

PIONEER PARK

LICENSED AREA

ENTRANCE GATES



SATURDAY
26th SEPT
**PARTY
IN THE
PARK!**



EVENT CALENDAR



GRAND PARADE

Saturday 26th September

- 11.45am: ATL Trucks Parade of Trucks**
Procession Order
- CO Vintage Car Club with guests from Living Options
 - Dunstan Vintage Machinery Club. Vintage Tractors
 - Central Motor Speedway
 - Southland Zephyr and Zodiac Club
 - Highlands Motorsport Park
 - Anti P Ministry
 - Alexandra Pipe Band
 - Contact Float with Senior Queens
 - Central Otago Steam Punk
 - New World Florrey - "The Tooth Ferry" Central Dental
 - New World Florrey -
 - Combined Lions Clubs of Alexandra & Clyde - "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"
- Princess: - Kathryn Smit**
- New World Florrey -
 - Life Education Trust Heartland Otago Southland
 - Central Pioneer Marchers
 - The Terrace School - "Trolls"
- Princess: - Lucy Sawers**
- 1944 WW2 Ford Jeep and WW2 Willys Jeep and Trailer
 - Waimatuku Southern Scenic Highland Pipe Band
 - Steam Punk Rebel! "Lost Souls and Fusion"
 - G.J. Garner Homes "Children's Play House"
- Raffle proceeds to Dunstan Rural Fire
- Flames Ice Hockey & Alexandra Ice Skating Clubs - Ice Inline Groomer
 - Central Stories Cinema - "Come to the Movies"
 - Queenstown Pipe Band
 - Health Central - Walking Group
 - New World Florrey -
 - Eat Humble Pie and Animal Rehab and Boss Alexandra - "Yelp for Help"

- Princess: Sophie Mathias**
- New World Florrey - "Sponge Bob Square Pants" - Cannell Family
 - Alexandra Rural Community Patrol
 - L J Hooker - "Breast Cancer Awareness"
- Princess: Celia Ward**
- Alexandra Musical Society - "A Musical Degustation"
- Princess: Emma Huton**
- Alexandra and Cromwell BMX Clubs
 - Alexandra and Districts Youth Trust - Puna Rangutahi - "Inside Out"
- Princess: Tabitha Hildyard**
- ILT City of Invercargill Highland Pipe Band

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ALEXANDRA Blossom Festival

Monday 21 September

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.
10am - 4pm: Denis Kent Retrospective. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Admission Free.
 Internationally acclaimed local artist Denis Kent celebrates his 80th birthday this year. This retrospective of his art works spans 52 years - 1968 - 2020. The pieces, on loan from private ownership and the artists collection, have never before been seen together. Denis has exhibited at each of the Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival shows and over his prolific career has been recognised with a range of awards including life membership of the Central Otago Art Society. Specialising in realist landscapes and fishing or hunting themes, Kent's work encourages the viewer to imagine themselves within the atmospheric scenes. While his works reference a variety of places, Kent has a special relationship with Central Otago and Mt Aspiring National Park. This exhibition has been made possible by the Central Otago Art Society, the Central Otago District Arts Trust, Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery and the generous support of other sponsors.

Tuesday 22 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 21 Sept.
10am - 4pm: Denis Kent Retrospective. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Admission Free. See 21 Sept.
1.30pm: Senior Blossom Festival Queen Contest. Doors open 1.30pm, show starts 2pm. Alexandra District Club, Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. Admission \$15 Includes afternoon tea.

Wednesday 23 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 21 Sept.
10am - 4pm: Denis Kent Retrospective. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Admission Free. See 21 Sept.

Thursday 24 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 21 Sept.
10am - 4pm: Denis Kent Retrospective. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Admission Free. See 21 Sept.
10am - 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Exhibition. Alexandra Community Centre, Skird Street. Admission \$2.

Friday 25 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 21st Sept.
10am - 4pm: Denis Kent Retrospective. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Admission Free. See 21 Sept.
10am - 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Exhibition. Alexandra Community Centre, Skird Street. Admission \$2.

THE NEWS ROUND THE CLOCK RACE



Round the Clock Race teams and individuals traverse the 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 Trevor Breen 021 340 713.

