



Lake Opuha

The level of Lake Opuha recently dropped below 373m (5%), which means the 2023/24 irrigation season has concluded for Opuha Water Ltd (OWL) shareholders and water users.

The remaining three metres in the lake is retained for environmental flows in an effort to increase the likelihood that the Opuha/Opihi flows will stay connected, which is critical for the health of the river ecosystem.

Minimum flow requirements have also been reduced. OWL is transitioning to “natural flows” where inflows into the lake equal outflows from the dam. OWL will continue to collaborate with stakeholders to monitor the health of the downstream river and check if fish salvages are necessary.

While this is a situation that no-one in the community wanted to see eventuate, it is important to acknowledge that the Opuha Dam has done exactly what it was designed to do – provide environmental flows, community supply and reliable irrigation to the South Canterbury community.

Unfortunately the persistent El-Nino weather pattern we are experiencing along the East Coast has pushed the dam to the limits of what it can provide. Importantly, if the dam was not there, it is estimated by ECan that the ‘natural’ flows in the Lower Opihi River at State Highway 1 would currently be well under 1 cumec, a flow which would likely disconnect the river.

OWL and stakeholders are also turning their attention to what a lake ‘refill’ looks like, especially in light of NIWA predictions that the rest of autumn will remain dry.

As the lake decreases, Opuha Water reminds the community to take care when visiting the lake; areas that were wet will take time to dry out and vehicles can get stuck easily. OWL recommends that people not drive on the exposed lakebed.



Jarrad Blackler Memorial Trophy - Mackenzie Rams 15 v Kurow 32





Easter Weekend

OPEN HOURS



THURSDAY 28TH MARCH | 9AM - 8PM
 FRIDAY 29TH MARCH | 9AM - 8PM
 SATURDAY 30TH MARCH | 9AM - 8PM
 SUNDAY 31ST MARCH | 9AM - 8PM
 MONDAY 1ST APRIL | 9AM - 5PM



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Mackenzie Highland A&P Show Easter Monday

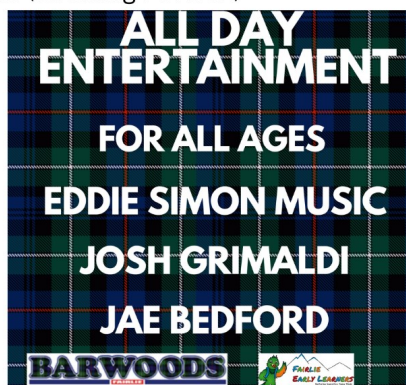
Full Programme and additional information
available on
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Adults \$20, 5-15 \$5, under 5/parking off School Rd free. Bring cash. No dogs.

TIMETABLE

Activities throughout the day: Mackenzie Highland Pipe Band, Community Support Village, Clan Corner, Rare Breeds Display, NZ Kennel Club Show, Pedalmania, Vintage Machinery, Archery, Carnival Rides, 20+ food/coffee vendors & over 160 trade sites! Plus all of the traditional A&P competitions.

- 7.30 am Sheep Dog Trials
 - 8.15 am Judging of Equestrian District Classes
 - 8.30 am Judging commences for Equestrian Section (see Ring Programme)
Mackenzie Shearing Competition- Machine Heats (Shearing Pavilion)
 - 9.30 am Judging commences for Produce Shed and Alpacas
Barwoods Trailer Entertainment commences with Jae Bedford Entertainment
 - 10.00 am Judging commences for Highland Dancing, Sheep, Goats and Poultry
Country Kidz Class One commences
Mackenzie Shearing Competition- Blade (Shearing Pavilion)
 - 10.30 am Judging commences for Piping
Josh Grimaldi sponsored by Fairlie Early Learners (Barwoods)
 - 11.00 am Mackenzie Shearing Competition Open Machine Heats (Shearing Pavilion)
Point Lumber Fencing Competition
 - 11.30 am Country Kidz Class Two commences
Eddie Simon Music (Barwoods)
 - 11.45 am Judging commences for Drumming
 - 12.00 pm Opening of the Show by Jeremy Sutherland
Main Ring Entertainment commences
Mackenzie Shearing Competition- Speed
Champion of Champion Ram (Sheep area)
 - 12.15 pm Wood Chopping (Underhand)
 - 12.30 pm Jae Bedford Entertainment (Barwoods)
 - 12.45 pm Wood Chopping (Small Standing Chop)
 - 1.15 pm Wood Chopping (Mackenzie A & P Championship)
 - 1.30 pm Josh Grimaldi sponsored by Fairlie Early Learners (Barwoods)
 - 2.00 pm BX Foods/Peppers Bluewater Resort/Tekapo Springs Gift Lamb Auction (Sheep area)
 - 2.15 pm Wood Chopping (Big Underhand Chop)
Dog Trials Interclub Competition (Main Ring)
Eddie Simon Music (Barwoods)
 - 3.00 pm Grand Parade followed by Four Square Fairlie Children's Lolly Scramble
Wood Chopping (Big Standing Chop)
 - 3.30 pm Mackenzie Shearing Competition Finals (approx) (Shearing Pavilion)
Wood Chopping (Tree Chop, Dave Lorrie Memorial Cup, Single Handed Sawing)
 - 4.00 pm Wood Chopping (Double Handed Sawing) 4.30 pm Wood Chopping (Jack 'n' Jill Sawing)
- All times approx. and subject to change. Listen to Announcer for any time changes*



Firth Fairlie 500 Results 2024

Overall Winner – GARY BROSNAHAN 267
Best Gross Trophy – Sam Watkinson 287

Senior

- Best Nett Damon Smith 282
- Best Gross Sam Watkinson 287
- 2nd Nett Richard Herlund 284
- 3rd Nett Jeremy Goodman 284
- 4th Nett Michael Anderson (jnr) 286
- 5th Nett Bradley Edmonston 286
- 6th Nett Al Sime
- 7th Nett Chris O'Neill 291
- 8th Nett Chris Faithful 292
- Best Nett Sat - John Lindsay 141
- Best Nett Sun - Rob Clifton 144
- Longest Drive Sat - Michael Anderson (jnr)
- Longest Drive Sun - Sam Watkinson

Intermediate

- Best Nett Gary Brosnahan 267
- Best Gross Mike Herrick 335
- 2nd Nett Shaun Hutchings 283
- 3rd Nett Rowan Turnbull 284
- 4th Nett Ian Anderson 288
- 5th Nett James Perkins 288
- 6th Nett Paul Blair 290
- 7th Nett Ian McPherson 290
- 8th Nett Simon Jeffs 291
- Best Nett Sat - Andy Williamson 143
- Best Nett Sun - Adam Hayward 144
- Longest Drive Sat - Paul Blair
- Longest Drive Sun - Colin Stevens

