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**14 FEBRUARY 2024** 

#### Fairlie Volunteer Fire Brigade Gold Star Awards - Damon Smith 25 years of service to the Fairlie Volunteer Fire Brigade

Damo joined the Brigade at 16 years of age and like most of us, thought it was a novel way to get a few hours off school from time to time. The school had said he was not allowed to leave during school hours, but as Damo doesn't always follow the rules exactly, he did turn up a fair few times. We thought he would only be around for a couple of years and then gone. Little did we know the passion for the Brigade that he had as a little fella, still continues today.



Damo quickly rose through the ranks and is currently Senior Station Officer. The work he puts in around the station is immeasurable. His clear thinking and practical ability on the fire ground, inspires confidence in the crews he is leading and public alike. The old saying "if you want it done, ask a busy person", and this is the case with Damo. From coaching kiddies rugby last year, a valued committee member of Fairlie Golf Club, Chairperson of Fairlie Community Board, Fairlie Fire Brigade - he also runs a successful electrical business with his wife Maree. Damo also led the working committee to purchase our new ute – a project expected to take 18 months or so and our ute was in the shed in 10 months – a tremendous effort.

Damo, you are a credit to your family, the community and the Brigade, and with your passion for the Brigade, I wouldn't mind betting you will be standing up here in another 25 years. Congratulations and well done!

Grant Gibson

#### 3 Year Certificate

FF Kevin Smith OS Julia Gibson FF Danny-Ray Waldron FF Morgan Edgar

#### 5 Year Medal

FF Benjamin Harley FF Nicholas McCabe

#### 2 Year Silver Bar

FF Michael O'Brien – 7 years
FF Joshua Coochey – 7 years
FF Samuel Haugh – 7 years
FF Adam Chitty – 11 years
QFF Marcus Dixon – 11 years
QFF Ethan Anderson – 11 years
FF Michael Donnelly – 11 years
FF Kirk Dixon – 11 years
QFF Allan Gash- 12 years
SFF Hayden Parke – 15 years
SO Brett Whitehead- 15 years
DFFO Luke Haugh – 17 years
FF Stephen McDonald x2 – 19 & 21 years
QFF Ross Candy

#### 2 Year Gold Bar

SO Grant Gibson – 29 years SFF Alan Edmonston – 42 years SFF Ian Edmonston – 45 years Raymond Gardner – 52 years

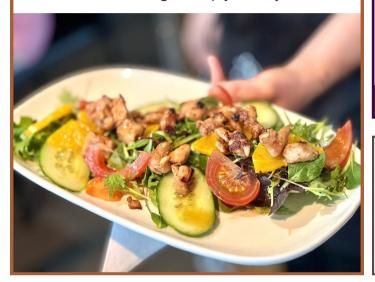






#### Monday-Sunday 9.00 am-5.00 pm

Indulge in a feast of vibrant and flavorful dishes that will brighten up your day!



# Silverstream HOTEL

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# Live this weekend

Evan Gillespie Sat 17th Feb 5pm

Upcoming

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Sun 24th March • Smokehouse live

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#### Albury v Burkes Pass Rutherford Tankard Cricket

A great day out at the Albury Domain in the Rutherford Tankard Cricket match between Albury and Burkes Pass.

Burkes Pass batted first and scored a tidy 105 (Isaac Wilson 17, Rob Holt 16, Richard Geary



15). At lunch a storm approached the Domain but at the last minute went over 'The Brothers', lightning and all.

Albury started well, fell away, then made a strong challenge in the last two overs to fall short at 103 (Ryan McNab 22, Hayden Dwyer 18, Guy McCone 13). Only minutes after the match had ended, a second storm came through, we had just arrived at the Albury Inn and down it came. Sadly I was a bit busy umpiring to take any action shots of the game and the storm, but Connor Haley from 'The Courier' took plenty (look out for this weeks edition!)

We believe this match will become an annual event, and it was great to see locals dropping in for a look!

ALBURY MOB FB



# Hole in One at Twilight!

Congratulations to Hamish Johnson who had the perfect shot on Hole #11 with an 8 iron - 120 m last Wednesday night. The stipulated round for the evening was for a nominated team member to tee-off the purple markers, and it was Hamish's turn on #11. Hamish is a 9-hole member of the Fairlie Golf Club, and plays in the



'Travelling Chooks' Twilight team.



## FAIRLIE LIONS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



Fairlie Golf Course

#### Sunday 3rd March 2024 11.45 am Registration/Cuppa

Ambrose Teams of Four
Ladies, Men or Mixed - non golfers welcome
Must include one golfer with an official handicap
Entry \$120 includes 2's
Make up a team for a day of fun!
Cup of tea at 11.45 am
Excellent afternoon tea and prizes



Entries to: Kevin O'Neill 03 685 8360 Malcolm Smith 03 688 7673

First 30 teams entered will be accepted.

Street Appeal 8 - 9 March 2024

Please give two hours to help Kiwi kids with cancer

**VOLUNTEER NOW** 



Child Cancer Foundation's <u>2024 Street Appeal</u> is taking place on Friday 8 & Saturday 9 March, and they need volunteers across the country to help collect donations for Kiwi families impacted by childhood cancer. The Street Appeal is the Foundation's biggest fundraising event of the year. Getting involved in the charity's Street Appeal is easy – simply gift two hours of your time to volunteer at a collection site near you. **Sign up to volunteer on Friday 8 or Saturday 9 March at:** volunteer.childcancer.org.nz]volunteer.childcancer.org.nz

#### Kathmandu Coast to Coast 2024

Congratulations to our local entrants in last weekend's Kathmandu Coast to Coast. This event has become a rite of passage for multisport athletes from around the world with over **20,000** people having completed in the 40+ year event. This event is a culmination of a huge financial and training commitment from the athletes over the past 12 months. And it all comes down to the actual weekend and what it throws at them - illness, injury, equipment failure, course conditions, logistics of travel, self maintenance, accommodation, weather conditions, support crew assistance. There are so many factors to take into account when considering the results. They are all winners just to make it over the finish line! Outstanding achievement!



