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Mt Hutt Memorial Hall



Prime Minister Luxon Visits Methven

A significant moment in history: Minister for the South Island James Meager, New Zealand Prime Minister Rt Hon Christopher Luxon and Ashburton District Council Mayor Neil Brown at the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall for the Bluegreens Conference last weekend.



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MARCH

1 Lions Two Gorges 4WD Safari
2 MolloyAg Adventure Race
5 MHC PTA AGM, 6.30pm, shared meal
6-13 Methven Netball Club Trials
15 Methven A & P Show
25 U3A Chocolate - Food of the Gods

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TUESDAY

Contact Physio Summer Pilates Ladies
Methven Bowling Club 1.30pm
Methven Toy Library 9-10.30am
Methven Public Library 2pm-4pm
Methven Museum 2pm-4pm

WEDNESDAY

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

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Methven Bowling Club 1.30pm
Tai Chi, All Saints Parish Centre, 10.30am

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Methven Public Library 2pm-4pm
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SATURDAY

Methven Toy Library 9-10.30am
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RFC Speed Shear at the Mighty Mount



A Speed Shear Event was held at Mighty Mt Somers at the weekend as a fundraiser for the Mt Somers Rugby Club. Around \$15,000 was raised with the Speed Shear winning time by Kornie Roberts of 18.7 seconds!



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Prime Minister Luxon Visits Methven

Annie Jacobs

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Rt Hon Christopher Luxon visited Methven last weekend for the National Party's Bluegreen's Conference, which was held at Mt Hutt Memorial Hall.

It may be the first time a sitting Prime Minister has visited Methven since the days of Jenny Shipley. Bluegreens are the National Party's advisory group on environmental issues.

4WD Safari THIS WEEKEND!

The weather is looking great for the Methven Lions 4WD Safari through the back country this weekend.

The spectacular trip will take you through a number of high country stations that are not usually open to the public. Thanks to the generosity of station owners, the 4WD Safari will see you traversing majestic high country on private tracks with incredible scenery.

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Hot food is available to purchase from the Glenfalloch yard. To get your tickets see below.

The swathe of various speakers started with Professor Peter Dearden (Otago University) discussing how more funding is needed for science so that targeting against pests can be specific and more can be done to support the bee industry. We have five invasive wasp species in our environment and the highest density worldwide of *Vespula* (Wasps). Poisons often kill other species as well. Mutations and genetic modifications have occurred for thousands of years. Gene drives for pest control involve putting a piece of DNA into a wasp so that they pass on a "problem" to their offspring - precise changes that are deliberate. Currently there are two people in New Zealand that could do this. Is this a socially and environmentally acceptable solution?

"This is where science needs to be able to test these things. It has taken 18 years to get funding for funders to agree that these sorts of technologies need to be tested, as funders feel there is no pathway to market due to current regulation," said Professor Dearden.

Simon Upton is the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment providing independent advice to governments. He said that there are inconvenient truths and rebuilding what we have destroyed is very

expensive. We won't be able to tackle these issues if we don't have a successful economy and serious investment is needed. He said that Government and council efforts to address environmental issues won't be successful if people don't own or understand the problems.

Nicola Willis, Deputy Leader of the National Party and Minister of Finance, Minister for Economic Growth and Minister for Social Investment, spoke on how energy markets need to provide more renewable, abundant energy that makes electricity more affordable for kiwis and reduces our carbon footprint. Regardless of how well we reduce our own emissions, it is likely that extreme climatic events are here to stay.

Prime Minister Christopher Luxon addressed the group along with Associate Minister of Finance Chris Bishop, with Chris Bishop speaking extensively on Resource Management Act reform to make it less cumbersome and easier for building to get done.

Other speakers included Dr William Rolleston, Chair of Genomics Aotearoa, Federated Farmers' Wayne Langford, Emerging Technology speakers, Forest and Bird and more.

