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7 November 2023 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Opuha Dam

In the late 1980's, droughts were frequent and devastating for South Canterbury. The Opihi River was in a state of crisis and the catchment ecosystem was in a depleted and stressed state during dry periods. Fish salvages in rapidly diminishing rivers was common, and the period has been described as soul destroying.

A community meeting was called, and a cross-representative group formed to investigate water storage options, with the common purpose of saving the Opihi River. During the following decades, this group worked tirelessly, resulting in the Opuha Dam, which was commissioned in 1998.

The dam company negotiated and bought land from surrounding farm owners and began preparing the site with construction commencing in 1995. At midnight on Waitangi Day 1997, the dam breached during construction. As soon as the flood arrived, it had swiftly passed, and the community recovered with repairs being made and the dam being completed 21 months later.

Construction of the dam took three years, and the filling of Lake Opuha began on 24 March 1998. The turbine generated its first electricity during a series of commissioning tests in September 1998, and a month later a test spill of water was released down the spillway.

The official opening of the dam was on 7 November 1998, which was celebrated with weeklong events including a fishing competition, celebrity cricket match, and a concert. Since the dam commissioning, the Opihi River has enjoyed continuous flow, particularly in summer where the augmented flows exceed what would naturally occur.

Agriculture in South Canterbury has flourished with reliable irrigation water underpinning diverse farming systems with economic benefits both inside, and outside the farm gate. Past economic reports quantifying the benefit of the Opuha dam are extensive and unanimous in their assessment of the widespread social and economic wellbeing created.

While Lake Opuha was created principally for water augmentation, it also provides an amazing recreational amenity to the local Fairlie community and further afield to the public of South and Mid Canterbury. Swimming, boating, and fishing is popular, and the lake is also a destination for local schools as part of their rowing and water-based activities and programmes.

The flood buffering capability of the dam has been demonstrated in recent floods, particularly in the May 2021 event where the dam held back more than 450 cumecs for two days, almost certainly preventing widespread damage in the Temuka area.

Opuha Dam has been held up as a great example of a community-based solution for a local problem.







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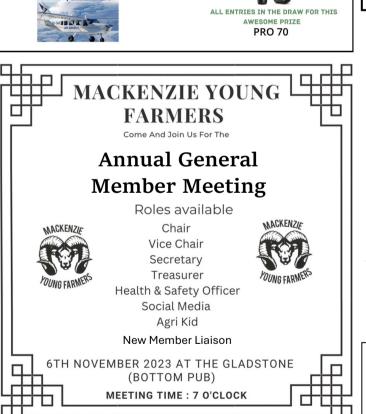


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Sometimes those little jobs aren't as easy as they used to be! Popping the wheelie bin out, small errands, changing a light bulb, etc. Give the Fairlie Resource Centre a call and we'll make sure it happens!

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St John Fellowship Meeting

Will be held at St John rooms on Thursday 28th November at 2 pm.

John and Lee Stokes will be speaking about their trip to Italy. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Fairlie and Districts Residence and Ratepayer Society Inc

and other Woodbury fundraisers

Please note that the next meeting of the above organisation is to be held in the St Columba Hall on 7th November at 6.30 pm.

It would be good to see a large turnout at the new venue. See you all there Robert Herbert

What's Happening?

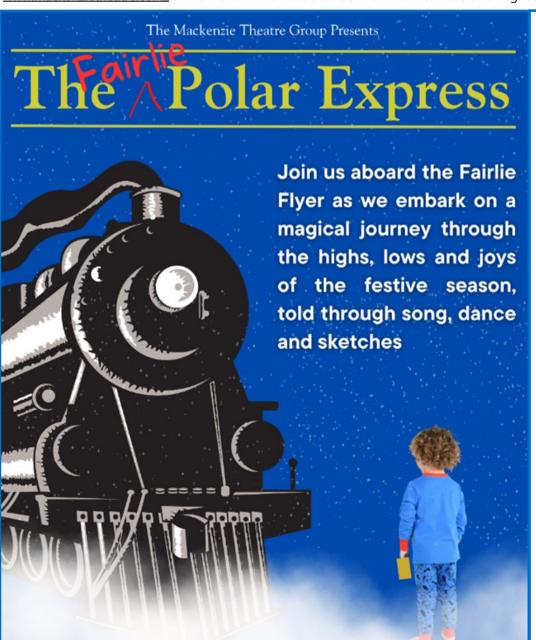
Mackenzie Theatre Group Production 2023

August might seem a little early to be singing Christmas songs, but not for the Mackenzie Theatre Group who had their first script read and sing through of their new production – The Polar Express. The show is loosely based on the film the Polar Express, and sees the Fairlie Flyer run a special service bound for the North Pole. Along the way the train stops to pick up a number of passengers for whom Christmas has lost some of its sparkle – including Santa, who is finding it challenging to meet the expectations of modern children!

