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## Our Lucy - on the Italian Stage!

*This year I was lucky enough to have been selected to race for the Down Under Cycling Academy in Italy, for the duration of Term Three, representing Australasia racing in Road Cycling.*

**Lucy Reeve**

Mount Hutt College was amazing at encouraging me to take this opportunity and enabling and supporting me in working towards achieving most of Level 3 NCEA internally before I left.

I am also very fortunate to have awesome parents who were willing to let me go on the trip and support me financially. Travelling across the world and saying goodbye to my family was definitely a big thing for me, but I have now gained valuable life skills through the experience that will help me in future travel, flatting and just general life.

Our team was made up of two Kiwis and seven Aussies with ages ranging from 17-25. Because most of the team was above the age of 19, (I was the youngest and there was one other girl who was nearly 19) we raced in the U23 and Open women's races.

In February this year I raced as an under 19 in Elite Road Nationals where there were less than 15 girls on the start line. Arriving at the first race in Italy and seeing that there would be 189 women starting, was definitely really intimidating and scary to me. The first race was in Arcade (near Venice) and was 112 km of circuits and hills.

Unfortunately only one of nine team members finished this race as everyone else either crashed, got heat stroke, or got pulled from the race. It is very common to get pulled from these races because if you get dropped from the peloton (the main group of riders), then you have the convoy (the line of team cars following the race with drink bottles, spare bikes and wheels), behind you, then are out on the



open road, are a hazard to drivers and could also get lapped by the peloton if the circuit is small. After getting pulled from this race I was worried if I had what it takes to even finish a race.

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Methven Touch Rugby start date
- 20 Methven Playcentre AGM, 7.30pm
- 24 Lighting Community Meeting, 7pm
- 25 Methven A&P Scholarship  
Applications close
- 31 Advance Ashburton Scholarship  
Applications close

## UPCOMING

- 7 Nov Geraldine Garden Fete, 9.30am
- 9 Nov Mt Somers Rifle Club 100th
- 24 Nov Hospice Christmas Experience
- 19 Dec Last Snowfed for 2024

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### TUESDAY

**Contact Physio Spring Pilates** Ladies  
**Methven Toy Library** 9-10.30am  
**Methven Public Library** 2pm-4pm  
**Methven Museum** 2pm-4pm

### WEDNESDAY

**Qigong Classes, Anglican Hall**, 10.45am  
**Methven Green Waste** drop off,  
Vaughans Rd, 12.30pm-2.30pm

### 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,  
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# We're not as native bird friendly as thought

Annie Jacobs

*Despite a growing awareness and losing a number of native birds and animals in New Zealand, an initial bird count in and around Methven has shown disturbing results.*

Don Geddes has started monitoring native bird numbers in and around Methven, working with the Methven Birdsong Trust. It was important for the Trust to know what native birdlife was there so that efforts of local trapping groups could ascertain efficacy. Don has a long experience doing bird counting for the Department of Conservation and NIWA (National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research).

He created 24 count points around town and another 25 on the walkway which were done at 400 metre intervals.

Bird counts need to be done in optimum conditions - sunshine, no screaming winds, no rain and little disturbance to give the best result.

The results were disturbing and disappointing.

Last weekend there were only four fantails spotted and 17 silvereyes (waxeye/tauhou), two sites with grey warbler (which may have been the same bird). The weekend before; three fantails sighted and a few silvereyes.

"We've already lost the Brown Creeper from our Foothills Forests," said Don. "It would be good to get it around Methven - it's a future opportunity for reintroduction. It was exciting to see a New Zealand Falcon at the corner of Grace Ireland Drive and Camrose Avenue."

This Bird Count gives really good baseline data. The next one will be in March or April 2025 to allow for breeding and feeding cycles.

What can you do at home to help native birds to thrive? Plant native species in your garden that native birds can use as a food source - check with your garden nursery. Don't feed bird seed (as this attracts the wrong species

and they overpopulate and compete), but put out apples and pears in a safe place away from cats. Sugar water is attractive (1teaspoon sugar dissolved in 1 cup water) - silvereyes LOVE this! Put out balls of fat in autumn, winter and spring in a bird feeder.



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# Lions World Service Day



*Above back left: Library Committee Members Leonie Donald, Sabrina Read. Lions Richard Lilley, Mac McElwain, Dave Grant, Paul Dixon, David Barlass, John Robinson (obscured), Graham Buick, John Barwell. Front left: Mike Markillie, Annette Garde, Selwyn Allred, Carl Shannon*

Methven Lions joined in Lions World Service Day on Saturday, helping out at the Methven Library and Museum gardens.

Joined by some Library Committee members the Lions, armed with rakes, brooms and trimmers, tidied up the tussocks with many given a trim. Numerous truckloads of garden trimmings were removed and the beds tidied. Spiders and their webs were removed from the building exterior.

The exerting work was beautifully rewarded with a delicious morning tea and cuppa supplied by members of the Methven Library Committee and others.

