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**Annie Jacobs** 

### It's been a while since we've had a wee snowfall on the ground, but it is normal for our part of Mid Canterbury.

The only month in the last 100 years that there hasn't been snow on the ground in Methven, is February.

"Normal" usually means three or four skiffs (a light scraping of snow; 1-3cms), three or four dumps (10-15cms), and one or two good dumps (up to the height of a low windowsill, an adult's knees, or higher), per year. However, in the last 5 years, snowfalls on the ground in Methven have tended to be in Autumn or Spring.

The novelty factor is always there at the beginning. Then after three or four days of snow, mud, slush, ice, the constant drip, drip, dripping of thaw happening, trying to get ski and wet weather gear dry, the novelty starts to wear off. However, there is nothing quite like the fun of playing in snow!

In recent years, we have been so much more fortunate with less power cuts occurring. These are more likely to happen when we have wet snow (with more moisture in it), than a drier snow (with less water in it). This is due to the weight of a wet snow pulling fuses off the power lines. Generally, the small towns and villages in Mid Canterbury fare quite well. It is rural areas which are more likely to have power cuts, and water issues if gravity feed or pumped water becomes frozen.

Regardless of where you live in Mid Canterbury, make sure your water pipes are well lagged, you have an alternate heat, cooking, and light source for if the power goes off. Windows need to be draught free and double glazed where possible. Thermally backed curtains help keep rooms warm as do draught excluders at the base of doors.

A kettle for the inevitable thaw-out cuppa and a casserole or pot of soup bubbling away on the back of the logburner is the ultimate nourishing, tummy-warming food in weather such as this!



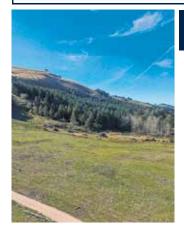
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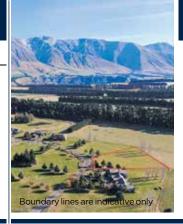
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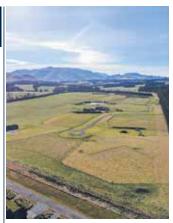
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**WEDNESDAY** 

Methven Toy Library 10.30am-1pm Busy Bees, Mt Hutt Elim Church 9-11am

**SATURDAY** 

Methven Toy Library 9.30am-12noon Methven Public Library 10-11am AA Meeting Methven Primary School Library, 6pm

### **AUGUST**

- 12 World Youth Day
- 20 Family Quiz Night, St John's Presbyterian Church, 7.30pm
- 21 Stand up Comedy, Arabica, 8pm
- 27 Cancer Society Daffodil Day
- 29 Lions Planting Day, 9.30am, Thymestream
- 30 Combined Choirs Concert at Mount Hutt College time TBA

### **UPCOMING**

- 5 September Fathers Day9-11 September Snow White,
- Methven Theatre Company
- 25 September Miss Methven
- 27 Sept-2 Oct Bookarama
- 3 October Methven Mud and Steel
- **16 October** Relay For Life, Ashburton Domain
- 31 October Methven Motor Show
- 24 November Opuke Time Showcase
- 27 November "The Exhibition" Methyen Trotting Club

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Isabella and Brielle McDonald

Very successful -Methven Craft Fair



Julie Donald and her absent friend, Clare McDonald, enjoying their gorgeous Devonshire teas.

Annie Jacobs

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# FROM THE EDITOR (Mai i te Etita)

**Annie Jacobs** 

It was fantastic to see so many great events on around Methven at the weekend.

Residents in the Foothills communities in Mid Canterbury are for the large part active, engaged in their community, and make things happen. The Mount Somers Walkway Society is busy with organising the new Sharplin Falls Walkway,

Staveley Ice Rink is undertaking a wonderful refrigeration project to enable us to use the rink for longer. There is a very busy skifield up on Opuke Mount Hutt. Opuke Thermal Pools and Spa is set to open soon. Bike Methven's trails on Opuke Mount Hutt just keep getting better and better! Long may this entrepreneurial spirit continue and develop.