Other competitors with a 'Fairlie connection' (and many are former Mackenzie College students) are listed below in the results. Sincere apologies to anyone who may have been missed.



Mackenzie College entrants pictured above - Steve Gurney with Luke Jordan, Kim Jordan, Jack Cassie, Ceara Harris, Fiona Cutler, Bella Parke, Hamish Ryall, Kelly Cassie and Bron Williams.

On Friday 9th February the majority of competitors left Kumara Beach for a 2.2k run - 55k cycle - 33k run over Goat Pass to Klondyke Corner, and this is where the 2 day entrants spent the night. The following morning 15k cycle - 1k run - 67k kayak of the Waimakariri River - 70k cycle through to Christchurch then to the New Brighton beach pier and the very welcome finish line! The longest day entrants competed on Saturday 10th February.

What an exciting weekend - amazing effort everyone!

Event	Competitor	Time	Place in Event	Place in Gender	Place in Cat	egory
Longest Day	Fiona Cutler	15:53:50	177/224	W 30/40	Vet 40-49	<b>2</b> /5
Longest Day	Kim Jordan	16:18/49	203/224	W 37/40	Vet 40-49	<b>4</b> /5
2 day Individual	Luke Jordan	14:28:39	48/250	M 42/176	School 15-18	3/4
2 day Individual	Kaleb Hunt-Wheeler	14:49:37	58/250	M 48/176	Open 18-39	<b>38</b> /88
2 day Individual	Michael Guerin	15:18:26	78/250	M 66/176	Classic 50-59	<b>3</b> /31
2 day Individual	Maia Nixon	17:18:26	172/250	W 48/74	Open 18-39	<b>30</b> /42
2 day Individual	Bron Williams	21:22:30	246/250	W 71/74	Classic 50-59	<b>10</b> /10
2 day Tandem (both do all)	2 Dusty Blondes  Matt Walker/Simon Page	13:30:37	2/50	M 2/31	Open	<b>2</b> /19
2 day Tandem (both do all)	Dougal Allan Tribute Band  Ben Lott/Duncan Stewart	15:31:23	19/50			
2 day 2 person team	MC2 Kelly Cassie/Hamish Ryall	14:48:21	35/80	Mx 13/31	Open	<b>7</b> /12
2 day 2 person team	Fat Camp  Ben Rodwell/Hamish Johnstone	15:07:11	44/80	M 25/39	Open	<b>13</b> /19
2 day 2 person team	All Strapped Up  Mieka Taylor/Prue Buckingham	15:31:13	53/80	W 7/10	Open	<b>5</b> /6
2 day 3 person team	Udderly Mad  Alastair Holmes/ JamesPostlethwaite/ Sherree B	15:04:36	53/127	Mx 19/67	Corporate	<b>3</b> /8
2 day 3 person team	Mackenzie College Bella Parke/Jack Cassie/Ceara Harris	15:46:58	81/127	Mx 39/67	School	<b>8</b> /8

# FINDING THE FROM ADDICTION

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Do you have an ADDICTION?

Is your addiction **NEGATIVELY AFFECTING** your life?

Have you TRIED TO LEAVE your addiction behind?

Do you STILL HAVE an ADDICTION?

- Would you like to leave addiction behind for good?
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Sign up for the 10 week Mackenzie Beta Group coming soon from Finding the Phoenix (for the same daily rate as a large flat white...)

.... Because YES! - YOU ARE WORTH IT!!

**Start date:** Last week of March '24. Look out for sign up details and more information on your local Mackenzie Facebook page (Aoraki/Mt Cook, Twizel, Tekapo or Fairlie) between now -31st March.



#### TERM 1

	IEKM I		
	16 Feb	School Photos (TBC)	Mack College
	19 Feb	Aoraki Leadership Day	Mack College
	21-23 Fe	b Yr 5 Camp	Fairlie Primary
	23 Feb	Assembly 2.30 pm	Fairlie Primary
	22 Feb	Aoraki Tennis	Mack College
	28 Feb	Swimming Sports	Mack College
	1 Mar	FPS Triathlon 1 pm	Fairlie Primary
	3 Mar	Aoraki Triathlon	Mack College
	8 Mar	SCPS Triathlon	Mack Schools
	8 Mar	Assembly 2.30 pm	Fairlie Primary
	13 Mar	FPS Swimming Sports	Fairlie Primary
	20 Mar	Portobella Trip	Mack College
	20 Mar	Aoraki Athletics	Mack College
	22 Mar	Assembly 2.30 pm	Fairlie Primary
	28 Mar	Teacher Only Day	
		- SCHOOL CLOSED	Fairlie Primary
/	28 Mar	SCPS Swimming	Mack Schools

#### Fairlie Primary School

Fairlie Primary announced its school leaders for 2024 at the recent school assembly. The leaders were presented with badges from Principal Mrs O'Brien and Year 6 Teacher/Deputy Principal Mrs Simmonds.

#### **House Leaders**

Allandale (Blue): Jonty Taylor and Keegan Roughton, Burkes (White): Zane Cutler-James and Libby Wallace, Cricklewood (Red): Charlie Nelson and George Kellahan, Kimbell (Green): Pippa Greenwood and Lilly Urlich



SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY - DISCOVERING THE POTENTIAL

#### Term 2 2024 Out of Zone Enrolment

Enrolment at Fairlie Primary School is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office and on the school website.