Director Chris Clarke said the group wanted to ensure the production reflected the reality of Christmas – the highs but also the lows. 'Christmas can be challenging for some. Those who have lost loved ones, or are separated from family and friends. So while there are plenty of upbeat Christmassy songs and some laugh out loud moments, we also reflect on those who are not so fortunate. And somewhere in there is the Christmas message – that when things aren't going well, kindness and consideration go a long way. There's always hope', said Clarke.

A team of 50 is working 'full steam' to bring the production to life. A cast of over 30 are supported by a production team and support crew of over 20 involved in costumes and makeup, set building, sound and lighting and stage management. 'It's a real community effort' said Mags Gibson, the show's producer. 'There's something very special about people coming together to create something magical. You can find us on Facebook (Mackenzie Theatre Group) to follow our progress until the Polar Express Special departs!'

The Fairlie Flyer Polar Express runs for just four nights on 29/30 November, and 1/2 December at the Mackenzie Community Centre Theatre in Fairlie. Tickets (\$25 for adults and \$20 for children) are available online at www.mackenzietheatre.co.nz or from the Fairlie Resource Centre in Fairlie. Tickets selling fast, don't miss out!





Wednesday 29 November Thursday 30 November Friday 1 December Saturday 2 December

2023

Mackenzie Community Centre Theatre, Fairlie 7.30 pm

> Tickets Adults \$25 Children \$20

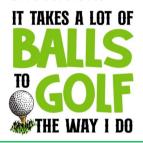
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Not in a team but would like to play? Any questions?

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Fairlie Golf Club AGM Monday 20 November 2023

Fairlie Golf Clubrooms, Talbot Road 7.00 pm - all members welcome.

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Mackenzie Ice Hockey End of Season Round Up

As everyone swaps their skates for summer sports, it is a great opportunity to reflect on the achievements of our club members this year. For such a small club, Mackenzie Ice Hockey is well represented in National and International competitions throughout the different age groups.

As part of the National League, the Southern Region or SIHL have two teams that players can trial for: the Queenstown Stampede or the Dunedin Thunder.

Congratulations to the players who have played for the Queenstown Stampede, for their age group in the National Competition this year:

Womens (Wakatipu Wild): Gracie Hellmrich - gained Silver U18: Lukus Leppard

U15: Xavier Story - gained Gold

Congratulations to the players who have played for the Dunedin Thunder, for their age group in the National Competition this year:

Womens: Camryn Linton, Jessica Ryall - gained Bronze **U18:** Camryn Linton, Jessica Ryall, Hamish Ryall, Marcus Wilson, Katsu Ikai, Sam Power

U15: Izzy Power, Archie Drummond - gained Silver

Congratulations to the following players who have been named in the New Zealand U18 Womens team to play in the IIHF Division 2, Group B tournament to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria in January 2024.

Gracie Hellmrich, Camryn Linton, Jessica Ryall, Izzy Power (Reserves)

Also congratulations to the Mackenzie Bull Tahrs U12 Team that won Bronze at the U12 Nationals.

We would also like to thank all of our sponsors for the season, there are so many of you and you are all

appreciated. You all make it possible for our players to enjoy such an awesome sport. A special mention goes out to Albury Ice Sports Foundation, The Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury Inc, and Trust Aoraki for assisting the club in making Ice Hockey affordable for families in the Mackenzie.



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21 Nov Y6 Parent Info Evening Mack College
21 Nov Y6 Student Orientation Mack College
22 Nov Tri Challenge Mack College



Fairlie Area Kindergarten

Who has the hungriest lamb?

It was all tension and excitement at Kindergarten recently when we had our Pet Day.

An exciting part of the event is the competition between the lambs as to the quickest to drink a set amount of milk.

A photograph booth and obstacle course were new additions this year and, of course, our traditional grand parade lead by Peter Johnson and Seth Whitehead, giving that special Mackenzie flavour of bagpipes and drum.