Events such as the Methven Craft Fair run by Methven Playcentre, the market at Methven Resort last weekend, and White Out bring people from out of town to our area. Sporting fixtures bring families from out of town who post-game head out for a coffee or snack. This is great - it's bringing money into our town. We are spoilt for choice with cafes, restaurants and places to eat. There's a variety of pubs and bars. We have numerous accommodation options for all tastes and budgets with warm, affable, hosts and hostesses.

But it can be tough to be in business in a rural area. I want to say a big thanks to those who work so hard to give us all a local business to deal with – this saves us travelling to a bigger town. You have to be gutsy to be a business owner in a rural area. You need to be courageous, brave, and prepared to hang on. Thank you for employing people in our community. This in turn helps support schools, the Medical Centre, sports clubs and interest

groups. It means that we're not having to spend hours commuting to a place of work, so good for our well-being and the environment!

Thanks business owners; for the amazing amount of local support you give – I know that for many who have a shop front, you are approached daily to give sponsorship or monetary support to groups and clubs, for prizes at raffles and auctions. I know that our two local supermarkets are regularly approached by people (who get their groceries online from major supermarket chains, and don't shop at their local grocer); to give support to local groups. Our very generous and

kind supermarket owners graciously give that support – make sure you give yours back.



We need to continue to look after our local businesses – they look after us. Do check out the Ashburton District Council Business Awards and encourage our local businesses to enter – a small way you can say thanks for the amazing work they do. Nominations are open now and close on 30 November, 2021.

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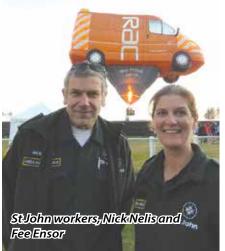
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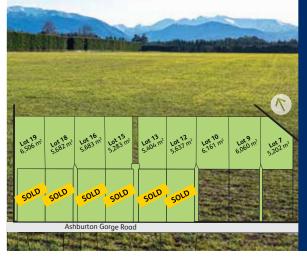
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Friday 27 August 2021 October, November 2021 Wednesday 17 November 2021 9:20-11AM







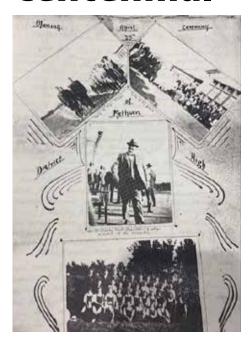
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# Mount Hutt College **Centennial**



Mount Hutt College is seeking interested people who would like to be involved with the 2025 Centennial.

It is planned that the Centennial celebrations will be held on or around 25th April 2025.

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Ron Smith has been very busy spreading shingle around the A & P block.

To date the track along Hydes boundary is completed and been fenced by Gavin Lill. All that is required now is a top course and rolled. The majority of shingle along Dave Grants boundary is on and Gavin has fenced the top two paddocks. Due to weather constraints we have not finished shingling on this track but given a weeks fine weather this will be finished (700 ton of shingle later).

We have since built two boardwalks on the A & P track. These cover the Dry creek overflow.

With this finished we will be moving onto repairing the Thymestream track.

We have had our ups and downs on the Mt Harding track with flooding happening for the third time. So far the plants have survived. We are currently setting out more planting areas on this part of the track.

Looking forward to a planting day on Sunday 29th August subject to weather.

The other bit of good news we received was a \$7000 grant from the Biodiversity fund from ADC. This will enable us to purchase more plants to extend our areas.

Thank you to all those members who have committed to being Friends of the Walkway. This has enabled us to keep Gavin Lill erecting the fencing, giving us a professional finish.

We leave this open to any member of the public or business community who wishes to join and contribute, please phone Bruce Sim 027 348 7484. Any donations will be acknowledged on an Honours Board at the beginning of the track.

Finally we wish to acknowledge all those members who have willingly given their time and machinery to facilitate this project. We see this as our generation's legacy to the Methven community.



The Methven Summer School has been running for nearly 30 years, and is always held from 5-10 January annually.