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A Wise Sage at All Saints

Originally from Canterbury, Sage Burke, the new Reverend employed for Rural Ministry by the Anglican Church, spent his recent years in Dunedin, having trained in Auckland and Otago.

Now based in Methven at All Saints Anglican Church, Sage is the new Reverend there and serves rural ministry in Mid Canterbury. His wife Lara is a teacher and classical musician having trained in singing and opera. She also teaches violin, flute and piano.

Sage's ministry study involved the dual system of academic study in Otago and practical study in Auckland.

"Total training is around 6-7 years before you're a fully trained minister, but you never stop learning," he said. Ongoing study and learning is encouraged with Anglican Ministry circles.

Everyone who is ordained is prefixed the Reverend (not a Reverend), but Sage just likes

to be called "Sage." His role is to focus on the rural ministry sectors of Mld Canterbury and looks after three parishes of six churches.

"This is a different style of ministry for the Anglican Church. For example, Dorie is not Methven, Mt Somers is not Chertsey - each is a unique community. What I want to do is become a part of all of those communities. Our theology is built upon local communities," explained Sage. "Other denominations may use their local church building as the central focal point." The Anglican Church feels that the ministry is about getting out

and being there for everyone regardless of whether they go to church or not.

"I have some very deep conversations with people who have never even set foot in a church. Church for us is people, not the building. Having said that a lot of our buildings are very special," said Sage.

Initially Sage had dreams of being involved



Annie Jacobs

in science. That interest raised questions and led to the Bible, philosophies, other realms of thought. It came about from exploring - what people do, why, how the world works. But he still had the science interest.

"The thing with this role is pretty much no one wants to do it, you do it because you are called to do it - it is a part of who you are. It is a combination of God and the community. In the Anglican Church, it requires affirmation and support from the community," said Sage, explaining how you don't just suddenly decide to be a minister.

Tramping, fishing, hunting, sailing, anything
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First RNZAF C-130h Hercules Retires to Air Force Museum

Last week the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) No. 40 Squadron safely delivered NZ7001, the first C-130H Hercules flown by the RNZAF, to the Air Force Museum in Wigram.

NZ7001 has earned a special place in New Zealand aviation history, serving the RNZAF at home and around the world, delivering troops, cargo and humanitarian aid for the past 60 years. The aircraft has clocked up more than 33,000 accident-free flying hours and 20,000 landings.

"It's an incredible record considering some of the challenging and often inhospitable operating environments," says Chief of Air Force, Air Vice-Marshal Darryn Webb. "This fleet has operated around the world from Europe to the South West Pacific, from Afghanistan to Antarctica. They are truly incredible machines that have done exactly what they were purchased for 60 years ago.

The Hercules had clocked up midwinter Antarctic rescues in minus 35 degree Celsius temperatures, many disaster-response missions across the Indo-Pacific, short-notice evacuation tasks, such as Kabul in 2021, and operated in many combat zones.

NZ7001 was the first of three C-130H Hercules aircraft to arrive at RNZAF Base Auckland, Whenuapai in 1965 and the fleet was quickly put to work transporting personnel from NZ Army 161 Battery and aid to Vietnam. That same year, a Hercules with personnel and supplies made its first flight to Antarctica.

With a tail as high as a four-storey building and a wingspan of 40.5m, the aircraft is too large for the museum's current spaces.



In 2020, the Government announced the ageing fleet would be replaced by five new C-130J-30 Hercules. The last of the new aircraft arrived in December, allowing the C-130H to take a well-earned retirement.



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Advice for the Hunting Community from Methven Police

Senior Constable
Ross Watson

We are coming into the busiest time of the year on the hunting calendar.

With the roar just around the corner, Senior Constable Ross Watson and Constable Emma Milburn have some advice for the hunting community.

Ross says unlawful hunting puts other people who may be in the area at risk and can have potentially fatal consequences.

