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Adventure Balloons soar

Annie Jacobs

Over recent years, Mid Canterbury has not had the enormous pleasure of seeing majestic hot-air balloons aloft in our skies.

Thankfully, that has changed! Graeme Church (not the Graeme Church from Ashburton), who had previously piloted balloons with Aoraki Balloon Safari's has come back to New Zealand and set up a new business, Adventure Balloons New Zealand, based right here in Methven.

Balloon pilots tend to follow the weather and go from season to season, (a bit like the ski industry), and Graeme has over thirty years experience in the industry having run ballooning companies Pendle and Cumbria in the United Kingdom. A number of years ago when not flying during the UK winter, Graeme answered an advertisement placed by George Currie needing a balloon pilot here in Methven, and from there a long friendship started.

There are only four balloon operators in New Zealand; one in Hamilton, Darfield, Methven and Queenstown. Graeme has been asked to be an examiner for the Civil Aviation Authority with ASPEQ (they organise the assessments for aviation examinations) for ballooning.

Graeme is also starting a ballooning school and with that in mind, brought out 77 balloons from the UK for teaching purposes. To gain your Balloon Flying Qualification, you need a minimum of 16 hours flying time. Our weather in New Zealand is really conducive for balloons, giving us the opportunity to fly year round.

For an experience with Adventure Balloons New Zealand, you need to allow up to four hours. You will receive the full package from preparing the balloon for flight and inflation to putting it away afterwards. Each flight lasts for about an hour and is a very unique experience. The take-off/launch is from pre-arranged locations, and Adventure Balloons have paddocks and landing spots available to them in the area. There is a definite magic about ballooning that has come a long way from Leonardo da Vinci's ideas.

George said, "You fly with the breeze, don't know where you're going, don't know where you're going to land, and don't know who you're going to meet when you get there."

Extra crew follow in a chase vehicle, and when the balloon lands, passenger can celebrate with a glass of champagne.

For more information go to:

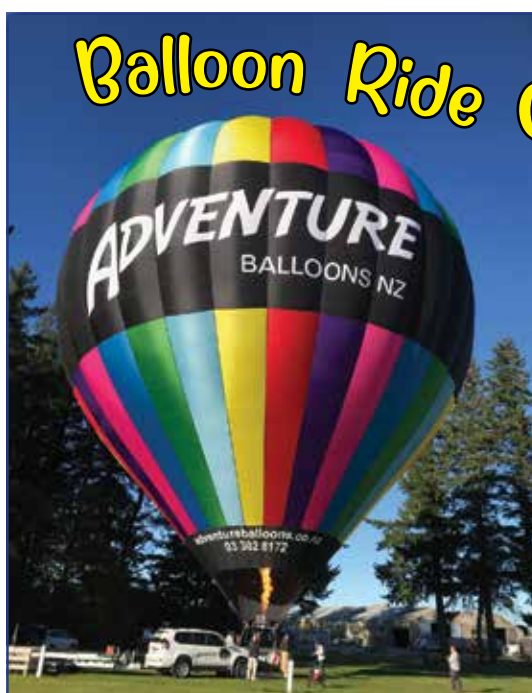
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PUKA RATAKA (Diary)

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TUESDAY

Methven Public Library 2pm-4pm

FRIDAY

Methven Public Library 2pm-4pm

JUNE

June Motor Neurone Awareness Month

Joey Gerard's Art Exhibition, Mount Hutt Memorial Hall Art Gallery

20 World Refugee Day

21-28 National Volunteer Week

UPCOMING

1 July Mount Hutt College Cross Country 1pm

11 July Comedy Festival starts at Ashburton Event Centre

30 Nov Waste Free Parenting, MHMH

Methven Historical Society AGM

Thursday 18 June, 2020, 7.30pm
Methven Museum / Library, Main St

All welcome

Speaker: Jeanette McLennan

"Highs and Lows of Historical Research exemplified by some new snippets of Methven history."

Apologies: methvenmuseum@gmail.com

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John Wooden

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Gary Eddington and Top Notch for looking after the over 70 year olds in Methven during Alert Level 4, delivering our groceries for free. What a great service!

Margaret Quirk

Dear Editor

I have been researching dolphins and I want to stop people and boats from killing the dolphins.

