

New helipad in the pipeline for Central Southland community

A helipad in our community has reached a critical juncture. Currently, medical transfers from Central Southland and neighbouring areas rely on makeshift arrangements, notably utilising the Midlands rugby grounds to land.

While this served temporarily, ground conditions complicate patient transfers endangering both safety and timely medical care. Utilising a sports field as a landing zone brings operational hurdles, including interference from ongoing activities and risks to helicopter engines.

Ambulance Services increasingly rely on helicopter transfers bypassing Southland Hospital, thus requiring a permanent solution. Demand is anticipated to surge alongside our aging population, underscoring the urgency of establishing a dedicated emergency helipad.

Graeme Gale of Helicopters Otago Ltd confirmed his unanimous support. He endorses the proposed site and offers expertise to ensure its success.

Community support and funding for the helipad's construction is essential. Contributions will enhance medical transfer safety and efficiency and profoundly impact individuals in need of urgent care.

The Helipad Project Committee includes John McHugh, Juon Schoen and Katt Henderson – Winton Lions, John Engel and Locky McGregor – Winton Rotary and Dawn Brocks – Southern REAP.

A huge thanks to the Winton Lions Members currently cycling Tour Aotearoa raising funds in support. Please contact any committee members for further information.

Donations are welcome to:

Lions Club of Winton: 03-0960-0180213-00

Article supplied by: Emergency Helipad Committee



Winton Lions Club members cycle to fundraise for Community Helipad

Wim & Jeanet Overgaauw and Inge de Kruijf's fundraising journey started on the 24th of February. They have been biking for 4 weeks every day (apart from 2 rest days) to raise funds for the Central Southland Helipad.

The group are following the Tour Aotearoa, from Cape Reinga to Bluff. At the time of writing this article they are in Springs Junction in the Buller District Small narrow slippery paths with a valley on one side and a steep hill on the other side; long dark tunnels and steep hills became challenges instead of obstacles.

The keen cyclists are starting to miss their families and own beds. It is a huge help that everyone is very encouraging on their Facebook page "Cycling for Helipad Winton" where they post each day about their adventures with stunning photos. They really appreciate this amazing opportunity to cycle in New Zealand's back yard.

If you would like to sponsor them you can donate to
Lions Club of Winton: 03-0960-0180213-00

All money goes directly towards the helipad, as all expenses are covered by the cyclists themselves. Thank you to everyone who already donated or helped them in any way. So far \$10,000 has been raised. They would like to invite everybody who loves cycling to come along and help them with their last leg to Bluff on 3 April, at 8:30 AM at the corner of Gerrard Road and Substation Road, Winton. See you there!



**Pictured at Cape Reinga - Article and image supplied by:
Inge de Kruijf and Wim & Jeanet Overgaauw**

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New Sport and Recreation Hub for the Central Southland community

A newly created Sport and Recreation Hub will have a positive impact on sports, recreation, art and culture in the Central Southland Community. A multitude of sports club representatives have formed a working group and have been meeting regularly since October last year with the intention to form a hub.

Sport and Recreation hubs are entities that accommodate multiple organisations. They are a successful model that have become a common fixture in New Zealand for different groups to collectively share resources and deliver outcomes for a wide range of the community.

Some of these have been around for over forty years but more and more are popping up. "As pressures on our sport and recreation sector increase with demands on volunteers, a new Incorporated Society Act, cost of insurance and construction, and changing trends in sport, we need to look from sustainable models that best serve community interest" says Tim Fletcher, the Spaces and Places Lead from Active Southland.

Interest is also being sought for individuals passionate about the community who can help with governance, strategy development, finance and funding, events or sport and recreation programming. "It is important the Hub is led by a skills based board with time to invest in its success" Fletcher adds.

To find out more information, contact Active Southland Spaces and Places Lead Tim Fletcher, tim@activesouthland.co.nz

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH - WINTON

Come along to these fun and informal sessions to practice speaking English.