It was started by business people in the hospitality industry who wanted to help Methven attract more summer visitors. At the time there were grants available for adult continuing education from the government. Throughout the years many people have enjoyed learning new things and getting expert instruction in their areas of interest. The courses over the years have been wide and varied and included golf, fly fishing, bicycle repair, oil painting, short story writing, butchery, breadmaking, cheesemaking, jewellery making, pastel drawing, watercolours, sculpting, gardening, composting, cake decorating, sewing, just to name a few.

There are no longer any government grants available but despite that, the Methven Summer School is completely self-funding.

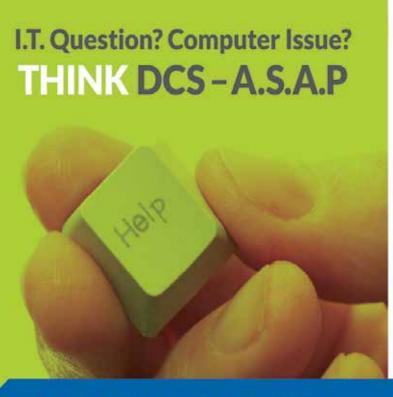
The Methven Summer School makes people happy! You only have to be there as a student or as a helper to understand that it is beneficial to the community. Everyone who participates seems to be enjoying the company of others while learning a new skill or improving their skills in whatever field they have chosen. Every year we have about 200 student participants from the

local community, or further afield. The Methven Summer School website went live for registrations on 4th August. This year our classes include Upholstery, Creative Collage, Chalk paint, Needle felting, Painting, Golf, Watercolour, Printmaking, Soap making, Basket making, and much more.

There are currently eight people on the committee (many who have contributed for a number of years) and we need some more help! We have 7-8 meetings per year, as we can skip monthly meetings now and then. We have a busy week from the 5-10th of January, helping out at Mt. Hutt College where Methven Summer School is held.

Most importantly, new people bring new ideas and we want to keep this Methven tradition going and growing, ever more vibrant and exciting. Can you help us?

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# **Snowfed Award assists sustainability study**

Annie lacohs

Head of Science at Mount Hutt College Sidinei Teixeira, is now studying for her Masters in Water Resource Management thanks to assistance from The Snowfed Study Award.

The Secondary School Study Award from the Ministry of Education gives four hours per week for Sidinei to pursue her studies. Alongside of that, Sidinei was the recipient of the Snowfed newspaper Study Award, which contributed \$2,500 towards her study fees.

Coming from Brazil, Sidinei knows about polluted water, and not having a good water supply. "Here in New Zealand, we are so lucky with the beautiful water that we have. But we need to look after it and protect it."

Sidinei shares what she learns with the students she teaches at Mount Hutt College because that assists them for the future.

"The more you know, the more you can prepare students for future sustainable thinking. What can we do as a person, a community, a country? The students are all prepared to learn those things. It's not just for them now, but for the future generations. It's teaching them to think about the future, - not just now, today and this week," she said.

The Ministry of Education is undertaking a review of how NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement) Science is being taught.

"One of the things I am studying is Matauranga Maori, which is the Maori perspective and views on the environment and management of our natural resources. It's not a new concept, but it is now recognised as being imperative to be taught. As a Science Teacher, I feel it is important to have the knowledge of Matauranga Maori.

Previously, I was ignorant of the cultural guardianship that Maori hold dear. To be honest, I thought, "What would they know?" But they know so much. I have learned heaps from them, because they have been doing it well in New Zealand for over 40 generations.

Maori are not about 'owning the water,' they are about us all using the water and protecting the water sustainably, not just for now, but for the future," said Sidinei. "As a Science Teacher, my goal and focus is to teach about sustainability."

Sidinei is a Community Member of the Water Zone Committee for Ashburton District. "I want to be helping the community. I didn't realise the extent and importance of the Water Zone Committee. It was not just a matter of being voted onto a committee. I applied. It was a very tough process. I had to do a presentation - mine was about collecting storm water (eg: rain off your house roof), and reducing the pollutants going into the rivers. It is not just the farmers who contribute to those pollutants, but householders in residential situations as well. Farmers are actually doing a lot to reduce contamination. I suggested that the Council could give a rebate if a ratepayer collects stormwater in this way."

