

Simon ABBOTT

My principal place of residence is in the Fairlie Community Board area. I moved to the MacKenzie because it is one of the most beautiful places in New Zealand. For the last four years I have greatly enjoyed being part of the friendly Fairlie community.

I am a former veterinarian and historian. I am the Welfare Officer for the MacKenzie RSA, a founding member of the Mackenzie MenzShed, a volunteer at the Archives, and Chair of Fairlie Ratepayers.

After being blocked from holding our ANZAC Parade on its traditional route this year, I wrote to NZTA and obtained a commitment they would ensure necessary road closures next year. As Chair of Fairlie Ratepayers I successfully petitioned the Council to stop the destruction of trees in MacLean Park and to adopt in-house control of our water services.

I am very concerned about rates rising. I want the Community Board to make efficient use of funds offered by charitable trusts to reduce costs.