

# Contact ALEXANDRA Blossom Festival

THE News  
Lakes District & Central Otago

## ROUND THE CLOCK RACE



Round the Clock Race teams and individuals traverse the Manuhēria River & scramble up the hillside to the Alexandra Clock: Race briefing at 5.15pm at Linger & Die, River St, Alexandra. **Racing starts 5.45pm.** Entry forms: [www.blossom.co.nz](http://www.blossom.co.nz) For additional info Trevor Breen 021 340 713.

THE News **Mardi Gras**

**6pm - 8.30 pm**, Rivers Street, Alexandra  
Egg Catching Competition - Truck Pull - Best Dressed Bike - Flying 100 Cycle Races, Fireworks Display. Registration Phone: Martin 021 879 849, [info@blossom.co.nz](mailto:info@blossom.co.nz)

## Saturday 26 September

**9am - 5pm: Central Otago Model Society Model Kit Set & Railway Display.** Community House, 14-20 Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. A display of plastic kit set models plus model railway layouts. Family \$5, Adults \$2, Children \$1.

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**10am - 1pm: Central Otago Rod and Custom Club Alexandra and Alpine Street Machines Cromwell. "Show 'n Shine".** Hot Rods, Classic & Custom Cars. Henrys Wine and Spirits Car Park, Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. Admission \$2 Gold Coin Donation.

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**10am - 4.30pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Art Exhibition.** Alexandra Community Centre, Skird Street. Admission \$2.

## IT'S A FLORREY!

**10.30am:** New World Florreys Judging. Get up close and personal with the Florreys in this years Parade. New World Car Park, Centennial Avenue, Alexandra.



**3pm - 6pm: The Blossom Festival Kayak Polo Tournament.** Molyneux Aquatic Centre, Alexandra. Contact Grant Norbury, 03 448 9316 or [norburygd@xtra.co.nz](mailto:norburygd@xtra.co.nz)

**8pm: Alexandra Musical Society presents "Evita".** Alexandra Memorial Theatre, Skird St. Tickets Adults \$35-45 Children \$15-20 (up to & incl. 15yrs of age). Ticket Office Sales Theatre Box Office, 12noon-2pm Monday-Friday or online at [www.iticket.co.nz](http://www.iticket.co.nz)

**All Day: Blossom Drive.** See 21 September.

## Monday 21 September

**10am - 4pm: Reflections - Remembering Doug Ayson.** Central Stories Art Gallery & Museum, Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. An exhibition of Doug Ayson's art reflecting back on his considerable impact on Central Otago. Original artworks available to purchase.

**1.30pm: Doors open Show Starts 2pm: Senior Blossom Festival Queen Contest.** District Club, Centennial Ave, Alexandra. Admission \$15 Includes afternoon tea.

**All Day: Blossom Drive** - Follow the Blossom Arrows for the most scenic Blossom Drive in NZ. Begin at the Alexandra Bridge and head towards Earnsclough. A round trip of 30km.

## Tuesday 22 September

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**All Day: Blossom Drive.** See 21 September.

## Wednesday 23 September

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## Thursday 24 September

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## Friday 25 September

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**All Day: Otago Chamber of Commerce Blossom Annual Golf Tournament,** Corporate Golf Day, Alexandra Golf Course, SH8. Entry fee \$200 + GST per team. \$400 + GST Hole Sponsor. Contact Sarah [events@otagochamber.co.nz](mailto:events@otagochamber.co.nz) 03 479 0181

**All Day: Blossom Drive.** See 21 September.

# Contact Grand Parade

**11.45am: Heavy Trucks Parade of Trucks**

## Procession Order

- C O Vintage Car Club with 2015 International World Town Crier Participants
- McCrostie Parts and Machinery Vintage Tractors
- West Otago Vintage Club Vintage Tractors
- Southland Zodiac & Zephyr Club Inc. - 1950's - 1970's Classic Cars
- Central Otago Motor Sport Club
- Alexandra Mini Club
- Highlands Motorsport Park
- Chatto Creek Motorcycle Club
- Vincent Holdings Ltd - Show Case
- Alexandra Pipe Band
- Blossom Festival official car with Mayor and Mayoress
- Contact Float with Senior Queens
- Alexandra & District Youth Trust - Youth Forum - "Inside Out"