Applications for out-of-zone places are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during Term 2 2024. The board has determined that there is likely to be three places available for out-of-zone students.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is 4 pm on Wednesday 6th March 2024. Forms are available on our website or from the school office. If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held on Friday 8th March 2024. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

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

Ngā mihi, Amanda O'Brien Tumuaki/Principal



#### Education

#### **Cannington School**

When we came back to school, after the holidays, we could see that the Faeries had been keeping the grounds very tidy over the holidays. They must have been scything the lawns, because the lawnmowers are kept locked in the garage, but it looks great. Well done Faeries on your good work.

#### Waitangi Day

As you all know it was Waitangi Day on Tuesday. This meant there was no school, which was AMAZING! We're pretty sure everyone had fun on Tuesday, but on Wednesday, Waitangi Day caused our teacher to think we needed extra writing! We had to write about what we did on our day off. This was a bit hard for Kylah because she told us she spent the day sleeping!

#### **T-Shirt Swimming**

Swimming is already off to a great start as we prepare for the school swimming sports coming up in March. On Wednesday, when the pool water got tested, the results showed the chlorine level was a wee bit high so to fix this problem, seniors had to swim in oversized t-shirts. We did it to lower the clorine level in the pool. It also gave us an opportunity to learn how to get out of clothes in the water. Ayla hadn't done this before and commented that it was really hard. Next time we try this, Mr Power said we will have to wear jeans, because they are the hardest thing to get out of in water. Apparently, they get really, really, heavy. Lucky our pool is shallow!

#### **Electric Fishing**

On Wednesday after t-shirt swimming, we went to the Upper Pareora River at McKercher's farm. When we got there, we saw three scientists waiting for us. They had invited us to join them in their fish count. They showed us a machine and told us how it worked. They said it uses electricity and stuns the fish so they can't move. This causes them to float into a big net they had set up, just a bit further downstream. They warned us all not to touch the water under any circumstances, or we would get a shock. Can you imagine if one of us floated into the net? That could be a bit of fun, but we didn't try it! When they got the machine out and started using it, the man called out 'Fishing' so the other person with the net knew the electricity was going through the water. Both of the scientists in the water, wore waders to protect themselves from the electrical current. We watched them do about four sweeps of the river. Every time we heard 'Fishing" we shouted 'He ika'. We caught a lot of fish and got to hold them as well.

There were two different breeds of fish; Bullies and Galaxis. Have you ever looked a Bullie in the face? We bet you didn't know they got their name because their face looks like a bull! How many of you know why a Galaxis is called just that? You have to look closely, but when you do, you will notice it has dots, like tiny stars, over its' back. They kind of glimmer like stars when the fish is in the water. At the end of the 'electric fishing' we put all the fish into an aquarium for counting. We couldn't stay for the count because our school bus had arrived to take us home, but the scientists told us the quantity of fish caught showed the river was very healthy.

A highlight of our fishing trip was the 'Toe-biter'. This creature is so ugly. It looks like a cross between a centipede, scorpion and earwig! And to think we have been happily putting our bare feet into the rivers and creeks where it lives! Annie freaked out when she saw it grab the pen and crawl up it! She will never go into the creeks at her farm again, without shoes on!

Disclaimer: No children were electrocuted or hurt during this event. No fish died and they were all returned to the river.

#### **Harvest Festival**

On March 22nd we will be holding a Harvest Festival here at Cannington. This is a community event where we will showcase the work of the students from this term and eat food which has been grown in this area. As well as providing a delicious meal, we are planning a couple of special moments for this evening but these will remain secret until the night. Usually we have about 55-60 people each time we hold these evenings, but there is always room for more if you would like to join us.

#### **Flight**

This year we are studying flight. Yesterday we got to open a parcel from Temu. Inside we found multiple kites, a remote controlled stunt plane and some motors. We can't wait to get started. Watch this 'air-space' for updates on what we are learning.

Thank you for reading our first Fairlie Accessible article for the year. We hope you enjoyed it.

There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.

WALT DISNEY





## Daisy Fields Boarding Cattery



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Small boarding cattery just off SH8. Spacious, heated, individual rooms each with enclosed outside courtyard. Inspection welcomed.

#### St Joseph's Fairlie

Welcome back to all of our students and families. We are super excited to have many new students join our school community. We wish you all the best for your time at St Joseph's School.



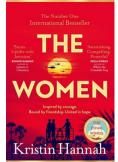
#### Soccer

We are delighted to share that the Fairlie Kids Soccer Skills Group for pre-school and primary school aged children is back for Term 1! We had our first session on Wednesday and it was wonderful to see some familiar faces from last year and welcome many new children. The programme runs for 6 weeks on Wednesdays from 3.30-4.15 pm. To register your interest please contact Caro, cjende@hotmail.com. We look forward to being back on the St Joseph's School turf!

#### The Book Worm

# THE WOMEN, by Kristin Hannah Macmillan, \$37.99

It's 1965 in California and this story about Vietnam war nurse Frankie McGrath starts with Frankie's brother, Finley, leaving for Vietnam. Her father is very proud of Finley, as all the men in the family are "war heroes". Frankie decides that women can be heroes too,



and she signs up as an army nurse and leaves for Vietnam.

Through Frankie's eyes the reader learns about the overwhelming chaos and destruction of war, the human tragedy, and the trauma experienced by the soldiers and the medical staff. Nothing is glossed over. As a surgical nurse, Frankie is exposed to mass casualties on a daily basis. It's only thanks to her moral compass and the close bond with fellow nurses that she makes it through her two years in Vietnam.

The second part of the book is about Frankie's life after coming home. The Vietnam war has become controversial, and veterans are despised. They did not receive the hero's welcome that the World War II veterans did. Her parents are ashamed of her, local citizens spit on her, and she cannot find suitable employment. She is traumatized and suffers from nightmares. She tries to find help but gets turned away from Veteran Support Services because they don't believe that there were women in Vietnam or because they were not in combat situations. She miscarries, possibly because of exposure to Agent Orange, the herbicide mixture used by the US military to defoliate trees. There is no actual real-life Frankie, but Frankie's character is representative of the nurses whom the author interviewed or read about. The author used her research to give voice to the pain and suffering experienced by the female war nurses during and after the Vietnam war.

