

Winton Outlook

March 2025

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Central Southland Toy Library Open Day to celebrate Toy Library Awareness Week

The Central Southland Toy Library is excited to celebrate Toy Library Awareness Week 2025, with the theme of 'Play for All' from March 2nd until the 8th. We aim to make play accessible to children and families of all ages, genders, and budgets. Toy libraries are a great way to ensure every child has access to quality play opportunities. By borrowing rather than purchasing, families can save, reduce waste, and promote environmental responsibility to our children from a young age.

Our library has an extensive range of toys, dress-up costumes, board games, bikes and play equipment, cake tins, and more. We are having an Open Day on Wednesday 5th of March from 10am till 2pm at our Toy Library, this is in addition to our usual open hours of Fridays, 11am till 1pm, and Saturdays, 10am till noon.

Join us and have a look around, ask our friendly librarian and committee any questions you may have.



CENTRAL SOUTHLAND TOY LIBRARY OPEN DAY
Come in and check us out!

Wednesday 5th March 2025
10am-2pm
206 Park Street Winton

Save 5% on membership if you sign up between the 2-8th of March*
*T&Cs apply

Nana Rails will be here at 11am

2-8th MARCH 2025
Toy Library Awareness Week
PLAY FOR ALL

CENTRAL SOUTHLAND TOY LIBRARY INC.

Epic runs and local fun at the fourth annual Forest Hill trail run

The fourth annual Forest Hill Trail Run, held on Sunday February 23rd, was an epic day! Our event brings together a mix of families, seasoned runners and first-time participants to enjoy the stunning Forest Hill and magnificent farmland, and raises funds for Lochiel School. We were excited to welcome those who keep coming back and new faces. This year was our biggest yet and included many Lochiel School children.

Rain showers greeted everyone at check-in, but that didn't dampen anyone's spirit. Our participants took on the paddocks and tracks with determination and excitement. As the rain cleared, the sun peeked through, creating a perfect running environment. No matter what distance, 5km, 15km or 25km, or speed every single person on the track did themselves proud!

DJ Numnuts kept the energy up by blasting out the tunes, the BBQ was cranked and coffee enjoyed, adding to an awesome atmosphere as runners completed their routes. We loved seeing everyone smashing their goals.

The Forest Hill Trail Run couldn't go ahead without our team of sponsors, helpers on the day and the landowners. We appreciate their support in helping us make this an event such a success. We had an amazing day and can't wait to see all the friendly faces again next year!

Forest Hill Trail Run Crew



Forest Hill Trail Run 2025

5km - Kereru 15km - Tui 25km

Sundays Studio, Fonterra, SouthRoads, vital signs, AB LIME, VetSouth, csdesignz, NUMNUT, NW, The Grocer, selector Uniforms, westpac, NRG HEALTH & FITNESS

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Central Southland Emergency Helipad



The Central Southland Emergency Helipad Committee is excited to share that construction of the Central Southland Emergency Helipad will commence in mid-March. While there has been a slight delay due to compliance requirements and contractor availability, rest assured it will be well worth the wait. A huge thank you to everyone for your support – this vital community asset will soon be a reality! Stay tuned for further updates as we progress forward.

Central Southland Emergency Helipad Committee

BUSINESS SEMINAR & LUNCH


The Winton Business Association is proud to present an upcoming Business Seminar & Lunch.

Guest speaker Garth Butson, Relationship Manager ACC, will give an overview of ACC, explaining what it covers and doesn't cover, what areas injuries come from, costs associated with those injuries, the levies each business pays for their cover and how this may be determined, and how to manage your ACC business account online.

He will also discuss recovery at work and what business owners/employers can have in place to prevent injuries. Bronwyn Campbell and Maree Macdonald of Adaptive Health and Safety Ltd look forward to welcoming you to their space.

 **WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH**

 **12 NOON**

 Adaptive Health & Safety Ltd office
Old Post Office - 257 Great North Rd, Winton

Lunch provided by the Winton Business Association.
Tea and coffee available.

Phone 0274525954 to register.



The **Aquavan** is coming to Winton!

Come and experience the University of Otago Marine Studies Centre **Aquavan**!

