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*Annie Jacobs*

# Our Anna - a NZ Rural Women Business Award Winner!

***There is no question that Anna King is driven to provide excellence in service and that work ethic has resulted in her winning the Rural Health and Wellness Excellence Award, at the New Zealand Rural Women Business Awards - presented at Parliament, no less!***

Anna King used to be a flight attendant at Air New Zealand and while there, she took time out to qualify as an Exercise Professional specialising in Personal Training. The birth of her three boys and the challenge of the effects of that on her body, drew her into Pilates, which in the early days, she operated from her home garage. Leaving Air New Zealand, Anna continued to study and further her training, eventually opening Pilates studios in Ashburton and Methven.

"I am truly only ever driven by the results and impacts that it has in the community in people's every day life," Anna shared, her heart for people evident.

"Being in business can be lonely and isolating. I wasn't always there at dinner time when everyone else was sitting down to tea as I'd be taking classes." There has been lots of sacrifices and challenges. Anna said her business, "AnnaFit" only exists because she has the support of her husband and family.

She entered the Mid Canterbury Business Awards, but then one of her client's Elsa Hydes, told her about the NZI New Zealand Rural Women Business Awards and sent Anna the link.

"I went through the application process which I found quite rigorous."

Anna has recently completed six months of mentorship with the world leader of Pilates and a leading educator around the world.

"I had done a lot of my study with him. He then offered a Pilates support network. I love what I do but it doesn't necessarily make me the best business leader. I really deep dived into a strong six months of mentorship. It enabled me to fully comprehend what I was buildling from the ground up. It was a great chance to explore what I had learned, articulate what my vision is and what I'm trying to offer," she said.

The AnnaFit team has grown from Anna, to Liz (Studio Manager in Ashburton), Kirsty who operates out of both Methven and Ashburton, and Anna who has recently qualified.

"This allows us to offer more classes and opportunities for clients to work with our amazing instructors who are highly qualified and skilled," Anna said. As the industry is unregulated, Anna has invested in insuring her team are aligned, highly qualified, and all educated through Breathe Education - a global provider of Pilates certification. Each instructor has invested money and a year of their time to qualify.

All continue to upskill and are studying for the Mastery of Pilates through Breathe Education.

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## AUGUST

11 Seafood Market, 3-5pm, outside iHub
12 Methven Collie Club, AGM, 8pm
13 Flourish & Nourish, 7pm, Ash Event C
27-29 Joseph/Amazing Dreamcoat
31 Creative Communities Funding closes

## COMMUNITY

RUBBISH BINS ***red bin, yellow recycling.***
SCRAP METAL DROP OFF ***opposite the Police Station***

TUESDAY
***Methven Toy Library*** 9-10.30am
***Methven Bowling Club*** 1.30pm
***Methven Public Library*** 2pm-4pm
***Methven Museum*** 2pm-4pm

WEDNESDAY
***Methven Green Waste*** drop off, Vaughans Rd, 12.30pm-2.30pm

THURSDAY
***Cancer Drop in Sessions*** 1st & 3rd Thurs 10-12pm, MHMH

FRIDAY
***Methven Public Library*** 2pm-4pm
***Methven Museum*** 2pm-4pm

SATURDAY
***Methven Toy Library*** 9-10.30am
***Methven Public Library*** 10-11am
***AA Meeting*** All Saints Church, 6pm

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***Methven Green Waste*** drop off, Vaughans Rd, 12pm-4pm

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**Marilyn Monroe**


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Anna continued to work through the NZ Rural Women Business Award application process - a video was required, talking about her story, what her business AnnaFit is, how she created it, classes and what she does in the community. A half hour panel interview followed and from that interview, the winners were chosen.

All of the winners of the various categories were invited to an elaborate presentation event at the Parliament Banquet Hall in Wellington for which Anna and her team flew up to. During the presentation, Anna's video was played along with sponsorship of the event, showing the depth of what they're doing in the studio.

