a magical wedding.

Contrasting in size was the absolutely perfect garden of the Barkers who grew many of their colourful plants in pots and hanging baskets and where we saw a really good piece of originality in defeating the birds who like to kick garden mulch all over the lawn.

But wow! wow! were the exclamations when reaching Paradise Gardens in Hinds where the size, shape and colours of the Dahlia were magnificent. The Cuthbertsons grow Dahlia for showing and on the day before our visit had won Champion of Champions at the National Dahlia convention in Hamilton.

So no doubt on the way home the thoughts were where to plant our Dahlia tubers when they arrive in Fairlie from the grower.

The next trip will be a mystery one on March 15.

Arlene Waite 021 0272 3105



Neighbours Day Aotearoa is celebrated from 20th to 30th March and it's a great time to get together to plan an informal catch up with your neighbours - a party, BBQ, tea party, working bee or family fun day! Whatever works for you. This year's theme is The Great Plant Swap as we want neighbourhoods to grow stronger together! 29 March - Fairlie Plant Swap.

Recycle at your Gate - This Saturday 6th March starting at 9.00 am. Remember not to leave any unwanted items out on the footpath afterwards.

Concert - Mackenzie Highland Pipe Band and Midland Choir and Guest Artists - 2 May (Sunday) 1.30 pm at the St Columba Church, Fairlie

Mackenzie Highland Show Easter Monday

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Community Garden Website now LIVE!

After a mammoth 12 hour day of work, the new Mackenzie Community Gardens website is up and running. This site has been designed using the open source Wordpress platform and provides members with a local alternative to Facebook to help us connect, share and stay up to date with happenings at both the Kirke Street and Lake Takapō Community Gardens. If you are interested in becoming a community gardener, head over to the site, sign up and start reading and posting.

In other Community Garden news, Dick Guard has kindly drawn up a blueprint for a garden shed for the Kirke Street Garden. Work will start soon (if you'd like to help let us know), and the shed will enable us to store and repair tools, save and store seeds, and of course have a cuppa tea while we talk. Adrian Garwood and I finished mulching the orchard, just before the recent rain, so the fruit trees will benefit from no longer competing with the grass. There has been a lot of learning this season, and I am really looking forward to developing opportunities for learning together over the autumn and winter months.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Both Community Gardens have been established on land that rests in the stewardship of the local church, St Stephen's in Fairlie and The Church of the Good Shepherd in Lake Tekapo. So this year's Harvest Thanksgiving Services will have special significance. The Harvest services will be festive all-age celebrations and the altars will be surrounded by an abundance of produce! After each of these celebrations there will be a relaxed BBQ or potluck meal for those who would like to stay on.

The Harvest Thanksgivings will be at the following times and places on the 7th March:

10.00 am St Stephen's Church, with a low key BBQ lunch following in the Kirke Street Community Garden/Vicarage
4.00 pm The Church of the Good Shepherd, with Pot Luck following in the Lake Takapō Community Hall.

So sign up to the Community Garden website if you're interested in staying in touch with working bees, events and workshops around the gardens. We are planning a day long Permaculture Principles and Design workshop for the month of May, so keep up to date with news on the website.

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Recipe for Sorrel Soup *RUMEX ACETOSA*

"Going as far as a yard and a half into the ground and its root is full of sap and lives for a long time, even after being dug up." -PLINY

For six years I have watched some French Sorrel I propagated and planted beneath our Blackboy Peach tree flourish each growing season. Every Spring it bursts away, a splash of bright green in the garden when other plants (except the weeds) are only beginning to cautiously emerge from the late winter.

This year curiosity got the better of me so I propagated and planted more sorrel, along with some borage, in a wild patch of garden at the rear of our property. While doing so I neglected to remove several of the sorrel seedlings from the cold-frame bed, and these energetically established themselves over summer. I have been encouraged to reassess this hardy perennial as a choice spring and summer vegetable, early in the growing season.

This is one vegetable we will allow to grow in the Forest Garden as it's flavour, vigour and other properties commend it greatly ... if you enjoy its lemon flavour.

Sorrel and Potato Soup

400g fresh sorrel leaves
50g butter
4 cups chicken or vegetable stock
salt and black pepper
3 medium potatoes diced
3 spring onions or 1 medium onion chopped
1/2 cup cream (or more to taste)

Wash and dice the potatoes into 1cm cubes. Trim sorrel and spring onions and wash well. Chop the onions and gently sauté before adding the sorrel and potatoes. Be careful not to "fry" the vegetables, though don't worry when the sorrel's vibrant green colour turns an olive green. Sauté for 5 minutes before adding the chicken stock. Bring to heat and then simmer for 25 minutes. Blend with a mouli or kitchen whiz. Add salt and pepper and the cream, bring back to heat but don't bring to the boil.

I served the soup with an additional dollop of natural yoghurt in each bowl.

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In response to greatly increased demand from local community groups seeking operational funding, Trustees of the Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury have decided to amend the structure of their grant rounds ahead of the new financial year.