"We recently investigated an incident of illegal hunting on private property, and we want to remind hunters of their obligations," says Ross.

"If you want to hunt on private land, you need permission from the landowner, and to hunt on Department of Conservation (DOC) land, you need a permit.

"Failure to do so puts yourself and others at risk. But it's not just reckless, it also carries a significant fine or term of imprisonment. A conviction on hunting-related charges can lead to the revocation of firearms licences and forfeiture of hunting equipment, as well as fines and imprisonment."

For landowners, Ross says it's a good idea to keep a record of any hunters with permission to access land and the time and location they have that permission. This is important for safety and also to help with any investigation of suspicious activity.



"We wish the rural community a safe and successful hunting season," Ross says. "But please, abide by the rules and remember to report any instances of illegal hunting or suspicious activity, and take preventative steps to secure your property."

Police are committed to investigating reports of unlawful hunting.

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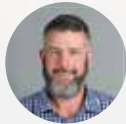
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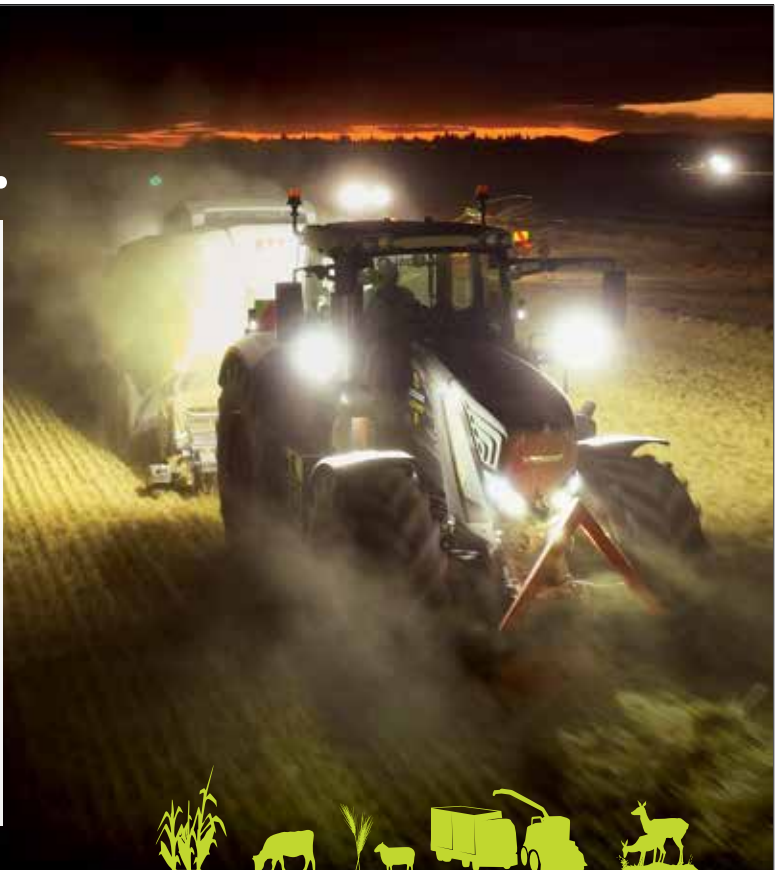
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METHVEN GARDEN CLUB

Jan Lock
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On Wednesday 19th February, a group of Methven Garden Club members began a two day adventure in Akaroa.

First stop was the Little River Café. We then headed to the Hilltop and took the Summit Road (Tourist Drive) with excellent views of the bays. Our first garden visit was the magnificent Fisherman's Bay Garden. After lunch in the old farm woolshed which now houses a visitor area and memorabilia, Jill and Richard Simpson took us on a tour of their very spectacular garden. The structure



Fisherman's Bay "Herbina" the corrugated cow

and texture of native plants combined with non-natives created a wonderful colourful ambience mixed with winding paths and varied landscapes. Playful elements included "Herbina" the corrugated cow that overlooks the bay, wire art and lots of seating areas to take in the magnificent views of the garden and coastline.



