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Papal Honour – *the Medal Benemerenti*



Pauline Mary Gallagher has been awarded the Papal Honour, *the Medal Benemerenti* by Pope Francis, in recognition of her exceptional and long service to the Catholic Church as a stalwart member of the Mackenzie Catholic Parish and community for over 60 years.

The Medal Benemerenti, derived from the Latin phrase "pro bene merito," meaning "for good merit", is awarded to members of the laity who have made significant contributions to the Catholic Church. It is considered one of the highest honours and is typically awarded by the Pope.

Pauline Mary Gallagher was born in Timaru and was the eldest of five children. She attended St Joseph's Primary School in Fairlie and Mercy College in Timaru for secondary education. At the age of 15, Pauline worked

at the Fairlie Library for two years before moving to the Fairlie Post Office and Exchange at 17. At 19, she went to nursing school in Timaru and worked as a nurse for three years until her marriage to Thomas Gallagher in January 1958. Together, they lived and farmed the family property at Ashwick Flat near Fairlie until their retirement in 1992 when they moved to a house in Fairlie township. Although they lost two of their eight children, one at 20 months and the other at 23 years old, they remained faithful supporters of the Fairlie parish over many years.



Pauline and Tom were both active members of the Fairlie Heritage Museum as well as the Mackenzie A&P Society for many years. Pauline has been a lifelong member of St Patrick's Parish and has been an enthusiastic participant in many parish activities, offering practical support to parish priests and faithfully attending weekday Mass.

Pauline has freely given her time and energy in a variety of roles over many years. She has cleaned the church and played a crucial role in compiling the parish history. She has served on the Parish Pastoral Council, including time as the chairperson. She has been a reader at Mass for many years and has looked after the altar linen and prepared the Advent wreath.

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As an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, she has been visiting and taking Communion to the sick and housebound members of the parish for over 20 years.

Pauline has always been willing to support the church and members of the parish in whatever way is needed.

Due to her health conditions, Fr. Tien Cao, the current parish priest, along with a few intimate parishioners and friends of Pauline, presented the Papal Medal and Certificate to her in her home, in the midst of her gathered family. Fr. Tien Cao

expressed gratitude to Pauline for her many years of service, and the entire parish joins in celebrating this rare joy with her and her family.

(Mackenzie Catholic Parish, Fairlie, Diocese of Christchurch)



CYCLONE GABRIELLE RELIEF FUND RAFFLE

Heartlands Fairlie Resource & Info Centre

Many fabulous prizes kindly donated by our very supportive community

All proceeds to go to I Am Hope and The National Rural Support Trust to be used to support victims of Cyclone Gabrielle

Tickets \$5

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Drawn on Friday 31st March 2023
Winners will be notified by phone and names uploaded to Heartlands Fairlie Resource & Information Centre Facebook Page



MT NESSING COLLIE CLUB DOG TRIALS & SHEPHERD & DOG RUN

- ◆ Trials 19/20 March
- ◆ Shepherds Run - Sunday 19th March meet at 12 pm at the Zig Zag course for the course briefing - with your WORKING DOG.
- ◆ Race will start at 12.30 pm - don't be late!
- ◆ Major prize - Single Dog Box from Southern Cross Dog Kennels (RRP \$929)
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The Boy with Wings

"It's a gem of a puppet show! The set is like nothing I've ever seen before. The Sanders know how to construct beautiful worlds from your everyday cardboard box' -

Ines Maria Almeida, Theatreview, March 2021

Using puppetry, songs, storytelling, and exquisite hand-crafted sets that magically unfold out of boxes, award-winning theatre company 'Birdlife Productions' promise laughter, tears and thrilling adventure when a young man's epic journey unites with the miracle of Kuaka/Bar-tailed Godwit migration. In this high-tech fast-paced digital world, 'The Boy with Wings' offers families a counter to 'screen time' that allows space in 'real-time' for children to watch, listen and reflect. Melded with a real-time ornithological lecture, this is a comic, touching, and environmental story using the ageless wonder of puppetry that dares us all to follow our dreams!

Designed specifically for children ages 5-9 years, but loved by all ages! Originally Directed by Dan Allan.



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Fairlie Golf Club

Congratulations to the men's Fairlie team of Ian Anderson, Andrew Anderson, Colin Peake, Geoff Horler, Greg Anderson and Richard Herlund on winning the Bristol Cup last week. The Timaru Golf Club at Levels host this challenge each year and its been played for since 1912. Aorangi Clubs are invited to contest the Bristol Cup playing a foursomes in the morning (alternate shot) and single nett in the afternoon. This is the 10th time that Fairlie has won the Cup and they took out this win with a score of 653 - 17 shots clear of the field.



Ben Brown (pictured above at the finish line with Anthony Longman - Race Director) won the **Mens Shotover Moonlight Mountain Marathon** on 18th February 2023. The marathon is held down near Queenstown, across Ben Lomond Station and you can see Ben Lomond in the background. This is Ben's 3rd time racing the marathon there. he moved to Fairlie 3 1/2 years ago and is originally from the UK. Congratulations Ben - awesome effort!



**MACKENZIE RUGBY CLUB
PRE SEASON GAMES 2023**

-  **ASHBURTON CELTIC**
11TH MARCH - STRATHCONAN PARK
-  **KUROW - JARED BLACKLER MEMORIAL - SENIORS**
18TH MARCH - STRATHCONAN PARK
-  **MT SOMERS - HIGH COUNTRY CUP**
18TH MARCH - MT SOMERS
-  **RAKAIA**
25TH MARCH - RAKAIA DOMAIN



**MACKENZIE RUGBY CLUB
JAB REGISTRATIONS
2023**

Mackenzie Rugby Club would like to welcome registrations for the up and coming 2023 season.

If your child/ren played last season you will have received an email.

**REGISTRATION DAYS
9TH & 11TH MARCH**





**Annual General Meeting
of the Mackenzie Squash Club**

Monday 13th March - 8pm
Mackenzie Squash Club
School Road
Fairlie

**All Members and Supporters
welcome**

Apologies to mackenziesquash@gmail.com

**Annual General Meeting
Mackenzie Junior Netball**

Tuesday 21 March @ 7 pm
Heartlands Fairlie Resource Centre Meeting Room
For a copy of previous minutes or for apologies please
contact Keri-Ann Andrews keriann@aol.co.nz
EVERYONE WELCOME

Health Warning – Algal Bloom in Lake Opuha

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT

Te Mana Ora | Community and Public Health has issued a health warning after potentially toxic algae scums (planktonic cyanobacteria) were found in Lake Opuha.

People should avoid contact with the lake and downstream water bodies until further notice and animals, particularly dogs, should also not be allowed near the water until the health warning has been lifted.

“When a bloom of potentially toxic cyanobacteria is present in a lake, there is a possibility of cyanobacteria and toxins being transported downstream,” says Dr Matthew Reid, Medical Officer of Health, National Public Health Service, Te Whatu Ora. “It is particularly important to note that no one should drink the water from the lake or any downstream waterbodies at any time. Boiling the water does not remove the toxin. “Exposure may cause skin rashes, nausea, stomach cramps, tingling and numbness around the mouth and fingertips. If you experience any of these symptoms visit your doctor immediately and please let your doctor know if you have had contact with the lake water.”

Animals that show signs of illness after coming into contact with algal mats or scums should be taken to a vet immediately.

Environment Canterbury monitors the lake weekly during summer and the public will be advised of any changes in water quality that are of public health significance.

