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Greta, Alice, Flossie (top of yellow steps)
Fred, Marlow, Dudley, Lucy Toby, Willa, Atze
Cecilia, Bowyn, Hannah, Freya, Harriet*

A very successful Windwhistle Classic Golf Tournament was held recently at Fable Terrace Downs.

The event is the major fundraiser for Windwhistle School - a small rural school with limited funding.

The tamariki (children), along with the staff and whanau (families) are very grateful for the proceeds of the fundraising event.

"The school is reliant on fundraising and donations to support their vision of growing exceptional learners, people and citizens," said Lucy Richards.

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MAY

28 St John's Donation Drop off day

JUNE

- 1 OLS New Parent Info Evening
- 3 Methv. Ploughing Association AGM
- 5 World Environment Day
- 10 Mt Hutt Skifield opens
- 16 MHC Open Day
- 16 MHC Information Evening, 7pm
- 19 Methven Bowling Club AGM, 2pm
- 24 Matariki
- 25 Mid Canty Rural Community Dance

UPCOMING

- 16 July Topp Friends Dinner & Show
- 22-24 July Ashb Glow in the Park
- 13 August White Out
- 26 August Daffodil Day
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New Fish Screen now active

You will have noticed that the Rangitata Diversion Race (RDR) had been empty for some weeks.

This enabled the recent commissioning of the new fish screen near the intake at Klondyke.

On Monday 16th May, as planned, water started entering the channel where the fish screen is.

RDR Management Chief Executive Tony McCormick said, "There was not a great whoosh of water arriving, as it was brought in slowly, and monitored as the water level increased. By the end of the day, the flow rate was close to four cumecs and the canal level was about 1.2 metres below full. Water was flowing through the new screens and filling the downstream canal."

Baffle flow control testing will continue, as will tuning the control gate on the channel that the fish use to return to the Rangitata River.

You will notice water returning to the RDR, which was empty for three weeks.

"For the first time in 80 years of operation, we can guarantee no fish are being diverted from

the river into the RDR," said Tony. He joked, "there may still be some "residents" who remained in areas of the canal that did not completely dewater, but they won't be seeing any more tourists!"

Photo by Tony McCormick

The fish screen is partially covered with water, part way through filling, showing the fish exit point at the far end, where they're diverted back into the Rangitata River

Futures Team Golf Series - attention school players

Methven Golf Club is hosting the Series

Sunday 29 May 1.30 - 3.30pm

The Series is aimed at school aged golfers and is over 6 holes.

Check out the Methven Golf Club Facebook page or the Methven Golf Club website under Events.

Players are required to register before the date. A registration form can be found on the following link: <https://bit.ly/3jzdVfD>
The event is being hosted by Aorangi Golf and Golf NZ.

Spot
Prizes

See you at the Methven Golf Club.



Thursday 16th June 2022

Mount Hutt College

Open Day

Tours commence:
9am, 10am, 11.30am,
12.30pm, 2pm

Information Evening, 7pm

- Meet the Principal and Senior Staff
- School Information

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Draft Waste Management & Minimisation Plan 2022

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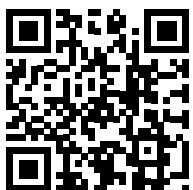
In other districts, this costs about \$50 per household per year or roughly \$1 per week. We expect it would be a similar cost here, but we'll need to investigate further.

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Draft Trading in Public Places Bylaw

Mobile shops, stalls and trading in public places adds character and vibrancy to our district and can help us to attract visitors, but it needs to be well managed so it doesn't cause a nuisance for our residents.

We have reviewed our bylaw (currently known as the Mobile Shops, Stalls and Hawkers Bylaw), and we are proposing a few changes including adding more permitted sites for trading.



We want to hear from YOU!

Visit ***ashburton.govt.nz/haveyoursay*** or scan the QR code to view the consultation documents and share your feedback by 5pm, Thursday 23 June.

Connecting with others in our Community

Connecting Mid Canterbury hosted a Methven Event at Mt Hutt Memorial Hall last Wednesday, giving residents the opportunity to connect with and learn about a number of community service organisations.

Free kai-dinner for attendees was supplied by Hakatere Marae and Ashburton Pakeke Lions, with the veges supplied by Lovett Family Farms.

The 25 attendees listened to representatives from the Rural Support Trust, Safer Mid Canterbury, Time Bank, Wellbeing Opuke, Citizens Advice Bureau, Hakatere Multi Cultural Council, Neighbourhood Support and more.

