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ALEXANDRA Blossom Festival

Monday 17 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: 2018 WoolOn Creative Fashion Awards Exhibition. Winning garments from the 2018 WoolOn Creative Fashion Awards. Central Stories Museum and Gallery, 21 Centennial Avenue.

Tuesday 18 September

All Day: Blossom Drive - See 17 Sept.

10am - 4pm: 2018 WoolOn Creative Fashion Awards Exhibition. See 17 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 19 September

All Day: Blossom Drive - See 17 Sept.

10am - 4pm: 2018 WoolOn Creative Fashion Awards Exhibition. See 17 Sept.

Thursday 20 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 17 Sept.

10am - 4pm: 2018 WoolOn Creative Fashion Awards Exhibition. See 17 Sept.

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

Friday 21 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 17 Sept.

10am - 4pm: 2018 WoolOn Creative Fashion Awards Exhibition. See 17 Sept.

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

10am - 4pm: Patchwork and Embroidery Exhibition, Alexandra Patchworkers Group. Display of quilts and embroidery. St Enochs Church, Centennial Avenue. Admission free.

11am - 6pm: Otago Chamber of Commerce Annual Blossom Festival Golf Day. Business Golf Day. Ambrose Competition. Alexandra Golf Course, SH8. Entry fee \$300 + GST per team. \$500 + GST to Sponsor. Contact Sarah: events@otagochamber.co.nz or 03 479 0181

THE NEWS ROUND THE CLOCK RACE

Round the Clock Race teams and individuals traverse the Manuherikia River & scramble up the hill to the Alexandra Clock. Briefing at 4.45pm, Linger & Die, River St Alexandra. **Racing starts 5.15pm.** Entry forms: www.blossom.co.nz For additional info Trevor Breen 021 340 713.

THE NEWS MARDI GRAS

6pm - 8.30pm: Rivers Street, Alexandra Main land FMX Display, Fireworks Display, special guest Dean O'Brien "Yipadee" Registration P: Martin 021 879 849, info@blossom.co.nz

FMX Display!

Saturday 22 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 17 Sept.

9am - 5pm: Central Otago Model Kitset and Railway Display. Community House, 14-20 Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. A display of kitset models and model railway layouts. Family \$5, Adults \$2, Children \$1. Door sales only.

9.30am - 11.30am: Airfield Open Day Breakfast Fly In. Public welcome to view. Admission Free

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.

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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.

8pm: Alexandra Musical Society 'Nonsense.' Alexandra Memorial Theatre, Skird St. Adults \$45, school aged children \$20. Bookings at Community House, Centennial Avenue, online at <https://tickets.alexmusical.co.nz>, or one hour prior to all performances from the Theatre.

ALEXANDRA Blossom Festival

21ST SEPT - 23RD SEPT 2018



SATURDAY 22ND SEPT
PARTY IN THE PARK!



EVENT CALENDAR

contact. GRAND PARADE

Saturday 22 September

11.45am: Heavy Trucks Parade of Trucks

Procession Order

- Paddy-Ann Pemberton - Central Otago Town Crier
- C O Vintage Car Club with guests from Living Options
- Dunstan Vintage Machinery Club. Vintage Tractors
- Southland Zodiac & Zephyr Club Inc. 1950's - 1970's Classic Cars
- Central Motor Speedway
- Alexandra Mini Club
- Highlands Motorsport Park
- Alexandra Pipe Band
- Contact Float with Senior Queens
- Awesome Monster Tea Pot Racing
- Alexandra Rotary Club - "Rotary 75th"

Princess: Ruby Sawers

- New World Florrey - "Our Place, Our Paradise 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5" - The Terrace School
- New World Florrey - "Dragon Wagon" - Rubie Family
- Combined Lions Clubs of Alexandra & Clyde - "Rabbits Reprive"

Princess: Hayley Rubie

- New World Florrey - "Donna and the Dynamos" - Maggie, Liv, Amber, Sylvie & Jade
- Alexandra Petanque Club - "French Flair"
- Central Pioneer Leisure Marchers
- 1944 WW2 Ford Jeep
- Waimatuku Southern Scenic Highland Pipe Band
- Dunedin Gasworks Guild of Gadgeteers - Steam Punk and Splendid Teapot Racing NZ
- Alexandra Primary School - "Jurassic Park"

Princess: Olivia Hill

- Flames Ice Hockey & Alexandra Ice Skating Clubs - Ice Inline Groomer
- Alzheimer's Society Otago Inc Walking Group
- Balclutha Pipe Band
- Clyde Playcentre - "The World is our Playground"
- Alexandra Men's Shed - "The Wobbly Ducks"

Princess: Susannah Rendall

- New World Florrey - "Celebrating Spring" - Mia
- Web of Wonderment Steampunk - "Adventure A-Hoy!"
- Eat Humble Pie - "Cherry Pie"

Princess: Sophie Mathias

- Fulton Hogan Ltd Walking Group
- New World Florrey - "NZ Electoral Commission" - Deborah Beange
- New World Florrey - "Up" - Cannell Family
- New World Florrey - "The Minions" - Alexandra - Clyde Neighbourhood Support
- Alexandra Rural Community Patrol
- Dunedin Cosplay Cabal
- Alexandra Musical Society - "Nonsense"

Princess: Olivia Kotkamp

- Alexandra BMX Club
- Sticks n Stones - "Be a Flamingo"