"We are extremely blessed to have been awarded the Rural Health and Wellness Excellence Award, based on a true reflection of what really happens in our studios. It showcased how it really impacts people for the better, it was so humbling," said Anna. "It was a really inspirational motivating event to be a part of and environment to be in. The vibe and energy was uplifting and truely supportive and it really felt like they were celebrating every one of us. All of the judges came over and said hello. It was a really unique environment - it was heartfelt!

"I personally would not have achieved any of this without the support of my loving family, friends and the incredible team at AnnaFit," she said.

# A Great

***Lauriston School Support Organisers were very pleased with how this year's Methven Craft Fair went.***

"The event ran really smoothly, it was a lot easier this year. Stallholders said they had a really good time and it was a really profitable day for them," said one of the organiser's Lauren Pierce.

Held at Mount Hutt Memorial Hall, there was a steady stream of shoppers, browsers, families and members of the public in throughout the day.

"People were shopping and purchasing. Kids loved the 3D printed stall up on the stage," said Lauren. The stall holder had made hundreds of 3D printed figures in multiple different colours which were an absolute hit with little shoppers.

So popular was the Methven Toy Library Bake Sale, that it sold out very quickly, as it has in previous years.

Mt Hutt College Business Studies student Struan Robertson had an amazing time! He has designed and bottled his own gorgeous fragrances. He came with 40 bottles of perfume and left with only 15 - an incredible day for a young entrepreneur!


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# Craft Fair !

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*Warrick and Vicky Jackson from Garden Art by Jackson*

*3D printed animals popular with the little shoppers*

*Beautiful home made crafts with something for everyone*

*Struan Robertson with his popular fragrances*

*Kelly Bisset and Beth Darling from DIY Darling*

Another popular stall was Anna Moore Ceramics - her very well priced ceramics sold quickly, with many purchasers taking home something special.

Organisers were thrilled with the day. Funds raised will go towards running Lauriston School Pool's running costs. Lauriston School Support fundraise to cover costs associated with education outside of the classroom, learning support (extra resources that the school needs outside of the budget) and the school pool.

One parent said they have not had to pay for school trips or camps since their child started school and they are now in Year 6, thanks to Lauriston School Support.


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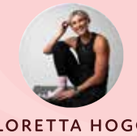

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# Election Build Up Begins

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*Prime Minister Christopher Luxon and Minister for the South Island and Rangitata Electorate Member of Parliament James Meager address the crowd*

***The Rt Hon Prime Minister Christopher Luxon was in Mid Canterbury at the weekend, out and about meeting constituents and speaking to a public meeting at the Ashburton Event Centre, as political parties and candidates build up and prepare for the upcoming election, on 7th November, 2026.***

The Prime Minister (PM), said the world is at a big inflection point and is moving from a rules based system to a power based system. He said, "What we can control is what happens here at home in New Zealand (NZ)." He went on to say that a number of countries are moving from lower to middle class and two thirds of all economic growth in the world is in our backyard.

Other questions covered why National gave such short notice to councils to amalgamate, or it would be done for them. The PM said National wold prioritise infrastructure, stating "it shouldn't matter what party is in power…so that infrastructure doesn't become a political football."

Education, those who were worse off and being denied healthcare because of skin colour was also raised, along with government spending, superannuation, Paid Parental Leave, renewable energy and the Paris Accord.

The PM went on to say, "We've made good progress - we've restored law and order. We inherited increasing crime. We went after the gangs, we've smashed them. They're less than 1% of the population and produce more than 25% of crime," saying that NZ is now the second safest country after Iceland.

Questions to the Prime Minister afterwards included why Twizel was to be an area where a data centre was proposed, requiring 6,000 litres of water to keep a data entre cool, in an area where they are frequently short of water, and where locals had not been consulted? The Prime Minister's answer was that New Zealand is short of data storage with much of ours stored overseas, so it would be good to have more control of it here. He commented that some of the data centres do not use water cooling, instead using air cooling.