People need to change the way they fish because we don't want to hurt them in any other way. 188 Hector's and Maui's dolphins have been killed in set nets in New Zealand since 1973. Maui dolphins are in a critical situation because their population is so small.

Tourist and recreational Boats are a problem. Too many boats effect the dolphins' behaviour. The reason why they go crazy is because of all the noise and drives them bonkers. Boat strike is also a problem. Most solo dolphins have a

fascination with propellers and over the years many have been injured or killed by boats.

Dolphin watching has to be managed to stop too much disturbance.

What can you do ?

Report dolphin sightings as this increases knowledge on where they are no use of set nets in dolphin areas, follow rules around approaching dolphins as told by doc.govt.nz.

In New Zealand we have 55 Hector dolphins left and 63 Maui dolphins. I By taking notice of some of these ideas you might help me out for my project to protect the last of these dolphins that are still alive.

Sincerely

Hans Bovendeerd, 9BN

Mount Hutt College



New Entrant Transition to School Parent Meeting

7:00pm Thursday 18th June
New Entrant Mahuri Hub

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Pool Keys

Thank you to those keyholders who have returned their Methven Swimming Pool Key.

Could all outstanding keys please be returned ASAP to the letterbox slot beside the pool door.



Methven Summer School AGM

Tuesday 16 June, 7pm
Methven Rugby club rooms

If you are looking for a Community group to support and meet new people, come along to our AGM. We are a small friendly group, we have short monthly meetings. In January we have a fun week running the Methven Summer School which is a well-oiled machine as it has been running for over 25 years.

All new-comers are very welcome to join us at our AGM.

Mt Hutt ready to open at Alert



Mt Hutt is ready to open with a little more normalcy this Friday 12 June after New Zealand moved into Alert Level 1 this week.

NZSki CEO Paul Anderson says the team at Mt Hutt have welcomed the news and are stoked to be opening this weekend

"Level 1 looks like a little more of a normal season for us operationally. We won't have to manage physical distancing in lift queues or on chairlifts, and it gives our food and beverage more flexibility in their offering.

"At Mt Hutt it means we can run at capacity with around 3500 people on the slopes, rather than half of that under Level 2. With this, we can now confirm we will be open daily from 1st July once we have increased our staff numbers to allow us to operate with more people on the mountain."

At Coronet Peak and The Remarkables, planned opening days and hours will largely stay the same at level 1 unless demand increases. However, Anderson confirms The Remarkables season will be extended to open daily during the October school holidays, with a new scheduled closing

date of Sunday 11 October.

"Australians make up 30-40% of our visitation in Queenstown so we're still expecting a quieter season. If demand requires it or a trans-Tasman bubble opened up then we do have the ability to scale up our operations.

"Across all three mountains we will still be implementing enhanced hygiene standards, encouraging guests to check-in with the government Covid-19 app and have the ability to contact trace through our lift passes and RFID scanners," Anderson says.

To encourage more Kiwis to give snowsports a go this winter, the company is offering up a few new deals including extending their Earlybird multi-day lift pass sale, 10% off when you book online, upgrading day passes to a 'Queenstown Superpass' and extending the 'Kids under 10 Ski Free' deal to all three mountains.

To celebrate moving to Level 1, the company is running their Earlybird multi-day pass sale through until Monday 15 June, giving people the opportunity to ski or board for less than \$75 a day.

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Sunday 14 June
1.30-2.30pm

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Level 1 this week



Day lift passes will be automatically upgraded to a Queenstown Superpass, giving guests more flexibility on days they decide not to ski and the ability to use part of the cost of their lift pass as credit for activities or dining around Queenstown.

To encourage guests to book online all lift passes and snowsports products will have 10% off.

Finally, the company has decided to extend their popular "Kids under 10 ski for free" deal to both Queenstown mountains. This gives kids under the age of 10 years old a free day pass with each adult lift pass purchased.

"We know Kiwis are looking forward to exploring their own backyard this winter, so we hope to see them up on the slopes taking advantage of these deals," Anderson concludes.

