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Annie Jacobs

Lions Farm Machinery Auction - a respected Annual Event

*Methven Lion and the Farm Machinery Auction
Organiser, Alistair Clemens with 200 auction
items ready to go under the hammer*

*The A & P Showgrounds was the place to be where the second Methven
Lions Farm Machinery Auction, held last Friday, was a solid success!*

Organiser Alistair Clemens was pleased with the day's events and the calibre of the items for sale.

"This year there was a vast improvement in the quality of items for sale," he said. Around 200 items were on site at the Methven A and P Showgrounds for the auction with two thirds of them selling. The auction was commission based, so sellers were able to pocket some cash with a percentage going to Methven Lions. This in turn gets shared with the wider community via community projects, donations and grants.

"Some of the items are brand new," Alistair said last Thursday as fellow Lions were helping display all the items.

Friday's weather forecast looked horrendous.

"We should call this the adverse weather event Lions Farm Machinery Auction," joked Alistair. Last year's inaugural event was held in torrential rain. However this year, the rain stopped

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27 Dr Leigh Henderson, Foetal Alch. u3A
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31 Mt Hutt Skifield Opens

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13 MHC Senior Ball

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Pilates, Staveley, 9-10, 10.15-11.15am

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Methven Bowling Club 1.30pm
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Some of the items up for auction

a matter of minutes before the auction was due to start at 11am, holding off until the last items were auctioned around 3pm. There were plenty of bargains to be had with plucky bidders going home with new equipment and sellers with extra cash and space in their yard.

Bids, Beers, Barbecue and Banter was the theme for the auction with Alistair encouraging farmers to get off the farm for the day and hang out with like-minded people, have a feed, a yarn and doing something positive for their mental health. The Carrfields Wellness Van was on site for health checkups along with a coffee cart, the famous Lions Barbecue and a bar for a bevy.



Numbers attending were well up on last year



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Auction - a respected Annual Event



with an estimated 280 people making the most of the opportunity. Ōpuke Innovation Hub students from Mt Hutt College visited the auction to see how it all worked.

Thrilled with the response from sellers and buyers alike, Alistair said, "I think this has now become a respected annual event."

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Exciting New Upgrade underway at Highbank

Annie Jacobs

Generating electricity since 1945, Highbank Power Station, (owned by Manawa Energy) utilises water from the Rangitata Diversion Race (RDR) and is undergoing a massive, exciting new upgrade.

Silt erosion and damage over the years has necessitated in a major upgrade and a new rotor for the generator being installed at the station. The new rotor is so large (68 tonnes), that it had to be assembled onsite, as it was too large to fit through any of the Power Station's roller doors! Once the works are complete, it will increase the station's generator efficiency and capacity by 8.25GWh (Gigawatt hours) per year - enough to power the equivalent of an extra 1,000 average homes.

With walls as strong as the day it was built, the designer of the station knew what they were doing! It houses a gantry and crane which no doubt has been useful during construction and over the intervening years. It has received an upgrade and been put to work for the refit.

The Highbank Power Scheme includes the Highbank and Montalto Power Stations.

"The previous gear was 80 years or more old and it is usually replaced at 60 years," said



Cutting out the old turbine

Manawa Energy Plant Engineer Chris Sharpe, who after a safety briefing, kindly took Snowfed through the plant. The works include replacing the 1945 - 27MW (Megawatt) unit with a new 29MW unit.

"The rebuilt unit will be highly resilient and engineered to withstand the high-silt load of water flowing through Highbank," says Todd Mead, Manawa Energy General Manager Generation. "It utilises innovative hard and soft coatings, sacrificial plates, and a streamlined assembly for easier maintenance; ensuring long-term reliability and resilience."

The old turbine was cut out with teams running a 24/7 concrete cutting shift over 2 1/2 months, to remove the 80 tonnes of



Lifting out the concrete blocks that encased the old turbine

concrete casing. Pressure testing jigs and tools have needed to be designed and custom built, so that the spiral casing (base of the turbine), can be checked that nothing is leaking, before the new turbine is enplaced in new concrete.

Planning work for the upgrade started back in 2019 and the outage started in November 2024. In a progressive and innovative move, six pumps utilised by the Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Scheme (when not needed) have had a modification done so they can be used as turbines during outages. This means that around 5.8 megawatts of generation (enough



The new turbine being welded in place. Top right is where the RDR water enters the power station and the turbine

to power around 6,000 homes annually) is still occurring while the Power Station Upgrade is progressing.

