

# Mackenzie District Council Fairlie Community Board Electing 4 Board Members

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## **Simon ABBOTT**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Fairlie Community Board area.

I'm a former veterinarian with a Masters in New Zealand history and experience working in museums. I really enjoy helping people and problem-solving and I believe understanding our

history and how we used to live is more critical now than ever for our future.

Fairlie has both a rich history of agriculture and backyard innovation that many people are completely unaware of and the Fairlie Museum stands out as having great potential as a showcase for New Zealand's agricultural history.

The current global instability means we need to build on our community resilience initiatives like MenzShed, shared tool libraries, community gardens, eco-centres and seed banks to cope with challenges in future. With the increase in petrol prices, we need to work collectively to improve our public transport. The solutions that Central Government offer are often unworkable at the local scale, which is why we need local solutions to local problems.