Another question asked why dental care for over 18 year olds is not included in healthcare considering New Zealand's growing dental poverty issue. The Prime Minister said they were struggling to meet the needs of under 18 year old's dental care needs being met without considering raising the age. He said National would not consider raising taxes by one cent to pay for over 18 year olds' dental care being incorporated into healthcare.


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# Security Trust Keen to Install more Cameras

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***One year ago, a unanimous decision from the community, resulted in the Methven Area Security Enhancement Trust (MASET), being established.***

The Trust prioritised three goals and now one year later, all of their targets have been reached. Purchasing and installing cameras were funded through the generosity of local businesses, a Methven Community Board Grant, Methven Lions and individuals.

There are now cameras at entry points around Methven and one in the Rakaia Gorge which can provide over-view imagery and read number plates of vehicles. The cameras are not monitored, are not used for ticketing, catching people speeding, not wearing seatbelts or similar, but are about catching criminals. The cameras and tablets used to view the imagery are owned by the Trust and can only be accessed by the installing technician and Police Officers with special tablets.

Methven Police's Ross Watson said, "The camera in the Gorge caught an offender even before the town was set up."

"The recorded footage is held for 2-3 months," said MASET Chair Ron Smith and stressed, "Police Personnel and the installer are the only ones who can access the recordings." Police Personnel have to record who is looking at the recordings and in relation to which file number. While they are not used for speeding, seatbelts etc, if a traffic crash occurs, the cameras may be used to determine who is at fault, as an investigation tool. The Police only access the camera footage when a crime is suspected, reported or has been committed. The cameras have been very helpful and our local Police Officers have found them to be very useful, and appreciate the support of the Trust.

"Our patch extends from the Rakaia to the Rangitata Rivers and we'd be keen for more cameras," said Ross.

More cameras southwest of Methven are needed, also around Mt Somers, Mayfield and down towards the Rangitata River.

Both the Police and the MASET stressed the importance of reporting crime to Police. "It's important to report crimes, the time they occurred and not put it all over social media." This helps Police to hone in on illegal activity.

"It's so important if a crime has occurred that you don't put it all over Facebook, but report it to the Police," said Ron. (If the crime is happening now, call 111, if it is not an emergency, call 105.)

The cameras are a deterrent and have been useful as an investigation tool for the Police, with the ability to pinpoint the direction that criminals are heading and the vehicles they're using.

With approval from the Trust, more cameras can be linked into the network, so if businesses would like to get on board, the installation along with the camera, requires electricity, internet and costs around $2,500-$3,000. A camera with time and date is recommended and as high a resolution as possible with 8 megapixel considered ideal.

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***Ms Methven is a fundraiser for Methven Pre School and each week Snowfed will feature one of the lovely contestants with something about them or their sponsor, leading up to the event.***

Fresh out of the spray booth and ready to turn a few heads, this queen is proudly sponsored by your local panel beaters, because she knows a thing or two about fixing a rough finish.

Armed with a love of '80s rock, big hair, and even bigger energy, she'll have you singing along before you know it. But don't let the glam fool you; there's something strangely familiar about this contestant. She has a knack for keeping everyone in line, can command a room without breaking a sweat, and isn't afraid to tell you to settle down if you're getting a bit too carried away. Coincidence? You'll have to wait and see.

She might look like she's here to rock the stage, but by the end of the night you'll realise she's been teaching you a lesson all along.

# Grateful for the Learning Opportunities

***Two lucky young people who were the recipients of the Methven Lions Ski Scholarship, were presented with their certificates at the Lions July meeting.***

**Annie Jacobs**

Emma Ferguson-Cooke and Rebecca Clarke both successfully completed the Mountain Shredders Programme sponsored by Mt Hutt Skifield and were presented with their certificates by Ski Area Manager James McKenzie. Mt Hutt Skifield was started by Methven Lions in the 1970's. They later on-sold it with the Ski Scholarship seeded as an ongoing relationship between Mt Hutt Skifield and Methven Lions. The scholarship is proudly supported by Big Al's in Methven (who generously gift free gear hire) and Methven Travel (who kindly offer transportation up and down the mountain for the scholarship winners).

