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Mayoral Christmas Message

As we head into the festive season, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very special Christmas and Happy New Year.

Our unique and special way of life here in the Mackenzie is something we can cherish. Over the Christmas and New Year period I hope you can take a moment to simply step back, clear your mind of the things that may cause you stress and anxiety and, even just for a few moments, focus on your loved ones and friends, and the things that bring you joy.

The incredible landscapes and natural environment we are so lucky to have in our backyard in Canterbury offer us fantastic opportunities to get out and make the most of them during the summer. Regardless of whether you fish, enjoy camping, cycling, walking, photography, or a picnic with the family, the range of fabulous locations around our mountains, lakes and rivers are endless. Tourism numbers have been increasing steadily, and this will be a busy time for many of our local businesses.



They are a crucial part of our communities, so please, as you are out and about over the holiday period try to support them when you can.

Many of us will be travelling during the coming weeks, and this is the time of year when our roads really start to fill up with visitors, campervans, cyclists, boats and horse-floats, and a range of other potential hazards. Make sure you allow plenty of time for your journey, and take care of yourselves and others when travelling this break.

At this time of year, I would like to thank my Councillors and Community Boards, Angela, our wonderful Chief Executive, and the team at our MDC offices for your commitment and hard work this year. Thank you also to the volunteers who do so much for our communities, many of whom are particularly busy at this time of year. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and I wish you all the very best for 2024.

*Meri Kirihiomete
Mayor Anne Munro*



NEW YEARS

DEC 31 SUN

LIVE BAND 8.30pm - Midnight

GIRL FROM MARS
FLY BY NIGHT DUO

- BONFIRE
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VILLAGE GREEN - FAIRLIE

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"Just Believe" - in the local talent, trials and treats of Christmas

Last night I got to enjoy a delightful evening stepping into the world of Christmas thanks to the Mackenzie Theatre Group. Although this time of year comes with mixed emotions and varied levels of enthusiasm, you can't not enjoy their rendition of 'Polar Express' as there is something for everyone. As the lights dim you tune into the sounds of Christmas, carols, bells and there is always something deeply stirring about the sound of a steam train. The gentle blue light and child snuggled in PJs draws us in, as we too are wondering how are they going to do the train? Thanks to the attention to detail on set the timetable says it is due soon. What is his ticket for? What is in store for us? The anticipation of Christmas has begun.

Tied together by the 'Polar Express' theme song, a series of various festive season songs and skits ensues. A full Christmas coloured cast fills the stage making even me think perhaps it is time to invest in a pair of Christmas PJs, so colourful and comfortable looking. Voices fill the theatre in solos, duets, full cast and my spine tingling favourite - eight carolers. There is some serious singing talent in our neighbourhood. No doubt each audience member had their favourites but for me The Pogues "Fairytale of New York" and clever carolers had me realising I'm not such a Grinch about Christmas songs after all. My son's smiles were all for Maggie though as she creatively, and crudely, attempts to cajole 0211Tango Charlie into putting her on the Nice list this year. Of course we all smiled as the big man, Saint Nicholas, made a humorous appearance with his stylish moves as he "comes to town" as well as in his classic role as the fulfiller of Christmas wishes, although amusingly tested by the grand desires of big thinking children. Recognising past and present students of Mackenzie College under the lights and lovely local faces made me smile at the wonderful hidden talent we have here in town. Although it would have been nice to see more of the men amidst the merriment, I thought how lucky we are. A fine balancing act of classic Christmas cheer, traditionalism and the realities of this time of year, the acting and humour resonated with audience members of all ages.

In the words of Director Chris Clarke "Amateur means unpaid, not necessarily lower standards." There is no doubt the Mackenzie Theatre Group is a talented, hard working team who have showcased their commitment to bringing a wonderful Christmas show to our town. If you can nab one of the last few tickets, get along, sit back, relax and "just believe".

Meri Kirihimete Fairlie
Fiona Cutler



**Fairlie Christmas
on the
Village Green**

4pm to 6pm
Saturday 16th December

Bouncy Castles Lil Orbs Donut truck
Face Painting Bubbles
Coffee Cart A visit from the man in red
Fun & Games

Followed by Music on
the Green from 6pm
with
Brett Walker & the
Mandates

**The
Mandates**

**CHRISTMAS
ON THE
GREEN**

Saturday
16
December
Fairlie Village Green
6pm

Free Concert
Bouncy Castle
Stalls & More

- supported by Fairlie Resource Centre



Christmas in Fairlie

Write a letter to SANTA

*Post in Santa's Letterbox no later than Friday 15th Dec
& wait for your reply*

Jazz Up Your Drive / Light Up Your House

Annual competition – Winners announced 12 noon Sunday 24th Dec

Business Window Displays Competition

*Check out the local businesses window displays and cast your vote in at
the Fairlie Resource Centre – Drawn Friday 22nd Dec*

Christmas Late Night Shopping/Market

15th Dec *Shops open until 6pm & market stalls
Register your market stall @ Fairlie Resource Centre*

Christmas Sweet Treats for Seniors

*All donations welcome – please drop to the Fairlie Resource Centre on
the 11th of Dec*

Thanks!

Christmas on the Fairlie Village Green

16th Dec *Christmas fun for the whole family with a special guest
appearance from the man in red*

Live Music on the Fairlie Village Green

16th Dec *From 6pm
Brett Walker & The Mandates*

Childrens Christmas Store

17th Dec *St Columba Hall – 5 to 11 years – ALL gifts \$.50 to \$2*



Fairlie
RESOURCE CENTRE



Fairlie Heritage Museum

NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE

Parade 2 pm
Live Music by
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what you
make it!

Vehicles -
Classic/Vintage
Army
Horse-Drawn

Want to join the Parade? Bring yourself, your vehicle or your entrant to the Fairlie Motor Heritage Pavilion at 1 pm on New Year's Day

Want to watch the Parade? Get yourself a place to sit along the route – park up on Alloway Street, Bank Street, Regent Street, Main Street and on the Fairlie Village Green

Stalls on the Fairlie Village Green are welcome.

Enquiries to Paul Gallagher, Parade Organiser 027 685 4809

Kimbell Day 2nd January 2024 2 pm behind the Silverstream Hotel

Live Music - Bouncy Castle - Horse Racing - Tug of War
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Come and join us for an old-fashioned family fun day.

Swaggy - an old character who wandered the district with his hill stick, from farm to farm looking for work and board, carrying all his belongings in a hessian bag.



"The Fairlie to Kimbell Walk"

NB: BIG CHANGE

Using the new track we will now start our walk at 1 pm
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Sat 6th Jan | **Alan Ned Gray 'Flying Man'**

Sun 14th Jan | **Boaz**

Sat 10th Feb | **The Eastern**

>> Check Facebook for more gigs & details <<

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Albury Inn

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!
We will be closing on 23 December and re-opening on 26 January 2024.



Mackenzie Rugby Football Club AGM

The 71st Annual General Meeting of the Mackenzie Rugby Football Club was held at the end of November at the clubrooms. The meeting was well attended by approximately 30 club members and supporters.

Tim Hyde-Smith, the CEO, from South Canterbury Rugby gave an update on the progress of Fraser Park and also thanked the Mackenzie Rugby Football Club for all the work it had done in 2023 hosting a Heartland game and the SISS 7s.