Junior

- Best Nett Steve Robertson 273
- Best Gross Andrew Drummond 353
- 2nd Nett Alex Struthers 275
- 3rd Nett Greg Anderson 275
- 4th Nett Warren Walker 276
- 5th Nett Kevin Bowie 278
- 6th Nett Robert Trotter 279
- 7th Nett Kai Dwyer 283
- 8th Nett Hamish Lane 284
- Best Nett Sat - Johnny Marshall 137
- Best Nett Sun - Chris Whyte 142
- Longest Drive Sat - Alastair Holmes
- Longest Drive Sun - Warren Walker

- Closest to Pin # 5** Paul McKay – Scott Manyweathers – Jeremy Goodman – Jeremy Goodman
- Closest to Pin #15** Darren Lewis – Scott Double – Steve Richardson – Dave Van Turnhout
- 2nd Shot Closest** Dan McCloy – Karl Rattray – Michael Anderson – Bruce Thomson



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MACKENZIE TRIALS 1st & 2nd March 2024

Mackenzie:				Mt Nessing:			
Class 1:	Name:	Dog:	Points	Class 1:			
Open	Kane Murdoch	Oscar	10	Open	Matt Simpson	Bill	93
Intermediate	Angus Waldron	Flynn	43	Intermediate	Carl Tairua	Billie	22
Maiden	Dion Anderson	Barry	0	Maiden	Matt Roy	Fern	10
Class 2:				Class 2:			
Open	Greg Anderson	Tip	60	Open	James Simpson	Lace	17
Intermediate	Joe White	Piglet	47	Intermediate	Andy McNab	Trix	18
Maiden	Steve Blanchard	Cloud	62	Maiden	Lutz Kaiser	Nelly	63
Class 3:				Class 3:			
Open	Steve Kerr	Holly	88	Open	Ian Wallace	Bloke	88
Intermediate	Mark Baynes	Archie	92.5	Intermediate	Rory Moore	Quake	75
Maiden	Louis Sherwood	Kate	58	Maiden	Mark Berghan	Roxy	60
Class 4:				Class 4:			
Open	Mike Bloxham	Flood	94	Open	Ryan McNab	Walter	91
Intermediate	Geoff Allison	Boy	73	Intermediate	Doc Prebble	Oak	91
Maiden	Rian Norton	Meg	60	Maiden	Will Groundwater	Indy	87
Mackenzie	Total:		687.5	Mount Nessing	Total:		715

Mackenzie Half Marathon 2024

Saturday 20 July

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MOUNT NESSING TRIALS				March			
Mackenzie:				Mt Nessing:			
Class 1:				Class 1:			
Open	Kane Murdoch	Oscar	60	Open	Matt Simpson	Bill	89
Intermediate	Angus Waldron	Flynn	40	Intermediate	Carl Tairua	Billie	80
Maiden	Dion Anderson	Barry	0	Maiden	Matt Roy	Fern	0
Class 2:				Class 2:			
Open	Greg Anderson	Tip	81	Open	James Simpson	Lace	88
Intermediate	Joe White	Piglet	81.5	Intermediate	Andy McNab	Trix	96
Maiden	Steve Blanchard	Cloud	0	Maiden	Lutz Kaiser	Nelly	0
Class 3:				Class 3:			
Open	Steve Kerr	Holly	97.5	Open	Ian Wallace	Bloke	93.5
Intermediate	Mark Baynes	Archie	86.5	Intermediate	Rory Moore	Quake	91
Maiden	Louis Sherwood	Kate	90	Maiden	Mark Berghan	Roxy	88
Class 4:				Class 4:			
Open	Steve Kerr	Charge	88.5	Open	Ryan McNab	Walter	83.5
Intermediate	Geoff Allison	Boy	92.5	Intermediate	Doc Prebble	Oak	94.25
Maiden	Rian Norton	Meg	66	Maiden	Will Groundwater	Indy	43.5
Mackenzie - Total:			783.5	Mt Nessing - Total:			846.75
Grand Totals: 1471				1561.75			
WINNER Overall: MT NESSING BY 90.75							

Fairlie Miniature Rifle Club

The club season begins on Monday 8th April with a practice shoot in the Mackenzie Community Centre Stadium, Fairlie.

We meet every Monday night at 8 pm till September. New members are most welcome. There are also clubs at Sherwood and Cave.

For further details please contact Jim Allan on 027 734 4986 or 685 8052



Fairlie Bowling Club

The Fairlie Bowling Clubs Social **Crackerjack Bowls** competition has concluded for another year.

The competition has been well supported with the green full with 64 players each Tuesday night. As always there was plenty of banter and laughs each night, especially when there are Andersons and Gallaghers involved! It is very good to see some of these Crackerjack Bowlers starting to play Interclub on Saturdays and in our Sunday tournaments. This was the aim when Crackerjacks was started by Bruce Anderson.

The weather was good to us, with only one night having to be cancelled, and the green played extremely well with some great bowls played.

Winners of the competition were the 3 Springs team for the second year in a row. Congratulations to Andrew and Bridget Anderson, Michael Anderson and Eric Laurensen. Thanks must go to the convenor John Wright, to the men who prepared the green, the catering (Chef) Garry Harris and helpers, and to the bar staff John Cassie and Shell McGrath who all give their time willingly.

Fairlie Bowling Club Closing Day will be held on Sunday 31st March at 1.30 pm. All members welcome.



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**Mother's Day
Mini's**

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20th (AM) & 21st (PM) April**

**Tekapo - Outdoor Location
16th (PM) April**

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Gillian's Dignity Bags are currently experiencing a tsunami of shampoo! She is looking forward to receiving a torrent of toothbrushes, a deluge of deodorant, and other products. These can be dropped into the Resource Centre - Thank you everyone!




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SCHOOLS CALENDAR

TERM 1

28 Mar	Teacher Only Day	Fairlie Primary
28 Mar	SCPS Swimming	Mack Schools
4 Apr	Open Day	Mack College
5 Apr	SC Swimming	Mack Schools
5 Apr	Assembly @ 2.30	Fairlie Primary
12 Apr	END OF TERM 1	
13-14	Trail Ride	Fairlie Primary
29 Apr	TERM 2 STARTS	




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\$20, Tickets: Fairlie Resource Centre
Tickets ½ price at the Fairlie Resource Centre



It is harvest time in the kindergarten vegetable garden. The garden provides a wonderful opportunity for tamariki to connect with nature and learn about growing kai. Tamariki get to take some of the harvest home to share with whānau, and also work together to produce healthy kai to share at kindergarten. Our beautiful pumpkins were used to make pumpkin scones which were enjoyed by all.




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Education

Albury School

We are enjoying some beautiful autumn days as we are heading towards the end of Term 1, and the kids are buzzing with all the great learning that is happening.