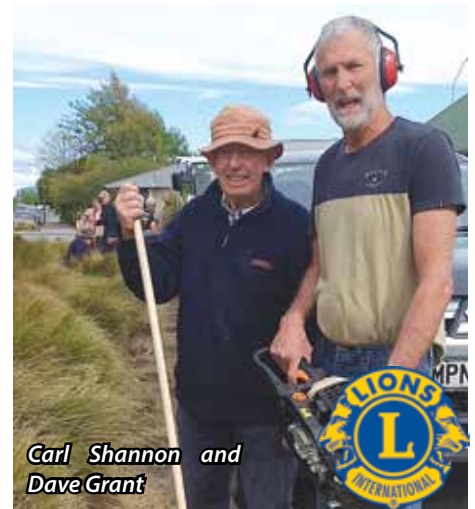


*Annette Garde, Richard Lilley, Paul Dixon*



*Annie Jacobs*

*Lion David Barlass demonstrates how to wrestle an errant tussock*



*Carl Shannon and Dave Grant*



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The racing style is very different to New Zealand. Because of the number of riders, it is much more dangerous and crashes happen constantly. A successful race comes down to positioning in the bunch, preserving your energy for the sprint whilst avoiding crashes, flying drink bottles and making sure you get enough carbs and liquids into your body to keep you going. Because it was so hot (some races averaged upwards from 38 degrees), it was critical that we were drinking 3-4 bottles per hour. This meant that we needed to learn to grab bottles from a soigneur, (a person employed to stand on the side of the road and hand us bottles as we ride past). We had to drop our empty ones and/or purposely drop from the peloton and go to the team car where our manager would hand us a bottle and sling us forward in the same motion back into the bunch - this is called a "sticky bottle."

Our team was based in a small town, slightly bigger than Methven, called Illasi. It was about a 45 minute drive into Verona. The other eight girls and I lived in a team house where we had to be self-sufficient, cooking and cleaning for ourselves. The amount of pasta we consumed was concerning, but much-needed to counter

the calories we were burning each day! A typical week day we'd get up, ride half an hour up to the next town called Tregnago (similar size to Ashburton), where we would meet the team coach who would follow us on his motorbike. We would then ride for 2-5 hours, and then return back to eat lunch. The afternoons would then be for recovery time where the older girls wanted to do uni work, but unfortunately we had very limited wifi so we would entertain ourselves by exploring Illasi, playing cards and trying to learn Italian from the locals. We would ride back to Tregnago about two days a week in the afternoon to do a gym session in the coach's gym. We would also have a team meeting and individual massages once a week. Every weekend we would load up the team van and drive to the location of our races. We raced in many beautiful places including the base of the Dolomites, Florence, Tuscany and Marche. After the first race I made a list of workons that would help me to finish the next races. After adapting to the climate a bit better and recovering from jet lag fully, our team was successful in the race and 8/9 girls finished. I was very proud of myself and was now looking forward to more racing, rather than dreading it.

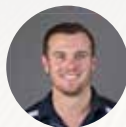


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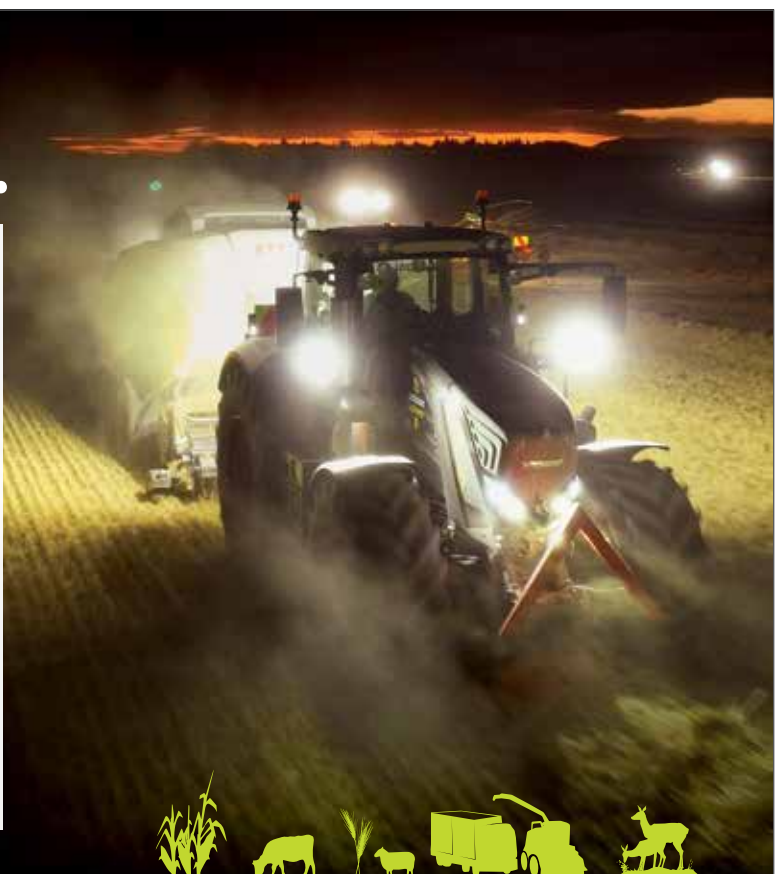


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Cycling may sound like an individual sport but anyone that has watched Netflix's documentary "Tour De France - Unchained" will know that it is actually a team sport. Within your team cyclists have different roles. I was one of the team's sprinters, so if the race suited my style the other girls would work for me and lead me out into the sprint finish. I was quite comfortable getting bottles from the car because of my Track Cycling experience, so I would often grab 4-5 bottles at a time and put them down my shirt and then give them to the other girls. The bond we created was very strong within our team, I would have genuinely done anything for all of the girls and they would have done the same for me.

