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Fairlie Great Shirts

Local teens are being given the opportunity to ski after a clothing collab between a well known NZ TV presenter and a local Fairlie 'Fashionista'.

Hadyn Jones, a broadcaster for TVNZ has enjoyed his regular holidays in Fairlie so much over the past few years, he wants to put our rural town on the map by selling T-Shirts.

"I like great people and quirky T-shirts. Fairlie has both in spades." Jones said.

Getting together with The Little Red Fox owner Olivia O'Sullivan and The Ski Shack Fairlie, Jones has designed the shirts and hoodies that not only celebrate the community spirit but also give back to the good cause.

From each T-Shirt or hoodie sold \$5 will go to the Mackenzie College ski programme to enable students who otherwise could not afford to, join the weekly snowsports option. Mackenzie College currently has 70 students who ski weekly during Term 3.

The first drop of T-Shirts, which feature Fairlie Good Farming and Fairlie Great Skiing, have flown off the shelves - selling as far afield as the North Island and Australia.



"We are close to selling out and fresh stock is arriving early next week. The community has blown me away with it's kindness and generosity," Jones said

"It's been so exciting to see people around town rocking some "Fairlie" great T-shirts and hoodies. This is a really special town so it was a no-brainer to start a charity T-shirt social enterprise here. It also gives me the perfect excuse to come down, ingest a pie, have a drink with Richard at the ski shack and hit the slopes."

The T-shirts and hoodies are available in store and online at The Little Red Fox, plus in store at the Ski Shack and Mt Dobson ski area.





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Success for Locals at Southern Cross Womens Ice Hockey Tournament

The 18th Southern Cross Interclub Challenge Ice Hockey Tournament was held at Tekapo Springs 4-6 August. Local Mackenzie resident, Sally Dickson, has been the organiser/player since 2006 and brought the tournament to Tekapo in 2007 - where it has been held every year since.

This is a unique annual women's ice hockey international club-style tournament (as opposed to representative regional teams) which combined intermediate players, as well as a few advanced ones, from NZ as well as Australia. In the past we've even had teams from Canada and USA visit to join in. Players this year were aged from 14 to 63 with two mum-daughter combinations in teams.

After a hiatus of 3 years due to Covid we're delighted to say we're back at our favourite rink - Tekapo Springs! Players seem to love to come to Tekapo to enjoy the most spectacular outdoor rink with fireside relaxed atmosphere, and the village.

We had 6 teams confirmed for the weekend with 66 players from as far as Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney as well as Dunedin, Queenstown and Christchurch. Other locals involved in the winning Geckoes Canterbury team were Deb Bain and Izzy Power.

The star of the tournament was Kelly Burnstein, an instructor at Round Hill from USA and a talented player for the Wahine Toa Otago team, which also included local Jess Ryall, and came 2nd place. Kelly was not only top goal scorer/assist for the 5-game tournament, but also stepped up to referee 10 of the 15 games - exhausting!

Next year we expect to see many familiar faces return from Aussie and Southern as well as to include a social team from the new Wellington ice rink. Thanks go to Heartland for assisting us by printing the tournament programmes.

Geckoes Canterbury team - Photo credit to Stephen Ryall



Race Tekapo

Race Tekapo is back once again, with over 1,000 competitors set to embark on the Mackenzie Region on 16th September. There are a range of distances for keen runners and walkers, from the 50km Ultramarathon right through to the Kids Dash. Each course makes the most of the scenery in and around Lake Tekapo, with local high country stations opening their 'doors' for the race, allowing a unique experience for those who have entered. "We see a great number of athletes travelling from all over New Zealand and further afield to experience Race Tekapo," says event organizer Kerry Uren. "There really is a distance for everyone."

Race Tekapo sees the longer distance incorporating Sawdon Station, the Regional Park, Mt John, Glenmore Station and Balmoral Station. This is, all the while, getting to run alongside Lake Tekapo, Lake MacGregor and Lake Alexandrina. The shorter distances pack in some great local landmarks such as the Church of The Good Shepherd and the iconic footbridge. Mt John features in most of the events, allowing competitors the sweeping 360-degree views across the region.

"Race Tekapo is all about 'Come for the Run, Stay for the Fun'," says Kerry Uren. "We love how many of our competitors are here for the great atmosphere at the event, not necessarily for just a fast time."

The event promotes local businesses and operators alongside the race, including having a 'Race Weekend Specials' page on the website, encouraging competitors and their families to book activities, and visit the local cafes and shops. Local community groups and organisations benefit financially from having the race on their doorstep, with them being involved in marshalling and assisting in general event roles over the weekend.

"It is really important for us to make sure we give back to the community," Kerry Uren says. "Having the support of the district is what makes the event so special. We want to ensure Race Tekapo supports a wide range of groups and we are fortunate that so many come forward to assist with the race. It really is a team effort!"

Entries are still open and filling up fast. With the Mackenzie Region renowned for great scenery and hospitality, word is getting out about having another great reason to visit.

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The Menz Shed is going well with a new timber rack being made and Pieter and Ralph are working rather hard on traps. These are for the trap library that Lisa



North has started up for the Mackenzie district. The materials have been donated by the Opuha Water Co and DoC, which has been great. These will be available for purchase in the future.

