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Embracing Fun, Scenery and Community: A Memorable Half Marathon Experience

The recent Mackenzie Half Marathon in Fairlie left participants and locals with unforgettable memories. The well-organized event and vibrant atmosphere received abundant praise, igniting excitement for its return next year.

Central to the event's success was the remarkable course, offering a perfect balance of challenge and scenic beauty. Runners were captivated by the breathtaking local landscapes, making it a favourite among returning participants.

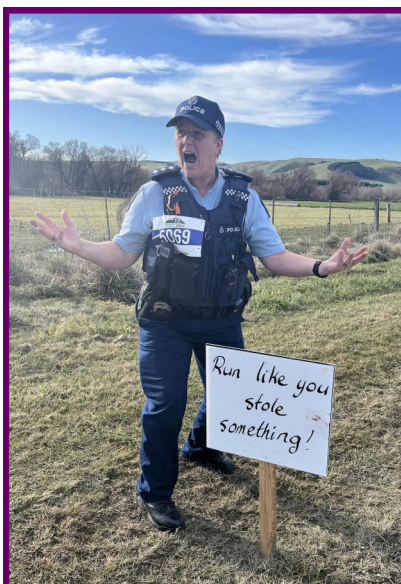
What truly distinguished this event was the overwhelming sense of community participation. The warm hospitality of Fairlie's residents and their pride in hosting the event created a friendly and welcoming ambiance. Runners appreciated the kind-hearted encouragement they received along the way, making their experience even more rewarding.

Details, big and small, played a vital role in enhancing the event's appeal. From the interesting terrain to delightful surprises like fruit cake, shortbread, and whiskey stations, every aspect was thoughtfully designed to ensure an unforgettable experience for every participant.

The family-friendly approach garnered immense popularity among participants and spectators alike. Children revelled in the 2.5km option, eagerly exploring lolly stations and displaying their hard-earned medals, fostering a love for running from an early age.

The Mackenzie Half Marathon, hosted by the Fairlie Lions, epitomizes the spirit of community. Not only does it bring together locals, sponsors, and participants, but it also serves as a vital fundraiser for the Fairlie Lions, supporting various charitable causes and initiatives in the area.

The Mackenzie Half Marathon exemplified the essence of a local community event at its best.



It is a spectacular course, warm-hearted locals, with a family-friendly atmosphere. For many, it transcended the realms of a mere race; it became a celebration of camaraderie and shared joy, etching unforgettable memories in the hearts of participants.



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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our sponsors for their incredible support. Your generosity and dedication have made this event a remarkable and memorable experience for all participants, and we are truly appreciative of everything you have sponsored.

A special thank you to our Trophy Sponsors - Brendan Bateman, Property Brokers, Aubrey Podiatry, Hazlett, Hubbard Plumbing and Gas, Gibson Bros, Simply Divine Fabric Art and Fairlie Primary School. Your sponsorship of beautifully crafted trophies has become a treasured symbol of accomplishment for our winners, and your commitment to recognizing our participants' achievements is truly commendable.

This year, the Mackenzie Half Marathon saw a record 635 finishers, each one leaving with a sense of accomplishment and cherished memories. Cameron Swales claimed victory with an impressive time of 1:17:08, followed closely by Harry Wager at 1:19:32, and George Guerin at 1:23:31. In the female division, Rosa Flanagan secured first place with a time of 1:38:59, while Laura Holyoake and Laura Bungard took the second and third spots with times of 1:41:11 and 1:41:17, respectively.

Once again, thank you to all our sponsors for making the Mackenzie Half Marathon an unforgettable event. Your support has left a lasting impact, and we look forward to continuing this incredible journey together in the years to come.

Mackenzie Half Marathon Team





Fairlie Bowling Club

What an awesome achievement made by our boys from Fairlie. Getting through to the quarter finals of the National Champion of Champions Fours in Auckland. Sadly their winning streak came to an end there, but they definitely showed that the small country clubs can keep up with the big boys. Congratulations!

Pictured at left: Stuart Barwood, Bruce Dunbar, Mitch Dunbar and Terry O'Connor

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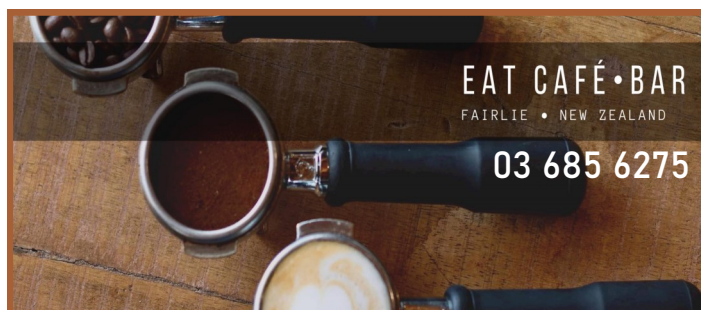
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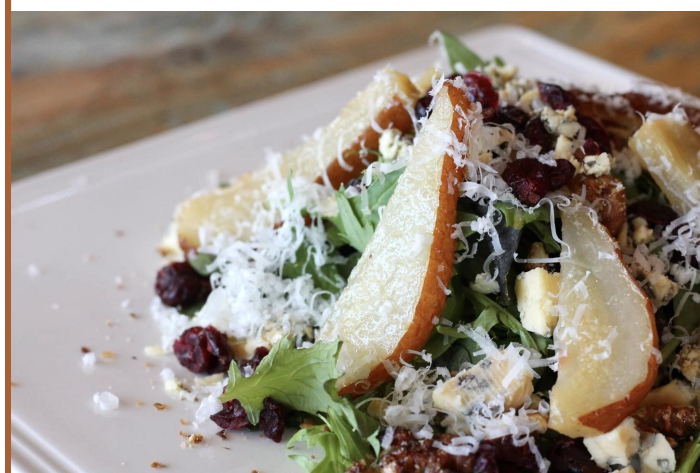
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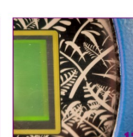
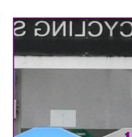
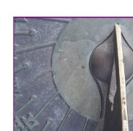
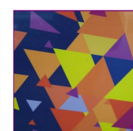
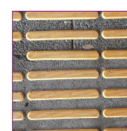
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Where in Fairlie would you find (Issue 23-14) ...

