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 $Recently\ a\ significant\ service\ contribution\ was\ acknowledged\ for\ a\ young\ Methven\ local.$

Annie Jacobs

Rangi Ruru Year 13 student, Jess Glass has been awarded the prestigious Gold Student Volunteer Army (SVA) Service Award for 500 hours of service.

In our lives, we all face challenges and Jess has faced more than many. Her voluntary contribution to the environment is exemplary.

"At Rangi Ruru, the SVA Service initiative aims to create an environment for positive change by encouraging students to help those less fortunate. When one person volunteers, they inspire others and by utilising this, there is a movement for community service," said Vanessa Fulton who told the Snowfed about Jess's wonderful award.

Jess had helped out with the planting around the Methven Primary School skatetrack a number of years ago.

"I started going to tree plantings as I was interested in sustainability," she said. "Coming from an agricultural background, sustainability is something that was pushed onto farmers, but it involves everyone," Jess believes.

During the past three years Jess dedicated over 250 hours to tree planting with the Eco-Action nursery in Christchurch. Her motivation stems from a desire for personal growth and a strong sense of civic responsibility towards nature and the rehabilitation of native forests. Jess is at the nursery 3-4 days per week!

"The school has given a lot of positive direction and support for Jess – they go above and beyond said Jess's Mum, Katrina.

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- 22 Writing Competition closes
- 22 Youth Volunt. Award nominations close
- 24 Care Apartments Open Day, 11am-3pm
- 25 School holidays start
- 26 Sept-2nd Oct Mental Health Awareness
- **30** ADC Event funding applications close

OCTOBER

- 9 School Term 3 starts
- 14 Rakaia Salmon Run
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Beyond tree planting, Jess has volunteered at the Methven Racecourse, organised activities for children, served as a student librarian and actively participated in clean-up initiatives.

"One of Jess's most memorable moments was revisiting a red zone she helped plant out two years ago. She witnessed the flourishing natives and hearing native bird song - this was a transformative experience for Jess, knowing that she along with her peers really were having an impact and could make a difference through their actions," said Vanessa, "what she has achieved here is amazing, it's so cool."

Jess feels that communities are starting to get on track and people are more

open to planting natives on farmland instead of pines.

"There is now a focus on planting more natives," she said.

Jess does most of her volunteer planting work after school through Eco-Action Nursery, helping with propagation, growing plants from seed.

"Once they're established, we then repot them. Then they're planted out in the red zone. We're regenerating nature," she said proudly.

The Gold Student Volunteer Army Award is a significant achievement as only three awards have been handed out by the school to date.



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Look forward to seeing you there.

Got glasses you don't need?

Annie Jacobs

Methven Lions are reinstigating a venture that residents are quite likely familiar with.

They are collecting glasses – the variety for eyes, for the Fred Hollows Foundation, which was set up in 1992.

Fred grew up in Palmerston North with an interest in science and studied medicine. He wanted to become a minister. As an active Alpine Club member he met eventually met up with Sir Edmund Hillary which lead to his interest and efforts to end avoidable blindness in people – especially those in Nepal. He was appalled with the state of indigenous peoples' eyes in Australia.

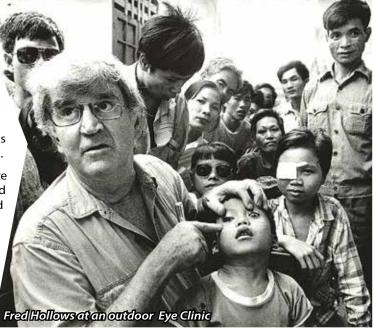
Eventually he would set up factories in Eritrea and Nepal where lenses for glasses could be made cheaper than other places. Fred felt that everyone, no matter what their financial state was, had the right to affordable, quality eyecare. Now Fred's foundation works in more than 25 countries arround the world.

In the Pacific Islands, the Fred Hollows Foundation offers eye checks through mobile units and eye surgeries are also undertaken.

Fred sadly passed away from cancer but the work of the Foundation continues. To date, 1,139,014 consultations and 88,011 eye surgeries have taken place with thousands of pairs of glasses given to those in need - this is where you come in.

If you have any glasses that you no longer require (including sunglasses) and they are in great, useable condition, then please drop them off to Methven Hammer Hardware or Methven Pharmacy.

Di Callaghan from Methyen Lions is overseeing the donations which will be taken to Specsavers. With the



help of disabled people in the community, the glasses are cleaned, sorted and then dispensed to those in the Pacific Islands that would otherwise be unable to afford glasses.