President Hayden Dwyer presented his report. He mentioned the respectable fifth placings that both the Seniors and Senior B teams finished in their competitions, and also the struggle that rural clubs like Mackenzie are having trying to maintain and increase playing numbers. He asked for any support or ideas from locals in regards to job opportunities in our area for players. He also talked about the continued improvements that the club are making with the grounds, lighting and in the clubroom.

The MRFC Office Bearers for 2024 are::

President: Hayden Dwyer

Vice President: Kerry Higgins

Club Captain: Mitch Taylor

Asst Club Captain: Matt Gibbs

Secretary: Amanda O'Brien

Treasurer: Rachel Callaghan

IAB: Kim Jordan

JAB: Aaron McCall

Social Media: Pip Oliver

Coach Developer: Hamish Johnson

Bar Manager: Claire Graham

The coaches for the Senior teams for 2024 are:

Senior Coach: Johnny Andrews and Alphy Trevathan

Senior B Coaches: Kevin Payne and Mark Davis

Senior rugby starts on Saturday 6 April 2024. There is a Club Connect workshop at the Clubrooms on Monday 26th February that Caro Rhodes from SCRUI will facilitate. More information will be available in the new year.

The MRFC would like to thank the Mackenzie community for their support in 2023 and look forward to 2024. Finally, a huge thank you to all of our sponsors, cattle grazers and farmers who donate cattle. We wish all of our Mackenzie community a very happy festive season.

The Mackenzie Rugby Club requires a cook for the 2024 season and beyond. You will need to prepare food for our home games (around 10 games) for approx 80 people.

The club provides a meal plan, recipes and ingredients. This is a paid position. For more information, please email our secretary, Amanda O'Brien mackenzierugbyclub32@gmail.com



Pleasant Point Pony Club News

Learning New Skills

Our members benefit hugely from the knowledge and support of experienced local experts from a wide variety of equine backgrounds. We've learned how to ride Cowboy Challenge obstacles with Sara Roberts at Five Manes in Waitohi, and learned western skills including lasso-ing and barrel-racing courtesy of Aoraki Western Riding Club. We've gained top turn-out tips from showing judge Steph Bishop, dressage skills from dressage expert Pip Thompson of All Star Equestrian, been introduced to shoeing and hoof care by farrier Jordan Dent and trained 5 new coaches at a recent coaches clinic with National Coach Jane Withers.



Pictured is Farrier Jordan Dent giving a talk on hoof care and shoeing

Upcoming Events

Upcoming events include the Zone 5 Combined Pony Club Games Day in December, the South Island Pony Club Show Jumping Champs in January, and multiple shows and jumping days around the region. Our final rally for the year will be on Friday 15 December, finishing the year with a fish & chip tea at our home grounds (behind the Pleasant Point cemetery). We'll kick off 2024 with a summer camp at Mt Hay from January 19-21.

Are you interested in joining?

Contact Club President Helen Andrews on 021 135 4874 for more information about our club. There's always room for more members; just BYO pony and join the fun!

Golf Coaching

Following on from our fun social women's get-together for social golfers, we would like to offer golf coaching – it really is worth it! Get ½ hour lesson, then play for ½ hour practice. Day, time, cost tbc, book in groups or as an individual – tell us what suits you! Keen to give it a go? Please contact Janine Walker 027 413 7504 fairliegolf@gmail.com – new players welcome, club membership not necessary.





Merry Christmas from the Fairlie Medical Centre



The Fairlie Medical Centre wishes all of our patients a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

We will be open for urgent appointments on:

- Wednesday 27 December – Friday 29 December 2023 from 9am-2pm
- Wednesday 3 January – Friday 5 January 2024 from 9am-2pm.

We re-open for our standard hours on Monday 8 January 2024.



Fairlie Average Hackers

Our team - Dan McCloy, Andrew Drummond, Shaun Hutchings and Jonesy - is stepping up to The Longest Day challenge on Saturday 16 December (weather permitting) - this is a golfing endurance event of 72 holes to raise funds for the Cancer Society. Donations can be made through the following link:

<https://longestday.org.nz/fairlie-average-hackers>

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SCHOOLS CALENDAR

TERM 4

14 Dec	House of Bricks Day	Fairlie Primary
15 Dec	End of Year Celebration Assembly @ 1.30 pm	Fairlie Primary
15 Dec	End of Term 4	Fairlie Primary



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Meri Kirihimete - The kaiako and tamariki from **Fairlie Kindergarten** would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and thank you for all your support throughout the year.



Albury School

We have had a really interesting last two weeks of learning in connection to the 'Tengawai - Our River' topic. Debbie from Environment Canterbury visited us again in preparation for our trip to the river. The students looked at food webs using a string model, which took up most of the classroom! We all walked to the Tengawai River last Thursday for our river day. In the morning, the students rotated around science stations that included water clarity, invertebrates, fish and plant life, and water flow. The afternoon was all about co-operative fun, with rock target throwing, pooh stick racing and paddling on the agenda.



Our Year 6 leavers participated in their traditional Fun Day at Tekapo last Wednesday. They fished in the Tekapo Canal (there were some beautiful fish cruising the edges, but unfortunately I think they saw us coming), played mini golf and swam in the hot pools. Miss B organised medals for the winning team in golf which resulted in a dramatic tie. We wish our leavers the best of luck as they enter a new chapter in their lives.

Wheels Week was a great success without any major mishaps, and plenty of skills on display. We finished the week with time trials over a course that included an earth jump that our senior students designed and constructed.

Our Celebration Assembly is the last event on the calendar for 2023. This will be followed by a shared bbq, organised by our Home and School group. We warmly congratulate all students who will receive trophies and certificates at this assembly, and wish all students, their families and the wider community a safe and fun festive season.



Fairlie Primary School

South Canterbury Athletics

Fairlie Primary School students were star performers at the South Canterbury Athletics Sports at Aorangi Park in Timaru recently. Fifteen Year 3-6 students represented the school across high jump, long jump, shot put and sprinting events. Special congratulations goes to:

- * Ava Smith 1st U9 High Jump and 1st U9 Shot Put
- * Evelyn Andrews 1st U9 70m sprint and 2nd U9 Long Jump
- * Richie Onyett 1st= U9 High Jump
- * Amelia Forward 2nd U11 100m sprint
- * Ted Dwyer 3rd U9 70m sprint

Year 6 Leavers

Farewell to Fairlie Primary Year 6 students for 2023! The school wishes you all the best for your learning journeys ahead.

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recipient is Jodi Johnson**





St Joseph's School Fairlie

Our students had a fun afternoon with a hands-on activity, building a bird's nest. They had many questions about how birds make nests, before they set about building their own. This helped them to gain an appreciation for their natural environment, and an understanding of working with different designs and materials. The students were also very impressed with the nests they found that birds had built using only their beak!

They realised how many hours it must take for them to collect materials to make a cosy nest to hold and protect their eggs.



We would like to express our gratitude to Debbie Eddington for continuing to work with our students throughout the year for Enviro-schools. We look forward to her return in 2024!

Trailride

We recently had a very successful fundraising event - Adventure Trailrides. We would like to sincerely thank the families and landowners for allowing access through their properties to make this event possible. We would also like to thank the Anderson family for the hours spent preparing and organising this event. Thanks to the Osborne and Broadfoot families for donating food, and use of their food van for the day.

Junior EOTC



Some of our junior students enjoyed getting outside the classroom to explore some of our local activities. This included frisbee golf, exploring Lake Tekapo and visiting Lake Tekapo School.

Another day, they had a focus on baking, which included a trip to the Bakehouse and making lolly cake. They also played Mini Golf in Orari and visited the Farm Barn.