Facts about cyanobacteria:

- Cyanobacteria occur naturally but can increase rapidly during warmer months.
- Algal blooms are caused by a combination of nutrients in the water (such as nitrogen and phosphorus), and favourable weather conditions (e.g. increased temperature, calm days)
- If the water is cloudy, discoloured, or has small globules suspended in it, avoid all contact.
- Not all cyanobacterial blooms are visible to the naked eye and toxins can persist after the blooms disappear.
- Cyanobacterial concentrations can change quickly with changing environmental conditions (e.g. wind). If a health warning is in place avoid contact with the water.

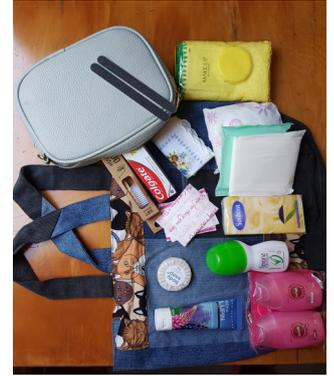
For further details visit: <https://www.lawa.org.nz/explore-data/canterbury-region/> or contact Te Mana Ora on (03) 364 1777: <https://www.cph.co.nz/your-health/recreational-water/>

MACKENZIE DISTRICT ARCHIVE

Want to know more or help at the archives?
Maria Evans 027 289 5323 Rosemary Moran 685 8289

Remember Dignity Bags?

We are still providing bags of necessary personal items for women experiencing a crisis in their lives. These are for women escaping from family violence and now also, for local women in financial distress who are struggling to provide for a family.



The bags have changed a little - the preference now is for a cloth bag containing a plastic zipper purse holding the smaller items. Some particularly nice handbags are still used.

What goes into the bag?

Deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner, panty liners and or pads, soap, emery board, tissues and hand cream or something similar. (for the local need, larger size boxes, bottles or packs are necessary). Drop off any donations to Heartlands Fairlie Resource Centre, or into my letterbox at 3 Doon Street Fairlie.

The photo is typical contents for an overnight bag, enough for a few nights. Thank you to Kate Nixon for making and donating so many cloth bags and to Alma Wright for making the crocheted face cloths. Gillian

“May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go”



ARE YOU UP TO A CHALLENGE?



18-80 YEARS OF AGE BERWICK OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE 2023

Fairlie Lions are offering a sponsored place on this year's 8 day course 12 to 20 May 2023.

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 secflinc@outlook.com.

Applications close 18 March 2023 and applicants are required to attend an interview.



SCHOOLS CALENDAR

TERM 1

8 Mar	Junior Swimming	FPS
14 Mar	Netsafe Workshops 2 & 6pm	FPS
15 Mar	Swimming Sports @ 12.30 (Seniors Yr 4-6)	FPS
17 Mar	SC Triathlon	Mack Schools
21 Mar	BOT meeting @ 7pm	FPS
22-24 Mar	Yr6 Camp	FPS
28 Mar	SC Swimming	Mack Schools

**Albury School
Tui Camp Dunedin**

From 1-3 March 2023 our senior students were on Camp in Dunedin. The first highlight of the trip was a surfing lesson at Warrington Beach. Once everyone was equipped with a wetsuit and surfboard, instructors Hamish and Glen gave a short introduction on dry land before the children went into the water to ride some waves. We were amazed how quickly the students succeeded in standing up on their boards! Everyone had great fun! A visit to Otago Museum was scheduled for the second day. After the students learned about star constellations, ancient Maori legends and even took a virtual trip through space in the Planetarium, they joined the Maori Art and Music Programme and created their own instruments. The beautiful Botanic Garden was the perfect setting to refuel with some lunch and take some time to relax before travelling along the stunning Otago Peninsula to the Royal Albatross Centre. Our tamariki had the chance to learn all about the impressive Albatrosses and other NZ seabirds and could observe some cute and fluffy baby Albatross chicks. Moana Pool was the last stop in Dunedin, where the Albury Kids had a fantastic time racing down the hydroslide and jumping off the diving board, going out of their comfort zone. Too soon it was time to head back to Albury with some great memories made and a lot of stories to tell. Our Albury Kids made us proud by showing the Albury School Values and being respectful, curious and resilient team players throughout the trip. (Pictured at right)




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Whānau Evening

Recently we had our annual whānau evening to enjoy coming together as whole families outside of regular Kindergarten hours. It has always been a lovely way to connect with new families, as well as catching up with old friends. The older siblings have always been keen to come back to a place they have many memories and also check out the changes taking place.

This year we had the excitement of the Spud in the Bucket competition big reveal. There was great interest to see who had the biggest spud and also who had the most. Well done, tamariki! Our agricultural future is looking bright.



Education

St Joseph's School Fairlie

Look who turned up at St Joseph's School! We loved showing him around School and listening to stories about his time as an All Black. We were super excited to learn that Kieran Read's children also attend a Catholic School called St Joseph's. We now have a renewed interest in the rugby magazines in our School Library!!



Life Education Van

The children enjoyed spending time with Rudi and Harold from The Life Education Van last week. They covered topics that were very relevant and appropriate to class content covered in the last couple of weeks.

Key Concepts covered - Juniors - Friendship/Leadership/Team work and the Seniors - Leadership/Digital Citizenship and Peer Pressure.



At St Joseph's the children have many opportunities to be involved with leadership which develops confidence as leaders in our community. Our past pupils show testament to this and we love following their achievements and celebrating our success.

New Enrolments

We welcome any enquiries about new enrolments at St Joseph's School and currently have places available for non Catholic students. If you would like to visit our school please do not hesitate to get in contact with Bridget or Kelly to arrange a visit and discuss options available to support your child in this special environment.

"There are good ships and there are wood ships, the ships that sail the sea. But the best ships are friendships, and may they ever be"

Fairlie Primary School

House Leaders - Fairlie Primary School has named its House Leaders for 2023. Congratulations to: Opihi - Florence and Molly. Opuha - Sarah and Grace. Orari - Katie and James. Opawa - Addison and Tayla.



Whānau and Community Online Safety Presentation

**March 14th @ 2 pm and 6 pm
Fairlie Primary School.**

A free event for parents and whānau about keeping young people safe online.

Netsafe's Relationship & Education Advisor, Paula Wistrand, will be talking about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe online. The session will look at how parents/whānau can support and enable children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

We will be holding this session twice to accommodate different schedules and give more people the chance to attend.

For further information visit:
netsafe.org.nz/parenttoolkit

Written the Cannington Students ...

14th February, our school cook Leanne taught our school seniors how to bake homemade bread. This bread contains four ingredients, salt, water, yeast, and flour. The bread is called ciabatta bread. Mr P says, "If its only got four ingredients then it's easy to make, but hard to perfect." Mind you he says a lot of things.

The process takes a long time but it's 100% worth it. The prep time takes 45 mins, the cooking time takes 30 mins, the resting time takes 23 hours, and the total time comes to 1 day and 15 mins. There is a lot of science in cooking. When I helped make this bread, I learnt how to make poolish. Poolish is the active ingredient which is made from salt, water, flour, and yeast. And then as the dough rises and proofs, carbon dioxide is formed; this is why the dough volume increases. The carbon dioxide expands and moves as the bread dough warms and bakes in the oven. The bread rises and sets. And the bread has an amazing, crunchy, tasty crust.

Swimming has been both tiring and fun at the same time. Sometimes the pool feels freezing cold and other times it is okay. We have been learning over-arm, backstroke, and breast-stroke. Our training involves swimming 20 laps of the pool, before showing off our best strokes and improving all the minor problem areas. The smaller children have been practicing their kicking. Even the youngest has been able to do a full length kicking with a kickboard, without standing up. Most of them can also put their head under the water. Once a year we have Water Day. On water day we set up a water slide using a big sheet of plastic. We add detergent to make it slippery and water. It's great fun and everyone gets bruises, but it's worth it for the fun! But I'm pretty sure. Mr P wasn't there for this one, pretty sure we can convince him to hold another day next week. After we finish on the slide, we jump into the pool to play with the pool noodles, boards and a ball. We also dive for pool toys. When Mr P turned up, I told him we had swum 90 lengths, maybe I should have said 40 cause I think he doesn't believe me.