Admiring the views

We then headed to Akaroa with some going on a Black Cat Nature Cruise in calm seas. We were amazed by the volcanic sea cliffs, fur seal colonies, marine birds and learnt a lot of Akaroa's captivating history. Our biggest highlight was seeing the rare Hector's dolphins who swam alongside us for some time and especially seeing the little baby dolphin with its Mum - a rare sight. Our day was completed with a delicious dinner at the Maderia Hotel.

The next day we visited Charles and Jan Whitehead's home and garden in the centre of Akaroa. Their roses were magnificent and they have a very abundant vegetable garden. Jan shared the history of the house, giving us a tour of the house and garden. Such a beautifully decorated home, peaceful, tranquil and the views to the harbour are stunning! There were some of our ladies that would have quite happily stayed two or three days there!

After trying out the French cuisine on offer, sightseeing and retail therapy we headed to Bent and Twisted Garden Steelworks at Barry's Bay. Andrew and Trish Moon purchased the property six years ago and have established the garden. There is a woodland garden with a variety of shade loving plants under a canopy of mature kanuka trees. A silver fern was spotted by one of our ladies - a very exciting find! There was also a cut flower garden and a substantial potager garden. Andrew also makes very interesting garden art and structures, I think most of us went home with a treasure to add to our gardens.



Wendy Protheroe, Nellie Frame, Jan Lock, Dennise Hood

Our last stop was Barry's Bay Cheese. A must-buy to go with Akaroa bakery baguettes.

A wonderful two-day outing - beautiful weather, gardens, activities, food and a great group of ladies.

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Giving Back to our Community

The Ashburton A&P Association is proud to announce the successful completion of their Gift Lamb and Calf Fundraiser in conjunction with the 2024 Ashburton Show, raising an impressive \$5,000 for the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust.



Ashburton A&P President Ben Stock was proud to hand over the cheque after the Show this year, saying, "Thanks to the generosity of our donors, sponsors, and community members, these funds will directly impact the Trust, which provides urgent medical assistance to people in our community who need it the most. A service that costs a lot of time and money, and relies heavily on sponsorship."

Over 150 lambs were donated and auctioned off before the last Ashburton Show, and 40 calves were donated and sold in November 2024.

The Ashburton A&P Association is dedicated to giving back to the community and was pleased to see this fundraiser so well

supported by the Mid Canterbury farming and business community. It assists a very worthwhile cause that is used frequently in the rural areas of the South Island, saving lives with patient transfers and rescue missions when road or boat travel is not possible.

"The Ashburton Show is a great family event for our region," said Ben, "It also gives us the opportunity to give back to the people who support us, and I'd like to personally thank everyone who was involved in this fundraiser, as we begin to plan this year's Show."

The 2025 Ashburton Show's dates have been set for Friday 31st October to Saturday 1st November.

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A Wise Sage

outside, kayaking, kung fu, a bit of kick-boxing, karate, music are the activities Sage likes to do in his spare time. Lara and the girls are involved in Highland Dancing.

"I see part of supporting the community is getting involved in local groups," Sage grinned.

Sage has had a wide and varied background which has rounded his life experience. He has had a number of years working in social services but also done landscaping, driving and been a bouncer.

He is looking forward to everything about being in this community.

"It is a great place to live. I'm glad to be back home in Canterbury and have time to get out and about and being closer to family," he said.

"There are lots of anniversaries coming up for local parishes in the next year or two - this church, All Saints Parish is 145 years old this year, St Aidans (Mt Somers) is 125 years old this year, the Church in Dorie's anniversary is next year and Barrhill and Rakaia have anniversaries in 2027." This reflects the long involvement the Anglican Church has had within Mid Canterbury communities.

"It shows how important the Church has been over multiple generations and the lives people led between being baptised, married and having a funeral," smiled Sage.