There is a power shortage at the end of line which the Fairlie Saturday Market funds are going to help us with once the power has been up graded on Alloway Street. A big thanks for their support.

Dave Taylor has given us a lathe and a planer to start to make some items for him, and to start to get some income in for the shed. Our smoko room is almost completed, just need a few touch ups.

The Menzshed is currently looking for roofing iron and tanalised 2x4 timber for its wood rack, as well as a small fridge to be used in the smoko room. Thanks!

So there is plenty to do, if there are others who would like to join us, we are open from 9-12 on Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Museum shed.

Paul Gallagher 027 685 4809



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25 Aug Winter Options Wk 5 Fairlie Primary 28 Aug Winter Tourny Week Mack College 31 Aug Mack Ski Race Day Mack Schools Winter Options Wk6 Fairlie Primary 1 Sep 5 Sep BOT meeting 7 pm Fairlie Primary Yr 5/6 Lions Speech Competition 7 Sep 7 Sep Whānau Hui Fairlie Primary 18 Sep Spirit Week Mack College 22 Sep END OF TERM

FAIRLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 4 2023 Out of Zone Enrolment

Enrolment at Fairlie Primary School is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office and on the school website. Applications for out-of-zone places are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during Term 4 2023. The board has determined that there is likely to be three places available for out-of-zone students. The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is 4pm on Wednesday 13 September 2023. Forms are available on our website (https://www.fairlie.school.nz/enrolment-zone.html) or from the school office.

If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held on Friday 15th September 2023. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child later this year, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.

Ngā mihi, Amanda O'Brien Tumuaki/Principal



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Fairlie Area Kindergarten

Construction Time

As a response to our continuing interest in the birds in our environment, the tamariki constructed bird houses recently. With the generous time and resources of Tom Whittaker, all the children had the opportunity to construct some magnificent wooden houses for our manu. Once they were built they were able to paint these to add colour and flair. What a satisfying process this was. Ngā mihi nui Tom for your help.





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Education

Albury School

The weeks are flying by and we are now more than halfway through Term 3. With daylight hours getting longer and little lambs and calves frolicking in the paddocks, it feels like spring is just around the corner.

Ski Day: On Monday, 7th August we had our annual Ski Day at Roundhill. The sky was blue, the slopes were groomed to perfection and the children were ready for a day of fun in the snow. It was fantastic to watch our youngest students



taking their first skiing steps and showing great resilience and determination trying out something new. Our older students looked like seasoned skiers, racing down the slopes and making skiing look so easy. We are so incredibly lucky to have these amazing outdoor opportunities close by.



Albury School Speech and Poetry Competition:

We held our Speech and Poetry Competition on Wednesday, 9th August at the Albury Hall in front of a great number of whanau and friends. The poems were well rehearsed and a lot of effort had been put into planning, writing and practising the speeches. All the children were well prepared. We are very proud of every single one of our awesome Albury Kids stepping up onto the stage to speak in front of an audience! Thank you to our judge Phillipa Guerin, who has once again taken the time to come to Albury to support the event.

Home and School Fundraiser: Don't forget to get your tickets for Albury Home & School's Ethel and Bethel Bingo Night Fundraiser on the 26th August 2023, it is going to be a great night! There are a few more tickets up for grabs. For more information email: alburyhands@gmail.com.

Fairlie Primary School

Speech Competition

Fairlie Primary School held its annual speech competition last week. Eleven Year 4-6 students presented their speeches to the school on topics including Cats or Dogs? Which one is the better pet? Why did dinosaurs really become extinct?

Teachers should sit tests. Everyone should have a teddy bear! And Marvel or DC?

Congratulations to Pip Neal winning first place, Ava Gamlath second place and Tayla O'Leary third place. Many thanks to Deborah O'Neill for judging the competition.



Ki O Rahi Festival

Ten Fairlie Primary students attended the Ki O Rahi Festival hosted by Sport Canterbury in Timaru. The children moved around stations learning how to play different aspects of Ki O Rahi - a traditional Māori game.

Students also got the opportunity to make their own poi that can be used for other games. Fairlie Primary was awarded the school award for the value - Pono - being honest and genuine to the work and tasks.



Drivers Licence Theory

Assistance available for youth 15 1/2 years and older obtaining a Drivers Licence

St Columba Hall - Tuesdays 3.30 pm Contact Mary McCambridge 027 315 5427/03 614 3373

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St Joseph's School Fairlie

Ice Skating

We had a fantastic time ice skating at Tekapo Springs. After a snowy start the rink was quickly groomed and the students could not wait to get on the ice! It was wonderful to see our senior students encourage the juniors and give them a few tips. Thank you to Tekapo Springs for this awesome opportunity, we will be back next season.



Geraldine Museum Visit

As we implement the Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum, we are establishing what the children understand and know about life in the past. Recently we enjoyed visiting the Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Museum to observe a range of machinery that would have been used in our local environment. The students were blown away

by the number of sheds to explore, with the vintage cars and tractor sheds being their favourites.



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Cannington School

Learning - We are reading about Human Evolution and how Homo sapiens developed a superpower that allowed them to take over the world. Did you know that all of us are 1-2% Neanderthal? This is because at one time, Homo sapiens and Neanderthals lived happily alongside each other. Unfortunately for the Neanderthals, they died as a species and now the only way their DNA survives is in Homo sapiens. Our Superpowers are communicating with each other and being creative. This is why we have come such a long way from using stone tools.