Drop off points are Hammer Hardware Methven and Methven Pharmacy. They will be collected from there and taken to Specsavers. The glasses will then be sorted and cleaned by people with disabilities, checked, then go to the Pacific Islands to people who need them.

Festival and Event Funding

Each year, Ashburton District Council provides funding to community groups and projects that help make Mid Canterbury a great place to live and visit.

We're seeking applications for the September funding round, so if your festival or event would benefit, apply now!



Mid Canterbury Regional Event Fund

Planning an event that will bring visitors to our district? We can help!

The Regional Event Fund supports new and existing events that help attract visitors to Mid Canterbury and contribute to the local economy.

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26th Sept. Wellbeing Opuke Free holiday fun at Mount Hutt Memorial Hall, 10am-2pm. Register at Wellbeing Opuke's facebook page

26th Sept Futures Golf at Methven Golf Club. Register at methvengolf@xtra.co.nz

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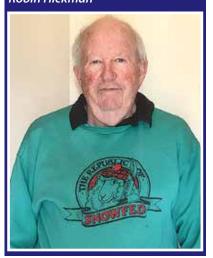
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Dear Editor,

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Robin Hickman



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Despite extremely windy conditions, the 2023 Peak to Pub went ahead even though the ski field was officially closed!

Annie Jacobs

"This would have to go down as memorable in history," Mike Unger commented, "the first time the mountain has been closed to skiing and boarding yet open for a race!"

Organisers had the race skiers starting from lower down the mountain to avoid the windier conditions at the summit.

In another first, the race headed onto part of the Methven Walkway Track which meant there was less time spent running on the road. The gruelling race for the hardcore starts with a 100 metre run to your board or skis, traversing 2km down to the the transition area where you pedal for all your worth down the

shingle road. Another transition 18 kms later at the cross roads had entrants running the remaining 12 kms into town which included crossing the Rangitata Diversion Race.

In traditional Methven style, spectators, support crews, and well-wishers lined the streets.

To the roar of the crowd gathered at Methven Pub, race participants got a final wetting before clambering through a bouncy castle and tunnel, splashing to the finish line for well-earned congratulations, a refreshing drink and a rest!







Notable entrants were the only mens veteran team Xtreme Chicken Stuntmen who came first in their section with a gun time of 01:33:22, made up of Methven Auto Services's Tony Demolition Davies, Tony Cannonball Cottle and Dan Sanders (the Colonel).

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MPS News





Te Wiki o te Māori Learning

This week the Junior tamariki in the Māhuri Hub at Methven Primary School (MPS) have been celebrating Te Wiki o te Māori.

Māori language has been woven through all the learning areas each day to support our learning of te reo. In mathematics the tamariki learnt about shape names through waiata and made shape monsters. During our literacy sessions the tamariki listened to stories and made art

works and rainbows to help learn colour names. In story writing we wrote about the story of The Rakaia Gorge. At the end of the week, we had shared kai and dined outside for breakfast.

Please enjoy our story writing by our Year 1 Tamariki:

The wind annoyed the Taniwha. The Taniwha built a dam. The dam broke. *By Bella*

The Taniwha stopped the wind from damaging it. The taniwha was mad. *By Zach*

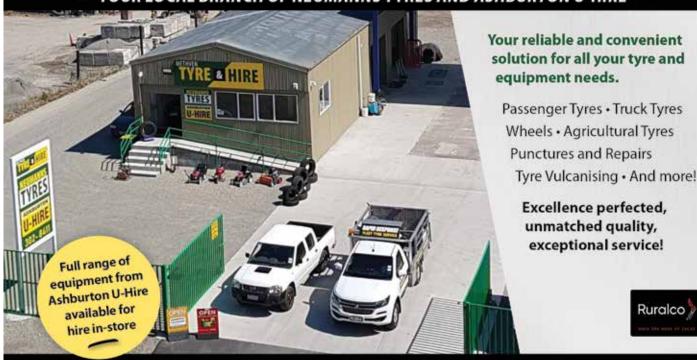
The Taniwha ate the monster. The taniwha said a karakia before kai. *By Te Manu*

The Taniwha got the rocks to stop the rubbish. *By Deebti*

The Taniwha saw rubbish in the water. *By Sk*y

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Canterbury was set. Involving three teams, hitchhiking, dancing lambs, time travel to the 70's, riding rapids down the Rakaia Gorge to disc golf at the EA Centre, it was jammed packed with plenty of belly laughs.