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For families and businesses in our region, the signs of economic recovery are becoming increasingly clear, bringing hope for brighter days ahead.

The latest Federated Farmers confidence survey tells a compelling story – the 68-point-jump in farmer confidence is the largest since measurements began. This isn't just good news for our agricultural sector; it represents real opportunities for everyone in Mid Canterbury.

What makes this particularly significant for our region is the ripple effect of agricultural success. With farming generating more than 80% of New Zealand's export earnings and supporting over 359,000 jobs nationwide, the benefits of a thriving agricultural sector touch every corner of our community.

The Government's commitment to economic growth is already showing results. By removing unnecessary regulations and supporting innovation in farming, we're seeing renewed energy across the sector. Our strategy focuses on what matters most to Mid Canterbury: reducing bureaucratic hurdles, embracing new technologies, strengthening infrastructure, and supporting our rural communities.

The recent reduction in the Official Cash Rate is welcomed as it means lower borrowing costs and more money back into household budgets. This means customers with more confidence to spend.

Growth creates opportunities for our young people. Strong local economies mean more jobs, better career prospects, and reasons for our talented youth to build their futures right here in Mid Canterbury. It gives hope for young children like Nila, Michelle, Cora and Lillyanna from Methven Primary who I bumped into at Somerset Grocer in Ashburton, after their choir auditions this week, (a message for Mt Hutt Principal Mr Saxon: make sure you have a good choir for the girls when they arrive next year!).

My commitment to Mid Canterbury remains unwavering: championing policies that drive



growth and create opportunities for all our families. Because a growing economy isn't just about statistics – it's about building stronger, more resilient communities where every family has the chance to thrive.

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EXPLORING OUTSIDE

Mary Ralston

Wasps are one of the predators of our native wildlife found in native bush and forest along our foothills.

They can spoil a human picnic, and along with stoats, rats, mice, feral cats and hedgehogs, they are a threat to native birds and insects because they compete with them for food.

It hasn't been a very summery summer, which has been good in one way – there are fewer wasps than usual. At Awa Awa Rata Reserve and the tracks above,



they are around but not in big numbers. Even so, if some nests can be poisoned, that means fewer wasps next year.

Vespex is a commercial wasp bait that has been put out along some of the tracks. It's a



protein-based bait so isn't attractive to bees. The right time to put out the bait is late summer because it is then that wasps change from eating sugary food to searching for protein to build reserves for the winter.

The wasp is attracted to the bait station by the smell of the Vespex (it's a bit stinky like cat food), then they take it back to the nest where hopefully it kills many, including the queen. Most wasps die out over winter but

the queens survive to start a new colony next spring.

Our mild mid-Canterbury climate doesn't support huge numbers of wasps, but in some beech forests there can be up to 40 nests per hectare. If you weighed all the wasps in a forest, they would weigh more than all the birds, mustelids and rodents. That's a scary thought.

Beech forests are particularly attractive to wasps because of the honeydew secreted by small insects that live on the beech tree. The small strands with a drop of honeydew at the end can be seen on the trunk of beech trees and this is what native insects, some birds and wasps all love to eat.

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Ashleigh Ridge

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Methven Reserve Board News

*We had our first meeting of the year recently
and all were impressed at how good the
Domain was looking.*

The fields are nice and green and well
mowed, thanks to lawnmower Wayne. The
Croquet Club No 1 Green is looking good
now the Bowling Club Green is up and
running, looking excellent. Thanks to a lot of
work by club members and greenkeepers.

The hedges have all been cut and cleared up.
Thanks to the contractors and farmers who
lent tractors, loaders and trailers to cart the
trimmings to the show grounds to be burnt.
All done in less than a day's work.

There are plenty of things to discuss in the
near future:

- a hitting board at the Tennis Club
- a new helicopter landing pad
- a new water pipe to be laid under the No
1 car park to the toilets, Tennis, Croquet,
Football and Bowls Clubs so they can use
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Rata Class Leads the Way at IDEA Services Fun Day



What a fantastic start to 2025, celebrating whanaungatanga (connection) in action!

