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Annie Jacobs



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Methven turned on the sunshine for its annual rodeo on Sunday, much to the delight of the thousands of people who thronged to watch - a record breaking crowd, thought to be the largest ever!

All of the events had a great line up of entrants from all over New Zealand who came to the weekend of rodeos starting with Winchester's on Saturday, followed by Methven's on Sunday.



Annie Jacobs

With the very popular Barrel Racing for the ladies along with Bareback, Steer Wrestling, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding and much more, there was plenty to entertain the crowds and give cowgirls and cowboys - young and old, the opportunity to practise their sport. The sport of rodeo has Animal Welfare monitoring along with vet checks on site and Hato Hone St John in attendance.

The event is generously sponsored by local businesses and is run and managed by

scores of volunteers. Methven Rodeo Club gives thousands of dollars in proceeds to community groups from the event, with \$115,000 over the past ten years being gifted back.

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Spring's norwest winds took the roof off the old stable block at Methven Racecourse last Wednesday, lifting it over the new stables and a shed and landing on a fence 80 metres or so away! Iron was strewn everywhere - even up in a tree! The wind tipped over a silo and did damage in the Methven Walkway. Rain in the high country caused extensive river flow.



Photo by Annie Jacobs

Scone Lyttle clears debris in the Methven Walkway after the wind had died down



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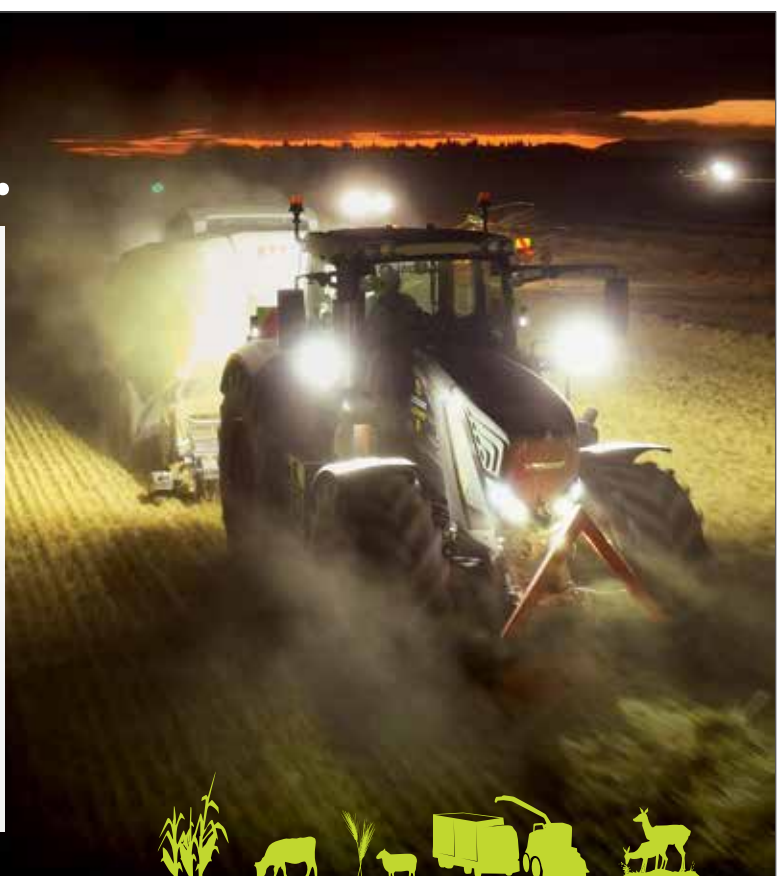
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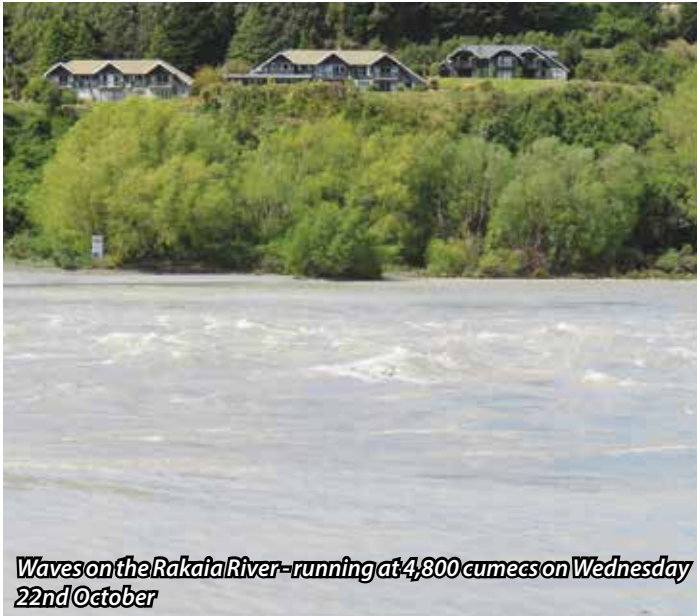
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Hot pools in the snow on Tuesday morning