Our Albury Kids have been loving their swimming sessions each day in our amazing school pool.

The Mackenzie Combined Schools Swimming Sports event in Fairlie concluded our swimming season. This was a great opportunity for the tamariki to showcase their progress and skills in front of whanau and to compete against children from other schools. We saw some fantastic swimming and are very proud of our Albury Kids who all gave their very best. Thank you to St Joseph's Fairlie for organising this event.

Harold and Amy from LifeEd paid us a visit at Albury School and the children just loved the sessions in Harold's classroom. The topic for this visit was FEELINGS - how to recognise one's own and others emotions, how to deal with feelings, how to be a good friend and how to make good decisions.



The tamariki went through some learning modules followed by interesting discussions and some exercises.

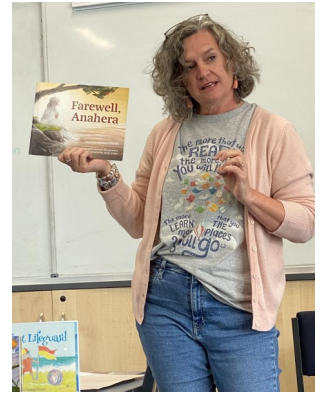


The students from Tui classroom had yet another visitor - Melanie Dixon from Storylines. Melanie is a writer and writing tutor who lives in Christchurch and is currently working on a trilogy for young adults.

St Joseph's Fairlie

Story Lines Author Visit

As part of the Storylines National Tour, authors visited schools throughout New Zealand to talk about their experiences and the process of writing a book. The children were delighted to have a visit from Vanessa Hattley-Owen, who lives in Auckland. She read some of the books she has written, answered our questions, talked about how important it is to keep writing and not to give up!



Life Education

There was great excitement when the children arrived at school recently to find the Life Education classroom ready for lessons. We welcomed back Rudi, our educator and Harold the Giraffe who told funny jokes and gave us some advice. Our senior students learnt about the difference between 'Rights' and 'Responsibilities' and 'What Makes a Good Leader?' They are looking forward to following this up next term when they attend National Young Leaders Day in Christchurch.



She encouraged the students to be resilient and not to give up on their dreams and spoke about the tough times during her writing journey when her books were rejected by publishers many times until her resilience finally paid off and she eventually not only got published but landed a contract for further books. A great inspiration for our tamariki.

With Easter falling into term time this year we wish everyone a very happy and safe extra long Easter weekend! Make sure to keep an eye out for our Albury Kid's artwork entries at the Mackenzie A&P show.



Aspect Trust Sports Scholarship 2024 Winner

After a successful summer captaining her country, and winning gold at the U18 Women's Ice Hockey Championships in Bulgaria, Gracie Hellmrich has recently been awarded the Aspect Trust Sports Scholarship for 2024.

Gracie was one of 24 applicants from South Canterbury. The fund is designed to support South Canterbury amateur elite athletes who have achieved at either a NZ development or national level in their chosen sport. The award provides \$5,000 to support team fees, equipment and travel costs associated with the recipient's chosen sport.

Massive congratulations to Gracie - Mackenzie College is very proud!

Online International Coding Competition

1ST = MUNRO KERR AND BLAKE BROWN!

As part of our Digital Technology classes at Mackenzie College, Mr Hignett entered his Year 7/8 class into an international online coding competition via the Grok Academy. The competition is open to all schools and over 18,000 students from around the world entered the competition. Two of our Mackenzie College students, Munro Kerr and Blake Brown (pictured) managed to gain a joint 1st place. This is an amazing achievement for our tiny rural school and we, as a community, should be proud of their ability and work ethic which enabled them to achieve this.



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Fairlie Primary School

Fairlie Primary School recently held its annual swimming sports for Year 4-6 students. Participation was high and there was some fierce competition in many races. It was great to see everyone giving it their all in their entered events and gaining points for their house group. Congratulations to Burkes (White) House who came away with the win in this year's house relay!

Well done to Sam McCabe, Ava Smith, Keegan Roughton, Michaela Ho, William Cormack, Braxton Simmonds, Pippa Greenwood and Richie Onyett who will now go on to compete in the South Canterbury Swimming Sports.

Thank you to all the parents that helped with timing and all the supporters who came to cheer on the students.



Fairlie Primary School was treated to a visit by a popular New Zealand author Juliette MacIver last week as part of a Storylines Trust national story tour. The children were very engaged in learning about how Juliette goes about her writing, how she gets her ideas and creates her rhyme. They then enjoyed a read aloud session of one of her picture books.



Cannington School

Maypole Dancing

Recently we have been practicing our maypole dance for the harvest festival. A maypole is a pole with ribbons tied to the top of it. We also must staple them in so they don't come out and pull the maypole out of the ground. When we all dance, we all have one ribbon to hold on to and it goes in a pattern blue, yellow, blue, yellow. After a few times we go round the pole and the ribbons start to plait on the Maypole.

Swimming Sports

We had swimming sports on Tuesday 12th March. The first races were the junior races. Arthur, Flynn and Angus competed for Cannington School in the junior races. Then we all had morning tea and played Knock Out. Then came the senior races. The first race was boys two lengths of freestyle Jakobe 2nd place then came the two lengths of freestyle girls. Ayla came 2nd and Annie came 3rd place. We are all very proud of how well we did that day, especially how we cheered on our classmates when they were racing.

Harvest Festival

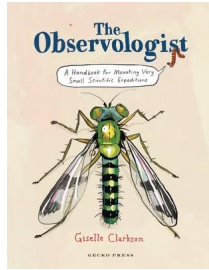
We have been preparing for this year's harvest festival. So far, most people's plants/vegetables have died. But some people's plants have survived. We have been practicing the Maypole dance. We know it's not May, but a March Pole doesn't sound right. There will be prizes for the tallest bean stalk, the heaviest pumpkin, tallest sunflower, and the potato in a bucket. We're all excited about tonight. We think the faeries have been in again because Mr Power's pumpkin looks like beetroot sellotaped onto a pumpkin plant. He wouldn't cheat but also some of his potatoes look red as well.

Art

The past few weeks we have been doing a mural for Mackenzie A & P show. We have been doing bubble art and drawing things that fly. The focus of our artwork is that history of flight in South Canterbury. Please look out for this at the show.



THE OBSERVOLOGIST A Handbook for Mounting Very Small Scientific Expeditions By Giselle Clarkson Gecko Press, \$39.99



Last week I was invited to Lake Tekapo School to meet four children's authors who were on their annual Storyline Tour. The Storylines Children's Literature Charitable Trust of New Zealand aims to inspire children to enjoy the magic of books, especially books created for them by New Zealand writers and illustrators. One of the authors was Juliette MacIver famous for her Marmaduke Duck books. I say famous, but I wasn't familiar with Marmaduke Duck. Well, Juliette did such an amazing performance reading *Marmaduke Duck and Bernadette Bear* that from now on the pupils and I will never again NOT know Marmaduke Duck.