Manawa Energy Project Manager Natasha Keedwell says the scale of the project is impressive, with more than 5800 components from 112 suppliers arriving at the station.

"It's been like playing Tetris with limited space on the station floor, but the progress has been remarkable," she says. "Over the past months, our teams have logged close to 20,000 hours of site work, often working around the clock."

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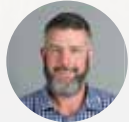
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\$10,000 raised for Mid Canty Rural Support Trust

Ruralco is proud to announce that a donation of \$10,000 has been made to the Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust (MCRST), following the successful Ruralco Golf Classic held on Friday, 11 April 2025 at the Tinwald Golf Course.

Thanks to the incredible support of attendees and sponsors, the event achieved outstanding results, with 100% of proceeds from player entries, on-course challenges, and raffles directly benefiting the MCRST. These funds will help the Trust continue its important work providing free, confidential support and wellbeing services to farmers and rural communities across Mid Canterbury.

Ruralco CEO, Tony Aitken, said the success of the Golf Classic reflects Ruralco's ongoing commitment to Mid Canterbury, strengthening community ties and backing local initiatives.

"We are incredibly grateful to everyone who took part, whether by playing, sponsoring, or donating. This event was about more than just a round of golf, it was a show of solidarity and support for the people at the heart of our rural community. We are especially proud that the funds raised will stay local and directly assist Mid Canterbury farmers and their families," Tony said.



Ruralco CEO Tony Aitken presenting the \$10,000 donation to Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust representatives Frances Beeston and Duncan Barr

"As a regionally focused cooperative, Ruralco's core purpose is to lower farm input costs for our members, and we're equally committed to supporting their wellbeing. Partnering with the Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust is one meaningful way we can give back to the communities that support us." The Ruralco Golf Classic drew more than 100 players from across Mid Canterbury, creating a day full of camaraderie, fun, and fundraising. Special thanks go to Ballance Agri Nutrients and Nutrien Ag Solutions for their joint platinum sponsorship of the event, FMG for supporting the Vintage Putt Off, and all raffle prize sponsors who helped make the day such a success. Ruralco looks forward to continuing its partnership with the Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust and making the Ruralco Golf Classic an annual highlight on the rural calendar.

Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder - the Hidden Neurodisability

Dr Leigh Henderson will speak on Tuesday 27th May at the U3A Hakatere/ Ashburton Lifelong Learning meeting, at the Ashburton Event Centre.



Dr Leigh Henderson

Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) has been a feature throughout Leigh's life since her first post-graduate position as a geneticist in a hospital lab in the 1970s, where the prompt for analysis was often FLK – funny looking kids. Her passion for supporting those affected by FASD arose through the diagnosis of her internationally adopted son, when he was a teenager. FASD-CAN works to change the environment in which those with FASD grow up; promotes awareness and understanding of FASD; and provides support for people with FASD and their whānau. Leigh has delivered workshops on FASD to senior judges, mental health and addiction professionals, tertiary education professionals, care workers and others.

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A Miraculous Recovery



Jan (centre) with her lovely family

A happy, festive gathering recently saw friends and family of local lady Jan Dynes celebrating with a special morning tea and camaraderie, marking one year since her miraculous recovery.

It all started with Jan having a severe asthma attack on Sunday, 7th April, 2024. She managed to ring the doctor herself, although doesn't remember doing that.

"Thank God for Dr Cheryl," she said.

Jan's oxygen status was very low and she was transferred to Ashburton Hospital where the decision was made to place her into an induced coma on a ventilator, for seven days because she was struggling to breathe. There really wasn't a choice to make. It was either that, or her body was going to shut down

in the next couple of hours. It was highly traumatic for her family. Daughter Kayla had recently moved to Australia and was about to start seeding. Adult twin daughters Erica and Lucy were both pregnant.

"I got a phone call at 7am and had to drive four hours to Perth to get a flight back. I thought I was coming back to organise a funeral and clean up the family home," said Kayla.

Days went by living on a knife edge, with the overhanging, very real threat that Jan would not survive.

"One day we were told she was not good, the next day she would be slightly better. One step forward, two back," said Lucy. If their Mum did come through it, a very long recovery was on the cards with rehabilitation at Burwood Hospital. The decision was made to reduce the coma inducing medication. The doctor had said that they would have to look at turning the machine off by Monday, but on the Sunday Jan showed some signs of movement and coming out of the coma, which she did by the Monday.



