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MONDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

- 9am-5pm: The Alexandra Library Plant & Seed Swap Bring your seeds and seedlings to swap and share with other.
- 10am-4pm: Central Stories Museum & Art Gallery Winterstellar Night Sky Exhibition. Over 30 works from 21 world class exponents of astrophotography. The Rangi takō/Clears skies short film of astro time-lapse. "September in History" School Holiday programme. Solve puzzles, complete activities and win great prizes.





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

TUESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

- 9am-5pm: The Alexandra Library Plant & Seed Swap - See 22nd Sept.
- 10am-4pm: Central Stories Museum & Art Gallery - See 22nd Sept.
- All Day: Blossom Drive See 22nd Sept.

WEDNESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

- 9am-5pm: The Alexandra Library Plant & Seed Swap See 22nd Sept.
- 10am-4pm: Central Stories Museum & Art Gallery See 22nd Sept.
- All Day: Blossom Drive See 22nd Sept

THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

- 9am-5pm: The Alexandra Library Plant & Seed Swap See 22nd Sept.
- 10am-4pm: Central Stories Museum & Art Gallery – See 22nd Sept.
- 10am 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Exhibition. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery, Centennial Avenue. Admission \$2.
- All Day: Blossom Drive See 22nd Sept.

FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

- 9am-5pm: The Alexandra Library Plant & Seed Swap - See 22nd Sept.
- 10am-4pm: Central Stories Museum & Art Gallery See 22nd Sept.
- 10am 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Exhibition. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery, Centennial Avenue. Admission \$2.
- All Day: Blossom Drive See 22nd Sept.



Manuherikia River & scramble up the hillside to the Alexandra Clock Race briefing at 5.15pm, Linger & Die, Rivers St Alexandra. **Racing starts 5.45pm**. Entry forms www.blossom.co.nz For additional info contact Bill Godsall 021 442 626.



SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

- All Day: Blossom Drive See 22nd Sept.
- 2pm-6pm: Tarore Open house with refreshments Puppet Workshop.







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GRAND PARADE - 11.45AM -

ALEXANDRA

26TH SEPT - 28TH SEP1

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Booths Transport Trucks Parade of Trucks

- Aspiring Aoto Court Blossom Festival Vehicle
- C O Vintage Car Club
- **Dunstan Vintage Machinery Club. Vintage Tractors**
- Coast Guard Clyde
- Central Motor Speedway Highlands - Experience the Exceptional
- 1922 Ford T Bucket Hot rod
- Alexandra, Queenstown and Southern Lakes, Waimatuku **Combined Pipe Bands**
- Contact Float with Senior Queens Alexandra BMX "The Jump Track'
- **PRINCESS: KYRA FOWLER** New World Florrey - "Bright and Beautiful" - Able Minds
- Alexandra Four Square "Special Delivery Vehicle"
- "Thomas's 80th Birthday **PRINCESS: MADISON PETRIE**
- Life Education Trust Heartland Otago Southland
- Central Otago Steam Punk
- PRINCESS: CHARLOTTE KERESEKA
- City of Christchurch Highland Pipe Band
- Central Otago Maternity Unit. "Call the Midwife" PRINCESS: KEIRA MCFADYEN
- Alexandra Community Patrol New World Florrie 1st Alexandra Scouts
- Rebel Creations and Cosplay for Charity
 Doug Rabbitt E Bikes

- Flames Ice Hockey Club
- Alexandra Mobility Scooters "The Mobs" Alexandra Musical Society "We Will Rock You"
- PRINCESS: MADDISON MEISSEL
- Central Otago Filipino Community "Princess Carriage" **PRINCESS: ANDREA JAVIER**
- Prodigy Dance Academy
- New World Florrie Alexandra Gymnastics Club Como Villa "1880's Vintage Express Dray"
- Pioneer Energy "100 Years of Renewable Energy" PRINCESS: OLAVE CZEPONSKI
- Waitaki Districts Schools Pipe Band Grans Who Can "Bluey at the Beach" PRINCESS: MADDI HISCOCK
- Otago Southland Chinese Association "Dragons" St John and Eat Humble Pie- "Life Line Limo"
- PRINCE: COREY MILLER
- ILT City of Invercargill Highland Pipe Band Alexandra Volunteer Fire Brigade





SATURDAY 27TH SEPT

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 12pm, there will be entertainment from -



CHINESE DRAGON DANCERS



MASSED PIPE BAND DISPLAY

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. Between 3.30 and 4.30pm there will be a break for the crowning and prize-giving, as well as the official Festival week opening speeches.

Following the official ceremony, we welcome Capitol City to play out the rest of the afternoon.

We are not forgetting the young or the young at heart. The kids' stage features acts from previous festivals plus the best in

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 AND MIM are crowd favourites at the Alexandra Blossom Festival. Together the husband and wife team have a combined circus entertainment experience of over 50 years Their unique combination of acrobatics, juggling, contortion and comedy provides entertainment for audiences of all ages. They travel the world performing as street entertainment, in festivals and in a wide range of events.

MR HEAPHY — With a background in Circus Arts and theatre, Mr Heaphy specialises in stilt walking, aerial performance and regrowth of performing arts post Christchurch earthquakes and has been entertaining audiences throughout New Zealand and beyond for the past 15 years.

