

new colours. The 90 year old pool complex has been closed for around one and a half years while major works were undertaken by the dedicated and hardworking pool committee.

Addressing the gathered crowd at the opening, President Jane McCulloch project.

them," she said.

Huge thanks and particular mention must be toJimmy Newport of K2 Construction for the many hours he has spent, initially keeping the pool running

of the day and night working on the subsequent massive upgrade. The old adage, "behind every amazing man is an incredible woman," is certainly true with Jimmy's wife Jo also putting in many hours of work along with the committee who have been working hard alongside. continues on page 3



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The committee are made up of Jane McCulloch, Jimmy and Jo Newport, Fran Stones, Jenny Thompson, Cheryl Isherwood, Lisa Quinn, Adele Warburton, Hamish Gilpin, Emily Cooke, Linda McPherson, Laura Day, Shirley Fitzgerald and Laura Pfeifer.

"There was layer upon layer of concrete that had to be removed, where previous repairs had occurred, to enable the new work to happen," committee member Jenny Thompson said.

Numerous fundraising ventures were undertaken to raise the \$250,000 required to get the complex to the stage it is now.

Two gray tanks which house five tonne of sand filters have been installed.

"We will no longer need to shut both pools for a Code Brown," said President Jane McCulloch, which was the case previously. Now each pool operates independent of the other. The heat pumps have been moved closer to the filters to increase efficiency.

"The old system was like most 60 year olds," grinned Jimmy, "past their prime but still working hard."

The complex has a new 26,000 litre tank for it's main supply and for the extra capacity required. continues on page 4

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Shaun Fitzgerald from Rainer explained that the new system is top of the line.

"One drop of water only takes about 35-40 minutes to go through the whole operation. The standard is approximately 1 1/2 hours," he said.

Children and adults alike lined up to dabble their toes in the sparkling water on Sunday. Methven Lions and Friends of Methven Primary School were on hand to provide a delicious, free barbecue lunch with plenty of cold drinks on hand.

The fundraising work is not over however. A new roof is still required on two of the changing rooms, along with new tiered seating for the public and for local schools' swimming events.

"We also want to get some new picnic tables so that if in future we don't have any lifeguards, then families will have to actively supervise. The tables will give space for people to bring a picnic and have a good time here," Jimmy said.

It was so lovely to hear the sounds of splashing from the Snowfed office as workers tried out the pool in Monday's sunshine.

Final testing is occurring this week with a view to the pools being open to the public at the end of the week.

if you would like to help get the final works finished, donations can be made to: 02 0868 0013623 00.

Sharing 2

For the last 26 years, Julie Lock has worked at Methven Primary School (MPS), bringing her special version of radiance and sunshine to the students and staff at the school. Now she is retiring.

"I have always been the librarian and also a teacher aide," Julie said. She thoroughly enjoys both aspects of the job, but know she will really miss the interactions with the children and the staff.

Julie has served under five Principals.

"When I started there were seven classrooms and now there are 12. The make up of the roll has changed too with lots of children from other countries. The school is a very friendly place. You'll just be walking across and the field and the children will come across and say hello," Julie said.

On the day I visited, a group of children were in the library with Julie, admiring the latest book arrivals.

One said, "I've known Julie since I started school."

Another; "She is kind."

"We've known Julie since we were born."

"She helps us with our work."



"She gives us new books to read."

"Julie helps us learn."

"She helps me to spell correctly."

It is this help and kindness tht has ment so much to the children and staff alike. During her time as Librarian, Julie has noticed significant changes in the books that are published.

"The books are a lot brighter, there's a lot more diversity and more new authors. There's still

wonderful old favourites, but books are now more appealing, they draw children in now. Interestingly, Secret Seven and Famous Five have been republished and they really draw the children in," Julie said. "Roald Dahl is another favourite." Julie has loved her time at Methven Primary School and one of her jobs was purchasing the books for the school library.

"I am going to miss that pleasure," said Julie, "it was something I really enjoyed. MPS is so fortunate to still have such a lovely library. Many schools have had to use the library space for a classroom as they have run out of room. It's such a shame as the library gets sacrificed. Here we are so lucky to have this space. It's like



a magical place away from everything else - it feels like a treehouse with the branches of the trees showing outside the windows."