## Princess: Ella Galletly

- Skyline Queenstown "Captain Gravity"
- Canterbury Caledonian Pipe Band
- New World Florrey - "Don't be a Sheep. Be a Shepherd" Sticks 'n Stones
- New World Florrey - "Thunderbird" Jeffrey Cannell
- Combined Lions Clubs of Alexandra & Clyde - Super 15 Success - "We Believed & We Achieved"

## Princess: Mia Kelly

- Alzheimers Society Otago Inc - "Memory Walk"
- Central Otago Bayanihan Spirit Group - "Helping Hands"
- 1944 WW2 Ford Jeep
- Alexandra & Clyde RSA in association with Rabbit Range Lodge & Horse Treks "War Horses"

## Princess: Talia Reid

- New World Florrey - "Thyme House" Living Options
- New World Florrey - "Mana House" Living Options
- New World Florrey - "Lakes House" Living Options
- Queenstown & Southern Lakes Pipe Band
- Alexandra Hockey & Rugby Clubs - "Super Heroes"

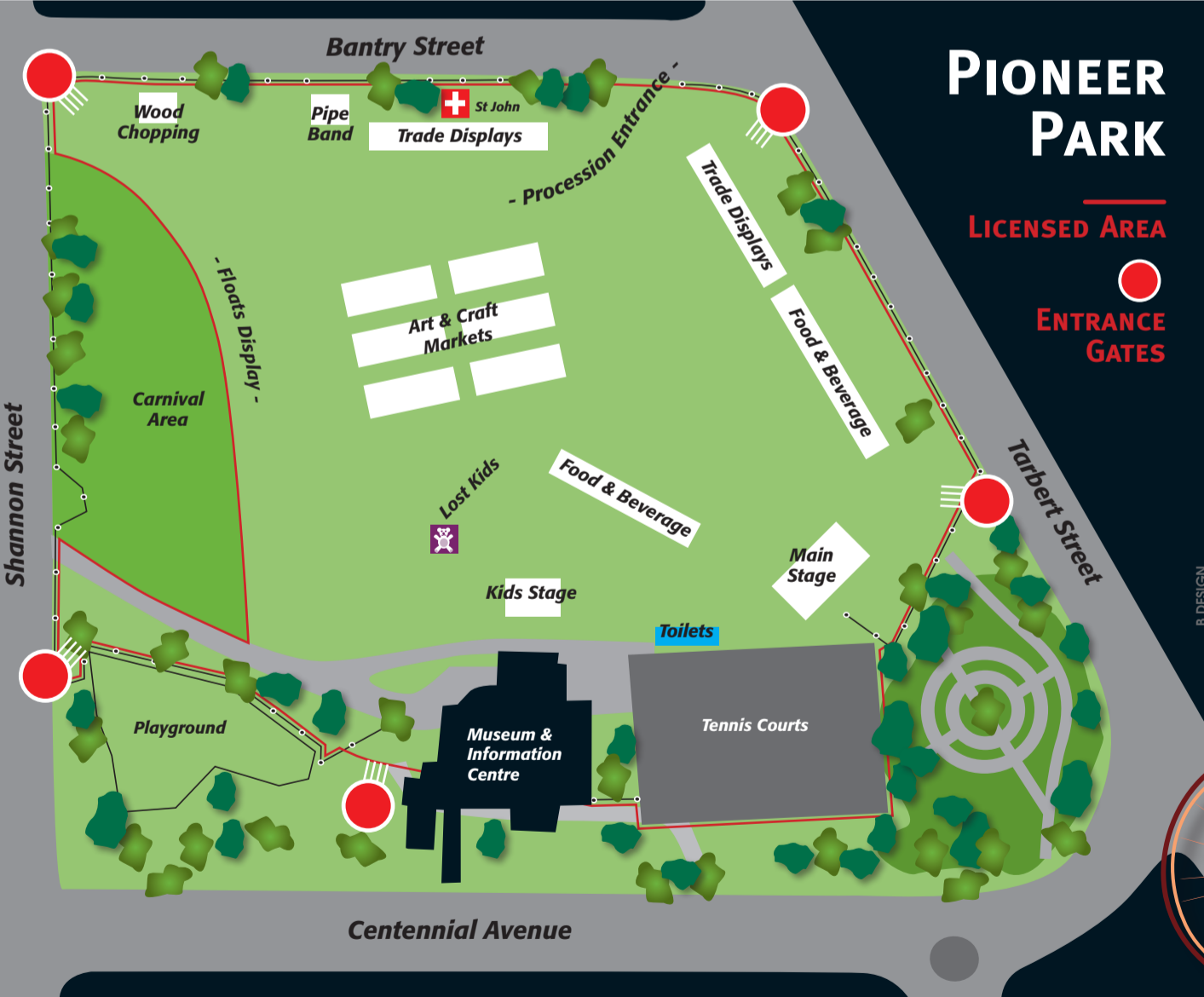
## Princess: Bridget Naylor

- Alexandra Garden Club - "Barrow Your Way to the Good Life"
- Ranui Flyers Mobility Scooters & Electric Chairs - Ranui Home & Hospital
- Alexandra Mens Shed - "Toy Workshop"

## Princess: Charlotte Portegys

- Waitaki District Schools Pipe Band
- New World Florrey - "Noah's Ark" Valley Playgroup

Grand Parade Continued...



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# Event Calendar

Grand Parade Continued...

- New World Florrey – "Petanque Alexandra"
- Allied Concrete – "Big Bad Wolf"
- New World Florrey – "Bees" – Alexandra Scouts
- Gasworks Guild of Gadgeteers – Steam Punk
- Waimatuku Southern Scenic Highland Pipe Band
- Alexandra Musical Society – "Evita"

Princess: **Janie Shaw**

- New World Florrey – "Honey Bee – EnviroSchools" Alexandra Primary School
- New World Florrey – "Alexandra Mainly Music" Maree Jenkinson
- Harold and The Heartland Otago Southland Life Education Trust
- ILT City of Invercargill Highland Pipe Band