Photo supplied



Jan celebrates with friends and family

Around Day Nine of being in a coma, nursing staff pulled the breathing tube out and incredibly, Jan was able to breathe on her own. The family had been advised by staff that every day in hospital in a coma results in a week at Burwood.

"We were told that when the tube came out that she may well be brain dead."

Jan remembers absolutely nothing of it.

"When I woke up from the coma, all I wanted was a cup of tea! Thankfully I remembered my family," Jan said.

After the tubes were taken out, it was a matter of days and Jan was up and about on a walker.

"When I was in the hospital, they'd say right, we'll go for a walk or a shower. By the third day, I was able to do it on my own. They said I was a miracle. They thought I'd have to go to Burwood for rehab to learn to walk and talk again, but I didn't," exclaimed Jan.

Within days she was home with daughter Erica and even made it to Methven's ANZAC Commemoration on 25th April! A steady recovery and truckloads of love and care

from family and friends meant that six months later, Jan was back in her own home.

"Thank you to everyone who rallied around and supported us with meals, phone calls and everything. It was amazing," say Jan and her family.

It was a celebratory, joyful occasion a year later, to be with friends and family marking a truly miraculous recovery.



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James Meager

Education Parent Portal

Every Parent wants to see their child thrive at school, to feel confident, supported, and capable. The Government is taking a key step toward making that aspiration a reality with the launch of the new Parent Portal: a free, easy-to-use online resource designed to help families support their child's learning journey.

From feedback, we know parents haven't always had consistent access to curriculum information. This new tool will change that, giving parents clarity, confidence, and practical tools. The Parent Portal provides a clear, year by year guide to what students will be learning in English and Maths under New Zealand's refreshed, knowledge-rich curriculum. It's written in plain language and tailored for families, not education experts, so everyone can feel equipped to engage.

The Portal is available online on the Ministry of Education website (www.education.govt.nz) and includes:

- a simple breakdown of what children are expected to learn at each year level
- activities and resources aligned to the curriculum to help learning continue at home
- videos and guidance on what to expect when a child starts school

- support for structured literacy, including access to decodable books and phonics resources
- practical tips for Parent-Teacher interviews

The portal is available on any device, anytime so Parents can check in, get support, and take action when it suits them. More resources will be added over time, include Math resources, building a rich library to help close achievement gaps and lift learning outcomes across the board. This initiative reflects the Government's broader commitment to raising educational achievement and ensuring every child, in every community, has the opportunity to succeed.

I encourage all parents to get involved and use this resource, and as always provide feedback. Because when parents are supported and informed, children benefit, and we all win.

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TIPS FOR Let's Talk About

Like all body signs, experiencing prolonged fatigue isn't normal – it's a sign from the body that something's not quite right.

If you were to rate your overall energy levels out of ten, what would they honestly be? Are you operating at a good 8/10, waking energised and have enough steam to get through the day, or are you struggling to get up, flat lining at a 5/10, having energy crashes after lunch and reaching for things to help you feel more energised (like coffee, sugar or energy drinks?)

Unfortunately the latter is the more common situation for many.

There are many potential causes for fatigue, including:

- virus / post viral fatigue
- insufficient nutrient intake
- dehydration
- lack of quality sleep
- stress
- regular or excessive use of stimulants (caffeine, sugar etc) with depressants (alcohol) which disrupt the body's circadian rhythm

KEEPING HEALTHY Fatigue

- lack of exercise
- lack of enjoyment in life (this is a major one – the mojo has gone out)

It might be helpful to know that living with fatigue is not necessary. There is so much that can be done to help you feel good again and have enough energy and motivation to do the things you love!

Some things that can help:

- dietary changes to increase nutrient intake
- gut health to increase nutrient absorption
- treating any current infection, or recovery from past infection
- drinking at least 1.5L quality water
- avoiding stimulants and depressants as much as possible
- exercise daily, even if just a little to start with
- stress management (doing less, saying no, breathing, Yoga, meditation etc)
- reuniting yourself with things you love to do. What used to get your wheels spinning?

Feeling energised is not a luxury – it is our natural state. If we are feeling fatigued, we can listen to the body and give it what it needs to feel great again.



