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Annie Jacobs

## Dance Showcase Sets the Standard!

*Ali Palmer and Sophie Stewart*

*Mt Hutt College students from teacher Miss Hannah Helem's Dance Group, performed, pirouetted, jumped, lifted and jived their way through an incredible showcase held in the College Hall recently.*

Hannah has been running the dance group for the last five years at the College having previously had a dance studio in Rakaia. Now a Secondary School teacher, Hannah has been offering dance tuition to interested students at the College.

Hannah's dance teams have successfully competed in local and regional dance competitions in Canterbury.

This showcase was the first one in five years of dance tuition being

held at the College. It featured an exciting array of over 20 dance routines that students have learned in the last year. Getting in the groove was easy with the dances masterfully choreographed to "I See Red," "Shallow," old favourite "Lollipop," a Slim Shady Remix of "Please Stand Up" and so much more.

"The Parents were pretty blown away and amazed at the costume changes between every dance," said Hannah, where enormous



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- 23 Methven Scout Group AGM, 7pm  
25 Seafood Market outside iHub, 3-5pm  
U3A Wallace Woodley, Devel. of Piano  
Highbank Hall Trust AGM, 7.30pm  
26 Yarns with Sam the Trap Man, Mayfield  
28 Flow Water Babes nominations close

## DECEMBER

- 1 A&P Wheat Comp entries close  
4 A&P Wheat Comp Judging  
Methven Football Club AGM, 8pm  
6 Barrhill Hall & Community AGM, 3pm  
10 Rugby Football Club AGM, 7.30pm  
18 Last Snowfed for 2025

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**Methven Bowling Club** 1.30pm  
**Methven Public Library** 2pm-4pm  
**Methven Museum** 2pm-4pm

### WEDNESDAY

**Methven Green Waste** drop off,  
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### THURSDAY

**Methven Bowling Club** 1.30pm

### 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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very appropriate thanks goes to Colleen Beatty, for managing the costume changes backstage singlehandedly, for every dance.

It wasn't only Parents who attended, but also members of the public who'd seen the showcase advertised in Snowfed and wanted to see what it was all about.

"We hope to run it again next year," said Hannah. Thank you to the other volunteers who helped with lighting, Master of Ceremonies, sound and Stage Management.

Hannah was thrilled with the results. "We raised over \$200 from the Showcase,



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which will go towards our costumes for next year."

"It was a real standout highlight to hear the crowd roaring when the girls came on stage with their poms for poms for, "I See Red!" They loved it!"

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## Ricky - one of Mid Canty Choir's Scholarship Winners!

*Ricky Davies is one of three fortunate Mid Canterbury Choir (MCC) Scholarship recipients, awarded during school prizegivings around Mid Canterbury recently.*

Renowned for her meticulous, unflappable skill in music, Ricky has been involved in numerous school activities involving the arts.

Ricky is the current prefect for the Arts Committee at Mt Hutt College and enjoys playing in the College Concert band, jazz big band, chamber music group, playing both piano and trombone and in recent years performed in the school productions. During the year, she won the award for the Best Accompanist at the 2025 Big Sing held at Christchurch Town Hall.

This year Ricky joined the Ashburton Silver Band to gain more experience before leaving school.

Ricky will use her \$100 MCC Scholarship to go towards the purchase of her own trombone, having loaned one from the school up until now.

Next year, Ricky plans to study a Bachelor of Music, focusing on Classical Performance at Victoria University in Wellington and will continue with both piano and trombone.

"Playing with Mt Hutt College Choir has made me realise that my favourite performances have been with others, so I would like to continue to do that," she said.

Out of school, Ricky spends time with her senior jazz Dance Worx class and enjoys skiing in winter.

The other successful recipients are Sobriety Disciple from Soli Deo Gloria choir at Ashburton Christian School and Jorja Abernethy from Phoenix Chorus at Ashburton College.

Carol Gunn/Annie Jacobs



Above: Ricky Davies,  
Right: Sobriety Disciple



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# The Bowled and the Brave

Long ago thought to be a more senior person's sport, bowls is attracting younger players to the sport.

In Methven, as part of the Mount Hutt College (MHC) sports programme, "Active Wednesday," MHC students have been learning the game of lawn bowls with a number showing great potential.