Rural Round Up - Each year we host a rural round up. This is when we invite people from the local community to come to share a meal with us at our school. We invite guest speakers and to listen to what they have to say. This year our rural round up will be in October. Also we like to get our locals feedback and ideas of what we could be doing at Cannington. Watch this space for the date.

Skiing - Last Monday we went to Roundhill ski field. It was a real family day. We had staff, parents, siblings and grandparents who came. For most of us, it was our first-time skiing, so a lot of the time was spent lying on the snow! All the school students had a ski lesson and by the end of the day, all were able to stand and most could ski independently. Mr P was easy to spot on the ski field because of the bright pink flamingo that sat on his head the entire day. It must have thought his luxurious locks were a good place to nest. We got through the day with all the children's limbs intact. Unfortunately, Big G was not so lucky! He now has a souvenir in the form of a bright, white, plaster cast to match the snow. The highlight of the day was Jack making it up to the Von Brown Hut, where Mr P spent almost a week's salary treating Jack to a coke! Even though we had a sausage sizzle, Rayan preferred to eat the snow, and we learnt that it's hard to get the sausages to sizzle in a cold, snowy environment.

Fundraising - The auction at the dance was a huge success. We are still counting the money raised, which will go towards ongoing playground and library upgrades. We would like to thank everyone who donated auction goods and those who bid on items and bought raffles. Your support for our school is really appreciated.



Calling All Local History Buffs!!

We have dusted off some of our treasured books about local history and the geographical area and displayed some of them in the library. These books are usually kept 'out the back', as they are old, precious, or not everyday reads. They are on our catalogue, and can be searched for and borrowed, however they are stored in our back room for safe keeping. Over the next few weeks, Mary will be displaying even more of this interesting collection in our foyer cabinet. If you are interested in a specific area or historical event, please ask a member of the library staff to help you search for any information that we may have on your area of interest. We also have some wonderful books in our New Zealand Collection also (Non-Fiction 993) that are well-worth a look. If you haven't been to our library for a while, or ever, and you don't know where to look, a friendly member of staff will be more than happy to assist you. Don't be scared – we're here to help!

New Timaru Books and Large Print

Mary has just been into Timaru and swapped out our previous Timaru loans and Large Print books for a shiny new selection. The Timaru loans include some romance and historical fiction, westerns, fantasy fiction as well as some interesting non-fiction titles (travel, history, tractors and conspiracy theories!). The new Large Print collection includes lots of thrillers, murder mysteries, romance, general fiction and some non-fiction titles. This collection can be found near the Magazine section of the library – ask a member of staff if you're not sure where to find them. If you're looking for a title we don't have, we can often get them from the Timaru or Christchurch libraries – just ask and we'll do our best to locate a copy for you.

Kindy Art Display

Come in and look at the wonderful art work that we have displayed in the library, from some of the local kindergarten támariki. Their colourful creations are a lovely addition to our library environment.



VINCENT & SIEN, A Story of Love and Art Silvia Kwon Macmillan

If you love Vincent van Gogh's art, you probably feel that most stories about this artist have been told already. But wait, there's room for one more. *Vincent and Sien* is a fictional account of Vincent's time with Sien Hoornik. It's a historical



fact that Sien was a pregnant prostitute in the Hague, with a six year-old daughter Maria, when Vincent took her into his home as a model and lover. At that time, he was at an early stage in his development as an artist and mostly did sketches of domestic life and the working poor and their hardships. He was dependent on monthly allowances from his brother Theo, an art dealer, who encouraged Vincent to further his career with lessons and connections with other artists. Theo did not approve of Vincent's relationship with Sien and he was worried that the allowance would go to support this new family rather than Vincent's artist career.

There are more than fifty drawings of Sien and her family. Many of them strong, unromantic sketches, conveying the hardships she'd endured. He rejects requests from the art world to add some beauty to the starkness of his subjects to make the paintings more commercial. Vincent and Sien are together for eighteen months and through Sien's eyes Silvia Kwon has given us an insightful account of Vincent's stubbornness and his frustration with anything that stands in the way of his vision of his art including other artists, debt collectors and Sien and her family.

I am grateful for the way the author has brought to life a period in Van Gogh's life that I was unfamiliar with and uninterested in. She did what Tracy Chevalier did to Vermeer in her book Girl with a Pearl Earring. What puzzles me, however, is why the publishers have put the beautiful and well-known image of Van Gogh's Almond Blossom on the cover. The publisher's understandable choice of an attractive image, grates with the dark and stark art that reflects his time with Sien. Vincent would turn in his grave.



Our Community

Birthdays:

Celebration //• 23 Aug Louise Hooper

24 Aug Roseanne Oliveri

Julie Dobbs 25 Aug

25 Aug Reuben Pullar

26 Aug Vanessa Apes

Barbara Hondelink 26 Aug

Rosemary Scarlett 26 Aug

27 Aug Lea Clarke

Kate Coochey 29 Aug

29 Aug Jo McAtamney

29 Aug Rose Struthers

3 Sep Peter Corder - 70th

3 Sep Mandy Hay

4 Sep Mary Calder

Births:

3 Aug Jonny Thomas and Laura Small

welcome Layla Maddison Thomas

11 Aug Emmilee, George and Ted Lott

welcome Miller Louise

Bereavement:

7 Aug Graeme Waite

13 Aug Jim Nimmo

19 Aug Ann Huntington

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Miss Mackenzie 2023 is excited to introduce our 2023 contestants.