My highlight of the trip on the bike was finishing the Giro Della Toscana (The Tour of Tuscany). This was a UCI 2.2 level race, which meant that there were high level International teams competing including the UAE development team and Fenix Decernick. Unfortunately for my team, only myself and one other made it to the end. The winner of the tour competed at the Olympics placing 43rd in the road race, and 2nd place at the tour came 20th at the Olympics. For me the goal was just to finish the tour, so as not to get pulled. It consisted of one time trial and three road stages clocking up to 360 km with about 2,500 vertical metres of climbing in total. On Stage Two I was very close to pulling myself out of the race as I was suffering from heat stroke and struggling, but I dug deep and finished. Going up the final climb on the final stage was very emotional for me and probably my proudest moment in my



Cycling Career so far. I was the only rider in the tour under the age of 19 to finish the race and out of 127 open women starters I placed 78th overall.

Like life, cycling is not all just sprinkles and cupcakes. Alongside the highs came the lows. In one race I was having the time of my life leading the breakaway, (a group off the front of the peloton that has attacked) and the next minute I was in an ambulance. A major take away from the trip was learning how to deal with these surges and dips and how to prepare myself for future ones.

Off the bike, my highlights were definitely riding with the girls through the beautiful countryside and travelling. After my crash I caught a train to Venice by myself to meet my Cousin and Uncle from the UK there which was absolutely stunning. I was mind-blown with the architecture of the buildings and the fact that I was standing above swampy land on wooden poles. I will forever cherish the lessons I learned, memories made and the bonds developed on my trip. I am a very very lucky girl to have experienced all of this at such a young age. It could have not been possible without the support from my parents, Mount Hutt College, my cyclist friends in the Methven Community, the Methven Lions, Tatai Whetu Waitaha and Buzz Natural supplements.

*I cannot thank everyone enough for being in my corner and believing in my dreams.*

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### A sneak peek at Methven's own Beauty Pageant - last tickets on sale now!

*Last Sunday's cold wet afternoon saw a bunch of blokes and blokes's gathered in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall.*

Along with Compere and Hokonui Radio Host Luke Howden, makeup artists and other helpers, the group of men are busy rehearsing and planning for Ms Methven - a beauty pageant style fundraiser which is to be held this coming Saturday.

The ticketed event has called on volunteers to raise money for the not-for-profit Methven Pre School, with the men giving their time and energy to assist.

Rehearsing since June, the men have had loads of fun, with practices being filled with humour, motivation, camaraderie, surprise, understanding and more as they have navigated what it is like for women. Some in society expect much from women's attire,

makeup, high heels and body hair removal and the men are experiencing what this is like and having some fun for a good cause while doing it.

The event has nine contestants (Snowfed ran a weekly feature showcasing each one recently), who will be judged similar to a beauty pageant style event, but with the difference that this is guys. With bucketloads of humour, the blokes have dressed up as

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girls, yet reference what they do in their workplace or the business which has sponsored them.

Without letting too much away, the event will feature workwear, activewear, two group dances, three individual dances (which includes talent) and a catwalk.

Dancing, music and learning what they would take if marooned on a deserted island, the evening is sure to entertain those looking for glitz, glamour, a bit of sass and a laugh, (knowing these guys as we do!). They have been really brave - being prepared to wax body hair, wear makeup, suffer high heels, wear wigs (which are incredibly hot to wear). This week the men will have spray tan, get their nails done and present themselves to the paying public - all to raise money for the Pre School.

A number of the contestants described feeling the pain of what ladies go through was an eye opener giving them a new appreciation.

Ms Team Hutchinson Ford (Simon Fleetwood) said, "Waxing brought a wee tear to my eye. I'm glad I don't have to go through that again!"

The opportunity to get to know the contestants a little better arises when Compere Luke Howden asks them questions about themselves.

Ms Muffler May Brothers (Kirk Power) said how much she loved the curls in her wig whilst Ms Rosa Dekker Real Estate (Glen Limbrick) - would choose to be the Prime Minister of New Zealand - move over Christopher Luxon!

The judges will then deliberate followed by the announcement of the ultimate winner. The downstairs tables will have platters of food and food is available to purchase from 6pm at food trucks parked up outside. There will be a silent auction and a bar so come along prepared for a laugh and to raise money for Methven Pre School.

The event is R18, there won't be any door sales so tickets need to be purchased in advance.

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# James visits Puss N Boots Kitty Rescue

Annie Jacobs

*Last Friday morning prior to a visit by National Member of Parliament, James Meager, it's alleged that three pregnant mother cats were intentionally released by someone at Puss N Boots Kitty Rescue.*

Undoing hours and hours of volunteer, this means that 15-18 kittens will be birthed back in the wild, unravelling the valuable work of Puss N Boots.

"Someone has even come inside the house and released a cat that was being nursed back to health inside in a cat cage," said Salena - Manager at Puss N Boots.

James Meager came to visit the Kitty Rescue to see what the charity is doing, what he can do to help and catching some cuddles with some of the kittens while he was there!

Salena described that the situation is getting rather dire - the need is enormous and she is getting tired of asking for funds. She explained that Mid Canterbury Cat Rescue can hold 14 cats, the SPCA don't do fostering and kitten season is beginning.

A building with space is needed to run the charity in or near to Methven.

"What would happen to all of those animals if we didn't rescue them?" she asked.

The charity has a Manager in Christchurch, one in Twizel and one in Ashburton where they already have ten cats that need to be adopted.