However, there are some lighter moments in this harrowing story when we read about the friendship between Frankie and her bunk-mates Ethel and Barb and thank goodness for fiction, there are some love affairs as well. I devoured the 480 pages of this fast-paced book and emptied an entire box of tissues in the process.

Wilma

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#### **Book Groups at the Library**

The first get-together of an informal new book group for adults will be held at the library, **1.30 pm on Monday 26th February** - to be held on the last Monday of every month. A cuppa and biscuit will be supplied.

The **NitLits** have resumed their meetings 5-7 pm on the 1st Thursday of every 2nd month. Their next meeting is scheduled for 4th April. All are welcome so come along for wine, nibbles and books. For more information on the NitLits book group phone Jackie 021 886 467

#### Talking Heads @ the Library

#### All Things Gardening

Come along to the library **Tuesday 27th February 6.30-7.30 pm** to learn and share your ideas, tips and knowledge and enjoy a glass of wine or a cuppa with likeminded people.

Bring along any surplus seeds/seedlings to swap. Contact Lisa 027 685 8243 for more information.

A Great New Read is available through the library - "A four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a tragic mystery that



haunts the survivors, unravels a community, and remains unsolved for nearly fifty years. This debut by a vibrant new voice in fiction is a riveting novel about the search for truth, the shadow of trauma, and the persistence of love across time."



Congratulations to the winners of the Summer Book Club Photo Competition



Ella Newport

Munro Kerr

#### Maybe it's Menopause?

Dr Wendy Sweet takes a "whole-body" approach to menopause symptoms, uses her extensive knowledge and research to help others figure out how they can turn their symptoms of menopause around and "age-well". Book now for a 'Masterclass on Menopause' in Timaru on Thursday 29th February 7-9 pm. If you would like to attend, please contact the Mackenzie Community Library 685 8560 by the end of the week - tickets selling fast! Interested in travelling in the van? Get your name down!

#### **Our Community**

#### Happy Birthday:

15 Feb Deb Warner

16 Feb Annabelle Bray

17 Feb John Robinson

19 Feb Robyn Crampton

21 Feb Rebecca Kerr

24 Feb Buster Hurst

25 Feb Anne Watson

26 Feb Jocelyn Carlton

27 Feb Ollie Loader

#### Wedding:

3 Feb Holly (nee Lane) and

Garth Hand

#### Wedding Anniversary:

12 Feb Julie and Callum McDonald 30 yrs

#### Bereavement:

1 Feb Johanna (Jo) Wieldraayer

6 Feb Jenifer (Jeny) Porteous

# LEARN THE ART OF CARD MAKING

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 6.30pm till 8pm St Columba Hall

#### \$20 per person includes all materials



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Book at the Fairlie Resource Centre or Phone 685-8496





Chinese New Year is a major festival of spring, wealth and peace. 2024 is the Year of the Dragon. The Chinese New Year fell on Saturday 10th February 2024 and lasts up to 16 days, with the first 7 days considered a public holiday. Marta McKenzie has very kindly shared a recipe she received from her Chinese friends in Auckland.

#### **Chinese Omelette**

1 tablespoon sunflower or rapeseed oil

3 medium or 2 large eggs.

1 tablespoon hot water.

1 large tomato cut up into about 8 or 10 small pieces.

2 spring onions (or handful chives) cut in pieces.

1 teaspoon grated raw ginger or half teaspoon ground ginger.

1 teaspoon raw sugar.

Handful of spinach (or substitute chopped silver beet). Ground black pepper to taste, half teaspoon salt (or to taste).

Half a teaspoon of Chinese 5 spice

1 tablespoon soy sauce.

- 1. In a large frypan/wok heat oil over a moderate heat.
- 2. In a bowl beat eggs until thick and add in the hot water.
- 3. Add egg mixture to pan making a large omelette.
- 4. When cooked set aside on to a warm plate & put in warming drawer.
- 5. Add small drop of oil to pan then put in the tomato pieces cook for 3-4 mins,
- 6. Add spring onions (or chives) and cook for another couple of mins, keep stirring
- 7. Add the spinach (or silver beet) cook until wilted, keep stirring
- 8. Add ginger, raw sugar pepper and salt, and Chinese 5 spice.
- 9. Chop omelette into bite sized pieces and put into the pan with the soy sauce, stirring all together.
- 10. Serve at once, with rice of your choice.



#### Our Community

With Compliments of the Secretary of State for Defence, and the Minister for Veteran's Affairs

This Nuclear Test Medal is presented to Mr E M (Mick) Glover in recognition of his significant contribution to Britain's nuclear test programme. The HM Armed Forces Veteran Badge was presented in recognition of his service in the United Kingdom Armed Forces.



The HM Armed Forces Veteran's Lapel Badge was launched in May 2004 by the Minister for Veterans in order to assist the wider public in identifying Veterans. The design features an atom surrounded by olive branches and bears the words NUCLEAR TEST MEDAL. The simplicity of the design was chosen to reflect the multitude of different roles that were carried out by the broad range of recipients. The ribbon colours comprise, white, yellow, black and red strips, along with lighter blue stripes for the sky and ocean, representative of the test locations, such as the Pacific.

Pictured below is 88 year old Mick Glover - he vividly remembers being aboard the British HMS Cossack 66 years ago on 9th November 1957 during atomic bomb testing in the Pacific. Nuclear tests were conducted on



and around Christmas Island by the United Kingdom in the late 1950's the island was not evacuated, exposing residents and the British, New Zealand and Fijian servicemen to nuclear radiation. Mick remembers not being permitted on the test site side of the ship during the dropping of the bomb, and afterwards going to Ground Zero at Fanny Island with the scientists. Well deserved recognition Mick!