**Learners must have New Zealand Residency.*

- **Thursdays: 11 April – 4 July 2024**
- **Beginners Session:** 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- **Intermediate Session:** 6.30pm – 7.30pm
- \$5 per person for the Term
- Southern REAP Winton – Community Room, 224 Great North Road, Winton



Contact Southern REAP (Rural Education) to register on info@reap.co.nz or call 0800 111 117



In this month's article I want to clarify some of the debate around Winton crime prevention cameras. There has been a lot of public discussion following the Ōreti Community Board's decision not to replace Winton's cameras.

Winton has had three crime prevention cameras since early 2000 funded by the Community Board. They were upgraded in 2015 with second hand cameras from Carisbrook rugby ground when it closed.

Pre-covid and again in April last year, I advised the Ōreti Community Board the cameras were failing and needed an upgrade; they provided several questions and I presented to the board in June to answer them.

The cameras are situated in the main street and in 2015 were strategically placed to protect the new public toilets and band rotunda.

They are crime prevention cameras and as such we have strict protocols around the storage and use of footage and signposts warning people they are there. I have no doubt many crimes have been prevented by their mere presence and we the Police use them only when we need to locate evidence and identify offenders. Basically, they are there 24/7 when we cannot be.

Having policed and lived in Winton for over 20 years the replacement of the cameras is a no brainer, I will continue to advocate on our communities behalf for their replacement.

You would all have noticed the sudden Autumn feel in the mornings and this means a rapidly approaching Winter. We need to start thinking about driving to the conditions and watching our following distances in the wet.

If you are going hunting for the ROAR or duck shooting please make yourself aware of the new transporting firearms regulations. Find out more at the Firearms Safety Authority New Zealand website and always seek permission before heading onto private land. We will have a focus on unlawful hunting over the next couple of months.

Until next time keep safe.

Senior Sergeant Peter Graham - Area Response Manager Western Southland



Central Southland Swimming Club

Central Southland Swimming Club is enjoying great levels of participation and success at both local and South Island levels so far this year. With nearly 100 children enrolled in the swim club at the Winton Community Pool and 12 swimmers, ranging from 8 to 15 years old swimming for us competitively, it has been an exciting term.

Isaac Elder, one of our competitive swimmers, recently qualified and competed at the South Island Long Course Championships in Dunedin along with over 250 other competitors. Isaac raced in the Southland team and represented our club in the 50m, 100m & 200m freestyle, 50m & 100m butterfly (gaining a PB) and the 200 & 400m Individual medley. He reached the finals for two events gaining a 5th & 7th place. In May Isaac will be travelling with the Southland team and representing our club at the National Division II Swimming Competition in Hamilton, qualifying for 5 events. Isaac said, "I enjoy being able to represent my club when travelling away with the Southland team." We are also looking forward to having our club represented at the South Island Short Course Championships in Christchurch in July.

Closer to home, a team of 10 swam at the recent Long Course Murihiku Anniversary meet competing against just over 100 other swimmers. 8 out of the 10 swimmers gained a PB in at least 1 of their races and all 10 finished in the top 4 for one or more of their events. Some were lucky enough to come away with prize money too! A massive thank you to our volunteer coaches, managers and committee members - it couldn't happen without your support.



*Back from left: Sasha Jamieson, Isaac Elder, Benjamin Elder, Sam Tengco, Hunter Pope. Front from left: Rimon Douglas, Emma-Grace Elder
Absent: Matthew Kelly, Dylan & Ethan Officer*

Article and Images supplied by Bronwyn Elder - CS Swimming Club

Central Southland Netball Update

Central Southland Netball Centre is gearing up to kick off the 2024 season with newly elected president Sophie Erwood. With a very experienced management team, planning is well under way and the Centre is excited for another year of netball and to see the talent and skills amongst the teams in the 2024 competition.

We would like to thank the continued support of our Centre from all of our sponsors. We understand that times are tough with the current economic downturn and businesses everywhere feeling it – the Centre could not run without the support of our Sponsors so thank you! The signage of these businesses in our indoor courts looks amazing – so take a look when you are next in and please support these businesses within our community.