All of the cats adopted out by Puss N Boots Charity are microchipped, desexed and vaccinated.



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A new branch of the charity is opening on the West Coast in Hokitika.

"We already have 12 colonies of cats (over 1,000) over there to deal

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with," said Salena. "Over \$750,000 is needed for the West Coast branch establishment."



However, all fundraising being done here is for Mid Canterbury. Adoptees are needed for barn cats which are desexed and microchipped. Barn cats do still need to be fed and not rely on rodents and birdlife.

"Responsible ownership is still required for barn cats," Salena said.

"If you let your cat outside, it is highly likely they will contract Feline Aids. Bring your cats inside. This also means they're not as likely to go missing or get hurt in cat fights," she said.

"Be responsible," said Salena, "love them unconditionally. Get them desexed and microchipped."

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# EA Networks help with Home Insulation

*As a locally owned cooperative, EA Networks is passionate about building awareness around energy efficiency, and how to keep power bills down.*

As part of this work, EA Networks is now partnering with Community Energy Action to commence an initiative focused on insulating up to 100 homes in Mid Canterbury, in conjunction with the government's Warmer Kiwi Homes scheme.

By supporting other funding sources, EA Networks is helping eligible people achieve warmer and more energy efficient homes. "Helping local families and individuals is important to us, particularly when it comes to warmer, drier, healthier homes that are cheaper to heat," said Onno Mulder, CEO, EA Networks.

Community Energy Action is stepping in to support the work, commencing a door knocking campaign around target areas in Ashburton. "We need to get people on the ground, to connect with those that might be eligible for funding and reassure them that it's not too good to be true and we can help", said Louw Bezuidenhout, General Manager, Community Energy Action.

The door knocking campaign commenced on Monday 14th October, with a goal to insulate the first 40 homes by 31 March 2025.

"We're starting this work now because it can take time to get the insulation in, and we want homes to be ready before winter next year", said Jessica Harris, Customer Experience Manager, EA Networks. Building community awareness around the support available is also key. "We're connecting in with local community agencies and helping to build awareness of the support that is currently out there," Ms Harris says.

**To be eligible for Warmer Kiwi Homes funding, a recipient must:**

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Anyone who thinks they might be eligible can contact Community Energy Action in the first instance, on 0800 438 9276.

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# Progress on Stockwater Exit

*Ashburton District Council is progressing work on a transition plan to exit its stockwater delivery service.*

The plan will include an intake-by-intake closure strategy, with scheduled engagement with property owners, irrigation companies, Environment Canterbury and Arowhenua and other stakeholders.

Group Manager of Infrastructure and Open Spaces Neil McCann said Council had a blueprint for closing some intakes.

"We've been working through a process to close the Pudding Hill intake and we believe the methodical approach we are using can be applied to other intakes. The stockwater network is fed by many sources, including springs, the north and south branch of the Ashburton River, Pudding Hill Stream and the Rangitata River, via the Rangitata Diversion Race."

"We know it will be a complicated process, as some stockwater races are also stormwater drains, some are fed by springs and some flow

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into places like the Tinwald Domain and Ashburton Domain ponds. It will take time and flexibility will be required, and we will do our best to keep everyone informed and included along the way."

The transition plan is being prepared by Council staff and should be adopted by Council at its meeting on 18 December. Meetings of the working group set up to monitor progress will be held over the next few weeks to review the draft Transition Plan before recommending adoption by Council in December.

"We know that some in the wider community are as interested in the stockwater system as those who pay targeted stockwater rates," Mr McCann said. "We have a core membership of the working group, and stakeholders will be invited to join in as appropriate."



Some of the work under way at the moment is scheduling the intakes in an order of priority so that the timeframes will be clearer for those who currently use the stock water system. This will clearly identify when we will engage with property owners and stakeholders for each area.

Council committed to exiting the stockwater delivery service as part of the Long Term Plan 2024-34 and has set a target date of June 2027. It does not mean all races and intakes will be closed, as some may need to be retained for various reasons including ecological, drainage and cultural reasons.

Part of the Council's decision to exit the service was also because it would need to install expensive fish screens at the intakes. Council has been progressively closing races over the past decade, where property owners agree, and will continue to process closure applications during the transition period.

Mr McCann said the Pudding Hill closure investigation had been a good learning experience for Council and property owners.

"We have been using the services of John Wright, who knows a great deal about water in this district, and in some cases alternative water can be accessed through a simple rain storage tank system or from an irrigation company with pipes in the area.

"Council will not pay for alternative water options on individual properties, but it can provide some good information when the time comes."

Information and regular updates about progress of the stockwater transition plan will be posted on Council's website, and interested parties can also sign up to receive a stockwater newsletter by email.

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# Methven local to receive a Community Civic Award

Ashburton Mayor Neil Brown will mark the achievements of a busy farmer, a very active retiree and a caring community organisation at the 2024 Community Civic Awards on Thursday.

Hinds farmer Peter Lowe will receive the Mayor's Award for Public Service, the Ashburton RSA will receive the Ashburton Medal and Robert Maxwell, of Methven, will receive a Civic Award.

Mayor Brown said it had been a privilege reading through the work and achievements of all three recipients.

"Peter has been involved in a range of volunteer work, from school boards of trustees to environmental work, and some of it quite challenging. It will be an honour to present him the Mayor's Award for Public Service, because he has truly worked hard on behalf of the whole district for more than 40 years.