I am happy for members of the public to approach me with recommendations, questions, and requests regarding water for our community. You can contact Sidinei on: **teixeiras@mthutt.school. nz** or write to Sidinei Teixeira, C/o Mount Hutt College, 44 Main Street, Methven.



# Rajah features again!

by Jo Brennan

"Our Incredible Dogs - the stories behind the statues"

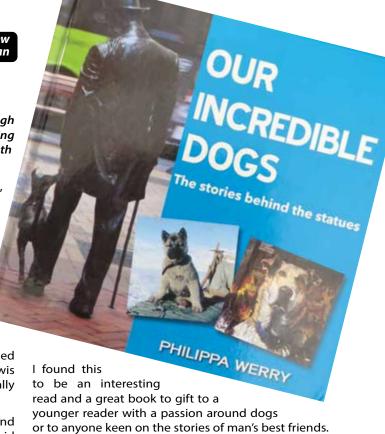
Author - Philippa Werry

This book published by New Holland and available through Whitcoulls is a simple, but very informative text covering assorted dogs that have been immortalised as statues, both here in New Zealand and overseas.

The coverage is thorough and includes photos, poems, quotes and the backstories of these amazing animals in their various categories eg. Farming dogs, Wartime dogs and even Earthquake dogs.

Reading through to page 53 under the heading of "Clever Dogs" you will find reference to our own Methven statue, Rajah the Wonder dog, and his owner, Constable Robbie Robertson. Photos of the statue and the plaque are included which you can see yourself outside the Methven Memorial Hall. There is a general run-down on the story of this amazing local canine plus some extra snippets of interest, such as the fact that Rajah had a missed opportunity of being chosen as a Hollywood star when Dr. Lewis came calling from Fox Films Hollywood. That would have really put Methven on the map!

On page 55, the author covers how statues can be created and again Rajah is mentioned in relation to how the sculptor, David Marshall crafted the statue we see today. The writing covers the process of how this statue came to be and the people involved, making the connections between individuals, Mount Hutt College and the wider community.



With it's local content this resource would also be a great book to have on the library shelf so take the time to locate a copy and delve into the world of canines.

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Johnatello's Pizza is smokin' hot!

In a wonderful collaboration that utiliises business space, Johnatello's Pizza Inferno and Café 131 have ventured into working together.

When Café 131 is finished for the day, Johnatello's Pizza moves in to use the space on Monday evenings. Last Monday, they saved the Methven public from making the journey to Mount Somers Village (where Johnatello's Pizza Inferno is based), and were open for takeaway business at Café 131.

The Snowfed did a story on Johnatello's Pizza Inferno on Thursday 22nd April, 2021, Issue 13. Johnatello's Pizza Inferno owner John Peneycad, explained that in the United Kingdom where he is from, wood-fired pizzas are a



"huge thing," and with no one selling them here, he decided to start his own business doing just that.

I planned to go along, take photos, interview the team, and watch the smoking hot wood fired pizza oven at work. And I did! However, having never eaten a wood-fired pizza before, I ended up buying a delicious pizza for dinner.

Over 80 pizzas were being prepared for Methven's hungry tummies, and the service was slick and super efficient! The wood-fired oven gives such a scrummy flavour and is very fast – only taking one minute to cook each pizza! I opted for The Meathead, however there is a vegan pizza available and also a gluten-free base option, along with lots of choice toppings. Johnatello's use other tasty ingredients such as blue cheese, red wine, pastrami, and red onion too.

Pre-ordering is preferred - Facebook message Johnatello's Pizza Inferno, or phone or text 021 067 3981.

# **COVID Vaccine Update**

The Ministry Of Health have increased COVID Vaccine supply and we will be increasing the number of vaccines we are delivering.

We are **not** on the national booking system, but will contact you about an appointment as we work down the age groups.

