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Regional Development Minister, Shane Jones came to Methven last week and announced that The Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) will loan \$7.5 million to support the development of the Opuke Thermal Pools and Spa complex in Methven to complement the neighbouring Mt Hutt Ski Field.



The Minister said, "Small communities like Methven are reliant on the tourism sector and investing to develop and nurture new enterprises will support sustained economic development in our regions. PGF support will lead to more sustained jobs for local people, making it easier for them and their whānau to stay in the area."

Dave Dynes, from Methven Adventures, was visibly shocked when Shane Jones made the announcement, Dave said, "I was blown away by the amount, the Government has done an amazing job. This means absolute certainty for this project, and the knock on effect should see other projects become viable. My long-term goal has always been to vitalize Methven, where all businesses can stay open 7 days a week."

The Opuke Thermal Pools is a big boost for Methven and will help the local community, including accommodation and retail businesses, enjoy the benefits of tourism all year around and not only in the peak ski season.

An economic benefit study estimates that the project will create 120 jobs both directly and indirectly, and add an estimated \$162 million to the area's economy over ten years.

"As the gateway to the bustling Mt Hutt ski area, the Methven community have thought strategically about their future and how to unlock new economic opportunities. The Government is proud to get in behind the community to support this work," said the Minister.

It is sure to change the dynamics of our already growing town, not only in tourism but retail and supporting businesses.

The facility will be the first of its kind in New Zealand to be heated by solar power and will produce no emissions.

The Minister went on to say, "support from the Provincial Growth Fund for this project, aligns with our objective of encouraging environmental sustainability,



Left to right: Dave Dynes, Labour MP's Shane Jones and Jo Luxton, James McKenzie

and exemplifies the work of local businesses and the community coming together to showcase their district to the world in a way that protects our natural environment."

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WEEKLY

MONDAY

Housie at Methven House 1.30pm.
All members of the community welcome

Tai Chi - Mount Hutt memorial Hall, 10.30am

TUESDAY

Music and Movement for preschoolers and Caregivers in the Garden of Harmony 10am

WEDNESDAY

Busy Bees 9am - 11am Elim Church

SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAY EACH MONTH:

Plunket Coffee and Chat 10am-12pm
Plunket Rooms, Main Street

SATURDAY

AA Meetings 6pm Methven Primary School

UPCOMING

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| 27 Feb: | Ladies Drive Day |
| 2 March | Discover Mt Hutt |
| 9 March: | Diggler Downhill |
| 16 March: | Methven A & P Show |
| 30 March: | Arrowsmith Multisport Event |
| 29-31 March: | South Island School Mountain Bike Champs. Mt Hutt Bike Park |
| 31 March: | Methven Races |

Methven Bridge Club

Cards start Monday 4 March,
7.30pm
at Bowling Club rooms

New members always welcome

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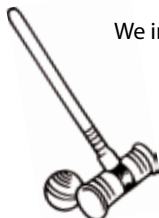


Come and have a go!

We invite you to join us at the Croquet Club, Methven Chertsey Road

Thursday 28 February, 3-4pm
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This notice is issued by Ashburton District Council on behalf of the Director - General of Health, Ministry of Health.

Neil McCann
Group Manager Service Delivery



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PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

John Schreurs
Mount Hutt College



Having PRIDE

At Mount Hutt College we talk about our PRIDE values.

P: Passion, R: Respect, I: Integrity, D: Diversity and E: Excellence, for all.

This term we are focusing on Diversity. In our College diary we comment on Diversity as follows; "Recognise and understand differences; in talents, culture and religion. Celebrate successes of others in all areas of school life."

It is important to understand that each individual is unique, and recognize our differences. This can be in many different dimensions; race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, mental abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies. That is a lot to think about. It is about accepting people for who they are. Easy to say, however we all know this can be very challenging at times. Once you know someone; what makes them different, seems to diminish. At a previous school a teacher came to me to say there was a disabled boy at the staffroom door to see me. When I went to the door there was Michael a boy I had taught for the last two years. I was surprised that the other teacher had described him as disabled as I had stopped noticing physical disability. The other teacher did not know him, so it was the obvious way to describe him. However, how would we describe an able bodied student we did not know? Perhaps ask his name?

I understand that many of the social media algorithms (the programmes that filter what

you see) on your account are designed to show you things that you have searched for or shown an interest in. As the social media platform develops your profile you get to see more similar content. So while the internet has the potential to broaden your outlook these algorithms are actually narrowing it! Meeting more people that agree with you is nice but it has the potential of narrowing your thinking. In the classroom we can learn about other places, ways of thinking, solving problems, analysing information. As well as its formal learning, another function of school is to be a place where you can develop your personality, meet new people, in a controlled space, and practice your social skills. This is an ideal place to get to know others who are different to us. To do this well, it is important to listen to each other and sometimes agree to disagree.