Ski area opening dates and hours are:

Mt Hutt

Scheduled opening: Friday 12 June 2020

Scheduled closing: Sunday 11 October 2020

Operating hours: Five days a week until 1st July, then daily for the rest of the season

The Remarkables

Scheduled opening: Saturday 4 July 2020

Scheduled closing: Sunday 11 October 2020

Operating hours: Daily for the first two weeks during July school holidays then

weekends at a minimum. Daily during last two weeks during October school holidays.

Coronet Peak

Scheduled opening: Friday 26 June 2020

Scheduled closing: Sunday 27 September 2020

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Hot rods benefit Fire Brigade

The Methven Volunteer Fire Brigade have once again been donated most of the proceeds from the bi-annual Rods at Methven Hot Rod & Classic Car Show held in the centre of Methven Township between Christmas and New Year.

Due to the Covid 19 Lockdown we've been unable to present the proceeds of \$4,600 to them. We were also in a position to be able to donate \$450 to Kidz Methven for some landscaping for the new Skate Park. This is quite fitting as our first hot rod show held 10 years ago gave Kidz Methven \$6,250 for the start of their fundraising. We could not run this event without help from the Fire Brigade Members who man the gates for us on the day of the show and help with the clean up afterwards.

Its great that most of the people that come to the show are from out of the Methven district and really enjoy coming to our town to view all the hot rods and classic cars on display.

We would like to thank the Methven Residents that make our visitors feel so welcome over the whole weekend, they love Methven and want to keep coming back. A special thanks to



Darren & Rhonda from Methven Camping Ground for looking after our camping guests and to Ruralco & Methven Lions for the use of their gates for the show.

Annmarie & Gerard McCloy

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On Monday, a welcome donation was received by Jo Suyker on behalf of Methven Care Trust from Anna Johnson owner of Garage Gym.

The cheque totalled \$2,500 and came about from a number of fundraisers that the Gym has facilitated. Earlier this year, they held an auction of items donated by businesses and others in the community, and also ran a twelve hour biking marathon where either individuals or teams could cycle for a donation.

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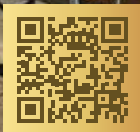
Bike Methven

A massive load of work happened up at the Mount Hutt Bike trails over the weekend.

Over 20 people on each day of the weekend turned up to help lay new gravel on two kilometres of track. This was no easy task, with two diggers, two tractors and a heap of wheel barrows working alongside six power barrows from Kennards Hire and Westside Hire used to cart the gravel up the side of the hill.

"Kennards Hire in Ashburton were amazing," said Ricky Brown from Bike Methven, "they raced around Christchurch to get as many power barrows as they could for us."

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Annie Jacobs

The track goes through a QEII covenanted area, and Bike Methven originally came up with the idea of making winter safe tracks through it that could handle frosts.

"We're really grateful to Ashburton District Council, as we received funding from them which has enabled us to get this done," said Ricky.

The wintry weather did not dampen enthusiasm, and they came close to running out of gravel!



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Pumping Party at Garage Gym

The Garage gym was pumping on Sunday morning - not with the usual sounds of feet pounding, rowing machines whirring and weights.

The celebration, "Lockdown is Over," was enjoyed by over sixty people pouring into the gym.

A bright bouncy castle was pulsating with little people, and the Rollin' Pedaler were there selling lots of delicious icecreams. Adults were offered a "Garage Gym Corona." Tenille Clemett and Brooke Sandys were on hand busily doing face -painting. The ladies estimated they'd painted 30-40 wee faces!

Owner, Anna Johnson is now offering and has brought a new programme, "Body Balance" to her gym - this is one that she has not previously offered here, and is a unique blend of pilates, tai chi and yoga.

Body Balance is great for new gym attenders, but also beneficial for regular attenders for stretching, flexibility, relaxation, stability and also has meditation at the end of the class. It's a slower pace class, but you definitely get warm, but not through jumping around; it's very much a "zen" class. The class also offers loads of options.

During the party, Garage Gym's first Body Balance class got underway,

with social distancing marking clearly defined on the floor and a little candle in each person's space.

"This is a great opportunity to celebrate how well we've done during Alert Levels 4 and 3," said Anna.