Our annual Pet Day supports making meaningful links between people, places and things. It fosters links between the child's home and learning community and reflects the pride and aroha (love) that tamariki have for their pets. Manaakitanga (caring) is valued learning at kindergarten and supports our curriculum priority of whanaugnatanga/relationships.

A big thank you to Peter and Seth who kindly gave their time to add their special magic to the day.



Mackenzie Community Centre



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St Joseph's School Fairlie

Kindy Visit

There was plenty of action during our recent kindy visit. The race track was in action with lots of wheels, with go karts, trolleys, trikes and bikes! It was wonderful to see our younger friends again and connect with siblings.



Enviroschools

Our students have enjoyed having Debbie back this term to learn about Enviroschools. They made the most of the fine weather and went outside to explore their outdoor environment. Using magnifying glasses and cups the students set off to look for items that they could share back with their classmates. We look forward to Debbie coming back soon, when we will make bird nests.





Education

Cannington School

Knockout game involves a rope, a moon hopper and lots of cones? We call it Knockout! This week Asher introduced us to a new game. The idea is that one person stands inside a large circle of cones. They have to spin the moon hopper, which is attached to a rope. The other players, one at a time, have to run into the circle to retrieve a cone. While doing this, they have to avoid getting struck by the flying moon-hopper. When someone gets hit, they must put their cone back. The games ends when all the cones have been taken and the winner is the one with the most bruises! No, I mean cones! Safety equipment can be worn during this game and is highly recommended when Mr P is at the end of the rope! We can't wait to introduce Knockout to the other schools on our Fun Day.

Rural Round Up - Once a year Cannington School hosts a Rural Round Up. This is when we get out our heading dogs and round up all the locals for a slap-up meal at school! The Rural Round Up is a great way for local people to catch up and be reminded about how to 'be prepared' for emergency situations. We had the local fire brigade come along and Mr P reminded everyone that our school holds emergency radio for our area. Phoebe's favorite part was when the Fire Brigade let us use the hoses to shoot balls off the top of cones. Ambrosia was also a big hit of the night; many people went back for seconds.

Crepes - In the holidays, Eleanor really missed school. She did a lot of writing and wrote two wonderful letters – one for Mr P and one for Asher. Eleanor thanked Mr P for all the good desserts we had at school. Mr P, thought this was a hint and as a treat, he made us crepes filled with Nutella and marshmallows. This was a great way to start Term 4!

Frisbee Golf - Last Friday Angus came up with a really handy tip for playing Frisbee Golf. "Stand out of the way when others are throwing the Frisby, especially if you don't want to get a Frisbee to the face!" This comes from first- hand experience!

Cannington School Upgrade - Refurbishments are still ongoing at Cannington. Two of the new swings are installed and are being well used during breaks and lunch breaks. Mr. Emsley has put the library deck down and this will be stained at upcoming working bee. Unbeknown to Mr. Emsley, the faeries had deposited his spiritlevel up on the roof of the garage. Luckily, Mr. P spotted it and asked Paul to get it back down.

Photography Workshop for Students



After the recent Mackenzie College Art Auction Photography Competition, I have been approached by parents of a couple of students who are interested in learning more about photography. Members of the Fairlie in Focus Photography Group would be happy to organise a workshop to help kids upskill their knowledge of photography.

Students would need to have a camera that can be used on manual settings (no cellphones). The workshop would be limited to 10 people.

Please contact me and we can get an idea of how many students would be interested in taking part.

Jan Macpherson 021 109 1146

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This scholarship will be awarded to a person who has not gained any other scholarship, so candidates will be expected to indicate if they have applied for another scholarship.

Lions reserve the right not to award any scholarship. Short listed applicants will be required to attend an Interview to be held 28^{th} November at the Fairlie Resource Centre. Applicants will be notified of times.

Applications close on the 19th November 2023 with forms available from:

The Secretary - email secflcinc@outlook.com or Mackenzie College Kirke Street, Fairlie

These faeries are always up to something! We need to introduce them to the game of Knockout!

Education

Fairlie Primary School

Ag Day

Fairlie Primary School held its annual Aa Day last Friday. Formerly Pet Day, the day is all about children showing how they can grow, nurture and create. Students brought along a range of projects from pigs, lambs, dogs, calves to chicks, eels, plants, cupcakes, crafts and lego creations. The children enjoyed talking to the judges about their projects and ribbons were awarded for the best knowledge and best care. The fancy dress, lamb and calf drinking competitions were a highlight and the day concluded with a grand parade. Thank you to the staff from PGG Wrightson, Farmlands, Vetlife and Aoranai Vets for donating their time to judge the categories and to the FPS Home and School for providing the barbecue and baking.



