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## Methven Central Care Home Opens!

Annie Jacobs



Janine Holland, James Meager, Liz McMillan, Jo Suyker and Jan Anderson cut the ribbon and declare Methven Central Care Home open before the public were invited inside to view the new facility



Methven Primary School students performing at the opening

**Dedication, hard work and unwavering belief that it was the right thing to do, saw Methven Central Care Home open on Monday, 8th December.**

The Opening Ceremony led by Methven Care Trust Chairperson Jan Anderson saw the newly renovated and upgraded building blessed by Rural Minister Sage Burke, enfolding it with the eternal spirit of love and peace.

Methven Primary School Students sang a Ngai Tahu song about kinship and connection - "Te Taukaea Aroha" and their school song, "E Tu Piwakawaka."

Jan acknowledged the dedication, shared community purpose, and goals which has resulted in Methven Central Care Home coming into existence.

Current Methven House residents were brought around to their new home especially for the opening ceremony at which Mayor Liz McMillan, Past Chairperson Janine Holland and Minister for

the South Island and Member of Parliament for Rangitata James Meager, spoke.

Hearts swelled and with warmth, thankfulness and gratitude acknowledged for the thousands of voluntary and paid hours, the ribbon was cut by past and current chairpeople Jo Suyker, Janine Holland, Jan Anderson, Liz and James.

Many members of the community have given generously of their time, money, energy and expertise and were thanked for their commitment, hard work, dedication and belief in the new care home.

Methven House residents will move to the new complex in the coming days, marking a new legacy of care for our community.



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11 Meth. Care Trust AGM, 7pm, Golf Club  
18 Last Snowfed for 2025  
25 Christmas Day  
27 Hot Rods at Blue Pub, 10am-3pm

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**Methven Museum** 2pm-4pm

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

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**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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Vaughans Rd, 12pm-4pm

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Viola Davis

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## Free wrapping & Santa at iHub

Come and visit Santa and get your pressies wrapped!

In a generous Christmas initiative, Faye Barrard is offering free Christmas gift wrapping for anyone in the community who needs it.

Faye will operate from Mt Hutt Memorial Hall, (from a different room) where some of the days will coincide with when a very jolly fellow is visiting the Hall, so that Parents and families can use it as a one stop shop.

Santa (will there be any elves or reindeer?), will be at the iHub and available to meet and have photos with families before he continues on his trip around the world visiting other places.

Santa's days are scheduled for:

Friday 12th December, 2.30 - 4.30pm

Saturday 13th December, 10am - 12 noon

Saturday 20th December, 10am - 12 noon

Faye will offer gift wrapping on the two Saturdays, (13th and 20th) 10am - 12 noon, plus an additional day on Wednesday 17th December 5pm-6pm.



## Clay Target

Well over 100 people turned up between shooters and supporters, for the fantastic event celebrating Methven Clay Target Club's 100th Anniversary.

Of course, shooting targets was on the agenda for the day and 74 shooters did just that. Known for great food and legendary hospitality, President Bruce Lilley said the Club was thrilled with the day's celebration, which could not have gone better.



Photo by Alison Lilley

"The highlight was how smoothly it went, everyone was engaged with the day. It was a great occasion and everyone came on board," he said. "We've always had a small tight-knit group that are committed to the cause" - that has enabled the Club to continue go the distance. Being a farming community there is a lot of generosity from employers, farmers, big business, sponsors with donation of machinery, equipment, meat for raffles, time

## Club Turns 100!

Annie Jacobs



Mayor Liz McMillan with John Berry, Bruce Lilley and Geoff Read



David Parrot in the shot against North Canterbury

taken to score voluntarily. Its a group trying to achieve the same goal.

Coloured clays were shot throughout the day for special prizes. Speeches were given by 94 year old Club Patron Geoff Read, Mayor Liz McMillan, and Bruce and the Centennial cake cut as part of the event.

"Club Member Shane Watson is our role model in the world of shooting, he is very close to a nomination for the Hall of Fame. He was nominated for the Methven Sports Awards for winning three New Zealand Champs and making the Worlds Team," said Bruce. Shane has won Balltrap, Triples and Handicap by distance, winning three national titles. He was also the Point Score Runner up plus won four South Island's and 18 provincial titles among many others. Shane started clay targets at 15 years go age as a trap boy.

"The highlight is the shooters and their camaraderie," said Shane. John Berry won the New Zealand Super Veterans Double Rise



Right on target!



Peter and John McCaw

December with a 10am start. Skeet 10am, DTL 1pm with four 25 target matches.

### Cash Trophy Results

AA 1st L Lovett, 2nd H Holland, 3rd T Burden.  
A B 1st Mangels, 2nd Williams, 3rd D Richardson  
B 1st C Welsh, 2nd G Watson, 3rd J Jackson.  
C 1st B Chivers, 2nd B Verrall, 3rd R Bryant.

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The next Club Shoot on the 21st

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# Mt Harding Creek: A Community Effort to Protect a Vital Waterway

The Mt Harding Creek Catchment Group has been awaiting Council's decision on the future of the creek following submissions earlier this year on the stockwater exit consultation.

Last week, Council's Stockwater Advisory Group comprising Council, ECan, iwi, and Federated Farmers, endorsed a staff recommendation to close most of the Pudding Hill race network, while leaving open the possibility of maintaining an environmental flow in Mt Harding Creek.

Next Wednesday (17 Dec), at its final meeting of the year, Council will decide whether to ratify this closure recommendation. The Catchment Group has requested to speak at the meeting and will focus on the recommendation being discussed – the closing of Scarness and Drayton's gates on Mt Harding Creek and cessation of stockwater in the Pudding Hill races. Members have concerns about increased flooding and drainage issues following network closure. Our group will request stormwater modelling data, particularly regarding potential impacts on roads, bridges, farming infrastructure, and residential properties. Recent high-rainfall winters have highlighted more frequent runoff and overflow from the creek and

race network, and it is unclear how further closures will affect this. Our group wants Council to take a proactive approach.

If the closure is approved, stockwater rating for affected properties will end on 30 June 2026, with operational maintenance ceasing 30 September 2026. Currently, 48 properties rely on the race network for stockwater and will need alternative supply- likely Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation, though this is not yet confirmed.

The proposed closure covers all races supplied by the Pudding Hill intake, from its exit at Mt Harding Creek through 186 km of local races. The intake and main race (from intake to Mt Harding Creek and down to Draytons Gate) will remain operational until decisions on future flows for Mt Harding Creek are finalised. Flows normally directed to the Pudding Hill network will instead feed the Methven Auxiliary race network at Draytons Gate, with adjustments to reduce Methven Auxiliary flows. A fish salvage and relocation plan will be implemented near operational closure starting in the lower reaches and working upstream next spring.

Council believes this approach allows time for discussions with ECan on a potential environmental flow consent. The group wants to seek clarity around how this would work and has these questions:



- Who will hold responsibility for the water augmentation consent?
- How will costs and monitoring be managed?
- Is the consent even viable?

Mt Harding Creek has evolved from a stockwater supply to a multi-use resource supporting rural and urban stakeholders, flood protection, environmental values, and community walkways. The greater Methven community must work with Council to preserve these benefits.