MR WOZOWSKI — Juggler. Magician. Clown. All these words could be used to describe Mr Wizowski, but none of them really convey the delightful charm of this eccentric performer. You never know what he will pull out of his case of tricks next, but you can rest assured it will put a smile on your face. Mr Wizowski is a comedic character from Michael Armstrong who has performed around the world at festivals including The Edinburgh Fringe, Gwanju Fringe and The World Buskers Festival. He originally studied Circus at Circoarts before touring

EMMA MACKEY — Introducing the Alexandra Blossom Festival's newest performer Emma Mackey. Emma is a circus performer and party entertainer and also teaches kids circus and circus aerials. A joyful and bubbly person by nature, Emma is excited to bring magic and to help create special moments at this year's Alexandra Blossom Festival.

Within the Park there will be a vast array of international food vendors, 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.

TO CONTACT SATURDAY IN THE PARK:

EARLY BIRD sales to Thursday 25th September all tickets \$8 (under 5 FREE).

Available at Central Stories, local Alexandra businesses and banks, Cromwell museum, Ranfurly & Roxburgh Information Centres.





SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

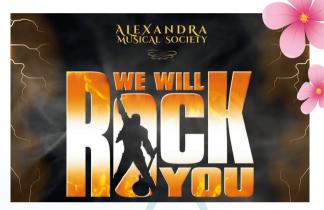
- 9am 3pm: National Gold Panning Championships Register on the day. Heats start at 10am. Win Gold!
- 10am 1pm: CO Rod and Custom Car Club Show and Shine. Liquorland Car Park Centennial Avenue. Gold coin donation.
- 10am-4pm: Central Stories Museum & Art Gallery See 22nd Sept.
- 9am 5pm: Model Railway and Kit Set Model Display. Community House, 14-18 Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. Family \$10, Adults \$5, Children \$2. Door sales only.
- 10am 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Exhibition. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Centennial Avenue. Admission \$2.
- **Central Otago Vintage Car Club Blossom Festival Rally** Meet Sunderland Street Clyde. Departs 10am. Entry \$30.
- 10am 12 noon: Pioneer Central Roxburgh Brass Band in Concert, Old Post Office, Tarbert Street.



7.30pm: Alexandra Musical Society Presents

Running 27th September - Friday 3rd October. Sunday 28th September Matinee 2pm. Evening performances starting 7.30pm — we ask that everyone is seated by 7.15pm. NB There is no show on Tuesday 30th September. Alexandra Memorial Theatre, Skird Street, Alexandra

Tickets: Adults \$42, and youth \$20. Tickets available online or from Alexandra Community House (within business hours). Also at the venue if tickets still available (half hour before show commences). www.tickets.alexandramusicalsociety.com



SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

- All Day: Blossom Drive See 22nd Sept.
- 10am-4pm: Central Stories Museum & Art Gallery See 22nd Sept.
- 9am 4pm: Alexandra BMX Blossom Festival meet. Alexandra BMX Track Poole Road. Racing Starts 11am
- 9am 4pm: Model Railway and Kit Set Model Display. Community House, 14–18 Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. Family \$10, Adults \$5, Children \$2. Door sales only.
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You never know what plant treasures you see and find when gates are opened, and you tour down garden paths.

This year's Garden Tour will include 8 amazing gardens in and around Clyde and Alexandra.

Self-Drive Garden Tour Tickets \$25

Maps to the Gardens and self-drive tickets available from Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery, Centennial Avenue from 9am on the day.

MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

- All Day: Blossom Drive See 22nd Sept.
- 10am-4pm: Central Stories Museum & Art Gallery - See 22nd Sept.
- 10am 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Exhibition. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery, Centennial Avenue. Admission \$2.

TUESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

- All Day: Blossom Drive See 22nd Sept.
- 10am-4pm: Central Stories Museum & Art Gallery - See 22nd Sept.
- 10am 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Exhibition. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery, Centennial Avenue. Admission \$2.

WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER

- All Day: Blossom Drive See 22nd Sept.
- 10am-4pm: Central Stories Museum & Art Gallery See 22nd Sept.
- 10am 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Exhibition. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery, Centennial Avenue. Admission \$2.

THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER

- All Day: Blossom Drive See 22nd Sept.
- 10am-4pm: Central Stories Museum & Art Gallery See 22nd Sept.
- 10am 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Exhibition. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery, Centennial Avenue. Admission \$2.

FRIDAY 3rd OCTOBER

All Day: Blossom Drive - See 22nd Sept.



Starts 8.30am. Molyneux Stadium, Centennial Avenue. \$10 nzmerinoshears@gmail.com

10am - 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival **Exhibition.** Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery, Centennial Avenue. Admission \$2.

SATURDAY 4th OCTOBER

All Day: Blossom Drive – See 22nd Sept.



Starts 8.30am. Molyneux Stadium, Centennial Avenue. \$10 nzmerinoshears@gmail.com

10am - 11.30am: Alexandra Parents Centre Duck Race. Annual fund raiser 800 plastic ducks race from the Little Valley bridge on the Manuherikia River to Linger and Die.





Central Cinema @ Central Stories, Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. Bookings www.centralcinema.co.nz An exciting global festival of 10 outstanding finalist short films. Join other film lovers viewing at the same time round the world. Members \$10, Non-members \$15 Children \$10

SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER

- All Day: Blossom Drive See 22nd Sept.
- 5pm: 28th Manhattan Short Film Festival, Central Cinema @ Central Stories, Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. Bookings www.centralcinema.co.nz An exciting global festival of 10 outstanding finalist short films. Join other film lovers viewing at the same time round the world. Members \$10, Non-members \$15 Children \$10







On the day Adults \$15, Children \$10 and under 5 FREE.