# Pick Your Own SUNFLOWERS

Limited time only Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 4pm – 7pm Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 9am – 12pm

ALL proceeds going to the Fairlie Area Kindergarten

\$15 for 5 Stems \$30 for 10 Stems

Just want a snap of the beautiful sunflower field \$10 If you can, BYO Secateurs

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#### **CASH ONLY**

A BIG thank you to Jenna & Andrew Swann for their generosity!

Silverstream School in 1887. The School had been opened in the previous year and had it's name changed to Kimbell c1913. 35 children in attendance.



#### Mackenzie Highland A&P Show

The 126th Mackenzie A&P Highland Show will be held on Easter Monday, 1st April 2024 at the Fairlie A&P Showgrounds. The Mackenzie A&P Highland Show is the largest one day show in New Zealand with over 12,000 through the gates. Free parking off School Road. Pre-Sales available via the website- Adults \$23.25 (inc booking fee), Under 15 \$5.12 (inc booking fee).

Mackenzie Show Day is a fun family day out with something for everyone for the cost of a movie! You will enjoy watching sheep shearing, a live sheep auction, sheep dog trials, wood chopping, agri-sports, fencing, the NZ Kennel Club and Highland dancing and music. There will be a pet tent and an exhibition of rare breeds of animals. The Barwoods stage, sponsored by Fairlie Early Learners, will feature Josh Grimaldi, Eddie Simon Music and the Jae Bedford School of Entertainment. Entertainment for ALL AGES.

There are also all of the standard A&P animals and competitions ... the Grand Parade is well worth watching and is followed by the Fairlie Four Square lolly scramble. There will also be a large number of stalls, a variety of food and many other activities ... enough to fill a day, and then some. Bring cash and please leave your dogs at home. Public entry from 8 am.

Keep up to date with on Face-book and our website www.mackenzieshow.co.nz. The Schedule of Classes and Trade Site applications are also available on the website. Entries NOW OPEN!! There is a class or two for everyone. Please support the Show by entering!!







# OPEN AFTERNOON AT FAIRLIE HERITAGE MUSEUM - free entry!

From 2-4 pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February!

This event is organized especially for locals to come have a look through your museum.

The Fairlie Museum Café will offer Devonshire Tea or Coffee, sandwich, scone and sweet – for just \$10.

Please let Mandy at the Museum Café know you will be calling in advance.



#### Our Community



#### Peace Tree Avenue Maintenance

Council contractors will shortly be starting on a program of maintenance work on the avenue of Peace Trees.

The avenue stretches along State Highway 8 from the Opihi River bridge North-West of Fairlie to the Cricklewood Bridge to the South.

This is the second phase of work on these trees for this project. In 2020 Mackenzie District Council engaged a contractor to identify, map and assess the condition of the trees, and to develop a maintenance plan. From this plan council programmed work to be carried out over a 3-year period, starting in September 2022.

This season works will include:

- trimming of overhanging branches in the road corridor to ensure oversized vehicles can use the road. (Waka Kotahi NZTA has advised which trees need trimming for this.)
- removal of epicormic growth (the shoots around the trunks of trees) to promote better tree health.
- removal of any large dead branches etc.

If a tree needs to be removed the Arborist will notify Council and arrangements will be made to replant a new tree in its place. If we do to replace a tree, or plant additional trees in the Peace Avenue we intend to plant similar species to the original ones planted. There are approximately 19 different tree species in the avenue.

The highest number are *Quercus robur* (common oak) and *Ulmus procera* (English elm) but there are also walnut, maple, chestnut and ash species.

This year contractors will be working in the following areas:

- North of Fairlie towards Kimbell
- Central Fairlie to Fairlie cemetery
- Fairlie cemetery towards Cricklewood Bridge

Traffic Management will be in place wherever the arborists are working. There may be more than one work site active at any one time.

Mulch material will be taken to two MDC contractor's sites and used for gardens and future MDC projects where possible.

Arborists working on the Peace Avenue are expected to be on site approximately 19 February to 1 March and 11 March to 22 March 2024.

#### Did you know?

Updates covering current Road Closures, Water, and Civil Defence alerts are available on the mackenzie.govt.nz website, accessible from buttons on the homepage.

Updates are also placed up on the Mackenzie District Council Facebook page.

#### Our Community

#### Falcon – Hunter's Story

Even though Hunter was only with us for a short time, he was quite a celebrity. He is the first juvenile male NZ Falcon

to rehab with the Trust.

He has such an amazing story; After a late night call to Fairlie to pick up an injured bird, the bird turned out to be a juvenile male NZ Falcon (Karearea). He was found unconscious lying on

a patio of a house in the middle of Fairlie.

He was scooped up quickly and got back to Timaru where he could be monitored closely. The most likely cause of his injury was hitting the glass sliding doors, so he had a sore head (concussion), but no other injuries. We gave him the

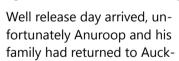
name "Hunter".

His rescuers, Anuroop Thomas and his wife from Auckland were touring the South Island with his parents from India and they were staying the night at an Air B&B in Fairlie when they

found Hunter unconscious. Luckily, they googled rescue centres and found us, The NZ Raptor Trust.

Hunter continued to improve and within a week he was cleared for release by Dries our vet at Vetlife Timaru.

The Trust band all our birds before releasing so Hunter got his brand new DOC band just prior to being released. He is now registered in the DOC database, so if he is ever found again, we will know his history.





land so were unable to attend the release. However, Hunter had some special guests who came along to see him off.

Jenni from the NZ Raptor Trust, who looked after Hunter during his rehab, released him and he flew off strongly with no sign of his injury.