# Contact<sup>®</sup> Saturday in the Park!

## Saturday 26th September from 1pm

**Pioneer Park** is the destination for the procession and a fun afternoon at Contact Saturday in the Park. This family afternoon extravaganza is packed with fun and everyone has a chance to choose their favourite float in the Best Float Competition. Use the "vote" portion of your ticket to vote for your favourite float.

On the main stage, from 1pm, there will be entertainment from – **Jody Direen** and her Band celebrating the release of her new album. Following Jody a massed cry from the participants in the **Town Criers Festival** will open the festivities. Following the Town Criers we welcome back **LA Social Club** – the ultimate party band for a spring fling and bare foot dancing in the park.



The entertainment is not limited to the main stage – situated in Pioneer Park there will be Wood Chopping demonstrations featuring current and former champions of this unique sport. A Mini Pipe Bands competition featuring the bands that participated in the main parade will be preceded by a massed march. Between 4pm and 4.30pm there will be a break for the crowning and prize-giving, as well as the official Festival week opening speeches.

We are not forgetting the young or the young at heart **The Kids' Stage** features acts from previous festivals plus the best in entertainment for the young and young at heart. Prepare to be entertained **Shad Rutherford** – NZ's most versatile variety act - Unicycle, Juggling, Balloon Twisting, Balancing - you name it - he can do it. **Wayne McEwan - The Magic Guy** be astounded and amazed and amused by Wayne McEwan the Magic Guy. He'll have brand new Illusions and Magic guaranteed to make you wonder and leave you smiling, **Mullet Man** – a talented and genuinely funny circus performer who has won many international awards for his unique comedy styling's - Mullet Man is so named after his beautiful hair cut! Critics' Choice at the World Buskers Festival.