Get hands-on with a mobile touch tank full of marine creatures and discover how our catchments, rivers, and coasts are all connected. Fun for all ages- bring the family!



Tuesday 18 March, 4pm - 6pm

Central Southland Presbyterian Church
Hall, 11 Meldrum Street, Winton

For more info, contact Sarah Thorne
on 027 588 5200.



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- Central Southland Presbyterian Church Hall
11 Meldrum Street, Winton

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Mid Oreti Catchment Group Mini Forest Movement Native Plant Nursery drop-in session

- Tuesday 4 March, 4pm to 6pm
- AB Lime Nursery, 10 Bend Road, Winton

All welcome to come to our monthly native plant growing working-bee evenings at the AB Lime Nursery. 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!

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The year is flying by, the mornings are starting to get a little darker, and it's feeling a lot like autumn. This is my favourite time of year as it means we are heading towards the ROAR and duck shooting, but it tends to lead to a lot of issues for landowners with unlawful hunting.

If you are heading out for a pre-Roar trip there are a few things you need to think of:

- Check the expiry date on your firearms license - if it expires in the next six months please reapply before it expires.
- Make sure you are up to speed with the new firearms transportation rules as we will be stopping and checking compliance this year.
- Make sure you have permission to hunt on private property or are permitted if on a forestry or DOC land. Failure to do so will see a review of your suitability to hold a firearms license or even a trip to court for unlawful hunting.
- Remember the seven firearms safety rules - the most important being to identify your target, it's too late once you pull that trigger.

If you are a landowner having poaching issues contact us at the station and we can assist with advice, signage, and deterrence patrols.

Our second big issue over the autumn months is motorists not driving to the road conditions. We get dry periods on our roads but then showers and this makes the roads greasy, so watch your speed and watch out for the slick patches of tar when they are wet. Police also increase the alcohol enforcement on our roads leading up to the winter sports season so please don't drink and drive.

The troops have asked me to mention the local Facebook pages as they are seeing lots of comments from locals about thefts or suspicious activity, but nothing is coming to us. A recent post I saw was about tools stolen from a ute and nearly 20 people commented about what they had seen but not one person had called the Police.

One of the comments was "what are the Police doing about it" ... the answer is nothing as we weren't aware it was happening.

We are pretty good at catching criminals - been doing it for 28 years - but it starts with the community telling us what is happening.

I get Facebook is easy and you can have your say but commenting on Facebook is not reporting it to Police and I am yet to see Facebook arrest an offender and put them to court.

If you see someone posting about a crime, comment back and tell them if it's happening now dial 111 or, if it's not urgent, call the Police line number 105.

Senior Sergeant Peter Graham

Area Response Manager - Western Southland

HEAVY TRAFFIC LICENCE - CLASS 2

This is a 2 day course including theory, training and assessment

Requirements to attend this course are:

- Held a Full NZ Drivers Licence for a minimum of 6 months
- Valid Driver's Licence Medical Certificate - must be issued within 60 days of course start
- Competent in driving a manual vehicle
- Level of written and oral english equivalent to NCEA Level 1 (reader/writer supplied by learner is welcome).

Cost:

- Learners Class 2 Licence fee - \$77.50 (to be paid at AA)
- Full Class 2 Licence fee - \$ 39.80 (to be paid at AA)
- Study (including driving assessment) - \$1,000 inc. GST

● 4 & 11 MARCH

● 8am - 5.30pm

● Southern REAP, 224 Great North Road



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

Seniors' Gentle Exercises



**Where: Anglican Church Hall,
Meldrum St - beside the Anglican Church**

Time: 10am-11am

Cost: \$7

Contact: Glenda - 027 429 6703

Gentle exercises to improve balance and help keep moving.

Ōreti Community Board report back on Winton CCTV cameras

In August last year the board requested that the chief executive of Southland District Council provide the board with the necessary information to be able to make an informed decision on the proposed CCTV cameras in Winton township.

A working group with representatives from Council staff and board members was formed in collaboration with the Southern Police District to work through the points of concern, which were all addressed in a comprehensive report that Council staff presented to the board on 17 February.