"Robert has recently been involved in protecting a slice of Methven history, through his work with the Methven Lions and cleaning up old headstones in the Methven cemetery.

"The Ashburton RSA has also done important work for war veterans and the wider community for more than 100 years, and will be recognised with an Ashburton Medal."



The civic awards are being held in the Council Chamber, at Te Whare Whakare, on Thursday 17 October, starting at 10am.

Mayor Brown said members of the public were also welcome to attend to show their support for the award recipients.

"Our district runs with the help of many volunteers and many seek to avoid the limelight. It's special to be able to acknowledge their work on occasions like this."



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# Hard Fought Rugby Win!



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**A hard fought win was secured at the weekend in a nail biting finish.**

The Heartland Rugby semifinal was played at the new Fraser Park facility in Timaru with the Mid Canterbury Hammers playing South Canterbury. The tight finish was helped by a last minute penalty.

South Canterbury had not been beaten since 2019, holding their five year, 39 game pedestal, until last weekend.

Mid Canterbury have secured their place in the Meads Cup final this coming weekend, playing Thames Valley at Te Aroha. The Mid Canterbury team has players from all the different clubs in the district.

Mid Canterbury 17-16.



## Coaching Applications for 2025

### Methven Rugby Club

Planning is well underway for the 2025 season. Applications are called for all open grade sides including Senior A, Senior B and Colts.

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**Wednesday 31st October, 7pm**

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# TIPS FOR KEEPING HEALTHY

## Magnesium

Lauren Wilding  
Naturopath



*Magnesium (Mg) is one of the most commonly supplemented minerals and for good reason.*

Mg deficiency is quite common, and supplementation is relatively safe as long as the kidneys are in good condition to be able to excrete any excess. Mg has over 300 roles to play within the body, so if we are deficient in this vital nutrient it can affect every system of the body.

Some main functions of Mg include:

- is required for energy production in the body
- muscle relaxant (including the bowel)
- helps regulate blood pressure and cardiac rhythm
- supports growth and development in children
- necessary for nerve transmission
- neutralises stomach acid
- supports immunity
- helps keep bones strong
- helps regulate mood
- can aid sleep
- helps regulate blood sugar levels and much more

I often get asked about Mg supplementation, so thought it might be of interest to address the common questions here.

**Q: What form of mg should I be taking?**

A: Minerals need to be bound to something to be carried through the body, and those binding factors have properties of their own which could help/hinder your intentions:

- Mg Citrate: most highly absorbed of all forms of Mg. Good for constipation, migraines, and treating Mg deficiencies in general.
- Mg Oxide: poor absorption, most common as is cheap to make but may help with reflux and constipation
- Mg Chloride: good absorption, good for cholesterol, diabetes, low stomach acid
- Mg Glycinate: well absorbed, good for stress management and sleep, has less of a laxative effect. Good for inflammation, heart disease, diabetes.
- Mg Sulfate: good for sore muscles (can apply topically – Southern Alps Honey does a fantastic Magnesium balm) or use Epsom salts in a bath
- Mg Malate: good for energy, chronic fatigue and sore muscles. Well absorbed, less of a laxative effect than other types.
- Mg Threonate: good for stress and anxiety, well absorbed. Good for brain health (is the only form that can cross the blood brain barrier) so can be helpful for brain fog, depression, Alzheimer's, ADHD, focus, concentration.
- Mg Taurate: well absorbed, good for energy, blood sugar levels, aids healthy blood pressure

**Q: How much should I take?**

A: It depends on many factors – your age, size, health concern and severity of the health concern. The maximum dosage you should take without professional advice should be no more than 350mg/day. On the

back of the pack it will say something like: Magnesium citrate 600mg, Elemental (or total) Magnesium 300mg. That means that each capsule has 300mg Mg and 300mg citric acid so when calculating dosage, you need to look at the elemental or total figure.

**Q: Is Mg safe to take?**

A: For most people, yes - under 350mg/day. If you have kidney or cardiac issues, you should consult your health professional first.

**Q: When should I take it?**

A: If you are taking Mg to aid sleep, take before bed. For all other reasons, taking anytime is fine. If you have a sensitive stomach, take with food.

It's always a good idea to try get your nutrients from food sources first, and supplement if needed over and above this. Good sources of Mg include leafy greens, nuts and seeds, beans, avocado, legumes, wholegrains.

Magnesium deficiencies can occur because intake is poor, absorption is poor (gut issues), or you are using it in excess, as in times of stress. Eating a diet rich in wholefoods, addressing any gut issues and practicing stress management will all help with replenishing magnesium stores – and supplementation is an option if you need a little extra.

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# Schools News

## Methven Primary School



On Monday 23rd of September last term, we went skiing up at Mt Hutt!

We got to do skiing and snowboarding lessons as well. It was brand new learning for those who have not skied or snowboarded. For the first timers, we had to lift our skis and learn to take their skis off and on. We learnt to stop, that's called a pizza or a mountain. Lots of people fell but that's ok!

It was a good day, but it was too hot to ski, so many people took some layers off! Lots of the children enjoyed playing in the snow and having lots of fun.

Students got to ski all over the mountain from the Magic Carpet to the Summit.

Thank you to the Teachers for organising, the bus drivers and parents that came along. We all had so much fun!