Keep an eye on the next few Fairlie Accessibles!

Introducing "Miss Penelope Putt-Hole"

Name: Dan McCloy

Age: 32

Workplace: Clayton Station

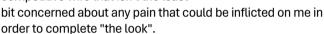
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Local: Originally from Ashburton, moved down about 2 years ago

What bought you to Fairlie: Work mainly, but a good opportunity to meet new people and be a part of a

different community.

What do you bring: A fiercely competitive wife that isn't the least



Introducing "Miss Lady Khaleesi"

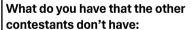
Name: Alex Reid - an asset to the

Mackenzie since 1997

Age: 21 baby!

Where do you work: Boss Salons, the best thing to happen to me since Grinder.

Are you local: I have lived here for the last 9 years. Fairlie is now my home and where I want to put my roots down.



- 1. I bring the best fruit cake to the party!
- 2. Ironically allergic to nuts.





CANTERBURY

Hi Upper Mackenzie District!

We will be selling our seafood at the usual Mobile Traders sites on 31 August and 21 September. Tekapo 11.30 am-1.00 pm, Fairlie - 3.00 pm till dark

We hope to have what you are looking for and look forward to seeing you all then!



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Our Community

Fairlie Heritage Museum Update

We are so proud of our Chairperson, Paul Gallagher, receiving the Good Sorts Award at Friday night's South Canterbury Business Awards. His calm manner and attempts to help sort issues that arise, mainly go unrecognised. We are fortunate to have him, having

gone through much change forced upon us this last year, and hope-fully he will take us into further development and improvements at the Museum. This award recognised his contribution to the establishment of the Menz Shed on the Fairlie Heritage Museum property on Alloway Street.



Our sincere sympathy goes to valued member, Dick Huntington on the death of his wife, Ann. Both have given many hours to the museum and we will remember Ann fondly.

Numerous volunteer hours have been put in to updating displays and tidying areas around the museum. Many of these will remain unfinished when we reopen at the beginning of September.

The Museum is operated by volunteers and we were grateful to get funds to pay some bills post Covid closure and to create a couple of rooms for

volunteers to use. The front office is cosy and looks out to Mt Cook Road, and the revamped kitchen in the Old Fairlie Railway Station will be welcoming and sunny. Interested in giving an hour or two per month – contact Anne Thomson 027 285 8824 or Garry Kerr 027 601 2146

There are numerous opportunities for volunteers at the Museum; greeting visitors, showing them around if they so want, creating displays, writing and making info cards to accompany items on display, general maintenance, dusting down our fabulous vehicle collection, pottering about the place. Volunteers will also have the new security system TV in operation enabling them to see people arrive and progress around the museum.

The Motor Heritage building will only be open to the public when there is a volunteer on site to accompany the visitor. This is to ensure the security of the numerous valuable vehicles on display there. If you want to prearrange a visit to the Motor Heritage, please call Paul Gallagher 027 685 4809.

Good News from the Mackenzie Archives Committee

The Mackenzie District's treasured archives, which are stored in the facility at the Museum, are now a lot safer. Generous support from local benefactors, Fairlie's Saturday Second Hand Market Community Fund and the Fairlie Lions Club, which each contributed \$2,000, has enabled Allied Alarms Ltd to install a smoke detection system on the security alarm in the Archives building. A cellular module is connected to the security alarm. Two local Fairlie Volunteer Fire Brigade officers will receive app notification on their cell phones when the alarm is activated. Thanks Fairlie Saturday Second Hand Markets and thanks Fairlie Lions.

If you'd like to know more about what we do at the Archives, or if you have family photos and documents, club records, or history that need to be preserved and protected, get in touch.

Maria Evans, 027 289 5323 Rosemary Moran, 685 8289

MACKENZIE DISTRICT ARCHIVE

Want to know more? Do you have family photos/documents or club records that need to be preserved? Would you like to help at the archives?

Maria Evans 027 289 5323 Rosemary Moran 685 8289



Finally we wish Sophie well with the new café, and look forward to a busy summer for us all!

THE FAIRLIE HERITAGE MUSEUM is seeking volunteers with time to give! In return, we will give you:

- ⇒ Something to talk about
- ⇒ Somewhere warm to go
- ⇒ Some interesting people to meet
- ⇒ Some little projects of interest for you
- ⇒ Some social times with others
- ⇒ Something to think about

Contact Anne Thomson 027 285 8824 or Garry Kerr 027 601 2146

Our Golden Years

'Old age isn't a bed of roses, but you can often feel the thorns!'

One thing holding us back with doing things, or taking part when we get older is our health! The aches and pains that we never expected come upon us and though we may have the help of modern medicine and natural remedies, many still have to live with pain. Pain is not easy to get used to and if there is a chance you can get help, talk to your doctor. We still have a lot of living and giving to be part of, that adds to the quality of the years we have ahead.