Harold is the best! He told us a joke. He said, "Why did the motorbike say to the underwear? Bet I can do better skid marks than you!". "What is the difference between broccoli and bogies? Children don't eat broccoli!" Mrs. H had to block her ears and close her eyes for Harold's jokes just in case she got grossed out.

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Mackenzie College's Physical Education students braved the elements and completed the 10 km Hadlow to Harbour run in wet conditions. Mackenzie College successfully retained the school's trophy, which is open to any school in the area, including primary schools. The perfect birthday gift for our HOLA, PE & Health, Mrs Cassie!



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The Fairlie Kids Club has been so fortunate to have two of our favorite Crafty Nanas, Sarah and Anne, join us on Thursdays for our After School Programme.

These ladies have added a whole new element to our Thursday lineup - learning to sew! The young ladies in our club can't wait to enter their bags and bunting into the Easter Show.



What a blessing it is to have our more experienced community members come and impart their knowledge onto our youth. Thank you Anne and Sarah. The kids can't wait to see what you have to teach them next!

MACKENZIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Te Whare Pukapuka o Te Manahuna

Kirke St, Fairlie Ph: 03-685-8560



New Look Library

The library team has been working hard weeding out old non-fiction books that are no-longer required and making more room on the shelves. Kathy has been re-arranging shelving to make the non-fiction area more spacious, more accessible and provide more seating areas. It's looking lighter, brighter, and more inviting. Yes, you can find loads of stuff on the internet these days, but you can't beat a book for convenience and page-turning pleasure. Books don't need batteries and just try putting a bookmark in your phone to mark where you're up to!!! Come in and have a look at the new space – there's enough room to swing a herd of cats (this behaviour will be frowned on by library staff, however!!)

Kairo's Suicide Awareness Ride

Kairo's about to em'bark' on his South Island Motorbike Tour in his sidecar for *Suicide Awareness* and to raise funds for *I Am Hope Gumboot Friday*. Gary (Kairo's driver and owner) and Kairo are both members of the Taranaki R.A.T.S. (Riders Against Teen Suicide) and they are passionate to help teens in need. Kairo is also a Canine Friends Therapy Pet so he just loves meeting new people and, of course, getting pats. They will be calling into Fairlie on their way to Tekapo – watch the Fairlie Community page for their exact visit date and time. We might even be able to get Kairo to visit some of the local schools - watch this space...



Menopause Matters

We had a good first get-together last Thursday. Come along on **Thursday 9th March at 7 pm**, to our next meeting at the library, to share experiences, knowledge, support, laughter and tears. If you are struggling with menopause symptoms, want to know more about what happens during this important period of a woman's life (excuse the pun!) and receive/give support, then come along and meet some other wahine who may be feeling exactly the same as you, and may be able to offer advice, support and empathy. Ring Bron at the library if you would like to find out more.

Spinners & Weavers

The next meeting is on **Saturday 11th March** at the library from 10:30 – all welcome for a knit and a natter.



The Library Crew

MY GRANDMOTHER'S LIFE

Grandma, I want to know everything about you.

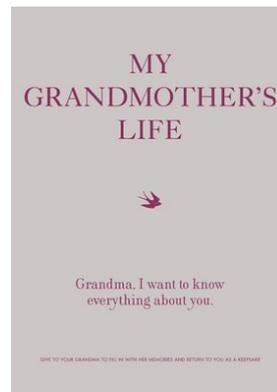
Published by Chartwell. \$18.99

It is ironic that among the most popular books in the shop, is a quartet of books that still needs to be written: *My Mother's Life*, *My Father's Life*, *My Grandmother's Life*, *My Grandfather's Life*. They are a set of guided journals with thought-provoking and light-hearted writing prompts and guided exercises to help a parent or grandparent record their life's memoir.

We often tell people that they should write their stories down – but where to begin? The prompts in this journal are a great start. The 200 guided exercises are organised into chapters based on the life stages: Early Childhood and Heritage, Childhood, Teenage Years, Young Adulthood, Adulthood, and the last chapter is called Wisdom (obviously!). One of the prompts in the Childhood chapter is: 'Describe some toys you had as a child. Which was your favourite.' Or in the Teenage Years chapter: 'Tell me about three people you personally knew who you admired as a teen.' In the Wisdom chapter it asks questions such as 'If you could pick one year as the best in your life, which would it be?' or 'What do you consider to be your greatest achievement so far and why?'

The questions are different in the various books, but they mostly encourage the writer to remember everyday things in life that paint as much a picture of the author as the stories usually told about work and adventures. It is a gift for a parent or grandparent to have an opportunity to preserve their life's memories and stories for future generations. It is also a great way for children and grandchildren to create a deeper connection with the people who came before them.

This keepsake journal is complemented with poignant quotes from famous authors and philosophers to inspire the writer and remind them of the importance of writing it all down.



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Our Community

Birthdays:

9 Mar Doreen Ennis
 13 Mar Kathryn Lett
 17 Mar Lain Hellmrich
 18 Mar Bruce Keys
 20 Mar Bridget McMurtrie

Celebration
 of *Life*

Wedding:

25 Feb Congratulations to
 Chrissy and Dallas who got
 married at Lake Hayes



Bereavements:

21 Feb Florence McConnell
 26 Feb Ezekiel (Zeke) Garner

St Patrick's Day Parfaits

How much fun do these look?
 And easy peasy!
 Use your imagination!

Luscious layers of whipped
 cream (coloured green, of
 course!) or lime jelly,
 chocolate pudding or
 mousse, vanilla ice cream,
 oreos or another choccy
 biscuit whizzed into crumbs
 and topped off with another
 layer of the green whipped cream and chocolate hail
 (or fondant 4 leaf clovers) and a gold coin (chocolate!).
 Depending on your tastes, a splash of liqueur (crème de
 menthe!) might go down a treat.



Happy St Paddy's Day!

The Kimbell Games Day Committee would like to,
 once again, thank everyone who supported this year's
 Kimbell Games Day on 2nd January.

Due to the fantastic success of the day, we have
 been able to donate \$500 to the Fairlie Fire Brigade,
 the Mackenzie Charitable
 Trust and the Mackenzie
 Toy Library.

Thanks! 



Fairlie Line Dance Social - November 2022
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Ken



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- Would you like to learn a skill that not many can do?
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- So why not give it a go, piping and drumming is not that hard! We offer free tuition.
- So why not give it a go, and bring a friend, it makes the journey more fun.

Contact Anne Irving 021 162 5470
 Peter Johnson 027 264 4755

St Paul's Church, Albury

On Sunday 12th March Bishop Michael Gielen, the Catholic Bishop of the



Christchurch Diocese, will celebrate the final Mass in St Paul's Church in Albury after 120 years as a community church and more recently as a satellite for the Fairlie and now the Mackenzie Catholic parish. The church was built in 1903 under the guidance of Fr. Le Petit, the Fairlie Parish Priest of the time. Prior to this date the community had relied on masses at the Opawa Station hosted by the Sheath family. Local tradition has it that the limestone for St Paul's as well as for the nearby Presbyterian church was brought by local residents using horse and cart from an outcrop in Albury Park.

The church stands on just over a hectare of land and there is also a small cottage on the property which was built shortly after the church, where the priest would stay overnight before saying 9 o'clock mass and then returning to Fairlie for the 11 am service. As is common with many such churches in small rural communities, the congregation was strongly centred around a key group of local families and the same familiar names feature regularly in the history of the church.

