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YEE HAA COWGIRL

Tails flying - Junior Barrell Racer and third generation rodeo rider Milly Wiggins heads for the finish line on her pony

Thousands of people poured into Methven Rodeo on Sunday for an entertaining day out at an event that just keeps on getting better!.

"The numbers were huge - and near record-breaking," said Methven Rodeo Event Coordinator Rosa Dekker. "It was a such a great, great day. The crowd were amazing. We finished late compared to other years, but people stayed.

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Methven Bowling Club 1.30pm
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SATURDAY
Methven Toy Library 9-10.30am
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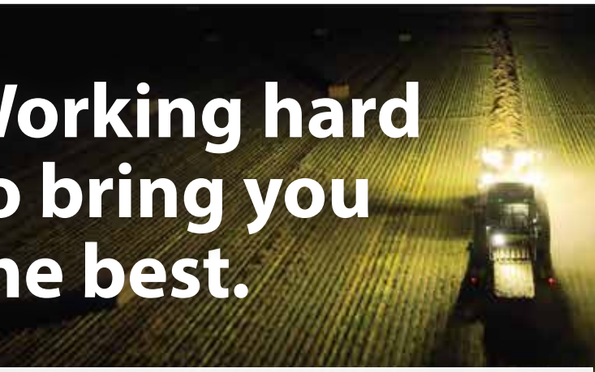

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Trees, Plants & Lifetime of Treasures at Mt Somers Nursery

Annie Jacobs

Labour Weekend had lots on offer for the community to do in the district and at Mt Somers (Kie Kie) Village, David and Wendy Millichamp had their garden and Razorback Country Nursery (Mt Somers Nursery) open to the public for the whole weekend.

Long known as prolific nurserymen, the extended Millichamp family are renowned for their plant knowledge. Wendy and David's established garden in Mt Somers Village is an enormous credit to them and was home to Mt Somers Lilyfields for many years. David is an expert in grafting, budding and growing and the nursery is evidence of this. In their garden, pathways lead off in all directions through their extensive garden with a variety of unique and interesting trees, such as a Japanese Pine in one part of the garden. Sparkling dappled sunshine filtered through the trees where a wide variety of aquilegia were flowering at their base, as were rhododendrons and cherries. Tucked away ready to flower in season were hellebores, hostas and so much more. It's a peaceful garden which is child-friendly.

"The Caravan Park and Domain were pretty chocka over the weekend, so they were able to buy plants to take home," said Wendy. "It was great, every day was busy. People came from Rangiora and Christchurch, and Timaru came, along with people from Rakaia and Ashburton."

Wendy and David Millichamp

A steady flow of visitors came to visit over Labour Weekend with plenty for sale in the nursery such as flowering cherry trees, a variety of maples, NZ Cranberries, hostas, Lily of the Valley and so much more. In addition, there was a Garage Sale filled with a life time of treasures along with Wendy selling many vases, urns and other items associated with years of flower arranging and wedding decor.

If you're after some special treasures for your garden or that rare plant that you can't seem to find, get in touch with David on 027 434 5882 or email: **davidmillichamp136@gmail.com**

NEW ENTRANT STARTING SCHOOL PARENT MEETING

Is your child starting at Methven Primary School in 2027?

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If you haven't yet pre-enrolled, your child at MPS, please contact the office to arrange a tour with our Principal and find out about the enrolment process.

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METHVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cubs Aiming to Soar

Annie Jacobs

Methven Cubs held their exciting Triennial Kite Competition on Wednesday evening at Methven Domain.

Weather conditions were absolutely perfect for flying a kite, compared to recent years which were foggy and cold without any wind, or raining.

The Cubs were encouraged to research and make their own kites at home, having had a trial run during a Cubs session. Competing against others in their own age group gave everyone a fighting good chance. Cubs were marked on a variety of factors such as consideration of design, how well the kite flew, how high it flew, attention to detail and decoration. Judges asked the competitors how they made their kite and researched it's design. The judges were intrigued by the variety of materials used from paper, recycled plastic, a fishing rod to bamboo, fabric and metal rods. What became very obvious was that the kites flew better if they had a reasonable sized flying surface and a good length tail.