Princess: Ariana Rogers

- New World Florrey - "Hannah & Emily" - Bec Fulcher
- New World Florrey - "The Tank" - Alexandra Venture Unit
- New World Florrey - "Kiwiana" - Maia and Astrid Smith
- Alexandra-Clyde RSA - "Armistice"

Princess: Breigh Monaghan

- ILT City of Invercargill Highland Pipe Band



SATURDAY 22ND 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 **The Red Band**, delighted to be the head line act at this years Festival, a combination of RED Trio harmony singers; Lisa Moore, Charlotte Graf and Margaret O'Hanlon (as pictured) will be fronting Queenstown's RED Band; Nigel Hirst (Saxophone/keys), Marc Hamilton (Drums), David Kennedy (Guitar) & Drix Valdo (percussion) for a massive mix of current contemporary artists, classic country & blues through to popular rock hits which will keep you dancing into the evening!



The Nukes
International touring group The Nukes from West Auckland are far more than a ukulele band. Part vaudeville, part rat-pack, part musical car crash & totally original. This talented trio deliver an engaging mix of humour and originality that audiences of all ages will love. The innocent little uke is the instrument of choice and folk will be staggered by what they are able to achieve with it. Great song writing, musicianship and 3-part harmony combine to create a truly memorable entertaining experience. Ukulele will never be the same again. Visiting to promote their Nukes III album which spent six weeks on the NZ album chart top ten as well as their upcoming tenth anniversary - including new material for the upcoming fourth album. The band have been tirelessly travelling about since Feb 22nd 2017 from Kaitiaki to Rakiura and so much in between - over one hundred and twenty shows many sell outs and attendance records broken including major Festival show appearances at Wanaka Festival Of Colour /Coastella Kapiti Coast, Kokomai Masterton & Southland Festival Of Arts, November 2017 also saw a successful three week tour about Australia the group's fourth visit across the ditch... This year has seen things keeping on with festival appearances at Splore, Sunshine Coast Queensland, Titirangi Festival and CMA's in Gore, as well as numerous school visits and public shows. The rest of this year promises much more with bookings around Blossom Festival Alexandra, Oamaru Heritage Festival, Hawkes Bay Arts Festival and the Hamilton Fringe Festival.



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 4 - 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 back The RED Band 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**, 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. A very special guest, **Dean O'Brien, YIPADEE**, will make an appearance on the Kids Stage, bringing you live, the characters made famous in his very popular books.



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 23rd
5 tickets for \$25 under 5 free.
Available at Alexandra I-SITE and local Alexandra businesses
On the day 5 tickets for \$45 under 5 free.

Sunday 23 September

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9am - 1pm: NORCO Linger & Die Mountain Bike Series. XC Cross Country, Ferris Road Brewery, 4 Ngapara Street, 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. Manuherikia River below Shaky Bridge. Contact Gordon Rayner, (03) 448 9054 or gordon@cmlaw.co.nz. Spectators free.



VALLANCE COTTAGE

12 - 2pm: Samson Street, Alexandra. Take a tour of this historic cottage and chat to working group members about ideas for future use of the cottage and its surrounding grounds. Entry: Gold Coin Donation.

4pm: Alexandra Musical Society 'Nonsense'. Alexandra Memorial Theatre, Skird St. Adults \$45, school-aged children \$20. Bookings at Community House, Centennial Avenue, online at <https://tickets.alexmusical.co.nz>, or one hour prior to all performances from the Theatre.

Garden Tour and Gardeners Market

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

This year we are pleased to include a selection of garden-inspired markets. These will be situated in "The Dell" at Orchard Gardens. Garden Tour and Garden Markets Tickets \$20, Sunday 23rd September. Maps to the Gardens available from Alexandra i-SITE from 9am on the day.

Monday 24 September

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Tuesday 25 September

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Wednesday 26 September

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Thursday 27 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 17 Sept.
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10am - 4pm: 2018 WoolOn Creative Fashion Awards Exhibition. See 17 Sept.
10am - 4pm: Central Otago Art Society Blossom Festival Art Exhibition. Alexandra Community Centre, Skird Street. Admission \$2.
11am Tee-off: Alexandra Ladies Blossom Festival Golf Tournament. Alexandra Golf Club, SH8. Entries to Ladies Club Captain, Ph. 021 025 6827 E: lxclubcaptain@gmail.com
8pm: Alexandra Musical Society 'Nonsense'. Alexandra Memorial Theatre, Skird St. Adults \$45, school-aged children \$20. Bookings at Community House, Centennial Avenue, online at <https://tickets.alexmusical.co.nz>, or one hour prior to all performances from the Theatre.

Friday 28 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 17 Sept.
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NZ Merino Shearing and Wool Handling Championships

Molyneux Stadium, Centennial Avenue.
Friday 28th September, Free Admission Daytime.
Saturday Evening Finals \$10



Saturday 29 September

All Day: Blossom Drive. See 17 Sept.
9.30am - 1.30pm: Alexandra Public Library Blossom Festival Book Sale, 43 Tarbert St, Alexandra. Admission free.
10am - 4pm: 2018 WoolOn Creative Fashion Awards Exhibition. See 17 Sept.
7.30pm: Manhattan Short Film Festival, Central Cinema @ Central Stories, Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. Bookings 03 448 7850, www.centralcinema.co.nz. An exciting global festival of 10 outstanding finalist films. Join other film lovers viewing at the same time round the world. Vote for your best film and actor. Members \$13, Non-members \$15.

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Sunday 30 September

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