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Bronze A Jan Lane 106-25-81, Jane Helmore 104-23-81

Bronze B Heather Santy 98-29-69, Heather Middleton 98-28-70, Roz Grant 97-27-70

2nd Tuis Heather Santy 39, Heather Middleton 39, Roz Grant 39

2nd Waddington Plate Heather Santy 69

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Here at Contact Physiotherapy I do not have the specialist skills to manage full on concussive symptoms so my role may just be to advise specialist services in Christchurch. For the less severe or recovering concussion we can assist in understanding the condition and assisting in self-management strategies.

Physical examination can include assessment of the neck, dizziness/inner ear, headaches, balance, exercise tolerance and physical control and function. Some respond to

manual therapy and others require pacing of activity and a slow gradual exposure to stimuli.

The psychological considerations should not be treated lightly. A reduction in mental processing can be stressful to the client and those around him/her who may not understand the changes. A positive support system is a critical component of recovery at work and at home. A history of mental health problems or substance abuse make recovery that bit more challenging.

It cannot be over emphasised how valuable the person's understanding of recovery, enabling a positive outlook and providing resources and equipment for recovery can be. Again, creating a cohesive approach at home, school/work and on the sports field is critical.

Important considerations are *relative* rest-within the limit of your symptoms, sleep, paced return to activity, regular reviews with the medical team and sharing the symptoms, limitations and goals with family and carers all combine to promote good recovery.

Evidence indicates that physiotherapy after concussion is safe and starting early may facilitate a faster recovery. Specialist review is particularly indicated in clients who have experienced migraine/chronic headaches, changes in sight or hearing, sleep reduction, mental health problems or altered processing of information.



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REFERENCE Quatman-Yates et al (2020) "Physical Therapy Evaluation and Treatment After Concussion/Mild Traumatic Brain Injury" Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy April 2020; Vol 50; No 4

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Our "germ art"

This past week The Year 2/3's from Piwakawaka GT and L, have been creating their own "germ art."

We created these using a straw, watered down paint and a whole lot of puff! Once the germ blobs had dried, we cut little circles out of paper for the eyes, coloured them in with vivid, then added the germs "limbs."

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Party fit for a Queen!

There's nothing better than a good tea party...especially on a wet, wintery day! junior students and visitors were able to make a "cup of tea" (milo) in a cup and saucer, ice and decorate biscuits and butter a toasted crumpet. We had great fun and

Last week, Room 2 were cordially invited to celebrate the Queen's birthday with creative fun and an English afternoon tea. Teddy bears were invited to accompany us.

We welcomed Sonia's 'Star Brights' children to join us for our tea party and loved seeing them catch up with students in our room! We read the book, 'The Queen's Crown'. No Queen's birthday celebration would be complete without royal headgear, so we made a bejewelled crown to wear for our party. Three stations were set up where our



enjoyed all our treats! Thank you to Sonia for bringing us some yummy biscuits to add to the celebration! We listened to trumpet fanfare and imagined what it was like to be at Buckingham Palace for a special occasion.

As we reflect on our wonderful school family, we think of the quote from Queen Elizabeth II "Family does not necessarily mean blood relatives, but is often a description of a community, organisation or nation."



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Methven Seniors 7 V F.C Twenty 11 Falcons 3

Football is ever changing worldwide, and Methven is no different, ringing in the changes every year including at management level.

We've heard names branded 'the wally with the brolly' and 'the clown with the frown' but now Methven have their very own Instructor with the muster in the shape of Marc Davies at the helm. In his first competitive game in charge, the mountaineers welcomed F.C Twenty 11 Falcons to town. With some new ideas and new belief, our boys got down to work.

A highly disciplined approach from the off was the formula and the home sides structured formation was leaving the visitors frustrated and lacking ideas how to penetrate the defence. Despite this Methven dodged the bullet early on when veteran Keeper, James Wasley was forced into action, coming to the rescue and saving a one on one, admirably and sparing his side of any blushes.

Twenty minutes in and the hard work paid off; John Peneycad's brave header left him flattened by the incoming challenge but it broke up an attack and set Jan Luccini on his way to go charging down the line. With precision and panache he found striker Colin Cameron in the box to thread his effort home, 1-0.