1. Footpath crossing on Main Street.
2. Under the Fairlie Village Green Railway Carriage
3. Fairlie Four Square Window - Lotto
4. St Columba Church
5. Parking 60 mins outside Fairlie Four Square
6. Remarkable Beauty Picket Fence
7. Fairlie Village Green Slide (fenced off)
8. Security Alarm outside Fairlie Healthcare
9. Sun Dial opposite Fairlie Four Square
10. Lantern at the eastern end of Riddle Street
11. Recycling Station opposite Fairlie Four Square
12. Inside the Spark Phone Booth





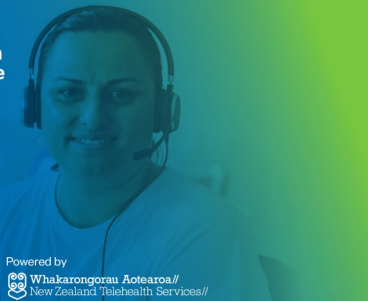
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Inspirational Challenges

Marathon des Sables Ultramarathon 2023

This race takes place every year in the western side of the Sahara desert in northern Africa.

I travelled to Casablanca in Morocco to meet up with some fellow runners from Australia and NZ, and then we got on a bus and travelled 8 hours into the desert, close to the Algerian border.



The race is on foot, self-supporting, six stages over seven days, covering roughly 250 kms. The Sahara desert has some big mountain ranges and huge flat wadis, you sink into the fine sand up to you knees sometimes, and then it's very rocky and steep climbing some of the passes.

With everything in my backpack (6 kg) that I needed for the week, I started running with 1,200 other people. The temperature was 39°C at 8.30 am and by 9.30 am it was 45°C. At mid-day it hit early 50°C and stayed there for the afternoon. A huge heatwave was covering northern Africa for the entire week we were there, making it the hottest temps ever experienced in the events 37 year history. Everybody was suffering from heat stress and the medics were kept very busy for the week. As the week progressed we had a lot of people pulled from the event with heat stroke.

The scenery running through the Sahara was amazing, especially early morning and on dusk with awesome sunsets, but the snakes and scorpions were a constant worry, with all the runners having to carry a venom pump to extract the poisons if you got bitten. Luckily I didn't, but some did.

As the week progressed I was going well, recovering from a dose of heat stroke on Day 2, I was having trouble holding down food in the extreme heat. The longest stage is on Day 4 and 5, and this was 85 kms over some huge sand dunes and wadis, with a couple of mountain passes as well. I was travelling well but got another bout of heat stroke and in the early hours of Day 5, I was pulled from the event, along with a big group of fellow competitors who were all suffering.

This was the right decision for me as I was 10 kg lighter than when I started. The event had over 40% of the runners pulled with a lot of people in hospital tents.

The event is classed by the National Geographic as one of the hardest foot races on the planet and it truly lived up to that reputation this April.

Grant Munro



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7 Aug	Maths Week	Mack College
10 Aug	Yr7/8 Maths Camp	Mack College
11 Aug	Winter Options	Fairlie Primary
18 Aug	Winter Options	Fairlie Primary
21 Aug	Yr10-13 Exams Week	Mack College
28 Aug	Winter Tourny Week	Mack College
18 Sep	Spirit Week	Mack College



Mackenzie Country Real Estate - L J Hooker brought Josh Grimaldi's Magic Show to Fairlie on Sunday 16th July. A great turn out of children enjoyed this fun-filled, astounding entertainment!



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Fairlie Area Kindergarten

Not an Emergency

The neighbours must have been wondering what was happening at the kindergarten recently when the ambulance siren was going. Happily, there was no emergency. We were having a visit from our local St John crew to show us the ambulance.

The tamariki got to explore inside it and see the special equipment used to help when someone has an accident or is ill. This experience helped children to make connections to the community and also make the unknown more familiar and less scary.

Thanks Courtney and Katie, for taking the time to visit!



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One day Alice came to a fork in the road and saw a Cheshire cat in a tree.
"Which road do I take?" she asked.
"Where do you want to go?" was his response.
"I don't know," Alice answered. "Then," said the cat, "it doesn't matter."



Fairlie Primary School

Fairlie Primary School held its whole school ski day at Roundhill Ski Field on Wednesday 19th July.



It was a stunning sunny day and the snow was great for all the children learning to ski. Lots of resilience was shown for first time skiers and fun had by those independently skiing or taking part in the snow fun option.

Kākāpō students said highlights included going on the T-Bar for the first time, hitting the jumps, sledding, snow fun, falling over and skiing with friends.



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St Joseph's School Fairlie

Rocket Challenge

Last term our senior students thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Wonder Project Rocket Challenge. We were fortunate to have Graham Roughton, a Flight Test Engineer from Wisk NZ, as our ambassador.

Here are some messages from our students:

Thank you for teaching me STEM.

Thank you for these amazing opportunities these past weeks.

Thank you for coming every Monday and showing us how to build our rockets and teaching us about weight, lift, drag, thrust and gravity.