In her 26 years with the school, Julie credits the children with having taught her a lot - amongst other things, patience. The above comments from the children attest to that with Julie having patience in bucketloads!

Of the many memorable occasions, school celebrations are a highlight.

"The end of year Christmas assembly, Christmas carols, the productions, they're a huge amount of work by the staff and the children but they are wonderful and very memorable," she said. "I am really proud of this school - my own kids Sam and Chris went here, I can't think of a better school that they could have gone to. I feel very lucky to have worked here - I have made lifelong friendships. There's been some fun along the way - special trips we've done. It's a great staff. I feel lucky to have been here," Julie said.

As part of her retirement, Julie is looking forward to coffees and walks out with friends, more time with grandchildren and a slower pace of life.

"I love the mornings to be able to do gardening, it's a small pleasure but one I am looking forward to," Julie smiled.

MPS will be farewelling Julie on 13th December.





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Annie Jacobs

The TA is exceptionally well organised and managed by a Trust. The Trust has an app (application) that trail walkers can look at (once registered), that gives trail tips, navigation advice distances, local reprovisioning businesses and vital information for doing the trail.

Matt Claridge from the Te Araroa Trust said that annually there are approximately 3,000 international and 100,000 domestic walkers on the trail and that number is growing.

Walkers on the trail need to come off trail at various points to refuel, recharge, and resupply ready for the next stage and this is where the app is invaluable as TA walkers can use it without needing internet. The app will display Methven accommodation, hiking equipment repair, hiking boots/shoes sales and repair, cafes, supermarkets, medical treatment, massages, podiatry, relaxation, adventure and other businesses that are attractive to TA walkers.

Businesses in Hanmer Springs have jumped on board with the app, availing themselves of the steady business. This opportunity is for Methven businesses to capture a ready market rather than having walkers go Ashburton or Christchurch reprovision. То advertise your business on the app, costs \$100 per season.



The Te Araroa Trail App logo

Walkers on the TA need to come out near Rakaia Gorge as the river is not safe for them to cross, so Methven is an ideal resting and recharging point.

"As an example, say if Hanmer Hotpools offered a discount, then when walkers get to Boyle River, they might jump on the app and book in for the hot pools. Walkers are really price conscious so look favourably on good price points," explained Matt. "They are there for the experience and have money to spend. More walkers come into Methven than go into Hanmer."

TA Walkers spend anything from \$8,000-\$15,000 doing the trail with

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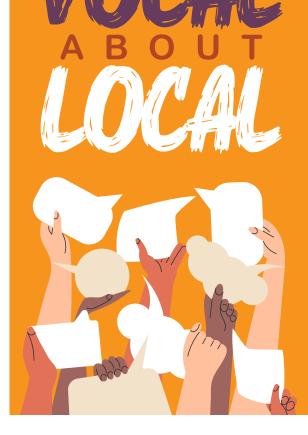
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Did you know that possums can travel up to 33kms in a 24 hour period and that five possums eat the equivalent amount of food as a steer? Possums are not herbivores and will eat birds eggs, the chicks and other small birds.

Useful information such as this was shared by Tim Exton Regional Predator Free 2050 Ranger from the Department of Conservation, at the Possum Trap Library Launch on Saturday at Staveley, along with information about other pests and how to trap them humanely.

Tim brought along a variety of traps to demonstrate, teaching attendees at the launch about the different traps available and their purposes. Attendees were also shown how to effectively and safely set each trap without losing any body parts.

"For trapping to be effective, it is essential to understand animal behaviour for the particular type of animal you are trying to catch," explained Tim. "You can then put out the correct type of trap in the right place that will suit that animal and your catch rate will be significantly higher."

Hedgehogs are one of our most terrible predators on the eastern side of the South Island and are not the cute little things that we think they are. Unfortunately, in New Zealand, they do not have



Displaying some of the traps that are available for different pests and predators

Back left: Graham Ayers, Mark Belle, Robbie Koller (Rakaia Gorge Fantail Trust), Tim Exton (Department of Conservation), Gen De Spa (Staveley Campsite Manager). Front: Jack Wall

> any natural predators, so wreak havoc on our native species. We are the only country in the world that have birds that have a beak that has a curve to right (Twisted Wrybills), - especially created for the birds to be able to forage under river stones and rocks.