Activities for older folk abound in Fairlie – the long awaited return of Erin and her Thursday exercises, trips both for the men and those preferred by women, the bowling season on the way! But to take part we need to feel up to it. So talk to your doctor and take advice to enhance your days!

Volunteering can be a rewarding part of growing older. Not for everyone I know, but the museum is looking for volunteers to be on site a couple of hours per month, to welcome visitors – all from the comfort of the office at the entrance or the 'to be' refurbished kitchen. You can take your ironing, take your lap top (free wifi) watch videos, sit in the sunshine or work on little projects of your own. There will be tea and coffee and biscuits in abundance. Give me a call if you feel you might like to come along to an information afternoon tea.

Anne 027 285 8824

Community Meals

Each month a few of us get together to have a community cookup, with the intention that the meals we cook, some are delivered fresh, others frozen, go out into the community where needed. Last week Megan, Sue and Alma served up delicious chicken casserole and mince, each with an assortment of veges. I know some of you are just too proud to ask so these meals may be inflicted upon you. The thing is that if you are crook, ask, if you have friends or folks you know who might appreciate a meal, ask – all you have to do is call into Heartlands or ring me and I would be happy to drop a couple off.



Over 80's Fine China Afternoon Tea

Thursday 28th September Venue: St John Hall 10 Princes Street, Fairlie Time: 2 pm

Theme: Spring Colours



The ingredients for these meals are donated or bought with funds from Heartlands. Thank you James Rennie, Anne Harrison, Rachel Beattie, Murray Bell and all others who help us out. Please, if you want to donate to this cause, the community caring for the community with free meals, then message me or stipulate the donation is for the Community Cookup should you drop food into Heartlands for us.

What's happening in the next week or two? August

25th Morning Tea for all, 10.15 am St Columba Hall and bring a friend

Andre Rieu at the Movies - Book at Heartlands
 Operatunity "Last Night of the Proms" in Timaru
 Book at Heartlands

September

1st Morning Tea for all, 10.15 am St Columba Hall and bring a friend!

5th Movie at St Columba 1 pm - will give it a go there, with afternoon tea, and will advise of title.



Emergency Services

FENZ -Fairlie Volunteer Fire Brigade



The Fairlie Volunteer Fire Brigade has turned out to a Motor Vehicle Accident on the 3/8 and a chimney fire on the 19/8. Last Sunday 13/8 the Brigade members did a First Aid Revalidation Course, this is done every two years. This course was run by the Red Cross. Members from the Burkes Pass and Mt Cook Brigades also attended this course. If members are unable to attend a course at their Station, they have to do a course somewhere else, and if not compliant, you are unable to ride the appliance.

A few weeks ago FENZ fitted exhaust extractors to two of our Appliances. These are hoses that are attached to the ceiling and then hang down to the Appliance and hook on to the exhaust pipe. When the Appliance starts the fumes get sucked outside, and when the Appliance moves out of the Station, the hose is released by a trip mechanism. The idea is to reduce the risk of heath issues caused by exhaust fumes.

Check that you are not over loading any multi boxes that you might be using. Should you need help call 111. Take care and have a great week.

Wayne Dixon



Past members of the Fairlie St John Ambulance Crew and their partners are invited to attend the 75th Jubilee Celebrations



Date: Sunday October 8th 2023

Time: 2 pm

Venue: Fairlie St John Hall, 10 Princes Street

RSVP: Friday 29th September

anne.irving@stjohn.org.nz

40 Years' Service Bar

At the St John awards evening, we congratulated and acknowledged Violet (Blue) Kerr on her 40 years of service to our community.

Blue is a long-serving dedicated stalwart of Hato Hone St John in the Mackenzie District and we are pleased to be honouring her 40 years of service. She has been involved with



the health sector all her working life initially as an obstetric nurse and now to date a volunteer ambulance officer.

Blue joined Hato Hone St John on 26th April 1983 as Team Manager in Fairlie. During the next 40 years Blue has served South Canterbury in several roles from Station Manager, Area Committee, Frontline Officer and Casual and Event staff. Over this time Blue attained the qualification as Paramedic and spent two years as a full-time officer in Timaru.

In 1997 Blue was admitted to the Order of St John for her outstanding commitment to Hato Hone St John and the South Canterbury District.

Throughout her long career with Hato Hone St John, Blue has always been dedicated to her fellow St John members, both volunteer and paid, and she has been utterly committed to her community. She is a wealth of knowledge and is always willing to share this with the team.

She was instrumental in organising the St John Fellowship in Fairlie and is heavily involved in fundraising through garage sales for ongoing support to Hato Hone St John.

With her years of experience and knowledge, Blue remains an integral part of the Fairlie team guiding them forward through times of change and growth. Blue remains a member of the Area Committee, a role she has undertaken for more than a decade.

We would like to pay tribute to her family, for their many years of support; as we all know, the families of Hato Hone St John members always end up serving as well.

We know many people in the community will have met and seen Blue in action. Please join us in thanking Blue for her outstanding service.



Fairlie

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









the Garden Buzz



A huge thank you to all who joined in with the planting of natives along the Opihi River. It was fantastic weekend and over two days we planted **2,075** plants.