Lauren Stokes
Naturopath

Exciting New Upgrade underway at Highbank

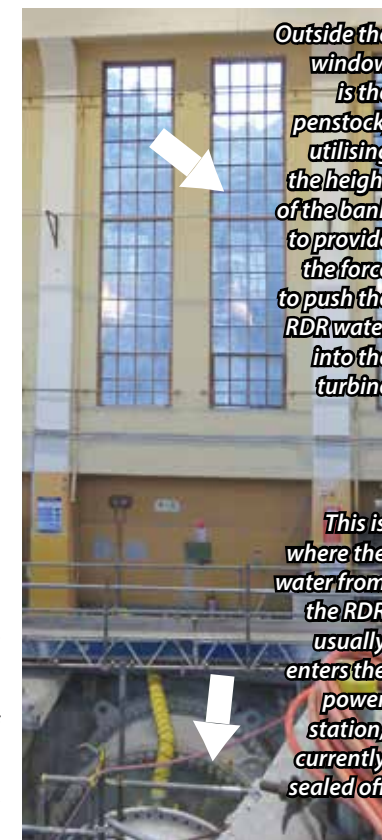


Above: cutting the stay bolts inside the old turbine

An old turbine has been gifted to the community. Local community groups are working together with a view to having it on display near the historic Pipe Shed (see Snowfed Issue 4, 2025), as part of the Garden of Harmony extension.

It is hoped that the Highbank Power Station upgrade will be finished and full generation starting again in May 2026.

Thanks to Jen Spence and Chris Sharpe for allowing Snowfed to share the upgrade with our readers.



Outside the window is the penstock, utilising the height of the bank to provide the force to push the RDR water into the turbine

This is where the water from the RDR usually enters the power station, currently sealed off



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EXPLORING OUTSIDE

Mary Ralston

The weather was perfect at Lake Heron on Sunday for the annual wilding conifer clearing day.

Small teams were assigned to specific areas then the team members fanned out across the tussock grassland, removing trees as they went.



The most prolific species are Douglas Fir and Pinus contorta, both originating from shelter belts on the farmland neighbouring the conservation area.

Small seedlings, (up to about 30 cm) can usually be pulled out by hand; the bigger ones are easily cut off with loppers or sawn. It's very important to cut below any green needles – if even one green needle is left, the tree can re-grow.



Volunteers clearing wilding pines near Lake Heron

Broom is also an issue. It is harder and more time consuming to deal with because it often has multiple stems, so can't be simply cut off and pasted with herbicide. The method is to cut as much back as possible to get to the base of the plant, then paste the individual shoots.

The wilding day is organised by the Ashburton branch of Forest & Bird. They've been doing this job for many years in order to keep the tussock grassland free of conifers. Without this annual work, the area might look like Lake Pukaki by now – completely choked with conifers. The vistas would be gone, the grassland biodiversity gone, and an immense fire hazard gained.

It's important to have a go at clearing every year; inevitably some are missed and many others germinate. It's going to be a job that needs to be done until the offending adult trees that are shedding the seeds are removed.

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Schools News

Methven Primary School



In Opuke F this week, our Inquiry focus has been about Ancient Greece. We have learnt about Ancient Greek civilisations and inventions from as early as the 6th century!

We had lots of fun looking through books from the National Library and found lots of really interesting facts. Did you know that in the first Olympics, there was only a prize for first place, and it was an olive wreath?

We had the chance to go to the art room this week where we looked at Grecian pottery, and the different patterns that were used. Every pattern meant different things and told different stories.

Our favourite parts of our learning this week were brainstorming ideas for patterns for our pots and sharing new interesting facts as a class.

Eloise, Jacob, and Charlotte

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Schools News

Our Lady of the Snows School

Voices of the Poppies

As part of our ANZAC commemorations, students have been learning to use personification in their writing. Akonga turned their attention to the poppy, a symbol of remembrance, crafting short poems where poppies whisper, weep, and stand in silent salute.



By Sophie



By Fynn



By KC

The poppies have fallen, they mark the dead,
the poppies mark those in red.

In Flanders Fields the poppies that grow
peacefully in the sun that glows.

Every April we remember the dead, on the
25th of April we get out of bed.

We remember those who lost their lives 1800
kiwis fought for our lives, our future and what
lies. *By Luke*

As the poppies watch the crosses being stuck
into the ground, they remember the fallen
soldiers. They show sadness as they bow their
heads. *By Sophie*

The poppies wept out of the ground, the
poppies sadly chattered about the fallen.