We have already invited patients aged 63 and over, and those with eligible medical conditions.

We are not booking months in advance, instead we

We are not booking months in advance, instead we make appointments.

If you are aged 63 or over, or have an eligible medical condition, you can **text 021 954 617**, or email: **desk@MethvenMedical.co.nz** to request an appointment.

We are awaiting guidance on timing of the second vaccine.







# Open Grades Awards Evening

Saturday 14th August, 6 pm, Methven Rugby Clubrooms

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The Married vs Singles match will be played in



be played in the afternoon prior to the awards, starting at 2.30pm.

# Grants and Funding

- Creative Communities Scheme- Event, Biodiversity & Heritage Grants

Applications are now being invited from groups and organisations for the second round of Event, Biodiversity and Heritage grants from Ashburton District Council. We are also inviting applications for the Creative New Zealand 'Creative Communities Scheme funding' to go towards local arts and cultural projects in the Ashburton District.

Applications for all grants close at **5pm, Wednesday 1 September, 2021.** For further enquiries contact the Council on **307 9646** or email *grants@adc.govt.nz* 

Application forms and full criteria for each scheme are available from the Council's website *ashburtondc.govt.nz* and from the Council office:

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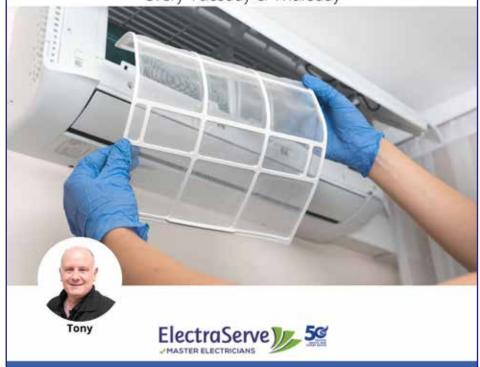


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### FROM MY DESK (Mai i Taku Teepu)

### Rolling the vaccine out to Rangitata

Along with securing a strong recovery, the Government's top priority remains protecting the country from COVID.

This means keeping the virus out of our communities, and rolling out safe, effective and free vaccines to everyone in New Zealand.

Many countries around the world are still reporting surges of new COVID cases, and it's clear that we're going to be living with the impact of this pandemic for some time. Our border measures and managed isolation and quarantine facilities continue to serve us well. But we all know we cannot afford to become complacent.

It's good to see people here in Mid Canterbury sticking to the basics. Little things like staying home when you're sick, practising good hygiene and keeping track of where you've been can make a big difference.

Just as last year our team of five million stayed home to save lives, this year the team is stepping up to be vaccinated.

The Government has secured enough Pfizer vaccine for the whole country, and our vaccine roll-out plan is helping us to reach the New Zealanders most at risk first, before rolling it out to the wider population.

Locally, my offices are getting a lot of vaccination rollout related queries. In Mid Canterbury, over 7,000 doses have been administered.

Right here in Methven, over 1300 have been administered. The Canterbury District Health Board has ramped up its rollout – with four vaccination sites now opened in Ashburton, and a site in Methven also. Additional general practices and pharmacies in Ashburton have indicated interest and have started the process towards becoming clinics.

Because of the demand for vaccinations in Mid Canterbury, the CDHB is working with the District Council and local community and health providers to provide additional pop-up clinics.

Getting New Zealanders immunised is first and foremost about keeping you, your family and community safe. It also has economic benefits, allowing us to avoid costly lock-downs and to gradually start reopening the border when it's safe to do so.

This is the biggest and most complex vaccination campaign New Zealand has ever run, and it is tracking well. There's an enormous amount of work going on to get everything lined up for this second half of the year.

People here in Mid Canterbury can expect to be offered vaccines by the year's end.

We're securing our recovery and there is plenty to look forward to.