It was evident from the evening that there are a lot of community organisations who can offer help and support with a wide variety of topics ranging from consumer issues, problems with benefits, employment, scams, difficult neighbours, to budget advice and Neighbourhood Support.

The Time Bank is a great way to trade skills without money changing hands, with lots of options available - tree cutting, gardening, cooking, babysitting, wallpapering, house maintenance, and more.

There were loads of free take-home resources available.



Annie Jacobs

Upcoming events which are free to attend:

- Wellbeing Opuke host **Board Games Sunday** on the last Sunday of the month at the Blue Pub (check their Facebook page for details).
- Hakatere Matariki Night Market** - this is being held before Matariki to allow people to celebrate Matariki with their whanau. This will be held at Hakatere Marae (State Highway 1, Ashburton) on 18th June, 3-7pm. There will be stalls, kai (food) for sale, arts and crafts, a live band, childrens activities, baking and decorating.

Above: Jenny Rae, Community Connector shares Community Support Resources with attendees



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8th	A Wright	57.21
9th	S Middleton	57.00
10th	J & J Anderson	56.43
11th	N Currie	55.67
12th	G Lilley	54.38
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1st	D Wright	47.00
2nd	S Grant	44.30
3rd	A Barlass	43.50

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2nd	Charterhouse	47.70
3rd	S Sim	43.20

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S Middleton
J & J Anderson
K & M Henderson
S Middleton
M Ensor
G Lilley
D Wright

Successful Winter Feed Competition



Photo by Mark Lock

The weather was perfect for the two days of farm visits for Methven and P Association's Winter Feed Judging.

Morning teas for the two days were kindly supplied by ANZ, with lovely lunches supplied by Farm Source and Farmlands.

Competition was tight, as the scores (at left) show.

"A lot of work goes into the competition," said Pip Ivey, A and P Association Secretary. "It's a great opportunity for farmers to get off the farm and go and have a look at what and how other farmers are growing their winter feed crops," she said.

Mark Lock organised the competition, with 37 people attending on Day One.

Kids Dance Group



Annie Jacobs

Eva Patterson (5), Penelope Adams (7), Alyssa Cuttle (5), Charlotte Naylor (6)

A new dance group has been set up at Methven Primary School Hall for children.

Many of you already know of Phoebe Todd – a teacher at the school. She is also an experienced dancer.

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The children certainly seemed to be enjoying themselves on the day I visited!



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We were thrilled to be able to hold the 17th Windwhistle Golf Classic on Thursday 12th May at Fable Terrace Downs Resort.

We had a big playing field of 137 golfers on the day - a record for us. Tournament day dawned sunny with near perfect golfing conditions for the Ambrose Tournament. This popular annual event is the major fundraiser each year for Windwhistle School.

The players enjoyed a delicious morning tea before tee-off and packed snacks on course provided by school parents and members of the community. This year the sponsors enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch kindly provided by Southfuels.

Following 18 holes of golf there was an opportunity to unwind and relax in the clubhouse before the prizegiving and dinner.

The much anticipated annual auction was also part of the entertainment with George Mannering from Hazletts being the auctioneer. The auction was action-packed with amazing donated items such as local experiences, accommodation, meat and art. A silent auction was also popular with "friend against friend" bidding meaning some great funds were raised for the School. The combined auctions were a fantastic success.

A wonderful day out and all in support of a special school!

Results from the day were:

Top Team: Fill Rural

2nd: PGG Wrightson

3rd: Ellesmere Transport

4th: R&R Precision Spreading

The organising committee and Windwhistle School wish to say a huge thank you to the many sponsors listed in the advertisement in this



Local team "Longspur" at the Windwhistle Golf Classic.

From left to right: Gerald Innes, Tom McElrea, Simon Driscoll and William Innes.

issue that played and donated prizes or money to the school. A very big thank you also to Fable Terrace Downs Resort without whom we could not run this tournament. Special thanks also to Southfuels who provided the BBQ lunch and liquid refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you again in 2023.

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Double Hill School Building lives on as SAR Headquarters

Photo supplied by Jim McAndrew



Not a sight you see every day - this is the Double Hill School building being moved down the Rakaia Gorge on the back of a truck!

Continuing on from the beginning of this story a few weeks ago...

Annie Jacobs

Alan Hepburn started the Search And Rescue (SAR) organisation in Methven, and was a top bloke according to Jim McAndrew and Harvey Grieve. It was soon apparent that the group needed a headquarters, and due to Alan's work for the then Education Board, he heard about the Double Hill School classroom no longer being used and was for sale and removal.

