

THE FAIRLIE ACCESSIBLE

Lock Down Edition 2

9 April 2020



Confined to the relative comfort of our homes during this month, we are all aware that our world is undergoing an incredible and painful change. The greatest challenge may not come directly from the coronavirus itself but from the social and economic disruption it has caused. As the Queen in her message on Monday said, this is a time for deep reflection, meditation and prayer.

How do we reflect and pray during a time like this? As our “taken for granted” way of life comes to an end we can, of course, reflect on simple blessings that we have overlooked in the midst of our former busyness – this time of year with trees arrayed in autumn flame, gentle sunshine and delicate birdsong is one such blessing. There are other gifts too. Friendship. Family. Solitude. Memories. The Present. Food. Music. Silence.

I have also been drawing consolation and hope as I meditate on and pray the words of an Old Testament prophet named Jeremiah. He lived during a time of catastrophic change and was often moved to tears of lamentation as a result. He is sometimes called the “weeping prophet”. Yet, in the midst of Jeremiah’s poetic lament these words of hope arose:

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

For many of us, and for many people we know, much that was certain has given way to uncertainty. As fragile certainties give way, Jeremiah invites us to remember a deeper and lasting source of hope amidst a world of change. This week, especially as the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection is remembered on Good Friday and Easter, may our hearts be filled with the timeless promise, that through God’s steadfast love, life will always overcome the tomb.

Rev. Andrew McDonald

Police Notebook:

I hope everyone is keeping their cool and making good use of the time we have to spend at home in these unusual times. Everyone’s houses will be nicely painted and the gardens will be pristine.

Over the last couple of weeks there have been a few households that haven’t been too happy and tensions have got to boiling point, resulting in my intervention.

We have had to remind a few people of the need to comply with the Government Level 4 Lock Down and the importance of all doing our bit. None of us want this situation to go on for any longer than it needs to. It shouldn’t be so hard to do. Just stay home.

The roads have been nice and quiet with just a few last remaining tourists rushing to the airport, thinking the plane might leave without them.

We will be spending a lot more time on the internet and phones at the moment, so as always you should stay alert to potential scammers. Be suspicious of emails or requests from strangers or unknown sources. There are always criminals out there looking to take advantage of a crisis. A very useful web site for helpful tips or to report any dodgy activity is www.theorb.org.nz. There are some other useful links to partner agencies on that web page also. And also for any Covid19 type questions on what you can and cannot do go to this web site Covid19.govt.nz. If you are not on the internet, then call 0800 358 5453.

As always, feel free to give me a call if you need to report anything or ask a question. You know where I am. It is better to respond early to prevent things escalating and to avoid creating anymore victims.

Russell Halkett
Fairlie Police



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Ngā Pirihiimana o Aotearoa

**Don't be an EGG
this Easter.**



Stay Home. Save Lives.



Through the lockdown, many of us are using social media to stay connected. There’s been an increase in the number of keyboard warriors and experts! But perhaps we’re using social media to say things to a wider audience that we’d usually keep to ourselves or talk over with close friends.

Before we have a rant, or share negative material, think about the impact. Some in our community are worried enough by the current situation – and do we really need to be adding to their anxiety by scaremongering or focussing on negative things that haven’t yet happened?

Social media is a great tool for keeping us socially connected while we’re physically separated. But let’s squash out negativity along with the coronavirus. We’re better off without both those things in our lives.

When online, let’s be true to ourselves. Be positive. Be hopeful. Be kind. Be tolerant. It’s who we are – and it’s what makes our wee community so special.

COVID-19 Response

Together we can do this



Change to Refuse Collections

From Monday 13th April, we will collect **red bins** and **glass crates weekly** until further notice.

Collections will take place on the **usual day**.

We are still recycling glass: it isn't going to landfill.

Yellow bins are **not** being collected. The processing centre has been closed. If you can store clean recycling in your yellow bin, do so. Otherwise recycling should go in the red bin for now.

Bin lids must be closed, and bins out by 8am. Trucks may follow different routes and bins can be emptied at any time during the day.



FAIRLIE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM (previously Emergency Event team)

Hello everyone, I hope you are all being safe and therefore staying healthy.

Over 10 years ago we got this team up and running to help and keep in touch with the elderly and vulnerable in an emergency. When a Civil Defence event is declared, everyone is checked on. I have a team of 20+ volunteers who work in partnership to contact their listed people on a regular basis to ensure all is okay and needs are being met.

Of course, it's only been weather issues we have had to deal with over the years, never dreaming it would be a pandemic situation. We did mention it at meetings.

Contact has been more difficult with the pandemic as there is only contact to the listed people via phone and letter boxes. MOST elderly and vulnerable people are following the rules and staying at home as it is essential in helping to not spread or catch the COVID-19 virus. The people on our list have one FCRT member who is allowed in their "bubble" but only to door and to get essentials from shops.

So I would like to send a big thank you to my team who are sometimes going out of their "bubble" to help people.

Reminder to the public! Please observe the 2 metre rule, don't get together with friends and only go out for essentials and exercise. Elderly, those over 70 and vulnerable stay at home please.

It is for your health and safety.

Mary Brosnahan
FCR Co-ordinator

ANZAC DAY - 25 April 2020

The entire Mackenzie is welcome to come join us, the Fairlie Gateway Singers! and stand at our gates at 10.00 am on ANZAC Day to sing the NZ National Anthem. Make your own ANZAC flag and display it at your home with pride.



Who is your NZ Soldier? Short Story or Poetry Competition

Are they a brother, father, uncle, grandparent, neighbour or mate? Write a short story or poem on who you think the NZ Soldier is. Tell us in 500 words or less. Let us know which category - adult, youth (at the College) or child. Post your stories or poetry online: <https://www.facebook.com/mackenziecommunitydevelopment/#> Or email to mackenziecommunityfairlie@gmail.com Entries close Wednesday 22nd April 2020. Just send me a message if you want to know more - Lisa North, Mackenzie Comm Development

Easter in Fairlie

Draw or download and colour in an Easter Egg and place this bright creation in your front window so children can have an Easter Egg hunt as they walk the streets with their folks! On EASTER SUNDAY - 'in your Easter Bonnet' - if out walking do wear a fancy hat to give others something to talk about and smile!



Heartlands Fairlie Resource Centre
027 285 8824

Unite
against
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Local Welfare Helpline: 0800 24 24 11

This number is available 7am to 7pm, seven days a week for people who feel vulnerable and have no alternative means of accessing essential services such as food and medicine. Please pass this number on to anyone you think needs it.