The poppies shone brighter as the days grew,
now the poppies shine as bright as fireflies.

They remember the hard things that
happened on this land, but the poppies
remain brave throughout the storms, making
it their duty to protect the crosses that lay
around them. *By Tristan*

The poppies red, spend days in their place,
standing strong while bowing their heads.

Holding strongly to the ground,

The dead have risen again,

as poppies. *By Liam*

Red poppies living between the crosses, they
seem sad.

The fields of millions of poppies waving in the
wind remember the guns shooting, the skies
grey, smoke burning.

Poppies growing taller, some growing smaller
and now we remember this day of the people
who fought for New Zealand. *By Jaxon*

In Flanders Fields, the poppies salute,
they move in the wind and they catch those
who have fallen by gun fire.

They get their colour from
the soldiers blood and still
today we respect the ones
that died on ANZAC day.
By Fynn



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The sun was going down and I could see one
little star up in the sky. So I wished on the star.
It was like I was in a dream. My family and I
looked up and talked excitedly about how
amazing it was.

I just lived in the moment. I looked at the
lights on the cars slowly going past like little
white dots. It was so peaceful and calm. The
thought drifted dreamily into my head, 'I am
so lucky to be here today and so happy to
wake up to a new day tomorrow.'

As I walked back to the car with my cousin,
my Mum handed us a delicious, chocolatey
cupcake each.

Mmmm, happy!

We ran off into the sunset with
the rest of my family following on
behind.

By Ruby Askew 8CT



Another lovely piece of writing from Mr
Andre Cuttle's class.



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Learn to be an EpiPen® lifesaver this Allergy Awareness Week

Would you know how to save a life if you needed to respond to someone having a serious allergic reaction (anaphylaxis)?

Allergy New Zealand is calling on Kiwis to learn how to use an EpiPen® this Allergy Awareness Week (11-17 May). Allergy NZ Chief Executive Mark Dixon said; "We want all Kiwis to feel confident to act in an allergy emergency, just as we would with basic CPR and accessing a defibrillator".



To help, Allergy New Zealand has launched a poster outlining the steps a person needs to take to administer an EpiPen® - and potentially save a life. The poster can be viewed [HERE](#).

Since Pharmac began fully funding EpiPens for people at risk of anaphylaxis in February 2023, more and more people in our communities are now able to carry them.

"With no cost barrier, New Zealanders of all ages and stages of life can now have a pen with them if they need it," Mark said. "Pharmac has recently renewed its funding commitment - a decision we applaud."

"This Allergy Awareness Week, our focus is on educating people on how to use an EpiPen®. By following the actions in our poster, anyone should be able to step in and help someone if they are having a serious allergic reaction and are not able to help themselves. We encourage people to share the poster widely with family, friends, and community networks."

An EpiPen® is a medical device that contains a single, pre-measured dose of adrenaline that will alleviate symptoms for a person experiencing anaphylaxis (the most severe form of allergic reaction) until emergency services arrive. It is designed for quick and easy use by the person themselves, or if they are too unwell, family members, friends, teachers, colleagues, or members of the public.

The steps in the poster outlining how to use an EpiPen® to save a life, include:

- how to identify if someone is experiencing symptoms of anaphylaxis
- how and where to administer the EpiPen®
- actions to take - If possible, lie the person/child flat; administer the EpiPen®; call 111; say the word "anaphylaxis" to the call taker; and follow their instructions until emergency services arrive.

"An EpiPen® is easily identifiable through its distinctive blue and orange colours at

each end," Mark said. "A really easy way to remember how to administer an EpiPen® is: 'Blue to the sky, orange to the thigh'. If you remove the blue safety cap, put the orange end to the outer mid-thigh and push firmly against the leg for three seconds, the EpiPen® will be triggered and can deliver the dose of adrenaline without you seeing or needing to handle needles."

"We hope we can encourage people to step in and act without fear if they know, or come across, someone who needs this urgent, lifesaving treatment. Knowing how to act, could literally make you a lifesaver. And it's not hard."

Allergy Awareness Week is also an important time for local groups and clubs to check how accessible EpiPens are in their communities. For instance, does your school, fire station, camping ground, Department of Conservation (DoC) hut have an EpiPen®, and are key people trained to use it?