Due to the difficult terrain and narrow road, it could not be moved by transporting it down Blackford Road. The lads at SAR decided they'd move it down the river on the back of a truck, in one piece, which they were told could not be done.

This provided some hairy moments! As we know, the sides of the Rakaia Gorge are notoriously steep and high.

The building was too high and too wide to be permitted to legally travel on the road to Methven.

"Roger Harris, our local policeman at the time was a great guy. He came with his police car lights flashing to make it legit (even though it wasn't)," recalls Jim, who drove the truck with the building on the back.

A site for the building was available behind the Police Station in Methven, and that is where it was moved to, still serving SAR to this day.



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Sidinei Teixeira –
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Committee member

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A bylaw that regulates mobile shops like food trucks and coffee carts is being refreshed by the Ashburton District Council and will include more spots for people to set up their temporary shops as well as a new name.

Council is reviewing its Mobile Shops, Stalls and Hawkers Bylaw, and proposing to introduce more permitted and discretionary sites around the district.

It's also proposed to change its title to the "Trading in Public Places Bylaw," which will better reflect the activities it regulates. It was not originally up for review until 2026, but has been brought forward by the need to look at sites near the new library and civic centre.

Strategy and Compliance Group Manager Jane Donaldson said that mobile shops and stalls added character to the district and attracted visitors when well-managed, but a bylaw was needed to manage any nuisance factors and maintain public health and safety.

"The current bylaw has been working well so it's mostly unchanged, however we have made some tweaks to ensure it is relevant for today and into the future."

Under the existing bylaw, traders need a permit from Council to operate at specified sites or they can apply to be in discretionary sites if they want timeframes outside those provided in the bylaw. Charitable groups are exempt, although they still need to seek approval.

Some proposed new sites in the draft bylaw include the green area next to East Street (Old Post Office), East Street concrete pad (stalls only), three sites at Lake Hood, - all at Ashburton, Lochhead Subdivision green space and Chambers Park at Methven (stalls only), and Railway Terrace at Rakaia.

Ms Donaldson said another focus of the review, was ensuring the bylaw will not adversely affect existing businesses. Sites that are within 100 metres of an existing shop in a similar trade will not normally be permitted.

"We have included new sites in the bylaw to allow additional locations for traders, however, if people want more sites added then they should make a submission and tell us where."

The draft bylaw will be out for consultation on Monday 23 May and feedback will be accepted until 23 June. Submission hearings will be heard on 6 July and the final bylaw is expected to be adopted later that month. Ms Donaldson said the easiest way to have your say was to complete the online form at ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay, but Council also had paper copies of the consultation document it could mail out to interested people. People will be asked whether they want to keep the existing bylaw or adopt the new one, with the proposed changes.



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Our next meeting is on Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 10.15am (doors open at 9.30am) at the Ashburton Trust Event Centre on Wills Street. Those attending are required to wear a mask until seated in auditorium, with social distancing.

Our guest speaker is Karl Russell, Kaumatua at Arowhenua Marae. Karl is employed as a cultural expert by Aoraki Environmental Consultancy Limited. AEC Ltd deals with all matters that affect the environment ie: resource consents, long term planning, district plans. His main role at AEC Ltd is relationship building with councils, government departments, consultants, community groups and business groups. Karl will share their whakapapa and relationship, especially Arowhenua connections to Hakatere/Ashburton, with those attending the U3A meeting.



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Golf for School Players comes to Methven

Bruce Dickson

The Futures Team Golf Series comes to the Methven Golf Course this Sunday from 1.30-3.30pm.

This programme run by Aorangi Golf in association with Golf NZ is aimed at school aged players to encourage them to play on the course.

The mini tournament will be held over 6 holes with spot prizes on offer. Registration is required before the day. Methven is the final event of three in Mid Canterbury in May.

Golf NZ has set up this programme throughout New Zealand to attract the school players to golf by offering them a taster for playing on the course

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See you on the course on Sunday.

METHVEN GOLF CLUB

Ladies Results 18th May

LGU Silver Gayle O'Duffy 92-18-74

Bronze A Tania Wilson 94-21-73, Sharon Burrell-Smith 101-25-76.

Bronze B Heather Middleton 106-30-76, Sandra Marr 113-32-79, Nola Hydes 115-36-79.

Margaret Lilley Putting Heather Middleton 28, Nola Hydes 29.

