



ALEXANDRA Blossom Festival
 22ND SEPT - 24th SEPT
2023

PARTY IN THE PARK!
 SATURDAY 23RD SEPT

PAUL FOULDS

CRAIG SMITH WONKEY DONKEY

HIGHLAND STORM

EVENT CALENDAR

PRINCIPAL PARTNER:

SPONSORS:

GRANTS:

ALEXANDRA Blossom Festival

Monday 18 September
All Day: Blossom Drive - Follow the Blossom Arrows for the most scenic Blossom Drive in NZ. See Map inside this brochure.

Tuesday 19 September
All Day: Blossom Drive - See 18 Sept.
1.30pm: Senior Blossom Festival Queen Contest. Doors open 1.30pm, show starts 2pm. Alexandra District Club, Centennial Avenue. Admission \$15 Includes afternoon tea.

Wednesday 20 September
All Day: Blossom Drive - See 18 Sept.

Thursday 21 September
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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 Greta Mason: 022 606 3553.

Fulton Hogan MARDI GRAS

6pm - 8.30pm: Rivers Street, Alexandra. Freestyle NZ FMX Spectacular, Fireworks Display, The Wonkey Donkey Man, The Winter Boys Band & Luminous Fairies.

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9am - 5pm: Model Railway and Kit Set Model Display. Community House, 14-20 Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. Family \$10, Adults \$5, Children \$2. Door sales only.

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

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12pm - 6pm: Tarore Open house with refreshments. Puppet Workshop. St Aidans Church.

Alexandra Musical Society
 PRODUCTION OF
MAMMA MIA!
 MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
BENNY ANDERSSON BJÖRN ULVAEUS
 AND SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON
 BOOK BY CATHERINE JOHNSON
 ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY JUDY CRAYMER

SEPTEMBER 2023
 ALEXANDRA MEMORIAL THEATRE
 Skird Street, Alexandra

Saturday 23rd - 7.30pm Director Bryan Atiken
 Sunday 24th - 2.00pm Musical Director Sam van Betuw
 Mon 25th and Wed 27th - 7.30pm Choreographer Karen Meissel
 Thu 28th and Fri 29th - 7.30pm Assistant MD Amy Delpoit

Tickets available online at www.alexandramusicalsociety.com/tickets
 or from
 Alexandra Community House,
 Centennial Avenue
 Monday - Thursday, 8.30am - 4.30pm;
 Friday, 8.30am - 3pm

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

contact. GRAND PARADE

Saturday 23rd September

11.45am: Booths Logistics Parade of Trucks
Procession Order

- C O Vintage Car Club
- Dunstan Vintage Machinery Club. Vintage Tractors
- Geoff Grant Vintage Tractors
- Central Motor Speedway
- Highlands - Experience the Exceptional
- Alexandra Pipe Band, Queenstown and Waimatuku Pipe Bands Combined
- Contact Float with Senior Queens
- Fulton Hogan - Tow Mater

Princess: Mya Boyd

- Boys Brigade of NZ
- New World Florrey - "Tatou Tatou" - Able Minds
- Combined Lions Clubs of Alexandra & Clyde - "Puss n Boots"

Princess: Hailey Petrie

- New World Florrey - Omakau and Districts Play Centre - "Let's Play"
- Life Education Trust Heartland Otago Southland
- Flames and Alexandra Skating Club
- HireKing - Not Just Fencing and Toilets

Princess: Myah Turnbull

- City of Christchurch Highland Pipe Band
- New World Florrey - "Race Cars" - 1st Alexandra Scout Group
- Little Oaks Early Learning Centre. - "Nee Naw"

Princess: Amber Scobie

- RSA 25 Pounder Howitzer and Series 2 Land Rover Ambulance
- Rebel Creations and Tara Bladewing - "Iron Ghost"
- New World Florrie - Alexandra Primary School - "Our Hapu"
- Central Otago Filipino Community
- Grans Who Can - Minions. Bob, Kevin, and Stuart

Princess: Aja Tait-Bell

- Coast Guard Clyde
- Alexandra BMX Club
- Chinese Dragon Dancers
- Barnardos Cromwell
- Eat Humble Pie and Waterworks Plumbing "Gold Fever"

Princess: Tyla Davidson

- Animal Rehab Central
- CAJ Apples and Seasonal Solutions
- Clyde Play Centre - Up - Adventure Is Out There