The uplifted stable roof has destroyed part of the fence at Methven Racecourse



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A sight not often seen - both channels around Goat Island in the Rakaia Gorge pumping

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METHVEN GARDEN CLUB

Annette Garde

Our October trip saw us travelling over to visit two beautiful gardens in the Oxford area.

We sported our new name badges kindly designed by Pip Ivey - thank you Pip, they look great.

First garden was Oasis Cottage which is a garden in progress, but already has quite established areas and is recognised as a 3 star "Notable Garden," by the NZ Garden Trust. We arrived to a stunning avenue of cherry blossoms holding up extremely well in the gusty nor-wester. From there we went through an orchard to fabulous raised vegetable garden beds. Adjacent to this was floral borders with a purpose built Atelier Floral (floral studio).

We then meandered onto different garden "rooms" with many twists and turns. The owners were very enthusiastic hosts and gave us an interesting, guided tour.

Leaving this garden we arrived at Ribblesdale, which was a beautiful, well established, rambling garden. It had many different areas, interesting plants, trees and sweeping lawns.

We enjoyed our lunch here and then we were guided around by the owner as she pointed out many plants of interest. Rhodos were flowering along with perennials. A small onsite nursery with propagated plants from the garden was a hit with all of our members.

We finished off our day with coffee and cake and some retail therapy in Oxford village.



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Baking for Audrey 101

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Annie Jacobs

An enterprising group of students from Methven Primary School have been cooking up delicious treats in support of the Audrey 101 Challenge.

Makenzie, Kyree, Haven, Ivy and Lyla had noticed the Challenge was mentioned at school and decided to do some baking in support.

Haven said, "We saw the challenge around the school. We wanted to help out and we wanted to do a fundraiser." The school has held successful bake sales before, so stirred with that knowledge, they put their baking hats on.

"We thought people would like it, buy it and eat it," said Makenzie. The girls set to work.

"I baked a slice with berries and I made some white chocolate cookies," said Ivy.

Haven and Kyree worked together along with Haven's Mum to do their baking. "We made some cakes, shortbread and cupcakes," said Kyree.

Makenzie's Mum stayed up until 9.30pm to finish off Makenzie's baking!

"Thanks to our Mum's for helping us with our



baking," the girls said.

The girls made up posters and advertised their bake sale at school.

"We had 101 people (plus more) to come to the bake sale," said Principal Sue Furdorfler, which raised \$301 (\$101 plus \$200, for those who like numbers).

The girls met Audrey and handed their bake sale money to her for the new rest home.

"We enjoyed being able to give her the money

in person," said Ivy. "She was really grateful and said thank you."

Having now visited Methven House, the girls said that they could see why a new rest home was needed.

"We noticed that there a lot of people and not much room. The chairs in the lounge were close together and we thought it would be nice if they have a bit more space and they were spread out, they said.