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METHVEN RUGBY CLUB



Rugby's Clubs Day

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Above: Part of the action at the Clubs Day held at Methven Rugby Club. Photographer Clayton Yaxley caught some of the Junior action

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Ladies Results 7 May

Competition 2nd Eclectic, 1st Tuis, 4th LGU

Eclectic Sharon Burrell-Smith 66 C/B. Linda Ayers 66.

Silver: Ellen Kemp 95-19-76. Bronze A: Lee McLintock 100-22-77.

Bronze B: Sharon Burrell-Smith 99-28-71.

Freshchoice Best Nett Of Day Sharon Burrell-Smith 71. Mt Hutt Lodge Best Nett For April Emma Hampton 65.

Nearest The Pins: No 4 Open Bronze B 2nd Shot Methven Pharmacy Sandra Marr, No 6 Open Primo Katrina Glass, No 13 Open Methven Travel Ruth Smith, No 17 Open Methven Foursquare Sharryn Bree, No 14 Bronze B 2nd Shot Farmhouse Design & Decor & Station Coffee Heather Middleton.

Two's And Nett Eagles: Lee McLintock x2, Linda Ayers.

Mens Results 10 May

Duff Trophy 2nd Round - Stroke Round

Senior: Michael Kemp 77-5-72. Junior: Mick Hodgson 94-23-71. Other good scores: 71 Keith Middleton, 73 George Millar, Chris Cavanagh, Phil Elliott, Robbie Watson, 74 Dayle Lucas, Frank Sandys, Tim Robinson, 75 Alister Maxwell, John Robinson, Athol McAlpine. Twos: Alister Maxwell, Robbie Watson. Methven Four Square Supermarket Best Nett: Mick Hodgson.

Nearest the Pins: No 4 Charterhouse Farm Michael Kemp, No 6 Brown Pub Michael Kemp, No 13 Ski Time Chris Cavanagh, No 14 2nd Shot Hunters Wines Kane Hickman, No 17 Methven Resort Michael Kemp.

Next week: Duff Trophy Semi Finals, 1st Round Middleton Trophy.

NETBALL CLUB

Week ending 11 May

Social: Methven Blue Pub vs Celtic Green lost 19-26. Premier: Methven Wareings A vs Mt Somers A lost 34-37 POD **Emma Breach**. Methven EuroAgri B vs Celtic B lost 14-40 POD **Lexi Hooker**. Methven Shearmac C vs Rakaia B lost 11-25 POD **Luca Brown**.

Yr3/4: Methven Clemens Seed Dressing vs ABS POD: **Greta Clemens**. Methven Martin Seed Dressing vs Wakanui Yr3 POD **Rose McLellan**. Methven CG Ag vs St Josephs Fever POD **Kaitlyn Ridge**.

Juniors: Methven Panel & Paint vs Mt Somers Yr7/8 lost 1-15, & vs Tinwald lost 0-15 POD **Joelle Barangay**. Methven Clear Ear vs Hampstead White won 6-1 POD **Lily Turner**. Methven Kayla Dynes - Bayleys vs Allenton lost 2-21 POD **Lexi Harmer** & vs Hampstead A lost 3-13 POD **Elizabete McMillan**. Methven Gluyas Motor Group vs Southern lost 1-10 POD **Tristan Naidoo**. Methven R&R Spreading vs Hampstead A won 14-5, & vs Southern won 13-9 POD **Stephanie Lill**.

Senior: Methven Garage Gym vs Southern won 12-3, & vs College 9B lost 4-8 POD **Emma Kinzett**. Methven Blue Sky Farms vs ACS Burgendy won 11-1, & vs Allenton won 12-4 POD **Kelly Lingard-Davidson**. Methven South Pacific Seeds vs College 9A lost 5-13, & vs College 10A lost 4-22 POD **Bailee Hende**. Methven Trucking vs College Red lost 7-11 POD **Frida Wood**, & vs ACS Black lost 4-14 POD **Ashlyn Lee**.



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Methven 13 Elmwood Farm Lane

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Welcome to this architecturally designed, brand-new four-bedroom, two-bathroom home, expertly crafted by Bradford Building and set on a generous 851sqm (more or less) section in the Elmwood subdivision.

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For Sale offers invited over
\$980,000
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Methven 41 Holmes Road

Spacious, stylish and brand new

Set on a generous 1,072sqm (more or less) section, this newly completed home is a seamless blend of modern design and functional living. Step inside to discover a well-planned layout, featuring four spacious bedrooms, including a private master suite with a walk-in wardrobe, ensuite, and direct access to the outdoors.