Thank you for giving up your time for us and thank you for helping us launch.

I have learnt so many things these past few weeks. My favourite part was launching the rockets and learning about Newton's Laws.

We appreciate that you came to show us how to put on our parachute. It was so fascinating.



Mackenzie College

We are delighted to welcome Jess King to the Mackenzie College team. She has joined the English Department and will be teaching Year 7 & 8 Science in 2023.

Kia ora

My name is Jess King, and my family and I have moved to Fairlie from Ōtautahi Christchurch. My husband and I are both from Timaru and we're excited to be back in South Canterbury. We have two preschool-aged girls (Alice and Sophie) and a naughty dog named Rosie. I have taught at Albany Senior High School in Auckland and have come from Christchurch Boys' High School. We like skiing and the outdoors, and are looking forward to meeting members of the community as we get established in our new home! Ngā mihi



NZ Midget U18 Ice Hockey League

Here are a couple of photos from the U15 NZMIHL tournament held in Dunedin during the holidays. Archie played for the U15 Junior Thunder team (Dunedin) and Xavier played for the Junior Stampede Queenstown ice hockey team. Both teams had great results and Xavier came away with the MVP award from one of his games.



The Evening Sky in August 2023

Venus is the brilliant 'evening star' at the beginning of the month, setting around 7:30. It slips lower night-to-night as it moves between us and the Sun. By the 10th it is setting 40 minutes after the Sun. It disappears in the twilight soon after that (so isn't on the chart.) After passing between us and the Sun on the 13th, Venus appears in the eastern dawn sky. By the 20th it is rising an hour before the Sun.

Mercury makes its best evening sky appearance of the year in August. At the beginning of the month it is above and right of Venus, and is the second brightest 'star' in the western sky after Venus. At mid-month Mercury is setting due west two hours after the Sun. **Mars** is then above and right of Mercury, looking like a reddish star. Mercury sinks lower in the twilight in the second half of August as it moves between us and Sun. It also fades as more of its sunny side is turned away from us.

CONT ...

The Moon will be below Mercury and Mars on the 18th and above and right of Mars on the 19th.

Saturn rises due east before 8 pm at the beginning of the month. It looks like a medium bright star with a cream tint. By the end of the month it is up at dusk. Saturn's ring is visible in any telescope magnifying 20x or more. The Moon will be near Saturn on the night of August 2nd -3rd and again on the 30th-31st. At dawn Saturn is low in the western sky.

Bright stars are widely scattered over the sky. **Vega** on the north skyline is balanced by **Canopus** low in the south. Canopus twinkles with all colours as its white light is broken up by the air. So does Vega but, being fainter, it's not so obvious. Orange **Arcturus** is in the northwest, twinkling red and green as it sets. Canopus is the second brightest true star. (Sirius, the brightest star, is in the morning sky.) Arcturus is the fourth-brightest star in the sky and the brightest north of the celestial equator. Vega is the fifth brightest of all the stars and the second brightest north of the equator.

North of the zenith is orange Antares, marking the body of Scorpius. The Scorpion's tail hooks around the zenith like a back-to-front question mark. Antares and the tail make the 'fish-hook of Maui' in Māori star lore. Below or right of the Scorpion's tail is 'the teapot' made by the brightest stars of **Sagittarius**. It is upside down in our southern hemisphere view.

Midway down the southwest sky 'The Pointers', Beta and **Alpha Centauri**, point down and rightward to **Crux** the Southern Cross. Alpha Centauri is the third brightest star in the sky (planets not counted) and the closest of the naked eye stars.

Jupiter rises after 1 am at the beginning of the month, and before midnight at the end. It is the brightest 'star' in the morning sky till Venus appears. It shines with a steady golden light. The Moon will be near Jupiter on the morning of the 9th.

The **Milky Way** is brightest and broadest overhead in Scorpius and Sagittarius. In a dark sky it can be traced down past the Pointers and Crux into the southwest. To the northeast it passes Altair, meeting the skyline right of Vega. The Milky Way is our edgewise view of the galaxy, the pancake of billions of stars of which the sun is just one. Binoculars show many clusters of stars and some glowing gas clouds in the Milky Way.

The Large and Small Clouds of Magellan **LMC** and **SMC** look like two misty patches of light low in the south, easily seen by eye on a dark moonless night. They are galaxies like our Milky Way but much smaller.

Star charts are available at <https://www.rasnz.org.nz/in-the-sky/the-evening-sky/the-evening-sky-charts>.

Notes by Alan Gilmore, University of Canterbury's Mt John Observatory and the Aoraki-Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve.

MACKENZIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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Library Holiday Programme

We offered activities for children in the library, during the second week of the recent school holidays. The activities were based around Mātariki, and included colourful threading, rainbow scratch pictures, making sparkly hanging stars, stories and songs. We had between four and eight



children each day, with parents/whānau staying to help and have a chat with the other adults, so it was a fun, social space. Thank you to every who supported this initiative – it certainly made the library a very fun-filled and busy place.

Astro-Photography Presentation

Eight people attended Fraser Gunn's presentation on Astro-Photography. The images that he has captured of the Mackenzie night sky over the past 10 years, were absolutely stunning and looked amazing displayed on the library's large TV screen. He talked about the equipment he uses and how he sets it up to get the images he wants. He was able to answer the group's questions, and give them tips and tricks for having a go themselves. Many of the attendees were from the Fairlie photography group, "Fairlie in Focus", so his technical expertise was appreciated. We are so fortunate to have such a talented photographer in our town, who is also able to provide 1:1 Astro Photography Workshops for people who want to develop their skills further.

