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Car Rally To Promote Diabetes Awareness

The busy Clyde and District Lions Club have another fundraising project - planning a car rally to promote diabetes awareness.

The club is inviting owners of classic and vintage cars, light trucks, motorcycles and special interest cars to take part. Organiser Norman Peek says there are a lot of these vehicles tucked away in sheds around Clyde and the district and he hopes the rally will inspire owners to give them a run.

It is not a high-speed rally, so do not be concerned about damaging the vehicle. The course is about 40km for older or slower vehicles and a little longer for those vehicles which are capable of doing 100km.

Participants are asked to assemble along Sunderland St opposite the Four Square Supermarket by **1pm on Sunday, April 8**. Donations towards diabetes awareness will be canvassed before the rally begins.

Car Rally Against Diabetes will finish at the end of Fruitgrowers Rd opposite the rowing club for a BYO sausage sizzle on the new barbeque. For more information contact peek@farmside.co.nz or ring 00273887522



We could not resist printing this photo of two cria (baby alpacas) born recently at a local lifestyle block. Proud Mum (of the smaller cria) is Bella who looks after them both while the other Mum, Camilla, spends time around the paddock before returning to give her baby a drink. The sex of either cria is not yet known but they are the best of mates.

Restoration Under Way



One of the early buildings in Clyde's historic precinct, the *Dunstan Times* newspaper office, has a new lease of life. The building, which is well over 100 years old, is being restored by new owners Richard and Jo Flanagan who hope to complete their work by the beginning of April.

The wood and iron structure will be converted into a double garage and a studio apartment. The couple plan to live in a small pre-1910 cottage from Christchurch which will be relocated at the back.



Visitors can thank the Clyde and District Lions Club for this superb stainless steel, free-use barbecue installed in the reserve near the Dunstan Rowing Club. The Lions have been fundraising for some time and the project was completed with the help of Contact Energy, which provides the power.

Raised to the 3rd Degree



Master of the Lodge, W. Bro. John Hanning congratulates Bro. Barry.

Lodge Dunstan celebrated a happy event recently when a new candidate underwent his third degree to become a fully-fledged Master Mason. Brother Barry Wind was honoured at a ceremony marking the culmination of his progress. Barry, who is of Tainui descent, gave a rousing haka as part of his reply to a toast after the official ceremony. He is the third new candidate in the last few months to have become a full member of Lodge Dunstan which is experiencing an upsurge of interest from potential new members.

Comings and Goings

A sad farewell to John and Maree Davidson who have sold Dunstan House after 13 years of running the accommodation business. However, the heritage building is in good hands under its new owners, Clyde residents Ian and Meredith Kerrisk. They intend keeping the business as it is.

Major Clyde Theatre Production.

The Clyde Theatre Group says it is excited to present its major 2018 production, *Daughters of Heaven*, a play based on true events. Many will be aware of the story from the film version *Heavenly Creatures* made in 1994.

This New Zealand drama, set in the 1950s, tells of the relationship of two teenage girls Pauline Parker and Juliette Hulme from Christchurch and the fantasy life they wove which led to a murder that rocked the country. But the story is more than two teenagers going off the rails; both families have stories of their own.

Director Barry Gibbons had acted in a local production of the play some years ago and had enjoyed the experience and thought it would make a great choice for the group.

The Theatre Group is looking forward to hosting audiences at the Clyde Hall from the 17th to 24th March. Bookings can be made at Alexandra Community House or online at <https://tickets.alexmusical.co.nz>



Building of a block of luxury townhouses is underway on the hill overlooking the town centre. The first apartment is expected to be finished by next month. The second one will start soon. Real estate agent, Elaine Schuck of LJ Hooker says there is already interest in the property from prospective buyers. The townhouses are being built by Dunedin-based developers who have holiday homes in Clyde.

Talking It over ... with Russell Garbutt Earnsclough-Clyde Community Board member

It is very pleasing to see that there have been about 40 submissions made to the Clyde Recreation Reserve Management plan. I have no idea at this stage of the nature of the submissions but it is great that so many have taken the time to make their thoughts known. Clyde is blessed with some really good reserves and hopefully we'll get your ideas concerning the way they are should be managed in the next decade or so.