With our focus on Diversity this term the School PRIDE team have put together a number of resources for the staff to use with their classes including a focus on two of the five ways to wellbeing.

If we all, including myself, can take the time to listen, be truly present when we are with others, I am sure that will go a long way in accepting Diversity.

Come join us at the Methven Trotting Club on
WEDNESDAY 27th February from 10am – 1pm
for the Methven Travel Ladies Driving Day event!

Coaches, vans & school buses all on site for you to have a go driving, relaxed environment, no pressure. Our team of lady drivers will be on-site for a chat about their own stories of why they chose driving as a career path. Driver training info, license requirements and friendly faces all on-site.

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Whanautanga in Mahuri Hub



Whanaungatanga (noun): relationship, kinship, sense of family connection - a relationship through shared experiences and working together which provides people with a sense of belonging.

At the start of every school year teachers make strong connections between home and school.

Opportunities are provided for children to create self-portraits, write about themselves and others, or bring along items/stories/photos from home to share. These activities help teachers gather an overview of each learner's unique abilities, skills, knowledge and needs. In the Mahuri Hub we have been having great fun getting to know each other, looking at what makes us "one of a kind," and creating an environment that is safe, fun and where every person is valued and feels they belong. Here are some of the things that make us unique:

I like to go hunting. I get deer and chamois.

Teddy M

I was born in England and my family come from there.

Alex K

I like skiing but I haven't skied for a long time because the ski field is closed.

Harrison E-M

I grew up in Africa. I had my own playground there.

Jordan S

I like school visits. I can't wait to start in Mahuri.

Scarlett M

My dad fixes helicopters. He helped the Nelson fires.

Archie K

I have bees on my farm. I have my very own beehive and my own bee suit. Bees collect nectar from flowers. Mahuri are going to visit our farm.

Thomas M

I have lots of vegetables at my house. My favourite vegetables are carrots, spinach and kale.

Flint L

I like to help my dad on the farm. I have to open all the gates.

Elliot R

My dad is a builder. He even built our house!

Flint G



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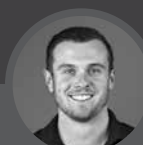
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"I like swimming and pretending to be a mermaid." *Florence*

"We get to do freestyle and it's fun." *Aliyah*

"I like throwing the 'Zoggs' and finding them at the bottom of the pool." *Ethan*





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New Records:

180m Freestyle Year 7 Girls:

2019 Record: Lucie Hood 2:23:09, Old Record 2014: Ashleigh Allred 2:27:25

30m Butterfly Year 7 Girls: 2019 Record: Lucie Hood 20:84, Old Record 2007: Grace Sommerville 21:72

30m Breaststroke Year 7 Girls: 2019 Record: Lucie Hood 26:10, Old Record 2014: Courtney Elliot 26:55

90m Tredley Year 7 Girls: 2019 Record: Lucie Hood 1:22:40, Old Record 2014: Ashleigh Allred 1:24:13

30m Freestyle Year 7 Girls: 2019 Record: Lucie Hood 18:72, Old Record 2014: Ashleigh Allred 19:45

30m Butterfly Year 8/9 Boys: 2019 Record: Mitch Veix 17:87, Old Record 2003: Stephen Canham 18:07

30m Backstroke Year 8/9 Boys: 2019 Record: Mitch Veix 20:20, Old Record 2003: Stephen Canham 20:73

180m Freestyle Year 10/11 Girls: 2019 Record: Bree Middleton 2:04:69, Old Record 2018: Bree Middleton 2:06:57

Tredley Year 10/11 Girls: 2019 Record: Bree Middleton 1:09:75, Old Record 2018: Bree Middleton 1:10:18

60m Freestyle Year 10/11 Girls: 2019 Record: Bree Middleton 36:00, Old Record 2018: Bree Middleton 37:00

Junior:

Year 7 Male: 1 Finn Veix, 2 Liam Chalke, 3 Archie McKerrow

Year 7 Female: 1 Lucie Hood, 2 Lucy Markillie, 3 Holly Watson

Year 8/9 Male: 1 Mitch Veix, 2 Henry King, 3 Hunter Lill

Year 8/9 Female: 1 Lucy Reeve, 2 Emily Watson, 3 Zanthé-Lee Butterick

Senior:

Year 10 & 11 Male: 1 Olly Maw, 2 Charlie Brown, 3 Alexander Roderick, York Koch

Year 10 & 11 Female: 1 Bree Middleton, 2 Piper Hood, 3 Ella McSweeney, Kitty Bloomfield

Year 12 & 13 Male: 1 Samuel Ree, 2 Robert McDonald, 3 George Seque

Year 12 & 13 Female: 1 Brea Roderick, 2 Ellie Boekholt, 3 Monique Johnson

Lachlan Cup Winner: Bree Middleton 54:84



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(used with regard to a
river or stream)

South Island LVA Bowls Tournament

Julie Clements



Left to right: Blue Pub Team; Jeff Nowell, Neil Owen, Gary Blackwell, & Rob Fensom. Brown Pub Team: Trev den Baars, Greg Snelling, John Eddington & Gary Eddington

I caught up with The Methven Pubs bowling teams last week as they were preparing for their annual four day trip to compete in the South Island Licensed Victuallers Association Men's Bowls Tournament.

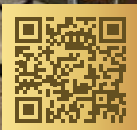
Each year, the eight players who make up the Methven Pubs sponsored teams of the Blue Pub and Brown Pub head away on a Sunday with the aim of bringing back to Methven the beautiful Greenstone Trophy.

Trev said, "the tournament has been running for over 40 years at a different venue each year and the Brown Pub has won it three times. There are rules to follow particular to this competition," he continued,

"such as, two players in each team have to be Trade members, so owners or General Managers of a licensed premises."

All the players are members of the Methven Bowls Club and play regularly; they were in good spirits on Wednesday evening, looking forward to the overall competition plus their own inter pub rivalry, with the Blue Pub team trying to best the Brown Pub team this year.

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One Size does not fit all...

Julie Clements



One Size Does Not Fit All when it comes to nutrition. Cushla Holdaway is a NZ registered Dietitian living in Methven.

As well as sub-contracting to ACC and working at Christchurch Public Hospital, she has a private practice right here in town. "I like to consider myself as a semi-local, growing up on our family farm in Westerfield and spending my school years at Mount Hutt College. I studied at Otago University and spent my fifth and final year in Christchurch completing my thesis and undertaking my placement in the various hospitals. I have also been lucky enough to gain experience working up at Nelson Marlborough District Health Board before settling back in Methven with my partner".

Leaving Mount Hutt College, Cushla could have gone on a different route into medicine but a Master of dietetics seemed the best fit. She is a foodie through and through, sporty at school, a competitive runner, fitness fanatic, and passionate about education.

When people hear 'dietitian' they often just think we help people lose weight, when in fact it is quite the opposite. "I would say weight management takes up about 5% of my total work, and I have never seen someone in my clinical

“ People have their own subconscious rules about food; guilt, fear, restriction and control. ”

work at the Hospital for anything to do with weight loss, it's often helping them gain weight! We don't study for five years to only give out healthy eating advice; there is an awful lot more to it than that! However, educating people about food and weight management is often why people will come to see me in my private practice. "I am often 'undoing the damage caused by diet culture', she says.

People have their own subconscious rules about food; guilt, fear, restriction and control. Add in the social media unqualified 'health gurus' who tout non-scientific based, anecdotal advice about looking good but whose aim is purely to increase their number of followers and you have a

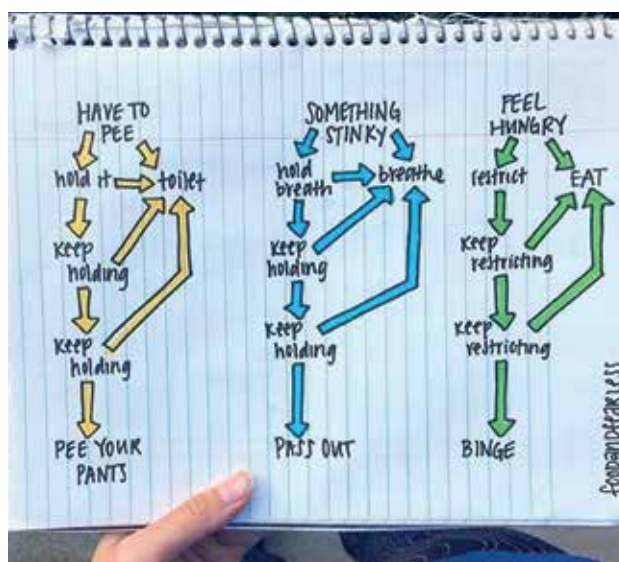
toxic mix. I help my clients to have a healthy relationship with food, making good choices everyday rather than restricting and calorie counting, this is often easier said than done especially for people with disordered eating."