**By Harper & Rebecca Piwakawaka**

### Be WARM this winter



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### Raffle Results

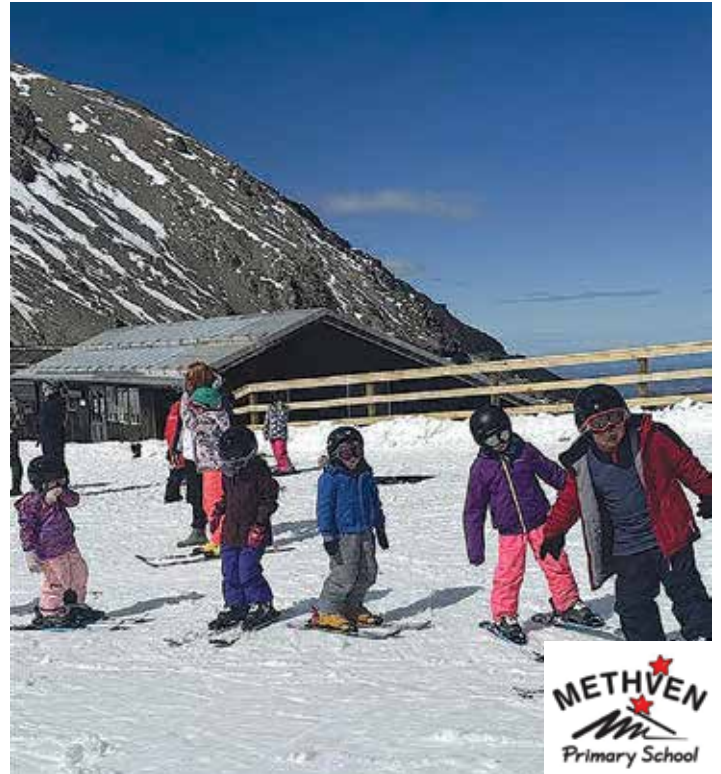
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## NATIONAL MP *James Meager*

### Fast-Track Legislation Brings New Momentum to Critical Mid Canterbury Projects

*The government's Fast-Track Approvals Bill represents a significant breakthrough for two vital Mid Canterbury infrastructure projects - Ashburton's second bridge and the Klondyke water storage expansion.*

Both projects have made the list of 149 proposals selected for fast-tracking, promising to accelerate their development from years down to months.

For Mid Canterbury residents who have long awaited a second bridge, this announcement is another step in the right direction. Once funding arrangements between the Ashburton District Council and NZ Transport Agency are finalised, the streamlined consenting process will significantly reduce the bureaucratic hurdles slowing the construction.

This is particularly crucial given the bridge's importance to our region's resilience and transportation network.

The inclusion of the Klondyke water storage project is equally significant for our agricultural sector. The expansion will

increase reliability of access to water for both the MHV and ALI irrigation schemes by increasing storage capacity at the Carew Ponds from 6m cumecs to over 50m cumecs.

This development will provide our farmers with greater water security and support sustainable agricultural practices across the district.

The fast-track legislation will serve as a "one-stop shop" for processing consenting issues, while also boosting investor confidence in these crucial infrastructure projects.

This streamlined approach is expected to attract investment and stimulate economic growth throughout Mid Canterbury. The benefits extend beyond just faster approvals. These projects will create local jobs, improve infrastructure resilience, and support our region's agricultural productivity.

The expert panels overseeing the fast-track process will ensure environmental considerations are properly addressed while cutting through unnecessary red and green tape.

For Mid Canterbury, this legislation marks a turning point in how we approach major infrastructure development. By reducing the time and cost associated with resource consents, we can expect to see these crucial projects moving forward with renewed momentum, delivering tangible benefits to our community sooner rather than later.

To contact James:

03 307 1729 | JamesMeagerMP  
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James Meager MP for Rangitata

Funded by the Parliamentary Service. Authorised by J Meager, 161 Burnett Street, Ashburton.



## The Tales Dead Men and Women Tell

*U3A Lifelong Learning Ashburton will host Professor Hallie Buckley at their next meeting, which the public are invited to come along to.*

Professor Buckley will speak on "The Tales Dead Men (and Women) Tell: Bioarchaeological investigations of the lost lives and forgotten stories of Otago's gold miners."

Buckley's research interests focus on the effect of different cultural and ecological

environments on the health and disease of prehistoric peoples in the Asia-Pacific region.

This research is conducted by the analysis of museum-curated Pacific Island human skeletal remains and recently-excavated samples from Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Thailand, and Indonesia. Most recently she has co-directed a bioarchaeological research project on gold mining era cemeteries in Otago.

She is an Emerita Professor at the University of Otago in the Department of Anatomy.

The talk will be held on Tuesday 22nd October at 10.15am (doors open at 9.30am) at the Ashburton Event Centre on Wills Street. Casual visitors \$10 cash at the door.

U3A began in Ashburton in 2013 and is one of 60 groups nationwide. Monthly speakers are informative, stimulating and insightful and provide members with new discussion and learning opportunities.

U3A aims to provide a broad spectrum of themes for meetings and speakers who are leaders in their fields. Short seminar series and special interest groups also meet – from books to geology, men's discussion and music.



To become a financial member, speak to one of our committee at any meeting – or anyone can attend any session and pay a \$10 casual fee (cash please).

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### Weekly Community Heroes

Celebrating our local heroes and heroines!

Head into The Alpine Grind to nominate.

Kath Schikker



Like life, cycling is not all cupcakes and sprinkles.