Is your child turning 5 and due to start school between December and February 2024?

ENROL NOW FOR GROUP VISITS







On these visits children will meet their teacher, create relationships with children who will be in their class in 2024, become comfortable and confident in the school environment, and experience elements of school life.

Visits will take place on: Thursday 23 November 2-3pm,
Thursday 30th November 2-3pm,
Thursday 7 December 1.20pm-3pm (to include a break time)

Please contact Jane Wilks to confirm your attendance and for an enrolment pack. Parents are welcome to stay for visits until children feel independent and comfortable.

jane@fairlie.school.nz PH: 03 685 8504



Albury School

Life is very busy here at Albury School, as we speed towards the end of the year. There is an exciting mix of learning and extra curricular activities for the students to look forward to this term.

Our topic focus is Tengawai - Our River. We are looking at this from different angles across the curriculum. We are learning about the importance of the river to tangata whenua, and to the European settlers, both historically, and in the present. We are looking at the different parts of a river and what a catchment is. We made catchment models in our vacant raised garden beds and then 'rained' on them to see what happened to the water. Later in the term, we will also conduct field trips to the river, to investigate the fish and invertebrates that live there. We will also conduct water testing, and

discuss some of the challenges facing the river. We plan to conclude the learning by looking at what is being done to overcome these challenges, and what role the students can take in safeguarding the river for the future.



Our annual Pet Day is approaching and there is the usual high level of excitement around this. Calves are back as an option after being absent for a number of years and there are the usual range of weird and wonderful creatures in the 'other' section. Other upcoming events include a trip to the South Canterbury Museum, a shared fish and chips lunch with the Playgroup, Book Week, Wheels Week, the Cannington Fun Day and the Inter School Athletics. The ongoing building renovations are continuing slowly but hopefully surely. Everyone is very much looking forward to seeing the access ramp, staffroom and breakout spaces completed before the end of the year. The main entrance to the school is also under-going a makeover, with a new fenced, landscaped and grassed area to enjoy. We will look forward to keeping you posted.



New Book

We have a copy of 'Bookshop Dogs' by Ruth Shaw, as previewed in *Petronella's* previous Accessible article. This book is Ruth Shaw's second book – her first, 'The Bookseller at the End of the World' is about opening a bookshop in Manapōuri, as well as an honest account of her earlier life. Her second book features her dog Hunza, who worked alongside Ruth when she was a youth worker in Invercargill. The book also contains short stories about the various dogs, and their owners, who have visited Ruth's bookshops.

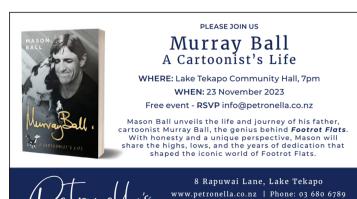
Ruth's writing style is easy to read, and she talks about her adventures and tragedies with candor, humour, and no trace of self-pity. The chapters are short and her observations of people, and animals, are a delight to read. For those of you who went to Takapō/Tekapo on Wednesday night, to hear her speak about her life, her dogs and her books, get to the library (or ring us) and reserve these books today!!

Latest Display

Our latest foyer display features a selection of biographies from both New Zealand and overseas . It includes sports people, adventurers, musicians, pioneers, and other inspirational memoirs. If you haven't read much nonfiction, this is a great place to start. There are people and subjects that will interest everyone. The library's Biography section is located on the far left-hand wall, and the books in this section are identified by a yellow spine label. If you need help finding a suitable subject or specific person, the library staff will be able to steer you in the right direction – just ask!

Have a lovely week! The Library Crew

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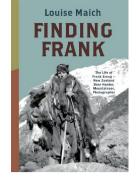


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FINDING FRANK
Louise Maich
The Life of Frank Erceg
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The book for review today is far removed from my usual repertoire of fiction and self-help books. Finding



Frank, is a beautiful hardback biography of Frank Erceg a highly respected hunter, first as deer culler for the NZ Forest Service and later as a commercial meat hunter. Tragically, Frank was killed in New Zealand's first helicopter hunting accident, already a legend at a young 30. The striking picture on the cover is a photo of Frank taken in 1961 in the Godley Valley. Frank is covered in thar and chamois skins, leaning on an ice axe and his .222 rifle with the headwaters of the Godley river in the background. Salivating stuff for hunters.