"The issue with diet culture is that it sucks people in, takes their money, helps them (maybe) initially lose weight before it spits them back out and they regain the weight, plus some more, and then they are left with a more messed up relationship with food, poorer body image and a sense of failure."

This has inspired a particular passion of Cushla's, helping individuals with disordered eating; their psychology around eating, and emotional eating struggles.

Other particular passions of Cushla's include gastrointestinal disorders (Coeliac disease, inflammatory bowel disease, and irritable bowel syndrome/low-FODMAPs), as well as sports nutrition. Cushla's work experience has been substantial, getting chunked in at the deep end with her contract in Nelson, she thrived on the challenge. "In any one day I was dealing with specialities including paediatrics, allergy clinics, inpatient eating disorders, the mental health unit, women's health, gastroenterology, and the intensive care unit, to name a few. I don't think the general population understands just how specialised dietetics is and what we actually do in our day to day work."

However, one of the most rewarding parts of her work is in the Intensive Care Unit. "I can't exactly explain what it is like, the first time you walk in can be fairly overwhelming and emotional to be honest. However, working alongside the medical team, I find there is a huge sense of really making a difference to someone's life as in the ICU it's literally a matter of life and death."



The love of sport and nutrition also leads Cushla to focus on sports nutrition in her private work. "I have worked alongside several local athletes, including Vicky Jones, an Ashburton-based Ironman athlete. Vicky was really pleased with her performance in the Wanaka challenge last February, saying that "nutrition is like the fourth discipline as part of Ironman, I am now beginning to understand why." Cushla is hoping to specialise more in sports nutrition working towards attending the accredited sports dietitian course with Sports Dietitians Australia in Melbourne either this year or next. "I think there is a real niche for a sports dietitian in mid-canterbury, especially around Methven a lot of people are into multi-sport, outdoors and endurance."

Cushla will be contributing to Snowfed in the coming weeks; look out for her evidence-based articles and yummy recipes.

If you would like to talk to Cushla about any nutrition, sport or health related issues, you can contact her by email:

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Healthy Ageing

Occasionally I find myself short of ideas on writing my Snowfed piece however this week I have been itching to share my inspiring week!

I have had seven clients over seventy who are living every day to the max! Their goals have included cycling 30km, pump class, lifting boxes and furniture, walking the Abel Tasman, using a wobble disc to restore balance, do a marathon and getting in the harvest. All of them are still working! What a privilege it is to be part of this amazing community. So what is their secret?

- **Attitude** - not one of them said "I am getting old" or lowered their expectation of what they wanted to achieve.
- **Goal setting** - I can't believe how BUSY they all are! And that is what they intend to remain. They immediately identified their goals and were excited about breaking down the steps to reach them.
- **Working at it** - each person knew their exercises and did them once or twice a day- no excuses!
- **Fitness** - it doesn't mean they all go to the gym (though several do!) but they engage in significant physical activity for a large part of their day.



- **Priority** - They all recognise the value of managing their health and weight.
- **Social support** - being fit and active allows them to participate in the



community and get all the positive well-being associated with that.

So let's all start to make a positive step now so that we can join this merry group- be that next week or in 30 years! Just choose one small thing that you can do every day to improve your fitness and outlook. I am going to STOP saying "I am getting old"!!

While researching this article I looked at the New Zealand Ministry of Health "Healthy Ageing Strategy 2016". The Healthy Ageing Strategy vision is that "older people live well, age well, and have a respectful end of life in age-friendly communities".

Worthy sentiments Ministry of Health, but I think Methven is WAY ahead of you! But then here, seventy is the new fifty - I am sure the lady last seen zip lining through the canopy of the South American rain forest would agree!

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LAKE CLEARWATER BIOBLITZ



A Bioblitz organized for students of Mt Somers/Springburn School with some students from Mount Hutt College took place at Lake Clearwater, Ashburton Lakes on Monday the 11th February.

The students of Mt Somers Springburn School spent the day alongside scientists and experts discovering the wealth of life that lives in and around Lake Clearwater; a place right in their backyard. The whole of the school from Years 1 to 8, were involved as well as a group of Year 10 students from Mount Hutt College.

The day was divided into four activities led by different experts with separate groups of students participating in turn. This first Bioblitz gave the children the opportunity of appreciating the ecology and beauty of the Hakatere Conservation Park, learning through their experience to enjoy and protect our precious environment. The recorded results of the survey will also provide a valuable record for the future of the current state of the local environment.

