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Hospitality in the High Country

I went for a walk today. That in itself is not a profound statement however lately I have been lazy. Must be the winter blues. I am a sun lover so cold and grey does not encourage outdoor activities but today was different. Today I needed encouragement so I went for a walk.

It's quite amazing what one can hear and see when you take the time to soak it up without music blaring in your ears. We have a resident tui that lives in the park behind the house and lots of fantails with the occasional waxeye thrown in the mix. There's a peacefulness about walking amongst native trees with the snow-capped mountains in the distance and deer grazing on the green pastures surrounding a lake. Quite therapeutic and inspiring. I wonder if that's how our visitors feel when they come over the top of Burkes Pass and see the vastness of the golden Mackenzie Basin out in front of them. Do they feel welcome? Do they get a sense of richness and inspiration and calmness that we feel whenever we come home? In this issue we are exploring some of those ideas; are we being hospitable?

It's also winter time and that means skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, ice skating, snowmen making and all things to do with snow including apres ski. Roundhill Skifield opens this week ready for the school holidays and is expecting a great season. See their article on page 6 for all their up to date information.

I encourage you to meet up with friends, neighbours and family and enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner at the Community Hall on Friday 30th August.

Congratulations to Dark Sky Project (Earth and Sky) on the opening of their multi million dollar building and the newest tourist attraction in the Mackenzie. They are offering free centre tours for locals for the months of July and August so don't miss out!

Drive carefully this winter, watch your following distances and keep yourself and others safe from harm. Keep warm.

Raewyn



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would like to extend a HUGE word of thanks to all those who supported, sponsored and/or attended our

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Thank You



Letters to the Editor

What a difference a year makes!

Driving around the bend along State Highway 8 into Tekapo has come with a real sense of anticipation over the past year. Each visit has been an opportunity to see first hand what progress has been made on the Lakeside development, with the recent flurry of activity providing more than a few 'wow' moments.

Seeing the development get to this stage has been like seeing the pieces of a puzzle falling into place. It's all very well to look at plans on paper but you only get a true sense of a building when its finished. Having spent time in the new Youth Hostel and Earth & Sky headquarters recently I'm blown away with what has been achieved.

When you think of a youth hostel you tend to think of fairly basic accommodation and amenities. This 120-bed facility however takes the idea of a youth hostel to the next level. Its full length windows boast views that take your breath away and I can personally attest to the quality of the beds!

Having Earth and Sky in such close proximity makes good commercial sense and the two buildings sit well together. When

I stood beside the famed Brashear telescope, under its purpose built dome, I thought it was the perfect outcome for all those people who'd worked so hard to preserve and utilise this piece of history.

Projects like these are significant in their own right but when you tie them into the wider plan for Tekapo it makes you realise how ambitious the Lakeside Development project is. The new and improved centre will help Tekapo fulfill its potential and serve as a massive drawcard for people from around the world looking to map out their once in a lifetime trip to New Zealand.

It's easy to see that many millions of dollars have been pumped into this development and also easy to see how many more millions will come in through the tourism dollar. The village vibe combined with Tekapo's position on the tourist route and picture postcard views are a recipe for the town's ongoing success.

The past five years has seen a remarkable transformation take place and knowing there is more in the pipeline means I can look forward to many more 'wow' moments in the years ahead.

Jacqui Dean MP

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Tekapo Community Board - Brief Notes

Meeting held 10 June, 2019

PUBLIC FORUM

Karl Burtscher gave update on Mackenzie Development Group and its goal for a collaborative approach with private enterprise and government agencies to create a plan for the future for Mackenzie District as a whole. MBIE are providing guidance. There will be public consultation on the plan.

Walter Speck questioned the Genesis grant in relation to Tekapo Promotions. The chair advised this will be covered in detail in general business. Mr Speck then spoke of concerns of regrowth where the trees near the Resource Recovery Centre were removed in previous years. The Mayor replied that the area is being monitored.

Matters Under Action; Reports; General Business:

SHORT TERM ACTIONS

- Tekapo Resource Recovery Park: Bernie Haar spoke of data gathered showing that customer usage is low and there is no demand to increase the hours.
- Lochinver Footpath: This will become a footpath and central government will subsidise 51% of the cost of maintenance.
- Stile: Steve Howes to supply Mr Haar a map with the proposed location.
- Church of the Good Shepherd: Path sealing will be completed in spring.
- MacLaren Footbridge Plaque: Plaque to be fitted and family ceremony arranged.
- Landscape walkway between Andrew Don Drive and Bill Apes Lane: Tussocks have been ordered for planting.
- Establish Trees on Reserve Opposite Tekapo Hall: Mr Howes has consulted with Tekapo School. They are in support and would like a shared space and community hub. Potentially a cricket pitch or sports facility. Council staff to supply the board a map of the area to enable a plan to be made.