For more details, view the full report here: <https://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/council/council-meetings/public-meetings/stockwater-transition-working-group/stockwater-transition-working-group-4-12-2025>

Please contact me 027 546 5620 or our facilitator, Janine Holland 027 460 4940, if you wish to discuss.

Steve Veix is Chairman of the Mt Harding Creek Catchment Group

# New Director grown at South Pacific Seeds

John McKay's journey with seed production started on the family farm one day when he was doing old fashioned harvest of binding and stooking of a crop of Evening Primrose.

"Some people stopped by from Australia. My wife Stephanie made them a cup of tea. They grew vegetable seed in Australia and I'd never heard of doing that," explained John.

In 1992, South Pacific Seeds (SPS) in New Zealand was founded with business partners John McKay and Peter McCaw partnering with SPS Australia since then.

The company works for plant breeders of vegetables and their seed production farming here in NZ.

"We're a seed-growing company working directly for the plant breeder," said John. About 95% of their vegetable seed business is for market gardeners and about 1% for home gardeners. "One of the benefits of hybrid seed is that it comes to fruition at the same time so can be harvested mechanically and look good for the supermarket," he said. The working relationships with plant breeders are vital. "They absolutely and implicitly trust SPS to grow seed that does not fail." Beneficially for SPS, when it is winter in the Northern Hemisphere, they can receive seed grown in the Southern Hemisphere. The business has grown exponentially under John's innovative

care with machinery designed over the years to do the cultivation SPS needed, that was not available elsewhere. His calm, respectful approach combined with drive and dedication has seen him awarded with the much sought-after Asia Pacific Seed Association Award - having New Zealand produce seed for the highly competitive Asian market is exemplary.

Now aged 70, John has handed the reins of Managing Director over to Jeremy Johnson. Jeremy started with the company in 2000 on the day of his 21st, working with Vic Lamb on the night shift doing seed cleaning.

"Vic taught me the ins and outs of seed cleaning and the importance of turning up to work, being prepared for a hard day at it, with lots of manual labour," said Jeremy. From there he went out to the Field Department, then Field Manager (Agronomist), constantly growing and learning.



"I've been lucky to work with the people here. John has given me more opportunities for success and with quality seed at the end, you get passionate about it," he said.

John is still there to support and Jeremy is looking forward to the challenge and continuing the development that John has done.

"Lots of people in the company have said that

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Jeremy is a great person to take the company forward. Customers are saying that too, which says bucketloads about Jeremy," John said.

John will continue supporting in the background with advice or a project, but is looking forward to his retirement.

"My hobby is Japanese motorcycles so I want to spend some time on that and help my son Dean on the farm," said John.

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# Jack Soars Greater Heights

*The first memory Jack Palmer has of flying, was flying to Rarotonga in 2022.* **Annie Jacobs**

"It was the first time I remember," Jack said, "although I think I had a flight when I was little, but don't remember it. My Uncle is a pilot at Air New Zealand, and my great Uncles were recreational pilots.

After the flight to Rarotonga, Jack had a 30 minute trial flight with his Mum Sus and brother Sam in a Piper Cherokee at Mid Canterbury Aero Club in Ashburton. "We did a few negative G (gravity), banks (turns) and it was quite impressive," said Jack. "I thought it was pretty awesome. Travis, the pilot let me take control and do a turn. It was quite a lot of fun and intense with all of the information," recalls Jack. "I decided at my trial flight that I wanted to do my Private Pilots Licence." And he caught the flying bug, having now been flying there since March of 2023.

"I remember thinking, 'Gosh, this would be pretty cool. Gosh, this would be pretty expensive,' he grinned - there was a short gap of a matter of weeks between his trial flight and starting lessons.

Jack had Aaron Pearce initially as his instructor, discovering there was a lot of information to take in, such as having to drive it the plane yet using rudders (with your feet) to steer.

"I did my first lesson in ZK MAJ - a Piper

Cherokee 38 Tomahawk," said Jack.

Later, Jack was able to go up the Nelson Control Tower with a friend, which was pretty exciting.

Incredibly Jack has paid for his flying lessons himself, which is exceptionally impressive, considering he was 13 years old when he started. Mid Canterbury Aero Club gained a new instructor, Travis who has taught Jack most of his lessons.

Sus said, "Jack has had to work a lot of hours to get this done. He has only just gone onto minimum wages. I worked out that he had to do 16 hours of work to pay for one hour of flying, this is a lot of time considering he is a full time student at high school. Over the school holidays, Jack worked an 80 week in winter to go towards his flying," said Sus.

Additionally, Jack has taken the time to be dedicated, study and revising each lesson after it is complete.

Mt Hutt College has been supportive and Jack was able to use some of Wednesday Active (Sport) for independent sport and was able to go flying. Jack works as soon as he gets home from school, all day Saturday and Sunday and school holidays, to pay for his lessons.

Jack needed a medical done, and needed to be able to fly competent circuits. A circuit involves the ability to take off, fly in a pattern around an airfield or aerodrome at a certain height, heading and spacing and safely land the plane again. The pilot must be able to deal with any issue or emergency that may arise such as wind changes, engine failure after take off (EFATO), gear failure and much more. Pilots need to spend ten hours circuit flying before they can be considered for a solo flight and be 16 years of age minimum.

All of this was building up to the day when Jack would turn 16 and be legally allowed to fly his first solo flight. He was determined and planned to do it on his birthday. And recently, that happened! On Jack's birthday, his family travelled to the Aero Club to watch him take his first solo flight - something a pilot never forgets.

"Travis went up with me and we did two circuits. Then he said, 'okay I'm going to get out. Do a circuit and do a full stop and then you're done.' And I did! I got back and half believed I'd done it and half believed I hadn't," exclaimed Jack. "Mum and Travis came over to where I had parked the plane outside the Aero Club and congratulated me. We had a debrief and I proudly wrote First Solo in my Log Book, before heading in for some celebratory cake."

But this story does not end there.

Straight after a quick bite of lunch, less than hour later, Jack headed off



*Jack Palmer, who had just completed his First Solo as part of his Private Pilot's Licence*

to sit his Driving Test and passed that too!

He went from being driven to Ashburton, to going home a few hours later with an aircraft solo under his belt and driving a vehicle home!

Jack's dedication and commitment to doing well seems to know no bounds!

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## Birdsong Trust News

*The old saying that "you can't make an omelette without cracking an egg or two," seems very apt as you gaze onto the piles of vegetation and accumulated rubbish which was once the pristine pasture adjacent to the orderly existing Garden of Harmony (GOH).*

### What's happened so far?

Many community volunteers, led by project coordinators John Corbett and Stuart Stratton have been clearing the site in preparation for the start of planting stage one of the sanctuary, on 11-12 April 2026.

Some twenty large exotic and other non-descriptive trees have been felled, including the six enormous old man pines on the Methven Resort boundary to add to the enormous pile of vegetation now needing to be chipped for mulch.

Some people have asked, why are we taking out so many trees that would attract birds? It's a transition period where the objective is, to replace exotic species with natives to ultimately provide a better food source for native birds.