This book is written by Louise Maich, Frank's niece who spent over two decades piecing together her uncle Frank's previously untold story through family research, letters, and many photos. Impressively, the author immersed herself into Frank's stories by travelling to the places where Frank lived and hunted. She also became an associate member of NZ Deer Cullers. At their reunions she connected to people who knew Frank, the last of the great hunters of that era, and heard compelling recollections and yarns about her uncle and his adventures.

The book is divided in four parts. The first part is about the family's arrival from Dalmatia. The second part (1956-1961) is about Frank's time with the New Zealand Forest Service. The third part (1961-1965) is about Frank as a professional meat hunter. The last part is about Frank as photographer and the legacy he left behind.

My husband Michael Midgley has his own Frank Erceg story to tell. In 1961 Frank took Michael (20) and his brother Alastair (17) up the Arawhata River in his jetboat for a hunting trip. As was custom with these trips, as a 'payment' for the ride, they left the gutted carcasses of the stags they shot on the flats for Frank to sell. These were the halcyon days of New Zealand deer hunting.



Recording an Oral History A Taster Workshop with Ruth Entwistle Low

WHERE: Lake Tekapo Community Hall, 9:30am-12pm
WHEN: Saturday 25 November 2023
COST: \$15 (includes morning tea)

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RSVP: info@petronella.co.nz

Join us for a half-day taster workshop featuring Ruth Entwistle Low, a freelance oral historian and writer based in Timaru. During this workshop, you will be introduced to the art of oral history recording. Ruth will share insights into her work, showcase interview and recording techniques, and give you the opportunity to practice these skills.



Open 10am-5pm, 7 Days

Our Community

Happy Birthday:

1 Nov Adele O'Connor

1 Nov Rodney O'Loughlin

3 Nov Katie Simpson

3 Nov Colin Jordan

3 Nov Deborah O'Neill

4 Nov Fergus Nixon

6 Nov Eiligh France

6 Nov Ngaire Gallagher

7 Nov Tracey Cassie

7 Nov Di Little

8 Nov Dutchy

11 Nov Shaun Reardon

Birth:

8 Oct Hiltje, Lee and Maie welcome

Ina Elizabeth Anderson

Bereavement:

16 Oct Graham Adams



Lucas Lanchester raised \$1,400 selling kindling to the Fairlie community, and was very pleased to donate all the profits to the Fairlie Volunteer Fire Brigade. Good on you Lucas!

Fairlie Primary Home & School & Fairlie Fire Brigade Would like to thank the following sponsor for all their generous donations & support for Miss Mackenzie 2023



Midland Choir Concert - you are invited!

Each Sunday evening three Fairlie women travel to Timaru with Allan Kerr to practice for the Midland Choir concerts. Allan Kerr, 'a somewhat Fairlie icon' has a long history of devoting time to conducting choirs and theatrical productions, as well as taking part in many of them.

The Midland Choir's next concert will be held in the Savage Club Hall, Dee Street, Timaru, 18th November at 7.30 pm. The proceeds from the \$10 admission and the raffles sold at the door will be donated to the South Canterbury Hospice.

The concert will feature items by the top music students from each of the 12 South Canterbury high schools. The Midland Choir will also perform two brackets of songs. Each of these music students will receive a \$500 music bursary to assist with their future studies. These bursaries will be funded by "Keep the Change" donations received at the Farmers' car park manned by the South Canterbury Masonic Lodges.

Transport available if interested – contact the Fairlie Resource Centre 685 8496.

Leanne Gichard, singer, returns for Evening Concert St Columba Church at 7 pm on Monday 13 November 2023

This concert will be approximately one hour in duration and be followed by a light supper. Donations of \$5 at the door to cover expenses. Please advise the Fairlie Resource Centre if you wish to attend 684 8496.



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Our Golden Years

There is sadness and then there is sadness!

If anyone asked and they didn't, how I felt about the All Blacks losing the final of the Rugby World Cup, I would have said I was sad. Sad for our young men who put so much into the game – sad for Sam Cane, and sad that the great game of rugby as I have always known it, has become such a modern times muck up! On the other hand it was simply beautiful to see the All Blacks with their little children and families – they are only human after all!

If anyone asked me how I felt about Matthew Perry dying, and they haven't, I would have said 'sad'. Chandler Bing and his fellow cast members of Friends have bought us laughter – again and again and again! I never tire of watching Friends and their humour reminds us that we are only human after all, able to enjoy the gift comedy brings.