The Bioblitz was organized by teacher and hutholder, Maureen Keen. A donation, towards costs, was provided by Forest and Bird, Ashburton. Adult experts and participants included:

- Eleanor Bissell – hutholder and assistant organizer
- Nancy Collis and George Iles - Department of Conservation Geraldine
- Val Clemens, Edith Smith and Peter Howden - Forest and Bird, Ashburton
- Jayde Couper and Hamish Stevens - Fish and Game
- Dr Peter Johns – Entomologist, Canterbury Museum
- Dr Colin Meurk – Ecologist, Landcare Research
- Bert Hofman - Open Space Planner, Ashburton District Council

Photographs taken on the day by students and experts are at present being uploaded onto iNaturalist, Lake Clearwater Bioblitz New Zealand project.

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LAKE CLEARWATER BIOBLITZ



<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/lake-clearwater-bioblitz?tab=observations>

This international initiative aims to encourage students and adults to be citizen scientists who notice and record the nature they see around them.

The day at Lake Clearwater will also provide a valuable snapshot of information on the insects, plants, fish, fungi and birds found at Lake Clearwater for future generations.



Comments from students after the event:

"I didn't know there were so many different types of bugs, skinks and geckos in our area".

"So many native bugs, particularly the little black native bees, were aggressive to vibrant colours, like our hi viz jackets".

"Dung beetles were just landing on us. They look like a ladybug without spots".

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Open Home Saturday 23rd February 11.00-11.30am 10 Jackson Street

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OPEN HOME

VENDORS WANT ACTION

Lovingly cared for and maintained by our current owner for a number of years, this home is ready for a new chapter. This three bedroom home has good bones and with the recent kitchen and bathroom renovations you can move straight in and enjoy just as it is. Upon entering you will appreciate modern kitchen and open plan living area where natural light pours in while you enjoy the stunning rural aspect. This area flows out via french doors onto a sunny deck. This is a fabulous area for your summer entertaining, capitalising on the private and sunny 588 sqm sized section. Off the hallway are three bedrooms which are complemented by the family bathroom. In addition there is a log burner and heat pump for comfort all year round and separate single garage. **\$395,000**

Open Home Saturday 23rd Feb 11.45-12.15pm 51 Racecourse Avenue

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ACTION REQUIRED

Appealing three bedroom sunny home with fantastic mountain views is waiting for a new family to call it home. Will it be yours? Open plan kitchen & dining with large living area. The living area/lounge has lovely large windows which let plenty of sun in. The bathroom boasts both a bath and separate shower. There is a double internal access garage plus off street parking. **\$399,000**

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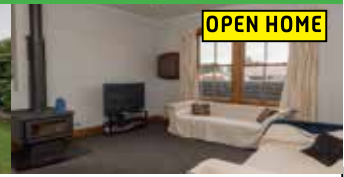
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CLASSIC CHARACTER CALLING FOR NEW OWNERS

This beautiful two storey character home originally built in the 1930's sits on a private 2,023 sq m section with an established garden. The open plan kitchen and living area has been designed with family and entertaining in mind with generous areas that capture beautiful morning sun. A fantastic sunroom flows from the lounge area offering extra living. **\$639,000**

O/H Sat 23rd Feb 1.15-1.45pm 37 Dolma St

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What a fantastic opportunity to get on the Methuen property ladder! This 2 bedroom home with sleepout and large attic is a great place to start. Set on 809m2 section gives the option to extend or subdivide or have plenty of space to entertain. The home has a lovely feel with a tidy kitchen with french doors opening to the great deck. A large master bedroom with bay window has the potential to convert to two bedrooms. Options here to increase value.

Price guide: Low \$300,000's

**Open Home Saturday 23rd February 12.30-1.00pm
54 Allen Street**

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BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

This stunning timeless character Villa reflects past glory and elegance with the modern comforts of a warm family home. Crafted from quality materials, this 203 sqm property has enduring features such as large bay and sash windows, ornamental fireplaces and traditional wooden floors. The modern country-style kitchen flows effortlessly to the open plan dining and living area. The wide light-filled hallway leads to the five bedrooms, two bathrooms and the formal living area. Easy indoor-outdoor flow is perfect for relaxing, dining or entertaining while you enjoy the peaceful and private grounds that have been thoughtfully planted and landscaped. **\$629,000**

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CENTRAL TOWNHOUSE

This fantastic three double bedroom townhouse is located in the heart of Methuen. In addition this home offers a large sunny deck, single internal access garage, an ensuite, separate laundry, under floor heating in the tiles and so much more. Set on an easy care section, this home would be an ideal first home, investment or holiday home. **\$359,000**

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Price guide - Mid \$300,000's

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NZ's Best Ski Resort set to open in March!