One quirky entry in the Parish minutes from September 1944 notes that a fine of 10 shillings was to be levied against anyone failing to attend Parish working bees. There is no evidence that previous support of these events had been poor but it is noticeable that there is no report of anyone having to pay the fine in the years which followed!

In recent years St Paul's has only been able to have Mass once a month but now that the local Catholic community has gradually dwindled as people have left the district – again a common story in small rural communities – combined with the ease for most of travelling to Fairlie, the costs of the retention of the church as a place of worship heavily outweigh the advantages.

It will be with great sadness that the community says farewell to this building as a serving church, especially those with direct and long standing association with it as a spiritual home but we hope that the future owners of the property are inspired to maintain and enhance its many special features.

Any member of the area community is very welcome to join us at St Paul's at 11 am on Sunday March 12th and there will also be an opportunity to gather and reminisce at the equally historic Albury Hotel after the Mass.

There will be a charge of \$10 per head at the Tavern to cover lunch and refreshments. Those wishing to attend Mass and/or lunch, phone Rita Gallen on 03 685 5704.

Worker accommodation shortage hampering economic recovery

A critical shortage of worker accommodation in the Mackenzie District is hampering economic recovery post COVID-19 and impacting visitors experiences in the region, Waitaki MP Jacqui Dean says.

"Business owners and managers in Lake Tekapo/Takapō have reached out to me to share their frustration at this ongoing issue which is getting worse as more property owners prioritise short-term holiday letting over long-term leases. After a tough couple years with the COVID-19 border closure, visitors are now coming back in good numbers, but businesses can't meet demand because they're short-staffed.

"There are people with families who want to work and live in Tekapo and Twizel. The jobs are there but there's not enough homes to house them.

"The housing shortage is not a new issue. The business community, council and members of the wider community have worked collaboratively over several years to find long-term solutions, but the reality is that these problems take time to resolve. A temporary fix is needed now if we want businesses to operate at full capacity and contribute to the region's post-covid economic recovery.

"I've contacted several government ministers in the hope that we can work together to explore options to utilise crown land in the Mackenzie District as a temporary measure until there's sufficient housing stock to cater for the workers needed.

"Hospitality businesses I've spoken with want to be part of the solution. They already transport staff to and from accommodation in Fairlie but it's simply not enough. They are ideally placed to manage a temporary solution using facilities on crown land if the Government allows it.

"Visitors are here with money to spend. It's an opportunity wasted if businesses can't accommodate the staff they desperately need and provide the service and experience those visitors expect."



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Our Community

Foraging in the Mackenzie *Jackie Phillips & Peter Langlands*

On Saturday 11th February, ten local people took part in a three-hour foraging tour around the Fairlie township with wild food educators Peter Langlands and Jackie Phillips. A diverse variety of fruit, nuts, seeds, wild greens and edible flowers and mushrooms were identified. Everyone enjoyed the last half hour sampling some wild foods Jackie had prepared, including sumac, rose petal and rhubarb soda, wild seed and foraged walnut lavosh crackers, wakame and fennel seed crisps, chickweed and cannellini bean hummus, and a special snowberry, mountain tōtara berry and roasted local hazelnut rocky road. There is interest in a seaweed and shellfish foraging tour which we could organise for April and take a community van to Kakanui/Moeraki for the day. Depending on numbers, price would be approximately \$120 per person which would include travel and a foraged picnic lunch.

Email wildcuisinez@gmail.com to register your interest.



Whilst on the Fairlie foraging tour, it was exciting to locate the first i-Naturalist record of the native Tawaka mushroom (*Cyclocybe parasitica*) in the Mackenzie region. This observation has since been verified by a qualified mycologist. Keep an eye out on old and dying hoheria (lacebark) or poplar trees for large brown mushrooms with a white veil or veil remnant, brown gills and brown spore print. This is a top-eating mushroom and is versatile as mushroom mince, pickled mushrooms, mushroom burger patties or mushroom steaks. It has a very meaty texture and a rich umami flavour.

Native berries are prolific in the Mackenzie right now. Look out for earthy-tasting *Coprosma* berries, all of which are edible, low-growing 'turkish delight' snowberries (*Gaultheria* spp.) and gin-flavoured tōtara (*Podocarpus* spp.) berries.



Always make sure you only take a handful and leave enough for the birds and nature. Introduced blackberries are starting to ripen too, but be aware of where brambles may have been sprayed before foraging. You will also find sweet, sun-ripened gooseberries near high country rivers and lakes. Look out for matagouri as wild gooseberries seem to like growing alongside or even in the middle.



Purslane (*Portulaca oleracea*) is popping up everywhere in Fairlie right now. Purslane is the only plant to contain high levels of omega-3 oils, usually found in fish, seeds and nuts.

Cont ...

The Season that was ...

Monthly weather readings recorded in Kimbell for summer 2022/2023 (last summer in brackets)

December 2022

Highest Maximum Temp.	32.5°C	(29.5°C)
Lowest Maximum Temp.	12.5°C	(9.5°C)
Highest Minimum Temp.	15.0°C	(14.5°C)
Lowest Minimum Temp.	6.0°C	(4.5°C)
Total Rainfall	94.5mm	(119.2mm)
No. days with Rain	13	(13)
No. days with max over 30°C	1	(0)
No. frosts	0	(0)

January 2023

Highest Maximum Temp.	29.5°C	(30.5°C)
Lowest Maximum Temp.	14.0°C	(14.0°C)
Highest Minimum Temp.	15.5°C	(15.5°C)
Lowest Minimum Temp.	7.0°C	(5.5°C)
Total Rainfall	106.6mm	(64.3mm)
No. days with Rain	8	(9)
No. days with max over 30°C	0	(2)
No. frosts	0	(0)

February 2023

Highest Maximum Temp.	34.5°C	(31.2°C)
Lowest Maximum Temp.	10.2°C	(11.2°C)
Highest Minimum Temp.	18.0°C	(16.0°C)
Lowest Minimum Temp.	1.8°C	(2.8°C)
Total rainfall	67.8mm	(159.5mm)
No. days with rain	7	(12)
No. days with max over 30°C	7	(3)
No. frosts	1	(0)

After a rather slow start, our recent summer turned out to be pretty good. February was the most interesting month, meteorologically speaking, with seven days reaching over 30°C as well as thunderstorms with hail and even a frost thrown in for a bit of variety. Throughout the season it was certainly noticeable that when it rained, it poured! This was due to the continuing La Nina climate event, allowing airstreams to move down across New Zealand from the Tropics. Fingers crossed that the La Nina event will begin to weaken in the following weeks so that our friends in north eastern parts of the North Island can have a break from all the rain. I hope you can enjoy some autumn colours in the following months and get to appreciate how lucky we are to live in this neck of the woods.

Geoff Hooker, Mt Dobson Motel

It also contains high levels of beta-carotene, vitamins A+C+E, calcium, potassium, iron and magnesium, not to mention antioxidants! A true superfood that tastes really nice (like baby peas to me) and has a crunchy texture. Excellent for heart health, why would you not eat this weed? With its red stem & fleshy leaves, it makes a pretty garnish too. *Ngā mihi mahana and happy foraging.*

Our Community

Fairlie Community Board Report

At the end of 2022, the Fairlie Community Board members were sworn in as they began their three year term advocating and representing the Opuha Ward locals.

Our chair is Angela Habraken, deputy chair Damon Smith and members Kieran Guiney and Holly Lane, with Councillor Murray Cox as our Council representative.

We had our first meeting of 2023 on 9th February at the Council Chambers. These meetings are open for the public to attend, which we encourage you to do to - either to have your say on a matter or just to listen to what's happening in our small but dynamic town!