> "One hedgehog will take out five wrybill nests in a night," said Tim who is involved with trapping hedgehogs in our unique braided river beds. "Hedgehogs are decimating the wrybill population."

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Possums love visual attraction. They are inquisitive animals and like to explore. Look for scratching or teeth marks on tree trunks, branches or on tops of tall fences near trees to see what areas possums are frequenting. Tim advises putting out a possum trap unset, well anchored, with food, so that the possums come and explore it. He mixes up flour, fennel and icing sugar and sprinkles it around and leading up to the trap (this is



called blazing). When you are ready to set the trap, he suggests using a piece of apple with some cinnamon sprinkled on, with the skin side facing out of the trap. The skin gives the possum something to grip its teeth onto.

"Give them a smorgasbord and they will come," he said.

The Possum Trap Library uses Timms traps and it only costs \$10 to join the library for your lifetime! You may loan as many traps as you need, returning them when you have finished with them or are no longer using them.

To join the Staveley Possum Trap Library email: **gendespa@ gmail.com** or phone 021 134 5802



Buy your Xmas tree - this Saturday

Annie Jacobs

It is that time of year again when Christmas is coming and you may not have a Christmas tree organised.

With perfect timing, Methven Lions are again this year selling trees in the Methven Mall on Saturday 2nd December between 9am -12noon. The trees only cost \$20 and come in a variety of sizes and heights to suit your home.

Purchasing a tree from the Lions will assist in local conservation efforts as they are wilding pines which have been locally sourced. (Wilding pines are where pine trees have self sown and are now a weed and are a major issue for the New Zealand environment).

Funds raised go back into the community.

Over 100 trees are available for purchase, with free delivery available in Methven.

Methven Hammer Hardware will also be selling any left over trees on behalf of the Lions, if you cannot make it on Saturday.

Buy your Xmas Expansion concept beside

Ideas have been bubbling away and mooted by a number of people, and one that is gaining some momentum is the concept of using Ashburton District Council (ADC) land adjacent to the Garden of Harmony as a park, garden, picnic area and safe area for native species.

As things stand at present, the Garden of Harmony is an essential town drain that has been beautified. It does however, still need to do the work of a drain, carrying stormwater away and preventing flooding in the streets.

While the town has a domain, in fact, they are really fantastic sports fields with a small playground. It is not really conducive to stopping and having a picnic and a walk around the gardens and trees as perhaps you might in Ashburton Domain. Over recent years many people have suggested that the ADC land adjacent to the Garden of Harmony would be the ideal space for this and the idea is gaining speed.

Adjacent to the Garden is the historic Pipe Shed that forms part or our area history with the construction of the Rangitata Diversion Race (RDR). It is hoped that the Pipe Shed will soon be joined by a turbine from the Highbank Power Station, which the RDR supplies. The Pipe Shed is sitting on the

ADC land.

At this week's Methven Community Board Meeting, members of Methven Lions, Mac McElwain, Barry Maister and John Corbett spoke with members of the Board and Ashburton District Council about the possiblity of turning the land where the Pipe Shed is into a predator proofed haven as part of the Lions initiative to Bring Back the Birdsong.

"We'd like to expand it to include the adjacent (ADC) land, clear it, fence it and



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Garden of Harmony gains momentum



replant it with natives, eradicate the pests and predators, protect it and create a sanctuary," said Mac.

Barry Maister has had experience with a similar project in Picton and would love the public to jump on board.

"We'd like to educate and excite people about it. We'd like to encourage them to first plant bird friendly plantings in their own gardens, and second to start trapping predators. Third to create like a Deans Bush project that the community can get involved in."

DOC and Predator Free Ranger Tim Exton spoke to Methven

Lions at their meeting last week in light of their "Bring Back the Birdsong" initiative. His wealth of knowledge was warmly received. Tim advised that as soon as native plantings are done it creates a habitat which means that predators move in immediately, so trapping is essential. One of the Lions shared how they'd trapped over 40 feral cats on their farm just out of Methven in the last year.