Merry Christmas

St Joseph's School would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

Children's Christmas Store

On Sunday, December 17th at St Columba Hall from 12-4 pm, our 4th Children's Christmas Store will be operating. This store was initiated from fond memories of my childhood where our primary school PTA would host a Christmas shop. The library was transformed into a magical Christmas store where we could shop for our families and buy things like pens and nicknacks. The premise of the store is to allow children to shop for their families independently, budget spending money, and have a sense of pride - "I bought that all by myself".

Throughout the year, community members have generously donated new and gently used items to fill our shop. Without these donations, we wouldn't have a store and we wouldn't be able to price our items between \$.50-\$2 so that families can afford for their children to shop. We have a team of volunteers that set up the shop, price items, act as "shopping elves", and wrap up the gifts so they are ready to be put under the tree immediately, without anyone knowing what the children bought.

I am proud to bring this amazing little event to our community. The proceeds go towards \$50 scholarships for athletes/musicians who need a little hand-up in the midst of their parent's financial difficulties. Instrument rental, lesson fees, club dues and uniform costs add up quickly. It's my honour to help ensure no one misses out on recreational activity because their parents have to choose between groceries or club dues. Thank you to everyone who have supported this amazing event. Without you, I couldn't do what I do.

Warmest holiday regards, Erin



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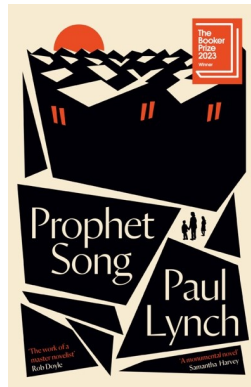
This is my last review for 2023 and I really wanted to tell you about one of the most beautiful books of 2023, *The Untamed Thread*, by Kiwi fibre artist Fleur Woods. This book is up-lifting and inspiring and if you love fibre art – look it up, it's glorious!

However, I feel compelled to tell you about a very different book, *Prophet Song* by Paul Lynch. Not because it is the Booker Prize winner for 2023, but because it has been haunting me all week. It is the story of Eilish, a Dublin mother of four children. The premise of the book is that Ireland has elected a neo-Fascist nationalist government and union leaders and other enemies of the regime start disappearing. Boys, including Eilish's oldest son, are conscripted to serve in the government's army from the age of seventeen. Everything the author describes has happened and is happening somewhere in the world and this is what makes Eilish's story so gripping. Her husband, a union leader, is one of the first people to disappear. Should she stay quietly under the radar to protect her children?

The book is written in an unusual style. There are no paragraphs, and the dialogues lack speech marks. This all adds to the urgency and tension of the story. The author also stays vague on the ideology of the totalitarian government. They are not white supremacists or religious zealots, but they want to control the Irish people and will not allow any dissent. This gives the book a universal quality. It has elements of the holocaust, disappearances associated with authoritarian regimes and the wars in Ukraine and Gaza.

The Prophet Song is dark, menacing, and emotionally draining and if you have a good excuse not to read it, then just don't read it. But I could not allow myself to look away. The violence and persecution that is experienced by Eilish's fictional character is experienced by real people all over the world. Paul Lynch's brilliant and gripping book allowed me to walk in their shoes for a short time and create a better understanding of their suffering.

Wilma



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Summer Reading Club for Kids

We had a fantastic response to the library's second Summer Book Club, with over 100 students and teachers signing up. That's twice the number from last year!! The staff have been working flat out to select each student's 10 books and make up each bag of books. We would like to thank the schools, staff and community for supporting this great initiative, and we are thrilled that so many books will be in homes over the summer holidays. The books are not due back until the 5th Feb 2024, but please come in and select more if those books don't last the entire break -

**We're open 10.30 am-4 pm Mon to Fri,
and 10 am-1 pm Saturdays. We are only
closed on the Stat Days over Christmas,
as well as Sat 22nd December**

Mackenzie Community Questionnaire

We have had 125 responses to our library survey, including paper and online returns. This equates to 12.5% of the total amount sent out via The Accessible, which is obviously much less than we would have hoped. It will take us quite some time to collate the data, so if you haven't yet returned your survey, it's not too late. For Tekapo residents, responses can be dropped into Kiwi Treasures and someone will collect them.

We would like to thank...

- Mackenzie College
- The Fairlie Community Vehicle Trust
- Chantel and Denise
- Spinners & Weavers, and the Nitlits Book Group
- The Fairlie Resource Centre
- People who returned/collected Timaru books for us
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Police Notebook:

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A 22 year old male was arrested and charged with three family harm offences after a violent incident against his partner and a neighbour on Talbot Road.

A 41 year old male was arrested at a local residence after a violent attack on family members. He has been charged with Assault with Intent to Injure and breaching a Protection Order.

The scammers are still actively trying to make some easy money by preying on anyone they can. A local man was tricked by a caller on the phone pretending to be from "Spark" and needing access to his computer to fix his "internet security". The victim's bank account was then accessed with a large sum of money transferred out. Police are investigating, but often these offenders are quick to shift the money through various accounts while they sit behind their computer in another part of the world. Do not engage with anyone over the phone who is trying to convince you to open any web sites or give out personal details about yourself. Just hang up and call the company's official listed number to make sure you are talking to a legitimate person.

This is the time of year the druggies will be very active cultivating their plants, especially during dry periods. Get a bit nosey and keep an eye out for people or vehicles that don't fit the area. Write down their registration numbers and descriptions as soon as possible while fresh in your mind and let me do the rest. Call me anonymously if you wish.

The Christmas parties will be getting into full swing so don't overdo the festivities or do anything that you will regret in the morning. Alcohol seems to be a common theme in a lot of the jobs that the police attend, and it can make a big difference to where you might spend the night. Our beds are not very comfortable, and the food isn't that great either. Do not make the bad decision to get behind the wheel if you have had a few drinks, as it will be very inconvenient to be walking this Christmas.

Make sure you take the usual precautions these holidays as there are still thieves out there ready to steal your hard-earned property, so keep things locked away to make it harder for them. The Criminals probably won't be taking their holidays yet and will no doubt be very active looking for opportunities to pick up some bargains while the coast is clear.

This is my last notebook for the year, so be careful out there this holiday period and have a Merry Christmas, but not too merry.

Russell Halkett



Fairlie Fire Brigade

The last few weeks have been busy for the Brigade. The Main Street fire attracted the most attention, and was quite impressive as we pulled up. Firefighters managed to get the fire under control quickly, but getting the fire completely out took some time, as the roof had fallen in and the cooler room was in the middle making it hard to access. Getting the Timaru aerial appliance that could reach over the building and blow the roofing iron away to put the cooler room out and having a good water supply were big factors. Midway through the fire we were called to an MVA - a ute had rolled on Mt Michael and the guys had to extract the driver from the vehicle. A busy morning! The new ute has been to quite a few calls, transporting fire fighters, and has been used as a command centre at several jobs, this is where the Incident Commander runs the job from. We are very happy with the ute.

- 6/11 PFA Tekapo
- 15/11 Medical
- 17/11 MVA Fairlie/ Tekapo H/W
- 20/11 Structure Fire
- 20/11 MVA
- 23/11 Fire Assist
- 25/11 Smoke Showing
- 28/11 Lift Assist
- 3/12 MVA Lilybank Road
- 9/12 Landing Zone Helicopter - Medical
- 9/12 Structure Fire
- 9/12 Vegetation Fire Albury



The Members of the Fairlie Fire Brigade would like to thank you all for your support this year, and wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and holiday. Look forward to seeing you in the New Year. If you need help call early, and always call 111.