LONG TERM ACTIONS

- Pioneer Drive Traffic calming: On hold while the Mackenzie Development Group work is done. This would require a bylaw amendment. Council are waiting for central government

decisions before taking action.

- Permanent Walkway from Simpson Lane to Main Carpark: The community board would like improved markings in the short term to improve safety and provide clarity to pedestrians. A marked map was given to Mr Haar to review.
- Western Carpark: Planned for September/October this year in time for the busy season. Roading Manager to show the board the finished plan.
- Walkway Sealing: Unlikely in next 2 years. A larger application for project funding will be made in the next funding round.
- Phill Mackay (Emergency Management Officer) spoke of planned tsunami signage - nine proposed sites. Most signs will be erected where there is existing signage.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Lilybank Road speed limit: 85% of vehicles are travelling below 60km/hr. No speed limit reduction planned. The board asked for pedestrian signage to be erected due to the increase of foot traffic in the area.
- Barbara Hay Reserve/Hamilton Reserve Landscaping: One name should be chosen. The Community Services Officer take care of this (not yet appointed).
- Community Hall Landscaping: Board to decide which areas to proceed with and investigate applying through Council for a grant from the land subdivision fund.
- Bus Shelter: Roading Manager to report to council with design plans and costings.
- Parking on Grass Reserves: Vehicles are parking on the grass viewing corridor rather than the gravel section. The community board would like signage and boulders or low rope to prevent parking as soon as possible and when feasible.
- Genesis Grant: Mr Haar clarified that the current agreement is between Genesis Energy and Mackenzie District Council. This agreement is due to be reviewed this year. Paul Numan (General Manager Corporate Services) will initiate the review process.
- Draft Community Board meeting minutes will now be up on the MDC website approximately three weeks after each meeting for public viewing. The minutes give more detail than the Brief Notes.

Next meeting: July 31, 2019, 4pm Public Forum

Meetings start at 4pm with the Public Forum. People can attend the whole meeting from 4pm but you may only speak during the public form. It is important that members of the public attend these meetings to not only have your say but to show support for our Community Board Members. They are an advisory group to the Council and need community and business support to meet the challenges our fast growing town faces in the future.

NEXT MEETING:

31 July 2019, 4pm

Tekapo Community Hall

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ROUNDHILL

SKI AREA ❄️ TEKAPO

Roundhill is a relaxed family friendly Ski Area located in the heart of the Mackenzie Country.

We are Tekapo locals who are passionate about the Mackenzie area. I along with my sister and brothers grew up skiing at Roundhill when my parents Karl & Audrey owned the ski field in the 70s and 80s . It was for us an idyllic time, as children we were not quite aware of what was involved in owning and operating a ski area. We do now! We're about to start our 19th season. Roundhill has been a huge part of our lives with our children now grown up and involved with the business.

Over the past years there has been a lot of work put in to ensure that everyone who visits Roundhill has a great and memorable day on the slopes skiing and boarding.

Roundhill's aspect makes for fantastic sunny days on the hill and there is plenty of exploring to do with fun terrain for all. Lifts include 2 T Bars, a Platter lift and for the advanced skier and boarder there is the Heritage Express Rope Tow which takes you to 2133m giving you 783m vertical.



The Von Brown Hut

Roundhill is just 32km from the Tekapo Village and our 8km ski field road is super wide giving easy access, with slopeside parking you can back up and set up a picnic and bbq for the day or head up and have lunch in the licensed café which has spectacular views over Lake Tekapo and the Alps.

No visit to Roundhill is complete without a visit to the von Brown hut near the top of the T-Bar. Named after ski instructor Peter Brown who built the hut in the late 70s. It is possibly the most scenic café in NZ . It's the perfect place to sit, have a drink and a snack while chatting with the locals taking in the spectacular views across the lake to Aoraki Mt Cook and the Godley Valley.

With 45 staff on board from all over the World we're looking forward to getting our season under way and can't wait to welcome you to Roundhill.

We are scheduled to open on Sat 29th June.



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High Country Hospitality

Hospitality; Wikipedia defines this as people welcoming people into their homes or other places where they work or spend their time.