Rata Class (Years 7 and 8) from Mt Somers Springburn School has made the entire school community proud with their outstanding representation at the IDEA Services Fun Day, hosted by the Mayfield Lions. The event brought together 45 members of IDEA Services (Intellectual Disabilities Education & Advocacy Services) and our tamariki, creating a day filled with laughter, learning, and community spirit.

It was truly inspiring to see our students embracing the opportunity to connect with others. Their warm smiles, high fives, and thoughtful conversations reflected the values we hold dear. The day was packed



with engaging activities, including lively games, an energetic tug of war, and even relaxing hand massages. The highlight? A shared lunch where everyone came together as one, celebrating unity and friendship.

This event wasn't just about fun—it provided a meaningful opportunity for our students to demonstrate the MOUNT values of respect, kindness, and unity. It also formed part of our Te Kie Kie learning challenge, where real-world experiences foster growth, empathy, and inclusivity.

A heartfelt thank you to the Mayfield Lions Club for organising such a special day and for giving our students the chance to be part of something truly memorable.

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The Gardens are Looking Good



The vegetable gardens and orchard at Methven Primary School are going great guns and the Enviro club are looking forward to a bumper harvest season.

Mrs Toms snaffled some apples from one of our seven heirloom trees and made some muffins for a staff birthday morning tea and some Piwakawaka students enjoyed eating the apples after a maths lesson. Some really enjoyed the extra tart taste of our apples and how different they tasted compared to the super sweet ones on offer at our local supermarkets.

We counted about eight pumpkins and the strawberry popcorn is coming along nicely.

While we were disappointed not to find any grapes on either of our two grape vines, we appreciated that they are still super young. The peaches took a hard prune last year so they haven't produced either, but there's always next year.

The dahlia patch is booming and we believe we are responsible for pollinating all of Methven with all of the bees living the life of Riley there and on the volunteer borage!

We have some decisions to make about what to plant when the dahlias finish. Last year's garlic crop was a disaster with the dreaded rust but the onions did well. Cauliflower has done well in our garden in previous years; thriving on a plant and forget system so we might try that. We'll put the word out for old net curtains in an attempt to thwart the white butterflies! We are also looking forward to the feijoas in the Autumn from our three trees. The raspberries are slightly out of control but only in a good way. It's been great to see some enterprising students fossicking around in search of a treat or two.

We haven't seen many Monarch butterflies on our swan plant forest this year. We are battling an orange aphid infestation and have been having stern words with the local lady bug population to pull their socks up and get to work!

Our school gardens provide us with loads of learning opportunities and we get to eat our work!

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Schools News

Mount Hutt College



As part of our International Students Orientation, students recently visited the NZ Alpine and Agricultural Encounter. This is a unique local attraction that offers a deep dive into our region's agricultural heritage, at the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall.

The visit provided an opportunity to learn about the importance of worms, bees, and other key elements of farming. A new word entered their vocabulary: "arable," which refers to land suitable for growing crops. The live bee hives were a highlight, captivating everyone as they searched for "Thelma," a cleverly hidden creature. This hands-on experience not only educated but also inspired, showcasing the intricate balance of nature and agriculture. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a valuable resource right here in our town, offering both locals and visitors a chance to connect with the land and its vital ecosystems. It was a memorable day of learning and discovery!

The Start of the Mai Mai Construction Project: a Visit from Makita Power Tools

The construction of the long-awaited Mai Mai project has officially begun at the Ōpuke Innovation Hub.

The team was joined by Makita Power Tools Sales Representative Bryan, who showcased the impressive range of Makita drills, including the 18V LXT and the powerful new 40V XGT models.