The Methven Cubs Kite Flying Trophy dates back to 1948. The handmade wooden trophy was found tucked away in the Methven Scout Den unused since the 1980s, and was resurrected by past Cub Leader Bev Johnston in 2020. In 2020, it was won by Beau Ballagh, and in 2023 by Rorie Hill.

The Triennial winner for the 2026 Methven Cubs Kite Flying Trophy is eight year old Zara Waterreus.

Her kite was a great design which flew the longest and the highest.

One of Methven Cub and Scout Leader's Westlea Clarke-Hill said, "It's nice to see the Trophy being used."

Cub and Scout Leaders Vanessa Clarke, Vicki Fleetwood, Karen Jones, Westlea Clarke-Hill with Cubs Kite FlyingTrophy winner, Zara Waterreus and the Trophy

Westlea said the competition is held every three years so that each Cub has the opportunity to compete for it at least once in their time at Cubs.

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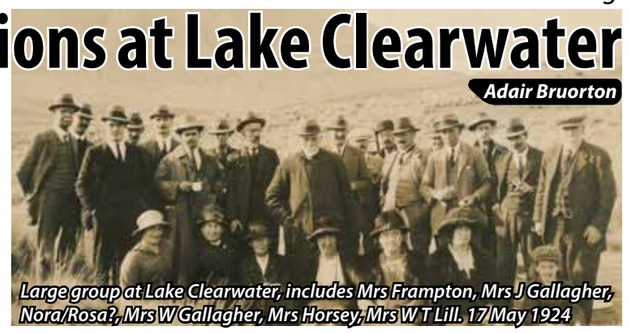
Centennial Celebrations at Lake Clearwater

Adair Bruorton

On Saturday 5 December 2026, the Lake Clearwater Hut Holders' Association (LCHHA) is celebrating 100 years since the formation of the Lake Clearwater settlement in the Ashburton District.



Large group at Lake Clearwater, includes Mrs Frampton, Mrs J Gallagher, Nora/Rosa?, Mrs W Gallagher, Mrs Horsey, Mrs W T Lill. 17 May 1924

On the day, we are opening a new Centennial Shelter, a partially covered area where campers, day visitors and hut holders can relax, cook and get away from the prevailing nor'wester that can whip through the High Country!

We have invited all our stakeholders, hut holders and long-term campers to share in celebrating the Centenary, along with the former land owners who gifted the land to the Council. In the evening, we are looking forward to a community barbecue, where current and past bach owners can reminisce, reunite and share tall tales of giant trout, Kiwi ingenuity that holds their baches together, skating across to the island.

In July 1926, two acres of land was transferred from Isaiah Gallagher and William Glassey Gallagher, holders of the Mount Possession Run, to Ashburton District Council (ADC). The purpose of the Gallaghers' gift was to provide shelter and accommodation suitable for visitors to the area. The lakes had grown in popularity with day-trippers on picnics and holidays, following the completion of the Blowing Point Bridge. A further 17 acres was gifted by others, which together comprise today's Lake Clearwater settlement.

The Gallagher family continues to farm in the Mt Somers district, and until recently the Chaffey family owned a bach at the settlement. The formal transfer of the original piece of land was registered on 2 July 1926 in trust, "for use as a camping ground for visitors and similar uses for the benefit of the County of Ashburton for ever." The Lake Clearwater / Te Puna o Taka settlement is defined as a Hut Settlement and zoned Residential B Medium High Density in the Ashburton District Council Plan.

There are 180 baches at the settlement, along with a small camping ground, and FENZ premises for the 30-strong volunteer force. There is a playground (maintained by the Ashburton Council) and a nearby large flat lawn area, trampoline and swings.

The area is increasingly popular with day visitors and campers – many are enroute to seeing one of the Lord of the Rings film sites further up the road in the rivers' basin.

The Lake Clearwater Hut Holders' Association Inc (LCHHA) was formed in the early 1960s. It has worked tirelessly to lead and coordinate voluntary effort to maintain, protect and enhance the settlement. The Clearwater Aquatic Club also has a long history of working for the good of boaties and skiers enjoying Lake Camp. A positive working relationship with the Ashburton District Council has been vital in maintaining the settlement over the years, culminating in a formal, long-term Memorandum of Understanding between the ADC and the LCHHA in 2024.