Written by Raewyn Radford

The folks of the Mackenzie High Country have been doing 'hospitality' for generations; it's inbred in them. I would have to define it as an almost indescribable feeling that is a part of the Mackenzie High Country. A welcoming, all encompassing, wrap your arms around and envelop people in warmth and welcoming type feeling rather than just providing food and a bed.

Although it is well regarded that the Mackenzie Basin was 'discovered' in 1855 by the famous James Mackenzie, the Scottish sheep thief, Maori had known and used this land for centuries. Migrating for the summer months to hunt moa, wekas, pukekos and pigeons before returning to the coast for winter and to trade.

The correct Maori name is said to be Takapo. The components of the word - "taka" and "po" mean, respectively, "sleeping mat" and "night". According to legend, an exploring party, disturbed here at night, took fright, hastily rolled up their sleeping mats, and fled. Was this the beginning of high country hospitality?

With all the publicity surrounding the capture of the Scotsman, the Mackenzie district became quite popular with the whole region welcoming newcomers trying their luck in the harsh climate. The first sheep farm was established in 1857 on the shores of Lake Tekapo by John and Barbara Hay, known as Tekapo Station. The remains of the homestead are still visible at the lake edge when the level is low. By 1864, most of the land in the Mackenzie had been occupied.

The area was so remote and people had such large distances to travel to connect with each other that it was natural to welcome people into their homes, feed and bed them and their animals and enjoy the camaraderie. Catching up on news from the outside world, gossip from the other stations or starting romances.



High Country Hospitality

Takapo House was the mainstay of the Mackenzie community back then as there were no other 'shops' like we know it today. Built in 1867, it housed the telephone exchange and post office as well as stocking basic provisions and it was the main freight delivery point for the runholders. It had a cool room on the side where the milk churns were kept and people would bring their billy each day to collect milk for the household.

Stables were available for passing traffic and fenced paddocks and dog kennels for animals.

The town rapidly developed from then on with the development of a bullock trail over Burkes Pass, then horse teams and at the turn of the century, mechanised transport. The first traction engine crossed Burkes Pass in 1904. A regular mail service had been established from Timaru and a coach service up from Timaru to the Hermitage Hotel at Mount Cook which brought more visitors to the area.

Jump forward several decades and my how things have changed; or have they?

Yes, we have progress; Hotels, restaurants, cafes, youth hostels, motels, motor camp and holiday homes. We have a multi national population working in Lake Tekapo instead of the mainly English and Scots of the past. Our most common overseas visitor is from an Asian country. Compliance costs and the new Health and Safety rules mean people need to be fully trained and licensed before undertaking even the simplest of jobs like serving a beer.

Cultures have changed over the years but when it comes down to it, we are still providing the good old fashioned hospitality to family friends and visitors that we always have. Breaking bread together, looking out for your neighbours, supporting ones in need, visiting the elderly or sick, serving our visitors with a welcoming smile, volunteering and helping others in our community. That's what High Country Hospitality is all about.



You Are Invited

Bring a plate of food to share from your country of origin and let's celebrate our diversity

Tekapo's Community International Pot Luck

Friday 30th August from 5pm
at the Tekapo Community Hall

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Saturday Village Market

Once upon a time, two beautiful local women sat down with mugs of green tea, a fresh new notebook and minds full of wonderful ideas to bring our amazing community together and create something special for all to enjoy and to showcase what a wonderful spot Simpson Lane can be.

The Saturday Market is going from strength to strength. Wima and I would love to thank the Lake Tekapo Promotions team for coming onboard with some funding for marketing material and signage. So keep an eye out in the next few months for our new branding. It has been a real labour of love and it is really fantastic to have some support. It will mean the market will grow and become a permanent fixture on the Lake Tekapo Event Calendar.

We would also like to thank the wonderful Lake Tekapo Community and businesses who have supported us. Big thank you also to all our amazingly talented vendors, bakers and crafters for being apart of our Saturday Markets.

We are in the throes of planning our Spring market so keep an eye out for more information coming out soon. I am

going on a "business trip" to Melbourne, Market Capital of the world to gather some new and fresh ideas to enhance our wonderful market.

Until Springtime...

Brooke,

Market Co-Ordinator, Saturday Markets, Lake Tekapo



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Tin Plate Rebranded

The Tin Plate Kitchen and Bar was sold in October last year and May 2019 saw it closed for two weeks, reopening as the Blue Lake Eatery and Bar.

Seb and Jacinda Burke are the new proprietors with the former's Burkes Brewing Co craft beer label also featuring at the premises. Burkes Brewing from Twizel has been producing beer inspired by and for the Mackenzie basin since 2015, and celebrates it's fourth birthday in June.