Environment Canterbury 'Our Future' Survey

Environment Canterbury are currently seeking feedback from the Canterbury community on the visions and outcomes they should work towards for our lived-in and natural environment. They want your thoughts on air, land, water, our coast, built environments and climate change. This feedback will ultimately become part of the Draft Regional Policy Statement for our region. We have pamphlets with more information, or just tell them what you think at ecan.govt.nz/ourfuture and help shape our future, Canterbury.

Shelf Refurb

A big 'Thank You' to Kathy and Robyn McGilligan for painting our 'Last Chance' bookshelves. They look clean and bright, and display the books beautifully against their new cream finish. The 'Last Chance' books may have been in our collection for a while and are not being borrowed as much as they used to be. Displaying them on these shelves gives them another 'lease of life' and makes them more visible to our patrons. They're well-worth a look.

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WHAT I WISH PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT DEMENTIA, from someone who knows

By Wendy Mitchell
Bloomsbury, \$24.99

In July 2014, Wendy Mitchell was diagnosed with young-onset dementia at the age of 58. *What I Wish People Knew About Dementia* is her second book and is written in a

chatty, readable style with many anecdotes from her own life and from friends with dementia who she got to know after her diagnosis. The book is a compilation of strategies for people with dementia and for those supporting them.

The first thing Wendy Mitchell emphasizes is that dementia is about so much more than memory loss. In the first chapter she gives examples of how the disease affects her senses which changed her relationship with food. She does not enjoy the taste and texture of foods she used to like. The metallic clang of cutlery on plates have become too loud for her ears and leaves her anxious. She has lost the coordination required for eating with knife and fork. Tone and contrast are difficult to distinguish which means that a white plate with mashed potato or a thin piece of fish does not register as a plate with food. She could 'outwit' some problems by buying yellow plates (because there is not a lot of food that is yellow) and by using large pasta bowls to avoid pushing food over the edge of the plate. But she could not eat without shame until she reminded herself that there was no shame to having a disease inside her brain that was eating away at her abilities.

In one passage she describes that black is generally a bad colour for someone with dementia. Black mats by the door look like gaping great sinkholes in the ground. If she sees someone dressed in black, it looks like their head is floating in thin air. I remember an old gentleman with dementia pointing to a mat on the floor and telling me that we were on a boat that there was a hole. Finally, I understand him. This is the gift that Wendy Mitchell gave me. I can only imagine how much this book can mean for people with dementia and their supporters.

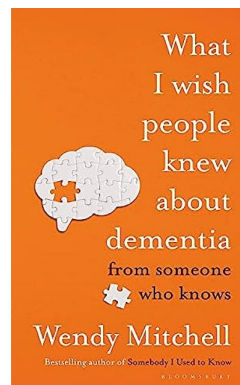
Wilma

Knitting Display

Our latest foyer display has been put together by our local 'Knitting in the Library' group. It includes a wonderful display of their creations, as well as a selection of library books, that are available for loan. The group meet in the library every second Saturday of each month, for a cuppa, a natter and sometimes even some knitting!!! If you'd like to learn how to knit, want help with a current project, want some inspiration, or just meet some like-minded locals, come along. Their next meeting is August 12th at 10:30 –12:00 midday. All welcome!

The Library Crew

26 July 2023



Our Community

Birthdays:

26 Jul Justin Geary
 26 Jul Kathy Pettengell
 27 Jul Ian Anderson
 29 Jul Kerry Higgins
 29 Jul Claire Miles
 1 Aug Grant Gibson 60th
 4 Aug Christine O'Connell
 5 Aug Kelly Eason
 7 Aug Rachel Morgan
 7 Aug Ben Dobbs

Celebration
of Life

Birth:

13 Jul Ben and Becky Rodwell welcome
 Mackenzie (Mac) William

Bereavement:

9 Jul Anthony (Tony) Hyland



The 1972 Industries Fair Wagon Train - pictured opposite the Albury Tavern. Left to right: Tony Hyland, Gerald (Digger) Casey, Allan Campbell, Graeme Patterson, Maurice Mehlhopt, Peter Siegert, Mrs Mary Gibson (Publican) and Bob Dobson

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Mackenzie Muster "A Century of Favourites"

Mackenzie County Community Centre Project Fundraiser Cookbook 1985

It's International Friendship Day on 30th July. What better excuse to hold a wintry pot luck dinner, and a good old family favourite recipe in our household in the 1980's was Dad's Meatballs ... and it still is! Leo Crampton was Chairman of the Mackenzie Community Centre Project. (Page 39 of the Mackenzie Muster)



Meatballs

1/4 c raisins	1 egg
1/4 c tomato puree	1/2 t salt
500 g mince	1/2 c fresh breadcrumbs
1/4 t ground ginger	1 onion
1 beef oxo cube	pepper

Mix all these ingredients and make into meatballs. Fry in oil. Place in casserole and pour sauce over meatballs. Bake at 180°C until sauce thickens.

Sauce:

3/4 c tomato puree	1 t prepared mustard
1/2 t ground ginger	1 T vinegar
Worcester sauce	2 T brown sugar
1 c hot water	

Mix all together and thicken with a little cornflour.



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Our Community

Proposed Public Recreational Space

This is an approximately 10 hectare, council-owned site between Monument and Stoneleigh Roads.

Recently, the council has clear-felled 3 ha. The harvest was forced by wind-felled trees. The site is not really suitable therefore, for commercial forestry.