Looking out for each other is a big part of life in our communities of the Mackenzie. Never is it more prevalent than when someone is sick or in need of help. However it is often a case of not knowing what to do. We may not know the person well enough to call so maybe in such cases – revert back to the old ways of a card or note in their letterbox simply saying you are thinking of them.

My aim is to have little events and outings that may attract older folk to mix and mingle in this community where they are a valued part of our lives. If there is something you might like to do or a place you might like to visit, please get in touch and I will see what I can do.

Anne T

CRAFTY AFTERNOONS -TURNING BROWN PAPER BAGS INTO CHRISTMAS BAGS

Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st November - 1.30 pm -

at the Fairlie Heritage Museum, entry as advertised on the day! We need your help.



Fri 3rd Nov Morning Tea 10.15 am in St Columba Fri 10th Nov Morning Tea in St Columba 10.15 am

Karen, the Continence Advisor will join us to give a presentation. You don't have to have sprung a leak to come to this. Great info!

Sat 11th Nov Armistice Day at Albury – want a ride? Let me know! I'll take seats for you as well!

Wed 15th Nov Community Cook up in St Columba Hall 9 am Thu 16th Nov Lunch at Woodbury Café - Please book at

Fairlie Resource Centre

Fri 17th Nov Morning Tea in St Columba 10.15 am

- all welcome

Sat 18th Nov Midland Choir perform in Timaru – 7.30 pm

Wanna come along then let AT know!



Our Community

MenzShed Mackenzie

Finally we have our Menz Shed sign up! We have a lot of projects on the go at the moment - we are helping the Mackenzie Theatre Group with set and props for their upcoming Christmas production, and there are several other small jobs on the go.



We are open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 am-12 noon. We are looking for more folk to join us, whether it's helping with the projects or doing your own project. We have a variety of tools, but are seeking a good quality decent size air compressor. Call in and see us if you can help out with this thanks.



Start thinking now for your 2024 and 2025 Holidays

Email me now for all your travel requirements and remember ... I can meet at your place!



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Carrot Fly – We've Won the War!

Over the past few years, we have waged a continual seasonal battle with infestations of Carrot Fly in our vegetable garden. Every remedy to combat this destructive garden pest has been tried and failed to the point where, after losing our entire crop last year, we, like many other home gardeners in Fairlie, decided to never plant carrots ever again.

Then I happened to have a conversation with a scientist from the Ministry of Primary Industries who informed me of a new cloth that has been developed to protect crops from pests, a cloth that fully removes a need to spray insecticides. It is my understanding that there are two commercial products now available. This cloth is not a frost cloth, it is a specially designed cloth to cover susceptible crops permanently, creating a microclimate to not only protect from pests, but also create an enhanced growing environment.

I am delighted to report that this season we had not one carrot damaged by Carrot Fly, and not a single caulie, cabbage or broccoli impacted by white butterfly. Yes, we also covered all our brassicas with this cloth.

To protect the brassicas I used hoops of #8 wire to support the cloth, creating small tunnel houses for each row of plants.

To protect the carrot crop I made a frame from deer netting, fastening the cloth with light weight wooden battens or iron fencing standards, this to keep the carrot fly out and also to prevent the cloth from being blown off the frame by strong winds.

NOTE 1 - Whenever I opened the cloth covering the carrots, to either pull carrots or weeds, I always gave the carrots a quick spray of Black Flag before closing the cloth, just to ensure none of the little 'nasties' invaded. NOTE 2 – I have had a conversation with Farmlands who is familiar with the microclimate cloth, and is very happy to supply it. Just imagine, no more carrot fly in any vegetable gardens in Fairlie.

Gary Joll

Gary has very kindly shared his article from 2018

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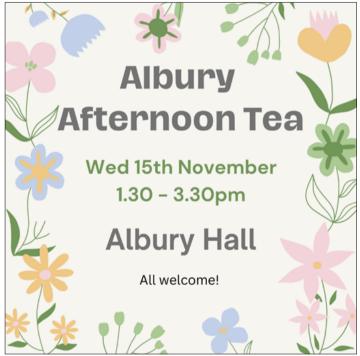
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the Garden Buzz 🧷

About 30 gardeners turned out on Saturday to swap or giveaway seedlings, have a natter about gardening and other goings on ... quite a few grumbles about a ref from the UK and some poor decisions! Despite that outcome and the cool start to the day, it ended up being quite glorious, and thanks to those who shared some delicious treats too! It's such a busy time of year but I am always excited about growing my own vegetables.