Along with the kitchen and restaurant update is a new menu, with an emphasis on quality and the use of local and regionally-sourced ingredients. Takeaway pizzas still feature and the drinks menu in the Blue Lake Bar has been overhauled. An updated range of wines and spirits is available, along with 50+ beers and ciders.

Keep current with events and specials by checking out the venue facebook page [@bluelaketekapo](https://www.facebook.com/bluelaketekapo)

For more information or bookings contact Christian and the team on (03) 680 6677 or via info@bluelake.kiwi

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New Insulation Laws from 1 July 2019

With the new insulations laws coming into effect on the 1st July, I have listed what landlords need to know about insulation in their properties & their obligations to tenants. If you're a landlord in New Zealand wanting to avoid a \$4,000 fine, it's time to make sure your rental property meets the insulation regulations.

What all landlords need to know:

- Insulation is compulsory in all Kiwi rental homes from 1 July 2019
- Failing to meet the insulation regulations is considered an unlawful act
- Ceiling and underfloor insulation must be installed, where reasonably practicable
- All new tenancy agreements must include an insulation statement
- Wall insulation is not compulsory



How can I tell if my insulation meets the regulations?

First thing's first - is the house insulated at all? Landlords (or property managers) can check this by physically looking in the property's ceiling cavity & underfloor area, hiring a professional to do an assessment, or by checking the council building file.

- If there's no insulation at all, you'll need to install insulation that complies with the regulations
- If the place is insulated, this should be at least 70mm thick
- If the insulation is less than 70mm thick, you'll need to top it up with additional insulation in order to comply with the regulations

If the insulation is 70mm or thicker, you're good to go, assuming the insulation remains in reasonable condition. This means there are no gaps or spots missing (except around lights & other heat sources), & no defects, such as insulation that is wet or damp.

If the house's underfloor insulation is foil insulation, this is okay, as long as the top surface is still shiny & there are no rips, gaps or damage. If the foil is damaged, it needs to be replaced with another insulation product.

What does "reasonably practicable to install" mean? Is my rental home exempt?

The design or construction constraints of some properties mean it's not reasonably practicable to install insulation, making these homes exempt from the rules.

According to Tenancy Services, examples of the types of properties that would meet the exception criteria are:

- Apartments where there is a habitable space above and below the apartment
- Houses constructed on concrete slabs where it is not feasible to install underfloor insulation
- Houses with skillion roofs where there is no ceiling in place to install insulation above

There are also some access exemptions, which is when an experienced professional insulation installer can't access the location to install insulation without:

- removing any cladding or lining
- carrying out other substantial building work
- causing substantial damage to the house

If the insulation can be installed with only some minor work required, like temporarily removing baseboards from the exterior of the property to access the underfloor, then you've still got to install insulation.

If your rental property ticks one of these exemption boxes, it's important to keep this in mind when planning any future work to the home. If a change is made that allows insulation to be fitted, then the landlord must do so as soon as reasonably practicable. For example, if the home is exempt because it has a skillion roof, and then a new roof is installed down the line, you'll be expected to fit insulation.

If you plan to demolish or substantially rebuild all or part of the house within 12 months of the start of a tenancy, the property can also be exempt. The landlord must be able to provide evidence of having applied for the necessary resource consent and/or building consent for the redevelopment or building work.

What if I'm not compliant by 1 July 2019?

If you fail to meet the regulations by the deadline, you'll be in breach of the Residential Tenancies Act. You'll face a penalty of up to \$4,000, which is usually paid to the tenant. If you own more than one rental property, you may face damages for each home that doesn't comply.

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Community Update

Tekapo Lions

Did you know that the Lions Club of Lake Tekapo Charitable Trust has, during the past two years, donated over \$35,000 to our local community and other worthy causes?

During the next couple of months, members will meet to decide how best to allocate the past year's fundraised monies much of which has been generated by the efforts of our projects and wood chopping teams.

One future project that Lions is hoping to support is the construction of a bus shelter for our local children. We're sure the community will agree this is a worthy project for our children in the Lake Tekapo community.

In July, members will discuss how best to financially support other charitable causes in our community. If you are aware of worthy causes in our community that may

require some financial support please contact incoming President, Stewart Inch or Secretary, Stephen Robertson to discuss.

From July, the Lions will take over the management of the Village Community Board.