The Stage One area has been sprayed out (with more to do), a huge amount of rubbish has been unearthed and removed off site, old fences have been removed, the old historic pipe shed has been stabilised, 2,000 plants have been ordered in line with a definitive planting plan, strong links have been established with



the adjoining schools and especially with the Ōpuke Innovation Hub development, and an outline of the Stage One walking tracks are pegged out. We are grateful that the ADC has provided funds for the track work to be advanced.

There has also been some initial work in the existing GOH where several trees and shrubs that have just appeared over time, will need to be removed, to restore the integrity of the Tanaka family vision for the site, some 25 years ago. We are creating more space here with pruning and reduction of exotic species. In no way will this affect or endanger the cherry trees.

This all represents a huge amount of volunteer work, but the reality is there is a lot more to do. This was always earmarked as a long term legacy project, but we have certainly done a lot more than just "putting the first stake in the ground!"

There will always be Methven projects that require community support, and we are no exception. We are hugely appreciative of the professional support to this stage from Phillip Wareing, Shane Stockdill, Michael Dekker, Ben Thompson and the sterling work of Mike Prince and Don Johnson who have been taming the pine trees! Sir Graeme Harrison has kindly offered generous support with the many plants we will soon need.

There is an ongoing need for more spraying around the boundary, slashing of grass in the unsprayed areas, and mowing around the Pipe Shed. All offers to assist with these tasks will be most welcome and interested people should contact John Corbett directly. We have also started up a Birdsong Give a Little Page where all contributions will be gratefully received. A \$20 donation would allow for a specific plant off our planting list.

*Things are certainly moving along on this ambitious project.*



## Forsyth Barr, expert investment advice

Michelle Parkin and Mark Grenside will return to Methven on Wednesday, 28 January 2026. They will be at the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall from 10:00am until 12:30pm every Wednesday onwards. Pop in to join Michelle and Mark for a coffee and an informal chat about how Forsyth Barr's investment services can help you achieve your future financial goals.

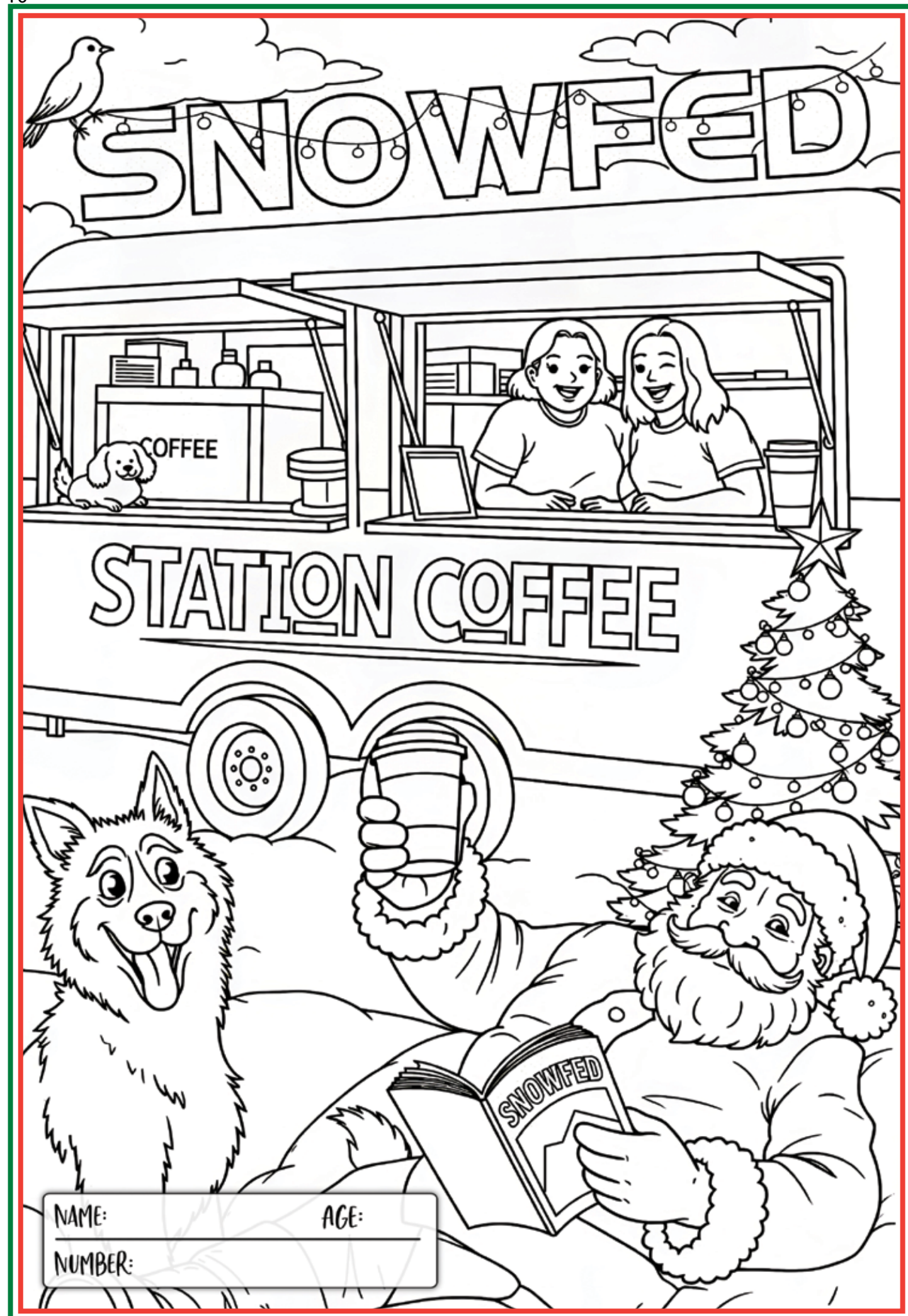


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# Christmas Colouring In Competition

*We're Doing It Again!*

**Annie Jacobs**

Snowfed in conjunction with Station Coffee are running a Christmas Colouring-in Competition, in the lead up to Christmas.

With some lovely prizes on offer, you're invited to get creative and fill in the colouring in competition.

Last year's inaugural competition was a huge success and we loved seeing the gorgeous creations entered. It was really hard to choose the winners! There were paintings, crayon and pastel art, beadwork, crystals, glitter, coloured pencils and felts used.

So this year, we are looking forward to more of the same, but with a bit of a difference.

Knowing how many creative adults there are out there, this time, we have decided to open

the competition up to adults too! Any age person is welcome to enter, but you must put your age on the entry form. The judges are eagerly anticipating seeing all of the entries and how creatively you can colour in your entry!

Fill out your details on your completed competition form, (don't forget to enter your age and your's or a Parent's phone number) and post into Santa's mailbox at Station Coffee, by Friday 19th December, 2025. Winners will be notified by phone call.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Re: "Island Ferry" by Allan Lill.

We discovered by chance last week (online) that in September 2024, Allan Lill used our names, (without our knowledge or permission) naming us responsible for "Contents Verification," when he applied for funds for his book, that he planned to publish in 2029. Allan chose to publish four years sooner, in November this year.

Both of us congratulate Allan on his lengthy research but the accuracy of his writing in numerous places is questionable. This includes his captions under Christine's photographs. We both read two draft copies of his book and offered him guidance, corrections and suggestions, some of which he followed. However, Allan chose not to collect his last draft copy from Christine which contained over fifty corrections that have not been made. We cannot be regarded as his proofreaders.