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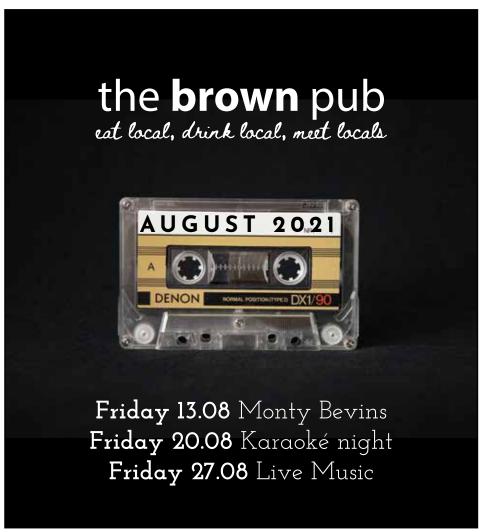
Bite Night Culture Fest: Saturday 25 September, 5pm-8pm. EA Networks Centre, River Terrace, Ashburton.

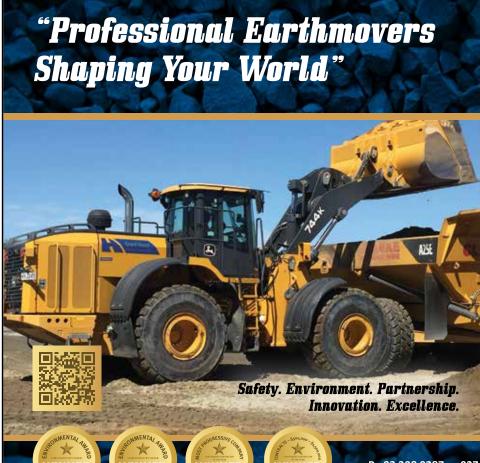
Boulevard Day, Ashburton Domain: Free entry.

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But they've all but disappeared, probably because predators have eaten the adults, chicks or eggs. Keas nest in hollows on the ground so are very vulnerable to predation.

Stoats are probably the main culprits, but new video footage shows that possums also predate keas. In an area on the West Coast where 11 nests were monitored by camera, two were visited by stoats and the chicks taken. In one, a possum pulled a juvenile kea out to the entrance of its nest and ate it in front of the camera.

So we can't think of possums as just vegetation eaters, which is a massive problem in itself. Their ability to turn into bird-hunters makes it even more important that they are controlled in our local forests where we have many special native birds, including kea.

Possums have other characteristics that can be used to our advantage in a pest control effort. They don't like getting wet, so they may go hungry and stay curled up during a spell of wet weather, meaning that they may be out feeding and visible

on clear nights following wet ones. Possum control on these nights may yield good results.



They also don't like to cross rivers, which means reinvasion from across a river is less likely. This characteristic has been used to

advantage in the Zero Invasive Predator

(ZIP) programme in the Perth River valley

on the West Coast: intensive pest control has achieved a very low level of possums and there is hopefully little reinvasion across rivers or over mountain tops.

Posssums are curious, they like sweet things, and are attracted to bright colours. These characteristics are useful to know when trapping – a lure made of flour, icing sugar and oil can be smeared on a tree to attract possums to the area. Commercial formulations are also available which may be more water-proof. The smell and whiteness attracts them to the area where a trap can be set.



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# Wai Mak? because I needed a cheesy headline

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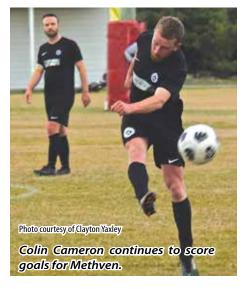
Methven continued their dogged pursuit of the league title and could have scored straight from the kick off, catching the home side sleeping with a beautiful move straight off the training ground, which ended in disappointment, failing to convert the chance.

It only took a few more minutes until the visitors were 1 up, after a rout one kick from keeper James Wasley was met by Rory Lawn who expertly flicked the ball into the path of goal machine Colin Cameron. The Scot wrong footed the defender before unleashing a devastating strike across the keeper into the left corner, 0-1.