Rules for the use of the board are as follows:

1. Notices are to be no larger than A5
2. Cards for notices are available at the Air Safaris office
3. Leave your notice at Air Safaris office
4. Text 021 0391457 if you no longer need notice displayed
5. We reserve the right to remove notices after one month

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Ice Hockey

The Ice Hockey season is well and truly underway for the MacKenzie Bull Tahr Teams in Tekapo.

We have had several players already travel overseas this season, including Gracie Hellmrich and Oliver Linton who travelled to Canada to join the Queensland Cyclones on their tour; and Gracie Hellmrich, Oliver Linton, Hamish Ryall and Sam Power who travelled to Japan to take part in the Friendship Games as members of the Southern Knights. Jack Hellmrich also took part in the Friendship

Games as a part of the Canterbury Team.

The Southern Knights performed very well and were placed 3rd overall. Some of the Southern Ice Hockey League Tournaments coming up are:

30th June - Round One of the Under 12s

9th - 11th August - Erewhon Cup

Feel free to come along and watch hockey in action.



Oliver Linton playing for Queensland Cyclones in Canada



Members of the Southern Knights team on the bench in Japan

Tekapo Police

I hope you are all keeping warm enough as winter begins to bite. I was really pleased to see recently that the NZ Police have brought out a new way to report historic crime by phoning the number 105. This allows you to have a complaint entered over the phone which will in turn be sent to me to investigate without you having to come to the police station and try to guess when I will be here. This is a really valuable tool for a single man station so please use it when you want to report a non-emergency.



Please continue to use 111 for emergency's and *555 for driving complaints.

We have had a few more thefts around town of late so I will once again encourage you to ensure your valuables are secure at all times. This includes locking houses and cars. Let's not allow ourselves to become easy victims.

Thanks to everyone who has been phoning in incidents of bad driving. Remember that you could be saving lives. Stay safe out there guys.
Brad

Tekapo School

The Staff and Board of Trustees are very proud to share with you the findings of our recent Education Review Evaluation. As a group we are incredibly happy with the overall report as it recognises the good things happening at Lake Tekapo School, while giving us tangible next steps that sets a “game plan” for moving forward. I think it is important to recognise that there is a tremendous amount of unseen work happening behind the scenes in our little school and that the findings in this report are based on rigorous, valid evidence rather than anecdotal observations.

Extract from our Education Review Report

The school's positive and student-centred approach provides opportunities for authentic and bicultural practices that reflect the language, culture and identity of the children. Staff know the children well and are responsive to their needs and interests. The establishment of an effective transition-to-school programme enables children new to the school to feel confident and quickly establish routines that support their learning.

Well-developed community relationships provide opportunities for the school to act as a learning hub. The curriculum demonstrates the school's commitment to active Treaty of Waitangi partnership, and relate directly to authentic local opportunities for all children. External professional expertise supports the staff in building capabilities to improve outcomes for children. There are opportunities for teachers to reflect on their teaching practices.

The improvement-focused board, leadership and staff are committed to the school's vision, values and outcomes for children's learning and wellbeing. The alignment of all documents and communications reinforces the culture, vision and values of the school. The staff demonstrate high levels of collaborative practice and relational trust.

Key strengths of the school

For sustained improvement and future learner success, the school can draw on existing strengths in:

- a well-established school culture that promotes engagement and enthusiasm for learning
- positive community-wide engagement which supports improved outcomes for children
- an improvement-focused leader, board and staff.

Since the last ERO review (2015) the school has made good progress in the following:

- localising the curriculum
- digital fluency
- integrating bicultural practices, including success for Māori students
- understanding the relevance of data and tracking student progress.

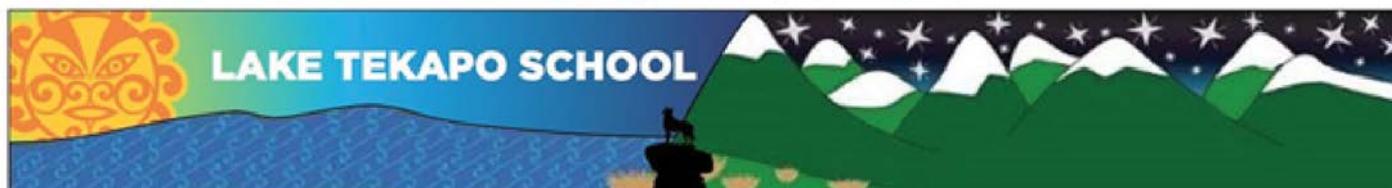
Children are engaged and enthusiastic about their learning. Good use is made of the local environment, and teachers tailor the curriculum to provide meaningful contexts that centre on the landscape, its history and the stories that surround it. The key competencies and school's values run throughout all teaching and learning. Children know the values and key competencies well and use them to support self-management skills, regulate their own behaviour and make positive choices about their learning. Children are regularly affirmed and celebrated for their progress, achievements and participation, and for upholding the school's vision and values.