*Disclaimer by Kate Foster, Terrace Station, Hororata and Christine Wright, Ashburton.*

**Editor's Note:** Letters to the Editor are given the right of reply where possible, prior to publishing. Allan Lill thanked the Editor for the opportunity and exercised his right not to reply.

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## Strong Wheat Competition

Annie Jacobs



Nicola Pace, Graige Mackenzie, Bruce Lilley, Ron Hydes at the Methven A and P Wheat Competition Judging

**Entries in the Methven A & P Association Wheat Competition were strong this year with 24 entries, up from last year's 22 with the competition running for an impressive 32 years!**

Last year's competition was a 50/50 split between feed and milling wheat whereas this year's entries saw the competition feed wheat dominated.

Varieties this year included Kinetic and Skybolt, but farmers have clearly noted what won last year with many growing Aston (main milling wheat) this year.

Robinsons won the competition last year growing Kinetic and Roger Henderson won the overall competition with Skybolt from PGG Wrightson, which had been released in limited amounts.

"Aston was PGG's new milling wheat last year," said Nicola Pace, one of Methven A and

P's Wheat Competition Organiser's. "It's the highest price you can get (Premium 1), and yields better and is quite clean compared to the Reliance variety.

### Winners:

**Feed Wheat:** A and S Clemens Skybolt 1st, Creeside Farms Skybolt 1st. Huntersfield Farm Skybolt 2nd, Norwest Farming Skybolt 2nd, Grant Trading SY Defiant 2nd. Belmont Farm Kinetic 3rd.

**Milling Wheat:** G and M Lill Aston 1st. Rosa Fields Kimberley 2nd, Charterhouse Farm Aston 2nd, Perry Farms Aston 2nd. Marr Farms Discovery 3rd.

The competition supports the Methven A and P Show, giving farmers the opportunity to get off-farm for a great day out, camaraderie and getting well fed!

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## Remember the Days of the Methven Floral Festivals?

Annie Jacobs



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**Are there any old floral festival floats lying around in a back shed anywhere?**

Back in the day, many residents recall spending days cutting out wooden flowers of various shapes and sizes. Boards were cut, shaped, painted and coloured paper and paints were put to good use. Meetings, committee meetings and many phone calls were had to plan the floats of various clubs, groups and organisations in the town. Residents of all ages were involved in designing, creating, driving and sitting on the floats in the parade that went through the town, showcasing the floats and the club or group and the final results were judged.

"Depending on what comes out of the woodwork, we'll find a place to display it at the show," said Pip Ivey, Methven A and P Show Secretary.

Do you of anything lying around that could be resurrected to make up at least one float? If so where? Would you be happy to donate it to Methven A and P or gift it available for their display?

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## Waipara Camp

The Year 6's went on camp to Waipara Adventure Centre between 19th - 21st of November. We had a fun time and made lots of great memories to take with us as we near the end of our schooling at MPS.

Each of the five camp groups had two parent helpers and about 10 students. Team members were rewarded with golden tickets for noteworthy efforts and attitudes, which could be redeemed for camp privileges, such as jumping to the front of a meal queue.



We did plenty to get us out of our comfort zone: rock climbing, the giant swing, the massive waterslide, the flying fox, the confidence course, archery, raft-building, and rope swinging into the waterhole. Other activities were a river walk when we first got there, daily morning fitness, a hide and seek "Crack the Code" game, and a very competitive game of "Capture the Flag." During free-time, which was mainly in the evenings, we could choose from: sliding down the massive hill on mats/bags, cricket, force back frisbee, stilt walking, ga-ga ball, corn hole, and table ball. We also had access to the flying fox and the ever-popular massive waterslide.

Many thanks to all the people who organised and supported our camp fundraising, our camp parent helpers, and to the Year 6 teachers (including Mr Loten who was the Camp Coordinator).

By Althea and Kalyan



Archery at Waipara Camp

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## Some Student Highlights

Raft building - it was great to have built something and then see it in action. **Luca**

Giant swing - you didn't know what was coming next and I overcame my fear. **Penelope**

The massive water slide, because of how steep it was and how fast you could go. **Nila**

Rope swinging at the waterhole, because of the feeling of flying through the air and doing huge bombs into the water. **Harley**



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# Mount Hutt College 2025 Year 7 & 8

**Diligence Across All Subjects in Year 7:** Liam McConaghy, Olivia Stewart, Alba Worner. **Diligence Across All Subjects in Year 8:** James Joyce, Archana Pathak, Ruby Askew.

## Silver Awards

7DN

**Sushant Chhetri** Health & Physical Education, **Josh Green** Music. **Lexi Harmer** English. **Olivia Humphries** Technology Hard Materials. **Felix Keenan** Art. **James Sim** Mathematics. **Flint Gill** French, Health & Physical Education. **Molly McHugh** English, Social Studies.

7HM

**Casey Dhue** Science. **Tom Quinlan** Food & Textile Technology, Health & Physical Education. **Ryleigh Hende** Art, Mathematics, Technology Hard Materials. **Milly Lill** Art, Japanese, English, Social Studies, Te Reo Māori.



Ella Arbuckle sings "Wild Horses" by The Rolling Stones

7JN

**Amber Grubb** Technology Hard Materials. **Sam Honeywell** Health & Physical Education. **Olly King** Health & Physical Education. **Imogen Kirkpatrick** Social Studies. **Shevonne Marova** Food & Textile Technology, French.

8LW

**Archana Pathak** English Learning Language, **Daniel Campbell** Health & Physical Education, Technology Hard Materials.

8CK

**Brooklyn Anger** Te Reo Māori, **Rowan Coetzee** Technology Hard Materials, **Brian Kononyuk** Art. **Sarah Martin** Science. **Danielle Staples** English. **Chris Tapp** Te Reo Māori. **Shital Chhetri** Health & Physical Education, Social Studies. **Angus Robertson** Digital Technology, Health & Physical Education. **Harvey Copland** Health & Physical Education, Technology Hard Materials, Social Studies, English.

8CT

**Mariska Duff** English. **Grace Jordan** Digital Technology. **Lucy Keane** Digital Technology. **Jerome Campbell** Art, Health & Physical Education. **Asha Macfarlane Hydes** Social Studies, English.