Lucy Reeve



# GROW YOUR OWN

Mary Ralston

*With cool temperatures, rain, and changeable weather still the norm, it's best to stick to planting the "first wave" of spring veges – those that tolerate (and thrive on) low soil temps and cool days – onions, peas, brassicas, lettuces, potatoes.*

In the greenhouse, go ahead and plant tomatoes and cucumbers; perhaps wait on peppers and basil.

The strawberries I planted about a month ago look green and healthy, but last year's ones are looking like they may have a nutrient deficiency. Some of the older leaves have a yellowish tinge around the outside and the green veins are very prominent. Some leaves are much smaller than usual and also have very obvious veins against a yellow background.

Consulting doctor Google is a fraught occupation as it could be many things, but it's interesting to look at the pictures to try to figure it out, while keeping in mind the characteristics of the soil in this area. My best guess is boron deficiency, which is not unlikely as it is known that soils around Methven are naturally low in boron.

When thinking about deficiencies, it pays to remember that there could be multiple things going on. Often in spring plants are low in nitrogen (N), giving them a yellowy appearance. This is because N does not stay long in the soil, (it can be easily leached away) and is not taken up by plants at low soil temps. By spring there may not be a lot left and plants aren't taking up much.



Once it's warm, plants like a top up of N throughout the growing season (use liquid manure, fish fertiliser etc). N also becomes available through the action of microorganisms releasing N from manure or organic matter and the fixing of N from the air, by the bacteria living on clover roots.

Some cucumbers in the greenhouse also look as if they have some deficiency – the leaves are green but the veins are prominent. I'll give them a liquid manure drink and see if that fixes it.

*Enjoy some spring sunny days and happy gardening!*



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Pat Johnson	14
Natalie Ellis	9
Ellie Gibbs	6
Sally Wilson	58
Luca Forbes-Williams	16
Willow McKerrow	13
Ryan Dynes	15
Richy Oakland	14
Angela Grieve	
Lisa Crawford	43
Kate Smedley	16

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Deb Shears**

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## BRIDGE CLUB

### Stowell Trophy Round No 9

John Barwell	Murray Hawkes	61.25%
Derek Newton	Mary Stone	57.50%
Colin Clemens	Janet Cuttle	55.00%
Jennifer Hooke	Flora Lowe	53.75%
Willie Ensor	Bob Todhunter	43.75%
Sharren Glass	Cheryl Richards	28.75%

## METHVEN GOLF CLUB

### Results for 12th October

#### African Stableford

**Combined Winners:** Ben Mardon, Gary Spence 80.

**Individual Scores:** I Madon 42, E Hampton 40, W Anderson 36, P Rolton 35, M Graham 34, M Beaudon 33, S Wareing 33, G Spence 33, L Steel 33, A McAlpine 33, B Dickson 33, S Johnstone 33, M Kemp 32, R Nicholls 32, M Methven 31, M Ferris 31, C Fletcher 31, A Middleton 31.

**Twos:** P Rolton, H Woolsey, L Steele, T Jordan, S Wilson.

## New Books at Methven Library

**Death at the Sign of the Rook** Kate Atkinson

**The Instrumentalist** Harriet Constable

**The Girl with the Violin** Shelley Davidow

**House of Earth and Blood** Sarah J Maas

**House of Flame and Shadow** (Y.A.) Sarah J Maas

**The Ruin** Dervla McTiernan

**Frankie** Graham Norton

**Marry Me in Italy** Nicky Pellegrino

**The Hidden Girl** Lucinda Riley

**Passions in Death** J D Robb

## Opening Hours

Tuesday & Friday 2-4 pm, Saturday's 10am- 11am

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### AGM

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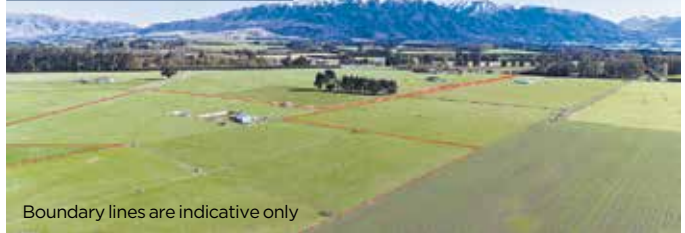
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### Methven 52 South Belt

#### Something special on South Belt

A spacious and functional home, perfect for comfortable living with significant renovation having taken place. An open plan living kitchen and dining space with updated benchtops and flooring, the living area is a great private space with sliding doors out to the fully fenced section.

[bayleys.co.nz/5523963](https://bayleys.co.nz/5523963)

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**Asking Price** \$555,000

**View** Sat 12-12.30pm

or by appointment

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## OPEN HOME



### Methven 7 Burbank Place

#### Burbanks best

This recently built home offers modern luxury. With a 190sqm (more or less) floor plan, the home includes three bedrooms and two bathrooms featuring high end brass tapware and fixtures throughout. The open plan living area has two large sliding doors providing an excellent flow to the deck and surrounding lawn and garden.

bayleys.co.nz/5524035

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**Deadline Sale** (unless sold prior)

12pm, Thu 31 Oct 2024

**View** Sat 1-1.30pm

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### Methven 34 Spaxton Street

#### A timeless beauty with modern flair

With captivating street appeal and a commanding presence, 34 Spaxton Street is a beautifully restored 1910s-character villa that seamlessly blends timeless charm with modern luxury. This residence has undergone a meticulous renovation to highlight its original features while introducing contemporary comforts.