Methven Community Board seemed to view the project very favourably and will look at gauging community interest through the Snowfed in the New Year.





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Here are a few suggestions which may help:

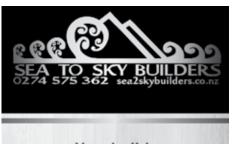
- Modify your expectations traditions. Don't expect that everything will be the same this holiday. Work out what gives you enjoyment and comfort and focus on these things. Find simpler ways to keep your family traditions going. Christmas dinner with all the trimmings may not be an option this year. A pot-luck lunch may be more manageable.
- Don't overload your diary. Try not to commit to too much, especially if you're making plans in advance, as you don't know how you'll feel on the day. Don't over-fill your diary or feel pressured to commit to every

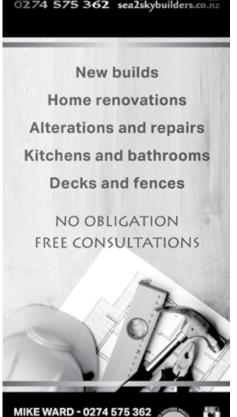
- event. Think quality over quantity when it comes to time.
- Ask others to share the load. If you need help buying or wrapping gifts, cooking or decorating, ask others to lend a hand. It's also fine to skip things like presents if you don't feel up to it.
- Consider including some quiet activities. Watch a movie or listen to music. These things require little physical exertion and remind everyone that there is still joy to be found in Christmas.
- Share favourite family memories and stories. Encourage everyone to share a favourite memory or story. Family visits and laughter can provide a sense of normality and comfort for the person who is ill.
- Communicate your plans. Let others know what you'll be doing and what to expect this Christmas.
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Hot off the back of a week of swimming lessons and our term topic of Beach Safety, it was time to take our new found skills and knowledge to a real beach!

An early start had us at North Beach in Christchurch by 9am and we began our day in the Surf Lifesaving Club with Jack and Lucy. We enjoyed a tour of everything from the lookout to the IRB's -(Inflatable Rescue Boat), the long boards, signs, beach buggy and everything else essential to a Surf Lifeguard.

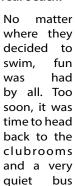
Any day at the beach wouldn't be complete without a lesson on SunSmart - Slip, Slop, Slap, Wrap and Seek. With this completed we were all set to head out side for some games and sandcastle building.

Back inside we went through all the important Beach safety rules. These were cemented in our brains with "Beach Eds Got Talent" where we broke into groups and presented each rule through a role play, despite the small time frame these were amazing-some very cool waves and sharks to be seen.

After checking out the surf from the high point of the club we were able to spot a rip and discuss the best place to put our swimming spot and yes it was time for everyone to get in the water. And when we say everyone, I mean everyone!

Jack and Lucy warmed the children up with games while all the teachers and parent helps ventured down to mark the safe 2. boundaries within the water. A lot of fun and laughter was had by everyone, even those who had previously stated, "I don't think I will get in the water today," were seen rushing into the breakers. Others decided to spend their time in the long natural hot pool that felt five degrees warmer than the sea!

matter Nο where they decided to swim, fun had by all. Too soon, it was time to head back to the clubrooms and a very quiet hus



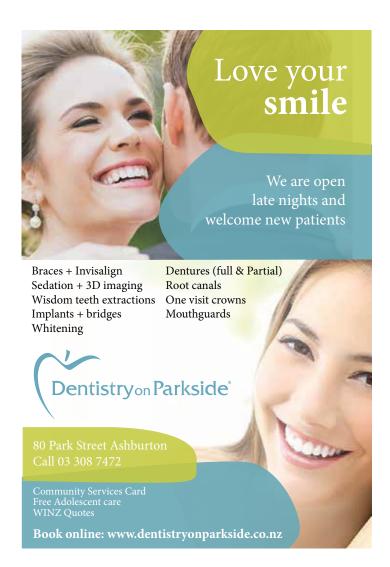
ride home as the majority of children fell asleep.

A very huge thank-you to all our parent helpers for going above and beyond on this trip and a special thank you to our bus driver Mark Slaven.