Our healthy native plants were grown by Orari and Matai Nurseries and have been selected for our sites along the river, which in places can be quite sandy or rocky. They have to be quite tough to survive so you might see our stocking rates are high to compensate for losses and to try to out compete the weeds.

Funding for the plants comes from ECAN's Waitaha Action to Impact Fund and Ophua Water Ltd will provide the guards.





There are still 3,000 plants to get in the ground, so keep an eye out for more community planting days!

Winter sprays for fruit trees – Jenny Perano

Copper oxychloride (mix ratio will depend on which type you use) mixed with Conqueror oil (winter strength) is a good clean up to help control overwintering fungal spores plus an organic insecticide.

Spray:

- 2 weeks before bud burst in spring a copper spray should be applied to fruit trees (timing will vary with seasons and where you are – needs to be done before buds show colour)
- 2 weeks after blossom has fallen another copper spray should be applied

Any leaves infected with leaf curl should be removed from the tree and burnt/removed, including any that have fallen on the ground.

"The flowers of late winter and early spring occupy places in our hearts well out of proportion to their size." Gertrude Wister

Mackenzie Community Development

Meeting people in our community ...

Meet Mohammad (Momo) and his wife Ghada and their son Kareem (born in Timaru hospital and now a gorgeous 8 month-old boy). In July they were granted NZ Residency which made them very happy. Mohammad has worked in Lake Tekapo for 8 years now and is currently the Sous-chef at Mackenzies Cafe Bar & Grill.



Where were you born?

We were both born in Jordan.

Please tell us about your families back home?

We both have big families, and as a result had around 1,500 guests at our Engagement party! I have 10 brothers, 2 sisters. Ghada has 5 sisters, 3 brothers. Our lives have been heavily influenced by our two fathers. Momo. My father unfortunately passed away when I was 13 but he taught me so much about life and the importance of being a good person. He was an incredibly kind and well-respected man. I remember one time when I was young, a poor man knocked on our door asking for money, and my father insisted that he came inside and joined us for dinner. My father had such a warm heart and he was very generous with his money, his time and his love. I also remember him not just giving money to beggars but kissing them. He used to say "if we have another life, these people will help us". He was curious about people and I learnt from him not to judge others, to make no problems and to enjoy life. Ghada. My father was a very quiet man, however everyone in the community knew him. He was a school maths teacher and he often used money from his own pocket to buy books and pens for his students, to support their learning. He also had an electronic workshop where he would fix local people's home appliances for free. His funeral was huge. He taught me to always be honest, to respect others and to listen more and talk less.

How did you both meet?

We met at my cousin's wedding way back in 2011. My cousin married Ghada's nephew.

When did you come to live in New Zealand?

In 2015 I moved to New Zealand at age 25 – finally, after 3 unsuccessful applications for a visa. I have 2 uncles living here. Ghada came here a few years later.

What is your favourite food here?

I love fresh Salmon (especially if I have caught it myself in the canals). My favourite way to cook it is to pan-fry it then finish it in the oven. I'm always experimenting with different sauces like lemon & butter.

Lake Tekapo

Julie McDonald mackenziecommunitytekapo@gmail.com



Here is my final 'Meeting People in Our Community' story. This column wouldn't have been possible without the willingness of Lake Tekapo community members to share their (at times very personal) stories with me.

I hope you have all enjoyed reading the stories over the past two years. We have such a diverse group of people living here and we all share two things in common - we all LOVE living in Lake Tekapo, and we all LOVE our very special community.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has featured in this column

I would like to finish with a quote, which also acknowledges the beautiful influence that Momo and Ghada's fathers have had on their lives.

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What do you love about living in Lake Tekapo?

<u>Ghada</u>. I feel safe here – I like that feeling. I can go outside at night. The people are very friendly - we are all like a family here.

<u>Momo</u>. I like this community a lot – it is close to my heart. The scenery moves me and I love the weather. Neighbours look after each other and I feel secure.

Lake Tekapo

BRIEF NOTES from Tekapo Community Board Meeting held on 31st July 2023

PUBLIC FORUM (2 members of the public present)

Robin McCarthy from Kiwi Bike Tours, answered questions from the Community Board around his application to lease in principle, council land on the lakefront domain area for his bike tour business. Mr McCarthy was seeking Community Board support. His request was discussed at length later in the meeting. Community Board agreed that they want to encourage new businesses in Tekapo but did not support the placement of a container in the proposed site. It was suggested that Mr McCarthy consider other sites that did not impede the lakefront viewing corridors.

Annie O'Sullivan spoke on behalf of the Tekapo Trails with regard to their proposed access improvements on the Cowans Hill track fencing. Councillor Murphy highlighted that there is a large wallaby fencing project being worked on by various stakeholders and that Tekapo Trails should hold off on their project until further information comes to light for the Tekapo area.

Communication from Maureen Vance was received and discussed. Her request for awareness/notices to be placed and distributed around the village of a total fireworks ban was not able to be implemented by the Community Board as this falls outside of council jurisdiction and lies with FENZ to implement bans as required. Ms Vance also raised concerns regarding signage that is currently in place at Willow Bay restricting use of the bay to powered vessels. The Community Board requested that the ECAN Harbourmaster attend a future meeting in order to clarify this.