**Sport Suzie** – Sport Suzie is New Zealand's Crazy Aerobics, Sport and Circus fanatic. Inspired by the great Jane Fonda, Flash dance, and the music and fashion of the eighties, Suzie aims to shake the laughter out of any audience. Complete with crazy unicycling, contorted juggling and weird weightlifting tricks, this is one character you don't wanna miss **Sparkle Business** - be dazzled by this duo of acrobats don't miss their double silk act as they dangle high over Pioneer Park lifting each other with grace and flexibility.

Within the Park there will be a vast array of **food, Central Otago wineries, local craft beers** and other refreshments alongside talented local **artists and craftspeople** showcasing their works.

The **Alexandra Blossom Festival Committee** encourages everyone to enjoy the fun and entertainments on offer - gather all your friends and family together to enjoy a wonderful spring afternoon in Pioneer Park.

### Admission to Contact Saturday in the Park:

Early Bird sales to Friday September 25th 5 tickets for \$20 under 5 free. Available at Alexandra I-SITE and local Alexandra businesses On the day 5 tickets for \$30 under 5 free.

## Sunday 27 September

### Downer EDi - Thunder Sunday Drag Racing

# Downer

Alexandra Airport, Airport Rd (from Dunstan Rd) Signposted from Alexandra-Clyde Highway \$15 per adult, under 14's free Scrutineering from 8am -10am sharp. Racing 11am – 4pm



**9am – 4pm: Model Kit Set and Railway Display.** Community House, 14 – 20 Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. A display of plastic kit set models plus model railway layouts. Family \$5, Adults \$2, Children \$1.

**10am: Central Otago Motorcycle Club,** Round 2 of the Southern Motocross Series, Poolburn Track, signposted from Poolburn Hotel corner. Competitor sign-in from 7.30am. Free spectator entry.

**10am Start: Linger & Die Norco Cross Country MtB Race,** Shaky Bridge Café. Registration from 9am or online at [www.linger-and-die.co.nz](http://www.linger-and-die.co.nz)

**10am start: The Blossom Festival Kayak Beginners Slalom.** Under the Shaky Bridge on the Manuherikia River. Contact Gordon Rayner at [gordon@cmlaw.co.nz](mailto:gordon@cmlaw.co.nz)

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### Alexandra BMX Club

#### Interclub Race Meeting, Open Day & Swap Meet

Alexandra Cycle Park, Boundary Road, Alexandra

**Interclub Race Meeting:** Racing starts 12.30pm. Open to riders who are currently BMXNZ licensed riders, \$10. Spectators Welcome.

**Open Day:** Following the racing, the track will be open to the public for bike games & skill-based exercises. Bring your bike and protective head gear. Club members available to assist. Free.

**Swap Meet:** Bikes & accessories for sale all day.

Enquiries: 021 203 6324 or check out Alexandra BMX Club on Facebook



**2pm: Alexandra Musical Society presents "Evita".** Alexandra Memorial Theatre, Skird St, Alexandra. Bookings see 26 September.

**7pm: Combined Church Service** – Contemporary Christian Worship Service. Alexandra Baptist Church, 6 Gregg Street, Alexandra.

**All Day: Blossom Drive.** See 21 September.

## Garden Tour & Cooking Demonstrations

### Sunday 27th and Monday 28th September

Find inspiration when exploring 10 unique gardens in and around Earnsclough & Clyde. Tickets available on-line at [www.blossom.co.nz](http://www.blossom.co.nz) or from the Alexandra i-site, Centennial Avenue.