Bryan demonstrated the benefits of the 18V LXT drills, which quickly became a favorite among the students. The 18V LXT provides an excellent balance of power and control, making it ideal for driving in Burgle Screws with precision. The tool's longevity and incredible torque were also noted, allowing the team to complete tasks efficiently and accurately. It's clear that the 18V LXT drill is an essential tool for making the Mai Mai construction process both fast and easy.

But the real showstopper came with the introduction of the new XGT 40V range. This upgraded line of drills is a step up in terms of power, offering even more impressive performance and significantly longer battery life. The increased power and extended battery runtime mean less time spent on the charger and more time focusing on the finer details of construction. With the 40V XGT tools, the team can work faster, ensuring that the Mai Mai project progresses smoothly without any unnecessary delays.

As the construction of the Mai Mai continues, it's clear that the right tools will play a vital role in the project's success. With Makita's advanced drills in hand, the team is ready to build a strong foundation for the future.

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Everyone Welcome - a celebration for all past, present students, staff, Parents, Boards, PTA, volunteers and friends of our school

★ Welcome and Official Speeches ★ Cake Cutting ★ Decade Photographs
★ Student Entertainment ★ School Tours ★ Tree Planting ★ Time Capsule
★ Video Stories and Memories ★ Displays ★ Coffee ★ Food Trucks on Site

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Tier Three \$10 Evening Event at Methven Resort. Food and drink available to

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Neighbourhood Support remains committed to fostering a safe and connected community. Over January, there were five reported incidents in and around Methven:

- Thompsons Track – burglary (day)
- Main Street – petrol station, theft
- Line Road – Burglary (Day)
- Methven Chertsey Road – Burglary (Day)

GOLF CLUB

Wednesday 12 February Competition
Harrison Trays: *Ruth Smith* and *Nola Hydes* 106-33-73. *Wendy Wareing* and *Sandra Marr* 113-38-75.

Wednesday 19 February Competition
1st Gwen Cook: *Roz Grant* 101-26-75. Freshchoice Methven Best Nett Of Day *Roz Grant* 75.

Nearest The Pins: No4 Open Methven Foursquare *Robyn Maw*, No6 Open Methven Pharmacy *Roz Grant*, No13 Open Primo *Roz Grant*, No17 Open Bronze B 2nd Shot Methven Travel *Ellen Kemp* No14 Silver, Bronze A 2nd Shot Farmhouse Design & Decor, Station Coffee *Ruth Smith*.

Two's And Nett Eagles: *Heather Middleton*.

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The majority of incidents occurred in the last week of January, with a total of 28 reported across the district during that week. We encourage all residents to stay vigilant, look out for any suspicious activity, and report concerns to 111 if immediate action is needed.

Scams - We are in the process of developing a scams awareness programme across the District. To better understand the issue and its impact, we are conducting a confidential questionnaire.

If you would like to participate, please contact me, and we will provide you with

a copy to complete. Your responses will remain anonymous and will help us create a more effective programme to support our community.

In the meantime please stay safe - your awareness and community spirit play a vital role in keeping our neighbourhood safe.

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Friday - Sunday 12pm - 2.30pm

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- ice-cream sundae

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EMPLOYMENT

Methven House Cook

Methven House is a community based resthome that takes great pride in delivering care of the highest standard whilst maintaining a home-like family friendly environment.

We are currently looking for a permanent cook to join our friendly team.

- **hours of work 8am – 1pm**
- **approximately 35 hours per fortnight**
- **nutritious home cooked meals tailored to the individual needs of our residents**
- **cooking for the residents of Methven House and meals on wheels recipients**
- **This is a unique opportunity in which the successful applicant will be responsible for food preparation such as cooking and baking.**

This position will join us as we move to Methven Central, our new rest home during the year. If this sounds like you, please email for a full job description and application form to: nursemanager@methvenhouse.co.nz
 If you have any questions, please contact Sue 03 302 8528

Please return your application form and CV to Methven House by **Monday 3rd March 2025**