Anuroop, thank you for taking the time to contact us and Hunter, stay away from those windows, we don't want to see you back!





L-R: Angie, Nik (NZ Raptor Trust), Anne Munro (Mackenzie District Council Mayor), Jenni holding Hunter (NZ Raptor Trust), Paul (who put DOC band on Hunter) and Miles Anderson (MP)

#### **FACTS ABOUT NZ FALCONS:**

How could we tell Hunter was a Juvenile Male Falcon?

#### Age

Thanks to well-timed Facebook post by the Marlborough Falcon Conservation Trust, it was easy to recognise Hunter was a juvenile (Facebook post reproduced with their permission) Fun fact Friday! - Marlborough Falcon Conservation Trust | Facebook

Did you know that juvenile falcons are a different colour to adults?

Young kārearea are a uniform dark-brown in colour. They also have very stylish grey-blue legs, eye ring, and nostril cover called a "cere".

As they mature, kārearea will go yellow around their eyes, legs, and cere. They also gradually upgrade their wardrobe with each moult, when juvenile feathers are shed and replaced with adult ones. Moulting develops their characteristic streaky cream-brown chest plus their very handsome (and our personal fave!) rufous pantaloons.

#### Male Vs Female:

As can be seen by the following photos the Male (on the left) is considerably smaller than the female. A male falcon is approximately the size of a magpie and the female is about the size of a male harrier hawk (who is smaller than female harrier hawks).

New Zealand falcon | Kārearea. Adult pair showing size difference (larger female on right). Wellington, September 2011. Image © Steve Attwood by Steve



#### Mackenzie Community Development

# MACKENZIE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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#### Meeting People in our Community ...

I had the pleasure of sitting down for a chat with Library Manager Bron Williams before she embarked on her 5th Coast to Coast solo twoday event.

# When did you start training, and where was most of the training undertaken?

I usually start thinking about

training in June, although this year there seemed to be a lot of time thinking about training and not a lot of time actually training. Day to day training was around Fairlie but you must gain experience on the race route.

During the buildup I went to run Goat Pass but unfortunately the rivers were too high to cross so we could only do one section. The Kayak training down the Waimakariri River did not fear much better as I pay a company to train in a group for safety reasons, but unfortunately it was cancelled at the last minute due to safety concerns with high winds.

#### What inspired you to enter the Coast to Coast?

My uncle did the Coast to Coast back in the days when you just put on your adidas trainers and grabbed your ten-speed bike and I just thought I'd give that a go, much to the amazement of my parents.

# What has been, or do you think, will be the biggest challenge?

Getting to the start line! I am feeling a little under prepared due to the fact I haven't undertaken any training of the course this year. It will be one foot in front of the other this year!

I love my kayaking, but it terrifies me, I must admit I do cry every time I jump into the kayak on the Waimakariri River. The Grade 2+ white water hot-freezing/windy weather condition is a far cry from the idyllic conditions of most my training on Lake Ophua.

# What would be your supplement/fluid intake during the race each day?

I would mostly have water and electrolytes. The only time you are carrying water and you don't have water around you is on the bike. I tend to carry water on the kayak and run but drink straight from the river. I'd probably consume about 2.5–3 litres of water each day.

# The Coast to Coast isn't an event you can do without a support team, so who is in the team behind you?

I could not do this without Drew, he is my support person.

And of course, my loyal training partner Ted the very energetic Springer Spaniel, who was definitely more into training sessions than me!

#### What's the next challenge?

A rest but I must admit I have been looking into trail races coming up. I love running in the bush and mountains.

# What advice could you give someone sitting on the couch thinking, I'd love to do the Coast to Coast one day?

Just do it!

Everyone seems to think it's like this elite athletic challenge, yes the one day, the longest day event is crazy and definitely for the elite. Nobody knows what journey people have been on when everyone lines up for the start of the Coast to Coast, you don't know what they have had to go through to get there. There are cancer survivors, a double amputee doing it this year, people who have had horrific couple of years and are just doing it for them. Everyone's story is unique.

The Coast to Coast environment is a supportive one, nobody ever says what was your time, because nobody cares, you are there, you are doing it.

I complete I don't compete, usually I try to beat my times, but this year I just want to get to the finish line.

#### Fairlie Community Development with support from the Fairlie Resource Centre have the following upcoming events:

16th Feb Arts on Tour - India meets Ireland St Columba Church (change of venue) – 6pm 27th Feb Men's Trip - Geraldine Museum 9th March Community Trip - Bushtown, Waimate

If you would like to book into any of these, please contact the Fairlie Resource Centre on 685-8496

# Community Events



Informal Book Group @ the Library 1.30 pm

- last Monday of the month

Friday Morning Tea @ Moreh 10.15 am

- every Friday

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 & 7.15 pm, Beginners 6.30 pm
- Wednesdays 7 pm

NitLits @ the Library 5-7 pm

- 1st Thursday every 2nd month (4th April)

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

- start Wed 6 March, thereafter 1st Wednesday of month

Stronger for Longer Exercises @ St Columba Hall 10 am

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#### Mackenzie Community Development

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#### Burns Night – Together at the Tekapo Community Hall

Gemma Robertson and Megan Leishman both attended the University of Edinburgh where they studied Astrophysics and are now living in Tekapo, working at Silver



River stargazing.
True to their Scottish origins, on 25th
January, they got the town dancing to celebrate the great poet Robbie Burns with a traditional Scottish Ceilidh!