Thank you for all Community Support given to our small School and for your continued involvement.

Nga Mihi,

The Tekapo Board of Trustees and the Lake Tekapo Staff.

May our goals take us as high as the mountains, our learning as deep as the lake
and our knowledge shine through like the night sky



Kia ekea kā mauka tiketike e kā whāikakia, rite te akoraka ki te hōhonutaka o te roto
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Dark Sky Project



At 45 minutes long, the new Dark Sky Experience is a great family-friendly activity for those overnighting or simply passing through.

Dark Sky Project celebrates centre opening with complimentary offer for locals

A new home of astronomy has opened in Takapō (Tekapo), offering a world-first indoor multimedia experience that combines Māori astronomy and science. Dark Sky Project, formerly Earth & Sky, welcomed the public to the new centre on 2 July.

The centre includes dining and retail, and the historic Brashear Telescope. The Victorian masterpiece is part of the new indoor multimedia experience, called the Dark Sky

Experience which has been designed to be truly of the place, reflecting some of the important research undertaken by the University of Canterbury at the Mt John Observatory as well as Māori astronomy and its application.

To celebrate the opening, Dark Sky Project is offering one free Dark Sky Experience per local Takapō resident during July and August (subject to availability). To redeem your free 45-minute tour, please visit Dark Sky Project at 1 Motuariki Lane and provide proof of being a resident - eg letter of employment, utility bill with photo identification.

Te Manahuna Project

Tekapo residents and visitors to the region can expect to see more wildlife, including native birds and skinks, as a result of a new conservation project.

Te Manahuna Aoraki was launched in November and is focused on restoring natural landscapes and threatened species of the upper Mackenzie Basin and Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park. The 310,000ha project area includes both private and public land.

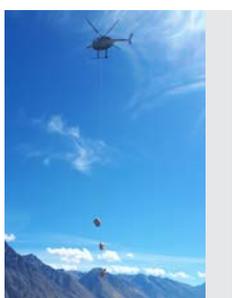
In February the project deployed a new trapping network of 1,100 traps in the Cass river system to complement one in the Tasman. In May a further 1,000 traps were flown

into the Godley and Macaulay rivers, covering 60,000 ha.

Project manager Simone Cleland says reducing predators will give threatened species like kakī, wrybill, black fronted tern, rock wren, robust grasshopper and skinks a greater chance to successfully breed, increasing the chance of encountering them.

“The long term vision is to be pest and predator free. We’re also focusing on pests like broom and rowan to stop them spreading and changing the landscape. We don’t want them to be the next wilding pines,” she says.

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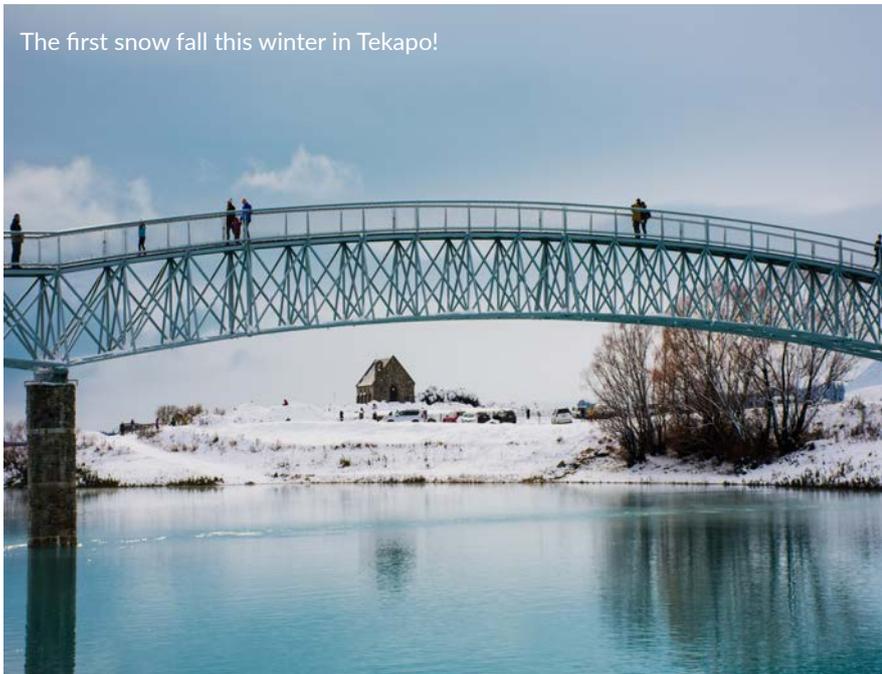

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Out & About

The first snow fall this winter in Tekapo!