Fulton Hogan MARDI GRAS

6pm - 8.30 pm: Rivers Street, Alexandra Main land FMX Display, Fireworks Display, special guest Craig Smith the Wonkey Donkey Man, Registration P: Martin 021 879 849, info@blossom.co.nz

McINSTREAM FMX Display!

Saturday 26 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 21 Sept.
9am - 5pm: IPMS South Island Model Championships. Community House, 14-20 Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. Top Modellers competing for South Islands Champion Modeller. Family \$10, Adults \$5, Children \$2. Door sales only.
9.30am - 12 noon: Alexandra Public Library Blossom Festival Book Sale. 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free.

10am - 12 noon: Pioneer Central Roxburgh Brass Band in Concert, Old Post Office, Tarbert Street.

10am - 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Exhibition. Alexandra Community Centre, Skird Street. Admission \$2.

10am - 4pm: Denis Kent Retrospective. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Admission Free. See 21 Sept.

IT'S A FLORREY!

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

2pm onwards: Central Otago Whitewater Blossom Festival Canoe Polo Competition. Molyneux Aquatic Centre, Alexandra. Contact George Collier, 0274 354 340 or george@icla.co.nz. Spectators from 2pm, admission free.

Free learn to gold pan.

\$10 'have a go' gold panning and keep all the gold you find! Stake your claim! A raffle where your 'ticket' is an area on the ground - will yours hold the real gold nugget?! And the highlight - the National gold panning championships - full, competitive, sport gold panning.





SATURDAY 26TH SEPT PARTY IN THE PARK!

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

One of Australasia's most vibrant country musicians, Jody Direen is the local girl who made it big.

The Vodafone NZMA Tui winner has multiple hits, nominations and awards under her belt and sports an impressive resume of performances at some of Australasia's biggest festivals - including supporting Kenny Rogers on his last New Zealand tour and touring Australia's first ever C2C Festival last year alongside international greats Tim McGraw and Kelsea Ballerini.



Despite being no stranger to the international stage, performing for her Central Otago fans at the Alexandra Blossom Festival - "the ultimate Kiwi day out for families, couples and groups of mates" is always a highlight. Jody comes to the Blossom Festival hot on the heels of the recent release of her latest album 'Smokin' Ashes'

Red Trio

Three-piece female harmony group Red Trio of Queenstown features Margaret O'Hanlon, Charlotte Graf and Pearly McGrath. Performing popular retro and current lounge, country and dance hits, Red Trio will be sure to get the spring celebrations flowing! Check them out on the main stage after the Grand Parade.



Burning Fridges

Hailing locally from Alexandra, with rock 'n roll pulsing through their veins, if you like your classic rock loud and chunky, the 'Fridges will satisfy your every desire. Singing along, air guitar and dancing compulsory!



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. Massed Pipe Bands gather from the four corners of Pioneer Park and march to the stage for a rousing performance before the official ceremony. 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 will introduce you to our current Princesses. Following the official ceremony, we welcome The Burning Fridges to the stage 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 entertainment for the whole family. Prepare to be entertained by: **Shad Rutherford** - Entertainer 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 stylings - 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 want to miss. **Skye Bromberg**, Skye Bromberg, aka Kitty Cat woman is one crazy cat lady! Kitty is not only a master of hoola hoop manipulation but like her namesakes, she loves climbing things, and squeezing herself into small spaces, it's a cat thing. See her throughout the park and on Stage!! **Kate Thompson** Kate is a Tutor at Circotica Circus School in Christchurch, we'll see her hanging from our giraffe crane with crazy contortions, and the amazing grace and artistry of aerials and roving throughout the parade as our very own Circus Bubble Fairy.

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 crafts people 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 all tickets \$5 (under 5 free). Available at Unichem Alexandra Pharmacy and local Alexandra businesses and banks. On the day all tickets \$9 (under 5 free).

Sunday 27 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 21 Sept.

9am - 4pm: IPMS South Island Model Championships. Community House, 14-20 Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. Top Modellers competing for South Islands Champion Modeller. Family \$10, Adults \$5, Children \$2. Door sales only.

10am - 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Exhibition. Alexandra Community Centre, Skird Street. Admission \$2.

10am - 4pm: Denis Kent Retrospective. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Admission Free. See 21 Sept.