## Extra Curricular Awards

**Art:** The Ponweiser Cup for Contribution to Art **Skyler Sapang. Written**

**and Spoken Communication:** Diana Limbrick Family Cup for Excellence **Isabella Barlass. Performing Arts:** For Contribution **Isabella Barlass. Tennis:** Rodger Harris Memorial Trophy for Junior Girls' Tennis **Ava Mangin. Tennis:** Rodger Harris Memorial Trophy for Junior Boys' Tennis **Elliot Russell. Music:** Most Improved Itinerate Music Student **Sophie Stewart. Basketball:** Most Promising Player (Boy) **Jerome Campbell.** Most Promising Player (Girl) **Beatrix Poyner. Rugby:** Most Promising Player **Wilbur Cairns. Hockey:** McCloy Trophy for Most Improved Player **Sophie Marr. Netball Yr 7:** Most Promising Player **Rykie Greybe. Yr 8:** Most Promising Player **Kiti Botaira. Concert Band:** For Dedication and Commitment to Concert Band **Isabella Barlass. Choir:** For Dedication and Commitment to Choir **Joelle Barangay.**

## Special Awards

School Involvement in Year 7 **Honor Coleman, Adam Dorman, Gabbie Duckmanton, Emily Glass, Olly King, Kees Schiphorst.** The Reach for the Stars PRIDE Award for the highest achieving student in Year 7 of PRIDE Awards **Rykie Greybe.** School Involvement in Year 8: **Isabella Barlass, Aldrian Bulosan, Ivan Contreras, Stephanie Lill, Henry Phillips, Dibisha Thapa.** The Reach for the Stars PRIDE Award for the highest achieving student in Year 8 of PRIDE Awards **Stephanie Lill.** Citizenship in Year 7: **Joelle Barangay, Harry Davey, Rykie Greybe, Ted Marr, Honor Rooney, Elliot Russell.** Citizenship in Year 8: **Kiti Botaira, George Creech, Sam Guevarra, Geo Song, Leo Stokes, Aashika Sunar.**

## Gold Awards Year 7

7DN

**Ruby Blackwell** Food & Textile Technology. **Patrick Tahi-Nathan** Te Reo Māori. **Xavier Saxon** Technology Hard Materials, Silver Mathematics. **Honor Rooney** Food & Textile Technology, Silver in Science, Social Studies. **Adam Dorman** Mathematics, Social Studies, English, Silver in Food & Textile Technology, Science, Technology Hard Materials. **Gabbie Duckmanton** Food & Textile Technology, Music, Te Reo Māori, Silver in Art, Health & Physical Education, NZ Sign Language, English. **Toby Stokes** Science, Technology Hard Materials, Social Studies, Silver in Food & Textile Technology, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Te Reo Māori. **Ted Marr** Art, Health & Physical Education, Technology Hard Materials, Silver in Food & Textile Technology, Mathematics, Science, Te Reo Māori, Social Studies. **Beatrix Poyner** Art, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Social Studies, English.

7HM

**Kimberly Jimena** English Language Learning. **Elliot Russell** Health & Physical Education, Silver in Food & Textile Technology. **Lily Saxon** Te Reo Māori, Silver in Health & Physical Education, Science. **Anusua Sharma** Technology Hard Materials, Silver in Health & Physical Education, English Language Learning. **Kristoff Odiamar** Mathematics, Silver in English, Social Studies, Te Reo Māori. **Archie Tonks** Health & Physical Education, Technology Hard Materials. **Kees Schiphorst** Science, Social Studies, English, Silver in Te Reo Māori. **Joelle Barangay** Art, Music, NZ Sign Language, Silver in Food & Textile Technology, Technology Hard Materials, Te Reo Māori, English, Social Studies. **Scarlett Meadows** Food & Textile Technology, Japanese, Mathematics, Social Studies, English, Silver in Music, Science. **Emily Glass** Art, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Music, Science, Te Reo Māori, Social Studies, English, Silver in Food & Textile Technology, Technology Hard Materials.

7JN

**Harry Davey** Mathematics. **Cayleigh Noye** NZ Sign Language, Silver in Food & Textile Technology, Science. **Sophie Stewart** Music, Silver in Science, English. **Ezekiel Sy** Health & Physical Education, Silver in Food & Textile Technology, Social Studies. **Ali Palmer** Te Reo Māori, Silver in Art, NZ Sign Language, English. **Wilbur Cairns** Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Technology Hard Materials. **Flint Lau** French, Science, Technology Hard Materials, Silver in Mathematics, Music, English, Social Studies. **Honor Coleman** Food & Textile Technology, French, Social Studies, English, Silver in Art, Health &

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Physical Education, Science, Te Reo Māori. **Farrah Wilson** Art, Food & Textile Technology, Science, Social Studies, English, Silver in Japanese, Mathematics, Technology Hard Materials, Te Reo Māori.

The Thai Chilli Restaurant and Asian Store Prize for General Excellence in Year 7: **Rykie Greybe** - Gold in Art, Food & Textile Technology, Health & Physical Education, Japanese, Mathematics, Science, Technology Hard Materials, Te Reo Māori, Social Studies, English.



General Excellence in Year 7: Rykie Greybe

## Gold Awards Year 8

8LW

**Kiti Botaira** Health & Physical Education, **Aldrian Bulosan** Music, Silver in Te Reo Māori. **Holly Douglas** Art, Silver in Social Studies. **Scarlett Olsen** Science, Silver in Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Te Reo Māori. **Beau Ballagh** Digital Technology, Technology Hard Materials, Silver in Art, Mathematics, English. **Rhianne Delos Santos** Art, Music, Social Studies, English, Silver in Digital Technology, Mathematics, Science. **Skyler Sapang** Art, Digital Technology, Mathematics, Social Studies, Silver in French, Science, English. **Leo Stokes** Health & Physical Education, Science, Technology Hard Materials, Te Reo Māori, Silver in Music, Social Studies, English. **Joseph McHugh** Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Technology Hard Materials, Te Reo Māori, English, Silver in Art, Digital Technology, French, Science, Social Studies. **Stephanie Lill** Digital Technology, French, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and English, Silver in Art, Health & Physical Education, Technology Hard Materials.

8CK: **Clyde Carr** Technology Hard Materials. **Ethan Clark** Health & Physical Education. **James Joyce** Music. **Abbie Heneghan** NZ Sign Language, Silver in Mathematics. **Sam Guevarra** Art, Silver in NZ Sign Language, English. **Henry Phillips** Health & Physical Education, Silver

in Digital Technology, Mathematics, Music, Technology Hard Materials, Social Studies. **Leah Bailey** NZ Sign Language, English, Silver in Science. **George Creech** Art, Digital Technology, Silver in Technology Hard Materials. **Dibisha Thapa** Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Social Studies, Silver in Art. **Marivelle Lubos** Digital Technology, Science, Technology Hard Materials, Te Reo Māori, Social Studies, English, Silver in Art, Mathematics. **Jennel Padre** Art, Digital Technology, Mathematics, Science, Te Reo Māori, Social Studies, Silver in English.

8CT: **Oskar Holmes** Music. **Arthur Resende** Music, Silver in Health & Physical Education. **Aashika Sunar** English Language Learning, Silver in Art. **Harry Lyons** English, Silver in Health & Physical Education, Social Studies. **James McNally** Health & Physical Education, Silver in Mathematics, Technology Hard Materials. **Ava Mangin** Technology Hard Materials, Silver in Art, Mathematics, Te Reo Māori. **Sophie Marr** Social Studies, Silver in Digital Technology, Science, Technology Hard Materials, Te Reo Māori. **Joshua Magpali** Art, Te Reo Māori, Silver in Mathematics, Social Studies, English. **Geo Song** Digital Technology, Mathematics, Silver in Science, Technology Hard Materials, Te Reo Māori, Social Studies. **Oscar Gorrie** Art, Digital Technology, Health & Physical Education, Science, English, Silver in Mathematics, Music, NZ Sign Language.

The Mt Hutt Ski Area Prize for General Excellence in Year 8: **Isabella Barlass** - Gold in Art, Digital Technology, French, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, Technology Hard Materials, Social Studies, English, Silver in Te Reo Māori.