*Methven Lions President Phil McKendry, Methven Lions Youth Facilitator Di Callaghan, Rebecca Clarke, Emma Ferguson-Cooke, Mt Hutt Ski Area Manager James McKenzie*

Big Al's, this year celebrates 40 years of business in Methven.

Founder Al Gilchrist said, "Big Al's has been supporting the scholarship for 40 years. It was one of the first things I did in the business." Kirsty (his daughter), who now has Big Al's said, "We will continue as long as the business stays with us, continuing our support for the Lions, acknowledging how much they do in our community, and in supporting and providing opportunity for our community's youth."

Methven Travel provide safe travel up the mountain for scholarship winners.

"Methven Travel has been supporting the Methven Lions Ski Scholarship winners since 2010. It is a way to both support the Lions and the good work they do, along with supporting youth with more opportunities," said Jodie Monk from Methven Travel.

Both Rebecca and Emma thanked all of the sponsors at the Lions Meeting, very grateful and appreciative of the learning opportunities the scholarship gave them.

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# Successful Career Expo for MHC Students

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Methven Resort Conference Room was the venue for Mt Hutt College's Career Expo last week. Organised by Vocational Pathways Coordinator and Careers Advisor Stephen Millichamp, the event hosted 15 exhibitors, showcasing career opportunities for students.

Local businesses Morrison Agri, EA Networks and others further afield such as the New Zealand Defence Force and Universities had displays and were able to talk with the 200 Year 10 and 11, and 150 Year 12 and 13 students about career options, training and pathways.

Students were able to spend 4-5 minutes with each exhibitor, to assist them in deciding what subjects they would take for next year, considering their career path and their own strengths and weaknesses. It was a useful time for them to be able to ask questions, seek advice, get tips and pointers for future direction.

NZ Defence Force personnel sharing career pathways with students


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# Schools News

## Methven Primary School

### Welcoming New Faces to Methven Primary School

This year, Methven Primary School has been delighted to welcome several new students and their families to our school community. Our new students have come from Methven and the surrounding district, Southland, the North Island, and even overseas.

This term, we are excited to welcome four international students from South Korea, Malaysia, and Taiwan, who have come to New Zealand to experience life and learning in a Kiwi school.

We officially welcomed our new students and their families at a Mihi Whakatau. This special ceremony provided an opportunity to greet them, share our school values, and make them feel part of our Methven Primary whānau from the very beginning. For our international students, it was their first real-live time experiencing a Haka, something they have only seen on TV.

It is exciting to see our school community continue to grow and become more diverse. Welcoming students from different places and cultures enriches our learning, broadens our perspectives, and helps us build friendships that extend across the world. We look forward to seeing all our new students thrive as they become part of life at Methven Primary School. We are excited to celebrate more cultures as we host our Commonwealth Games Celebration.


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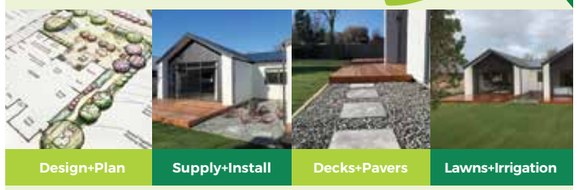


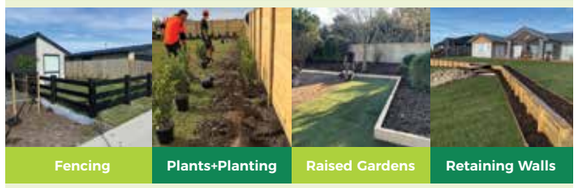


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## Our Lady of the Snows School

We had 17 students from OLS take part in the first lesson of the Mount Hutt School Ski Camp this week. A stunning bluebird day provided the perfect conditions and helped make the experience a fantastic success.