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Country Fair Stalls Tea and coffee, Childrens entertainment **10am - 3pm** Earnsclough Hall, Earnsclough Road

All proceeds to Animal Rehab Central



9am - 1pm: DT Swiss Linger & Die Mountain Bike Series. Cross Country. Little Valley Road, Alexandra. Registration from 9am or online at www.linger-and-die.co.nz. Race starts 10am.

12pm start: Central Otago Whitewater Blossom Festival Kayak Slalom. Novice and beginners competition. Manuhierikia River below Shaky Bridge. Contact George Collier george@icla.co.nz Spectators free.

Delta Garden Tour

Find inspiration when exploring 8 unique gardens in and around Earnsclough & Clyde. Tickets available from the Alexandra Unichem Pharmacy, Centennial Avenue.

Garden Market Tickets \$20. **Sunday 27th September.** Tickets available from Unichem Pharmacy Alexandra and outside Central Stories Museum from 9am on the day of the tour

Monday 28 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 21 Sept.

9am - 5pm: Alexandra Public Library Blossom Festival Book Sale, 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free.

10am - 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Exhibition. Alexandra Community Centre, Skird Street. Admission \$2.

10am - 4pm: Denis Kent Retrospective. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Admission Free. See 21 Sept.

Tuesday 29 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 21 Sept.

10am - 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Art Exhibition. Alexandra Community Centre, Skird Street. Admission \$2.

10am - 4pm: Denis Kent Retrospective. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Admission Free. See 21 Sept. **9am - 5pm: Alexandra Public Library Blossom Festival Book Sale,** 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free.

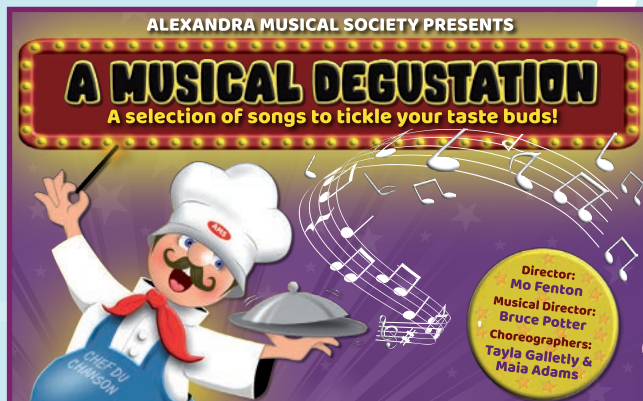
Wednesday 30 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 21 Sept.

9am - 5pm: Alexandra Public Library Blossom Festival Book Sale, 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free.

10am - 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Art Exhibition. Alexandra Community Centre, Skird Street. Admission \$2.

10am - 4pm: Denis Kent Retrospective. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Admission Free. See 21 Sept.



7.30pm: Alexandra Musical Society presents "A Musical Degustation" A tasting menu from some of the greatest shows of previous seasons. Alexandra Memorial Theatre, Skird St. Adults \$35, school aged children \$15. Bookings at Community House, Centennial Avenue, online at www.alexandramusicalsociety.com or one hour prior to all performances from the Theatre

Thursday 1 October

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 21 Sept.

10am - 4pm: Denis Kent Retrospective. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Admission Free. See 21 Sept.

9am - 5pm: Alexandra Public Library Blossom Festival Book Sale, 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free. **11am Tee-off: Alexandra Ladies Blossom Festival Golf Tournament.** Alexandra Golf Club, SH8. Entries to Ladies Club Captain, E: lxgolf1920@hotmail.com

7.30pm: Alexandra Musical Society presents "A Musical Degustation". See 30th Sept.

Friday 2 October

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 21 Sept.

9am - 5pm: Alexandra Public Library Blossom Festival Book Sale, 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free.

10am - 4pm: Denis Kent Retrospective. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Admission Free. See 21 Sept. **7.30pm: Alexandra Musical Society presents "A Musical Degustation".** See 30th Sept.

Saturday 3 October

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 21 Sept.

9:30am - 1:30pm: Alexandra Public Library Blossom Festival Book Sale, 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free.

10am - 4pm: Denis Kent Retrospective. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Admission Free. See 21 Sept. **7.30pm: Alexandra Musical Society presents "A Musical Degustation".** See 30th Sept.

Sunday 4 October

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 21 Sept.

9am - 5pm: Alexandra Public Library Blossom Festival Book Sale, 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free.

10am - 4pm: Denis Kent Retrospective. Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. Admission Free. See 21 Sept.