Hot on the heels of their 4th consecutive win at the World Ski Awards, Mt Hutt invites guests to experience the mountain out of the ski season at the annual Open Day on Saturday 2nd March.

Discover Mt Hutt is a community fundraising event, run in partnership with the Lions Club of Methven. The main benefactor will be Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Service who will use the funds for life-saving missions in the community.

From 10am to 4pm the Summit 6 chairlift will be spinning; set to carry families, walkers and bikers to the very top of Canterbury's award-winning mountain.

There is unlikely to be snow, but that won't be a problem according to organisers. "Skis and boards will be swapped out for shoes and bikes," chuckles Ski Area Manager, James McKenzie. "We've made enhancements to our chairlift so that bikes can comfortably be transported alongside passengers, for what is always an awesome day out. "There's plenty on offer!"

Ski area employees will be offering an inaugural guided 4WD experience, sharing access to the most stunning and secret locations

across the mountain they know, love and respect. For those wanting to experience the sheer awesomeness from air, a scenic chopper ride with Mt Hutt Helicopters will be the way to go; and little daredevils will probably prefer gliding down the "super slip and slide" encountering some thrills and spills on the way!



Bike Methven, the local mountain biking club, will be running an Enduro event on the day. If it's just about views, guests won't be disappointed. Disembarking at the top, 2086m above sea-level, visitors will be greeted with unrivalled 360° views across the Southern Alps and Canterbury Plains. "Honestly, it should be our vista alone that wins awards,"

says James, who collected the Mt Hutt trophy for NZ's Best Ski Resort at the 2018 World Ski Awards Ceremony in Austria.

For the return journey, some may opt for the thrill of biking the majestic scree slopes; others may prefer to meander along, admiring the diverse range of flora and fauna on display in this conservation area. For an even more laidback approach there is always the option of jumping on the chairlift to get back down to the base.

The mid-mountain Corona bar will be open for refreshments and in the base area, live music is set entertain the crowds; with volunteers running the café and BBQ areas.

"The Discover Mt Hutt open day has been designed with every age and interest in mind, and there will be several other activities available exclusively for the event," says James.

Entry on the day provides unlimited access to the chairlift with children 10 and under free of charge. "There really is something for everyone," says James, "and the best bit is that's it all for a fantastic cause."

"With or without snow, Mt Hutt is truly a spectacular place to be, and we encourage everyone to come up to enjoy the day with us," adds Bruce Holmes, Methven Lions President.

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Council's Annual Residents' Survey about to begin



Residents will soon be asked to share how they think a range of Council services and activities are performing as part of the Ashburton District Council Annual Residents' Survey.

The survey will be conducted by independent Canterbury-based company, Research First, who are testing the survey this week before the exercise officially starts on Monday 18 February.

Research First will be phoning residents - using both landline and mobile phone numbers to carry out the survey.

"The Council's Annual Residents' Survey is an important tool we use to help gauge what the community thinks about our performance," council

Chief Executive Hamish Riach says. "We use the feedback to help determine work programmes and future budget priorities, so it's imperative that we hear what people have to say. If you are selected, I encourage you to please take part." A representative cross-section of the community will be selected for the survey, which means not everyone that is called will meet the criteria to participate. For example, people in a particular age bracket may have already been adequately represented in the survey, and Research First may need to continue sourcing people from a different demographic.

The survey will finish in mid-March.

To see the results of previous years Annual Residents' Surveys, visit www.ashburtondc.govt.nz





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In the list of services that Hospice Mid Canterbury offers, "sitting" seems so straightforward and innocuous.

How difficult could "sitting" be? To the uninitiated, the impression may be of a volunteer sitting quietly alongside a client. However, the reality of "sitting" can be quite different. In fact, there is no limit to the imagination of our volunteers when it comes to enriching the life of our clients.

Take Jocelyn, for instance. She took her client to the hospital for an appointment but it finished quickly and on hearing that her client

needed jandals and sunglasses, she did a lengthy detour to several shops to get these. In her report she wrote that the client "seemed to enjoy our tootle around town."

When Margaret found that her client enjoyed country and western music, she arrived armed with her entire collection of CDs ready for an afternoon's entertainment.

Another volunteer decided that her client, who has dementia, would enjoy seeing the movie "Mamma Mia". This was a huge success, with the client laughing and singing in all the right places.