Methven Bowling Club members Rob Fensom and Allan Hill have been on hand on Wednesday afternoons at the Club to teach the students and lend a guiding hand.

By the end of November, the students will have completed an eight week block of lessons and games.

MHC Sports Coordinator Anna Johnson said that the Club have been really supportive and helpful. "I was surprised at how much fun the kids were having," Anna told Rob.



*Brock Leitis lines up his bowl before release with Aidan Bungard and Patrick Johnson*



*Israel Waakasends his bowl off- team members Keegan Oates and Charlie Russell looking on*

Some of the students are extremely competitive and have been honing their skills - watching how the other students bowl, picking up on top tips given by Rob and Allan, then adjusting their bowl accordingly,



*Fletcher Lilley takes his bowl, watched by Felix Bruce*

working towards being impecca-bowl.

"They've learned how to play and they've learned how to score," said Allan. they've learned to angle their feet out to the side to help control the direction of the bowl

Both Rob and Allan are impressed at how some of the students have really applied themselves to the game.

"We hope they'll pick it up and continue with their Parents," Rob said. "Some of the kids are so good that they may qualify to enter the New Zealand South Island Secondary Schools



*Charlie Russell in action*

Bowls Tournament.

The majority of the NZ Mens Team at present are under the age of 30 - definitely a younger age group getting the ball rolling than 20 years ago.

Apart from being a great sport, part of the appeal is that it is a non collision sport and with head and brain injuries from contact sports on the rise, bowls is a game that won't bowl you over.

Thanks to Methven Bowling Club for hosting, instructing and being very supportive of the students.



*Will Chambers watches as his bowl heads to the Jack*



*Kaylum Davis concentrates on form as he sends his bowl on its way*

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# Mini Mid Canterbury - District's New Mini Golf Course

Mini Mid Canterbury, the district's new mini golf course, is on track to open on Saturday 22 November.

The 18 holes have themes inspired by Mid Canterbury features, like our braided rivers, farming industry and sports like snow skiing.



Mayor Liz McMillan said it was exciting to see the course in its final stages of construction.

School students met first with Council's biodiversity officer and the Kanuka Mid Canterbury Regeneration Trust to learn about the plants chosen for the course, and what they would need to grow. The mayor, and former mayor Neil Brown, then joined the students to put the plants in the ground.

"We even had the chance to have a little test run on one of the holes, and that was very entertaining," Mayor Liz said. "This is something that people of all ages will be able to enjoy together."

Mini Mid Canterbury will be officially opened on Friday 21 November and councillors have been invited to take part in an inaugural and social round of mini golf. The course will then receive a final inspection before opening to the public the following day.

If you have your own golf equipment, the course will be free to play on. Putters and balls can also be hired at the EA Networks Centre reception for \$5 per person.

Bookings and equipment rental can be completed online at the EANC website, with bookings opening from next week.

Mayor Liz said the course would be busy and players needed to book online to avoid long queues. Another unique feature of the course

is that there will no paper scorecards; golfers will be able to scan a QR code to access a digital scorecard on their smartphone; it will be capable of recording individual and group scores.

At each hole, visitors will also be able to scan a QR code to learn more about the theme of the hole. Holes 1-11 are on the flat and designed to be mobility friendly, with the other holes on higher terraces.

Council and EANC are also running a competition via their Facebook pages, with the winner guaranteed their choice of timeslot on opening day and free equipment rental for a group of up to six.



## Weekly Community Heroes

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Set against the region's stunning coastline, the event invites participants to run, walk, bike, or tackle the duathlon, celebrating both community spirit and the great outdoors at the Longbeach Estate.

What makes the Longbeach Coastal Challenge unique is that it is entirely volunteer run by Longbeach School and the Hinds and Districts Lions Club. Every entry, kilometre, and sponsorship directly supports the local community, with all profits split evenly between the Longbeach School Charitable Trust and the Hinds and Districts Lions Charitable Trust. These funds help deliver vital community projects, school initiatives, and local improvements.

As the naming sponsor, Ruralco is proud to continue supporting the event, which has grown into one of the region's most anticipated community sporting fixtures. Each year, participants of all ages and abilities come together to enjoy the country hospitality and friendly competition that make the Challenge such a highlight on the local calendar.