If you are at the beach this summer, please remember ALL the **Surf Safety Rules:**

- Always swim between the flags.
- Ask a lifeguard as conditions can change.
- If in doubt stay out /know your limits.
- Never swim or surf alone. 4.
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MPS

Learning with Life Education.

Over the past two weeks, the students of Methven Primary School (MPS) got to go and visit Harold the Giraffe from Life Education.

The students from Mahuru learned about treating our friends with kindness and



all the different feelings and emotions we experience.

Piwakawaka students took a virtual trip to Kelly Tarlton's with Harold to Learn about the air that we breathe. The students learned that we breathe in Oxygen - the air travels around our body and leaves as Carbon Dioxide.

Human Biology and food were the topics for the Opuke Students. They took a virtual train ride through the inside of the human body looking at the Heart, Brain, Stomach, and Lungs.

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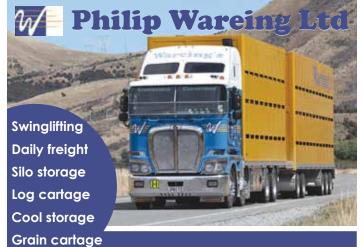
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2023 Trophy Winners

Stowell Trophy - *Colin Clemens/Janet Cuttle*.

Glenys Cochrane Trophy - (runners up in Stowell Trophy) Willie Ensor/Bob Todhunter.

Blain Trophy - Mary Stone.

Dalton Tray - Janet Cuttle/Sharren Glass.

May drawn partners - *Janet Cuttle/ Jennifer Hooke.*

September drawn partners - Murray Hawkes/Flora Lowe.

METHVEN GOLF CLUB

Rruce Dickson

Philip Wareing Ltd Two Day Multi - Sponsored Tournament Results

Run by the Methven Golf Club 25-26 November

Ladies Results: 1. 205 *Jan Lane/Katrina Glass.* Trophy sponsored by Ashburton Engravers. 2. 209 *Bev Chinn/Wendy Bruce*. 3. 210 *Sandra Quinn/Sally Smith*. 4. 214 *Sharryn Bree/Roz Grant* by lot. 5. 214 *Ellen Kemp/Gayle O'Duffy*. 6. 217 *Lynn Schott/Emma Hampton*.

Best Nett Non Winner: 65 Nicola Peat.

Men's Results: 1. 198 Tony Fitzgerald/Malcolm Collins. Trophy donated by Ashburton Engravers. 2. 199 Ross MacLennan/Gavin Doody. 3. 202 Clinton Burrell-Smith/Michael Smith. 4. 204 Laurie Goodson/Alex Valentine. 5. 205 Frank Sandys/Eric Grimwade. 6. 206 Ben Williams/Nick Grant. 7. 207 Wayne Collins/Chris Collins by lot. 8. 207 Craig Rodgers/Wayne Vessey. 9. 208 Malcolm Ryder/Jordan Ryder by lot. 10. 208 Martin Smith/Allan Ball by lot. 11. 208 Alister Maxwell/Rory Maxwell by lot. 12. 209 Matthew Wright/Chris Dockrill.

Longest Walk: Simon Wareing/Richard Maw.

Nearest the Pins: Saturday No4 Ski Time: Ladies: *Wanda Campbell*. Men: *Ben Innes*. No6 Ski Time: Ladies: *Katrina Glass*. Men: *Barry Wackwitz*. No13 Sega Golf: Ladies: *Angela Mowbray*. Men: *Alister Maxwell*. No17 Ski Time: Ladies: *Di Kay*. Men: *Malcolm Collins*.

Sunday No4 Ski Time: Ladies: *Pauline Bell*. Men: *Frikkie Greybe*. No6 Ski Time: Ladies: *Wanda Campbell*. Men: *Alister Maxwell*. No13 Sega Golf: Ladies: *Christine McDermott*. Men: *Rory Maxwell*. No17 Ski Time: Ladies: *Sharon Burrell-Smith*. Men: *Dean Wilson*.

Straightest Drive: Saturday Ladies No16 Ski Time: Nicola Peat. Men: Brad Lister.

Sunday Ladies No16 Ski Time: Angela Hughey. Men: Chris Collins.

Best Visiting Club: Ashburton Engravers donated trophy – *Rakaia*.