British comedian, Griff Rhys Jones, visited our very own Greedy Cow Cafe while filming his NZ tour.



The local Church and Prayer Collective Christchurch enjoyed a worship event, catering for more than 60 people at the Tekapo Community Hall.



Lake Tekapo Promotion Business Association worked with Community Board to initiate a tidy up around our village Welcome Signs. Thank you to Whitestone Contracting for a job well done.



Locals get into the dress-up spirit, attending the "Let's Party Like Gatsby" event held to fundraise for the Tekapo Bright Stars Community Trust.

Our Local this issue is the lovely Sophie Easterbrook. Sophie is one of the Duty Managers at Our Dog Friday Cafe/Bar at the new YHA. We asked what good hospitality meant to her.

In a few sentences, tell us your life story?

Brought up in Scotland from the age of 9 and equestrian eventing was my love until I developed an interest for travelling. I studied sports coaching and then managed to get out travelling and headed to Aussie for a couple of years, before going home, then here to NZ.

What is your passion?

Horses, mixology, experiencing cultures and the outdoors.

How long have you been in Tekapo?

Since April 2017

If you could change one thing in Tekapo what would it be?

More staff accommodation, a pharmacy and a gym!

What does hospitality mean to you?

Outstanding customer service, exceptional people skills, tolerance, product knowledge and sale skills, and having strong relationships and good banter with colleagues.

How do you practice this personally?

I enjoy reading books related to the industry, attending training sessions and entering competitions.



Why is hospitality important?

What is Tekapo without its restaurants/bars/hotels?!

Who would be a person of influence in this field for you?

I learnt lots from colleagues in Melbourne.

Who is your hall pass?

Johnny Depp, yes please.

If you had to change career, what would you change to?

Sports Physio.

Summer or Winter and why?

Summer, enjoying the outdoors attempting fishing, swimming in the lake, bbqing and the long summer nights.

In 10 years, where do you see yourself?

Hopefully not deported!

What is your number one pet peeve?

Only one? People coughing/sneezing without covering it.

What do you work toward in your free time?

Dog training with my new puppy!

If you were to walk outside today and find a winning \$10 million lottery ticket, what would you do and why?

Buy my mum her holiday home, bring the whole family out to NZ, buy us a house, buy myself a horse, buy Josh a boat, and donate.

How to win a Jetboat!

A random purchase of a couple of tickets at the Wanaka A & P Show, Graeme and Carolyn Murray, former long time Tekapo residents, have just won themselves a new Jetboat.

The boat is named Peg after Lady Peggy Hamilton who's husband invented the jet boat at Irishman's Creek. There is a special plaque on the jet unit where Hamilton Marine have dedicated it to their most famous jet boater, probably the world's most famous, Duncan Storrier.

Building the jetboat, powered by a 350 Chevrolet V8, was last year's class project for year 12 engineering students from Twizel Area School. They were assisted by teacher, Bruce White and Hamilton Marine GM, John Connelly.

Carolyn is very excited, having never won anything before. The school made a formal presentation with the students

doing a Haka and singing to hand over the keys to the proud owners.



The Billion Dollar Bonfire

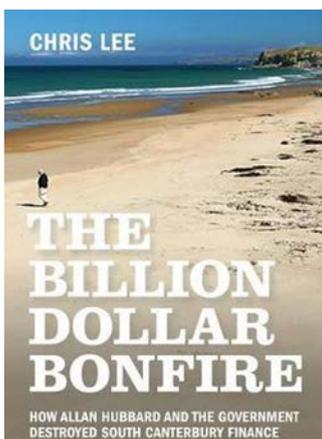
How Allan Hubbard and the government destroyed South Canterbury Finance by Chris Lee. \$40.

The cover of Chris Lee's THE BILLION DOLLAR BONFIRE features a photo by Brian High in which Allan Hubbard is walking on the deserted beach south of Oamaru where Shag River meets the ocean. Hubbard told High that he felt at peace on the beach and that he could imagine that this was where he would live out the last chapter of his life. Reality is stranger than fiction because six years later Hubbard dies on that beach. The helicopter that had lifted him from the car crash he was in, interrupted its flight to Dunedin because Hubbard was failing.