What's new for 2025:

- brand new Duathlon Teams Race – perfect for mates, clubs, and



2024 Entrants Elliot Harvey, Tony Mason, Guy Robson (Team BNZ)


families wanting to compete together

- new 5km course – a great entry-level option for beginners and younger entrants
- reversed routes on selected courses – offering a fresh perspective for returning participants
- medals for all competitors – recognising completion and personal achievement
- spot prizes are back, adding extra fun and excitement
- a major new 70km endurance race – the most ambitious challenge introduced to date

Prize-giving has also been refreshed, with a single combined celebration at the end of the day to bring all competitors together and close out the event in style.


Sign up today at: [www.longbeachcoastalchallenge.com](http://www.longbeachcoastalchallenge.com)

Whether you're riding, running, walking, teaming up for the duathlon, or cheering from the sidelines, the 2025 Ruralco Longbeach Coastal Challenge promises to be one of Canterbury's most scenic and rewarding community events.




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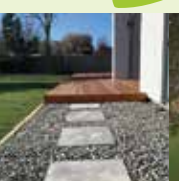
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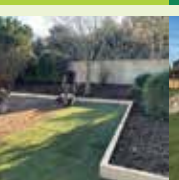
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# NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

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*As much as I am trying to avoid too much discussion around Christmas it seems there is no avoiding it when it comes to staying safe over the Christmas period.*

Statistics show a 33% increase in crimes relating to burglaries and theft at this time of year. So here are some tips for keeping safe:

- If you order items online, have them placed in a spot that cannot be seen from the street or ask for delivery around the back of the property. Leaving parcels in plain view makes it easy for opportunists to walk off with them. Keeping deliveries hidden reduces the risk of theft. A pile of parcels next to the tree can be tempting, when left in plain sight.
- This time of year, please be extra vigilant. If you notice strangers showing unusual interest in a property, report it promptly. Last year, observant neighbours contacted me after seeing a man scrutinising two properties across the street. I was able to check with both households—one had been away, and the other had multiple parcels left on their doorstep—potentially preventing theft. Your awareness can make a real difference.
- A reputable security company will give honest advice and recommend only what you need. You do not have to spend thousands on equipment that adds no real value. Pay attention to where cameras point as well. One neighbour shared that she now



keeps her toilet and bedroom blinds closed all the time because the camera next door faces directly into her home. A good setup should protect you without intruding on anyone's privacy.

- Close blinds and curtains at night to obstruct a burglars view

Factors that lead to burglary could be financial need, opportunity, thrill seeking and familiarity with an area. Yes, sadly your burglar could live just around the corner. Common characteristics of burglaries/theft behaviour are lack of empathy, familiarity with tools, prior criminal history, and substance abuse issues.

There are a number of factors that make your home a target – accessibility, perceived wealth, lack of security, hidden entry points and signs of absence.

Some good strategies are to set up a What's App Group in your street, block or neighbourhood, set up a Neighbourhood Support group, keep an eye on your neighbours and their properties, talk to Neighbourhood Support about developing these and most of all keep safe!



# Community Trust Provides District Support

*The Community Trust Mid & South Canterbury has recently completed it's latest funding round, providing support for dozens of community services across the region.*

In the Ashburton District, a total of \$87,000 was granted to 12 organisations comprising:

- \$5,000 to Ashburton Community Garden Charitable Trust for operational costs
- \$10,000 to Ashburton Operatic Society Inc. for operational costs
- \$7,500 to Ashburton Senior Citizens Inc. for the running of Thrive
- \$10,000 to Ashburton Youth Café Charitable Trust for the BASE Youth Centre
- \$10,000 to Digital Waitaha Charitable Trust for operational costs
- \$10,000 to Hakatere Multi Cultural Council for migrant and newcomers support
- \$7,500 to Mid Canterbury Rural Driver Licensing Trust for their Licensing Scheme
- \$5,000 to New Zealand Riding for the Disabled Association Mid Canterbury Group Inc. for operational expenses
- \$2,000 to NZ Rural Games Trust for the Agri Futures Clash of the Colleges Ashburton
- \$9,000 to Riverbridge Native Species Trust for wetland enhancement
- \$6,000 to The Big Little Theatre Company Inc. for their April 2026 Production, and
- \$5,000 to The Youth Institute of Ashburton Charitable Trust for the 'CACTUS' and 'Kickstart' programmes
- \$4,000 to Anxiety NZ Trust for Mental Health Support Service in Mid and South Canterbury
- \$6,500 to Cholmondeley Children's Centre Charitable Trust for Cholmondeley Respite Care for Mid & South Canterbury
- \$4,000 to Motor Neurone Disease New Zealand Charitable Trust for the Community Support Advisor
- \$5,000 to New Zealand Endometriosis Foundation Charitable Trust for Endometriosis Support and Education
- \$5,000 to Pound Paws Rescue for their rescue costs
- \$5,000 to Road Safety Education Limited