Methven should have built from there but squandered chance after chance and this is a dangerous thing to do. The sucker punch ultimately came when James Wasley could only parry a shot into the path of the unmarked Falcon striker and the game was levelled, 1-1.

An instant reply from the Mountaineers, straight from the kick off, saw Luccini again whip a ball into Cameron running on and deft touching the ball majestically into the corner of the net, 2-1.

A deserved lead as they went into the break and the second half was

going to be much of the same with a controlled and rigid formation, only this time they added more conviction to their attacks. Cameron returned the favour, chipping a beautiful ball to the back post to be met by the head of the approaching Jan Luccini, 3-1. After a series of corners and the home side well and truly pinning the Falcons in, there was to be more hurt applied in the shape of Tommy Leek, plunging his header beyond the washed up keeper and defender on the line, courtesy of yet another Luccini, in swinger, 4-1.

However the Falcons came back yet again, after Methven failed to clear their lines on a number of occasions and paid the price with another goal clawed back, 4-2.

The mountaineers, were not done though as the journey man, Matt Galbraith arrived to the party. Luccini recycled his corner, fizzling the ball into Galbraith who applied the champagne finish on the volley, 5-2. Luccini was to get a brace from the spot, converting with ease after Cameron had been upended in the box, 6-2.

Unfortunately, the visitors would strike again with the goal of the game and keeper Wasley was left helpless as a delightful effort curled into the top corner from outside the area, 6-3.

Galbraith would have the final say of the afternoon; poaching in to leave egg on the face of the keeper, hitting left pegged into the inside of the net. Final score 7-3, a fantastic return to form for the boys and they will be in action again, next Saturday, when they take a trip to Centennial Park to face CTFC Sweaters.

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Many of our local tourist markets and many thousands of small businesses rely on international tourists coming in and filling our skifields, our hotels and motels, our retailers, our bars, restaurants and cafes.

Although there have been, and will continue to be, some high profile business casualties, the response so far from New Zealanders has been impressive. In recent days I've spent a fair bit of time talking to accommodation providers across the country, and some have reasons for optimism. In many cases bookings by Kiwis are up, with forward reservations for July making those in May and June look like a rounding error.

With locals unable to travel overseas, I hope that can be sustained. Although never replacing what we've lost in international arrivals, Kiwis getting about and seeing their own backyard represents an opportunity for them, and a lifeline for struggling tourism operators.

Beyond that, the opening of a Trans-Tasman bubble with Australia has enormous merit.

Provided both countries can demonstrate they have control of the virus, an exclusive travelling relationship between us and our Aussie mates should be a priority as soon as it's safe to do so. International tourism has been an important and growing market for us for many years, and it can be again. What's needed in many parts of the country is further investment in that.

Rather than putting our eggs exclusively in the Queenstown and Rotorua baskets, as much encouragement as possible should be made to broaden out our tourism offerings. Recently National leader Todd Muller put forward a recommendation to Government that would do exactly that. Known as the Tourism Accelerator, it would provide up to \$100 million to co-fund projects with tourism operators aimed at growing new tourism offerings across the country.

For some communities that might be new cycle trails, pushing further into a growing worldwide market of fitness-leisure. For others it might be high-end luxury services,

giving other towns and cities the opportunity to replicate the success of a previously over-saturated Queenstown market.

Some have suggested now is the time to pull back on marketing ourselves as a tourism destination. In difficult financial times it's a natural reaction. But it risks us being left behind as the world's most desired destination.

One of the biggest dangers in circumstances like we've seen in recent months is disruption. Short term habits become longer term, and become set as the new normal. Rather than pulling back, the alternative is to forcefully step forward, putting ourselves up as the pre-eminent destination for travellers when it is safe to do so.

Others around the world are gearing up for it, and it's important for the many businesses and jobs that rely on tourism that we do too.

In line with COVID alert measures currently in place, my Ashburton office is closed with staff and I working from home. If you require any assistance with any matter please call (03) 308 7510 or email me directly at:

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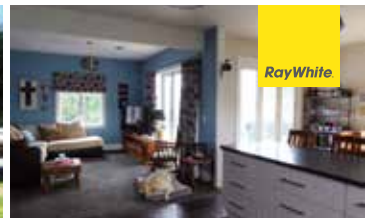
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