Thanks to the ongoing support from Netball South this year, the Centre is able to offer coaching workshops for aspiring coaches and development days for players. Information regarding these will be released in due course. 2024 has also seen some changes to the rules of the game. You will find some rule spotlights based around these changes on our Facebook and Sporty Website. Our team of umpires have had a pre-season training day and are rearing to go with these changes. We are pleased to have filled our management positions (coach, manager and selector) for our Under 16 and Under 18 representative teams for a very exciting season ahead. Information for trials for these teams will be released in due course to Clubs and the community.

We would also like to congratulate the following talented coaches from our Centre who have been named in Netball South's Introduction to Performance Coaching Programme 2024 – Amy Clayton, Heidi Middleton, Joanne McIlwrick and Sophie Erwood. To keep up to date with what the Centre has in store for the 2024 season please follow us on Facebook – 'Central Southland Netball Centre' or visit our Sporty Website.

*Article supplied by Sophie Erwood - President -
Central Southland Netball Centre*

ANZAC Day Dawn Service Notice

*The annual ANZAC Service will be held on
April 25th 2024 at 7am.
ANZAC Oval, 249 Great North Road.*

All are welcome to attend and lay wreaths. Wreath Bearers report at the band rotunda by 6.50am. Public are welcome to attend morning tea in the Memorial Hall after the service.



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Oreti Community Board Update

The Oreti Community Board wants to hear from the local people what you would like our main street to look like. The Board and Council staff will be engaging on the draft master concept plan that looks at ideas for Winton's main road where the trees have been taken out, and also on Anzac Oval.

The Board is very keen to hear what people think about the concepts and will be running an engagement campaign over the next few weeks to hear your thoughts. A flyer will be created containing information about the concepts and dates for drop-in talks with Council staff and Board Members, where you can come and have a chat to discuss options. This will be delivered in everyone's mailbox's. There will also be a public meeting to hear more views.

We are also going to create a display of the concepts that will go in a shop window on the main street for people to look at. You will be able to give your views either via an online survey, by hard copy at the Council Office/Library or come along and have a chat in person to the Board at the market days.

We will also be talking to key stakeholders as we really want this to be a community project. There is huge potential for community groups to be involved in parts of this project and for local companies to provide materials. Please get involved and watch out for the flyer, other advertisements online and in the newsletter when dates are set.

Article submitted by: Colin Smith - Oreti Community Board Chair



15 APR - 26 APR
9.00 - 3.00

Winton Presbyterian Church Hall

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

For Further Information or to Book phone Parish Office 236 9792 or email cspoffice@xtra.co.nz

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

\$15 per Day
Can book for as few or many days as you wish

WE ARE HIRING!

The Winton Business Association are looking for a new person to collate, manage and design our monthly 'Winton Outlook' newsletter. The newsletter contains advertising, articles and information from local businesses, sports clubs, community events, activities and notices for Winton and the wider Oreti Board communities. Maximum 6 hours paid work per month. Up to 6 pages with deadlines for material 20th of each month. Newsletter is electronically emailed the 1st of each month. Support available for collecting material if required. Own Graphics programme required, template can be provided. Install your own flair. **Applications and enquiries to: winton.nz@outlook.co.nz by 15 April.**

Community Lunch

Come along to a weekly lunch group:

Wednesdays at 12pm - 1pm
Salvation Army,
7 De Joux Road,
Winton.



Everyone is welcome, whatever your age & stage, including kids.

Bring along a plate of food to share and join in on some great conversations and make some new friends. No need to book, turn up on the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Hard Copy or Digital Text Types

Contact: Michelle Anderson

Ph: 027 574 9992

 Email: hello@writeway.co.nz



Let's do it the Write Way!



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Love Grace Appeal a success

The 'Love Grace Appeal' has made its way to Winton. 'Love Grace' is an International appeal in the name of Grace Milane, a British backpacker killed in Auckland in 2018.