Wayne Dixon

We want to express our gratitude and appreciation to the Fairlie Fire Brigade along with the Geraldine, Pleasant Point and Timaru teams involved in attending the fire on Fairlie's Main Street recently. What a great job they do for all of us in the community. Our recognition also goes to the volunteers' families and work places whose support is vital for this service. Thinking about what the volunteer emergency services do for us, has reminded us of what a great place we live in.

Aorangi Veterinary Services



Fairlie Community Op Shop Monster Garage Sale

New Year's Day
- on the lawn behind
Fairlie Resource
Centre at 10 am



Birthdays:

14 Dec Kiriwai Bishop
 14 Dec Garth Nixon
 14 Dec Steve Adams
 16 Dec Malcolm Roy
 19 Dec Bridget Anderson
 19 Dec James Rennie
 22 Dec Sarah Foote
 23 Dec Ashleigh Humphrey
 23 Dec Cath Hanrahan
 23 Dec Phil Braddick
 24 Dec Pete Graham
 24 Dec Yvonne Shaw
 24 Dec Luke Haugh
 24 Dec Lochie Foote - 18th



It's a Small World!

When a new cop starts at a new Police Station, there is the inevitable trading of personal information with their new co-workers. When Maia Nixon started work at Warkworth, a small town of around 4,000 people north of Auckland, and said she went to school in Fairlie, the old copper across the table stared at her and went "Me too!" Maia, who graduated from school at Fairlie in 2014 was looking at Hamish Buick, who left the same school in 1984. Swapping stories they found that both of them had Bruce Keys for Social Studies and Bev Giddings for Typing (IT) ... 30 years apart! (Given their current occupation, both wished they'd listened to Bev a bit more!)



We're excited to introduce ourselves as the new owners and faces behind **Real Kiwi Horse Trekking**. We're based just 15 minutes from Fairlie off the Clayton Road.

Our gorgeous property stretches from Lake Opuha to the mountains, and offers breath-taking views over the Mackenzie. With trails starting from just one hour long and horses suitable for every experience level, we have something to offer everyone.

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Jazz Up Your Drive Light Up Your House This Christmas

**The Annual Fairlie Christmas
Jazz Up Your Drive / Light Up Your House
Competition
is back for the 3rd year running**

Get cracking for the 1st December!

\$150 Bunnings Voucher & Spot Prizes to be Won

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So what are you doing this Christmas?

As another year draws to a close we can't help but think of those who will not be here for the Festive Season, for one reason or another!

Like every year our little community is hit by the deaths of folks we know and our hearts go out to their families and friends at what can be an emotional, somewhat sad time, rather than this time of celebration that is advertised. Thankfully age does bring some wisdom and we know that the presents under the tree will be forgotten in days, whereas the people you share Christmas with will help make memories.

Older folk know the value of reaching out to others at this time. This is a great little community when it comes to helping out, but sometimes you may need to ask. 'Tis the season of goodwill – if only our entire world got this message!

THIS CHRISTMAS ...

- * Mend a quarrel
- * Pop a present in someone's letterbox – anonymously
- * Get out old photos and have on the coffee table
Reach out to someone who is alone or ill
- * Smell the roses and make a little bouquet for someone
- * Tell people you love them – if you do!
- * Try and be thankful for all that we have remembering those who have very little
- * Visit loved ones in the cemetery
- * Spread joy to others
- * Take time to care for yourself

Our final get together for the year is morning tea this Friday at 10.30 am in the Fairlie Community Garden beside St Stephen's Church on Gall Street. It is a celebration of life in this town, and to bid a very fond farewell to Lisa North who leaves the Fairlie Resource Centre as Community Development Worker – that day.

Please dress for the occasion and in saying everyone is welcome, we actually mean it!

What joy I have had this year, spending time with our older folk, especially since joining their ranks. Thank you to those who keep coming along to things we organise, and hopefully we will see new faces in 2024.

If there is an older person in need of a meal or help over the Festive Season, send me a text and we will see what we can do. Join our cell phone group for messages if you wish!
Anne Thomson
027 285 8824



"I would like to wish you all a VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON and look forward to creating dreams together in 2024." Jo



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Pastoral Care Team's Fine China Afternoon Tea for Over 80's was held in the St John Hall on 28th September 2023.

A wonderful time was had - thanks to those who could make it.

**Merry
Christmas!**





Fairlie

Lisa North - 685 8496

community.development@fairlienz.org



It's a race against the weeds; hemlock - *conium maculatum*, convolvulus - *caystegia sylvatica* and old man's beard - *clematis vitalba*, all of which like to smother newly planted natives. A big thank you to everyone who assisted with tree guarding along the Opihi River - interested individuals, Lions Club members, teachers and students from the Mackenzie College.



It's a productive time of the year in the garden, it's always hectic at Christmas time anyway but I really enjoy taking the time to pick raspberries and blackcurrants while listening to the bird song. I generally have the dog and cat hanging out with me and it has become a special type of meditation time.

It's a great time of year to be planting quick growing leafy greens such as rocket, Asian greens, mesclun and lettuces. It's not too late for some highly productive plants either, so continue to sow beans, peas and courgettes. Not everything has to be edible, flowering plants assist to attract insects for pollination as well as making the area look great. Try planting some nasturtiums, calendula, celosia, petunias, snapdragons, phlox, marigolds, or verbena to make the bees happy.

If you are heading off on holidays, a hot summer tip is to mulch after watering, to a depth of about 7cm. Keep mulch clear of plant stems, especially young seedlings.

the Garden Buzz



Fairlie Garden Club

This month we visited five gardens in the Pleasant Point/Totara Valley area.

This time of the season is good for the perennials, bearded iris and the first flowering of roses to be seen in the gardens we visit. The dogwoods are still showing some flowers, but the rhododendron are almost at the end of flowering. The clematis in Jane Donald's garden were looking magnificent, climbing up the trees with large plate sized flowers to draw attention. Vegetable gardens were a draw card, as we are all interested to provide fresh food for our families. Some successful ideas were gained and by now I'm sure have been put into action.

Lawns were looking green and lush and berries are fruiting well as evident by the plants and bushes.



Fresh produce or hand baked goods are a wonderful idea for Christmas gifts, and are both healthy for the pocket and for the planet. As is a productive pot plant with chillies or cherry tomatoes, or a mixed herb pot - the gift that keeps on giving.

Another idea is to source second-hand gifts or to hand make something that will mean just that bit more to the receiver. A handy tip from Dave Hignett, given during our Christmas woodworking class.

I will take this opportunity to thank you, the Fairlie and Lake Tekapo communities and all of my colleagues, past and present, for your support, friendship, and kindness over the last four years. It has been a privilege and an honour to have been a part of the Mackenzie Community Development team and the memories I have made here are precious. (I'm relieved not to have to write for the Fairlie Accessible again, and I know many of you will be secretly relieved as well!)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, bless you all and farewell! See you down by the river or at the community gardens!





Whatever the weather, Mackenzie locals are out there doing it!

Neither persistent rain showers nor scorching sun could slow these hardy volunteers down! On Friday 17 November 22 year nine students from Mackenzie College in Fairlie ventured out of the classroom and into the rain for a day on the tools, clearing wilding pines at Lake Tekapo Scientific Reserve.