You can find the Agenda on the MDC website which outlines what will be covered in the meeting, such as current projects or allocation of grants to individuals or groups. We now have a Facebook group set up too which we aim to use as a platform for sharing project updates or meeting notifications, check us out at Fairlie Community Board on Facebook.

If you however, have an issue that is managed by the council, please get in contact with them. Their website has a tab titled "Let's Talk " which we recommend you to use, this feedback can help to inform and influence decisions Council makes.

We are stoked to hear about the positive responses from the Dog Park, what a fantastic asset! We will be looking at adding additional bits to the park as funding allows, such as agility objects, so please get in touch with any suggestions and there will also be a Let's Talk platform to record your ideas soon.

We have also had positive response from the warmer pool temperature this year, averaging at 27 degrees and also the addition of the accessibility stairs making the pool more convenient to a wider range of people.

Current projects that we are working alongside and supporting include:

- New public toilets
- Town centre and Village Green enhancements e.g. shade shelter and seating near playground on the Village Green, additional waste bins in town centre, shade sails for playground area
- New campervan waste water site, investigation into site at end of Talbot Road
- Cemetery Memorial Wall and landscaping
- Lighting projects e.g. upgrade outside community centre and MDC, Cenotaph
- Fairlie Parking Strategy
- Interpretation panels for walkway between Denmark Street and Mt Cook Road
- Re-naming of Mackenzie Community Centre Lounge



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MDC is currently progressing their District Plan Review, with the process of commencing public engagement. They will be holding drop in sessions for the public to attend and have their say on topics such as earthworks, sub-division, natural hazards, rural lifestyle, natural features and landscapes, rural and public access and areas of significance to Māori. You will find dates and locations on these sessions on the MDC website and Fairlie Accessible, however the sessions that are in Fairlie in the Mackenzie Community Centre Lounge will be held on 18th March 2.30-4.30 pm and 21st March 6.30-8.00 pm. There will also be sessions at the Albury Hall 28th March 6.30-8.00 pm and Kimbell Hotel 29th March 6.30-8 pm. Our next meeting will be held on the 30th March 4.30-6.00 pm at the Council Chambers.

Our Golden Years

Creating Telephone Support

Have you considered offering to give someone a call each day just to check on how they are? Have you considered requesting a call each day from someone nearby, just checking on you? If you are interested in either service then contact me – Anne T 027 285 8824 and chat about it. I would make sure to marry people up so that both parties are happy with this way of keeping in contact with your community!

Heaps on in Fairlie but nothing to move you from the TV?

Thing is, that if we don't know what you might like to do or go along to, then we don't know. A couple of activities that might tickle your fancy are:

Fairlie Forum, formerly Probus – second Monday of the Month – contact Anne Mitchell

Stay Stronger for Longer with Erin Thomson is 10 am on a Thursday in St Columba.

Both are social and friendly events!

Quiz Afternoons

In an attempt to get people together, we are trialling a **Quiz Afternoon** on a Thursday afternoon, once a month. The first will be on the afternoon of Thursday 23rd from 1.30 pm. There will be a guest quizmaster and the afternoon promises to be lots of fun! Teams of 3 and open to all ages. If you haven't got a team, just come along and we will sort that for you. St Columba Hall – with the heatpump on!

Planned Activities

- 17th March 10.15 am St Patrick's Day Morning Tea with entertainment and food
- 22nd March 10 am Cook up in St Columba – containers of meals to freeze for the older folk
- 23rd March 1.30 pm Quiz in St Columba – teams of 3 All welcome – afternoon tea to follow
- 30th March 1.30 pm Movie - title to be advised In St Pat's or at Anne's place
7 pm Repeat screening of the first session of old photos of Fairlie - open to entire community
- 5th April 9 am Thru the Haka and via Waitaki Lakes to Omarama for lunch and home
- 19th April 9.15 am Operatunity in Timaru
- 19th May Safer Driving with Chris Thomas - Manager of Age Concern SC

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Timaru Wednesday 19th April 2023

Book your seat in the van at Heartlands and get in quick - these shows are amazing and becoming very popular!



Pictured at last week's Operatunity "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" are Bev Smith, Lois Campbell, Glen Murdoch, Alma Wright, Karen Lanchester, Bronwen Buick, Anne Mitchell and Marie Crampton (absent from pic Alice Green and Anne Thomson)

COME SING WITH ME!

Singing at St Columba Church - war time favourites, folk songs, blues, country and western and more!

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Fairlie



Lisa North - 685 8496
community.development@fairlienz.org

If you want the low down on what to do in the garden, it's always best to ask a local. I asked Alan Braddick what he was up to in the garden during the month of March. Alan is planting broccoli and cauliflower and he has a warm spot (a cloche is an alternative) in his veggie patch that he plants lettuce and radish.

Wondering what do put in after you have harvested your bountiful crops this autumn? Alan suggests a green crop such as lupin or barley and allow to grow to 150–200 mm then turn over or chop and dig in. Mustard seed is also good and deters wire weed. Preparing for winter is the main chore, add compost and manures – you can never add too much! This will be matured by springtime and ready to plant into.

If you have a problem with the white butterflies on your brassicas, a pyrethrum spray on dry underside of leaves stops the larvae and has a one day with-holding period. Or, alternatively derris dust is best applied in the morning when the leaves have dew on them.

Thank you Alan, for your tips and wonderful stories. (I can't tell you any of those as they may be incriminating!)



MISSING FROM HEARTLANDS...

- 4 x white 'Lifetime' fold-up tables
- 1 x 10 litre stainless steel urn

May have been borrowed for a function and they are lonely in a shed somewhere, forgotten about? Please check your shed/garage/hall and let us know if you have them and we will pick up and all will be forgiven!

the Garden Buzz



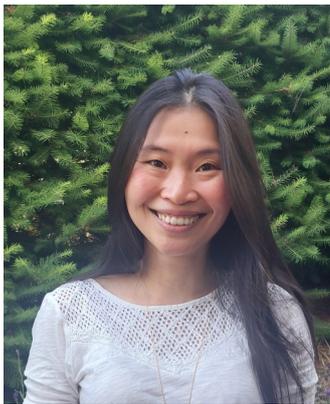
Albury Garden Club

Our Garden Club meet every 2nd Monday of the month from October to April. During the winter months we will often meet for lunch together. Each monthly garden visit is organised by a committee member and is usually within the SC area although there are some exceptions such as our first visit this season was to Margaret Long's garden 'Frensham' in Tai Tapu – a garden of national significance. Margaret greeted us and shared her story of establishing her beautiful country garden 30 years ago which flowed in a sequence of well thought-out spaces, large plant collections and her attention to detail. While we have visited there before we never cease to be amazed by the energy Margaret has for her garden. It looked a real picture with all the rhododendrons in flower and the roses about to burst. This was followed by a visit to Cedar Park Gardens - a magnificent award winning garden encompassing 1.5 acres of manicured lawns and park-like gardens in a secluded setting in Rolleston. We wandered amongst the trees/perennials/shrubs/native bush area/a pond/musterers hut and amazing vegetable garden. Certainly an inspiring garden and one we all decided we would love to revisit. We have also visited gardens in Pleasant Point, Waimate and Fairlie so far this season. It is not only the garden we are treated to but often the home also. We were so lucky to visit Gaye Claridge's beautiful historic home at Sutherlands on our Pleasant Point visit and to a newly built award-winning home belonging to Helen and Mark in Waimate over-looking their sunken garden. Our most recent was to Lisa North's amazing homestead 'Nga Punawai' in Fairlie that she and Nick have worked so hard to restore. Lisa told us about the history as we walked through their two storeyed home which now incorporates the old with the new. We also enjoyed visiting Lyndsay and Jan as they both shared their immaculate, extensive country gardens.