Music can play such an important role in people's lives and offers a respite in difficult times. Outings play a major role in "sitting".

Colin enjoys sharing his favourite cafes and restaurants around Canterbury with his clients, regularly driving them to Geraldine, Temuka and Rangiora.

June, on the other hand, often takes her current client home for a coffee and a chat with her husband.

Just as important as outings and entertainment, is the companionship that

develops between volunteers and clients. Sometimes it is the quiet, easy conversations with a client that matters most. A volunteer can bring the outside world to a client no longer able to leave the house.

The value of "sitting" cannot be underestimated. Not only does it enhance the lives of clients, it also provides a valuable break for carers looking after someone with a life-limiting illness. Like all the other services Hospice provides, it aims to help people live every moment in whatever way is important to them.

If you or someone you care about has a life limiting illness and would like our support, contact Christine on 307 8387, or 027 227 8387

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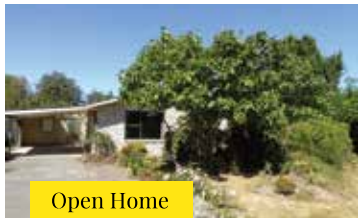
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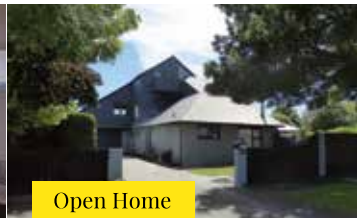
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23 Colcord Place, **Methven**

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3 spacious bedrooms. Bathroom plus 2nd toilet. Large lounge that captures afternoon sun. Detached double garage. This home is in need of some painting and decoration so you can make it your own.

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\$347,000 (REDUCED)

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Set Date Of Sale
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Offers closing 2 pm
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Open Home



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13 Cameron Street, **Methven**

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Delightful private garden setting on 1012m2 section. 3 bedrooms plus spacious office. Addition of a large family room/decking. Modern bathroom & second W/C. Heated by log burner & double glazed. New wiring. Exterior recently painted. Double garage.

Set Date Of Sale
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GROW YOUR OWN

Mary Ralston

It's a great time of year in the vegie garden: there's lots of vegies to pick and eat and plenty of time left to plant crops that will flourish in the late summer warmth.

My tomatoes are abundant and the sweet corn delicious! Today I've planted curly kale where potatoes have been harvested. Adding nutrients and organic matter to replace the soil's supply that would have been used by the preceding crop is important – I added some compost and chook manure and a dash of dolomite. Dolomite lime is a natural product that provides the essential elements calcium and magnesium, and slightly raises pH levels, which brassicas such as kale like. It also is good for stimulating organic matter breakdown and earthworm activity.

Tomatoes are very hungry plants – they need feeding during the season. Liquid manure is good – this can be made from soaking manure, comfrey or seaweed (or a combination) in a bucket and then diluting

the liquid til it is about the colour of tea. Pour this around each plant. If using seaweed, wash first before soaking to remove excess salt. Mulching around the base of the plant with compost and watering it in is also good and



should supply some nutrients. This will also help to retain soil moisture.

Many stone fruit trees have finished fruiting and can be pruned. It is good to prune stone fruit in summer because the (usually) drier,

warmer air is less likely to lead to infection getting into the cuts. Stone fruit (peaches, plums, apricots, nectarines etc) produce fruit on last year's growth so it is recommended to prune back each fruiting spur by about one-third. If left unpruned, the fruit will be produced further and further out along the branches.

Blackcurrant and other soft fruit bushes can also be pruned now. They also produce fruit on growth from the previous year. I usually cut back some old stems right back to the ground, which encourages new shoots to be made. Then I cut back some of the canes to a new shoot. They can also be fed if you have spare compost or manure. Raspberries can be cut back too – remove all the canes that fruited this year and cut

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Off Christmas Card List!

The announcement in Methven last Friday by Regional Development Minister Shane Jones will rightly be welcomed by many in the community, and certainly by the developers behind the thermal pools project.

I met with them in March of last year and was impressed by their plans, and the potential for drawing more people here. Importantly it ticked all the boxes for encouraging travellers to stay a bit longer. To me Methven and Mt Hutt have always been a winter wonderland where I learned to ski and snowboard (the latter not well). As we all know, there's so much more potential.