Communication received from Sue Geaney expressing concerns about the lack of clear road markings along Pioneer Drive. A request has been submitted to the council road contractor who has confirmed they will be organising sweeping and line marking next week.

PROJECTS UNDER ACTION:

HAMILTON DRIVE SHELTER & TOILET - Awaiting plans from Council for this project.

HAMILTON DRIVE/SH8 BUNDS - Awaiting plans from Council for this project.

LAKESIDE DRIVE PLAYGROUND - Council presented design concepts for a new playground in Lakeside Drive. Community Board approved the design in principle but did express some concerns around the close vicinity of the proposed site to the lake and requested that the staff review the high lake levels before finalising the sitework to ensure there are no risks involved with children playing close to the lake edge.

LAKE ALEXANDRINA STREAM WORKS - Council staff were contacted by members of the Lake Alexandrina Hut Holders Assn following high water levels around the lake and the bridge to the huts. The cause of these issues was the willow growth around the outlet of the lake.

Lake Tekapo Community Event

For NZ Conservation Week/Te Wiki Tiaki ao Tūroa , Lake Tekapo Community Development Worker, Julie McDonald organised a Community 'Keep Lake Tekapo Beautiful' Rubbish clean up event. It was great to have 19 people (including enthusiastic children) helping pick up rubbish from our streets and parks. Thanks to everyone for their help, including Stewie and Callum from Tekapo Lions Club. Our town is looking so much better after 12 bags of rubbish were collected.



Notice of the **Tekapo Trails Society AGM**To be held at the Tekapo School
Tuesday 12th September at 7 pm

As a result of conversations with DOC, ECAN, Fish & Game, Lake Alexandrina Conservation Trust and the Outlet Hut Holders Assn, works were completed removing willows 10-15m upstream of the bridge. Follow up work is planned in March 2024.

TEKAPO VILLAGE 'MASTER PLAN' - The Community Board has for some time, requested a master design plan for the Tekapo Village from Tekapo Springs to the Regional Park. This will be workshopped by the Board and Council staff over the next few months.

KING'S CORONATION PLANTING - it was agreed that Murray Park was the best option for planting a tree to commemorate the King's Coronation. The Community Board advised Council that they wish to convene on site and consult with members of the original founding group for the park to decide on an appropriate position.

SNOW CLEARING - The Board requested that Council communicate the current snow clearing protocols to the Lake Tekapo community and residents.

FURNITURE - Procurement and placement of new picnic tables - Four new tables to be procured and placed in courtyard area. Two of the existing picnic tables received will be allocated to the new proposed Lakeside playground area. The remaining two tables are yet to be allocated to most suitable site.

Our Wider District

The Evening Sky in September 2023

Bright stars shine around the skyline. **Arcturus** is on the northwest skyline. **Canopus**, the brightest star in the sky, skims along the southern skyline. Both stars are shining through a lot of air which makes them twinkle colourfully. Canopus, being white, shows all colours like a diamond. Orange Arcturus twinkles red and green. Canopus is matched on the northern skyline by **Vega**, the second-brightest northern star after Arcturus.

Orange **Antares**, northwest of the zenith, marks the body of the Scorpion. The Scorpion's tail hooks toward the zenith like a back-to-front question mark. It is the 'fish-hook of Maui' in Maori 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 are 'The Pointers', Beta and **Alpha Centauri**. They point down to the **Southern Cross**. Alpha Centauri is the third brightest of all the stars. It is also the closest of the naked-eye stars

Saturn is the only bright planet in the evening sky. It is due east and midway up the sky at dusk. It looks like a cream-coloured star, shining with a steady light. By midnight it is north of the zenith. The Moon will be near Saturn on the 27th.

Right of Saturn is the medium brightness star **Fomalhaut**, marking the Southern Fish. Further right, in the southeast, is **Achernar**. It is the same brightness as Saturn and the third brightest of the stars in the south after Canopus and Alpha Centauri.

Mars is the only other planet in the evening sky, low in the west and setting early. It looks like a reddish star straight below the medium bright white star Spica. It is 380 million km away, on the far side of the Sun. The thin crescent Moon will be between Mars and Spica on 17th.

The Milky Way spans the sky from north to south. It is brightest and broadest overhead in Scorpius and Sagittarius. In a dark sky it can be traced down past the Pointers and the Southern Cross 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. Dust clouds near us appear as gaps and slots in the Milky Way. Binoculars show many clusters of stars and some glowing gas clouds in the Milky Way.

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

On moonless evenings in a dark sky the Zodiacal Light is visible in the west. It appears as a faint broad column of light extending up past Mars and Spica. It is sunlight reflecting off meteoric dust in the plane of the solar system. The dust may have come from a big comet, many centuries ago.

"While recently doing a jigsaw of NZ native wildlife I was reminiscent of native freshwater crayfish, Koura, from when I was around 10, many years ago! My parents and I in the Mk1 Zephyr, would go and pick blackberries along the Fairlie-Geraldine road and one day we were at the Opuha River Bridge, I waded out into the Opuha River and screamed out to Dad that I was under attack from many claw-like creatures! They, of course, were the fresh water native crayfish, Koura! This memory has stayed with me for a long time, interesting to know if they are they still there?" George Empson (Thanks for the pic!)