We look forward to two farm gardens in Totara Valley next month followed by our AGM in April tba. We have a great group of ladies who belong to the Albury Garden Club. We all enjoy the company and fellowship the group brings as we all have a common interest in gardening and of course Albury!! The Group welcomes new members - contact Di Anderson - President.



Meeting people in our community ...



Meet Huili. She has a beautiful smile and a beautiful personality to match. Lake Tekapo has been her home for almost 10 years.

Where were you born and tell us about your childhood?

I was born in Malaysia. I lived with my Mum and Dad and my three older brothers

in a very small town called Langkap (population 1500). Langkap is surrounded by mountains and has a lot of natural resources, including spring water - in fact, the local water is famous for making wonderful tea. My parents were both primary school principals and were very busy with their work. The saying 'it takes a village to raise a child' was very true for me and my brothers. We had a lot of freedom growing up amongst nature with my grandparents, who grew herbs and plants. From a young age I learnt a lot about the magic of plants and how they can be used to heal people. I was a shy child and books were my first friends. We had a big library at home and I regularly went to both school libraries. I still love to read today - I enjoy a wide range of books.

What did you learn, growing up in such a multicultural community?

I learnt so much - Malaysia is a unique multiracial country with a rich cultural heritage. People there strongly believe in respecting each other's culture and religion. I speak seven languages, including some of the dialects - this helps me to connect with people from diverse backgrounds, understand different cultures and respect that everyone has different roots. It's a blessing to be multilingual - somehow it helps me to be a better listener. With this background, it led me on a journey to further my studies in Literature, Philosophy and Ancient Languages, when I was at University.

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Lake Tekapo

Julie McDonald

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In February, I had the pleasure of catching up with two friends when they were in Lake Tekapo overnight with the Central South Island Charity Bike Ride group. My friend Justine Simōn has completed the ride seven times and my friend Paul Braddick has finished the ride an impressive 17 times.

The combined effort of group members fundraising, has resulted in over 2 million dollars donated to South Canterbury organisations since the inaugural ride in 2005. What an inspiration the organisers and the riders are! Congratulations to everyone involved - and we look forward to welcoming you all back to our community for the 20th anniversary ride next year.

Please tell us why you came to New Zealand?

After I graduated from university, my friend suggested we go on an adventure to New Zealand. I applied for a working holiday visa, worked in Singapore for 1 year to save enough money to travel, then flew to NZ. It was a life-changing decision!

Where do you work?

Back in Malaysia I worked for a while as a News Broadcaster and did some voice over jobs, and I grew to be confident at public speaking. With my knowledge of languages, I had the opportunity to grow my passion for astronomy and nature when I started working at Earth and Sky (now Dark Sky Project) as an Astronomy Guide. I am now the Team Leader. It is a powerful reflection to teach and share with people, to see our world as a whole community. It's not about individuals - it's about WE - WE are all lucky to be residents on this pale blue dot called Earth.

What do you love about living in Lake Tekapo?

The nature, the dark sky reserve, the simplicity of life, but mostly the people - The locals, the talented people from all around the world who I have met here. I am lucky to call myself a New Zealand Resident now. This is my home. I'm feeling very anxious though, as the house that I have been renting for the past 5 years is about to be sold. I've had friends who love living here but have had to leave as they cannot find anywhere to live. I would be absolutely heartbroken if I couldn't find another place to stay and had to leave my community and my home.

Is there anyone out there who would be so kind to help me find another place to live? - I would be eternally grateful. Terima Kasih. (Thanks in Malay - whenever we give, we are receiving love and kindness, it flows from both sides at the same time). Phone 027 701 3492.

Aroha nui

Our Wider District

Astronomy and astrotourism course coming to Tekapo in May

Figure: Astrotourists at Mt John. Photo: Fraser Gunn

A general astronomy and astrotourism course for the public or for astrotourism night-sky guides is coming to Lake Tekapo in May. The dates will be the afternoon of Friday May 26 to 5 pm on Sunday May 28.

The course is being offered by the Aotearoa Astrotourism Academy (AAA), a non-profit organization founded in 2021 by Professor John Hearnshaw, Emeritus Professor of Astronomy at Canterbury University, and Nalayini Davies, who is President of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand. The AAA website at <https://aaanz.org> gives more details and accepts on-line registrations.

AAA gives immersive courses over 2½ days for anyone who wants to be inspired by the beauty of the night sky and wants to learn more about the stars and how to observe them using binoculars or a small telescope.

The course offers an intensive programme of talks and practical workshops, including night-time observing, and will have eight instructors from New Zealand's most knowledgeable astronomy and astrotourism experts. Practical advice on astrophotography and on Maori astronomy and Matariki will be part of the AAA course.

AAA is very grateful to the Dark Sky Project, which is supporting the course by providing the venue in Lake Tekapo and observing facilities at nearby Cowans Hill, and to the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve for sponsorship.

More details on-line registrations are at <https://aaanz.org>; enquiries to info@aaanz.org.

John Hearnshaw

Emeritus Professor of Astronomy, University of Canterbury



*"May the lilt of Irish laughter
lighten every load."*

Weather puts on a Show for the New Reserve Opening!



The sun smiled down on us to deliver a stunning Sunday afternoon for the recent opening of the new reserve in D'Archiac Drive. The opening was officiated by Tekapo Community Board Chair, Steve Howes with support from Lake Tekapo School, the Mayor, council staff and Arowhenua Chair - Fiona Pimm and Te Wera King, Upoko for Arowhenua. Lions served up a great bbq, Mr Whippy had plenty of ice cream to buy and the kids enjoyed the bouncy castle. Parents and children participated in a game of social cricket. It was great to see the community come together to enjoy the reserve's facilities which includes a lovely open area for kids sports, a drinking fountain, electric bbq and picnic tables. The chosen name for the reserve (Maukatua) was proposed by Elijah Wilson, a student of Lake Tekapo



Thanks George - the annual Tekapo sheep sales were held on 23 February. 4,500 sheep is a bit different to the earlier years when 30+ thousand would be for sale, on farm sales have taken their toll. A cool day with some snow along the tops, but it would have been more comfortable for the sheep rather than a 30-degree day of late.

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Refocusing our Wilding Pine Volunteer Days

Wilding pine infestations in the Mackenzie Basin are persistent, fast growing, and pose an increasingly significant threat to many aspects of living in and enjoying the Mackenzie Basin. Over the past 18 months Wilding Free Mackenzie has delivered 9 community volunteer days occurring at a range of locations across the Mackenzie Basin, each chosen to highlight the many negative effects of wilding pines, including impacts on productive farmland, water yields, landscape values, recreation, tourism, community fire safety, and biodiversity.