Audrey told the girls that she could not see very well, yet the girls were amazed to learn that Audrey still cuts her own hair, having been a hairdresser.

"She is very good at doing her hair, her hair colour looks really nice," said Makenzie.

"Her hair looks really white and beautiful and really smooth," said Haven.

They all agreed Audrey looks quite stylish!

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Over the past few weeks in Ōpūke F, we have been learning all about different countries for something really special, called "Operation Christmas Card." We are writing Christmas Cards and letters to New Zealand soldiers currently in countries such as Japan, UK, Bahrain, Egypt and Jordan.

For this project, we learnt how to write and structure proper letters, such as putting the date and a salutation at the top. In our letters, we asked them questions such as, "What's your favourite sport" and "how do you celebrate Christmas?" We shared some cool facts about the countries we've studied and told them about ourselves as well.

We had so much fun researching our chosen

country and writing to real soldiers! *Written by Perrin, Sienna and Robert*



METHVEN
Primary School

Mt Somers Springburn School

Mt Somers Springburn Shines at Athletics Day

The sun was shining and so was the Mt Somers Springburn spirit, as our students, staff, and families took to the track and field to represent The Mount with pride and heart!

It was a day filled with personal bests, podium placings, and plenty of smiles. The energy was infectious as tamariki gave it their all, cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd of parents and supporters.

Adding to the fun, we even had two parents' teams join in on the action, showing that the MtSS competitive spirit truly spans generations!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated, supported, and helped make the day such a success. Once again, Mt Somers Springburn School has shown that when we come together as a community, we can achieve great things - both on and off the field.






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Windy Days and Calm Hearts in Room 2

It's been a wild and windy week at Our Lady of the Snows, with the Methven breeze showing us just how powerful nature can be! In Room 2, we've been linking our learning to this blustery weather by exploring the story of how Jesus calmed the storm. We've talked about how Jesus helps calm the "storms" inside us too — like when we feel worried, upset, or cross — reminding us to pause, breathe, and find peace.

To finish our week, we put the wind to good use with a fun STEM activity! The children designed and made their own kites using card, sticks, and string, testing their creations out in the school grounds. There was loads of laughter, learning, and excitement as our kites lifted into the sky — a perfect way to celebrate how we can stay calm and joyful, even when the wind blows strong.

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Five Ways to Talk to a Child about Death

When you lose a family member or close friend, one of the most challenging aspects is to explain this to a child.

At a time when adults are living with their own grief, children dealing with the loss of a loved one may be experiencing unfamiliar emotions and looking to adults they love to try to learn how to respond to them.

Here are a few tips for talking about death with children:

1. Be calm, honest and straight forward. Use simple words such as died, death, cancer. Euphemisms can confuse children.
2. Encourage children to talk about it and how they feel. Check their level of understanding and repeat key information as needed.
3. Invite questions. Listen then answer, based on their age and stage. Bite sized pieces of information work best.
4. Reassure them that they are safe and it's not their fault. Help them identify people they know who are supporting them and will continue to support them.
5. Involve them in family events such as gatherings or memorial services. Encourage their contribution, however small.

If you are dealing with children in a similar situation, Hospice Mid Canterbury has a selection of books available for children and parents.



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30 October - 5 November

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Robert Reineke 10
Wally Kalweit 55
Chris Bartram 69
Emma Ferguson-Cooke 11
Henry Guild 14
Shaun Fitzgerald 45
Benji Jorgensen 2
Wendy Fitzgerald 66
Andrew Keeley 53 (belated)
Kody Owen 15

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Robert Reineke

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GROW YOUR OWN

Mary Ralston

We seem to be stuck in a holding pattern with this weather: wind, wind, wind and a bit of rain thrown in.

I hope your patch came through the worst of last week's wind without too much damage. Of the six broccoli I planted in early Sept, only two are left (there may not be any by the time this goes to print). A zucchini I planted in my raised kitchen garden also broke off so I am being more practical and have sown zucchini seeds to replace it and have a few others. They should be ready to plant out in a few weeks, which is (according to Methven tradition) when it is meant to be safe to plant out frost-tender veges).