So far 'Love Grace' has supported more than 15,000 women world wide. One local Winton business decided to become a local co-ordinator for the Appeal this year.

With Grace donated a bag to the last appeal and was going to donate again this year. But upon discovering there was only one drop off point in Southland, they decided to be proactive and sign up to be involved.

The lovely community have donated over 70 bags full of hygiene basics and some other goodies. With Grace will drop off the donations to Invercargill Women's Refuge. The people of Winton really got behind this amazing appeal and wanted to give back to their Southland Community.



Article and image supplied by With Grace - Winton

MEETINGS

Walking Group

If you are interested in joining us for a walk each fortnight, the Winton Walking Group are meeting on the 4th & 18th April. Phone Helen on 022 156 8404.

Winton Garden Club

Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm. Winton Anglican Church Hall. Guest Speaker: Rachael Allan from CanInspire Canbead. All welcome. For more info: Colleen Simpson 027 632 8217 Janice Coles 021 053 3588

Takitimu Patchwork and Embroidery Group meet 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 9.30am-4pm, Winton Presbyterian Church Hall, 11 Meldrum St, Winton. Anyone interested in Patchwork/Quilting/Embroidery is welcome. Sharon 027 223 3435. takitimupatchwork@gmail.com

Winton Business Assoc.

are having their monthly meeting on Monday 29 April at the Top Pub, Main Bar Dining Room at 5.30 pm. All welcome to attend. Enquiries: winton.nz@outlook.com

Seniors Gentle Exercises

Gentle seated and standing exercises focusing on improving mobility and balance. Every Wednesday (excluding School holidays) 10am - 11am at the Anglican Church Hall. \$5 per person. Contact Glenda: 027 429 6703

'KAAWARI'
FLAX WEAVING
FOR BEGINNERS

Southern REAP
SOUTHLAND-HOKIANGA-WHAKATPU
RURAL EDUCATION

- Take home your creations of flowers (putiputi) and a basket (kono)
- Karakia (learn Maori prayer)
- How to identify harakeke for weaving and the process of preparation / storage
- Safe practices of cutting flax (harakeke)
- Learn basic Te Reo around weaving

Come along to this fun and relaxed session to learn the basics of flax weaving. No prior knowledge needed.

Date: SATURDAY 6 April: 9am - 3pm
at Southern REAP, Winton. \$35 per person.

Contact Southern REAP (Rural Education) to register on info@reap.co.nz or call 0800 111 117

WORKPLACE FIRST AID - WINTON

01 ST JOHN LEVEL 1 FIRST AID COURSE

Attain your St John First Aid Level 1 certificate (valid for 2 years). Ideal for anyone wanting to learn basic first aid or needs to update their first aid qualification. Minimum qualification requirement for a workplace first aider.

Covering scene assessment & safety, CPR for babies, children & adults, AED familiarisation, bleeding, burns, diabetic emergencies, fractures/dislocations, soft tissue injuries, asthma, seizures, stroke, chest pain, allergic reactions and more.

- Thursday 11 APRIL 2024
- 8.30am - 5pm
- \$110 per person
- Salvation Army - 7 De Joux Road, Winton



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Essential Contact Numbers

WINTON COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER

Louise 236-9934 or wcs@xtra.co.nz

HEALTH SHUTTLE

for MEDICAL appointments in Winton and Invercargill
Phone 0800 103-046.
(Operates by donation). A shuttle to Dunedin is also available leaving & returning daily from Invercargill.

LET'S LINK TRANSPORT SERVICE

Ken Galt 027 454-9119
or Louise 236-9934

LET'S LINK ODD JOB SERVICE

Phone Louise 236-9934.

FREE SMOKE ALARM CHECKS

Checks/updates/batteries changed by a Volunteer Fireman.
Phone Louise to book 236-9934

HELPING HANDS

Lawn, garden and pet care for those suffering short term medical issues.
Phone Robyn Bye 0274 182-053.