Another guest at the school was author and illustrator Giselle Clarkson. This is an author I was much more familiar with. Last year Giselle published a beautiful non-fiction hardback book: *The Observologist*. Giselle told the school-kids that she was always interested in little critters and that to her own surprise the word '*observologist*' was not in any dictionary. According to Giselle the difference between an *observologist* and a scientist is that *observologists* make very small expeditions, every day. An *observologist* knows that there are extraordinary things to be found in even the most ordinary places.

The book is divided in five parts. The first part is all about *observology*, including an introduction to taxonomy and the rationale behind scientific names. The author does not shy away from complicated words, and I think that many an adult will also learn lots from this book. The rest of the book is divided into four main habitats ideal for *observology*: 'a damp corner', 'pavement', 'a weedy patch' and 'behind the curtains'.

This book is an antidote to boredom and an encouragement to observe our environment wherever we are. The book is full of facts, quirky and detailed illustrations, science and funny stories. It is playful, informative and perfect for 7-11-year-olds. I think we're lucky to have such an expert guidebook written specifically for Kiwi kids. If they weren't curious already, they will be after reading this.

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Storylines National Story Tour

Last Tuesday we had illustrator and writer **Giselle Clarkson** visit us at the library as part of the Storylines National Story Tour. We had a great turnout, including young illustrators in the making, some senior college students, local published authors, and interested adults, too. Giselle took the varied audience in her stride, and her enthusiasm for her career, as an illustrator and now an author, was evident. She spoke about early support from a school teacher, as well as her parents, how School Journal's provided a springboard for her craft, and what's next for this passionate young woman. A big 'Thank You' to the Storylines Trust for providing this wonderful free event. Storylines is a New Zealand organisation whose aim is to connect New Zealand children with New Zealand writers and illustrators, encouraging and celebrating the joy of reading. It's a wonderful initiative, and the Mackenzie schools and libraries had several authors and illustrators visiting this week. Such a great initiative for our rural communities and tamariki. Great to see this level of local support also.

New Large Print & Timaru Books

Kathy completed her regular pilgrimage into the Timaru Library, to choose more books for our large print and general book collection. These will be added to our catalogue over the next few days, so pop in and have a browse through the new titles.

New Book Group

Our new Book Group is growing in numbers and popularity. They meet on the last Monday of every month at 1.30 pm in the library, to talk about books they've read, hear about recommended reads, and check out the library's new books. They met on Monday (25th March) so their next meeting will be 29th April. Put it into your diary now, and come along for some interesting book talk and friendly conversation.

Early Reading Together Programme in Tekapo

I was lucky enough to be invited to attend one of the Early Reading Together Programme workshops, hosted by Bright Stars in Tekapo, and led by Jasmine Shaw, the Head Teacher. The programme is designed to help parents to understand more about how children learn language through the use of books and to learn more ways of enjoying story reading, singing and other language activities with their children, and is absolutely superb. It was great to meet so many new parents and be able to share information about the Mackenzie Library, as well as the Tekapo Book Exchange.

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Isolation is No Barrier to Success – High Country Women

The Dark Sky Project at Lake Tekapo was packed with ladies from across the Mackenzie District and Timaru as four inspiring Mackenzie panelists shared their journeys. "Their stories of pooled car rides, financial acumen, the extraordinary difference that technology plays, the importance of community, and most of all their dogged determination to succeed was inspiring" said Wendy Smith, CE of the Chamber of Commerce.

This Business Women's Network Event is a cluster group that seeks to provide a network for South Canterbury women to share best practice, to connect, educate and empower women and to inspire the next generation of leaders.

The workshop explored what has driven these Mackenzie high-country women and how they have turned isolation into a catalyst for achievement in business and lifestyle. Against the backdrop of isolation, these women have turned challenges into business opportunities that also uplift their communities. Their journey embodies the 'power of female'.

The panelists were:

Sharon Blanchard – International academic and women's leadership facilitator.

Margaret Munro – Instrumental tourism senior manager, tech advisor and experienced board member.

Rebecca Biggs – Senior Agribusiness manager, and experienced board member.

Sophia Osbourne – Director of high-profile Fairlie Bakehouse, and Pie Queen.

Panelists pictured below with Raewyn Bell and Wendy Smith, South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce



Fifty people attended the workshop, taking away a set of values and experiences that would assist them on their own journeys. Key take-aways were to "find your people" those trustworthy people to share your experiences and challenges, the importance of authenticity and identity, and to share with honesty the highs and the lows.

Fairlie Accessible Issue 24-06



Thank you to the Fairlie Community for its wonderful support of the BRONZ Easter Egg Run this year.

Wishing our local GP Lewis Arundell all the very best as he represents New Zealand in the NZ Sporting Clay Target team which will be shooting against Australia and New Caledonia in Mudgee, NSW next month.



The audience heard about the influence of technology and the role it plays in closing geographical distances nationally and internationally, and building flexibility into the workplace.

The panelists spoke of learning from others, putting your name forward and stepping back up in the face of adversity or failure. And perhaps most significantly, how these businesses build our rural communities, how they not only employ workers but support and bring in families that enrich those communities and create opportunities.

The Business Women's Network is a cluster group run by the South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce with a small committee who help shape and guide events that will benefit women and achieve the overall objectives of the cluster.

A feature for the BWN cluster is the **annual Empowering Women's half day Conference**, this year the theme is **Paving the Way** being held on 12th June at the Landing Services in Timaru. The event will feature those women who have broken down barriers and paved the way for others; the keynote speaker is Kerre Woodham TV personality and radio host – known for her less than PC approach.

Wendy Smith said "We will be unpacking those curveballs, those sleepless nights, the dreams and the setbacks and those amazing achievements that make it all worthwhile. Learning while having great fun." With workshops on smashing through glass ceilings and then joined live by award-winning speaker, author, trainer, artist and photographer Rachel Callander from Australia, this promises to be a great event and is filling fast with exhibitor stands adding to the interest. Bookings can be made with the South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce."

Our Community

The Mackenzie Menzshed has been going for over a year now. During that time the members have developed their facilities, got stuck into a few community-related projects, and have been working on a number of personal projects as well.



The members are mainly retirees, farmers and a few guys from Fairlie and surrounding towns. As far as Menzsheds go, the Mackenzie Menzshed's membership is rather small. They do however aspire to the same ideals as all of the other Menzsheds. If you are interested in more info on this topic, please visit the website:

<https://menzshed.org.nz/about-us/what-is-a-shed/>

Some of the questions being asked every now and then are: "Where do women fit into the scheme of things? Do the guys simply "manufacture" goods or do they get involved in different kinds of projects?"