Given that we have a relatively short growing season, it makes sense to plant seedlings rather than seeds for many varieties (such as zucchini). And of course, it's easier to buy them rather than grow from seed, but it's

interesting to do seeds, and you're not limited to the standard ones. Try some unusual



varieties that will do well in our climate, such as purple climbing beans, scallopini squash (instead of "normal" zucchini), and purple carrots. Planting climbing bean seeds now in containers of potting mix saves growing time – they'll be ready to plant out in a few weeks, when hopefully the weather will have settled down.

Climbing peas and beans need a frame, so make a plan for one, before planting. Wire netting strung between two posts works well, as do teepees. Plastic trellis is enough for sugar snap peas. Even dwarf peas and beans like to be supported but don't need a full-on frame, sticks will suffice. Most cucumbers like to get off the ground, and tomatoes need a stake or string hung from the rafters of the greenhouse.

Don't forget the flowers in the veg garden: chives attract the bees, alyssum's small enough flowers are perfect for small parasitic wasps and hover flies (which are pollinators, and their larvae are predators of aphids and

thrips). When coriander, rocket and other brassicas go to flower, leave them to do their thing instead of pulling them out – they are good food for bees and other insects.



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METHVEN CLAY TARGET CLUB *Bruce Lilley*

Results from Shoot on 26th October

Our Fiocchi cup shoot today was over three disciplines; Single barrel, Points score and Single barrel.

Single rise Possibles: D Folly, Matt Lovett. 24 B Lilley, K Fitzgibbon, C Welsh, R Richards.

Points Score: B Lilley 68/75, P Wright 67/75, M Ross 67/75.

Single Barrel: G Watson 22/25, L Lovett 22/25.

Handicap by Distance: B Lilley 24/25, J Jackson 24/25.

Fiocchi Cup winner: 112/125 Josh Jackson (Darfield). **Runner up:** Bruce Lilley 111/125.

Presidents Cup Winner: B Lilley from A Oram.

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METHVEN CRICKET CLUB

Alex Keenan

This week, the lads travelled to Ashburton to play the Coldstream Alpacas.

Methven won the toss and quickly elected to bat. The team needed to improve with the willow this week and went out with a plan and it paid off in the power play with the score at 56 for 2 after 6. Connor Glynn brought up his 50 off 21 balls.

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Some good contributions from Adam Preston 28 of 25 and Finn McGrath 23 of 17, with Connor finishing on 93 Not Out of 54, got Methven to 165/5. Some good bowling efforts from Josh Lennox 2/23 and Ben Naylor 2/27 helped restrict the total from being 20 runs higher.

Methven knew they would have to bowl well to restrict Coldstream to this total. Methven got a couple of wickets in Coldstream's power play, but they managed to get to 32/2 of their first 6 overs. The game was



Connor Glynn in action

on and Methven were able to take consistent wickets - Alex Keenan 2 for 36 and Adam Preston 2 for 29. Nonetheless, Josh Lennox continued to find the boundary with ease. The game came down to the final over, Coldstream required 6 of 6 with Josh getting them over the line with

87 of 48 to win the game with 2 balls to spare.

It was a great game, cricket being the winner on the day.

The boys are at home next week against Mt Somers - come on down and support them from 6pm at the Methven Domain.

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Methven 23 Chapman Street

More than meets the eye

Tucked away on a private corner site, 23 Chapman Street offers serious space for families needing room to move. Built in 2006, this two-storey home is well laid out and packed with options. Downstairs is all about easy living with a large open plan kitchen, dining and living area opening to the outdoors.

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FINAL NOTICE



Methven 40 Morgan Street

Solid, sunny and easy

If you're after simplicity, space, and stunning views, this 2003-built brick home delivers. Designed for easy living, this two-bedroom, one-bathroom property combines comfort, functionality, and low-maintenance appeal. The generous open-plan kitchen, dining, and living area is filled with natural light.