New developments like the thermal pools and spa fit well into the strategy I'd like to see us develop – encouraging more tourists away from overcooked markets like Queenstown and into other regions. I'm not the only one to see the potential of the thermal pools. New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, a government agency tasked with promoting investment and development, have been working on the project since mid-2017. An application to the Provincial Growth Fund followed, which was approved by the independent advisory panel back in September 2018. Weirdly, there it languished. Rather than being rushed out to great fanfare like other projects, it collected

dust on a desk in the Beehive. In the meantime dozens of other projects were approved and announced by Jones. Many, particularly in his home region of Northland were announced within a few days or even hours of being received.

Throughout most of last year, in Parliament and in Select Committees, I've questioned him on this. His apparent glee at handing out money to projects near him, while ignoring many other parts of the country entirely. That might not matter so much if it were his own money, but as taxpayers we all foot the bill, with Mid Canterbury contributing more than many. The advice on the thermal pools development from the panel, Jones' own officials, couldn't have been clearer. It should be made a "priority project," in part because "it is not in a surge region which is important in the context of the overall fund allocation to the area." The latter quote is a bureaucrat-speak acknowledgement that too much has been given to some regions like Northland, and little to areas like ours.

Canterbury has received less than two per cent of the funds handed out. The former quote, to treat it as a priority project, so far as I can tell, was completely ignored. After five months of inaction it took questions from me and comments to the media last Monday to get any action at all. Within 24 hours Jones had hastily arranged a visit, and just a

couple of days later made his first appearance in Mid Canterbury to announce a \$7.5 million loan. That it took a backbench opposition MP to highlight the months-long delay to shame Mr Jones into coming down is a surprise. The fact that he didn't invite the local MP to the announcement, as he has in other parts of the country, is therefore perhaps understandable. That's ok, though.

If the cost of putting Mid Canterbury on the top of his to-do list is not getting a Christmas card, it's a price I'll happily pay.

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BOWLING CLUB

Pat Mac

Bowls Report for week ending 17 February

We were lucky enough earlier this season to get funding from NZ Community Trust for a defibrillator which is now installed in the Bowling Club.

We are so grateful to have it and there are quite a few of these machines around the town in various buildings and clubs. St John is running a training course for all of Methven clubs and institutions who wish to remind themselves how to use these machines. This will be on Monday 4 March at 7.30pm. Venue will be determined once St John has a feeling for how many people are coming. Bowling Club members have been emailed about this.

St John has placed an advertisement to this effect on Facebook. People need to RSVP to St John. I have a few names from our club, but at this point responses have been disappointing. St John was awesome in helping us with this process, and we appreciate them running this course for us and other clubs as a refresher so we look forward to supporting them on the Monday.

Dave McLaughlin Open Fours:

This was played at Methven, and the sponsor was Paterson Funeral Directors. The winners were all from clubs other than Methven.

Development Women Sunday 17 February:

Played at Darfield, and represented by Lyn Fensom and Di Callaghan. They played Town versus Country, and the girls from Canterbury won 5:1. The score however, did not reflect the games which were actually quite tight (16:15 in one case).



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GOLF CLUB

Mens Results 16 February

First Round Roger Harris Memorial Trophy

Senior: Piers Rolton 77-9-68 39 pts.

Intermediate: James Anderson 79-14-65 42pts.

Junior A: Peter Harper 84-19-65 42pts.

Junior B: John Robinson 91-25-66 41pts.

Other Good Scores: 40 Dave Puckett. 39 Geoff Rhodes, Simon Wareing, Phil Johnson.

Two's: Jim Lattimore, Barry Wackwitz, John Robinson, Dave Puckett, James Anderson, Craig Middleton, Graham Gunn.

Dubliner Best Nett: James Anderson 65 by lot.

Methven Foursquare Second Best Nett: Peter Harper 65.

Methven Travel Best Gross: Alister Maxwell.

Closest to the Pin: Aqua Japanese Restaurant No 4: Graham Gunn.

Hunters Wine No 6: Piers Rolton. **Ski Time No 13:** Dave Puckett.

Green Parrot No 17: Peter Harper.

Cinema Paradiso 2nd shot No 14: Mick Hodgson.

Next Week 23rd February: 2nd Round Roger Harris Memorial Trophy.

Ladies Results 13 February

Harrison Trays

Foursome Winners: Lynn Worsfold and Wendy Wareing 69.5

Sara Gallagher and Ruth Smith 72.5

Denise Dixey and Heather Santy 73

Nearest the Pins: 4 Arabica Ruth Smith

6 Methven Pharmacy Denise Dixey

13 Methven Foursquare Heather Santy

17 Methven Travel Heather Santy

Two's: Sara Gallagher and Ruth Smith



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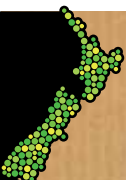
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