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Asking Price \$875,000
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Methven 38 Memorial Crescent

Opuke's doorstep

This 1,291sqm (more or less) section is located across the road from the coveted and award winning Opuke Thermal pools giving direct access to one of Mid Canterbury's newest hot spots. The section is fully serviced with power, water, fibre and septic and is ready to be built on.

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1,291sqm

Asking Price \$269,000
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Hinds 37 Gray Street

Immaculate, inviting and full of heart

Lovingly cared for over the years, this charming property immediately reveals the pride and attention its owner has devoted to every detail. This home offers a delightful blend of cosy cottage charm and modern comfort, with manicured grounds with raised vegetable gardens, and your very own private orchard.

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Deadline Sale (unless sold prior)
12pm, Thu 29 May 2025
View Sat 2.30-3pm
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Methven 5 and 14 Westward Way

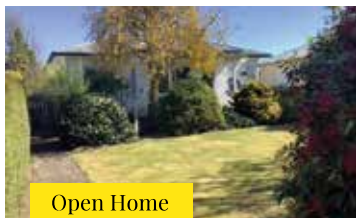
Kakariki view

Time to build in Methven's Premium subdivision. These spacious sections are available and ready for the construction of your dream home to start. Take your pick from number 5 or 14, both sections have excellent views and are serviced with power, town water supply and fibre. This is a great opportunity to start your next project in this peaceful area of Methven.

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4,009sqm

Price on Application
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Open Home



RayWhite

69 Forest Drive, Methven

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- Serious Sellers
- Your first step on the property ladder
- Well built ex state 2 bedroom home
- Well fenced 758m2 section
- Versatile double garage
- Modern kitchen, open plan dining

For Sale
\$479,000

View
Saturday 17th May
11:00am - 11:30am

Shirley Fitzgerald
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Margaret Feiss
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Open Home



RayWhite

1 Lilley Place, Methven

3 2 2 2

- * Three spacious bedrooms, master has a roomy walk in robe plus an ensuite.
- * Spacious kitchen with large bench, dining space plus generous sunny living area heated by a log fire.
- * Large decking off living area.
- * This property waiting for a refresh.

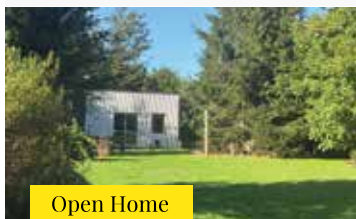
Deadline Sale
Closing 28th May
2025 at 2pm (unless sold prior)

View
Saturday 17th May
12:00pm - 12:30pm

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Open Home



RayWhite

17 Buccleugh Street, Mount Somers

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- Explore the details & benefits of a future development for this section 2023m2
- Consented studio unit with full bathroom & log fire
- Close to school, general store & country pub

By Negotiation
View
Saturday 17th May
1:00pm - 1:30pm

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4 Memorial Crescent, Methven

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- 3 bedrooms plus office
- 2.5 bathrooms
- Vaulted lounge ceiling
- Inside Chinese garden
- 3 car garaging
- Fantastic garden
- Wide sweeping lawns

For Sale
Enquiries over
\$1,285,000

View
by appointment

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25 Sam Holmes Drive, Methven



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- * The last water edge section available at the popular Thyme Stream subdivision.
- * 4087m2 fully fenced with tree and shrub planting commenced ready for that keen gardener
- * Power, water & fibre to boundary.

For Sale
Price by Negotiation

View
by appointment

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Lots 3 Hobbs Road, Methven



RayWhite

- Attractive 1.0596 hectare block located down a private laneway just off Hobbs Road right on Methven township boundary
- Waste water system required
- Town water & power

Price on Application
View
by appointment

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37 Sam Holmes Drive, Methven



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- Timeless at Thyme Stream
- Elegant brand new build set on 4044m2 amongst extensive plantings & landscaping
- 371.85m2 home with an emphasis on low maintenance
- Multiple living options
- Superb rural & mountain views

For Sale
\$2,850,000

View
by appointment

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2969 Methven Highway, Methven



RayWhite

- Lot 2 DP 308461
- Expansive 16.5650 ha parcel of Residential D pristine bare land
- Situated on the fringe of the Methven township
- Magnificent views of the Southern Alps from Mt Somers to Mt Hutt

Price on Application
+ GST (if any)

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