A recent case study answers both of these questions.

Lockie and Caro run the Silverstream Hotel in Kimbell. Caro is keen on DIY and does many of the small maintenance jobs at the bar and restaurant herself. The restaurant's sandwich board started to fall apart and was due for repair or replacement.

"I knew what had to be done. I just did not have the experience or the skill set to pull this off by myself." Caro says. Caro then approached the Menzshed with a request for help and guidance on how to tackle this job. The guys figured out what needed to be done and helped Caro to obtain the materials required. She then attended a few Menzshed work sessions during which she proceeded to paint and finish the sandwich board under the guidance of guys who have done this sort of thing before.

"The guys were very helpful and accommodating. They are keen on sharing their technical skills with others and love to be involved in training and knowledge sharing." Caro remarked after completion of her project.



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NZ Wheel Blacks - Ian Simpson playing in the 2024 WWR Paralympic Qualification Tournament held in Wellington this week.

If you would like to know more about the Mackenzie Menzshed, you are welcome to contact Mouse on 027 685 4809. Even better – you are welcome to pop in and see what the Menzshed is all about by visiting one of their scheduled work sessions. These take place at the shed behind the Brian Beattie Motor Pavilion in Alloway Street every Wednesday and Saturday between 9 am and noon.

Scan this QR code for a link to more info on Menzsheds.



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Our Community

Birthdays:

- 27 Mar Betty Morgan
30 Mar Nic Guerin
30 Mar Anna Grant
31 Mar Bruce Andrews
1 Apr Warren Walker
2 Apr Pete Anderson
2 Apr Jack Gaffaney
3 Apr Marie Crampton - 80th
3 Apr Lucy Munro
6 Apr Anna Irving
7 Apr Lyn Dobson



Wedding Anniversary:

- 27 Mar Mary and Warren Barker - 57 yrs

Bereavement:

- 6 Mar Noel Guthrie

Fairlie and Districts Residents and Ratepayers Society Incorporated

Hi all,

This is a note to keep you all abreast of what is happening and when. We are due on 9th April to have our AGM followed by our monthly general meeting. If you want to nominate someone for a position ie Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer at the AGM let me know and I will send you out a nomination form. Nominations will close on 5th April. The meetings start at 6.30 pm at the St Columba Hall.

The next Sub Committee meeting is for the Rates Meeting group to be held at the Fairlie Resource Centre meeting room on Tuesday 4th April at 6.30 pm.

There will be a further announcement about a workshop to be held on 23rd April prior to it happening. The workshop will be featuring Jenny, who is an expert on councils and where the liabilities lie and who with. This will include things like where councillors' reasonability to their constituents lie, and vice versa. It will also look at where the Council staff liability lies when dealing with both Council members and the public.

This should help a lot of people with their understanding of how council works, how they can expect to be treated by Councillors and staff alike, and how constituents can converse with Councillors and staff. I trust that a lot of our members and the general public will attend, along with Councillors and staff.

Regards
Rob Herbert
Chairman, Fairlie and Districts Residents and Ratepayers Society Incorporated

Fairlie Garden Club

The group were delighted to meet the new owner of Trott's Garden Centre on our trip to Ashburton recently. More work has been done by the owners to establish a very nice wedding and lunch venue with a large marquee which looks out to the lawns and gardens, and where they have also hosted funerals in the pleasant surroundings. The trees and rhododendron bushes are very established and have grown so much more since we were there last, several years ago. The border gardens were full of cover with some very interesting perennials.

We then visited Sue Rosevear on Hepburns Road to enjoy her well established garden with many roses and ground covers. Another garden to visit when the rhodos are flowering,

Tessa and Wayne McIntosh at Lilyfields on Boundary Road greeted us all to their business where they were busy bagging up bulbs for sale through supermarkets and other outlets including a group of garden club ladies, but took time to tell us about their operation before buying began. A trip to Ashburton is not complete without a visit to Lushingtons Garden Centre on the way home.



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Our Golden Years

Calling the older folk in our community!

Last November I took the opportunity to go to a **Safer Driving Course** for older folk! What we learnt was great information from a very skilled tutor – Robyn Willis.

Hand in hand with this course comes the opportunity to spend an hour with Robyn during which time she assesses your driving skills. Now in the by and by I have thought myself a pretty good driver, have taught over 50 or so to drive over the years, and the only crashes I have had, apart from the gate to my yard, have been with those wallabies, the Fairlie side of Cave. Two events where my car was damaged and the wallaby, big bruts they were!, just went boing boing into the night!

So when Robyn asked me to pull over and 'let's discuss your driving' I thought – well there won't be much to improve. How wrong was I? Each little thing she mentioned, in the nicest way, had become part of my normal driving! Cutting corners; so I now go further along before I cross, use of mirrors; she adjusted mine to show me much more, and the way my seat was positioned; she corrected - I can now see twice as much as I could before. Each item of concern she mentioned, she helped correct and then gave a challenge that we all hope we never have to use - using breaks at speed to know how my car reacted on both gravel and tarseal! Frightened myself with this!

I'd personally challenge anyone to go through such an assessment and not come away grateful for all that is learnt! So what I am saying – you are older and you drive? You should do the course, and then do the assessment with Robyn!

The Fairlie Resource Centre is pleased to invite older folk to morning tea on Friday 26th April, 10 am in St Columba Hall, where Robyn Willis, Driving Tutor, will give a talk about safe driving, and give each person the chance to have her help you make sure you have your seat, mirrors etc in the best place for you! To do that you will need to bring your car.

This is a great opportunity for all drivers. Robyn returns 24th May to run another fabulous **Safer Driving Course** for older folk. Please give this your consideration. It is non threatening and Robyn is a superb tutor. Really – if you drive, can you afford to miss this? Brought to you by the Fairlie Resource Centre, where you will need to book for this course 03 685 8496.

We still have a couple of spaces in the **Pavapol Course** with Yvonne on 4th April. Drop me a message if you are keen to join us! Subsidised by the Fairlie Resource Centre.

We wish you a safe and blessed celebration of Easter! Take time to sit on Main Street and watch the world go by!
Anne Thomson

What are we up to?

- 3rd April Morning Tea and short story reading at Moreh 10 am
- 5th April Morning Tea at Moreh 10.15 am
- 10th April Movie at Moreh 1 pm
-Phantom of the Open
- 12th April Morning Tea at Moreh



HANDY HINT!

Like a dog with a bone, I am on about drinking water! We notice so many of us become confused when we only live with 3 cups of tea a day! Fill a jug with water – 6 or 8 glasses – and leave it covered on your bench. Drink it through the day and preferably before 5 pm so you aren't up all night!