In recent decades, building good relationships with the Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury, Fire and Emergency New Zealand, and local environmental advocacy groups have also become increasingly important as the area becomes more populated and faces new environmental risks.

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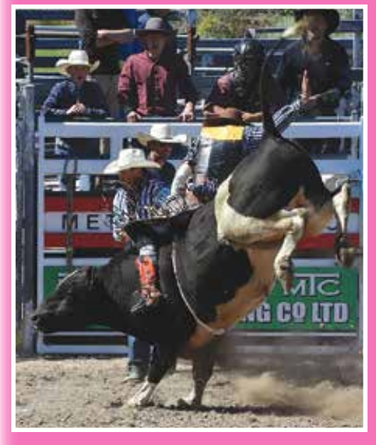
"The bank was chocka even up to 5.30pm when we were still going, and the crowd stayed, it was so much fun."

Methven Rodeo features loads of crowd-pleasing events such as Barrel Racing (riders ride in a clover leaf pattern around three barrels in the arena at speed, without



knocking any over), Rope and tie where rider and horse must work together to rope a calf before the cowgirl/boy dismounts and ties three of the calf's legs, the calf must stay on the ground for a certain period of time. Also the Breakaway Roping where a rider ropes from a calf from the back of their horse. The rope is attached to the saddle with a breakaway string - its a fast-paced event where the clock stops when the rope has pulled free. These, along with the more commonly known bareback riding, bull riding and saddle bronc riding were all part of the day's entertainment.

"The perception of the rodeo has really changed," said Rosa. "There were lots of families. We had to open a second carpark which we've never had to do before. We'd extended the bank (for the public to sit on), this year and increased it by quite a large amount over the winter - that was full! The three announcers, the incredible committee - everyone worked together so well and and it was so cool"

Methven Rodeo President Andrew Hart too was was really pleased with how the day went.

"We had 310 competitors for the day, a huge fantastic crowd and everyone was really well behaved. All the stock were exceptional."

Competitors had travelled from the Far North to the deep south to attend, with one cowgirl coming from Australia to compete.

Rodeo is a very much a family orientated sport and as was evident on Sunday, many family members competing - some with three generations on the same day!

"We had Father and daughter teams in the Team Roping or Mother and daughter or Mother and son teams competing," Andrew said. "The whole day went very smoothly, the weather was amazing!"

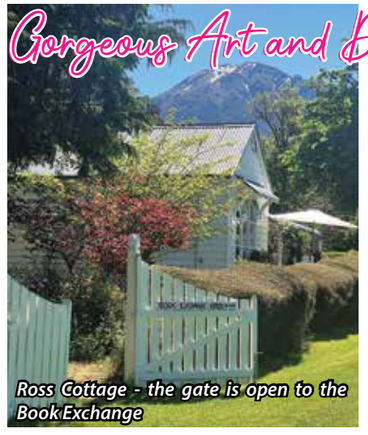
The roughstock yards (which hold the bulls and the bronc horses - all the big bucking animals), was expertly run by four women, headed by Sarah Sauer.

Sarah along with husband Steve, Rosa Dekker and Pam Holmes were all made Life Members of the Methven Rodeo Club. Rosa, Sarah and Pam are the first three women to ever receive Life Membership.

Methven Rodeo Club receive lots of business sponsorship and support to host their annual rodeo for which they are very grateful, with significant proceeds from the event donated to community groups.

Gorgeous Art and Devonshire Tea at Quaint Ross Cottage

Annie Jacobs



Ross Cottage - the gate is open to the Book Exchange

Sarah with her stunning art

Homemade scones, cream and jam

Basking in sunshine in the lee of Mt Somers (Kie Kie) at Staveley is the historic, quaint Ross Cottage, owned by Sarah and Richard Scrase.

With a stunning outlook to Kie Kie summit, across expansive established trees and cottage garden, last Sunday the talented pair offered Devonshire teas in the garden, an art sale of Sarah's beautiful watercolour works under the verandah, along with Richard's book swap open.

This is the place to while away a sunny afternoon; bees humming busily gathering nectar, sun shining, butterflies flittering, a pot of tea and the most delicious scones, cream and jam for an absolute bargain (only $10), and out in the fresh country air with a beautiful garden to enjoy!