Well done to Mrs Heaven who managed to write every child into the production and an upstanding congratulations to all the children who performed.

Bravo!





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Feral Cats in NZ

Snowfed Intern Ricky Davies

In recent months, cats in our country have been a widespread topical interest.

New studies have shown that cats kill a great deal of our native wildlife and those that pose a huge threat are feral cats. Feral cats are not cared for by humans and tend to be bigger and faster than their domesticated counterparts. Their diet includes our native birds, bats, lizards, wētā and other insects. From 2019 to 2021 it was found that they had caused the death of 20% of monitored Kea in Arthur's Pass. In 2010 one feral cat in Ohakune killed 107 bats in just one week! It is estimated that both wild and domestic cats kill up to 100 million birds in New Zealand each year.

What can we do? There are different approaches that can be taken to minimise numbers, such as culling and the Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) technique. TNR is when stray cats are caught, desexed and then released back into the wild. The Department of Conservation does not support this approach because the cats can still cause enormous damage. An alternative is just to keep cats contained. Another idea to help control our cat issue is to introduce registrations for cat ownership, to motivate people to look after them similarly to dogs. Countries such as Australia and Iceland have introduced curfews and mandatory control over living premises for their feline friends.

A random survey was conducted amongst intermediate and secondary school students to find out their views on feral cat control in New Zealand. When asked if cats should be registered like dogs, 66.9% of respondents agreed that they should be, and 76.6% thought that New Zealanders could live with stronger control over their pet cats. Many of the respondents thought that the previously stated techniques to better control our cats were a good idea, but most preferred nonviolent options. 54% thought that culling was a good idea as a solution to native wildlife restoration, 33.1% preferred the TNR technique with the remaining respondents agreeing that both approaches were equally effective.

OLS News



What is a QR code and how does it work?

A QR code is a type of two-dimensional matrix barcode, invented in 1994, by Japanese company Denso Wave for labelling automobile parts.



They became a common sight during the recent pandemic, where we used our phones to check in at physical locations, creating a log of who had visited. But QR codes have so much more to offer!

A QR code is machine-scannable image that can instantly be read using a Smartphone camera. Every QR code consists of a number of black squares and dots which represent certain pieces of information. When your Smartphone scans this code, it translates that information into something that can be easily understand by humans.

At OLS we have started to use QR codes to showcase and share our work in the classroom with our families and wider community.

Last week we shared a story of our school's art for the recent Opuke Cultural Festival. This week we invite you to take a closer look at our children's work and research using the QR code below.

Just hold your phone up to the QR code – let it scan the QR code and it will open to share the information and research we have made.

Technology certainly is an amazing thing – it literally opens up a world of knowledge!





GROW YOUR OWN

Mary Ralston

The spring winds have been hounding us and drying the

Spring is always a changeable time and it's good not to rush into planting. It's easy to lose soil if it is disturbed. But on a calm day, the early season crops can be planted: peas - "normal" peas (like the ones you buy frozen), sugar snap peas (the ones you eat with seeds and pod) and snow peas (that are basically all pod). The birds often like eating the newly emerging shoots, so protect with bird netting if they are a problem at your place.

The brassicas are also good to put in now - cabbages, cauli and broccoli, and seeds of rocket, pak choy etc. Although these leafy brassicas will bolt (go to seed) when planted in spring rather than autumn, they grow quickly and provide some good pickings before they do. Silverbeet and spinach seeds and seedlings can also be planted, and lettuces. All these crops tolerate the cooler soil temperatures quite well. We need to wait a bit longer before sowing carrot and parsnip seeds as they sometimes bolt when planted early. It's much better to wait until soil temps are higher - they'll grow quickly without being stressed or checked by cold weather, which can initiate bolting.

It's a good time to buy seed potatoes to give them some time to sprout before planting out next month. Put them in a single layer in a shallow box or tray out of direct sun and they will begin to sprout. If your potatoes from last year haven't got scab or other disease, they will be fine to use.

September is also strawberry month. Plant now and hopefully there will be berries for Christmas. They like welldrained soil with plenty of compost, but don't add too much nitrogen fertiliser or manure when you plant, as this will result in abundant leaf growth at the expense of fruit. Fertiliser that is high in potassium is good when the flowers appear (potassium is the element that helps flowering and fruiting crops).