WINTON LIBRARY

0800 732-542

WINTON MEDICAL CENTRE

236-7444 or Urgent Doctor Service
Invercargill 03 218-8821

WINTON PHARMACY

236-7729

WINTON TRANSFER STATION

Florence Road
Mondays & Wednesdays 2pm-5.30pm
Fridays 12-5.30pm
Saturdays 1-5pm
Sundays 2-5pm

LET'S LINK FOOD BANK

Ken Galt 027 454-9119
Louise 236-9934
Anna Ellis 021 238-8526
Salvation Army 03 236-0928

LOSS & GRIEF SERVICE

Appointments available on request.
Southern REAP, 224 Great North Rd.
Phone 027 443 8788 or email
lossandgriefcentre@gmail.com to book.

Church Services

New Horizon Church

Meeting at the Winton Salvation Army
7 Dejoux Road, Winton, Sundays 7pm

Catholic Church

Mass Sundays 10.30am
Priest Rev Hamesh Wyatt
84 Great North Road, Winton
Contact 236 8084

Salvation Army

Sundays 11am
Friday night youth group
Shared Lunch
Every Wed at 12.30pm. All welcome
7 Dejoux Road, Winton

Presbyterian Church Winton

Sunday Services
Winton 10am

Live Alone Lunch

2nd Thurs of each month. Fellowship
and food for those living alone.
RSVP to Kathleen on 236 0250.

Choirs, Prayer and Bible Study Groups
Queries please phone office 236 9792
Mon to Fri 9am to Noon

Winton Church 11 Meldrum Street

Postal Address P.O Box 5, Winton
Baby change facilities available.

Anglican Church Services

Weekly 10am Sundays. All welcome
Cnr Meldrum St & Great North Road

Winton Genealogy Group

Are available in the Community Room of the Winton Library, 1 Wemyss Street, every Tuesday afternoon from 1pm, to assist with Family and Local History research.

Otautau Patchwork Group

meet every Tuesday, 9.30am at the Otautau Bowling Club, Rye St Anyone interested in patchwork or quilting welcome. Bring your lunch and spend the day with like-minded women.

Contact Joyce:
021 0225 1623

Oreti Community Board

Monday 15 April at Wallacetown Community Centre, 57 Dunlop Street, Wallacetown. Meeting starts at 6pm. All welcome.

THE MID ORETI CATCHMENT GROUP PRESENTS RUNOFF DETAINMENT BUNDS & CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS

Field Day

Join the Mid Oreti Catchment Group for a practical field day to launch their NEW WETLAND PROJECT!!
Come and look at two runoff detainment bunds & a constructed wetland. Hear all the details on how these were planned and constructed, followed by a practical demonstration on mapping out a wetland by Southland Fish and Game.

FREE BACON BUTTIES FROM 12.30PM!!

Marshalling the Best - Wetland and Runoff Detainment Bund Mapping Project

PROJECT LAUNCH!

WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 12.30PM-3.30PM
AB LIME NURSERY - END OF BEND ROAD, WINTON
CARPOOLING IN 4WD'S TO THE DIFFERENT SITES



Mid Oreti Catchment Group - Mini Forest Movement Native Plant Nursery Drop-in Session

Tuesday 9 April, from 4pm to 7pm at AB Lime Nursery, 10 Bend Road, Winton

All welcome to come to our monthly native plant growing working-bee evening at the AB Lime Nursery. Normally held on the first Tuesday of every month, but changed for April due to Easter Monday & Southland Anniversary Day.

Your help will go toward growing plants for the Mid Oreti Mini Forest Movement Project, which provides native plants to the local community and landowners for their planting projects. Training is provided and all ages welcome! Stay for as little or as long as you like.

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Next edition of the Winton Newsletter will be 1st May 2024.

Closing deadline for advertising
10am, Saturday 20 April 2024.

Business advertising available with very limited spaces; 45x90mm \$35 or 90x90mm \$50

Closing deadline for articles
10am, Saturday 20 April 2024.



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