Nawab Indian Restaurant Best Nett of the Day Tania Wilson 73. **Nearest the Pins** No4 Open Methven Travel **Ellen Kemp**. No6 Open Primo **Heather Santy**. No13 Open Methven Foursquare **Sandra Marr**. No17 Open and Bronze B 2nd Shot **Dennise Hood**. No14 Silver and Bronze A Supersave **Tania Wilson**.

Twos and Nett Eagles Sharon Burrell-Smith, Ruth Smith, Nola Hydes x2, Sandra Marr.

Mens Results 21st May

Senior Greg Overall 76-4-72 by lot. **Intermediate** Frank Sandys 81-11-70. **Junior A** Paul Middleton 83-16-67. **Junior B** Peter Kemp 99-25-74.

Other good scores 69 Ross Breach, 70 Phil Elliott, Sam Hargreaves, 71 Keith Middleton, 72 Frikkie Greybie, Grant Hargreaves, Philip Duff.

Two's Keith Middleton x2, Stuart Wilson x2, Peter Hitchcock, Phil Elliott, Sam Hargreaves, Matt Duncan, Paul Middleton.

Closest to the Pins Methven Pubs No4 **Matt Duncan**. Hunters Wine No6 **Keith Middleton**, Ski Time No13 **Keith Middleton**. Green Parrot No17 **Stuart Wilson**.

Dubliner Best Nett Paul Middleton 67. Methven Foursquare Second Best Nett **Sam Hargreaves** 70 by lot. Bar Voucher Best Gross **Greg Overall** 76.

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Wednesday 18th May

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Celtic Black. Methven Hammer Hardware vs
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Thursday 19th May

Premier

Methven Wareings A 42 vs 22 Ashburton
College Senior A. Methven EuroAgri B 31 vs
32 Allenton Snr A. Methven Shearmac 39
vs 25 Hampstead Ray White U18. Methven
Humm Engineering 24 vs 18 United KFC B.

Friday 20th May

Junior Year 3 & 4

Methven Black vs Hampstead Steal, POD
Rykie Greybe. Methven Red vs Hampstead
Stars, POD *Zoe Turney*. Methven White vs
Tinwald Stars, POD *Michelle Datt*.

Saturday 21st May

Senior

Methven Trucking 26 vs 30 AshColl 9A,
POD *Leah Maw & Jordan Magson*. Methven
Garage Gym 10 vs 16 Hampstead Ray White
U15A, POD *Eilish McKerrow*. Methven
Paddock Vets 20 vs 14 Hampstead Ray White
U18B, POD *Brooke Clark*. Methven B Moore
Contracting 5 vs 25 AshColl Blue, POD *Olivia
Keane*. Methven Habit Health 20 vs 8 AshColl
White.

Junior Year 7 & 8

Methven Rural Natives 4 vs 39 Rakaia A
Vetlife, POD *Lily Oliver*. Methven Clemens
Seed Cleaning 3 vs 22 Hampstead Ray White
Jun B, POD *Peyton Fews*. Methven R&R
Spreading 2 vs 19 St Joseph's School Green,
POD *Rosie Smith*.

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Moths and butterflies (such as the white cabbage butterfly), usually lay their eggs on plants or other food supply so the emerging caterpillars have food when they hatch.

Grass grub adults are a brownish colour when they emerge from the ground in early summer, but change to a shiny black beetle approximately 10-15 mm long. They eat foliage and fruit such as young apples and in late spring the female digs down into the soil and lays a batch of eggs. The resulting grubs are what we see when cultivating the vegetable garden. They are the C-shaped grubs, about 25-30 mm in length with a creamy-white body



and light brown head. Recently I saw some in the pots of shrubs I was re-potting – they'd eaten a big chunk of the potting mix and roots.

Grass grubs are native to New Zealand and probably did little significant damage to the native vegetation. All that changed when

ryegrass pasture was sown and shallow-rooted shrubs such as rhododendrons were planted. These new plants provided an abundance of food and they are now a common pest of pasture, gardens and lawns.

Porina grubs are different to grass grubs in that they feed on pastures and lawns, not plant roots. They live in burrows and emerge at night to feed. Their presence is easy to spot – soil and droppings around the tunnels are normally covered with a fine castings from digging.

Another common insect in my garden is the wireworm. This chap has a shiny brown segmented body, with three short pairs of legs at the front. They are the larvae of the click beetle and can eat plant roots, bulbs and tubers.

Depending on your viewpoint, you can leave these to their own devices and hope they don't eat all your plant roots to the point of collapse, or you can remove them and add to the compost or worm farm, or give them to the chooks for added protein.



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