Join **Quintin Quider from Wild Earth** who will be demonstrating his unique Wine Barrel BBQ's and tempting your pallet with a variety of wild food inspired cuisine.

Garden Tour and cooking Demonstration Ticket's: \$18

Cooking shows **12.30 2.00 and 3.30pm** Judge Rock Vineyard, Hill View Rd  
Maps to the Gardens available from Alexandra I-SITE from 10am on the day.

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### 11am Tee-off: Ladies Blossom Festival Golf Tournament.

Alexandra Golf Course, SH8. Entries to Ladies Club Captain, Ph (03) 448 6313, E: [alexclubcaptain@gmail.com](mailto:alexclubcaptain@gmail.com)

**8pm: Alexandra Musical Society presents "Evita".** Alexandra Memorial Theatre, Skird St. Bookings see 26 September.

**All Day: Blossom Drive.** See 21 September.



## Thursday 1 October

**10am – 4pm: Reflections – Remembering Doug Ayson.** Central Stories Art Gallery & Museum, Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. See 21 September.

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## Friday 2 October

**1pm– 2pm: Catholic Women's League "Wear a Flower Day"** buy a posy and celebrate Spring. Outside the noticeboard next door to Unichem Pharmacy.

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## 54th NZ Merino Shearing & Wool Handling Championships

Molyneux Stadium, Centennial Avenue, Alexandra  
Free Admission Daytime. \$10 Saturday Night



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## Saturday 3 October

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Free Admission Daytime. Saturday Evening Finals Entry \$10



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**7.30pm: Manhattan 2015 Short Film Festival,** Central Cinema @ Central Stories, Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. \$13 Members. \$15 Non-members.

Bookings 03 448 7850. Over 100,000 film lovers in over 250 cities across six continents gather for one purpose . . . to view and vote on the finalist films. [www.manhattanshort.com](http://www.manhattanshort.com)

**All Day: Blossom Drive.** See 21 September.

## Sunday 4 October

**10am – 4pm: Reflections – Remembering Doug Ayson.** Central Stories Art Gallery & Museum, Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. See 21 September.

**5pm: Manhattan 2015 Short Film Festival,** Central Cinema @ Central Stories, Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. \$13 Members. \$15 Non-members.

Bookings 03 448 7850. See 3 October.

**All Day: Blossom Drive.** See 21 September.

## Monday 5 October

**10am – 5pm: Blossom Festival Book Sale,** Alexandra Public Library, 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free.

**All Day: Blossom Drive.** See 21 September.

## Tuesday 6 October

**10am – 5pm: Blossom Festival Book Sale,** Alexandra Public Library, 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free.

**All Day: Blossom Drive.** See 21 September.

## Wednesday 7 October

**10am – 5pm: Blossom Festival Book Sale,** Alexandra Public Library, 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free.

**All Day: Blossom Drive.** See 21 September.

## Thursday 8 October

**10am – 5pm: Blossom Festival Book Sale,** Alexandra Public Library, 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free.

**All Day: Blossom Drive.** See 21 September.

## Friday 9 October

**10am – 5pm: Blossom Festival Book Sale,** Alexandra Public Library, 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free.

**All Day: Blossom Drive.** See 21 September.

## Saturday 10 October

10am – 1pm: Blossom Festival Book Sale, Alexandra Public Library, 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free

**All Day: Blossom Drive.** See 21 September.

# Otago Daily Times WoolOn Creative Fashion Event

Fantastic  
Awards  
Show

## Friday Night Fashion Show - 9th October, 8pm

General admission tickets Friday 9th Adults \$30, Gold Card \$20, Under 15yrs \$10.

## Saturday Night Fashion Show & Gala Awards Ceremony - 10th October, 8pm

VIP tickets Saturday Gala Awards show fully serviced tables \$85pp.

Where: Dunstan High School, Gymnasium, Enterprise St, Alexandra

Tickets available from any Central Otago i-site Visitor Centre or from [www.blossom.co.nz](http://www.blossom.co.nz)