The reserve lies to the South of the Tekapo township and is an important site for research into the ecological restoration of tussock drylands by the Department of Conservation. Prior to 1987, when the reserve was acquired by the Department, the land had been burnt and grazed for more than a century. It is now protected from browsing by sheep and rabbits and is home to several regenerating native grass, tussock, scrub, invertebrate and bird species.

The low stature of the native vegetation onsite also allows its geological history and beauty to be appreciated, with a terminal moraine at the Northern end giving way to an extensive fluvioglacial outwash surface towards the South. If wilding pines were allowed to spread at this site the native biodiversity would likely be lost within a decade and its geological beauty would then be hidden, so it was a pleasure to have the support of Mackenzie College to help protect it from this ongoing threat.

The following day, on Saturday 18 November, 30 enthusiastic community members joined us on the other side of the Mackenzie Basin in the scorching sun at Ben Dhu Scientific Reserve to help cut down young wilding pines. Ben Dhu provides one of the best examples of intact remnant bog pine (*Halocarpus bidwillii*) in the region. Bog pine is one of our native conifers. It is low in stature and very slow growing, making it incredibly vulnerable to wilding pine infestation. At this site the islands of bog pine provide refuges for other native scrub and small tree species to establish including mountain toatoa, coral broom, mountain cottonwood, pimelia, coprosma, matagouri and more.

The Ben Dhu site is like a candy store for botanists and provides a rare glimpse into what much of the basin floor would have looked like prior to the arrival of humans and subsequent burning and farming of the landscape. Defending it from wilding pine infestation is a crucial part of protecting the natural heritage of the Mackenzie Basin. As always, a BBQ lunch was enjoyed by everyone. It was made even more delicious than usual with home baking and ice blocks shared by some of our generous volunteers, as well as Simply Red ketchup and Old Yella mustard from our good friend and iconic kiwi chef Al Brown. Keen to know more about wilding pines, what we are doing to protect the Mackenzie Basin from them, and how YOU can get involved? Head on over to our website <https://www.mackenziewildingtrust.org/> and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



Downstream of the Opuha Dam has become the new hot spot for Black Billed gulls this summer. In early November, a colony of gulls appeared below the power station downstream of the dam. Not long after their arrival, the gulls started laying eggs and after an incubation period of approx. 20-27 days, chicks started to hatch. The chicks are expected to fledge by mid-January early February. Black Billed gulls are more slender than the red-billed gull, with a longer bill. Black-billed gulls have a white head, neck, rump, tail and underparts, and pale silver-grey wings and back. Mature birds have black bills and legs. The eye is white, and the eye-ring is red. Black billed gull's numbers are improving however, their status is still "at Risk - Declining", they are threatened by introduced predators like stoats, rats, and hedgehogs, and from habitat loss (flooding) and human disturbance. A reminder to the public that Black Billed Gulls are protected, disturbing the birds, and destroying nests is an offence under the Wildlife Act 1953. Please keep away from the nests and do not disturb the birds.

Mackenzie A&P Highland Show

The **126th Mackenzie A&P Highland Show** will be held Easter Monday, 1st April 2024 at the Fairlie A&P Showgrounds. Presales available via the website - Adults \$20 (pre-sale \$21.50 inc booking fee), Under 15 \$5 (presale \$6 inc booking fee), Pre-schoolers and cars free. Free parking off School Road. Bring cash and please leave your dogs at home. Public entry from 8am. A fun family day out with something for everyone! You will enjoy watching a live sheep auction, Mackenzie Shears sheep shearing, sheep dog trials, wood chopping, agri-sports, the NZ Kennel Club, fencing competition and Highland dancing, pipes and drumming. There will be a pet tent and an exhibition of rare breeds of animals, as well as Pedalmania and Archery. The Barwoods stage, sponsored by Fairlie Early Learners, will feature Josh Grimaldi, Eddie Simon Music and the Jae Bedford School of Entertainment. The Grand Parade is worth watching, and is followed by the Fairlie Four Square lolly scramble. There will be a large number of stalls, a variety of food and many other activities. The complete Schedule of Classes will be available in January however, we have released the Walker Pavilion classes early and they are now open for entry, and Trade applications are as well. Download the entry info from our website www.mackenzieshow.co.nz and keep up to date on Facebook www.facebook.com/mackenzieshow



Solar and ecological restoration combine in Mackenzie Basin

A solar farm proposed for the Mackenzie Basin that would produce enough renewable electricity to power around 100,000 homes would also see the creation of the largest ecological restoration project ever undertaken in the area, developers say.

A resource consent application to construct the 420MWp solar farm on 670ha of leasehold farmland near the northern shore of Lake Benmore has been submitted to the Mackenzie District Council and Environment Canterbury.

The project is proposed by utility-scale solar developer Far North Solar Farm (FNSF) and is part of a larger pipeline of 11 solar farm sites totalling 1.4GWp of renewable energy capacity the company has in various stages of development throughout the country.

The site near Twizel is currently used to support cropping and dairy and was specifically chosen as it is flat and sits within an already highly modified landscape of existing power infrastructure beside the Ohau C hydropower station and national electricity grid transmission lines. Close proximity to grid connection points is a vital element of successful solar farm design.

FNSF director John Telfer says at least 89ha of the site would be ecologically restored and the company was actively working with stakeholders to refine how other conservation values could also be achieved.

"The environmental restoration plans will see upwards of 500,000 native plants indigenous to the area reintroduced, providing a significant increase in the overall ecological value of the site as it currently exists. On top of that, we're also looking at how we can use the solar farm to act as a sanctuary for some of the lesser known but equally threatened insect species we have in the Mackenzie".

"Panels will only cover around 30% of the entire site and the perimeter will be fenced off from pests, so it's perfect for invertebrates. Everyone involved is excited by the conservation potential we could achieve, and we've been told nothing else like it has ever been attempted in the Mackenzie on this scale," Telfer says.

Telfer said the company was aware of a recent decision to refuse consent for a solar farm near Tekapo due to ecological concerns.

"One of the main differences, we think, with this proposed site is that farming activities have already destroyed any ecological value, there's nothing left to protect. By developing a solar farm on the site, we achieve the common good of creating renewable energy which can help displace the remaining electricity in our system still generated from fossil fuels, but we also displace the nutrients currently going onto the land to support farming operations."



Telfer said they were acutely aware the site area is identified as an Outstanding Natural Landscape in the Mackenzie District Plan.

However, because the solar panels will sit no more than 2.2m above ground at their highest point once operational, their visual impact will be limited by the flat nature of the entire area.

"A landscape and visual assessment report shows the solar farm will not be seen from the most frequented public places in the area, including SH8 and Twizel township," Telfer says.

New Zealand has committed to an aspirational target of 100% renewable electricity generation by 2030 yet as much as 15 percent of the country's electricity is currently generated by burning fossil fuels. With rising demand for electricity, the country is in desperate need of new renewable energy generation technologies such as solar power if it is to meet its obligations and help protect future generations from the negative effects of climate change.

Once operational, the solar farm would generate enough renewable energy to effectively displace emissions from up to 45,000 cars. FNSF have requested the resource consent be notified for public discussion and are engaging with other relevant stakeholders while the application is considered.