For nine organisations that provide services across the region \$40,000 was granted comprising:

- \$4,000 to Anxiety NZ Trust for Mental Health Support Service in Mid and South Canterbury
- \$6,500 to Cholmondeley Children's Centre Charitable Trust for Cholmondeley Respite Care for Mid & South Canterbury
- \$4,000 to Motor Neurone Disease New Zealand Charitable Trust for the Community Support Advisor
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- \$5,000 to The Pinc and Steel Cancer Rehabilitation Foundation for operational costs
- \$3,000 to The Scout Association of New Zealand for supporting the delivery of youth programmes within Mid and South Canterbury, and
- \$2,500 to Wandersearch Canterbury Charitable Trust for office expenses

Tim Barnett, Chief Executive Officer of the Trust, "Healthy community organisations are a sure sign of a caring society, and operational costs are the lifeblood for those organisations."

Our Trust provides funding to not-for-profit charities and community groups operating from the Rakaia River in the north, to the Waitaki River in the south and to the Southern Alps in the west.

Not-for-profit groups based anywhere in Mid and South Canterbury are encouraged to call the Community Relations Manager on 03 68 77 598 or look at the website [www.comtrust.org.nz](http://www.comtrust.org.nz) to see if they are eligible to apply to the Community Trust for funding for any aspect of their organisation.

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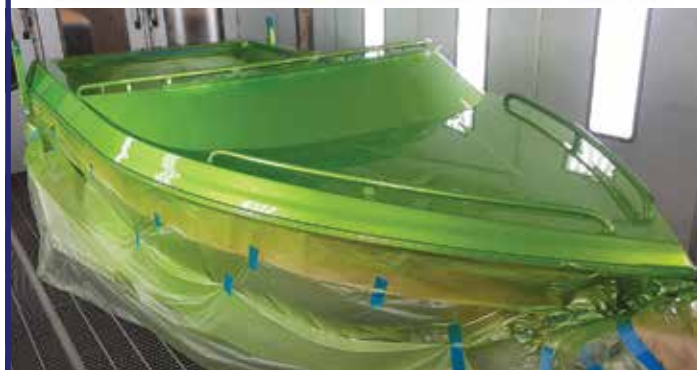
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3.

What do you think could be improved?
4.

What parts of the Snowfed do you look forward to reading each week?
5.

Do you feel there is enough regular content on the happenings in our school (MHC)?
6.

Is there some other content that you would like to see included regularly?
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8.

What other feedback would you like to give us? We'd love to hear your thoughts.

Please return your completed survey by 21st Nov 2025 to [botsecretary@mthutt.school.nz](mailto:botsecretary@mthutt.school.nz), drop it into the box at the school office or post to BOT Secretary, Mt Hutt College, PO Box 58, Methven. Or copy and paste the link into your search engine: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezTkAa3EcTQFqvvgJ1Snea9RAaaLFSLIaJmcXp41RASjWDXQ/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=106033014173549480960>





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 Felix Keenan 12  
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## Schools News Our Lady of the Snows School



*We had another fantastic year hosting Top Teams at OLS, with a great turnout from schools across the area.*

The day was filled with energy, teamwork, and lots of fun as students took on each challenge with enthusiasm.

*Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the event a success!*



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## Schools News

Mount Somers  
 Springburn School



### Local Curriculum in Action: Motorbike Safety & Maintenance with Honda Country Ashburton



This week our learners had an exciting opportunity to engage with a truly localised learning experience as the team from Honda Country Ashburton visited Mt Somers Springburn School. Their hands-on workshop brought our local curriculum to life, connecting real-world skills with authentic community expertise.