The working group has made good progress, and questions around privacy matters were addressed including updating existing Council policies and formulating a new 'agreement' between Southland District Council and Southern Police District, which in turn has prompted both parties to consider the implementation of these updated measures throughout the wider Southern region.

On 17 February Council staff also provided the board with an independent and comprehensive cost estimate of \$130,000 plus GST for the installation of five CCTV cameras along Great North Road and one on John Street. Included in this figure are all-of-life cost aspects such as new poles, power supply, signage etc.

Additional to the above figure, and previously not factored in, is the cost for maintenance, which Council staff estimated to be \$5,000 each year. The Winton community should be aware that as per industry estimate, the average lifespan of CCTV systems is between five and 10 years.

As these costs are substantially higher than the \$16,000 and \$44,000 Council staff presented to the board in June last year and to what was circulating in the public arena, the board has suggested that the working group continue with

a new focus on narrowing down the actual work scope to enable the board to identify possible cost savings for discussion when the board meets next on 24 March.

Katie Allan, Chair - Ōreti Community Board

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11 MELDRUM STREET, WINTON

Live Alone Lunch



Everyone who lives alone, is most welcome
to join us for lunch and fellowship on

Thursday, 13 March at 12.00 noon

RSVP to Kathleen 236 0250 or Jenny 236 0884

STREET TALK - DEFENSIVE DRIVING

This Defensive Driving course is designed to help participants identify and avoid or handle potential hazards that they may encounter while driving.

- Under 25yrs - course will reduce Restricted licence time by 6 months.
- Over 25yrs - course will reduce Restricted licence time by 3 months.

Cost:

- \$190 (Includes a practical driving session)
- * Participants MUST attend all 4 sessions



- 5, 10, 12, 17 MARCH
- 5pm - 7pm
- Southern REAP, 224 Great North Road



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Colourful fundraiser coming to town

Amy Scott is coming to Winton for a fundraiser for St Thomas's School PTA on Thursday 6th March 2025 at the CSC Hall. Amy, co-owner of DOTS, is a globally recognised speaker and facilitator known for her dynamic approach to communication, connection, and personal growth. DOTS is an engaging course that helps you understand your communication style and learn how to connect better with others in both personal and professional settings. This event offers a fantastic opportunity for business owners and their teams to enhance workplace communication. Tickets can be purchased online or by contacting Rebecca Excell at 027 758 5272.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

ŌRETI COMMUNITY BOARD

The Ōreti Community Board will hold a meeting on Monday 24 March at 6pm in the Winton Memorial Hall, Meldrum Street, Winton, to consider further information on the report Winton CCTV – scope and costing. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

BUSINESS SEMINAR & LUNCH (Winton Business Assoc)

The next meeting will be on ACC information and questions @ Adaptive Health & Safety, Old Post Office building, 12noon. Wednesday 12 March, Lunch provided. Ph 0274525954

WINTON GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting is on Tuesday 11th March, at 7.30pm in the Anglican Church Hall. The guest speaker is Sue Coleman from Rose Cottage Perennials. All welcome. Enquiries can be made to Colleen on 027 632 8217.

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. Contact Joyce: 021 0225 1623.

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THE VETSOUTH GORGE RACE

15th March 2025
Otapiri Gorge, Southland

Adventure Race

3 HOUR RACE
All trekking
\$75 per team member

6 HOUR RACE
Half MTB - Half Trekking or all Trekking
\$100 per team member

NEW!!
Family Adventure Race
\$50 per family
Conditions apply

Rogaine Style with mystery activities thrown in!
Navigate yourself around the course using a topo map while collecting as many points as you can within your allocated time.

Teams of 2, 3 or 4
Male, Female, Mixed or Student Categories

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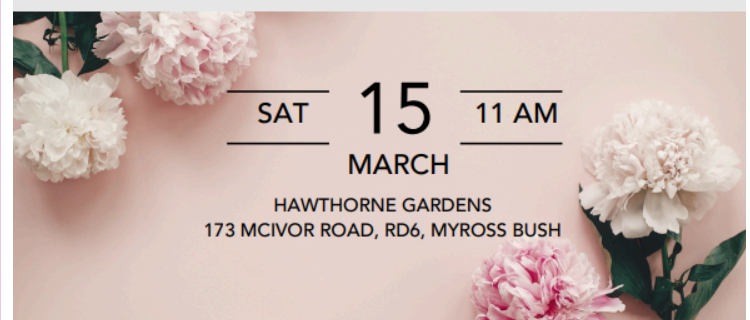
All money raised will be split between the Limehills Home and School and the Limehills Community Pool

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025!