Scottish Ceilidh! CHANGE OF VENUE
Now at St Columba Church sant Madhur and his daughter , and Irish music with internationally acclaimed musician Jon Sanders and his daughter Jenny Os. With ragas, reels and more **India Meets Ireland** showcases the musical magic of two cultures and reveals that there is more than a little in common between them! Friday 16 February 6.00pm NOW at St Columba Church \$20 Tickets: Fairlie Resource Centre

Ceilidh is a gaelic word, meaning 'to be together', and so we were: at the Community Hall, guests were welcomed in to the sound of bagpipes, (we find out local pilot Matthew has many hidden talents!); some people came in jeans, others in full scottish kilt, and we soon had the numbers for the dances to begin! Megan has done this before, and it



showed: in no time at all, she had every single person in the room dancing, spinning and laughing. She tells me Ceilidhs are dances which are held throughout Scotland for any type of celebration. "Kids get taught Ceilidh Dances all through school so everyone knows them like the back of our hands, but the dances are super easy and everyone had a lot of fun learning them."

Born in 1759 in South Ayrshire in Scotland, from a relatively poor farming family, "Robbie Burns was more interested in poetry, nature and drinking than farming, much to his father's dismay. Over his 37 years he wrote many of Scotland's highest regarded poems". While not always with a Ceilidh, Burns Night is held on the poet's birthday and celebrated all across Scotland, mostly with a traditional dinner of haggis (that meaty Scottish delicacy), neeps (turnips) and tatties (potatoes), and readings of his famous poems. In Tekapo, Billy the Bard graced the guests with his rendition of "Ae fond kiss" and "My love is like a red rose" giving everyone a welcome chance to catch their breath between dances. And of course, the haggis was served. Gemma tells me: "People definitely gave the haggis a go, most people tried it and some people loved it, some were still sceptical of it, the general consensus was that it wasn't as bad as they thought!" she laughs.

The night was a great success "We have raised \$175 for the school and kindy here in Tekapo and would like to thank everyone who came along and had a wee dance!" Thank YOU Gemma and Megan for passionately sharing your culture with us and teaching us some Scottish dancing – I'm pretty sure it was a first for many of us there but we are looking forward to the next Ceilidh!

P.S. in answer to last week's teaser, it is FALSE: the haggis is a fictional animal but all Scots will try and convince you otherwise!



#### Our Golden Years

# A Perfect Match - the health benefits of jigsaw puzzles!

Are you looking for a healthy distraction and escape from the world around you? Look no further than your dining room table and a jigsaw puzzle - jigsaw puzzling is a great way to pass time. Putting a jigsaw puzzle together has many health benefits and can help reduce stress and improve memory.

Mindfulness is the act of bringing conscious attention to a task in the present moment, and puzzles are a good way to practice it. When you sit down to do a puzzle you can leave all the stress of the world at the door while diving into a beautiful mountain scene or a picture of cute puppies or kittens - you choose what appeals to you.

Puzzles are also good for the brain. Studies have shown that doing jigsaw puzzles can improve cognition and visual-spatial reasoning. The act of putting the pieces of a puzzle together requires concentration and improves short-term memory and problem solving. Using the puzzle as an exercise of the mind can spark imagination and increase both your creativity and productivity. It can be a solitary activity or a collaborative activity with someone else. It's also a great way to unwind and reset from a busy day. Working on a puzzle with someone can help you get away from screens and create a personal connection. There is nothing more satisfying than putting the last piece of the puzzle in its place. It provides a sense of accomplishment.

Take time to find a puzzle of your liking — it will be like a mini-vacation from the outside world, and if you're giving it a go for the first time make sure you start easy, be kind to yourself!

Check out the selection of puzzles at the Fairlie Resource Centre - you're welcome to borrow these, and donations are also gratefully received thanks.



Netsafe for Seniors - a toolkit to empower seniors with scam-proofing savvy and online safety smarts. Download, or print off the Netsafe.org website, or call into the Fairlie Resource Centre if you would like assistance.

#### Activities for older folk in February

14th Feb Valentine's Day and OPERATUNITY in Timaru

- book at the Resource Centre

16th Feb Morning Tea at Moreh 10.15 am All welcome

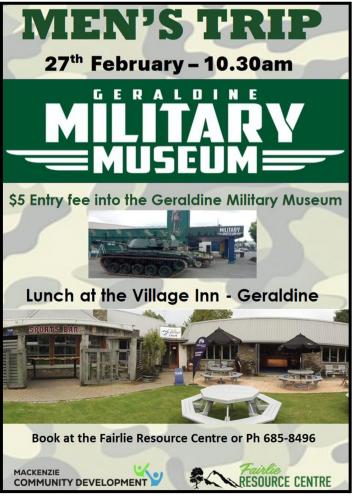
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20th Feb Afternoon at the Museum – helping with light

jobs, looking at old photos and afternoon tea

Join the text message group to know what is coming up! Anne T 027 285 8824 Picnic afternoon Tea at Pioneer Park Movie in Timaru and/or Geraldine Day trip to Waimate





#### **Public Notices**

# Changes to wheelie bin collections following Ministry for the Environment decision

The Ministry for the Environment has made changes to what councils throughout the country are allowed to collect in their wheelie bins. This will mean some changes for Mackenzie District residents.

The new changes are part of the Government's move to standardise recycling and organics across New Zealand from February 1. The main changes affecting Mackenzie District are:

- Paper and cardboard can no longer go in the GREEN bin. Instead.
  - \* Pizza boxes and egg cartons if clean can go in the YELLOW bin.
  - \* Newspaper goes in the YELLOW Bin.
  - \* Tea bags and coffee filters go in RED bin.
  - \* Paper towels, serviettes, or tissues go in RED bin.
  - \* Compostable' marked paper packaging such as coffee cups go in RED bin.
- Pet poo always goes in the RED bin.
- Aluminium foil and aerosol cans can no longer go in the YELLOW bin – they now go in RED bin.
- Plastic plant pots now go in the RED bin.

If you live in Mackenzie District, the frequency of your bin collection, and which bin is being collected when, is unchanged. You can always check the front page of our website to check which bins to put out this week.