The Honda team explored essential motorbike safety and maintenance with our students—sharing practical advice on the safest ways to mount and dismount a bike, the importance of protective gear, and how to keep a bike in top condition. Their clear, confident demonstrations helped empower our young riders with knowledge that supports both safety and responsibility.

One of the highlights of the session was the chance for students to hop onto one of the motorbikes, giving them a close-up look at how everything works and sparking plenty of excitement and curiosity.

This partnership not only strengthens our local curriculum but also reflects the strong ties we hold with our rural community. By drawing on local expertise, we ensure our learners gain meaningful, relevant experiences that connect learning to the lives they lead.



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Over the last two weeks in Ōpuke M, we have been learning about the "Makey Makey" circuit boards.

First, we had the Year 6 kids come and teach us how to use the technology. Then we got to use it by ourselves!



Some of the group went outside and found some objects. We tested the objects to see if they are conductive: sticks, leaves, apples, flowers, our fingers, tinfoil rocks, and lots of other things are things we tested.



Using the Makey Makey we could play some games on our computers like soccer, make music sounds on a piano, and drawing. Anything that's conductive can work.

One of the cords plugs into the computer, where at the other end it is plugged into the circuit board, which makes the object a touchpad. You can touch the things that are connected to the end of the circuit board to play the game. It becomes like the mouse of your computer.

The tricky bits were to find the right sized crocodile clips, and the easy bits were finding conductive objects to clip in the crocodile's mouth.

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## GROW YOUR OWN

Mary Ralston

*That was nice rain last week, as well as cooler weather and hot weather!*

Lots of spring and summer vege gardens have been planted but there is still time if you haven't got yours in yet.

All summer veges – beans, corn, tomatoes, peppers, etc – are good to go and the sooner they go in the longer the growing season they will have, and the moist soil we have now is ideal for planting. Probably it's getting late for onions (except spring onions) although they will still grow, they'll just be smaller. It's getting late for peas, which don't like it too hot. It's a great time for beans – climbing (also called runner beans) or dwarf. Most beans are annuals (germinate, grow, produce and die a single season) but Scarlet Runner beans are perennial (die down at the end of autumn but re-grow the following spring), so think about a permanent position when planting these. A strong frame is essential – they are very vigorous.

Unless you have a very big garden, I wouldn't get carried away with planting lots of brassicas at this time of year. They take up a lot of room, take a long time to mature and this is peak growing time – ideal for the veges and herbs that only grow in summer – tomatoes and basil, zucchinis, beans, cucumbers and so on.

It's lovely to have some home-grown greenery to add to a salad: some early-planted and quick-growing greens, such as lettuce, and herbs such as rocket and mesclun mixes, are ready now and should be eaten before they bolt. Herbs such as coriander that were sown from seed can be thinned and used like a sprout or microgreen. Even basil planted early in pots can have their tips nipped out and added to salad or sandwich for a lovely blast of summery flavour.

In the greenhouse or in pots, tomatoes are growing rapidly and can have their laterals



removed. These are the little side shoots growing in between the leaf and the stem. If there is plenty of space, two main stems can be left on each plant – so leave one of the laterals to turn into a stem and remove the others.

Tomatoes are very sensitive to herbicides – I have curling tips on some that were about

40m away from weed spraying, and the day seemed still. Hopefully they will recover but may be reduced in vigour and late to fruit. They also react badly to residues in the soil that come from lawns sprayed with a broad-leaf herbicide – so don't add treated lawn clippings to compost.

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James Meager

I recently had the pleasure of attending the Sika Show at Mystery Creek, New Zealand's largest hunting and outdoor trade event. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with hunters and conservationists from across the country.

While there, alongside the Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, we announced the release of draft herd management plans for Sika and Wapiti deer, a significant step forward in hunter-led conservation in New Zealand.

These draft plans support the process propose to designate Sika and Wapiti as New Zealand's first two Herds of Special Interest (HOSI). The goal is simple yet vital: manage deer populations at sustainable levels that enhance recreational hunting values while protecting and improving our native biodiversity and forest health.



Speaking at the Sika Show at Mystery Creek

Hunting is a cherished tradition for many Kiwi families, and its popularity continues to grow. Recognising Sika and Wapiti as HOSI not only supports this tradition but also presents exciting economic opportunities. It's an opportunity to boost local communities and tourism while ensuring our conservation values are upheld. Hunters are among our greatest conservation allies, and these plans acknowledge the crucial role they play in sustaining healthy ecosystems.