BRIEF NOTES from Tekapo Community Board Meeting held 27th Nov 2023

PUBLIC FORUM (3 members of the public present)

- Pru Blake presented to the board in support of her funding application for the Sculpture Walk event running through December and January in Tekapo domain. She advised that 16 pieces of art would be arriving this week to be installed on the domain. She has received sponsorship from several Tekapo businesses. Tekapo Promotions will act as the umbrella organisation with a sub committee specifically in charge of the event. The board raised some questions around how the funding, if granted, would be tracked through the Tekapo Promotions accounting system. Pru addressed these concerns and advised the board that she had received a huge amount of community support. The board advised they would assess the application later in the meeting and thanked Pru for her attendance and presentation.
- Roy Callow expressed concerns around ECAN's proposed wallaby fencing from Lake Benmore to Tekapo village. He has had some conversations with ECAN regarding where the fencing will go and what vehicle access would be like along Tekapo river. Councillor Murphy confirmed that ECAN will be building the fence and within the next 2 years, a section would be completed in Tekapo. There has been discussion around what route this will take. ECAN will be holding community consultation once the proposed path has been confirmed. Roy also expressed concerns regarding the recent spraying of plants in the Barbara Hay reserve, specifically a small area that has been planted by local residents over the years. The council advised that this area did have lupins in it and subsequently required spraying to remove this noxious weed.
- Jim Stocker raised concerns regarding accessing copies of the Community Board minutes each month. Brief notes are printed in the Fairlie Accessible and the full minutes can be downloaded from the Council website. It is also possible to log a service request to have a printed copy sent out. Concerns were also raised by Jim around the unsanctioned use of the upper western carpark. This is to be further investigated by council staff. Jim also enquired about a bus shelter for tourists in the village. This and several other items Jim raised, have already been identified by the board as priorities and are to be discussed in upcoming workshop planning sessions with Council. Jim identified some areas around town that needed more grounds and mowing attention, and this was noted by council staff.

PROJECTS UNDER ACTION

- **HAMILTON DRIVE SHELTER & TOILET** - Plans presented to Community Board. These were adopted in principle with some further consideration of the visual design requested by the board.
- **LAKESIDE DRIVE PLAYGROUND** - A revised concept plan was presented to the board. This was approved and will now be progressed for final pricing and contractor engagement.
- **TEKAPO VILLAGE 'MASTER PLAN'** - Initial workshop has been held with council. There is a substantial amount of historical information that has to be reviewed before any planning can be progressed. This will be done over the next few months and the Board will keep the community informed. Anybody interested in being kept informed as we progress this project, are welcome to email us at tekapocommboard@gmail.com
- **BOAT RAMP** - The board and council are investigating the current boat ramp facilities in Tekapo and undertaking a review to ensure they are fit for purpose.
- **AMENITY TREE PLANTING** - The board approved completing some planting of trees on roadside verges in residential areas depending on a workable irrigation and maintenance plan.
- **TOWNSHIP FURNITURE** - new picnic tables now in place in village square and along Lakeside Drive. New drinking fountain to be installed in the domain playground area.
- **STAGE 2 CAMERA PROJECT** - The board requested the final set of cameras be installed as originally approved. Immediate action was requested to get this project completed.
- **GRANT APPLICATIONS** - grant application from the Mackenzie Country Scholarship Trust Board to an appropriate council funding source was granted. The board also approved in part, a funding grant put forward by Tekapo Promotions for the Sculpture Walk. The level of funding was modified to provide financial assistance for tangible costs such as signage and printing only.

Have Your Say!

The board encourages everyone to review the proposed plan changes 23 - 27 which are now available to review on the Mackenzie District Council website.

You can also have your say on Long Term Plan engagement. Links below:

[Long Term Plan Pre-Engagement 2023 | Let's Talk | Kōrero Mai - Mackenzie Proposed Plan Change 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 | Mackenzie District Council](#)



We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Xmas and a safe and prosperous New Year, and we look forward to progressing our projects for 2024 that will help to make Tekapo the best place to live and work.

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Ōrāri Temuka Ōpihi Pareora Water Zone Committee

Get your environmental project IN the ground

Apply for support from the Ōrāri Temuka Ōpihi Pareora (OTOP) Action Plan Budget.

If you've got an idea for a project that will help improve water management, enhance biodiversity, or engage the community on environmental issues – we might be able to help.

The OTOP Water Zone Committee makes recommendations to Environment Canterbury about how to allocate \$75,000 each year to help implement the committee's Canterbury Water Management Strategy Action Plan.

Previous projects the zone committee has supported include native planting events at Taniwha Gully rock art site, the Men's Shed Trust Geraldine's predator trapping work, and habitat improvement for the long-tailed bat.

Email Dave Moore to apply – dave.moore@ecan.govt.nz

Find out more at ecan.govt.nz/south-zones

The Ōrāri Temuka Ōpihi Pareora Water Zone Committee is made up of community members, Rūnanga and Councils.



HERE'S A PROJECT WE'RE ALREADY SUPPORTING

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Christmas and New Year Opening Hours and Services



2023/2024 Christmas and New Year holiday period.

Council offices

Fairlie and Twizel

Closing Friday 22 December 2023 at 12:00pm,
Reopening Wednesday 3 January 2024 at 8:30am

The customer services team are available throughout the holiday period to deal with urgent matters on 0800 685 8514.

Twizel NZ Post Centre

Limited days and hours of operation on weekdays from Friday 22 December 2023 to Wednesday 3 January 2024, for NZ Post Centre services only.

- Wednesday 27 December 2023
Open 11:00am to 1:00pm
- Thursday 28 December 2023
Open 11:00am to 1:00pm
- Friday 29 December 2023
Open 11:00am to 1:00pm

Regular days and hours resume from Wednesday 3 January 2024 onward.

LIM Applications

The last date for accepting LIM applications for processing in 2023 is Thursday 7 December, with urgent LIMs applications closing on Thursday 16 December.

Processing (statutory time clock) will recommence on Wednesday 3 January 2024.

Planning / Consents

The Planning department will re-open Wednesday 3 January 2024.

The processing of resource consents (statutory time frame) pauses from Wednesday 20 December to Wednesday 10 January. This means that any consents lodged within this time will not have the 'clock' start.

There will be a planner on location each day the council office is open.

Libraries

Mackenzie Community Library - Fairlie

- 23 to 26 December 2023 - Closed
- Wednesday 27 December 2023
Open 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Thursday 28 December 2023
10:00am to 4:00pm
- Friday 29 December 2023
10:00am to 4:00pm
- Saturday 30 December 2023
10:00am to 4:00pm
- New Year's Day Statutory Holiday period
1 to 2 January 2024 - Closed

Twizel Community Library

Closing Friday 22 December 2023,
Reopening Monday 8 January 2024.

Building

The Statutory Clock for processing stops on the Wednesday 20 December 2023, restarting on Wednesday 10 January 2024.

Final day for inspections is Thursday 21 December 2023.

Full inspections resume on Monday 8 January 2024.

For the period 3, 4 and 5 January building officers can provide remote inspections however these will need to be arranged no later than close of business on Thursday 21 December 2023.

Building staff will be available from Wednesday 3 January 2024 with the Building Manager being on-call over the Christmas and New Year period.