This site also has a significant history for Kimbell and Fairlie. It was the burial site for Leila Georgeson (nee Hamilton) who died after childbirth in 1922. The gravesite is marked by a headstone, surrounded by a picket fence, still present on the hillside looking toward the Four Peaks range. Creating a recreational area is a way to protect and respect our settler's history and acknowledge the Hamilton family who invented the jet engine. They lived on the corner of Stoneleigh and Monument Road on Ashwick Station, close to the Opihi where a young boy dreamed of finding a way to propel a boat upstream in a river. From here the Hamilton Jet was born.



Our proposal is to replant the harvested area with a mix of exotic trees and natives on this historic site, using the existing logging tracks for walking, mountain biking or horse riding and creating a peaceful space from which to enjoy the nature and the spectacular views.

This is an initiative that, if supported by the community, the council is likely to back.

This is a great time to do this as the site is now clear of pines and needs tidying up. The cost of reforestation in pines, which are at risk of blowing down again, could instead be used for the right exotics and natives that are suitable for the site, creating a colourful autumn sanctuary. A parking area already exists which could be enhanced with picnic tables and fruit trees.

The site is also easily accessible from the river track and new Central South cycle track that runs from Fairlie to Kimbell so far, and which will run past Stoneleigh Road.

Kieran Guiney 027 293 3008

If you are keen to support this initiative, come along to our Fairlie Community Board meeting on Thursday 3rd August 2023, 4.30 pm at the Council Chambers.

Mackenzie Muster "A Century of Favourites" 1985 excerpt ...

"The old Ashwick Stables were full of red and blue prize winning tickets for their two black horses - Tandem at the Shows. The first water wheel of Billy Hamilton is in front." Sketch is signed J M Parker. This cookbook was published to fundraise for the Mackenzie County Community Centre Project.



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Fairlie Fire Brigade Update

New Ute

The Fairlie Fire Brigade recently took possession of its new Toyota Hilux Ute. It's not quite ready for action yet, firstly needing to be sent to Christchurch for its service body and bull bars. Then it will return to Timaru for electric fit-out (lights and sirens) and sign-writing before becoming available for duty - hopefully within a month or so. We can't wait to have this extra vehicle added to our operational preparedness.

The brigade is extremely grateful for the support of the Fairlie community in helping us achieve this purchase in such a short period of time. But if you feel like you've missed out, please don't - we are still a little short of funds to complete the full fit-out, as outlined above. Donations can be made into this account:
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Pictured above - The brigade's new ute, minus a few bits of essential equipment, making a brief appearance in Fairlie before going off to Christchurch and Timaru to complete its fit-out.



Chief Fire Officer Wayne Dixon and Qualified Firefighter Ethan Anderson picking up the Brigade's new ute from South Canterbury Toyota, while at the same time picking up a cheque from their fundraising initiative where SC Toyota's customers were invited to donate to a cause of their choice.

Mackenzie St John @ The Matariki Market



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New Brigade Member

While being blessed with good crew numbers, the brigade is happy to welcome a new member to the team, going part way to replacing a couple of members who have moved away for job opportunities. Firefighter Morgan Edgar joins us with two years of experience, one from Twizel and, before that, one from Kinloch near Taupo. Morgan has shifted to Fairlie recently with his partner, and works at the Bakehouse. He's especially looking forward to getting out in the Fairlie area, and engaging his passion for hunting.



Our Golden Years

Friday Morning Tea - all welcome!

It was great to have Angela Habraken and Phillipa Guerin from the Fairlie Community Board, come along to Friday morning tea last Friday. For many of our older folk this would be the only face to face opportunity to meet and talk with those in local government.

Angela made it very clear that changes and improvements suggested by our community, and taken up by the Community Board, have to go through a somewhat lengthy council process before outcomes are reached. She explained the need for a 10 year plan and how it helps us look towards the future.

This week we welcome Blue Kerr, long time volunteer with Mackenzie St John, to come and share morning tea at 10.15 am on Friday in the St Columba Hall.

Coping with Change

Change is tough, if it is forced upon us, if it isn't something we have decided upon and planned for. They say these events in our lives can bring on such stress that it not only affects us emotionally but can also affect our physical health. We must be wary at these times to fall back on what we know from years of living – to fall back on that resilience we have built up. Doesn't mean things will be any easier, just that we know we will get through. Sadly, sometimes these events in our lives leave us alone and it is hard to pick oneself up and carry on. Supporting people through these times is really important – we just need understanding and often need tolerance, tolerance to listen and not make judgement.

A.T.

What's coming up?

28th Jul 10.15 am Morning Tea in St Columba with Blue Kerr

3rd Aug 1.30 pm Movie at my Place (26 Denmark St) 'Mr Church'



4th Aug 10.15 am Friday Morning Tea in St Columba

7th Aug 1.30 pm Mystery Tiki Tour with Afternoon Tea

... and in the next Fairlie Accessible there will be details for the upcoming Operatunity trip to Timaru (Last Night of the Proms) as well as the Men's Trip in August.

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Below is a note from Alison Brierly and Brian Ellis who are currently travelling in Europe on their tandem bike.

We flew with our our bike and trailer to Madrid, spending a few days in the city, putting the bike together and figuring out our route. There was an interesting reaction when, after arriving with boxes and bags at our hostel, a few days later we manoeuvred a tandem and trailer down 4 flights of stairs. This was the start of our adventures!

We have a tent, camping gear and a small gas cooker with us. Our aim was to camp and cook our own food to keep our costs down. Having a small espresso maker with us also, has at times saved our day!

Over the 3 months we cycled 6,000 kilometres through Portugal, Spain and France. We also spent a week in Morocco, resting our knees and exploring Tangier. Every day brought new sights, conversations, challenges and memories. The timing was perfect to enjoy endless days of fine weather, being 5 weeks before we needed a raincoat! However, we know that there will always be some "weather" on a long trip, and sure enough, crossing the Pyrenees was when we hit our first storm. This made the mountain crossing exciting, if not a bit dangerous, as the wind tried to blow us off the bike!