General Excellence in Year 8: Isabella Barlass





# Mount Hutt College 2025 Year 9 & 10

**Diligence Across All Subjects:** Ayla Beattie, Shaine Calma, Zoe Davis, Yoosra Fernando, Hunter Guthrie, Abigail Peacock, Max Staples, Isaac Stewart. **Emily Brennan Challenge Award** Awarded to a student who accepts challenges and exhibits the school motto "Strive for Excellence," Apirihama Tahi-Nathan.

## Silver Awards Year 9:

**Paige Adams** Art. **Anna Costello** Mathematics. **Joshua Dagomo** Art. **Charlie Drake** Science. **Harrison Guthrie** Health & Physical Education. **Campbell Lilley** Art. **Huey Mee** Technology Hard Materials. **Brooklyn Mitchell-Milmine** Māori. **Oliver Scotchbrook** Health & Physical Education. **Joshua Veix** Health & Physical Education. **Adam Walker** Health & Physical Education. **Logan Wheeler** Health & Physical Education. **Ava Harrower** Art, Science. **Elin Holmes** Science, Social Sciences. **Izaak Huggins-Jessett** Food & Textile Technology, Music. **Jasper Keenan** Art, Music. **Shelby Kirkpatrick** Māori, Music. **Ashlyn Lee** Health & Physical Education, Social Science. **Haidee Preece** Māori, Mathematics. **Charlie Russell** Food & Textile Technology, Social Sciences. **Tom Currie** Health & Physical Education, Science, Technology Hard Materials. **Roshani Ghimire** Design & Visual Communication, English, Technology Hard Materials. **Laurika Koen** Art, Mathematics, Music.

**Silver Awards Year 10:** **Ema Arps** Health & Physical Education. **Flavio Martins de Oliveira** Art. **Lola Breach** Agriculture. **Luca Brown** English. **Lucian Brown** Health & Physical Education. **Fletcher Cavanagh** Health & Physical Education. **Ella-Rose Ingram** Food & Textile Technology. **Brock Leitis** Outdoor Education. **Jacob Oakley** Science. **Hunter Smith** Health & Physical Education. **Viliani Tu'amoheloa** Health & Physical Education. **Blake Wansink** English. **Levi Watene** Art. **Ella Arbuckle** English, Food & Textile Technology. **Vincent Contreras** Mathematics, Social Sciences. **Chris Luscombe** Health & Physical Education, Outdoor Education. **Imogen Galbraith** Business Studies, Mathematics, Social Sciences. **Logan Glass** Mathematics, Outdoor Education, Social Sciences, Technology Hard Materials. **Georgia Schiphorst** Design & Visual Communication, English, Health & Physical Education, Māori.

## Extra Curricular Awards

**Art:** The Oram Cup for Contribution to Art **Meghan Nish**, **Kate Ferguson-Cooke**. **Basketball:** PTA Shield **Sienna Poyner**. **Cricket:** Girls' Cricket most Improved Player **Ella Arbuckle**. **Concert Band:** Award for Dedication & Commitment to Choir **Keegan Oates**. **Choir:** Award for Dedication & Commitment to Choir **Peyton Fews**. **Performing Arts:** Thirza Currie Trophy for Commitment to the Performing Arts **Peyton Fews**. **Written and Spoken Communication:** Le Lievre Family Cup for Excellence **Sophia Lyons**, **Meghan Nish**. **Netball:** McTigue Cup (Sportsmanship in Junior Netball) **Luca Brown**. **Rugby (Girls):** The Methven Rugby Club Trophy for Most Improved Player **Salote Fifita**. **Rugby:** Leadership and Sportsmanship Trophy **PJ Coetzee**. **Mountain Biking:** he Big Al's Trophy for Best all Rounder **Baxter Florance**. **Tennis Champion:** Boys' Champion **Keegan Oates**. **Touch Rugby:** Female Player of the Year **Halo Cooksley**. Male Player of the Year **Liam Clark**.

## Special Awards:

School Involvement in Year 9 **Blake Broomhall**, **Felix Bruce**, **Ruby Churchward**, **Max Coleman**, **Isabella Gray**, **Euclid Kidayan**, **Laurika Koen**, **Holly Marett**. School Involvement in Year 10 **Ella Arbuckle**, **Mitieli Botaira**, **Charles Clark**, **Maddie Deller**, **Joel Dwyer**, **Lily Newport**, **Jake Richan**, **Georgia Schiphorst**.

Citizenship in Year 9 **Clarry Hooker**, **Lucy Kennedy**, **Shelby Kirkpatrick**, **Cameron McCaw**, **Keegan Oates**, **Nina Reveley**, **Charlie Russell**, **Kayla Thompson**. Citizenship in Year 10 **Lucian Brown**, **Kate Ferguson-Cooke**, **Peyton Fews**, **Cameron Meadows**, **Benjamin Mijs**, **Zoe Robertson**.

Green Family Cups Awarded for Top Year 10 Citizenship with the Methven Autoservice Prize: **Aidan Bungard**, **Meghan Nish**.

**Current Events:** Outstanding Participation **Joel Dwyer**. **Social Studies:**

"Thinking Outside of the Square" Trophy and Prize **Charles Clark**. **Agriculture:** South Pacific Seeds Prize for Interest and Enthusiasm in Agriculture **Charles Clark**, **Meghan Nish**. **Jeanette Paul Award:** for Enthusiasm & Contribution in Technology **Lily Newport**. **Outdoor Education:** Contribution and Enthusiasm **Flynn Carr**.

**Presbyterian Support Cup:** Awarded to a student who has shown excellence in assisting others through their supportive attitudes and actions **Luca Brown**. **Te Whetū o te Kapa Haka:** This award recognises a kaihaka who demonstrates outstanding commitment, leadership and spirit within our kura kapa haka group. The kaihaka is a role model (he taurira pai) for their peers, embodying the key Māori values that are central to our rōpū and to Te Ao Māori: **Apirihama Tahi-Nathan**. **The Reach for the Stars PRIDE Award:** For the highest achieving student of PRIDE Awards in 2025 Year 9 **Charlie Russell**. Year 10 **Addison Griffiths**.