Christmas and New Year Opening Hours and Services



Resource Recovery Parks

Resource Recovery Parks are open over the following weekdays:

Fairlie:

- Thursday 28 December 2023 - 2:30pm to 4:30pm
- Saturday 30 December 2023 - 12:30pm to 4:30pm
- Sunday 31 December 2023 - 12:30pm to 4:30pm
- Thursday 4 January 2024 - 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Tekapo:

- Wednesday 27 December 2023 - 10:00am to 4:30pm
- Saturday 30 December 2023 - 9:00am to 11:30am
- Sunday 31 December 2023 - 9:00am to 11:30am
- Wednesday 3 January 2024 - 10:00am to 4:30pm

Twizel:

- Wednesday 27 December 2023 - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Thursday 28 December 2023 - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Friday 29 December 2023 - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Saturday 30 December 2023 - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Sunday 31 December 2023 - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Wednesday 3 January 2024 - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Thursday 4 January 2024 - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Friday 5 January 2024 - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Saturday 6 January 2024 - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Sunday 7 January 2024 - 10:00am to 4:00pm

All Resource Recovery Parks are closed on the following public holidays:

- Christmas Day - Monday 25 December 2023
- Boxing Day - Tuesday 26 December 2023
- New Year's Day - Monday 1 January 2024
- Statutory Holiday - Tuesday 2 January 2024

Regular days and hours resume from Wednesday 3 January onward.

Waste Services

Kerbside collections

There are no kerbside collections on Christmas Day or New Years Day. For the week following Christmas Day and New Years Day collections are as follows:

- Twizel (outer) - Tuesday 26 December 2023
- Twizel (inner) - Wednesday 27 December 2023
- Tekapo - Thursday 28 December 2023
- Fairlie, Albury, Burkes Pass and Kimbell - Friday 29 December 2023
- Twizel (outer) - Tuesday 2 January 2024
- Twizel (inner) - Wednesday 3 January 2024
- Tekapo - Thursday 4 January 2024
- Fairlie, Albury, Burkes Pass and Kimbell - Friday 5 January 2024

Normal kerbside collection days will recommence from Monday 8 January 2024.

Extra red bin collection

There is an extra red bin collection on the following days, in addition to the yellow, green and blue bins.

- Twizel - Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 December 2023
- Tekapo - Thursday 4 January 2024

Please have bins out for collection by 7am.



**Wishing you a Happy Christmas and
a relaxing new year from all of us at
Mackenzie District Council**





Proposed Plan Change

23, 24, 25, 26 & 27

Pursuant to Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Mackenzie District Council (the Council) gives public notice of proposed Plan Changes 23 to 27 to the Mackenzie District Plan.

Proposed Plan Changes 23 to 27 form Stage 3 of the review of the Mackenzie District Plan and have been drafted in accordance with the National Planning Standards.

All changes promoted in Plan Changes 23 to 27 are to the operative Mackenzie District Plan, which is in the process of being transferred to an EPlan format. This public notice identifies which parts of the Plan can be viewed in the EPlan format.

Plan Change 23

Plan Change 23 proposes to add the following chapters to the Mackenzie District Plan:

Part 2 – District Wide Matters

- Natural Environmental Values
 - Natural Character (NATC)
 - Natural Features and Landscapes (NFL)

Part 3 – Area Specific Matters

- Zones
 - Rural Zones
 - General Rural Zone (GRUZ) – including a new 'Takamana / Lake Alexandrina Hut Settlements Precinct' (PREC3)

Plan Change 23 also proposes to amend (in part) the following sections of the Mackenzie District Plan and to delete Appendix E, M, R and V:

EPlan

Part 1 – Introduction and General Provisions

- Interpretation
- Definitions

Part 4 – Appendices and Maps

- Remove the Rural Zone and rezone this land General Rural Zone (GRUZ);
- Identify a new Specific Control Area 13 (Eastern Plains);
- Identify the three areas of Takamana / Lake Alexandrina Hut Settlement as set out in Appendix 5, as PREC3, and remove these areas from Te Manahuna / the Mackenzie Basin ONL and Lakeside Protection Area Overlays;
- Identify new Wilding Control Removal and Wilding Conifer Management Overlays;
- Remove the Opuha Dam Special Purpose Zone and include that land within the GRUZ and Specific Control Area 13 (Eastern Plains);
- Rezone the land on Talbotts Road south of the Fairlie Golf Club (currently zoned Industrial) to GRUZ and include within Specific Control Area 13 (Eastern Plains), as set out in Appendix 6;
- Include new Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Geopreservation sites as identified by the Eastern Mackenzie Landscape Study;
- Amend the existing Te Manahuna / Mackenzie Basin ONL to include the

western extent of the District; and

- Amend existing Farm Base Areas, as set out in Appendix 7.1.7.
- Make consequential amendments to the Te Manahuna / Mackenzie Basin Outstanding Natural Landscape Overlay to remove it from the following Special Purpose Zones/ Zoned areas:
 - Tekapo Industrial Zone
 - Pukaki Village Zone
 - Airport Zones at Tekapo, Pukaki and Glentanner;
 - Open Space G (Glentanner)
 - Pukaki Downs Tourist Zone

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- Section 3 – Definitions
- Section 5 – Business
- Section 7 – Rural
- Section 9 – Special Purpose Zones
- Section 10 – Hazardous Substances
- Section 13 – Subdivision, Development and Financial Contributions
- Section 14 – Temporary Activities and Buildings and Environmental Noise
- Appendix E – Mackenzie Basin Plan – proposed to be deleted
- Appendix M – Flight Protection Areas – proposed to be deleted
- Appendix R – Farm Base Areas – Proposed to be deleted
- Appendix V – Visual Vulnerability Map – proposed to be deleted

Plan Change 24

Plan Change 24 proposes to add the following chapter to the Mackenzie District Plan:

Part 2 – District Wide Matters

- Historical and Cultural Values
 - Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori (SASM)

The rules in the SASM chapter will have immediate legal effect from the date of notification of this plan change, pursuant to s86B(3)(d) Resource Management Act 1991.

Plan Change 24 also proposes to amend (in part) the following sections of the Mackenzie District Plan:

EPlan

Part 1 Introduction and General Provisions

- Interpretation
- Definitions
- Glossary

Part 4 – Appendices and Maps

- Amend the Planning Maps to insert a new SASM mapping overlay which identifies the properties that consist of culturally significant sites and areas as set out in Schedules SASMSCHED1, SASM-SCHED2, SASM-SCHED3, and SASM-SCHED4 within the SASM Chapter.

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Section 3 – Definitions

Plan Change 25

Plan Change 25 proposes to add the following

chapter to the Mackenzie District Plan:

Part 3 – Area Specific Matters

- Zones
 - Rural Zones
 - Rural Lifestyle Zone (RLZ) – including a new 'Ōhau River Precinct' (PREC4)

Plan Change 25 also proposes to amend (in part) the following sections of the Mackenzie District Plan:

EPlan

Part 1 Introduction and General Provisions

- Interpretation
- Definitions

Part 4 – Appendices and Maps

- Remove the Rural Residential 1 and 2 Zones and rezone this land Rural Lifestyle Zone;
- Remove the Hocken Lane Rural Residential Zone and rezone this land Rural Lifestyle Zone and insert a new Specific Control Area 12 to identify the Lyford Lane Specific Control Area;
- Remove the Rural Residential Zone Manuka Terrace and rezone this land Rural Lifestyle Zone;
- Remove the Ōhau River Rural Residential Zone and rezone this land Rural Lifestyle Zone and insert the Ōhau River Precinct (PREC4) on this land;
- Rezone Rural Zoned land at Clayton Road and Nixons Road, Fairlie Rural Lifestyle Zone;
- Insert a new Specific Control Area 9 to identify the Nixons Road Specific Control Area;
- Insert a new Specific Control Area 10 to identify the Clayton Road Specific Control Area;
- Insert a new Specific Control Area 11 to identify the Max Smith Road Specific Control Area;
- Rename the Ōhau River Rural Residential No Build Zone (currently identified on map 60) to "No Build Area".