bayleys.co.nz/5525351

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**Deadline Sale** (unless sold prior)

12pm, Thu 31 Oct 2024

**View** Sat 1.30-2pm

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### Methven 13 Allen Street

#### Timeless charm

Built in 1925 and nestled in the centre of Mt Hutt Village, this spacious family home radiates warmth and is brimming with memories of a wonderful family home. Step inside and be greeted by an updated entertainer's kitchen which seamlessly flows into a private and sheltered patio area, complete with a large storage space for all your outdoor essentials.

bayleys.co.nz/5523227

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**For Sale offers invited over**

\$750,000

**View** by appointment

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### Methven 5 Holmes Road

#### Your gateway to Methven!

This spacious 1,008sqm (more or less) section is now available on Holmes Road. Essential services such as power, water, and fibre are readily available at the property boundary, simplifying the process of building your dream home. Please note that the council development levy remains unpaid.

bayleys.co.nz/5525347

1,008sqm

**For Sale offers invited over**

\$210,000

**View** by appointment

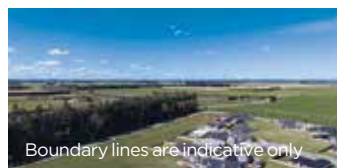
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Open Home

282 Back Track, Methven

3 1 1 1

- Lifestyle block with stunning mountain views just 5km from Methven
- Gorgeous renovated character home with all day sun
- Country kitchen, 3 bedrooms, separate lounge, family bathroom & 2 WC
- Established garden with trees & shrubs
- Large greenhouse, organic vegetable garden

**Deadline Sale**  
closing 2pm  
Tues 5 Nov 2024  
(unless sold prior)  
+ GST (if any)

**View**  
Sat 11:00-11:30am

**Margaret Feiss**  
021 751 009

[rwbashburton.co.nz/MVN30105](https://rwbashburton.co.nz/MVN30105)

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22 Arrowsmith Drive, Methven

- Titles have been issued on this picturesque section in Camrose
- Mountain views, road frontage
- 664m2 which is a good manageable sized section or ideal for a holiday home
- Services to boundary

**For Sale**  
Asking price \$208,000

**View**  
by appointment

**Margaret Feiss**  
021 751 009

[rwbashburton.co.nz/MVN30109](https://rwbashburton.co.nz/MVN30109)

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4 Mt Harding Road, Methven

- One of the few lifestyle blocks left in this exclusive Thyme Stream subdivision
- 4010m2 fully fenced section
- Power, water & fibre to boundary
- Covenants

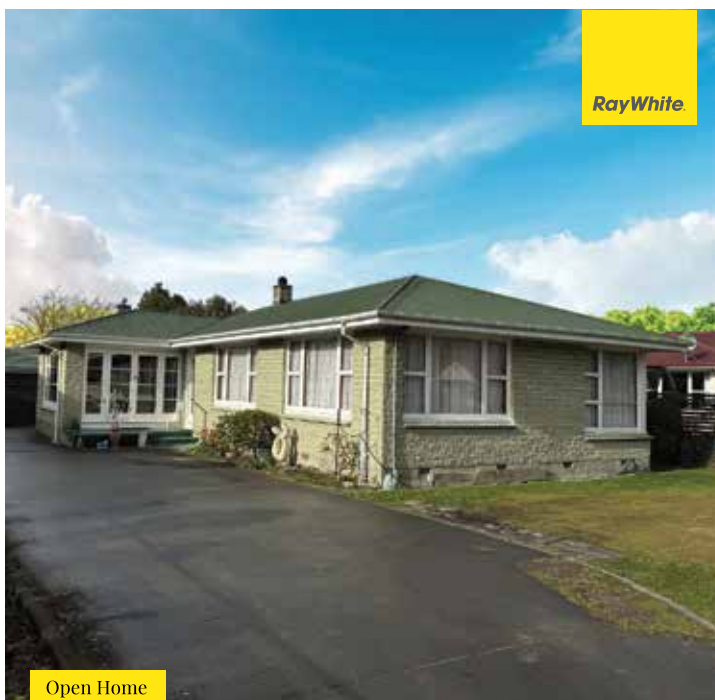
**Price on Application**

**View**  
by appointment

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Open Home

58 Main Street, Methven

3 1 2 1

- Don't miss this amazing chance to own your own home
- 3 bedroom Summerhill Stone property
- So close to schools & town centre
- Good sized garage with loads of storage space
- Plenty of rooms, separate lounge, dining room & kitchen

**For Sale**  
Asking price \$572,000

**View**  
Wed 16 Oct 5:30 - 6pm  
Sat 19 Oct 1 - 1:30pm  
Wed 22 Oct 5:30 - 6pm

**Shirley Fitzgerald**  
027 220 1528

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46 Zig Zag Road, Windwhistle

- Sale includes restaurant & bar, 2 bedroom managers apartment with office, accommodation units (1x studio motel unit, 1 x 1 bedroom apartment)
- Freehold development land with resource consent owned by the managers

**By Negotiation**  
**View**  
by appointment

**Trevor Goldsmith**  
027 225 5669

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1 Arrowsmith Drive, Methven

- 1222m2 desirable residential section
- Fully fenced apart from laneway
- Ideal building site
- Stunning mountain views

**For Sale**  
\$230,000 negotiable

**View**  
by appointment

**Margaret Feiss**  
021 751 009

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