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Show weekend (supposedly the end of frosts) has come and gone but with the weather slow to warm up there is still plenty of time to get vege crops in the ground.

Veges that like hot weather and warm soils - such as outdoor tomatoes, peppers, yams, beans, corn, zuchinnis and pumpkins - can still be planted and will be established and ready to leap into growth as soon as things warm up. Seedlings rather than seeds will have a head start. Both corn and pumpkins like a lot of nitrogen, so plant them with a good helping of manure, blood and bone or other high nitrogen source. Birds may like to peck the corn so a temporary net may be useful.

As the weather is still sometimes cool and changeable, conditions are okay to plant cooler weather vege such as spinach, the brassicas, main crop potatoes, spring onions and lettuces. Carrots, parsnips and beetroot seeds are all to good to go in as well. Seeds need to be planted in well dug soil, free of stones and chunks of soil.

In the greenhouse, growth has been amazing and the tomatoes need their laterals removed. This is not as painful as it sounds... laterals are the side shoots that grow between the main stem and a leaf. It's best to snap these off before they get too big the bigger they are when they are removed the bigger the wound, which may be an entry point for fungal disease in humid weather.

The early spring crops are starting to produce – it's nice to have some home-grown veg again after the "hungry gap" of October. Broad beans, lettuces, globe artichokes, silver beet and a few strawberries are again on the menu in some gardens.

Flowers in the vege garden are great too - plant some nasturtiums for colour, to attract the bumble bees and for a



tasty addition to a salad. Borage, lavender and chives also have lovely flowers that are good for the bees, and leaving some dill, fennel, parsley, coriander or some of last year's parsnips to flower and go to seed to attract the tiny wasps that eat aphids, is a good practice that helps make our gardens more resilient and sustainable.



this year will be on Thursday 21st December.

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NATIONAL PARTY MP ELECT

James Meager



Opportunities are there, we just need to take them

At the time of writing we are on the cusp of a new Government.

There will be a lot of column inches dedicated to who gets what Ministerial role, which policies survived the negotiations, and what does it all mean for New Zealanders.

For me here in Mid Canterbury, my role is clear: spend as much time as possible in the electorate, working for you, while maintaining a strong voice for Mid and South Canterbury while I am in Wellington. As a back bench MP, it's my job to advocate strongly for the things that will take our region forward.

That includes a two-way conversation with every town and village in the electorate.

Me to you about what a National Government can do for us here in the provinces – often that will mean getting out of the way of the productive sector rather than providing taxpayer subsidies for industry. And you to me about what are the key issues and projects you want me to be aware of and advocate for at a local and national level.

For Methven and the Foothills, there is a massive opportunity to showcase what makes our region strong: a jewel in the crown tourism offering, an industrious supply of labour to Ashburton and Christchurch and a productive agricultural sector which dominates the food and fibre export industry.

To continue expanding on that offering, we must be open to growing our region,

building more housing and infrastructure, and be willing to invest in core services now.

We need government to be enablers of growth, not handbrakes. I will need to work closely with the Ashburton Council to ensure we get our fair share of the central pot, and continue to invest in and future-proof local infrastructure.

We must empower communities and make it as easy as possible for you to

build the ice rinks and walking tracks and tourism ventures that makes Mid Canterbury such an amazing place to live.

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

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ROBBIE'S MIND MATRIX

- Managing mending minds

Robbie Gooserooter Shefford

A bit of food for thought, well, coffee maybe.

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, picture your mind as a delicate cup, brimming with the warmth of positive thoughts and mental well-being. Much like holding a cup of coffee, life has a knack for unexpectedly shaking us up, threatening to spill the contents of our psychological cup. The question that arises is not merely about the spillage but about what spills over when the inevitable shaking occurs.

"Why did you spill the positive thoughts?" one might ask.

"Because life shook me up!" would be a common response.

The essence lies in the realisation that we spill positivity because it's already residing in our mental cup. In a parallel to the coffee cup analogy, if negativity occupied the cup, it would be negativity that spills over. It's a simple yet profound truth: whatever dwells within your mind is what will overflow.

In the face of life's inevitable challenges, we often put on a facade of composure, only to have it unravel when confronted with adversity. This leads us to a crucial introspective







question: "what's in my mental cup?"