I could write a book just about our camping experiences! We know not to expect many amenities other than a shower and toilet throughout most of the European campsites. Even a picnic table is a luxury! Although there are many "resort" campsites, paying a higher price for a pool that was often closed, a bar and restaurant and "entertainment" was not what we wanted. In one campsite we were offered a stony place to pitch our tent because apparently it was not "tenting" season yet and the tent area wasn't open. We convinced them that we were "tenting" and they made a couple of phone calls and we were allowed a softer place for the tent.



We have met amazing people also cycling long routes, some with young families who are cycling for months on end. Sharing information and tips on routes, campsites etc is another enjoyable aspect of our trip. We joined a tandem rally in France, enjoying the company of 80 or more tandem riding enthusiasts.

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This was towards the last days of this leg of our trips, as because of Brexit, we could only spend 3 months in Europe. We are now using the next 3 months visiting family and friends in the UK. Following this we head to Italy.

For anyone thinking of cycle touring, I can't recommend it enough. Slow travel lets you truly experience everything a country has to offer. Of course, not every day is full of joyful memories - but there's always a great day around the corner!

Warm regards to you all - Alison & Brian

Meeting people in our community ...

Meet Chris and Andy Green. Lake Tekapo has been their home for over 40 years. They have 2 daughters, Anna lives in Tasmania and Susan lives in Canada. They also have three granddaughters. Family and community are their life.

Where were you born?

Chris is from Christchurch, Andy from Temuka. Growing up, Andy loved to spend time on nearby farms with his two uncles, playing, working and learning.

Please tell us about your lives after leaving school?

Andy. I completed an automotive engineering apprenticeship, and worked for St John in Christchurch, training to be an ambulance officer.

I reached the qualification of ILS (Intermediate Life Support Paramedic). I moved to Tekapo in the 1970's when I bought the local garage. They were not easy times with interest rates up to 24%, and other government restrictions on fuel sales.

Chris. I did my nursing training in Christchurch, then travelled and worked overseas. When our children were small I had various jobs around Tekapo, including school bus driver and school cleaner. I returned to nursing in the 1990s, at Timaru Hospital, and still love my part time job there.

How did you meet?

Through our St John connections in Christchurch, and a story about a car purchase! The car was great, a Morris Minor, and many years later in 1981, we married.

You are both incredibly generous with the time you give to the Lake Tekapo Community. What 'groups' are you involved with?

Chris. We were in everything when we were younger, and with our children's interest in ice hockey, soccer, ice skating and netball, we spent much time on the road getting them to their commitments.

Andy. St John has been a huge part of my life, along with 29 years in the Fire Brigade, Lions Club, Community Board, Board of Trustees. In our early days in Tekapo there was no ambulance, so I had a good first aid kit in the back of the tow truck. A successful fundraising campaign saw the generosity of the local farmers and community come together and we purchased a small ambulance.

What is something that people may not know about you?

Andy. I have a world marathon jet boat racing title.

Chris. I've developed a liking for cold water swimming when the day is right.

What do you love about living in Tekapo?

The weather, the landscape, the community. We always thought we would move when our girls left home, we haven't found anywhere better yet!

Lake Tekapo

Julie McDonald

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The Wise Ones

This is a social group in Lake Tekapo for people around 65 and older (including community members friends and/or family visiting from out of town). The group meet weekly at the Community Meeting Rooms to chat and enjoy morning tea and to play card games and board games together. For more information, contact Stewie Inch 021 039 1457.

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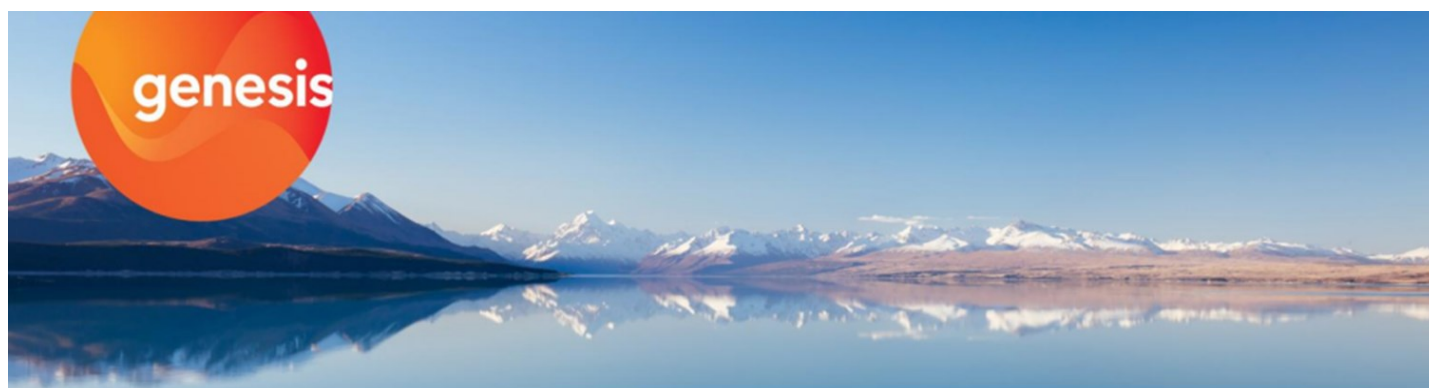
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Andy and Chris with their granddaughters visiting from Australia - Thea 6 and Pyper 11.



Tekapo Power Scheme – Winter Community Update

Kia ora,

As we are well into winter, we have another community update from the team at the Tekapo Power Scheme.