Students enjoyed meeting their group instructors, getting to know students from other schools in their groups, and catching up with friends from our wonderful community.

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# Schools News

## Humans of Ōpuke - a Mt Hutt College Project

### Introducing Wayne Pannett

I grew up on a farm in Clinton in South Otago. My childhood was great, we didn't have much, but we didn't need it. For Year 9 and 10, I went to Otago Boys' High. Boarding school wasn't fun, so moving to Lauriston in Mid Canterbury in 1980 and going to Mt Hutt College for two years felt like a complete relief. Mt Hutt became my favourite school. I made good friends there and discovered skiing, which I still do today.

Looking back, I had several teachers across all my schools who took a genuine interest in me, and I still remember them well. Peter Harper at Mt Hutt College in particular was someone I connected with. Music and theatre have been instrumental for me when it comes to stress relief. Being creative is something I've always needed to do; without it, dealing with stress would be tough. I'm deeply passionate about playing music, and I'm equally passionate about teaching it - I consider both very important to human development and enjoyment.

My family will tell you I'm kind, generous, and completely infatuated with guitars. They love to share funny stories about me, such as the time I drove all the way from Ashburton, back to Lauriston and completely forgot to pick up my daughter, which was the reason I went there in the first place! There have been many highlights in my life, but raising my three children with my wife is right at the top. All my kids are adults now with successful careers, great partners, and families of their own and it's just great to see. Whenever things get tough, my courage and hope come from knowing that there are so many people worse off than me. I have nothing to complain about, and that keeps me grounded.

My father once told me, "If you get 75% of your decisions in life right, you are doing well." That's the best advice I've ever received. If I were giving advice to a Year 13 student leaving Mt Hutt College, I'd tell them that there's a lot to consider, but firstly, you don't have to know what your career is going to be before you leave school. As long as you have a plan for something, the rest will fall into place. You don't have to go to university if it's not for you; there are many well-paid careers that aren't academic. To the rest of our community, my advice is simple: give back what you can, and be kind and empathetic, there is so little of it in the world these days. Teach a kid something meaningful, it doesn't matter what it is. The community relies on it.

Wayne Pannett

## Attending Model United Nations

*by Ruby Saxon*

This year I had the opportunity to go to nationals for Model United Nations (MUN) in Wellington. To summarise what MUN is, it is where students come together in Wellington for a geopolitical debate. Model UN isn't any geopolitical debate; in this event, each delegate gets assigned a member state of the United Nations to represent through numerous committees relevant to the UN. We cover topics like world trade, interventions, satellites, and the environment. This year I got to represent Tonga in the committees The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), DISEC (the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly), and World Trade. I proposed multiple amendments as well as proposing the DISEC resolution.

During NZMUN, I got to do an embassy visit with the Embassy of Australia, where I got to talk to the Deputy High Commissioner, Trade Officer, and International Relations Officer. I had gone with three other delegates who were selected as trusted members of UN Youth. During the meeting, we discussed the relationship between Australia and the Pacific states, and the trade alliances held by Australia and our changing world. This was specifically interesting because I was able to think deeply about these topics. During NZMUN, I got to work on lots of communication skills, like negotiating, actually listening to other people's points of view, and speaking up confidently in front of a big crowd. Working through debates with students from all over the country took a lot of patience, respect, and teamwork, which connects directly to what we do as MHC Kakakura. As part of the Pride Team, our job is to model our MHC Pride values every day, be approachable for younger students, and help make our school a welcoming place for everyone. Representing different perspectives in Wellington gave me way more confidence to lead by example, bring people together, and support everyone back at school.

I'd like to thank my sponsors who provided the funding to make my trip possible: Methven Community Board, Mount Hutt College PTA and Methven Lions. I am looking forward to continuing my political education at the next United Nations event, which will be the Model European Union next month at the University of Canterbury.