Chair Nathan Mills says "The new model will provide greater clarity for applicants around which round will be most appropriate for their application, provide some guidance around likely funding levels, better separate "major" and "minor" capital projects (through a new and higher financial threshold), and enable Trustees to more readily evaluate the merits of the various projects and programmes presented.

The objective is to optimise the impact of the limited funds available and to promote an equitable distribution of grant monies". Historically, applicants applied to a round based on the level of funding sought – some rounds were for applications seeking up to \$10,000 and some for applications over \$10,000. Under the new structure there will be two grant rounds annually for capital projects up to a maximum value of \$20,000. There will be two grant rounds annually for capital projects in excess of \$20,000. There will also be two operating grant rounds annually for operational (programme or event) funding up to a maximum value of \$15,000.

Applicants can apply once per annum, choosing the appropriate round to enter. These changes are being made without prejudice to applicants who hold existing multi year funding arrangements with the Community Trust which would not otherwise fall within the parameters of the new grant rounds and funding limits.

Closing dates for capital project rounds up to a maximum value of \$20,000 will generally fall in July and February. Closing dates for capital project rounds in excess of \$20,000 will generally fall in May and October. Closing dates for operating (programme or event) funding rounds will generally fall in April and August.

For FY2021-22 the closing dates for Community Trust grant rounds are Operational (programme or event) funding up to \$15,000: 16 April 2021 (Round 1) and 3 September 2021 (Round 3). Capital project funding up to \$20,000: 16 July 2021 (Round 2) and 4 February 2022 (Round 4) Capital project funding in excess of \$20,000: 21 May 2021 (Main Round 1) and 8 October 2021 (Main Round 2)

Applications will generally be considered within an approximate two-month window following submission subject to the board's meeting schedule. Applications will only be considered out of round where Trustees, in their sole discretion, accept that exceptional circumstances outside of the applicant's control require an urgent response.

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On 22 February 2011, New Zealand suffered one of its worst ever disasters. Beyond the tangible damage and rebuild costs of the Canterbury earthquake, lay a web of social and economic disruption and upheaval.

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Within this uncertain environment, resilience is key to ensuring communities both survive and thrive through an emergency. Resilience is the ability to anticipate disruptive emergencies, minimise impacts, respond effectively and adapt in a way that allows for building back better.

We can all take deliberate steps to improve our resilience and protect the wellbeing of ourselves, our whanau and our communities.

Be aware of the hazards or disruptions you could experience, your exposure – the things you have that are at risk from those disruptions, and your vulnerability – how you and your things might be adversely affected.

Think about the impacts that could occur from emergencies (for example, power, water, or communications outages, access or transport issues, the need to stay in or out of your home for an extended period). Think about the things you would want or need to have available during that time. Remember to include animals in your emergency preparedness.

Get to know your neighbours and participate in your community – you are each other's front line.



There will still be one annual invitation only round for applications for Special Projects (generally with a December closing date).

Formula funding for schools, kindergartens, community early childhood centres and playcentres will also continue as before via the Principals' Discretionary Fund. The Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury uses the returns from investments to fund its philanthropy. The Community Trust supports not-for-profit organisations and projects which contribute towards achieving a region of healthy, vibrant and caring communities. To learn more please visit www.comtrust.org.nz

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 You don't need to worry about existing appliances. Any appliances you buy today will still be able to be connected today, and you will still have access to fuel until 2050.
 What's more, new low carbon bio-gas and bio-LPG options are on the way. Once these are available for use in New Zealand, it is expected that the fuel can be introduced into supply without gas customers noticing any difference.

What about my BBQ?
 The impact on devices such as BBQ's and camp stoves is unclear in the draft advice report. The Commission is targeting new natural gas and LPG connections in households and businesses.

Is the decision definite?
 The Commission's advice is draft, and everyone has until mid-March to provide their views. The Commission will then prepare a final report that will be delivered to the government by 31 May 2021.