The original part of Ross Cottage was moved to Springburn for accommodation for a basket weaver and his family in 1892. It was moved to it's present site on Flynns Road, later becoming derelict. Warren and Marita Jowett purchased the property in 1987, renovating and extending the cottage for tourist accommodation. Paul and Jo Eden owned the cottage for a number of years. Later, Sarah and Richard purchased it, having seen it prior and determining that if it ever came up for sale they'd try to buy it, which they eventually did.

Richard curates a unique book collection housed in an outside shed. The collection operates as a book swap for the community. For the avid reader, there was a wide variety of reading genres on offer - the perfect spot to have a browse without feeling like you have to race off to something else.

On Sunday, a steady stream of cars came for the art sale, Devonshire tea, Book Swap and to purchase Sarah's delicious homemaking - soft buttery melt in your mouth yo-yo's, slices and artisan chocolate truffles.

A lovely treat if you've just come off the Mt Somers Track, Sharplin Falls Walkway, or simply a lovely thing to do.

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Recently, our Māhuri class enjoyed a very special trip to the Christchurch Town Hall to attend a children's concert performed by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

The concert was based on the book How Do I Feel? By Rebekah Lipp and Craig Phillips, and explored the fascinating connection between music and emotions. The children learned how changing different elements of music can create a variety of emotional responses from different people. We listened to many pieces of music that reflected the emotions happy, joyful, anxious, fear, shock. We were lucky to have excellent seats and thoroughly enjoyed joining in with the audience-wide song about being happy, sad, and angry.

For some of our tamariki, this was their very first experience attending a theatre or orchestral concert, making the day even more memorable.

To finish our excursion, we visited the Margaret Mahy Playground, where the children enjoyed playing together in the beautiful Christchurch sunshine. It was a wonderful day of learning, music, fun, and new experiences for everyone involved.

We've loved starting Term 4 with such sunny days. On Tuesday, we were blessed with more sunshine for our annual athletics days. Years 0–6 headed to Methven Primary School for a fantastic day of events, while our Year 7 and 8 students travelled to Rakaia School for their athletics day.

We were so proud to see our students demonstrating our school values throughout the day, showing Compassion, Awhina, Respect and Excellence. These events are a wonderful opportunity to connect with other schools and families across our fabulous communities.

A big thank you to the staff at both Methven and Rakaia for organising such well-run, enjoyable and memorable days of sport. We really appreciate all the effort that goes into making these events such a success!

Schools News

Mount Hutt College

Humans of Ōpuke - a Mt Hutt College Project

Introducing Lauren Stokes

I am a newish Methven person, I moved here with my family about four years ago from the Queenstown area. I am an energetic and motivated human, with a career in the natural healthcare industry as a Naturopath, Yoga Teacher and Massage Therapist. I am hugely passionate about helping people feel great, and am grateful to have the opportunity to do so in my work.

I grew up on the West Coast, mostly in Greymouth, with some time in Hokitika. My childhood was simple, somewhat boring to be honest! I didn't discover adventuring far and wide until I left the coast and moved to Christchurch for university. Once I left though, I was on the move travelling and working overseas in various countries for seven years. The fondest memories I have as a young person are of meeting the amazing people on my travels that still remain good friends to this day. I was getting into all sorts of interesting situations that were lucky to have turned out okay, to be honest! Wild, young and carefree on all sorts of missions!

My family would probably say I'm naggy, annoying and strict, haha, (which is not true!). Words some old friends have used to describe me (which are hopefully more accurate), include enthusiastic, sunny and bubbly. The highlight of my life has been watching my children grow into solid wee humans, I'd say.

The best advice I ever received was to not sweat the small stuff. To realise that all things pass, and not worry. Enjoy the kids because soon they will be off, and we won't care about the small things we were fussing about. Just relax and enjoy life. The advice I would give to anyone including a school leaver would be to remember that food is medicine. No matter what is going wrong health-wise, start first with how food could be contributing to the problem, and how food can help and go from there.