Loneliness – can be heart breaking and gut-wrenching for those of us who live alone! It becomes so much worse as the days draw in and the nights are long. Join us when you can or ask me for someone to give you a call each day! Anne T 027 285 8824



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Emergency Services

FENZ - Fairlie Fire Brigade
- Wayne Dixon, Chief Fire Officer



On Friday 22nd March, Ray Gardner visited the Fairlie Primary School to deliver the Firewise programme to the students. This is to see if they know what to do in the event of a fire! The teachers had prepared the students well, they asked good questions and had all the answers for Ray.

In the last couple of weeks the alarm has sounded three times - 15/3 MVA and 19/3 MVA, thanks to Doctors Paula and Lewis for their assistance with this call, and 23/3 Tractor fire.

Luke and Damo have the Brigade busy on training nights, and the good numbers at training helps keep everyone compliant, well done. Last Monday the Albury Brigade joined our training night and we held an exercise at the Dobson Earthworks yard - thanks to Lee Anderson for the use of his yard.

Time to start thinking about checking your smoke alarm. If you need assistance, please contact the Fairlie Resource Centre as they are organising this for us.

Enjoy your Easter break, and take care out there.

Fairlie Police Notebook:
- Russell Halkett



There were two assaults reported at the same local Fairlie address with the victim requiring hospital treatment. Five local males are assisting police with their enquiries and several charges are pending.

All emergency services responded to a roll over vehicle crash on the highway between Fairlie and Kimbell. The driver and her child were not badly hurt luckily, and she has been dealt with for careless driving.

A Burkes Pass man has been charged with unlawful possession of a firearm and entering agricultural property with intent to commit a crime. He tried to evade the farmer at Mackenzie Pass when he was disturbed spot-lighting on his farm but left his quad bike behind. The follow up detective work identified the offender.

There have been several reports of unlawful hunting at Four Peaks Station with hunters straying across the boundaries from the Blue Mountain DOC block and giving the hut users a fright by turning up at the private huts without permission. If you are out hunting, make sure you know where the boundaries are to your area as the onus is on you to get it right. If you are found on private property you could be prosecuted and/or have your firearms licence revoked.

I am constantly investigating frauds/scams mainly involving Facebook marketplace where the seller deletes their profile when they have got your money through a bank transfer. It is very unlikely you will get your money back if you get sucked in by one of these villains, so take all precautions to keep yourself safe. This is just another reminder to everyone to be very careful when dealing with purchases on the internet or dealing with people on the phone that want your information. Only deal with trusted sites or known people. They are always coming up with new and clever ways to scam your money from you.

Well, take care out there, and remember- safer communities together.

In an emergency every second counts ...

How visible is your house number/rapid number and/or name from the road?



**FAIRLIE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



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Meeting people in our community ...



I had the honour to have a delightful afternoon tea at Roland Johnson's farm on Middle Valley Road.

Were you brought up farming?

No not at all, I was born in the middle of Dunedin 86 years ago. My parents were business people in Dunedin and they had no idea about farming. I left school at 18 years old, I think my parents thought I would go off to university, but all I wanted to do was to work on farms. I had a caravan and got casual work on farms for 4 years, South Otago, West Otago, Methven, Seafield and more. In between times I went to Lincoln College, and in 1957 I did Compulsory Military Training in Hobsonville, Auckland which I loved, it was an important part of my life.

How did you end up buying your own farm?

When I was 22 years old, I ended up doing a lambing season in Mitcham, Ashburton for a farmer Jimmy Logan. At the end of the short lambing season, he said to me it was time I had a farm of my own and he found me this farm that I still farm today. Along with the guidance of buying my own farm, the 436 acres here in Middle Valley Road, he advised me to "shear your sheep in winter with blades" and "sow your wheat in autumn", which is as true today as it was 62 years ago. I am incredibly thankful to Jimmy and his family who still keep in touch with me.

When did you met Margaret?

I met my princess at Lincoln College in 1958. Margaret was a Karitane nurse and turned down a wonderful opportunity in America as a live in Karitane nurse to marry me. I got married in 1963 to my sweetheart. We have three children who all live locally Andrew, Peter and my daughter Helen, and who all farm independently of each other.

What else stands out in your life?

When I built my big shed, I built it 43 foot deep so I could build a 40ft launch in it. It took me 12 years to complete the launch with the love and support of Margaret. I wanted to show my children that you could be a farmer and still have other interests. I was a farming bore.

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

- 16th April Mens Trip to Ashburton Aviation Museum
- 17th April Red Cross Essential First Aid Course
- 21st April Arts on Tour "Land of the Long Long Drive." Mackenzie Community Hall – Theatre
Get your ½ price tickets now!!!!
- 15th May Menopause Seminar – Mackenzie Community Centre 7 – 9pm **FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!**

If you would like to book into any of these please contact

Taking expressions of interest for Beginners Watercolour Classes

2 week course May 7th & 14th 6.30–8.30 pm

Phone the Fairlie Resource Centre 03 685-8496
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Albury
Afternoon Tea



10th April - 1.30-3.30 pm

Check out the Calendar (back page)
for the updates!

Community Events



Book Club @ the Mackenzie Community 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

Patchwork Group @ Masonic Lodge Hall, Gall Street, 10 am
- 1st Wednesday of month

Stronger for Longer Exercises @ St Columba Hall 10 am
- every Thursday

I didn't love my farming, I loved my wife - I enjoyed my farming. If I were to sum up parts of my life I would say "Risk & Reward", it applies to many aspects of my life with Margaret.

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Adrien Vilquin-Barrajon – Living in a Black Hole

This week I got to chat with Adrien Vilquin-Barrajon, astronomy lover and musician, and one of the long-timers in our thriving Astro-Tourism sector.

Tell me about your journey here Adrien, how did you get to Takapo?

I came on my working holiday like many others! In 2015, I had been working in Wellington and doing a bit of travel around NZ. I knew about the Mt John Observatory as a science writer in France, and always thought I would like to write about it. So when I passed through Tekapo I visited Mt John and dropped off my CV. I had gone on to work in Oamaru for a while when I got a call back with a job offer. That's when I joined Earth and Sky.

Anyone who's heard you speak knows you're a very passionate science communicator – how did it start?

I got my first toy telescope when I was 7. I've always loved science, and astronomy in particular. I ended up studying journalism, so I reconnected the two by doing science reporting. If I had known then that I would end up spending every night under the stars on Mt John and that I would have the opportunity to operate the biggest telescope in NZ I wouldn't have believed it!

What is it about astronomy?

I think astronomy is the most efficient science at removing the human out of the equation. It's on a different scale. In a way, every other science serves humanity somehow. Astronomy is a pure quest for knowledge – it serves no practical purpose.

Some people say they feel connected to the stars through astronomy, what do you think about that?

Considering the vastness of the universe helps us realise how small we are, not just us but the earth, and everything around us – that's what gives us that sense of connection. When we realise that. It's not astronomy itself, but what you as a human reflect on through astronomy.