Plant strawberries about 30 cm apart with 40 cm between the rows, but before you do, think about how to protect them from the birds - it is usually easier to make a cover over a block of ground rather than a long row.

"Serious cat

Locally based Puss n Boots Kitty Rescue is desperate.

They have run out of money. This year, they have been overwhelmed with the amount of cats they supplied medical and nutritional attention to - mostly dumped animals.

Salena and Danni who head up the charity say it's diabolical and shocking that people will not take proper care of their cats and dump them.

"We have had to shut intake for five months, yet people keep ringing - there are so many ferals. We can TNR (trap, neuter, release) but there is still no one to help with funding," they say.

The charity is hesitant about taking on wild/feral cats as they are usually full of disease and can cause serious injury to volunteer staff.

So far, over 700 cats and kittens have been de-sexed in the three year period since the charity's inception. Salena and Dani have been in Methven for just over a year and desexed over 150 cats and kittens from locals for re-homing.

"Then there is the feeding costs. Sometimes there are ten vet visits a week,"





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over-population here" say Puss n Boots

said Salena. "Paddock Vets in Methven have been amazing and incredibly supportive!"

It can cost the charity up to \$600 per cat to feed, deworm, innoculate, desex and re-home.

Most of the cats and kittens the charity deals with are not wild cats but are cats that have been dumped.

Kitten season this year has not stopped – it has run right through the year instead of a slow-down over winter. It has been a really bad year for dumping.

"Some of this has come about because the living wage was not being met and people not able to afford animals any more. People have not been allowed cats at some rental properties. We and other charities cannot take them any longer as we're all full. Adult cats are hard to rehome as no one wants an adult – they want

a cute wee kitten," Salena said. "People are being forced to give up their cats and dogs or be homeless. Some do not want to do that as their animals are often their only company or are their support network."

Recently, nine cats came from one farm – one of those cats needed nearly \$2,000 spent on it. As the cat was not wild or feral and was very friendly, the decision was made to save it's life. The

charity does euthanise if it is required, but that costs \$100 per cat and they still have to dispose of the body.

Adoption fees at Puss n Boots have been dropped to \$75 to try to encourage more rehoming. Their usual fee is \$200 which is

an attempt to try and cover a portion of their vet bills. It doesn't cover flea, worming treatment, toys, bedding, litter, crating or feed for the animals they care for.

Salena and Dani plead with owners to please desex their pets!

To make a donation: Puss n Boots 06 0837 0408374 00 Reference donation.

Drop off points for bedding or food: 7 Hanrahan Street Ashburton or 194 Marrs Road, Methven.

For food donations: Fussy Cat brand if possible please as it's suitable for older cats, Royal Canin or Purina which is suitable for kittens, are preferred if

possible, please.

They are a registered charity so you can get a 33% rebate on donations larger than \$5.

Businesses and farmer donations can be claimed as pest control.

They are also on the hunt for truck transport for a cattery from Ashburton to Methven if anyone can help, please go to their Facebook page and leave a message.





Your mobile hydraulic hose repair

Many, many years ago Andrew Robertson used to attend Mt Hutt College.

Andrew's Dad was the Bank Manager at the old Bank of New Zealand on the corner of Bank Street and Main Street (not the one that is there now), back when there were banks in Methven. The





family used to live right beside the bank - the house was attached to it and ran down Bank Street.

"There used to be a harvard in the playground there (where the skate park is now)," remembered Andrew who loved playing there with his friends as a youngster.

Fast forward a few years and Andrew became an armourer by trade, working on and fixing weapons in the New Zealand Army.

"Alot of the work was where the soldiers were," he said. "Weapons would break and

we'd go wherever they were and fix it on the spot. I enjoyed being the fixit man on the ground wherever we needed to go."

That long-term work sparked Andrew's interest in having a mobile business, now that he is no longer in the Army. His business has mushroomed and grown from there.

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who really enjoys the challenge of mobile repair work. "You don't have the luxury of large fixed equipment in a workshop – anyone can do that," he explained. "There is a greater challenge, enjoyment and sense of fulfillment in completing effective repairs in the field environment. This requires you to plan ahead. There's more facets to it," said Andrew.