# Need help? Or know of someone who could do with a helping hand?

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! Phone 03 685 8496

#### **Worship Services**

#### **Mackenzie Catholic Parish**

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Tekapo Church of the Good Shepherd -

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Website: mackenziecatholicparish.nz Facebook: Mackenzie Catholic Parish

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Occasionally, mainly due to travel or illness, the location changes so it's always a good idea to phone first to confirm the address. If a group environment isn't your thing, but you would like to chat over a coffee/ tea or over the phone, feel free to contact any of those listed above, or Steve & Barb Adams (685 8056)

Hopeproject.co.nz - 10daychallenge.co.nz

# MACKENZIE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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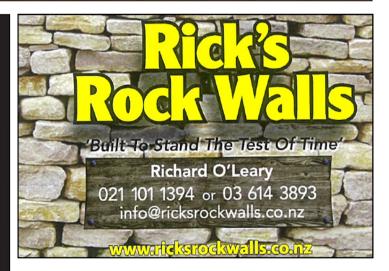
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# Tievoli Trading

Hello Fairlie!!

We are delighted to announce that our new Homewares, Garden Art & Lifestyle Store, Tievoli Too, is now open in Fairlie.

During February we will be open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11am to 4ish.

We would love you to pop in, say "Hi" and have a wee look around. There is absolutely no pressure to purchase."

Tievoli Too 77 Main Street Fairlie Phone 0274 313 362 Also Tievoli Trading 72 - 76 Talbot Street Geraldine









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# Introducing our wonderful new staff member



Hi Everyone,

My name is Kerry, and I am the new receptionist at the Fairlie Resource Centre. I have taken over from Kaz, and I wish her well in her new role as Fairlie's Community Development Coordinator.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to fill this position, helping others is something that I have always been passionate about. I have lived and worked, and have been actively involved in the Fairlie area for the last 30+ years. I look forward to learning more about the community in my new role.

We are so lucky to have an asset like the Fairlie Resource Centre, it offers so much to the community, and I am looking forward to being part of such an awesome team.

Kerry Bennett



Open Monday to Friday 9.30 am-4.00 pm 67 Main Street, Fairlie Phone 685 8496 Email: heartlands@fairlienz.org

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Community Events
Tourism
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#### Fairlie Food Bank

Donations of non-perishable food welcome Contact Gina @ Fairlie Resource Centre for private and confidential support

#### **IT Support**

Laptop iPad skills Setting up and using a mobile phone Assistance filling in forms

#### **Mackenzie Community Development**

Email: community.development@fairlienz.org Facebook - Mackenzie Community Development

#### The Fairlie Accessible

Community newspaper published fortnightly

Editor: Janine Walker

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#### Fairlie Community Vehicle Trust

Three 12-seater vans (trailer) and community car hire

#### **Seniors Support**

Organised trips - Morning teas - Home visits - Welfare

#### Fairlie Kids Club

Monday to Friday 3.15-5.00 pm

#### **Heartland Services**

Email and phone facilities

Access to government and non-government forms

Access to print, photocopy and scan

Access to government and non-government websites

Access to face-to-face or virtual appointments

Assistance to make appointments or direct you to

services you need



#### Tievoli Too Opens in Fairlie

On 1st February, Tievoli Too opened in Fairlie at 77 Main Street. A Homewares, Garden Art & Lifestyle store, Tievoli Too is the sister shop of Tievoli Trading in Geraldine.

Owner Michelle Baker says that everything has happened very fast! "We had two lovely customers from Fairlie in the Geraldine store in Mid January. They talked about us opening in Fairlie and text me the details of the vacant shop. Two weeks later we opened!!"

Michelle says that the space at 77 Main Street is absolutely stunning with its beautiful brick walls, wooden flooring and excellent lighting. "We were able to move straight in, and we just love the feel of the space." Michelle describes the shop as a 'work in progress'. "Whilst we have done a lot in two weeks there is still much more to come. We still don't have sign writing, some of our shop fittings are temporary, and we are a bit light on stock, but we are just so happy to be in Fairlie - it's a great wee town."

Michelle says that she would like to thank all the locals who have visited since the shop opened on 1st February. She says everyone has been so welcoming, encouraging

and enthusiastic. During
February, Tievoli Too will
be open on Thursdays,
Fridays and Saturdays from
11 am to 4 pm (ish) but it
is intended to extend the
hours once things are
more established. Everyone
is invited to pop in for a
look with no pressure to
purchase.



Share your event - accessible@fairlienz.org \*Weekends in Bold\*

#### **February**

- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 AOTNZ "India meets Ireland " St Columba Church 6 pm 16/17 Pick your own Sunflowers Kindy Fundraiser (see ad)
- 17 Live Music "Evan Gillespie" @ Silverstream Hotel 5 pm
- 24 Garage Sale 1 Railway Place 9 am 2 pm
- 25 Open Afternoon for Fairlie residents at Fairlie Heritage
  Museum
- 26 Informal Book Group @ Mackenzie Library 1.30 pm
- 27 Men's Trip to Geraldine Military Museum leaving 10.30 am
- 27 Trivia Night 7 pm @ Silverstream Hotel
- 27 Talking Heads @ the Library 6.30-7.30 pm
- 29 Master Class in Menopause in Timaru 7-9 pm

#### March

- 2 High Country 4WD Tour Lake Tekapo
- 3 Fairlie Lions Charity Golf Tournament 11.45 am
- 9 Live Music "Strings Attached" @ Silverstream Hotel
- 9 Community Trip Bushtown in Waimate leaving 9 am
- 19 Learn the Art of Card Making St Columba Hall 6.30-8 pm
- 24 Live Music "Smokehouse" @ Silverstream Hotel







#### Next Issue Closing Date - Friday 23 February

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