

Bright lights of Middlemarch beckon

PUKERANGI



Santa (John Foote) highlights the Middlemarch community's plans to brighten up the dark winter days and nights with a festival of lights.

Old railway sidings will be dressed up in fairy lights, streets will glow with neon and Santa himself will make a special appearance as the Middlemarch Sub Zero Festival of Lights hits town.

Visitors can share in the event by boarding the Taieri Gorge train in Dunedin on either June 20 or 27.

A trail of lights, starting at Pukerangi, will lead to Middlemarch and visitors will be greeted by "fairies and elves" before a bus tour of decorated houses.

Mulled wine and an old English Christmas feast will be served in the community centre.

The event was organised to raise money to refurbish the centre, which was in desperate need of a "total overhaul", organiser Lorna Williams said.

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