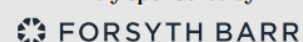
Let's take a moment to celebrate us! Join Rural Women NZ Lower South Island for a wonderful International Women's Day lunch in a beautiful garden setting, where good food, great company, and plenty of laughter await.

We have two inspiring speakers lined up! Debbie Wills from Forsyth Barr will be sharing her experience of being a woman teaching in the Arabian Gulf and Lisa Maxwell will be sharing her story on how bodybuilding saved her.

It's the perfect chance to catch up with friends - old and new. So gather your friends, enjoy a delicious lunch, and let's honour the incredible women in our communities.
We'd love to see you there!



Kindly sponsored by



Cost is just \$10 and includes a 2-course lunch. RSVP, enquiries or dietary requirements to debbie.wills@forsythbarr.co.nz or ebroberts51@gmail.com by 7th March.

Payment to: Rural Women NZ Drummond 030960005741800, reference your name and IWD

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Essential contact numbers

Winton Community Support worker
Louise 236 9934 or wcsu@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 and 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 027 4182 053.

Winton Library
0800 732 542

Winton Medical Centre
236 7444. After-hours service available in Invercargill, 6-9pm weekdays, 12-4pm weekends and public holidays. Phone 0800 456 138 to arrange an appointment.

Winton Pharmacy
236 7729

Winton Transfer Station
Florence Road.
Mondays and Wednesdays 2pm-5.30pm
Fridays 12-5.30pm
Saturdays 1-5pm
Sundays 2-5pm

Let's Link Food Bank
Ken Galt 027 4549 119
Louise 236 9934
Anna Ellis 021 238 8526
Salvation Army 236 0928

Loss & Grief Service
Appointments available on request, Southern REAP, 224 Great North Road.
Phone 027 443 8788 or email lossandgriefcentre@gmail.com to book.

The next edition of the Winton Newsletter will be 1st April. Closing deadline for articles and advertising: 20 March. Business advertising available: 45x90mm \$35 or 90x90mm \$50. Queries or information can be emailed to winton.nz@outlook.com

Church Services

New Horizon Church
Meeting at the Winton Salvation Army, 7 Dejour Road, Winton, Sundays 4.30pm in Winter, 6.30pm in Summer

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

Salvation Army.
Sundays 11am
Shared Lunch
Every Wed at 12noon. All welcome.
7 Dejour Road, Winton
Coffee & Chat
Drop-in, Wednesdays 9am-11am.

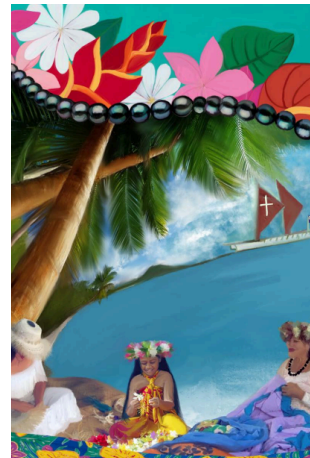
Presbyterian Church Winton
Sunday Services
Winton 10am

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.



 **World Day of Prayer**
Friday 7 March 2025

"I Made You Wonderfully"
A service prepared by the WDP
Committee of Cook Islands

You are invited to join in
worship and fellowship
at your local church

Place: CS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Time: 2.00 PM

Lions are ordinary people from all walks of life who give their time freely to serve their community and beyond through support and aid.



Winton.lionsclubs@lionsclubsorg.nz



New Zealand LIONS Peace Poster entry
Created by 13-year-old Daranay Heng from Pukekohe. Daranay's artwork will now be sent to America for judging to all other countries' winning entries! For more information email Winton.lionsclubs@lionsclubsorg.nz

Winton Community Monthly Market

10.00am - 1.00pm
Saturday
15 March 2025

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Meldrum Street, Winton

Enquiries: Mary 236 8821

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