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## Jokes

1 If you're American when you go in the bathroom and American when you come out, what are you in the bathroom? European.

2 What did the fish say when he swam into a wall? Dam.

3 There are three types of people in the world: Those who count and those who can't.

4 Did you hear about the guy who invented the knock-knock joke? He won the "no-bell" prize.

5 What is Forrest Gump's email password? 1Forrest1.

6 What's red and bad for your teeth? A brick.

7 Why aren't crayfish generous? Because they're shellfish.

8 Did you hear about the worst zoo in the world? It only has one dog - it's a real shih tzu.

9 How do you make a tissue dance? Put a little boogie in it.

10 Where do penguins go to vote? The North Poll.

# Methven Community Board in Brief

- **Methven Area Security Enhancement Trust:** gave an update on security cameras around the district
- **Electricity Boxes:** discussion on painting electricity boxes around Methven. Chorus is no longer painting theirs, so would require follow up with EA Networks
- **Footpaths:** when is the date for the new grout? Will levelling occur as well? Trials will follow for grouting and chemical wash
- **Decorative Light Poles:** discussion around Methven's decorative light poles after the destruction of one after very strong winds in Methven
- **Schools Variable Speed Limit signs:** felt they are working well and there is a noticeably slow down of speed from traffic
- **Three Waters / Simplifying Local Government:** Three Waters is still business as usual
- **Solid Waste:** no feedback on if the times are effective or not
- **Recycling Bins:** new stickers are placed on recycling bins where there is gross contamination. New stickers can be obtained from Methven iHub. (Information about what can go in the different coloured bins is also on ADC website: https://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/services/rubbish-and-recycling/bin-it-right
- **Resource Management Act (RMA):** a number of fees are changing
- **Open Spaces - Methven CBD Lighting:** when is it going to happen? "Imminent and possibly before winter" have both been said, but still it has not happened
- **Mt Hutt Memorial Hall (MHMH):** analytics on who is visiting the iHub and hall spaces to be sought. Hall facilities are being well used as a multi use space
- **ED (Shelly):** Learning Network Programme set up. Purpose is to upskill workforce and will include micro credentials. Looking at potentially bringing events out of Ashburton to surrounding districts with maybe bringing a Light Glow event at Matariki

# Rakaia Gorge Trapping News

**Robbie Koller**

***The month of July in a trapper's diary is not a particularly nice time to go trapping.***

Sure, there are some magnificent days out there but often it is cold and rather miserable, especially when the wind blows. Luckily, I only got caught in the rain once and it was not too bad.

The numbers are also not too bad. We had 18 outings all together between Marcel, Paul and Jo, one with Ben and the rest by myself. Thank you, team! An extremely good number! On those days we gathered eight possums, four caught in Timms traps and four in AT220 traps and a bit all over the place. Then we had 55 rats which is another astonishing number. There were three stoats and two weasels. So, I would call it a good month for trapping in the Rakaia Gorge. The low possum number is very pleasing. Last year in July we had 20 possums and the year before 37! Hopefully this trend will continue. The rats are a record number. Not sure what the reason might be. I had previously been using a different lure - a blue paste smelling of aniseed, but now we are back to peanut butter. Must try the blue stuff again to see whether it makes a difference. Interesting that in the last ten days of July there weren't any possums and not many rats. Could it have been the cold weather?

During the month we also deployed around 15 new traps. Marcel helped with transporting eight DOC150 traps onto the new Top Fairway line which is now fully operational with three AT220 traps supporting the DOC150 traps. Then along Circle Line I installed four more AT220 traps. They should make a huge difference and to me they act as little islands in the forest. I try to find old trees on which to attach them. Like large kowhai trees or broadleaves, because it is in these trees that the birds nest and raise their young ones - especially the bellbirds and the kereru.

Talking of bellbirds, the concerts they perform now in the kowhai trees along Circle Line is nothing short of phenomenal. On one tree, under which I installed a trap, there must have been about twenty bellbirds singing to their hearts content! It was quite a moving moment to be there in the middle of the forest and hear all this birdlife for not only were there bellbirds but also grey warblers and silvereyes. So, if you have some time, go and see and listen for yourselves! Just be careful the track can be a bit muddy and slippery.