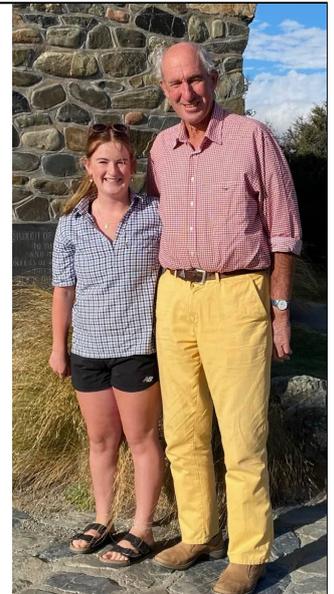
Arguably the most devastating impact of wilding pine spread in the Mackenzie Basin is the potential for irreversible damage to native biodiversity and healthy functioning ecosystems. The Mackenzie Basin supports the highest density and area of naturally rare ecosystems of any region in New Zealand of a similar size. The remaining native ecosystems, all on low lying glacial landforms are almost entirely comprised of six naturally rare ecosystems including braided rivers, moraines, ephemeral wetlands, inland sand dunes, leached terraces and outwash gravels. These ecosystems are all "Threatened Naturally Uncommon Ecosystems" with threat statuses ranging from Vulnerable to Critically Endangered. They are internationally distinctive, and they support at least 6 percent (68 species) of New Zealand's nationally threatened and at-risk plant species, threatened endemic birds (like Kākī /black stilt and Ngūtuparore/wrybill), reptiles, invertebrates, and freshwater fish. Preventing wilding pine infestations from taking over these ecosystems is essential for maintaining their health, and avoiding the loss of these ecosystems and extinction of many of the species that live within them. In 2003, because of this potential impact, a DOC scientific report noted that wilding conifer control was the most important conservation programme within the Twizel Area.

Healthy ecosystems also provide many services, or benefits, to people such as food and fresh water, regulation of air quality and climate, maintenance of healthy soils, opportunities for recreation and a sense of belonging. These are the values we will be protecting with our wilding pine volunteer days from autumn 2023 onwards.



Jennifer Murray Tertiary Scholarship 2023

Jim Murray presented Pippa Russek with the Jennifer Murray Tertiary Scholarship for 2023. The Jennifer Murray Trust wish Pippa all the very best for her studies towards her degree in Veterinary Nursing.



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We will be focusing on a handful of sites with high ecological value across the Mackenzie Basin, returning regularly to ensure they remain as free as possible from wilding pine infestation. We will also be extending our volunteer sessions by starting slightly earlier (9am instead of 10am) and finishing slightly later (approximately 2.30 pm instead of 12:30). A BBQ lunch will still be provided at each event so those who can only stay for the morning don't miss out!

The next volunteer days will be at the Ben Dhu Scientific Reserve (Ben Dhu Station, Quailburn Rd, Omarama) on Saturday 11 & 18 March, and Ohau Downs Conservation Area (Public Conservation Land, Lake Ohau Rd) on Saturday 15 & 29 April. Volunteers should wear sturdy, covered footwear, long trousers or gaiters, and a sun hat. Bring a raincoat, some warm layers, a drink bottle, and snacks in a backpack. All cutting equipment and protective gear will be provided.

If this sounds like you, or you know someone else who might be interested, visit the Wilding Free Mackenzie website www.mackenziewildingtrust.org or follow our Facebook or Instagram pages to stay up to date with all the latest news and event information. We look forward to seeing you soon and working together to maintain a wilding-free Mackenzie.

Haeleigh Turner

Community Coordinator

Wilding Free Mackenzie

coordinator@mackenziewildingtrust.org

Emergency Services

Are you ready for an Emergency?

Recently a Civil Defence training workshop was held in Fairlie with over 50 people attending from FENZ, Police, St John, Fairlie Lions, Fairlie Community welfare/civil defence response group, St Joseph Primary School, Fairlie Primary School, Mackenzie College, Community Heartlands Centre, Waimate District Council Civil Defence, Fulton Hogan, Mackenzie District Mayor and Counsellors, Mackenzie District Council staff.

This was the third in a series of workshops which have been held across the district.

Emergency Management Office Joe Rush described a potential scenario to everyone who then split into groups to work out how they would tackle the situation.

In the scenario a truck carrying liquid acetone in steel drums crashed into a 40-seater passenger bus at the intersection of Allandale Road and Mt Cook Road. There were multiple injuries and members of the public started to suffer symptoms relating to the chemical spill.

The three groups (which contained representatives from each agency and community group) had to identify who would be the lead agency in this scenario and work out what they would do, using their immediate local resources. Some of the things to consider were: how to evacuate people from the area, where to close roads, how to safely start dealing with the injured, what extra resources would be needed (and how to get them), and how to stay safe themselves in a dangerous situation.

They were also asked to plot a timeline showing the availability of the resources that were needed and attending.

Joe Rush was thrilled at the participation and support from the community response agencies and groups. "I'm impressed at the way everyone collaborated to solve problems in this complex situation. It shows how powerful a community response can be in a time of crisis.

Previous workshops were held in Twizel/Aoraki Mt Cook (dealing with a localised flooding and avalanche event) and Lake Tekapo (where groups dealt with a wildfire on the Godley Peaks Road.



Fairlie Accessible Issue 23-05

FENZ - Fairlie Brigade

One week we have 34°C and the next week there is a good coating of snow on the hills. Perhaps it's a sign to get the firewood in the shed or check that it's dry enough to put away. Think about getting that chimney cleaned and check the birds have not made a home in it



The Brigade has attend a scrub fire and an alarm activation in the last week. This week the pump operators in the brigade will get training on a newer appliance, as we may get our aging PRT replaced some time soon. The appliance we may get is a lot different as they have a separate motor to drive the pump and this motor is at the rear of the appliance.

Brigade members are busy working on fundraising for a Ute for the Brigade. Sorry the Bank Account No was incorrect in the last issue ...

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Public Notices

Mackenzie Community Church

Dan Yeazel was born and raised in Madison, Wisconsin. He was baptized in the Lutheran Church but grew up in the Presbyterian Church. He has two older brothers, an older sister and a younger brother. In 1982, while in high school, Dan spent a year as an exchange student to New Zealand. He has loved traveling ever since.



After being ordained in 1995, he has served large and small congregations as an installed minister. In more recent years, he served as a supply pastor and interim pastor for a number of Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. Since coming to New Zealand three years ago, Dan has served as Stated Supply for congregations in Masterton, New Plymouth, Hurunui, and now Mackenzie.

Dan's wife, Monica, is a pharmacist (currently not practicing in New Zealand), their daughter Sarah recently returned from serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa and their son Adam is studying in Washington DC. Dan enjoys biking, kayaking, snorkeling, and travel. He has a reputation for baking good pies and making bad puns.

Dan and Monica are in residence at the Vicarage Kirke Street the week prior to the 2nd Sunday and the week prior to the 4th Sunday of each month.

MACKENZIE COMMUNITY CHURCH

St Columba 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month a service at 10 am and The Church of the Good Shepherd each Sunday at 4 pm

Contact Details
 Stephen Adams – 03 685 8056
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Mackenzie Catholic Parish

Twizel - Sunday Vigil Mass - 6 pm every Saturday

Fairlie - Sunday Mass - 9.30 am every Sunday and Daily Mass 9.15 am Tuesday-Friday

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FAIRLIE

Date: Wednesday 15 March 2023
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Venue: McKenzie Community Centre Lounge, Main St

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Date: Monday 20 March 2023
Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm
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Date: Wednesday 22 March 2023
Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Venue: Knox Church, 58 Shearman St

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Register attendance and meeting location

COGS is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs



At the Public Meeting you can:

- Provide feedback around local needs and priorities for the funding committee to consider, when allocating funds.
- hear a report from the LDC Chair on the 2022/23 funding decisions
- network and share information with other community organisations

COGS National Priorities

- Actively encouraging participation in communities
- Promoting community leadership
- Promoting social, economic, and cultural equity with regard to, but not limited to Māori, women, Pacific communities, other ethnic communities, older people, the rurally isolated, people with disabilities, families, youth and children and unemployed people
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Mackenzie District Plan Review Stage Three set to begin



About the Review

Mackenzie District Council is updating the Mackenzie District Plan to ensure the district can grow in a sustainable way, while protecting the things that make the place so special.

The Mackenzie District Plan largely became operative in 2004, and many elements are well out of date and do not meet our statutory requirements under the Resource Management Act 1991. This means Council is required by law to meet certain obligations.