Consider this - when life shakes you, when it tests your resilience, what spills over?

Is it a cascade of joy, gratitude, peace, and humility?

Or does it reveal an overflow of anger, bitterness, negative thoughts, and reflexive pessimism?

Life provides the cup; the choice of its contents is uniquely yours.

In today's fast-paced world, it's imperative to consciously and consistently fill your mental cups with positive elements. It's about recognising that the cup is within your control, and you have the organisation in your mind to determine what it holds. This is not about avoiding challenges or pretending they don't exist; it's about cultivating a mindset that can navigate the ups and downs with resilience and optimism.

Imagine this as a call to action - a daily ritual of filling your mental cup with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, affirming thoughts, kindness, gentleness, and love for others. It's not a one-time task but an ongoing practice of nurturing our mental well-being. As you embark on your journey, you become architects of your own positive mental health.

Understanding that what spills out of your mental mug in challenging situations is a reflection of your internal state, and empowers you to take charge of your mental well-being."

Positive thinking isn't about denying reality; it's about acknowledging challenges while maintaining a constructive perspective. By actively

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Men's Champions - Tony Fitzgerald, Michael Kemp, Match Convenor, Malcolm

Success for locals at the Philip Wareing Ltd Multi -Sponsored 2 Day Golf Tournament

Local members Jan Lane and Katrina Glass won the Women's section at the Philip Wareing Ltd 2 Day Multi – sponsored Tournament over the weekend.

The field of 78 teams, 156 golfers, enjoyed the superb course conditions and amazing fine weather.

In the Men's section, the best of the Methven teams was Clinton Burrell-Smith and Michael Smith, last year's winners who finished 3rd - four shots back from the winners Tony Fitzgerald and Malcolm Collins from Christchurch.

Sharon Burrell-Smith and Dean Wilson, local golfers, were the closest to scoring a hole in one on No 17 and winning \$20,000 - \$10,000 for themselves and \$10,000 for the Club.

Locals also took out the major raffle prizes off the course. Simon Wareing won the Methven Golf Adventure and Gayle O'Duffy won the Millbrook voucher.

The Methven Golf Club thanks Opuke Pools, Rakaia Jet, Newzengland Ltd, Mt Hutt Ski, Mt Hutt Motels Adventure Balloons along with the Methven Golf Club.



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We have had a very busy year and will be closing the shop from 20 December to 10 January.

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choosing to fill your mental cups with positivity, you create a buffer against the inevitable storms of life. It's a form of emotional preparation that can make a significant difference in how you navigate difficulties."

Consider this analogy as a daily mindfulness exercise. Before you step out into the world each morning, take a moment to reflect on the contents of your mental cup. What are you carrying with you today? What do you want to spill over when faced with life's unexpected bumps?

As this awareness becomes a habit, you will find yourself responding with a sense of calm and perspective. It's like having a reservoir of positivity that you can draw from in challenging moments."

In a world that often emphasises external achievements, the cup analogy redirects your attention to the internal, reminding you that your mental well-being is a powerful determinant of your overall quality of life. As you actively choose to fill your mental cups with positivity, you not only enhance your own resilience but also contribute to a more positive and compassionate society.

So, the next time life shakes you up, ask yourself, "What's in my mental cup?" Consciously choose to spill over joy, gratitude, peace, and humility.

After all, positive thinking isn't just a state of mind; it's a practice that can shape the course of your life.

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FAMILY NOTICES

Gallon, Valerie Joy

7 June 1960 - 19 November 2023

It is with great sadness that the family of Valerie Joy Gallon (Williams) announce her sudden passing on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at the age of 63.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 35 years, Terry; her children: Jake, Michael, Harrison and step daughter Rose; her grandchildren: Gabriella, Amelia, Mackenzie, Mason and Jerome; her brothers and their wives, Steven, Paul (deceased) and wife Nadine, Kerry and his wife Lizzie; her sisters and their husbands: Colleen and her husband Tom, Carol and her husband Jim; her brother and sister in law Phil and Julie Gallon and family friends Barry McDonald, Phil Cox and Shana Egan as well as numerous relatives and friends.

Forever in our hearts; our Mum, wife, sister, grandmother and friend. We will miss you.

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