Happy planting and sowing everyone!





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Our Wider Districts



Mark Laurent and Brenda Liddiard - The 33rd Anniversary Tour

For more than three decades Mark Laurent and Brenda Liddiard have been playing music together, part of that secret army of 'indie' musicians who fly just below the commercial radar, playing grass-roots, mostly un-plugged music throughout New Zealand, Australia and the UK.

What they enjoy most is to connect with audiences on an intimate level. They love playing acoustic clubs, small theatres, house concerts, churches - wherever people want to come close and really listen. But they can also be found jamming in a crowded cafe/bar, or filling large open spaces, like city squares or festival marquees, with the sound of guitars, mandolin, ukulele, Rowan lute and harmonies.

They're both songwriters, with their own styles, so they've become each others' backing band. Mark has a penchant for acoustic rock, blues & reggae, whereas Brenda's songs lean more towards new folk & alt. country. So what you get is an eclectic mix of material, that can be 'pin drop' delicate, or sound like a 4-piece band! They often also pepper their shows with short bursts of poetry, just to keep things interesting.

Mark Laurent plays the blues like his life depends on it! His guitar is just about as expressive as his vocals and confirms the guitar hero status that he earned several decades ago when his professional music career kicked off in the 1970's.

His wife and performance partner Brenda Liddiard has a voice born of true folk, protest and alt country sentiments. Brenda has been greatly influenced by English and American acoustic music, and found her niche as a songwriter during her passionate involvement with environmental and anti-nuclear issues dating from the 70's and 80's. Her album, Box of Memories, was a finalist in the 2013 Tui Awards for Best Folk Album.

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The Evening Sky in November 2023

Jupiter is the 'evening star', appearing in the northeast soon after sunset. As the sky darkens **Saturn** appears northwest of the zenith. **Sirius**, the brightest true star, rises a little south of due east. By the end of the month it is up at sunset. **Canopus**, the second-brightest star, is in the southeast. Both stars twinkle like diamonds as the air disperses their white light.

Left of Sirius is the constellation of **Orion**, with 'The Pot' at its centre. Bluish **Rigel** is directly above the line of three stars; orange **Betelgeuse** is straight below. Left again is orange **Aldebaran**. It is at one tip of a triangular group called the Hyades cluster. The Hyades and Aldebaran make the upside-down face of **Taurus** the bull. Still further left is the **Pleiades** or **Matariki** star cluster, also called the Seven Sisters, Subaru and many other names. Six stars are visible to most eyes. Dozens are seen in binoculars.

The disk of Jupiter can be seen in binoculars along with one or two of its big moons close by. Any telescope will show the four big moons lined up on either side of Jupiter. Not all four are seen every night. The ring of Saturn is also visible in a small telescope along with Saturn's biggest moon Titan, close to the planet. The ring is getting thin as we are viewing it more edge-on. The oon will be near Saturn on 20th and near Jupiter on 25th.

Mercury begins an evening sky appearance during November. Around the 10th it will be setting in the southwest an hour after the Sun, the brightest 'star' in that part of the sky. By the 18th it is setting 1½ hours after the Sun. Orange Antares, the scorpion's heart, will then be to its left. Mercury holds its position night-to-night as the stars sink lower. The thin crescent Moon will be below Mercury on the 14th.

The Clouds of Magellan, two misty glows high in the southern sky, are small galaxies easily seen by eye on a dark moonless night. The globular star cluster 47 Tucanae looks like a slightly fuzzy star near the top-right edge of the smaller cloud. Globular clusters are spherical clusters of ancient stars.

Low in the south are the Pointers, and Crux the Southern Cross, now upside down. In some Maori star lore the bright southern Milky Way makes the canoe of Maui with Crux being the canoe's anchor hanging off the side. In this picture the Scorpion's curved tail is the canoe's prow and the Clouds of Magellan are the sails.

Venus is the brilliant 'morning star'. It rises due east around 4:40 a.m. at the beginning of the month and around 4:10 at the end. By this time Jupiter, fainter than Venus, is setting in the northwest. The Moon will be left of Venus on the morning of the 9th.

Star charts can be seen 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.

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Moved S Wright Seconded J Kerr

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We also pray for a future devoid of violence and hatred. With unwavering faith in God's healing power, we implore divine intervention for those wounded by acts of violence. We beseech the Holy Spirit to bring forth healing through His presence while simultaneously removing any seeds of hatred and desire for vengeance. We offer a prayer for reconciliation:

O God, for though the human race is divided by dissension and discord, yet we know that by testing us you change our hearts to prepare them for reconciliation.