*The Fantail Shop in the Rakaia Gorge Forest*

Photo courtesy of Jeff Farrell

And visit the shop! It does not stop to amaze me how the shop is doing! It is whimsical. It is cute. It is a surprise. And it works! The postcards fly out the door! In case you do not know how it works it goes like this: the walkers open the shop doors, pick a postcard, write the postcard and drop it into the post box from where I pick it up and then put a stamp on it and send it off all over the world! Such fun. And a special stamp ithas too - the Fantail Trust Limited Edition post stamp!

People who want to support the trust a bit more can buy an artwork done by Juliana Child. It is a lovely painting of a fantail and a very nice gift to anybody. It forms part of our "Adopt a Bird Campaign." It is fifty dollars and with it you receive a certificate of adoption plus of course the artwork itself. This is the fantail's bank account to get one of these gifts:

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**ADBLUE** available at Methven Motors 302 8201.

# Rakaia Gorge Musterers

Photo courtesy of Clayton Yaxley

A crisp winter day dawned bright and clear for this year's Rakaia Gorge Musterers Game against Methven, fundraising for Hato Hone St John Methven.

The fixture is the longest continual fundraising rugby game in New Zealand and despite Snowfed's best efforts to get Prime Minister Luxon there on Saturday, he was watching a game in Ashburton.

The game was a fantastic example of good, fun, club rugby with the Gorge team giving the Methven team a run for their money. Despite not playing together very much prior to the game, the Gorge Musterers team cleaned up Methven with their tactics and ball-handling. Side line support was left wondering if Methven was still drinking their cups of tea, with the Gorge team repeatedly at the try line. For all that, Methven did not give up and consistently gained possession, striving for the try line, but laughed off wasted conversions in the good-natured game, which finished with the deft Gorge Musterers tussling, giving them the win.

After a social time, an auction was held to further the fundraising goal with items donated from local businesses and other generous support.

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Sophie Anderson
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Olivia Fitzgerald 40

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# Earn Their Wrestled Win

Annie Jacobs

*Rakaia Gorge Musterers and Methven proudly pose for their Hato Hone St John Fundraiser photo after the game*
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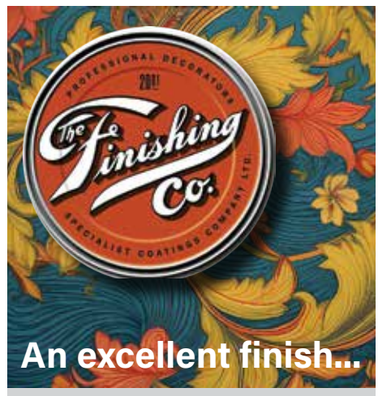




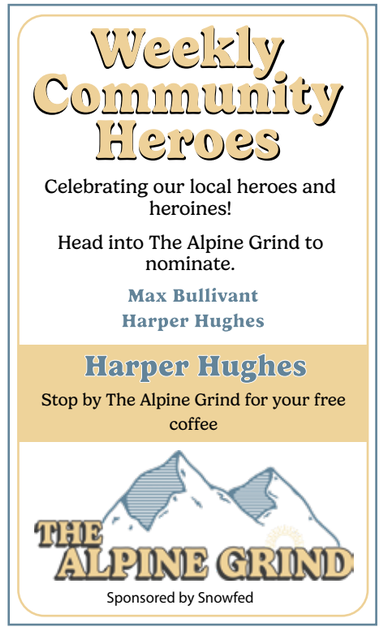



## METHVEN BRIDGE CLUB

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| John Barwell | Janet Cuttle | 50.00% |

***East / West:***

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|---|---|---|
| Willie Ensor | E Wallace | 50.00% |
| Paddy Helmore | Bob Todhunter | 50.00% |

## METHVEN GOLF CLUB

**Ladies Results 29th July**

**Competition 6th Margaret Lilley Putting**

**Putting:** *Annie Middleton* 28 Putts. *Emma Hampton* 29.

Hammer Hardware Best Nett Of Day *Judith Sommerville* 69.