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- Section 3 – Definitions
- Section 7A – Rural Residential Zone – Manuka Terrace
- Section 7B – Ōhau River Rural-Residential Zone
- Section 8 – Twizel Rural Residential Zones
- Section 10 – Hazardous Substances
- Section 13 – Subdivision, Development and Financial Contributions
- Section 14 – Temporary Activities and Environmental Noise

Plan Change 26

Plan Change 26 proposes to add the following chapters to the Mackenzie District Plan:

Part 2 – District Wide Matters

- Energy, Infrastructure and Transport
 - Renewable Electricity Generation (REG)
 - Infrastructure (INF)

Plan Change 26 also proposes to amend (in



Proposed Plan Change 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27

part) the following sections of the Mackenzie District Plan and to delete Section 16 – Utilities:

EPlan

Part 1 – Introduction and General Provisions

- Interpretation
- Definitions

Part 4 – Appendices and Maps

- Amend the Planning Maps to identify 33kV electricity distribution lines and 110kV, 220kV, or 350kV national grid transmission lines.

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- Section 3 – Definitions
- Section 7 – Rural Zone
- Section 9 – Special Purpose Zones
- Section 16 – Utilities – proposed to be deleted
- Section 19 – Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity

Plan Change 27

Plan Change 27 proposes to add the following chapters to the Mackenzie District Plan:

Part 2 – District Wide Matters

- Energy, Infrastructure and Transport
 - Transport (TRAN)
- Natural Environmental Values
 - Public Access (PA)
- Subdivision (SUB)
- General District Wide Matters
 - Earthworks (EW)

Two rules in the Subdivision chapter will have immediate legal effect. These are Rules SUB-R9 and SUB-R12 that relate to subdivision of a site containing a heritage item listed in the Heritage items Schedule, and subdivision within SASM Schedule 2 Silent File or Schedule 3 the Māori Rock Art Protection Area.

Plan Change 27 also proposes to amend (in part) the following sections of the Mackenzie District Plan and to delete Section 15 – Transportation, Appendix C and Appendix D:

EPlan

Part 1 Introduction and General Provisions

- Interpretation
- Definitions

Part 4 – Appendices and Maps

- Amend the Planning Maps to:
 - Delete the Twizel Water Supply Protection Area; and
 - Insert a new Community Drinking Water Supply Protection Areas Overlay

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- Section 3 – Definitions
- Section 5 – Business Zones
- Section 7 – Rural Zone
- Section 7A – Rural Residential – Manuka Terrace
- Section 7B – Ōhau River Rural-Residential Zone
- Section 8 – Twizel Rural-Residential Zones
- Section 9 – Special Purpose Zones

- Section 13 – Subdivision, Development and Financial Contributions
- Section 15 – Transportation – proposed to be deleted
- Appendix C – 90% vehicle crossing – proposed to be deleted
- Appendix D – Parking Layout and Site Distance – proposed to be deleted

The changes promoted by Plan Changes 23 to 27 are within the scope of Plan Changes 23 to 27, and changes to other provisions (including maps) of the Mackenzie District Plan are not within the scope of Plan Changes 23 to 27. It should also be noted that the general premise of the District Plan review is to not change the key objectives, policies and rules arising from Plan Change 13 (PC13), which primarily apply to Te Manahuna / the Mackenzie Basin Outstanding Natural Landscape (ONL). These provisions have been integrated into the new NFL District Wide Chapter consistent with the National Planning Standards but are otherwise beyond the scope of Plan Changes 23.

All information on Plan Changes 23 to 27, including the submission forms, is available at letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz > DPR Stage 3



Paper copies of the Plan Changes are also available for viewing at the Council Offices in Fairlie, 53 Main Street, and Twizel, Market Place on request.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on proposed Plan Changes 23 to 27. Where a person can gain advantage in trade competition through a submission, then the person may only do so if the person is directly affected by an effect of the Plan Change that adversely affects the environment; and does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

A submission may be made via email and/or post.

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Plan Change 23/24/25/26/27 to the Mackenzie District Plan
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Submissions must be in the format prescribed by Form 5 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. Paper submission forms are available at the Council Offices in Fairlie and Twizel. The closing date for lodging a submission is **5.00pm Friday 26**

January 2024.

Once the closing date for submissions has passed, Council will publicly notify all submissions received, prepare a summary of submissions, and will allow a period for further submissions in support of, or in opposition to, those submissions already made.

Council hearings for Plan Changes 23 to 27 will then be arranged to consider all submissions. Anyone who has made a submission and indicated that they wish to be heard will have the right to attend the hearings and present their submission.

Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on the Plan Changes to the Environment Court if in relation to a provision or matter that is the subject of the appeal, the person referred to the provision or matter in the person's submission on the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding Plan Changes 23 – 27 or the submission process, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Department at 03 685 9010 or via email: districtplan@mackenzie.govt.nz

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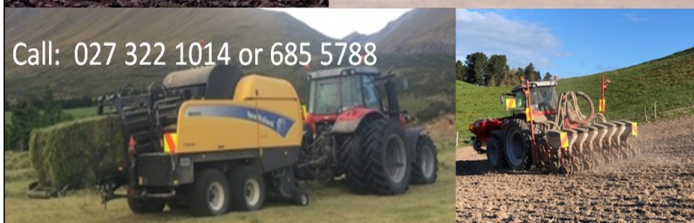


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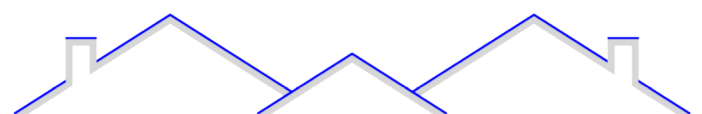


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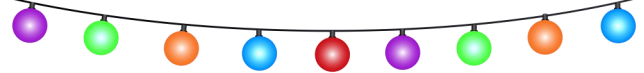


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December

- 14 Men's Trip 10 am
- 15 Farewell to Lisa North at Community Gardens 10.30 am
- 15 Late Night Shopping & Market 3 pm to 6 pm
- 15 Allandale Christmas Party from 5 pm
- 16 **Family Christmas on the Village Green 4-6 pm**
Followed by Music from Brett Walker & The Mandates
- 17 **Children's Christmas Shop 12 noon – 4 pm**
- 17 **Kimbell Residents Xmas Party Stanton Woolshed 5 pm**
- 20 Operatunity in Timaru
- 23 Sha-Low @ Silverstream
- 24 Christmas service St Columba 6.30 pm
- Church of the Good Shepherd 10 pm
- 25 Christmas Day
- 25 St Patrick's Mass 9.30 am
- 25 Church of the Good Shepherd 11 am
- 27 Julian Temple Band @ Silverstream
- 31 **Live Band on Village Green Girl From Mars 8.30 pm**



Kimbell Residents Christmas Party
Stanton Woolshed
Sunday 17th December, 5.00 pm
Santa 6.30 pm, Pot Luck Tea,
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January 2024

- 1 New Year's Day Parade
- 1 Garage Sale behind Heartlands
- 2 Kimbell Day - Walk begins at 1 pm from Fairlie Museum
- Silverstream - feat Eddie Simon, Bo & the Constrictors
- 6 **Alan Ned Gray 'Flying Man'@ Silverstream**
- 13/14 **Fairlie Bowling Club 100 yr Centennial Celebrations**
- 14 **Boaz @ Silverstream**
- 20 **Mackenzie Foursomes Golf Tournament - Fairlie**



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