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» 45 Memorial Crescent, Methven

811sqm

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» 18A McMillan Street, Methven



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» 46 Memorial Crescent, Methven



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» 136 Burnt Hill Road, Oxford

13.08ha

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Price By Negotiation
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» 56 Memorial Crescent, Methven

1,469sqm

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12pm, Thu 20 Mar 2025

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Methven 5 and 14 Westward Way

Kakariki view

Time to build in Methven's Premium subdivision. These spacious sections are available and ready for the construction of your dream home to start. Take your pick from number 5 or 14, both sections have excellent views and are serviced with power, town water supply and fibre. This is a great opportunity to start your next project in this peaceful area of Methven.

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4,009sqm

Price on Application

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simon.sharpin@bayleys.co.nz

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OPEN HOME



Methven 8 Carr Street

Dual income opportunity

Investors and home buyers, take note! 8 Carr Street in Methven presents a rare opportunity to secure a versatile dual-unit property with a strong rental potential. This unique dual A-frame home consists of two spacious, two-story units—each offering three bedrooms and one bathroom.

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Methven 13 Allen Street

Charming family home

This beautifully updated character home offers the perfect blend of timeless charm and modern living. With freshly painted walls and new carpeting, it's ready for a new owner to enjoy its warmth and personality. On 1,012sqm (more or less), the fully fenced backyard provides ample space for children to play freely.

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5 1 2 2

For Sale offers invited over \$755,000

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Methven 7 Memorial Crescent

Unmatched Location & Lifestyle

An exceptional opportunity awaits with this 811sqm (more or less) street-front section, perfectly positioned in a well-established area of the Camrose Estates subdivision. Contact Liv for more information.

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811sqm

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OPEN HOME



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Methven 10 Anzac Lane

Once in a lifetime

Hidden at the end of a quiet Methven lane, this architecturally designed home has been built and lived in for 35 years—makes its long-anticipated market debut. The home's board-and-batten exterior, freshly repainted alongside the roof, reflects a legacy of care, while its 6,162sqm (approx.) section offers premium privacy and natural grandeur.

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Methven 34 Camrose Avenue

Modern sanctuary

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Asking Price \$925,000

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Methven 39 Mcmillan Street

Prime development opportunity

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731sqm

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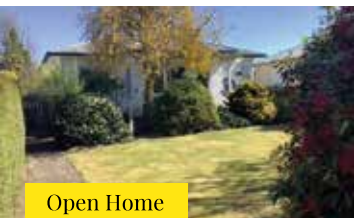
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- Three spacious bedrooms
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- Timeless at Thyme Stream
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- Multiple living options
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\$2,850,000**View**
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4 Memorial Crescent, **Methven**

3 2.5 3

- 3 bedrooms plus office
- 2.5 bathrooms
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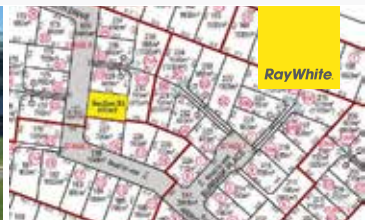
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16 Arrowsmith Drive, **Methven**

- Pleasantly located 690m2 section
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- Fully serviced to boundary
- Mountain views with road frontage

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Lots 2 & 3 Hobbs Road, **Methven**

- Two attractive one hectare blocks located down a private laneway just off Hobbs Rd right on Methven township boundary
- Lot 2 - 1.0268 hectares
- Lot 3 - 1.0596 hectares
- Waste water system required
- Town water & power

Price on Application
LOT 2 UNDER OFFER**View**
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2969 Methven Highway, **Methven**

- Lot 2 DP 308461
- Expansive 16.5650 ha parcel of Residential D pristine bare land
- Situated on the fringe of the Methven township
- Magnificent views of the Southern Alps from Mt Somers to Mt Hutt

Price on Application
+ GST (if any)**View**
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