Seasonal Changes – Winter

Currently, Lake Tekapo is approximately 708.05 meters above sea level, around 66% full for this time of year. The cold weather across the South Island over the last few weeks has increased electricity demand so the Scheme has been operating at near full capacity to keep people warm!

Twizel Area School – Year 10 tour

In May we had the pleasure of hosting the year 10 students from Twizel Area School at the Tekapo Power Scheme. The students got practical (and a little muddy) by building mini earth dams, being a “human energy generator” and having a spaghetti and marshmallow tower building competition!



Twizel Area School students learning about electricity generation in the Waitaki Catchment.

Genesis' Resource Consent Application

In July, we submitted a resource consent application to the Canterbury Regional Council to authorise the continued operation of the Tekapo Power Scheme. We have been preparing the application for the past few years, so to reach this point is a significant milestone.

Hydro generation, such as that provided by the Tekapo Power Scheme, is of great importance due to the dual benefits of being renewable and having significant water storage so that generation is available when needed, both of which will be increasingly important as New Zealand decarbonises its economy.

The Tekapo Power Scheme contributes enough renewable electricity to power about 120,000 homes, and what's more, the water that passes through the Tekapo Power Scheme (including Tekapo A and B Power Stations) is then used to generate electricity through a further six power stations owned by Meridian. With this in mind, the Tekapo Power Scheme is a pretty important piece of infrastructure.

The consent application seeks to replace the current resource consents granted in 1990 that enable the core operations of the scheme, and which are due to expire in 2025. We are not proposing any material changes to the current operational parameters apart from an adjustment to the flood operating rules required for the safety and integrity of the scheme.

In preparing the consent application we undertook science covering a range of disciplines to better understand the environment in which we operate. We also spoke regularly to mana whenua, the Tekapo community, and interested parties, and developed a range of proposed outcomes to ensure we appropriately manage the effects of our operations on people and the environment.

The Canterbury Regional Council's consent process includes the opportunity for members of the public to participate. Once Environment Canterbury has completed its initial checks of Genesis' application, Environment Canterbury will publish it on their website and outline the process for making a submission.

If you have any questions reach out to Ellie Watson (Environmental Manager – South Island Renewables) on Ellie.Watson@genesisenergy.co.nz or feel free to send me an email. Stay warm and safe on the roads!



Mark Cain
Tekapo Site Manager
Genesis Energy
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Mackenzie District Plan Review Stage Three: Rural Areas



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 Review began in early 2022 and is continuing to make great progress, with the first two stages complete.

Earlier this year in March, council consulted with the community on a range of issues involved in Stage Three, which covers the rural parts of the district.

The District Plan Review team used the results of this phase of consultation to help shape up a range of Plan Changes based on feedback. Stage Three is now well underway, and MDC is looking to notify the below Plan Changes in November, subject to Council approval.

- Plan Change 23 – Rural and Natural Environment
- Plan Change 24 – Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori
- Plan Change 25 – Rural Lifestyle Zones
- Plan Change 26 – Energy and Infrastructure
- Plan Change 27 – Subdivision, Earthworks and Transport

Have your say

We are just about to kick off a second round of community consultation on Stage Three. As part of this we will be carrying out a survey which seeks to understand what people think about the above plan changes. We'll be using the feedback we receive to help fine tune the provisions before taking them to Council for adoption and notification. This survey will be live online at letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz > DPR Stage 3 from 26 July – 20 August.

Community Information Evenings

The District Plan Review team are holding a series of community information evenings. This is an opportunity for you to discuss the issues relating to Stage Three with MDC staff and the review team, let them know what you think and learn more about the process. The dates for these are below:

Tuesday 1 August	Twizel	Mackenzie Country Hotel, Corner Ostler & Wairepo Road	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday 2 August	Tekapo	Tekapo Community Hall	5:00pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 3 August	Fairlie	Fairlie Community Lounge	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Monday 7 August	Albury	Albury Hall	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Tuesday 8 August	Kimbell	Silverstream Hotel	6:00pm – 8:00pm

Find out more

You can find out more about Stage Three of the District Plan Review by visiting our website at letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz > DPR Stage 3 where you will find summaries on each topic, detailed background papers and a range of other material. We will be regularly updating this page to ensure the latest information is available.



Fairlie Rate Payers

Three concerned rate payers have had several discussions between us around the issues of rate increases, and the seemingly uncontrolled use of contractors and consultants.

We have decided to hold a meeting of like-minded individuals, to gauge the interest of the possibility of forming a Fairlie Rate Payers Association.

The whole idea is to monitor the council, councillors and management over the above issues, and to try to help keep costs to an affordable amount annually.

The meeting is to be held on Tuesday 8th August in the dining area in the main bar at the Gladstone Hotel, starting at 6.30 pm.

All interested people welcome.

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Federated Farmers Update

The last couple of months, in the farming community, have once again been busy.

After a relatively wet Summer, we had a very good Autumn which allows most farms to grow a lot of grass, although it has been very dry in the Waimate area. It seems the good weather continues mid-July with very few frosts and no snow to speak of, I even mowed the lawns last week! The farming community feels for our local ski fields and the staff who are employed by them. Hopefully there is still time for a few blasts from the south so that the fields get a bit of snow.

This month I attended our National AGM and PINZ Conference which also included Primary Industries of NZ awards. It was great to see the best of NZ's agriculture being recognized. The outstanding contribution to agriculture was won by Professor Keith Woodford. The Honorary Professor of Agri Food Systems was recognized for his "long and meritorious contribution to NZ primary industries, spanning five decades. Woodford has taught generations of New Zealanders, run immersion courses for upcoming leaders and contributed to or supervised many research projects."