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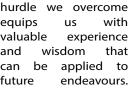
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Difficult Doesn't Mean Impossible: Embrace Challenges and Achieve Success

Life is full of challenges that often test our limits and push us outside our comfort zones. Whether it's pursuing our dreams, overcoming personal obstacles, or accomplishing professional goals, the path to success is rarely smooth. However, it's essential to understand that difficulty does not equate to impossibility. Some of the most significant achievements in history were accomplished by individuals who refused to be deterred by obstacles and embraced the challenges before them. we needed to face difficulties head-on, understand the lessons they teach us, and ultimately achieve success.

At the core of overcoming challenges lies the virtue of resilience. Resilience is the ability to bounce back from setbacks, adapt to adversity, and maintain a positive outlook despite difficult circumstances. When faced with seemingly insurmountable obstacles, those who possess resilience refuse to give up and use their setbacks as stepping stones rather than roadblocks. History is filled with examples of resilient individuals, from inventors like Thomas Edison, who failed numerous times before creating the electric light bulb, to business moguls like Oprah Winfrey, who overcame a tumultuous childhood to become one of the most successful media personalities in the world. Their stories remind us that resilience can turn any difficulty into an opportunity for growth and accomplishment.

Difficulties offer a unique opportunity for personal growth and learning. When we encounter challenges, we are forced to think critically, problem-solve, and develop new skills. Each hurdle we overcome equips us valuable and wisdom can be applied to future



Embracing challenges not only makes us stronger, but it also broadens our perspectives and deepens our understanding of ourselves and the world around us. Remember, some of the greatest innovations and breakthroughs in history emerged from overcoming difficulties,

In a world that often glorifies quick and effortless achievements, it's crucial to redefine our perception of success. True success is not just about reaching the destination but also about the journey taken to get there. Embracing difficulties teaches us the importance of perseverance, dedication, and hard work. It reminds us that the road to success is seldom linear and that setbacks are a natural part of the process. By redefining success as the ability to overcome challenges and grow through the journey, we can find fulfilment even in the face of adversity.

A positive mindset is a powerful tool in overcoming difficulties. When we approach challenges with optimism and a can-do attitude, we are better equipped to find creative solutions and maintain the motivation needed to keep going. Positivity fosters a sense of hope and belief in oneself, which can be the driving force behind achieving our goals. Embrace challenges



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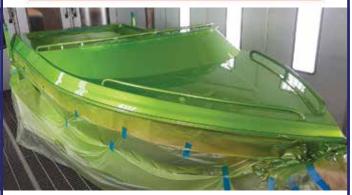
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with the mindset that each hurdle is an opportunity to learn and grow, and you'll find that the seemingly impossible becomes attainable.

So next time you are stuck between a rock and a hard remember, difficult doesn't mean impossible. By embracing challenges with resilience, considering them learning experiences, redefining our perception of success, and cultivating a positive mindset, we can conquer obstacles and achieve greatness. Throughout history, individuals who refused to be discouraged by difficulties have left an indelible mark on the world and inspired generations to come. So the next time you encounter challenging situation, remember that it is not a roadblock but a stepping stone towards your goals. Embrace the difficulty, grow through the process, and prove to yourself and others that with determination and the right mindset, anything is possible.



NATIONAL CANDIDATE

Primary Sector Growth Plan James Meager

Election day is now less than a month away.

Soon, you will decide which direction you want New Zealand to head in. We can continue to slide backwards under a Government which has strangled agriculture, our most productive sector; has taxed and borrowed more money for fewer services and worsening infrastructure; and has seen the decline of our health and education system to the point where many Kiwis are fleeing for Australia and elsewhere for a chance at a better life.

Or, we can choose to go forwards under a National Government. We will reduce the cost of living, rebuild the economy by getting government spending under control, provide tax relief to working New Zealanders, restore law and order by ensuring there are real consequences for bad behaviour, lift health and education outcomes by setting accountable targets, increase the number of doctors, nurses and midwives in our health system, and require schools to teach the basics brilliantly.

Of all the policies released this election, perhaps none is more important than our Primary Sector Growth Plan. This policy recognises that the only way we are going to dig ourselves out of the growing debt hole and declining revenues is through our primary sector.

We will unleash

investment in water storage and cut the red tape that's holding back food production, letting farmers do what they do best: sell our food and fibre to the rest of the world so we can pay the bills back home.

On top of the 19 measures in our "Getting Back to Farming" package released in May, we will make it easier to build water infrastructure and on-farm water storage by removing the requirement for consents to build, extend water storage consents to 30 years to give certainty, and make horticulture a permitted activity so growers don't need a consent to grow food or rotate crops.