I like to take a 'yes' approach to life - I tend to embrace any opportunity that arises, no matter how random, and often do find myself in situations where I have a wee giggle to myself at just how random my situation is. I am passionate about having fun, enjoying life, learning as much as I can, and helping others. I aim to see nothing as essentially 'bad' - I try to embrace all hard things as lessons, opportunities and reflections of what I am currently doing.

I am aware that many things are out of my control, so I make a conscious effort to not waste any time or energy on things I can't change. That's how I deal with struggles in life: practical thinking, and keep it calm.

GROW YOUR OWN

Mary Ralston

Last week we had an amazing run of hot weather, then back to cool, but the overall trend is warming air and soil, as you'd expect in spring!

Chives

Zucchini seedlings

Pumpkin

It's ideal conditions for planting and sowing the varieties suited to early and mid spring sowing – peas, onions, brassicas, celery, lettuce, silverbeet, spinach, potatoes, beetroot, carrots, parsnips and many types of herbs. In greenhouses, it's good to get in tomatoes, peppers, basil and cucumber seedlings.

All seeds like to germinate in evenly moist soil. Carrots and parsnip seeds are especially vulnerable to drying out because they are sown in shallow rows, so gently water these in the evening if it has been a hot day. Small seedlings (spinach etc) are also prone to drying so keep the moisture up to these. But don't overdo it – they won't develop robust root systems if they are constantly soaked, and they need big strong roots to seek out moisture and nutrients throughout the growing season.

Local wisdom is to wait till Christchurch Show weekend to do outside planting of the varieties that like/need frost-free conditions, warm soils, and consistently warm weather.

This of course is never guaranteed in the Methven area, and even less so in the Foothills. Even though we are a few weeks away from this magic time of Show weekend, we could go ahead with planting of outdoor tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, zucchinis, beans, corn and pumpkins if it's warm and a cold snap isn't forecast.

It's a bit of a risk but maybe one that's worth taking, especially if you have a sheltered site and you're prepared with frost cloth, bags or other sorts of covering to put over plants, if a frost looks likely. The other alternative is to re-pot seedlings so they have plenty of growing room. They can then be kept in a warm sheltered spot until we get a bit further along. I'm about to plant scarlet runner bean seeds in pots to plant out in a week or so – they grow really fast once they have some heat, and I have some zucs and pumpkins in pots.

In spring, greenhouses are a perfect solution to cold conditions: they have their own frost covering and soil-warming ability. But come summer, they can get too hot: ventilation and over-heating become an issue. So before you get too far into summer planting, sort out vents and shade cloth to minimise humidity and maximise airflow around the plants.

OPR Solar arrives in Methven

OPR Solar is up and running in Methven, bringing our solar and electrical services to town and the wider Canterbury region.

We're local boys, Jack and George, who've come home to Methven after living and working in Central Otago. Jack did all his schooling at Mount Hutt College, and George spent some time there too. We've been part of the OPR team for years, and we're excited to bring that experience home and grow OPR Solar Canterbury right here in our own backyard, alongside Emeric.

OPR was founded in Wānaka around 15 years ago by Matt Taylor and has grown steadily since. As demand for solar grew, OPR Solar was launched to keep up. It's gone from strength to strength, designing and installing solar systems across Central Otago and Canterbury. With power prices only heading one way, we work with homeowners, farmers and businesses to cut their power bills, make better use of their energy and rely less on the grid. Whether it's a residential solar system, battery storage, a commercial installation or a larger ground-mounted solar project, we can design and deliver a system around the way you actually use power.

Solar has come a long way, and for many rural properties and businesses in the Methven area, it makes a lot of sense. Electricity costs continue to be a major consideration for households, farms and businesses. Generating and/or storing your own power can provide both long-term savings and greater energy independence. We specialise in solar for farming and agriculture, where big daytime loads like irrigation and pumps line up well with when the panels are producing the most.

Over the past few years, we've had the opportunity to complete some sizeable solar projects. The biggest is a 1MW ground-mounted solar array near Lake Hāwea, made up of around 2,000 panels. A project of that scale takes careful planning, from laying out the site and running the cabling through to connecting it all to the grid, and it's a job we're really proud of. Closer to home, we recently installed a 100kW system near Staveley, and Graham was very excited to let us know about the $1,000 credit on his first power bill.