One area he spends a lot of time involved in now, is climate change in relation to agriculture. His work is very interesting and can only help us going forward.

At our AGM, Colin Hurst - local Waimate arable farmer, was elected as National Vice President. It is great to see South Canterbury carrying on the great tradition of higher honours for South Canterbury members. We will be well represented by Colin; his commitment and work effort are immense.

Greg Anderson
SC Federated Farmers
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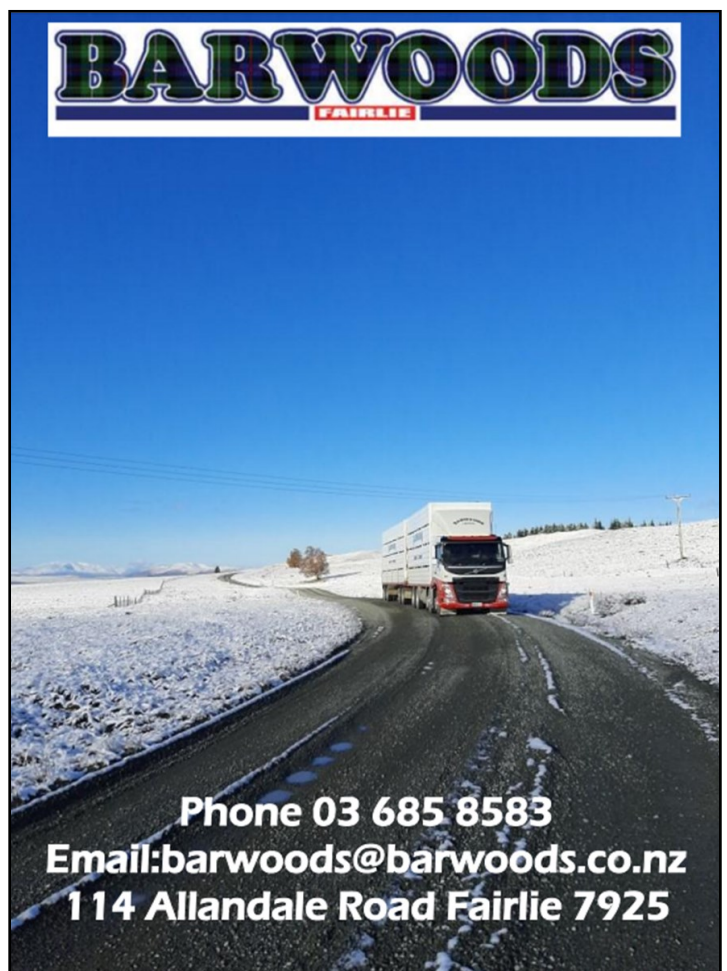
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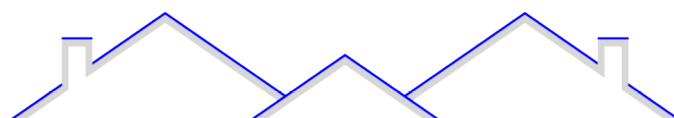
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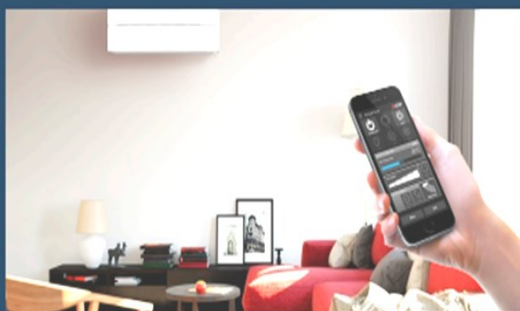
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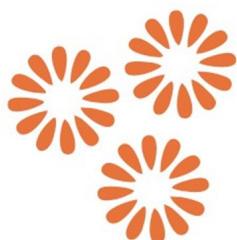
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July

- 28 Friday Morning Tea Blue Kerr St Columba Hall 10.15 am
- 29 Matariki Pruning Class Bell's Orchard 10.30-1.30 pm

August

- 1 Patchwork Group Meet Masonic Lodge Hall 10 am
- 2 Community Morning Tea St Columba Hall 9 am
- 2 Mackenzie District Plan Review Tek Community Hall 5 pm
- 3 Movie at my Place (Mr Church) 1.30 pm
- 3 Mackenzie District Plan Review Fairlie Comm Centre 6 pm
- 4 Friday Morning Tea St Columba Hall 10.15 am
- 6 Live Music "Shane Clarke" Silverstream Hotel 2 pm
- 7 Mystery Tiki Tour with Afternoon Tea
- 7 Mackenzie District Plan Review Albury Hall 6 pm
- 8 Mackenzie District Plan Review Silverstream Hotel 6 pm
- 8 Fairlie Rate Payers Meeting Gladstone Hotel 6.30 pm
- 12/13 Tree Planting Opihi River Walking Track 10.30 am
- 12 Knitting in the Library 10.30 am
- 14 Forum Meeting Mackenzie Community Centre 10 am
- 15 Patchwork Group Meet Masonic Lodge Hall 10 am
- 15 Men's Trip (tba)
- 17 Wilding Tree Trust AGM Twizel Event Centre 11 am
- 17 Mackenzie College Art Auction - doors open at 6 pm
- 18 Sip & Swap Ladies Night Rugby Rooms 6.30 pm
- 19 Live Music "The Eastern" Silverstream Hotel
- 26 Ethel & Bethel Bingo Babes Comedy Albury Hall 7 pm

Mackenzie College Art Auction is on Thursday August 17th. Below are two of the pieces that have been generously donated and will be available for purchase on the night.

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