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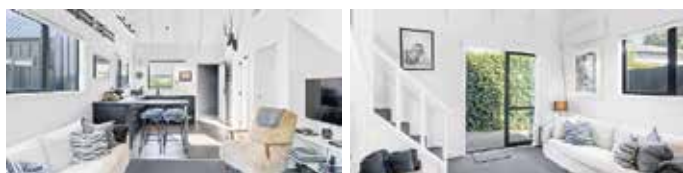
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Methven 68A and 68B Spaxton Street

Stylish and set up

Whether you are looking to expand your investment portfolio, dive into Airbnb hosting, or secure an easy-care alpine retreat - this fully renovated unit ticks every box. This property is being sold fully furnished, right down to the knives and forks and even pods for the coffee machine. Also available is the rear unit - matching in layout, for an Asking Price \$545,000

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Asking Price \$495,000

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Methven 5 Westward Way

Kakariki view

Time to build in Methven's Premium subdivision. This spacious, private section is available and ready for the construction of your dream home to start. With excellent views, the section is also 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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4,219_{sqm}

Asking Price \$420,000

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Staveley 439 Springburn Bushside Road

Alpine lovers dream

Just minutes from the Staveley foothills, the home has been carefully crafted with comfort in mind. Featuring three bedrooms, including a generous master with walk-in robe and ensuite. A second cosy living space adds flexibility and warmth, while the main living area is light and bright. A large shed plus internal access double garage.

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For Sale offers invited over

\$1,250,000

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MOTIVATED VENDOR



Windwhistle Villa 218 Fable Terrace Downs

Ground floor villa

This beautifully appointed three-bedroom ground-floor villa offers unmatched comfort and style. Step inside and you'll find an open-plan living, dining, and kitchen area that takes full advantage of the breathtaking outlook over the golf course to the Southern Alps. Suitable as a full time residence or perfect for short term accommodation.

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For Sale offers invited over

\$599,000

Phone for viewing times

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Hororata 2 Hobbs Street

Tenanted investment

An iconic property home to the Hororata Village Bar and Café, with a strong tenancy in place. On well-maintained grounds the building has a separate café and bar area, outdoor dining areas, a large gazebo, storage sheds, garaging, and car parking. With its strong tenancy and prime position this central village property represents a charming investment.

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928_{sqm} 130_{sqm}

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Lauriston 299 Lyndhurst Road

Starter farm or strategic add-on

This 23.6ha (more or less) property, located in the heart of Lyndhurst, offers excellent all-round appeal for those entering farming or looking to expand an existing operation. With quality Lismore soils throughout, the land provides a reliable platform for both pasture and crop production.

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23.625_{ha}

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RayWhite

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

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RayWhite

37 Sam Holmes Drive, Methven

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- Timeless at Thyme Stream
- Elegant brand new build set on 4044m2 amongst extensive plantings & landscaping
- 3/1.85m2 home with an emphasis on low maintenance
- Multiple living options
- Superb rural & mountain views

Price on Application
View
by appointment

Margaret Feiss
021 751 009

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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
by appointment

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RayWhite

20a Arrowsmith Drive, Methven

A very generous 1038m2 section that offers an opportunity to create your ideal home in a picturesque mountain setting. With plenty of room to plant trees and cultivate your own garden, this section is perfect for those who appreciate the outdoors.

By Negotiation
View
by appointment

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Shirley Fitzgerald
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RayWhite

25 Sam Holmes Drive, Methven

- * 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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RayWhite

Lot 3 Hobbs Road, Methven

- Attractive 1.0596 hectare block located down a private line way 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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2969 Methven Highway, Methven

- 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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RayWhite

106a Spaxton Street, Methven

- * This expansive Residential C section spans an impressive 7.089 m2, offering ample space to create your own retreat or lifestyle
- * A large workshop, perfect for hobbyists or those needing extra storage space
- * Ideal investment

Sold

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