You stayed with Earth and Sky, through the transition to Dark Sky Project and right through COVID, helping rebuild the business. That's a long working holiday...

Yes! When I started at Earth and Sky some of my colleagues teased me "you think you are here for a few months, but wait and see...." Tekapo is like a Black Hole: it pulls you in, not even light can escape it!



Brilliant! Why do you think that is?

The landscape, the job, the balance of activities and people from all over the world that keeps it vibrant, but still quiet enough to enjoy the rural aspect, the remoteness. Socially it feels like a university environment and there are a lot of people here sharing my same interest in astronomy. It has an innocence about it. Life feels easy here. The basics for a happy life are covered: it's social and diverse, there's beauty around you permanently, and all the modern comforts. There is really nothing missing.

Any other passions?

Music! I play guitar and a bit of bass; I like to compose a bit as well. It's my meditation. I play music every day for 30 minutes after work – it's my way of winding down.

What about home? Do you miss France?

No, just French food. Actually, I just miss good bread and affordable cheese. The rest I can cook myself.

Awesome! Care to share a recipe with us then?

Sure, this is my go to, it's simple and very French:

Saucisse aux lentilles (serves 2-3)

Use a pot that is not too big and has a good fitting lid. Put 4 or 5 small scrubbed potatoes in it, about 200g French lentils (Puy), one or two onions, quartered, a Chorizo sausage (the kind they sell at 4 Square) a bayleaf and some thyme. I also like to put in a rasher of bacon. Add a bit of water, it doesn't need to cover everything, as the steam will do the rest. Put the lid on and simmer very very gently. Keep checking it until the lentils are cooked (everything else will be cooked by then). If you need to add more liquid, add white wine, not water. Once everything is cooked add another good splash of white wine and a good spoonful of Dijon mustard. Mix well and serve.

PS Just two days after this interview Adrien was involved in the successful hunt for NZ's 10th meteorite! Well done to all involved – how exciting!! See Page 16.

Community Events



Weekly Meetups:

- Football** – Mondays 6 pm behind the Community Hall
- English Practice Classes** - Tuesdays at 6.30 pm in the School Library
- Tekapo Food Market** – Wednesdays 5-8pm Mackenzie Square
- Yoga** – Thursdays 7 pm at Tekapo School
- Squash** – Wednesdays 6 pm at the Tekapo Squash Club
- Church of the Good Shepherd Fellowship** – Wednesdays 7.30 pm, Sundays 5.30 pm in the Community Meeting Rooms

And...

- 28 March:** Book Club at Petronella's (last Thursday of each month)
- 29-31 March:** Disc Golf League at the Regional Park
- Thu 4th April:** GP and Nurse pop up clinic at Tekapo Fire Station 9.30-12 (call Twizel Medical Centre for an appointment)
- Mon 8th April:** yoUnite – outdoor Yoga at the Regional Park

The Night Sky in April 2024

Jupiter is the 'evening star' at the beginning of the month, setting in the northwest 1½ hours after the Sun. It slips steadily lower, disappearing in the twilight by the end of the month.

Sirius, the brightest true star, appears midway down the northwest sky at dusk. It is soon followed by Canopus, southwest of the zenith. Below Sirius are bluish Rigel and orange Betelgeuse, the brightest stars in Orion. Between them is a line of three stars: Orion's belt. To southern hemisphere star watchers, the line of three makes the bottom of 'The Pot', now tipped on its side.

Below and right of Sirius is Procyon marking the head of Canis Minor one of the two dogs following Orion across the sky. Sirius marks the head of Canis Major, the big dog. The big dog's hindquarters are made by the bright stars above Sirius.

Low in the north below Procyon are Pollux and Castor, the heads of Gemini the twins, making a vertical pair of stars. The Moon will be beside Pollux on the 15th.

Above and right of The Twins is the Praesepe star cluster, looking like a hazy spot to the eye. It marks the shell of Cancer the Crab. Praesepe is also called the Beehive cluster, the reason obvious when it is viewed in binoculars. Praesepe is an old star cluster, hundreds of millions of years old, so its biggest and brightest stars have long ago burnt out.

Right of Praesepe, almost due north in the evening, is a medium-bright star Regulus. It is the brightest star in Leo the Lion. The curve of stars below Regulus outlines Leo's mane, upside down in our southern hemisphere view. A crooked vertical line of stars right of Regulus makes Leo's hind quarters with the brighter star further right being his tail. The Moon will be in the curve of the Lion's mane, below Regulus, on the 18th.

The lone bright star due east is Spica, the brightest star in Virgo. Spica marks the ear of wheat that the Roman goddess Ceres is holding. From her we get the word cereals for grain crops. Above Spica is the roughly kite-shaped constellation of Corvus the Crow. Some navigators called it "Spica's spanker (spinnaker)", the sail that towed Spica across the sky. Corvus was a handy cross-check that they were sighting on the right star. The full Moon will be just below Spica on the 23rd.

Crux, the Southern Cross, is high in the southeast. Below it, and brighter, are Beta and Alpha Centauri, often called 'The Pointers'. Alpha Centauri is the closest naked-eye star.

The Milky Way is brightest in the southeast above Crux. It can be traced to nearly overhead where it fades and becomes very faint in the northwest, right of Orion. The Milky Way is our edgewise view of the galaxy, the pancake of billions of stars of which the sun is just one.



Meteorite found near Lake Tekapo

New Zealand's tenth meteorite was found by a group of more than 20 searchers (Fireballs Aotearoa) just south of Lake Tekapo on Thursday. It's been 20 years since the last was found. The fireball was seen entering Earth's atmosphere on 13th March at a speed of 50-60 kms per second. The meteorite has now been sent to Otago University for further testing to verify it is from outer space.

University of Otago geologist Dr Marshall Palmer said the discovery was "amazing". "We have a network of meteor tracking cameras across the country - those cameras are connected to a global network which calculated its trajectory. That gave us a search area — we went out to search for it."

The Clouds of Magellan are midway down the southwest sky. They appear as two luminous patches, easily seen by eye on a dark moonless night. They are small nearby galaxies but still contain billions of star each.

Bright planets are low in the eastern pre-dawn sky. Mars and Saturn, the same brightness, make a vertical pair at the beginning of the month. Mars is reddish; Saturn cream-coloured. Brilliant Venus is directly below them, rising around 5:30 NZST. Saturn moves up the sky, night-to-night, while Mars stays put. On the morning of the 11th they will be just a full-moon's width apart. After that Saturn moves higher. At the end of the month Mercury appears, making an equally spaced line of Saturn, Mars and Mercury down the sky. By then Venus is rising at 6:30, just 50 minutes before the Sun. The thin crescent Moon will be just below Venus on the 8th.