The Mackenzie District Plan Review is continuing to progress. Stage Three of the Review is just about to begin, which covers the rural parts of the district including the following topics:

- Eastern Mackenzie Rural and Natural Environment
- Western Mackenzie Rural and Natural Environment
- Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori
- Subdivision, Earthworks and Transport
- Rural Lifestyle Zone
- Hazards and Risks
- Energy and Infrastructure
- Potential New Industrial Area in Twizel

More information about each of these issues is available online at letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz/dpr-stage-three

Stage Three

MDC is just about to kick off community consultation on Stage Three. As part of this we will be launching a survey which seeks to understand what people think about the above topics.

We'll be using the feedback we receive to help develop the preferred options before presenting them to council. This survey will be live online and available in hard copy at council offices from 13 March – 14 April.

We are also holding community open days throughout March. These are an opportunity for you to meet with the project team to discuss the District Plan Review and the issues being covered in Stage Three. The dates for the open days are available online.

More information is available online at letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz/dpr-stage-three or by scanning the QR code.

It's important to note that all this consultation is happening before we formally notify any plan change and no decisions have been made yet.

Once the plan has been formally notified a formal consultative process begins, so there are plenty of opportunities to have your say through this process.



Albury Water Scheme AGM

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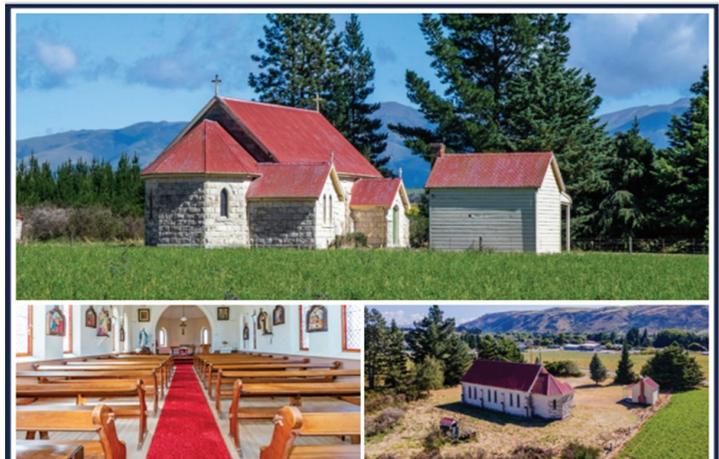
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Community Events Calendar - Tourism

Shops & Trades - Fairlie Accessible

Trades & Services Directory

Facebook

Fairlie Community

Fairlie Buy, Sell & Recycle

Fairlie Food Bank

Non-perishable or freezable food donations are welcome. Open from 2-3 pm every 2nd Friday
Enquiries - Heartlands 685 8496

Adult Literacy Support

One on one confidential learning - internet banking, laptop/ipad skills, setting up and using a mobile phone, learner licence theory, assistance filling in forms and training/course support.

Mary McCambridge 03 614 3373 or 027 315 5427

Mackenzie Community Development

Fairlie - Lisa North

Email: community.development@fairlienz.org

Tekapo - Julie McDonald

Email: mackenziecommunitytekapo@gmail.com

Facebook - Mackenzie Community Development

Stay Stronger for Longer - Erin Thomson

Thursdays, St Columba Hall \$3

10-11 am

The Fairlie Accessible

32 page community newspaper published fortnightly

Janine Walker - Email: accessible@fairlienz.org

Facebook - Fairlie Accessible

Fairlie Community Vehicle Trust

Three 12-seater Vans (trailer) and Community Car Hire

Heartlands Fairlie Resource Centre 685 8496

Government Links

[Inland Revenue - Te Tari Taake \(ird.govt.nz\)](http://ird.govt.nz)

[Work and Income \(workandincome.govt.nz\)](http://workandincome.govt.nz)

[The Department of Internal Affairs Te Tari Taiwhenua - dia.govt.nz](http://dia.govt.nz)

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY VEHICLE TRUST

HIRE A VAN

For all bookings please phone
Monday-Friday 10 am-4.00 pm

Heartlands 685 8496



Enhancing the Ōpihi Walkway

We're teaming up with the Fairlie Lions Club to beautify a popular walk and bike trail along the Ōpihi River track. Regeneration project supervisor Dani Devine is excited to be working with Fairlie Lions Club and Project Manager Lisa North to support 1,000 plants to be installed along the trail.

"The Lions Club is doing a lot of great work up there. They do a lot of plants along the river and we're trying to add on to those when we pick our project sites to help them out as well," Dani said.

As part of our wider berm transition project, 11,000 native plants, including miki, tī kouka, and kānuka are earmarked to be planted along the berm of the Ōpihi River this year, adding to the 25,600 that were installed in 2022.

Fairlie is located in a damp part of the Ōpihi River where plants thrive. Over 1500 mature phase trees will be planted among existing stands of traditional flood and erosion protection poles as we trial a move towards native flood protection stands.

Poplar and willow are commonly used for flood protection because they grow quickly and create deep root systems, whereas native trees are slow growing and take longer to establish roots.

Dani explained, "we use mature phase trees for the native plants like matai and tōtara that grow to be large trees. They take a long time to grow but they'll be big and secure on the ground and help stop erosion, the way the exotic flood protection trees do.

"They're a lot harder to get a hold of because they're so slow growing. Our contractors source them from local nurseries so they're eco-sourced to the areas that they're supposed to be in.



"Hopefully we can work towards using native flood protection in the future."



FAIRLIE - ALBURY - CAVE - LAKE TEKAPO

What's Happening

Share your event - accessible@fairlienz.org

March

- 9 Menopause Matters Mackenzie Library 7 pm
- 9/11 JAB registrations for 2023
- 10 Poetry Readings St Columba Hall 10.15 am
- 11 **Wilding Pine Volunteer Day Ben Dhu Station**
- 11 **Saturday Second Hand Market Heartlands 9 am**
- 11 **Spinners & Weavers Mackenzie Library from 10.30 am**
- 11 **Multicultural Aoraki Festival Timaru 11 am – 3 pm**
- 11 **Tekapo Power Scheme Community Open Day**
- 11 **Rams v Ashburton Celtic at Strathconan Park**
- 13 Forum AGM Mackenzie Community Centre 10 am
- 13 Mackenzie Squash Club AGM Squash Clubrooms 8 pm
- 13 Albury Water Scheme AGM Albury Hall 7.30 pm
- 14 Online Safety Presentation Primary School 2 pm & 6 pm
- 15 Albury Afternoon Tea Albury Hall 1.30–3.30 pm
- 15 Cogs Grants Scheme Mtg Mac Comm Centre 5.30 pm
- 17 St Patrick's Day St Columba Hall 10.15 am
- 18 **Wilding Pine Volunteer Day Ben Dhu Station**
- 18 **Saturday Second Hand Market Heartlands 9 am**
- 18 **Rams v Kurow at Strathconan Park**
- 18 **MDC District Plan Review Mack Comm Centre 2.30 pm**
- 18/19 **2023 Fairlie 500**
- 19/20 **Mt Nessing Dog Trials**
- 21 Mackenzie Junior Netball AGM Heartlands 7 pm
- 21 MDC District Plan Review Mack Comm Centre 6.30 pm



Ben has some very exciting news to share!!!

"Today, I confirmed a new lease for Blank Space! I am so thrilled to be shifting into this space, the store will be so much bigger to display all our wonderful brands with even a few newbies in the works! The store will be open in early May and with the launch of our new in-house label Twelve. Our current store will be open right up until the grand re-opening! I cannot wait to show you all, it's going to be a busy 9 weeks!"

Next Closing Date - Friday 17 March 2023

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