Even more, by your Spirit you move human hearts that enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries may join hands, and peoples seek to meet together.

By the working of your power it comes about, O Lord, that hatred is overcome by love, revenge gives way to forgiveness, and discord is changed to mutual respect.

Loving God and Father, we cry to you for our broken world, and for those who seek their own way through violence and threat. Be pleased to banish violence quickly among us and to wipe away all tears on the faces of those who are mourning. Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Fr. Tien Cao

Notice: To commemorate All Souls' Day, a special Mass will be celebrated at Fairlie Cemetery at 6:00 pm on Thursday, November 2nd. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held at St Patrick's Church. Everyone is welcome!



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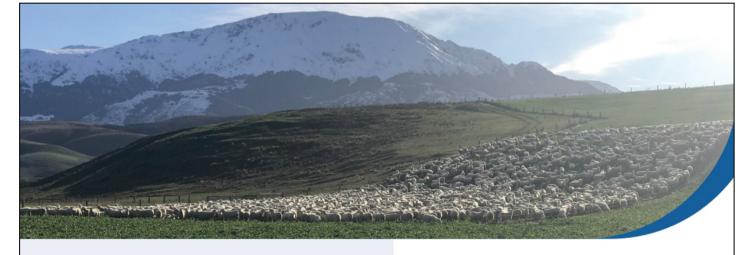
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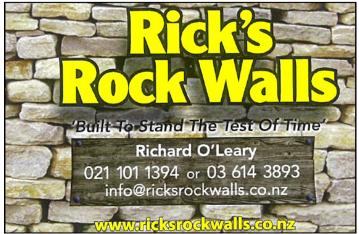
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Men's Trip to Lake Tekapo

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November

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- 2 Staying Safe Driving Course for Older Folk 10.30 am- 2 pm
- 2 Mck.Comm.Enhancement Board AGM Fle Res Cntre 6 pm
- 3 Gumboot Friday Bake Sale Fairlie Resource Centre 10 am
- 4 Car Boot Sale Museum Carpark 9 am \$10 per vehicle
- 4 Felt Slipper Making Course Mack College 9 am-4 pm
- 4 Bark Up Gladstone Hotel 5 pm
- 4/5 Mackenzie Buckle Series, Kimbell
- 5 Lake Opuha Pink Walk 9.30 am
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- 6 Albury District Info Evening Albury Hall 7.30 pm
- 6 FCVT AGM Fairlie Resource Centre 5.30 pm
- 7 Making Christmas Bags Fairlie Museum 1.30 pm
- 7 Residence & Ratepayers meeting St Columba Hall 6.30 pm
- 7 Mark Laurent & Brenda Liddiard Tekapo Hall 7 pm
- 8 Twilight Golf season starts 5.30 pm
- 11 Picnic at Sundrum Woodbury 10 am 4 pm
- 11 Sha-Low (in beer garden) at Silverstream Hotel 5 pm
- 11 Armistice Day at Albury
- 13 Evening with Kieran Read Community Theatre 6.30 pm
- 13 Albury Hall AGM 7 pm
- 13 Evening Concert by Leanne Gichard St Col Church 7 pm
- 14 Men's Trip 10 am
- 14 Making Christmas Bags Fairlie Museum 1.30 pm
- 15 Community Cook Up St Columba Hall 9 am
- 15 Albury Afternoon Tea Albury Hall 1.30 pm

Community Events



Car Boot Sales @ Museum Car Park 9 am \$10

- 1st Saturday of the month

Friday Morning Tea @ St Columba Hall, 10.15 am

- every Friday (10th, Karen the Continence Advisor)

Forum Meetings @ Mackenzie Community Centre 10 am

2nd Monday of the month

Knitting in the Library, 10.30 am

- 2nd Saturday of the month

Line Dancing @ St Columba Hall

- Mondays 1 pm & 7 pm, Wednesdays 7 pm

Welcoming Newcomers Morning Tea @ St Columba 10 am

1st Wednesday of the month

Patchwork Group @ Masonic Lodge Hall, Gall Street, 10 am

- 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

Stronger for Longer Exercises @ St Columba Hall 10 am

every Thursday

Working Bee @ Community Gardens, 10-11 am

Next Closing Date - Friday 10 November

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