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Golden Jupiter is in the late night and morning sky. It rises at 11:30 at the beginning of the month, and 10:30 NZDT at the end. By dawn it is in the northwest sky. It is the brightest 'star' in the morning sky till Venus rises. The Moon will be next to Jupiter on the morning of the 5th. Venus is the brilliant 'morning star'. It rises at 5 am at the beginning of the month and an hour earlier, at 5 am NZDT, at the end.

For star charts visit 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 Collie Dog Club New Life Member

- John H Simpson

John Simpson has been a member of the Mackenzie Collie Dog Club for over 40 years and has competed and been an active member since coming back to Mt Hay in 1984 when the Trials were still held at Burkes Pass.

He was instrumental in moving the Trials to Balmoral in 1989, convincing the Committee that it would be a good site and approached Andrew and Karen Simpson about moving there.

John moved through the Officers of the Committee, being President from 1991 to 1993 and stepped up again in 2005 to 2007. He was Delegate to the Canterbury Centre and is an active member on the Judges List.

In 1992 he won the Straight Hunt (Class IV) with Sage and had many other placings with dogs Case, Tom, Tarn, and Bess. He has also had good success with a heading dog called Snow. John is a long time Marshall on the Zig Zag Hunt Course (Class III)

JH Simpson was awarded his Life Membership on Sunday 6th August at our combined annual dinner and prizegiving with Mt Nessing Collie Dog Club.



Outgoing President Greg Anderson presenting John Simpson with his Life Membership Badge.

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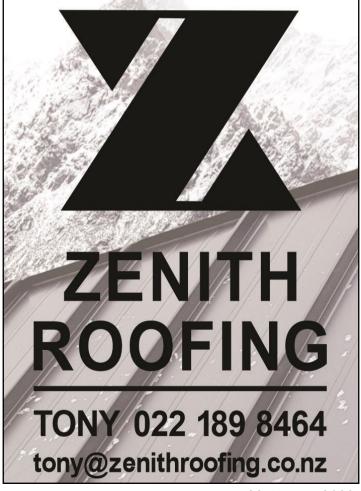
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Manager - Gina Kilmister Email: ginak@fairlienz.org

Website: www.fairlienz.com

Community Events Calendar - Tourism Shops & Trades - Fairlie Accessible Trades & Services Directory

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Heartlands Fairlie Resource & Info Centre Fairlie Community Fairlie Buy, Sell & Recycle

Heartland Services

Photocopying - Laminating - Scanning - Printing - Welcome to Fairlie Packs

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

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 & Info Centre 685 8496

Government Services Info

Contact Heartlands Fairlie Resource & Info Centre

Fairlie Time Capsule

There is a space in the construction of the Fairlie Memorial Wall in the Fairlie Cemetery which is considered ideal for a Time Capsule. We invite residents, clubs, groups, committees and schools - anyone from the area in fact! who want to contribute an article, photos or information, really anything special to you or the community, which you would like held in the Time Capsule. It is hoped the contents of the capsule will be an example of life in the area in 2023 and that one day a future generation will be enlightened by this information. We welcome your contribution which can be left at Heartlands Fairlie. To confirm that your contribution is relevant, please contact Heartlands Fairlie Resource Centre Tel: 685 8496

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO HEARTLANDS BY 30 SEPTEMBER



Update on the Fairlie Memorial Wall

The construction of the wall and paths are now complete. Forty granite plaques have arrived and will soon be positioned on the Wall. The bronze map of the Mackenzie District should arrive shortly and will be fitted to the plinth. These additions will complete the project.

Fairlie Memorial Wall Working Group For more information - 027 285 5389 FAIRLIE - ALBURY - CAVE - LAKE TEKAPO



Share your event - accessible@fairlienz.org

August

- 25 Daffodil Day
- 25 Friday Morning Tea St Columba Hall 10.15 am
- 26 Ethel & Bethel Bingo Babes Comedy Albury Hall 7 pm
- 27 Andre Rieu in Timaru
- 29 Quiz Night & Silent Auction Silverstream Hotel 7 pm
- 29 Mackenzie Archive AGM Archive Building Museum 7 pm
- 30 Operatunity "Last Night at the Prom's"
- 30 Mackenzie Shears meeting Top Pub 7.30 pm

September

- 1 Friday Morning Tea St Columba Hall 10.15 am
- 2 Saturday Laughs in Fairlie Mack Comm Centre 8 pm
- 5 Patchwork Group Meet Masonic Lodge Hall 10 am
- 5 Movie at St Columba Hall 1 pm with Afternoon Tea
- 9 Knitting in the Library 10.30 am
- 11 Forum Meeting Mackenzie Community Centre 10 am
- 12 Tekapo Trails AGM Tekapo School 7 pm
- 13 Albury Afternoon Tea Albury Hall 1.30 pm
- 16 Race Tekapo
- 19 Patchwork Group Meet Masonic Lodge Hall 10 am
- 21 College Lip Sync Mackenzie College 7 pm
- 22 Fairlie Spring Flower Show
- 22 Julian Temple Band @ Silverstream 7 pm
- 23 Naming the Sirens Poetry Show Comm Theatre 7.30 pm
- 24 Men's Trip Bushtown Waimate 10 am
- 28 Over 80's Fine China Afternoon Tea St John Hall 2 pm



Next Closing Date - Friday 1 September 2023

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