For this book about the collapse of South Canterbury Finance in 2010 and the subsequent bailout by the taxpayer at a cost of one billion dollars, Lee talked to parties from across the spectrum. Lee had known Hubbard for a long time, but as the subtitle indicates, the book is not a one-sided perspective on the events leading to the collapse of this financial institution founded by Hubbard. Lee believes that a similar thing could happen again and this is his main motivation behind writing this book.

A number of chapters, such as Rags, Riches, Ruin and Hubbard's Last Day are about Hubbard's personal life, but most of the chapters are intense studies of the complexities involving Allan Hubbard and South Canterbury Finance. The collapse had a huge effect on South Canterbury including Lake Tekapo. Many businesses, individuals and clubs had investments in the company and the uncertainty, confusion, disbelief and aftermath have affected the district for years.

This book is perfect for those who are interested in a comprehensive account of what happened to Allan Hubbard and South Canterbury Finance and for those who are fascinated by the complexities of the financial sector.



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In showing hospitality to those who we meet in each day, we not only spread positivity to others, we also fulfil in ourselves that human need for connection.

To be well, we need to connect. To lift our gaze from the pavement and from our phones, and our attention, from our hurried mind of to-do lists. To connect, we need to make space and time to be present to those around us.

The high country is a blend of town and country, a mix of long-term residents and short-term workers. A melting pot of cultures and languages. Connection across this diversity is a true reflection of our hospitality.

Reach out to those who cross your paths. Join a class. Support a local cause. Share a meal. In making time and space to connect – we fill our own 'bucket' and build a healthier stronger community.

Penny Wilson



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The Vastness

"For small creatures such as we, the vastness is only bearable through love"
- Carl Sagan

With the icy cold nights closing in on Tekapo there is a powerful presence looming overhead.

Earth's position around the Sun reveals the core of the Milky Way Galaxy rising high into the night sky, glowing with the light of billions of distant stars. These stars are mighty Suns, light-years away in the depths of our Galaxy, each one of them with a potential planetary system revolving around it.

This simple yet elegant truth can inspire our imaginations. Take this understanding out on a clear and moonless night and look up into the galaxy, and you may see something that will change your perspective of life forever. We are one planet, revolving around a single star, lost in a self-gravitating assemblage of stars called the Milky Way Galaxy. A rather odd situation we find ourselves in...

This is a busy time for researchers at the University of Canterbury's Mount John Observatory. Researchers peer into the galaxy across thousands of light-years to discover more about our place in this Cosmos and ultimately to answer a question we humans have asked for as long as we have been human, who are we? What are we? And how did we arrive at consciousness here on the Planet Earth? There are many mysteries still waiting to be uncovered.

In this article's photograph I aimed our telescopes at a distinguished part of our home galaxy, made famous by the Hubble Space Telescope, a nebula of unimaginable scale, the Eagle Nebula also known as "The Pillars Of Creation".

This region is some 8000 light-years away, meaning it takes light 8000 years to cross the enormous distance and reach the Earth. We are seeing back in time. The Eagle Nebula is a star forming region, the gas we see in the photograph is condensing together under gravity to form into new stars and planets. These newly formed stars heat up the surrounding gas and cause it to glow. The pillars that are visible are so vast that they utterly dwarf the star systems within. Imagine seeing such immense structures. It is from nebulae such as this that our sun and planets will have formed many billions of years ago.

In the coming months look out for Jupiter and Saturn high in the midnight sky along with many Zodiac constellations. Just before sunrise Matariki will once again become visible bringing in the Maori new year.

Keep looking up,

Daniel Gaussen

Earth And Sky astronomy guide.

Kerbside Collection Calendar 2019

Tekapo – Wednesday collection

Fairlie, Kimbell, Burkes Pass, Albury – Thursday collection



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Table Tennis

Tuesdays, 6pm, Simpson Lane

Tekapo Wellness Yoga

Tuesdays (term time only), 9.15am

Tekapo Community Hall

Mackenzie Physio & Pilates

Fairlie, Contact Catherine Rose

E mackenziephiso1@gmail.com

Karate

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Entries into the Alpine Energy Business Excellence Awards are now closed and judging is underway.

The South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce received a record number of entries this year, many from Mackenzie! Finalists are announced 19th July and Gala Awards are on the evening of 23rd August.

MEET A BUSINESS ADVISOR

South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce's mission in the Mackenzie District is to facilitate and support smart, sustainable business development.

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