Star charts can be found at <https://www.rasnz.org.nz/in-the-sky/the-evening-sky/the-evening-sky-charts>

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

Our Community

Mackenzie District Council - Climate Change Adaption and Mitigation Strategy and Plan

Mackenzie District Council have begun work to develop a climate change adaptation and mitigation strategy and plan for the Mackenzie District. These will provide a practical approach to support the Mackenzie District to prepare and respond to the challenges of climate change. Chief Executive, Angela Oosthuizen said 'We have already experienced how our climate is changing with the intensity and frequency of severe weather events increasing and how that impacts our infrastructure. We also know understanding the impacts for Mackenzie is important so we can adequately develop an action plan for the resilience of our infrastructure and our future.'

Council successfully applied for and received funding for the preparation of a climate change adaptation and mitigation strategy and plan from the Three Waters Better Off Fund. The Better Off Fund supports communities to transition to a sustainable and low-emissions economy, by building resilience to climate change and natural hazards.

To inform the Strategy and Plan, a Climate Change Analysis and Literature Review has been done for the Mackenzie District to understand how the effects of climate change are expected to be felt across the district. Working with mana whenua, community stakeholders, and project partners, the Strategy and Plan will identify the preferred options and pathways for the Mackenzie District to increase resilience to the impacts of climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. 'We want a future where everyone in the Mackenzie District is confident and safe. In the Mackenzie we already know that together we can solve difficult problems. It is also important that we hear what is important to you.'

To develop the Strategy and Plan, the council will be seeking the input from the community. 'It's really important that the adaptation and mitigation actions are created with the community, for the community. It's an essential aspect of responding to climate change together. Throughout the process we want to hear from the community about what matters most as we respond to climate change and what we can practically do about it.'

Information about the project and opportunities to provide input and participate can be found on the Mackenzie District Council's 'Let's Talk, Kōrero mai Mackenzie' website.



**Fairlie / Albury
Burkes Pass / Kimbell**
Easter Bin Collection Day
Thursday 28 March



In the **Mackenzie District**, the Trust was pleased to support the Burke's Pass Heritage Trust's Riparian Restoration and loop track project with a grant of \$17,480.

"The Te Kopi o Opihi/Burkes Pass Riparian Restoration Group are delighted to receive news of your wonderful support that will enable us to protect the existing native planting from browsing animals and clear the way for stage 2 planting with a future community track along the Opihi River giving environmental and cultural benefits for all to enjoy."

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Worship Services

Holy Week: The Season of Hope

This Holy Week, Christians around the world celebrate the climax of the liturgical year – the Paschal Mysteries of Christ, which honor and praise God. It commemorates the suffering, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, our Savior. The ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are not separate; they form one continuous act of worship in which the Church annually relives the great events that grant us new life.

It is the Season of Hope because with God's constant loving gaze upon each of his sons and daughters, hope is constantly renewed from within, and new possibilities unfold. The story of creation tells us that God created everything from nothingness, and the growth of nature in creation reminds us that God's work is ongoing. As Jesus reminds us, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working" (John 5:17-18).

In celebrating Holy Thursday, the people of God, such as the Israelites, remembered how God helped them escape the bitter condition of their slavery in Egypt and started a new life in the promised land. Good Friday is about how Christ bore our sinfulness, teaching us to accept and offer our own suffering as a fragrant offering to God in union with him and those who are suffering in the world. Here, suffering is an evil act, but Christ has given it meaning, namely, love to the end. Holy Saturday Vigil helps us commemorate Christ's Passover from Death into Life. The Light of Christ illuminates the darkness around us and helps us see the truth better, a truth that frees us from fears and hopelessness.

Finally, Easter Sunday draws our attention to the new life in Christ – the Resurrection – as Christ has risen from the dead and is alive among us. Pope Francis reminds today's youth, saying, "When you feel you are growing old out of sorrow, resentment, fear, doubt, or failure, Christ will always be there to restore your strength and your hope." If you have lost your inner vitality, your dreams, your enthusiasm, your optimism, and your generosity, Jesus stands before you as he once stood before the dead son of the widow, and with all the power of his resurrection, he urges you: "Young man, I say to you, arise!" (Lk 7:14). And today he says to each one of us – I say to you, Arise! (Christus Vivit – "Christ Is Alive" No. 2 & 20). *Fr. Tien Cao*

MESSAGE OF HOPE

Everyone is welcome to come along and explore the message of Hope at one of the informal, mixed age discussion groups held in the area.

Tuesdays from 10:00ish am (Jodi Payne 027-220-2872)

Tuesdays from 7.00 pm (John & Yvonne Shaw 027 688 5353)

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm (Peter & Chrissie Bell 027 437 7358)

Sundays 5.00-7.00 pm (Cameron & Lydia Garner 03 242 9020)

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

SERVICES

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Good Friday: 11 am The Church of the Good Shepherd
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4 pm The Church of the Good Shepherd

Parish AGM will be held following the 10 am service at St Columba 28 April 2024

Mackenzie Catholic Parish

Holy Week & Easter Mass Times in the Mackenzie Catholic Parish 2024

28th March - Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper
7.30 pm Mass in Fairlie. After Mass, there is Night Prayer and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist in the chapel until midnight.

29th March - Good Friday
10.00 am Stations of the Cross in Fairlie - followed by Reconciliation
3.00 pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion in Twizel – followed by Reconciliation

30th March – Holy Saturday:
Easter Vigil Mass in Twizel at 8.00 pm

31st March - Easter Sunday
9.30 am Easter Sunday Mass in Fairlie
6.00 pm Easter Sunday Mass in Tekapo

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Main Service & Children's Sunday School
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Tekapo Communications Training Activity
2–10 April 2024

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The exercise will involve up to **85** personnel of the **5th Signal Squadron** from Burnham Military Camp.

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- 1 Eddie Simon @ Silverstream Hotel 5 pm
- 1 Mackenzie Highland A&P Show
- 2-10 NZ Army Military Exercise
- 3 Reading Short Stories at Moreh 10 am
- 4 Open Day Mackenzie College 9.15 am and 12.45 pm
- 4 Pavapol Class with Yvonne 10 am
- 6 Mackenzie Rams v Pleasant Point at Pleasant Point
- 6/7 Glencairn Women's Golf Tournament
- 6 Live Music at Silverstream "Paul Ubana Jones" 5 pm
- 7 Daylight Saving Ends
- 8 Fairlie Miniature Rifle Club begins Comm Centre 8 pm
- 10 Albury Afternoon Tea 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm
- 16 Men's Trip to Ashburton Aviation Museum leaving 10 am
- 17 First Aid Course
- 21 Arts on Tour "Land of the Long Long Drive"
Community Theatre 2 pm
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 25 ANZAC Golf Tournament, Fairlie
- 27 Garage Sale Fairlie St John Hall 9 am–3 pm
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