Princess: Arlia Murphy

- Dunedin Steam Punk Society
- Alexandra Volunteer Fire Brigade
- Alexandra Musical Society - "Mamma Mia"

Princess: Rose Wearing

- Central Otago Steam Punk
- ILT City Of Invercargill Highland Pipe Band
- Gold Fields Cavalcade Horses and Wagons



**SATURDAY
23RD 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 -**



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**KAPA HAKA
PERFORMANCE**

**CHINESE
DRAGON
DANCERS**



**HIGHLAND
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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 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. We will introduce you to our current Princesses and returning former Blossom Festival Queens. Following the official ceremony, we welcome Ginger & Tonic 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 Broberg**, Skye is a crazy contortionist, hula hooper and retro dancer extraordinaire, with several Guinness World Records under her belt. You will spot Skye at this year's Blossom Festival zipping around in character for the parade, on the stage in full costume, or when not twisting her body, she might be in the field twisting a balloon or two for your kids' delight. **Toni Smith Show**, Get your hoop on! Whether you are young or old, big or small, Toni Smith will inspire you to get hula hooping and loving it, through her engaging performance and hands-on teaching. Hoops will be provided so come on down to Blossom Festival and be part of the festivities....Toni Smith is an expert international circus hula hooper and physical comedian from New Zealand with over 20 years' experience in Circus Arts. Toni will delight and amuse you with her loveable antics!

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.

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Admission to Contact Saturday in the Park: Early Bird sales to Friday September 22nd all tickets \$6 (under 5 free). Available at Unichem Alexandra Pharmacy and local Alexandra businesses and banks. On the day all tickets \$10 (under 5 free).

Sunday 24 September

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9.30am - 3pm: Alexandra Petanque Club Triples Tournament. 2 Poole Road Alexandra Spectators welcome. Free.

9am - 1pm: b effect Linger & Die Mountain Bike Series. Cross Country 6 hour team race. Matangi Station Little Valley Road, Alexandra. Registration from 9am or online at www.linger-and-die.co.nz. Race starts 10am.

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11am - 3pm: Celebrating Clyde. Relax and enjoy the atmosphere at an open day in Historic Clyde. Explore the museums, churches, and heritage buildings. Maps in various shop windows in Clyde. Free.

12.30pm: Alexandra Bowling Club. Don and Tom Rutherford Optional Triples. Mufti. Don and Tom Rutherford were well known local personalities who put a huge amount of time and effort into assisting with bowls in Alexandra and Omakau. We hold an annual Optional Triples competition to remember them and their contributions. If you are coming to Blossie why not spend an afternoon on the famous greens of the Alexandra Bowling Club. We'll provide you with loan bowls and even a spare teammate if you wish. Afternoon tea provided. Email manager@alexandrabowling.club or ring/text PJ on: 021 550059 for details or to enter.



Tuesday 26 September

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Friday 29 September

All Day: Blossom Drive - See 18 Sept.

NZ Merino Shearing and Wool Handling Championships

Molyneux Stadium, Centennial Avenue. **Starts 8.30am:** Friday 29th September, Free Admission Daytime. Saturday Evening Finals \$10. nzmerinoshears@gmail.com



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

10am - 4pm: Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery: 65 years - Looking back at Blossom Festival. Walk through the decades with an interactive, multimedia display celebrating 65 years of the Alexandra Blossom Festival. **10am - 5pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Exhibition.** Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery, Centennial Avenue. Admission \$2.

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Delta Garden Tour Sunday 24th September

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 town and country gardens in Fruitlands, Roxburgh and the beautiful Teviot Valley.

Tickets available from Central Stories and Unichem Alexandra Pharmacy, Centennial Avenue

- Self-Drive Garden Tour Tickets \$25
- Garden Tour Bus \$45

(bus needs to be booked on or before September 18th)

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

Monday 25 September

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7pm: Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery:

Unsung Heroes- Villains, Vagabonds & Heroines - Unsong Heroes tells stories from NZ's distant past in song with newspaper clippings & Poems read by Peter Elliott as an introduction and a slideshow of historic images to accompany each song. Tickets \$25. This is a fascinating musical concept, based on actual people and events that occurred in our colonial history. You won't believe your ears - or the incredible stories contained herein. Rogues, rebels and folk heroes bringing all this history together in music.

Blossom Drive Map:

Follow the Blossom Arrows for the most scenic Blossom Drive in NZ!