The Mountaineers proceeded to dictate the play from there on, first to every ball and manipulating the tempo. Cameron was ever the threat, and the defence couldn't handle him, but unfortunately, he squandered a few chances, which on another day would have easily found the back of the net. He did however win his side a penalty, midway through the first half, twisting and turning the defenders

inside and out before being hacked down. Jan Luccini stepped up and made it 0-2 from the spot. Cameron was involved again when he threaded the ball into a dangerous area behind the Waimak defence, which Lawn grazed across the pitch to latch onto. The Irishman was amongst the goals again this week with his first touch taking the ball away from the defender before wrapping his unfavoured left foot around the ball to send it into the bottom corner, 0-3.

The second half showed a different Methven to what we have become accustomed to this season - a disciplined and often pragmatic approach to the match, no need to be chasing the game but equally in search of a much needed clean sheet too. The Mountaineers still had their chances but were unable to increase their goal difference further. Waimak were left frustrated, shouting at themselves at times; clearly disturbed by how little they had created throughout the match, but it was Methven who had not allowed them a sniff. The home side would finish the game with 10 men as the frustration reached boiling point and the striker was shown red for dissent towards the referee.



Another fantastic victory for the Mountaineers and with only three matches remaining in the season. Their destiny is in their hands. Win the remaining fixtures and they will be crowned champions, seems simple but it's anything but. Up next is the UCAFC Gators for Methven's final home game of the campaign, 2:30pm kick off at the domain on Saturday and hopefully a huge turnout from the locals to cheer the boys over the line.





Year 4, 5 and 6 students at Methven Primary are fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in a Snowsports programme at Mt Hutt.

Each Friday for six weeks a group of around 70 students, 4 teachers and many parent helpers ski or snowboard. In the morning the students ski in their groups with a parent or teacher. After completing several runs, and having a lot of fun, it's time for a lunch break to refuel tired bodies. After lunch students attend a one-and-a-half-hour lesson with Mt Hutt instructors to learn new skills before returning to school with plenty of stories to share.

Participants in the Snowsport Option are crossing their fingers for some blue sky, sunny days, after the first Friday was a little windy, and the second there was low visibility! A big thank you to all the parent helpers who give up their time to support our students, we would not be able to run this programme without their support.

A massive thank you goes to Mt Hutt who offer this opportunity and to Mrs Warburton at school for all her organisation.

# Action at Methven Rugby Club on Saturday Annie Jacobs Ellesmere against Mid Canterbury Seniors

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# **GOLF CLUB**

### Mens Results 24th July

**Senior** Craig Middleton 79-8-71 by lot. **Intermediate**: Frank Sandys 79-11-68. **Junior A** Max Ferris 87-16-71. **Junior B** Allan Lock 98-28-70.

*Other good scores* 71 Jimmy Anderson, Steve Schwass. 72 Paddy Helmore, 73 Frikkie Greybie, Bruce Dickson.

*Two's* Grant Hargreaves x2, Keith Middleton, Matt Duncan, Pete Wood, Piers Rolton.

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Helmore, *Ski Time No13* Craig Middleton, *Brown Pub No14* Steve Schwass, *Green Parrot No17* Grant Hargreaves.

**Dubliner Best Nett** Frank Sandys 68. **Methven Foursquare Second Best Nett** Allan Lock 70. **Bar Voucher Best Gross** Steve Schwass.

### **Ladies Results 4th August**

### IGU

*Silver* Sara Gallagher 82-11-71. Gayle O'Duffy 86-14-72.

Bronze A Robyn Maw 87-20-67, Jane Helmore 98-25-73, Denise Dixey 98-25-73. Bronze B Heather Santy 107-28-79, Denise Hood 113-33-80, Aqua Japanese Restaurant Best Nett of the Day Robyn Maw 67.

Nearest the Pins: No4 Open Methven Travel Jane Helmore, No6 Primo Robyn Maw, No13 Open & Bronze B 2nd shot Methven Foursquare Nola Hydes.

**No17 Open Methven Pharmacy** Robyn Maw, **No 14 Silver & Bronze A Supervalue** Gayle O'Duffy.

*Twos and Nett Eagles* Heather Santy, Wendy Wareing, Denise Hood, Sara Gallagher.

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