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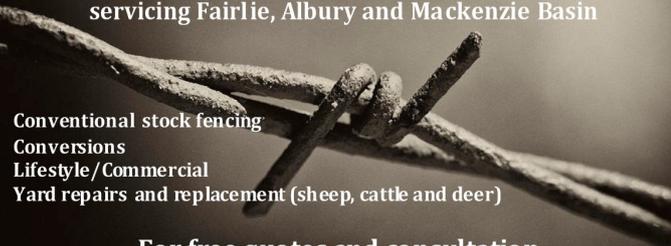
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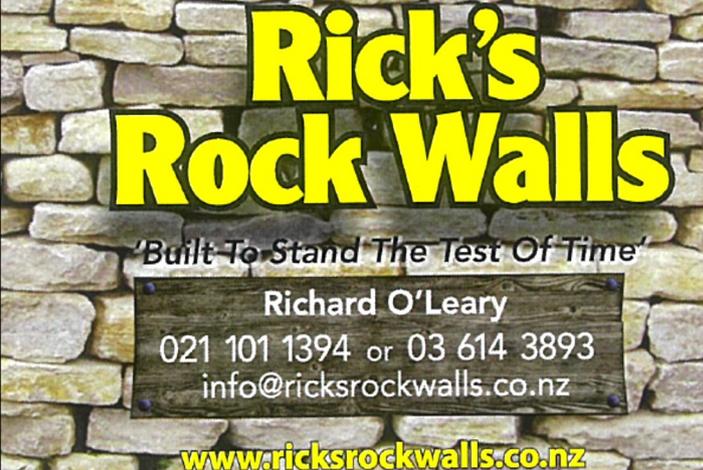
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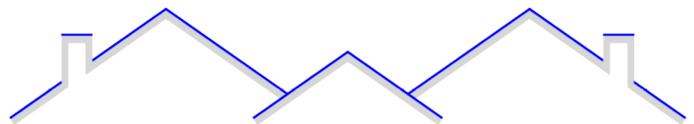
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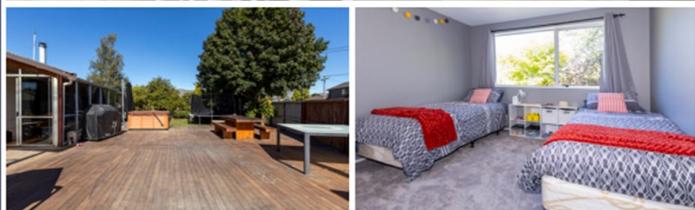
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Real Estate Round Up

New Valuations

Property owners have now received their new Valuations and for some this has been a delightful surprise and for others it has been a shock to see what Quotable Value NZ have valued their property as.

The main concern of course, is how will this affect your rates? What I remind people is that if everyone's rates (in the same area) go up by the same percentage there won't be a huge change. If for example, your valuation has gone up 40% and all the surrounding properties have only increased 20% then you are likely to see a spike in your rates. If not, they should remain similar to the current year, but Council obviously reassess this annually based on their budget requirements.

Remember that only a proportion of your rates are based on the Capital Value shown. The rest are unit charges for services supplied such as water, sewer connection, rubbish collection, storm water, Economic Development, Alps To Ocean, roading and so on. If you are concerned that your new Valuation is not realistic you can object to it, this must be done by 19th March 2021.

The Market

As you have probably noticed, the turnover of properties in and around Fairlie has been very steady. Gone are the days when a property can take up to 4 years to sell.

Interest rates have dropped further and last year we helped 6 first home buyers purchase their first home. The changes in lending regulations will hopefully see even more first home buyers being able to purchase property this year.

The confidence in the market throughout the Mackenzie District has been demonstrated by the volume of sales that has occurred and some very high prices being achieved. There is still strong demand for properties in the Fairlie Area well in excess of properties that are available. I am pleased to report that of the sales through our office in 2020, 67% were to people who have now become permanent residents in the area, 21% to investors and 12% to holiday homeowners.

Autumn is now here and it is time to decide whether you are staying for winter or whether you think it is time for a change. Whatever your decision is, the market is strong at present, we don't know how long this will last, and if you sell on this market to purchase again you will potentially be competing against a number of other buyers in another strong market.

Annette Stanley, Sales Consultant

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What's Happening

March

- 4 Men's Trip to Timaru
- 5/6 Mackenzie Collie Dog Trials Balmoral Station
- 6 Recycle at your Gate 9 am
- 6 Fairlie Second Hand Market outside Heartlands
- 7 Harvest Festival begins/Children's Day NZ
- 7 Community Pot Luck Tekapo Community Hall 5.30 pm
- 9 Friendly Club AGM St John Hall 1 pm
- 9 Kimbell Residents Meeting Silverstream Hotel 7.30 pm
- 10 "Operatunity 20th Anniversary Show
- 11 Andre Rieu St Pat's Hall 1.30 pm
- 12 First Aid Course Mackenzie Community Centre
- 13 Fairlie Second Hand Market outside Heartlands
- 13 Open Day Tekapo Power Scheme
- 13 Live Music Silverstream Hotel 9 pm
- 16 Talking Heads Community Library 7.30 pm
- 20-21 Fairlie 500 – Men's Golf Tournament
- 20 Fairlie Second Hand Market outside Heartlands
- 20 Senior Rugby Rams v Ashburton Celtic Fairlie
- 23 Community Car - Trip to Timaru
- 24 Alzheimer's visit to Fairlie Eat Café 1.30 pm
- 25 "Oliver" movie St Pat's Hall 1.30 pm
- 26 Steve Gurney - Lake Tekapo Community Hall 7.30 pm
- 27 Fairlie Second Hand Market outside Heartlands
- 28 "The Great Plant Seed Swap Comm. Gardens 10 am
- 30 Mt Dobson Ski/Snowboard Club AGM Eat Café 6 pm
- 31 Trivia Night Silverstream Hotel 7 pm

April

- 2-5 Easter Weekend
- 3 Fairlie Second Hand Market outside Heartlands
- 5 Mackenzie A&P Show
- 5 Fairlie Second Hand Market outside Heartlands
- 10-11 Fairlie Ladies Glencairn Golf Tournament

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