We need real change, now.

James Meager is the National Party candidate for Rangitata and can be contacted on 027 427 5197 or at:

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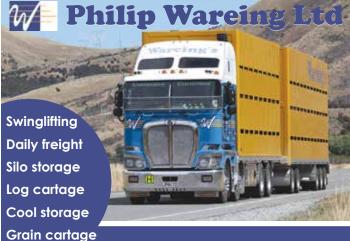


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Methven Golfers performing well

Bruce Dicksor

Methven golfers have been performing well recently, both on and off the course.

The Redpath team of Michael Kemp, Dayle Lucas, Alister Maxwell and Craig Middleton reached the final for the third year in a row.

The quest for a three peat fell agonisingly short yesterday at Tinwald when they lost the final to Ashburton. Well done!

Congratulations to Patrick Currie who has been selected to represent Aorangi in the Junior Team against Canterbury. Good luck!

Finn McGrath is one of the three players chosen by Aorangi Eagles to play in the New Zealand Under 17 Championships in New Plymouth in October. Good luck Finn!

At the Pink Ladies Tournament recently, Katrina Glass and Cindy Mackenzie were in the winning team. It was a very successful tournament with 108 players. Club Captain Ruth Smith received many congratulating hugs for a great tournament. Katrina Glass continued on her winning ways at the Goondiwindi Fundraising Tournament on Sunday with her team winning the 4 person ambrose - congratulations to you all.

The Club Championships for 9 holers, Ladies and Men are well under way and have reached the semi-finals.

Finals Day is Saturday 7th October.

Ladies Results 13 September

2nd Round Championships

Bronze A: *Tania Wilson* beat Sharon Burrell - Smith. **Bronze B:** *Heather Santy* beat Lee McLintock, *Heather Middleton* beat Bey Isherwood.

Putting pairs: *Ruth Smith/Jane Helmore* 60 Putts. Methven Supervalue Best Nett of Day *Heather Middleton* 65.

Nearest The Pins: No4 Open Bronze B 2nd Shot Primo Jane Helmore, No6 Open Methven Travel Gayle O'Duffy, No13 Open Methven Four Square Jenny Senior, No17 Open Methven Pharmacy Ruth Smith, No14 Silver Bronze A 2nd Shot Farmhouse Station Coffee Sharon Burrell-Smith.

Two's And Nett Eagles: Emma Hampton, Sharon Burrell-Smith, Bev Isherwood, Anne Marie Middleton x3, Tania Wilson, Heather Middleton.

Methyen Pink Ladies Tournament

Stableford Teams 11 September: 1st *Mt Nessing Minx* 133 Mt Nessing. 2nd *Not Barbie Dolls* 130 Methyen. 3rd *Hit and Miss* 125 Grande Vue.

Nearest The Pins: No4 Open *Vicky Moore,* No6 Open *Anne Green* No13 Open *Marlene Gregan,* No 17 Open *Teresa Booker,* No Straightest Drive Open *Leen Bell,* No Longest Putt *Marilyn Bennett.*

Twos: Sharon Burrell-Smith, Cheryl Jopp, Teresa Booker.

Mens Results 16th September

Senior: *Grant Hargreaves* 75-6-69. Junior: *Patterson Johnson* 101-31-70.

Other good scores: 70 Phil Johnson. 71 Peter Harper. 72 Jeremy Johnson. 73 Dayle Lucas. 74 Chris Cavanagh, Graham Gunn, Keith Middleton. 75 Max Ferris, Craig Middleton, Alister Maxwell.

Two's: Dayle Lucas, Piers Rolton.

Dubliner best nett *Grant Hargreaves* 68. Topnotch 4 Square second best nett *Patterson Johnson* 70. Best Gross *Grant Hargreaves* 75.

Nearest the pins: Brown Pub No4 *Max Ferris*. Hunters Wine No6 *Dayle Lucas*. Aqua Japanese No14 *Michael Kemp*. Green Parrot No17 *Grant Hargreaves*.

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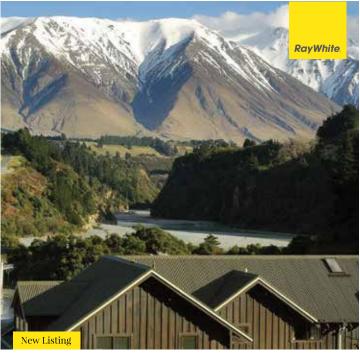
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