While solar is a big part of what we do, we're electricians first. That's really at the heart of who we are. Our team has strong experience across residential, industrial, commercial, irrigation, agriculture and solar electrical work, including pumps and VSDs. That broad background means we're not just solar installers. We understand the full picture of a property's electrical needs, whether that's a home rewire, an irrigation system, or a full solar setup designed to work with all the electrical components on your property.

Opening a Methven branch is an exciting step for us and the team. We don't just want to service the area from a distance. We want to be part of the local business community, employ locally as we grow, and build relationships with people and businesses throughout Methven and the wider Mid Canterbury area. OPR already sponsors the Methven Rugby Club, so if you see us on the sideline, don't hesitate to say hi.

If you're thinking about solar, need some electrical work done, or simply want to find out whether solar could stack up for your home, farm or business, give us a call. We offer free on-site visits and quotes.

It's great to be back in Methven, and we're looking forward to getting stuck in.

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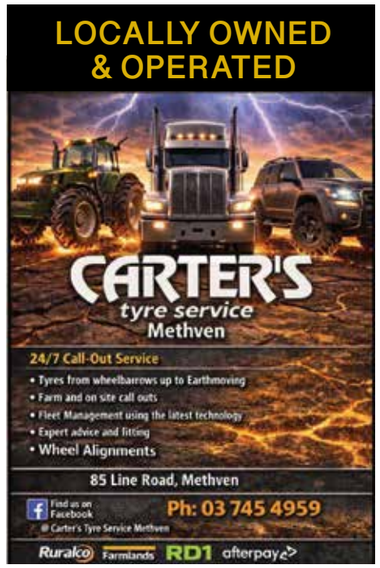

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29 October - 4 November

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Henry Guild 15
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Middleton Trophy

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Other good scores: 71 *Marc Davies*. 69 *Pete Withers, Phil Elliot, Paul Middleton*. 68 *Piers Rolton, Phil Johnson, Mark Gazzard, Russell Currie*. 67 *Phil Thomas, Pete Wood, Jason Ree.*

Nearest the Pins: No 4 Charterhouse Farm *John Robinson*, No 6 Hunters Wine Not struck, No 13 Ski Time *Pete Wood*, No17 Methven Pubs *Dayle Lucas*.

Twos: *Simon Wareing, Michael Kemp, Pete Wood, Dayle Lucas.*

METHVEN CRICKET CLUB

Whomever put together the draw for the Mid Canterbury Open Grade Wednesday competition, saw an opportunity to open the 26/27 season for Blue Pub Methven with a match against longstanding local rivals, Lauriston.

Playing at home this early in the season, Methven were keen to get the game underway early, before the fading sunlight made life difficult.

Losing the toss and being put in the field turned out to be the way to go as Methven applied the scoreboard pressure early with tight opening spells from Adam Preston and Alex Keenan. The first boundary was a long time coming, as the two opening bowlers found their rhythm. Preston ending up with an economical 1 for 10 off his four overs. The boys were energetic in the field as the ball

Chris Woods

was handed Connor Glynn for his trade mark right hand slow medium, and Glynn ended up bagging two wickets in his last two balls,

Spot the ball

one from a tidy catch by Keenan, the captain leading by example. None of the Lauriston batsmen really got into a groove, and Methven chipped away at the overs, keeping the run rate down. A welcome addition to the team, and back to cricket for Michael Gorman,

with his off spin trapping a batsman a long way down the wicket for a sharp stumping by Keeper Matt Mason.

This saw Lauriston restricted to 94 for 5 wickets and Methven moved to change over quickly to chase the fading light. Openers Mason and Lachy Hyde started the innings solidly, building a small partnership and proving that boundaries were possible on the green Methven Domain Oval, and ensuring the run rate was never going to get too high. A small misjudgement saw Mason dismissed, only for Connor Glynn to find some form, hitting a couple of large sixes and fittingly score the winning run in only the 13th over with only two wickets down. Glynn finished 38 not out, well backed up by Hyde (25) and Gorman 11 not out.

A great win to start the season against an old foe and some very encouraging signs for Methven. The lads have seen some good numbers to training and some new faces slotting into the environment well.

A gentle reminder to spectators to keep one eye on the ball! (you know who you are...)

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