It is incredible to see how busy Clyde is in Sunday mornings these days. It seems everyone has figured out there is no better place to be having brunch or a coffee at the great places in and around the main street.

Lastly, huge congratulations to the Waiata Theatre group that staged *The Mikado* at Earnsclough Hall. Brilliant performances and a wonderful night out.

Remember, if there is anything I can help with, phone 4492 254 or 020 4039 0424.

A Gentlemen's Cricket Club

Do you know that Earnsclough has a cricket club? Owners of a property there decided some months ago to establish the Thyme Lane Cricket Club with members drawn from adjoining prop-

erties and invited guests. Professionally made cricket caps embroidered with the club's name were distributed at a convivial pre-season function and the first match took place at the end of December last year.

There are strict rules for the gentleman's club: wearing of the cap with the brim facing backwards could result in expulsion, and gentlemanly behaviour is expected. Club members were required to wear their caps while ladies sport fancy hats. The oldest member is Dick Pattison (85) and the youngest, Lachie Sutherland (10). His outstanding performance was watched with great delight by his granddad, Christchurch based cricket enthusiast and ground owner, Des Newfield, who was the instigator of the annual event.

PS: Celebrated poet, Michael Harlow, a founding member, acquitted himself so well that it was wondered if he should take up a new career.



Promote Dunstan Projects

So where does Promote Dunstan Incorporated spend money raised by the Wine and Food Festival? The group stopped applying for funding from the Central Otago District Council's promotions budget some years ago and the festival is now the group's only source of income. There are several on-going and long-term projects the group is working on and it is intended to publicise these in future issues of the *Dunstan Times*.

Just before Christmas the group printed 10,000 copies of the *Walk Around Historic Ophir* brochures to cope with the demand. These are distributed free of charge from outlets in Ophir and Omakau.

It's that time again! - Wine and Food Festival

Otago's biggest wine and food festival is set for Sunday, April 1st. Not only is it April Fool's Day; it is also the end of daylight saving so what better excuse than to relax and sample the food and taste the wine from at least 20 wine producers from the Alexandra basin. After 17 years Promote Dunstan's organising sub-committee has things well in hand. A festival highlight this year will be a performance by award-winning Wanaka country singer, Jody Direen. As usual there will be an art exhibition and sale in Lodge Dunstan and a market. Sunderland St, Lodge Lane and part of Matau St will close to traffic at 7am and reopen before 6pm. The festival runs from 10.30am to 4.30pm and it costs just \$20 for entry and a souvenir glass, \$15 without a glass.

Learning About Our Heritage

Each year pupils from Clyde School undergo a week of education activities held outside the classroom (EOTC). Carol Haig, teachers aid at the school, accompanied senior pupils on one of their excursions and received as much pleasure from it as the pupils.

"During the week all students participate in a range of engaging activities in our environment and what a great experience we had on the trip to Sam's hut, about 12km from Queenstown.

"The weather had caused havoc with many planned activities, but Friday, the day of the walk was gloriously fine. I had read about Sam's summer hut and was looking forward to hearing the kids reactions on seeing what life had been like for this pioneer gold miner. Sam and his brothers built the hut in 1930 to shelter them as they sluiced for gold nearby. Sam then spent 10 years living and prospecting along 12 Mile Creek.

"The kids were duly impressed, especially when it was pointed out that Sam had to walk the 12km to Queenstown to get his groceries."



Arlia Murphy, Jed MacIntosh, Mackenzie Bryant, Emily Wellstead and Chloe Robertson

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The Mikado Comes to Earnsclough

Kiwi ingenuity and imagination have transformed Earnsclough Hall into a little piece of Japan for the staging of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado*.

It is the first outing for a new performing arts group, Waiata Theatre Production, the brain-child of locals Bruce Potter and Duncan Anderson. They describe it as grass-roots theatre at its very best; small, intimate and professional. It certainly has appeal; the first matinee session late in February played to a packed house.

The performances are BYO and the audience is invited to share light refreshments during the interval. More performances are scheduled at Earnsclough Hall on March 2 and 3 at 8pm and a matinee on March 4 at 2pm. Performances will also be held at Naseby and Ranfurly.

Tickets are \$25 and are available from the Alexandra and Ranfurly i-sites.



Duncan Anderson (Ko-Ko, The Lord High Executioner)