The draft plans outline a range of strategies, including recreational hunting, partnerships with hunter-led



conservation groups, professional deer control, meat recovery, and ecological monitoring. They were developed in collaboration with the Central North Island Sika Foundation and the Fiordland Wapiti Foundation, with support from the Game Animal Council. I want to thank these organisations for their dedication and valuable contributions.

Now, it's over to you. Public submissions are open, and I encourage hunters, conservationists, and all interested Kiwis to have their say. This is your chance to help shape a future where hunting and conservation go hand in hand. You can view the draft plans and make a submission at [www.doc.govt.nz/sika-hosi-consultation](http://www.doc.govt.nz/sika-hosi-consultation) and [www.doc.govt.nz/wapiti-hosi-consultation](http://www.doc.govt.nz/wapiti-hosi-consultation)

Let's work together to ensure better hunting experiences and healthier forests for generations to come.

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## 20 Building Consents Slowed in Recent Months

Building Consents for Methven have been on an undulating curve in recent months.

(Figure in brackets are for the same period last year)

**Issued July: 8** (4). Issued Year To Date (YTD) **46** (30). Value of Work **\$2,998,000** (\$895,000). Value of Work YTD **\$12,89,091** (\$9,618,195).

**Issued August: 6** (11). Issued YTD **52** (41). Value of Work **\$1,686,500** (\$7,961,000). Value of Work YTD **\$14,585,591** (\$17,579,195).

**Issued September: 5** (7). Issued YTD **57** (48). Value of Work **\$2,086,000**. Value of Work YTD **\$16,671,591** (\$19,971,195).

57 Consents have been issued of which 25 have been new housing (37 last year).

Methven numbers represent 15% of the district's housing consents.

## Road Closure

### Thompsons Track

From 3 November 2025, 7am to 19 December 2025, 6pm.

**Affected Roads:** Thompsons Track, between Winchmore Lauriston Road and Pole Road.

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## METHVEN CRICKET CLUB

Alex Keenan

*After last week's bye, the lads were eager to get back out on the field, to take on top of the table and reigning champs Allenton Jemmetts.*

Methven knew they were going to have to play well to compete in this game. Allenton won the toss and quickly sent Methven into bat. Unfortunately for Methven, they got off to the worst possible start losing three wickets in the first over. Will Jemmet had the ball on the string, ending his first over 3/2. With four of the top five batters getting ducks, it was up to the lower order to knuckle down and try and put some runs on the board.

Paul Robertson 31 of 29 and Matt Mason 30 of 30 managed to shunt Methven through to 89 before the all out in 14th over. Will Jemmet finished with 4/17 of his four overs and Liam Fuller 1/17 doing most of the damage.

It was always going to be a struggle for Methven to defend such a small total against Allenton's strong



Matt Mason batting

batting line up, but they managed to pick up a couple of early wickets. Unfortunately, that brought Lachie Jemmet to the crease who didn't want this game to drag on and hit 62 of 24 before he holed out.

Allenton getting the total inside 9 overs, Alex Keenan 1/11 and Finn McGrath 1/13 the best of the Methven bowlers.

*Next week is another local derby versus Lauriston at the Methven Domain.*

## METHVEN BRIDGE CLUB



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Colin Clemens	Jennifer Hooke	65.00%
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## Mt Hutt College Board of Trustees By-Elections

### Declaration of Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled:

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37 Sam Holmes Drive, Methven

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- Timeless at Thyme Stream
- Elegant brand new build set on 4044m2 amongst extensive plantings & landscaping
- 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**  
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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**  
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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**  
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Lot 3 Hobbs Road, Methven

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

**Price on Application**  
**View**  
by appointment

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2969 Methven Highway, Methven

- Lot 2 DP 308461
- Expansive 16.5650 ha parcel of Residential 1D 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)**  
**View**  
by appointment only

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46 Zig Zag Road, Windwhistle

- OWNERS RETIRING**
- Sale includes restaurant & bar, 2 bedroom managers apartment with office, accommodation units (1x studio motel unit, 1 x 1 bedroom apartment)
  - Freehold development land

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

**Trevor Goldsmith**  
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