The Star of Kapa Haka Apirihama Tahi-Nathan, Year 10, received Te Whetū o te Kapa Haka

## Gold Awards – Year 9

**Priscilla Cavallotti** Music. **Emma-Jane Crawford** Mathematics. **Halo Cooksley** Māori. **Euclid Kidayan** Health & Physical Education. **Cameron McCaw** Health & Physical Education. **Oscar Parris** Health & Physical Education. **Flynn Whittaker** Health & Physical Education. **Olive Cronin** Food & Textile Technology, Silver in Health & Physical Education. **Aoi Echigo** Art, Silver in English. **Willow McKerrow** English, Silver in Art. **Corey Morrison** Social Sciences, Silver in Health & Physical Education. **Blake Broomhall** Health & Physical Education, Silver in Design & Visual Communication, Social Sciences. **Max Coleman** Technology Hard Materials, Silver in Food & Textile Technology, Māori. **Roy Greybe** Health & Physical Education, Silver in Art, Science, Social Sciences. **Olivia Fletcher** Health & Physical Education, Silver in English, Māori, Mathematics, Social Sciences. **Etta Jade-Holland** Design & Visual Communication, Silver in English, Food & Textile Technology, Music, Technology Hard Materials. **Clarry Hooker** Social Sciences, Silver in Art, Design & Visual Communication, Food & Textile Technology, Health & Physical Education. **Liam Macfarlane Hydes** Art, Silver in Design & Visual Communication, English, Māori, Mathematics, Science. **Holly Marett** Science, Silver in English, Food & Textile Technology, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Music, Social Sciences. **Justine Lim** Art, Design & Visual Communication. **Nina Reveley** Food & Textile Technology, Social Sciences, Silver in Art, Science. **Isabella Gray** Art, Science, Silver in Design & Visual Communication, English, Mathematics, Social Sciences. **Solene Padilan** Art, Social Sciences, Silver in English, Food & Textile Technology, Māori, Science. **Lucy Kennedy** Art, Food & Textile Technology, Silver in Design & Visual Communication, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Science,

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Technology Hard Materials. **Angus Hamilton** English, Mathematics, Science, Silver in Food & Textile Technology. **Wilson Daus** Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Silver in Music, Technology Hard Materials. **Ra Shaw** English, Māori, Health & Physical Education, Silver in Mathematics, Social Sciences. **Kate Odiamar** Art, Māori, Social Sciences, Silver in Design & Visual Communication, Mathematics, Science. **Phoenix Harris** English, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Silver in Art, Design & Visual Communication, Māori, Science. **Milford Buyaan** Design & Visual Communication, Māori, Mathematics, Silver in Food & Textile Technology, Health & Physical Education, Science, Social Sciences, Technology Hard Materials. **Kamana Rai** Food & Textile Technology, Science, Social Sciences, Technology Hard Materials, Silver in Māori, Mathematics. **Kayla Thompson** Art, English, Music, Science, Silver in Mathematics, Social Sciences. **Owen Hende** Design & Visual Communication, English, Māori, Mathematics, Music. **Felix Bruce** Art, Design & Visual Communication, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Technology Hard Materials. **Alex Aquino** Art, Design & Visual Communication, Food & Textile Technology, Māori, Science, Social Sciences, Technology Hard Materials, Silver in English, Mathematics. **Keegan Oates** Design & Visual Communication, English, Māori, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Technology Hard Materials, Silver in Food & Textile Technology, Health & Physical Education.

The Thai Chilli Restaurant and Asian Store Prize for General Excellence in Year 9: **Ruby Churchward** Gold in Art, Design & Visual Communication, English, Food & Textile Technology, Māori, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Technology Hard Materials, Silver in Health & Physical Education.



General Excellence in Year 9: Ruby Churchward

## Gold Awards – Year 10

**Mitieli Botaira** Health & Physical Education. **Anusha Chhetri** Food & Textile Technology. **PJ Coetzee** Health & Physical Education. **Baxter Florance** Health & Physical Education. **Logan Glass** Business Studies. **Ryan Hussein** Digital Technology. **Max McGinity** Health & Physical Education. **Conor McGrath** Health & Physical Education. **Flynn Carr** Outdoor Education, Silver in English. **Matthew Douglas** Social Science, Silver in Science. **Pat Johnson** Outdoor Education, Silver in Health & Physical Education. **Gus Morris** Outdoor Education, Silver in Technology Hard Materials. **Ruby Saxon** Mathematics, Silver in English. **Peyton Fews** Mathematics, Silver in Business Studies, Music. **Kelly Lingard-Davidson** Food & Textile Technology, Silver in Business Studies, Design & Visual Communication. **Jess McKenzie** English, Silver in Agriculture, Mathematics, Science. **Maddie Deller** Technology Hard Materials, Silver in Business Studies, Food & Textile Technology, Health & Physical Education, Science, Social Sciences. **Aidan Bungard** Health & Physical Education, Outdoor Education, Silver in Social Sciences. **Liam Clark** Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Silver

in English. **Ash Lau** Digital Technology, Mathematics, Silver in Science. **Cameron Meadows** Business Studies, Mathematics, Silver in Science. **Ben Mijs** Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Silver in Agriculture. **Jake Richan** Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Silver in Technology Hard Materials. **Salote Fifita** Health & Physical Education, Māori, Silver in Mathematics, Science. **Tiger McMahon** Business Studies and Mathematics, Silver in Health & Physical Education, Outdoor Education. **Alijah Poipoi** Business Studies, Science, Silver in Digital Technology, Social Sciences. **Amber Hood** Design & Visual Communication, Food & Textile Technology, Silver in Art, Digital Technology, Mathematics. **Zoe Robertson** English and Science, Silver in Mathematics, Outdoor Education, Social Sciences. **Frida Wood** Art, Business Studies, Design & Visual Communication, Silver in Social Science. **Marissa Reid-MacFarlane** Business Studies, English, Food & Textile Technology, Silver in Social Sciences. **Joel Dwyer** Business Studies, Health & Physical Education, Social Science, Silver in English, Food & Textile Technology, Technology Hard Materials. **Gracie Peacock** Agriculture, English, Social Sciences, Silver in Food & Textile Technology, Mathematics, Science. **Sienna Poyner** Health & Physical Education, Outdoor Education, Science, Silver in English, Music, Social Sciences, Māori. **Addison Griffiths** English, Food & Textile Technology, Mathematics, Science, Silver in Social Sciences. **Jessie Luscombe** Art, English, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Silver in Design & Visual Communication, Food & Textile Technology, Science. **Kate Ferguson-Cooke** Art, Design & Visual Communication, Science, Social Sciences, Technology Hard Materials, Silver in English, Health & Physical Education. **Lily Newport** Design & Visual Communication, English, Food & Textile Technology, Science, Social Sciences, Silver in Business Studies, Mathematics. **Charles Clark** Agriculture, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Technology Hard Materials. **Meghan Nish** Agriculture, Art, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Technology Hard Materials.

The Mt Hutt Ski Area Prize with the Veteran Cup for General Excellence in Year 10: **Sophia Lyons** Gold in Art, Design & Visual Communication, English, Music, Science, Social Sciences and Māori, Silver in Health & Physical Education and Mathematics.



General Excellence in Year 10: Sophia Lyons





# GROW YOUR OWN

Mary Ralston

Hot weather is now a given. It's still okay to plant seeds and seedlings if you haven't already, but they will need extra attention.

Good seed germination requires moist soil – so water gently in the cool evening or morning. Young seedlings need frequent moisture too.

Aphids are appearing on brassicas and will reduce plant vigour (hence the size of the final product), if not dealt with. A spray with neem

oil will do the trick, or even soapy water in a spray bottle. A mix of crushed garlic and chilli in water is good too and squishing them by hand works. Stronger sprays such as pyrethrum can be useful, although it's good to be careful not to also kill beneficial insects such as ladybirds and parasitic wasps.

Pests are usually one step ahead of their predators so we need to do what we can to nurture predators: flowers throughout the veg garden look good and also serve as a food source for insects – alyssum has small flowers that are ideal for wasps to get their heads into for a feed of nectar; coriander, parsley, dill and other plants of the umbelliferous family have flowers that are great for hoverflies and other insects.