**Nearest The Pins:** No 4 Open Methven Pharmacy *Robyn Maw*, No 6 Open Primo *Judith Sommerville,* No 13 Open Farmhouse Design & Decor, Station Coffee *Tania Wilson*, No 17 Open Bronze B 2nd Shot Methven Four Square *Becky Hood*, No 14 Silver & Bronze A 2nd Shot Hard Yards Ltd *Linda Ayers*.

**Two's and Nett Eagles:** T*ania Wilson, Emma Hampton, Linda Ayers.*

**Mens Results**

**Best Score:** *Athol McAlpine* 88-19-69. 2nd Best Score: *Paul Middleton* 77-7-70.

**Other scores:** 73 *Rob Watson*, 74 B/L *Phil Johnson*.

**Nearest the Pins:** No 4 Charterhouse Farm *Paul Middleto*n, No 6 Hunters Wine *Dayle Lucas*, No 13 Ski Time P*hil Johnson*, No 17 Methven Pubs *Simon Wareing.*

**9 Hole 31st July**

**7th Putting:** *Hiromi Ikehata* 13 Putts, *Baden Sommerville* 14 Putts, *Wynand Putter* 16 Putts, *Murray Burgess* 16 Putts.

**Best Rounds:** *Annette Maw* 53-21-32, *John Moodie* 51-18-33.

PGG Wrightson Best Player *Hiromi Ikehata.* Methven Travel Nearest the Pin *Hiromi Ikehata.* Methven Travel 2nd Shot *Mike Embleton*.

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## METHVEN NETBALL CLUB

**Results for week ending 1st August**

**27 July Premier:** Methven EuroAgri B vs Celtic B won 35-30.

**29 July Social:** Methven Blue Pub vs Celtic Green won 32-12, into the final! Methven Brown Pub vs Southern HD Ag lost 15-29, *6th place in Social 2.*

**30 July Premier:** Methven Wareings A vs Allenton Brady's Painting A won 64-47, POD *Lily Cunningham*. Methven EuroAgri B vs Allenton Kingsbury & Co B won 38-13.

**1 Aug Yr 7/8:** Methven R&R Spreading vs Southern East Coast Transport won 32-13, POD *Ali Palmer*. Methven Kayla Dynes-Bayleys vs Allenton B&N Properties won 12-5, POD *Harper Jansen.*

**Senior:** Methven Trucking vs College Snr Res won 22-18, POD *Brooklyn Mitchell-Milmine.* Methven Shearmac vs Hampstead U18Dev lost 18-25, POD *Zoe Davis*. Methven Panel & Paint vs United Snr Yth A won 28-25, POD *Lucy Kennedy.* Methven South Pacific Seeds vs Hampstead U17A lost 16-25, POD *Lucy Keane.*


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## Methven 35 Elmwood Farm Lane

### Lock and leave living with alpine appeal

4 1 2 2

Move in ready for the 2026 ski season, is this recently completed home at 35 Elmwood Farm Lane. Three well-sized bedrooms, all with built-in wardrobes, overlook peaceful rural paddocks, while the master suite features a walk-in wardrobe and ensuite.

**Asking Price** $930,000
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4 Lilley Place, **Methven** 4 1 2

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- Separate double garage & entertainment area

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38a & 38b/43 Barkers Road, **Methven** 3 2 1

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- Two kitchens and two bathrooms
- Sleeps six in total
- Shared laundry with a separate lockable storage cupboard
- Owners can enjoy up to 90 days occupancy annually

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$205,000 + GST (if any)

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- Downstairs holiday unit
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- Sleeps 6 in total
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96 Ashburton Gorge Road, **Mount Somers** 4 3 3

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* A separate art room adjoined to large separate garage

**By Negotiation**

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