Aphids and other pests have a worse effect on plants that are already weak or under stress. Keeping plants well-watered, fed with nutrients and planted in soil rich in organic matter is the key to healthy plants that are



more able to withstand pest onslaught.

On humid days I have wondered whether mulching is the right course – pea straw reduces air flow around the plant stems, creating damper conditions and if it is hot, fungus and mould are more likely. But then on hot nor-west days, mulching seems a

really good thing.

With Christmas coming up, think of gardening related presents, and ones that are easy on the earth. Packets of seeds, tools, gardening books, pots, a potted plant, a bottle of neem... encourage your friends and family to grow some of their own food!



11 - 17 December

Abi Cavanagh 20

Simon Wareing 42

Lyla Hickman 11

Cheryl Tallon

Bert Tallon 5

Charlotte Drake 14

Sadie Wilson 11

CONGRATULATIONS

Charlotte Drake

Pop into Methven 4 Square Supermarket for your surprise!

## AGMs



# AGM

Thursday 11th December  
7pm

Methven Golf Club  
Hobbs Road, Methven

All welcome

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# Weekly Community Heroes

Celebrating our local heroes and heroines!

Head into The Alpine Grind to nominate.

**Ben Knights**  
**Tracey Thomas**  
**Sarah Everest**  
**Ben Knights**

Stop by The Alpine Grind for a free coffee

# METHVEN CRICKET CLUB

Alex Keenan



Methven won the toss and sent Allenton in hoping to make the most of the overhead conditions. Methven started reasonably well with the ball and were creating plenty of chances, but unfortunately were dropping a few catches to really put Allenton under some pressure early on, as Sukhwinder Singh, 39 runs and Harpreet Singh 57 of 37 made them pay.

Allenton were in a good position to put a big total on the board but Methven bowled well at the death and managed to take some good catches to restrict Allenton to 7/160. Connor Glynn 2/27 and Toby Brown 1/25 the pick of the bowlers.

Methven would have to bat well to have any chance of chasing this team and Mat Mason and Haz Moore gave them a solid start putting 64 for the first wicket. Connor Glynn and Mat put on another 52 runs to have Methven needing 44 of the last 5 overs. Unfortunately both lost their wicket within a few balls, Mat scoring 72 of 48. The chase was still on, but Allenton were bowling super tight and with the field spread wide, Methven struggled to keep up with the run rate finishing with 5/137. Abhi Ranu 2/21 and Sukhwinder Singh 1/26 helping restrict Methven's total.

Next week Methven are at home versus Allenton Farmers.

## RAFFLE RESULTS

### Methven Historical Society Christmas Raffle Results

1st	Dennise Hood
2nd	Lisa Ponweiser
3rd	Eli

Thank you to all helpers and supporters for your generosity.

## CLASSIFIEDS

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## NEW LISTING



## OPEN HOME



## Methven 13 Cameron Street

## An opportunity worth exploring

Set on an established 1,012sqm (more or less) section, this four-bedroom property offers space, privacy, and a layout that simply works. Inside, you will find four generous bedrooms, full double glazing and insulation to Healthy Homes standard, and a heat pump plus wood burner in the lounge for year-round comfort.

bayleys.co.nz/5529114

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**For Sale offers invited over \$645,000**  
**View** Sat 10-10.30am  
 or by appointment  
**Rosa Dekker** 0274 655 387  
 rosa.dekker@bayleys.co.nz  
**WHALAN AND PARTNERS LTD, BAYLEYS, LICENSED UNDER THE REA ACT 2008**

## Methven 1 Arrowsmith Drive

## Brand new with mountain views

Now complete and ready to enjoy, this beautifully finished home combines comfort, style, and exceptional design. Take in stunning views of Mount Hutt from the spacious living area, where floor-to-ceiling windows flood the space with natural light.

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**Asking Price \$945,000**  
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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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**Price by Negotiation**  
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## Methven 13A Colcord Place

## Your alpine opportunity

Tucked into a quiet cul-de-sac, this two-storey alpine-style townhouse offers an inviting mix of comfort, warmth, and functionality. On a cross-lease section, it's an ideal fit for buyers seeking a low-maintenance, well-presented home with character.

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## Methven 11 Gleniffer Place

## An impressive modern home

Completed in 2023 and presented in immaculate condition, this 264sqm Gleniffer Place home offers buyers an exceptional opportunity to secure a near-new property. The spacious open-plan living area is the heart of the home plus a second separate living zone enhances the versatility of the layout.

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**Deadline Sale (unless sold prior)**  
 12pm, Tue 16 Dec 2025  
**View** Sat 11.15-11.45am  
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## Methven 2 Westward Way

## A fresh new look with views you will love

Recently reclad in stylish cedar and coloursteel, this beautifully updated home is fully double glazed and perfectly positioned to impress. With incredible views and set at the gateway to the sought-after Kakariki subdivision, the property enjoys modern living, established gardens and exceptional views.

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**Auction (unless sold prior)**  
 1pm, Fri 19 Dec 2025  
 Ski Time, 43 Racecourse Avenue, Methven 7730  
**View** 5.15-5.45pm Thu 11 Dec & 11-11.30am Sat 13 Dec  
 or by appointment  
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 simon.sharpin@bayleys.co.nz  
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## Methven 1 Farquhar Place

## Versatile family living

Designed as one spacious family home, this property offers a smart, adaptable layout with two well-defined living zones under one roof, ideal for hosting extended family and guests. Covering 258sqm the main area features three generous bedrooms and two bathrooms whilst the guest wing has two bedrooms and one bathroom.

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## Methven 10 McDonald Street

## A solid start or smart investment

Whether you are a first home buyer looking to make a jump on the property ladder or if you are a developer looking for your next project, this is a fantastic opportunity. The weatherboard home includes three bedrooms and offers a dining room and separate living area as well as a tidy kitchen and laundry area.

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New Listing

119 Forest Drive, Methven

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Welcome to your dream retreat! Nestled in a serene and picturesque setting, this magnificent 5-bedroom, 3-bathroom home offers the perfect blend of luxury, space, and tranquility. Set on an impressive 6969m<sup>2</sup> of lush land, this property is an oasis of comfort and style.

**By Negotiation**  
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**Shirley Fitzgerald**  
027 220 1528

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RayWhite

4 Memorial Crescent, Methven

3 2.5 3

- 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  
**View**  
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37 Sam Holmes Drive, Methven

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- Timeless at Thyme Stream
- Elegant brand new build set on 4044m<sup>2</sup> amongst extensive plantings & landscaping
- 3/1.85m<sup>2</sup> 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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96 Ashburton Gorge Road, Mount Somers

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- \* This stunning 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom property is designed by the owner and built by Joseph builders in 2021.
- \* Offers open concept living and dining filled with natural light.
- \* A separate art room adjoined to large separate garage.

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

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25 Sam Holmes Drive, Methven

- \* The last water edge section available at the popular Thyme Stream subdivision.
- \* 4087m<sup>2</sup> fully fenced with tree and shrub planting commenced ready for that keen gardener
- \* Power, water & fibre to boundary.

**For Sale**  
Price by Negotiation  
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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 16.745 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)**  
**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**  
027 225 5669

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