

## New Central Southland Hub established

Eighteen months after the first meeting of interested parties, a new sports hub has officially been established in Winton. The Central Southland Hub Incorporated's mission is: **"An innovative, sustainable hub that encourages and inspires our community to connect through sport and recreational opportunities."**

Active Southland initially brought together a group of interested community members to explore the idea of creating a local sports hub. Since then, a committed group has met regularly, developed a constitution, crafted a mission statement, and appointed four independent Board Members: Colin Smith, Sarah Illsley, Warren Bryant, and Sophie Erwood.

On 1 April 2025, the inaugural AGM of Central Southland Hub Incorporated was held. At this meeting, three additional Board Members were elected by the founding hub members — Winton Cricket Club Inc, Winton Football Club Inc, Midlands Rugby, Central Rugby League Inc, Central Southland Swimming, and Central Southland College. The newly elected Board Members are Aaron McDowell, Tere Webb, and Grant Campbell. They are joined by two student representatives from Central Southland College, Jorja Marshall and Jamie Yall. The Hub is proud to also partner with Touch Southland, Southland District Council, and Active Southland.

While the Hub's initial focus is on supporting its founding members, it is eager to expand and welcomes other clubs or recreational groups interested in joining. If your club or organisation would like to find out more, please contact one of the Board Members — they would be happy to visit and speak with your group.

A key topic raised at the AGM was the recent changes to the Incorporated Societies Act. To support the wider community, the Hub has arranged for Denise Lormans from Community Law to host an information session in Winton. All clubs and organisations in Central Southland that are incorporated societies — or are considering becoming one — are invited to attend.

**When:** 28 May 2025, 6.30pm

**Location:** Southern REAP Building, Winton

**Colin Smith**

**Chair - Central Southland Hub Inc**

**027 2297281**

**[colinjhsmith@gmail.com](mailto:colinjhsmith@gmail.com)**

## Clear skies for Winton ANZAC service



*Inge deKruif, CSC Head students (one obscured), RSA President Steve Geary and reading the Ode, Clare Montgomery.*

While we may not know what the weather was like on 25th April, 1915, when the ANZAC troops landed on the beach at Gallipoli; on Friday the 25th April 2025 at 7am it was a beautiful, clear, windless morning; perfect for the hundreds of locals who gathered at Winton's ANZAC Oval to acknowledge those who gave their lives in war.

Looking towards the old post office, with the trees gone, it seemed so much lighter than normal and made the ANZAC Oval such a special place to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice.

The Winton RSA would like to thank all those involved to make this day of remembrance so special. Special thanks to Inge deKruif for the prayer, the Central Southland College students for reading the tributes, Lee Newcombe for the playing the Last Post and Reveille, Charlotte Zeestraten for her recording of Amazing Grace, and Clare Montgomery for reading the Ode. Numnut Audio who always do an amazing job of the sound, Duncan McGregor and helpers for the gun, and although we forgot the Lament, for which we apologise, we would like to thank the young piper for showing up. Finally to the people of Winton and surrounding districts thank you, it was great to see such a large crowd in attendance. Also for your generous donations on Poppy Day.

**Trevor Cochran**

**Secretary Winton RSA**



## Central Southland Emergency Helipad Project – a community effort

The Central Southland Emergency Helipad Project Committee extends its heartfelt thanks to the contractors who are currently supporting the helipad build – your time, skill, and dedication are truly appreciated. We also offer a sincere thank you to those who generously offered their assistance.

Whether your support has been taken up or not, your willingness to contribute has been instrumental in advancing our mission to enhance emergency services for our community.

Thanks to this collective effort, we are well on the way to establishing a vital resource that will save lives and support the ongoing safety and well-being of our residents for years to come.

**Central Southland Emergency Helipad Committee**



## Winton engineering firm helps historic locomotive find new life in Lumsden



**The A team. From left, Brad Jenkins (Bulleid Engineering), Chris Beckett and Brent Service (Smith Crane & Construction), John Titter (Lumsden Heritage Trust), Kerry Baldey (Bulleid Engineering) and Wayne Tuffley (Southland Machine Hire).**



A piece of New Zealand's railway history has come back to life, thanks in part to expert craftsmanship right here in Winton.

On Tuesday, April 15, an 1880s steam locomotive, D6, was dramatically craned into its new home at the Lumsden Railway Precinct, completing a 12-year heritage project by the Lumsden Heritage Trust. The locomotive, which had sat in storage for nearly 60 years, was lovingly refurbished over the past three years by Winton's own Bulleid Engineering.

The operation was a true community effort involving local businesses, including Bulleid Engineering, Smith Crane & Construction, Southland Machine Hire, and the Titter family. To make way for D6, a 1948 diesel engine was lifted and repositioned, with part of the shed roof removed and reassembled in a single day.

D6 now leads a unique display of pre-1900 carriages and rolling stock in Lumsden. Built in Glasgow in 1880 and retired from service in 1917, the locomotive has deep roots in Southland rail history.

The Lumsden Heritage Trust's efforts have earned national recognition, including multiple awards for restoration and innovation.

**<< Kerry Baldey, of Bulleid Engineering, who did much of the restoration work on D6.**



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## New Winton business in full bloom

Hi, I'm Renee Curtin, the heart behind Bloom Gallery + Gift. My journey to creating this vibrant space has been shaped by my love of art, design, and a lifelong passion for business.

For years, I poured my energy into running successful businesses that brought joy and connection to the community.

After stepping away from one of these businesses, I knew I needed a new creative challenge - one that combined my entrepreneurial spirit with my love for art. When the opportunity arose to open a space on Winton's Great North Road, it felt like the perfect next step. Bloom Gallery + Gift was born from this moment of inspiration - a desire to create something truly special for Southland.

Our Gallery celebrates creativity and connection, showcasing local, New Zealand, and a few Australian artists alongside carefully curated gifts. It's a space where stories are told through art and memories are made through thoughtful giving.

I've always believed in embracing opportunities when they arise, and Bloom is my way of sharing beauty, joy, and inspiration with the community I know and love.

At Bloom Gallery + Gift, you'll discover something special for every taste and budget - from timeless artworks to affordable treasures. Our vision? To create a space where creativity meets thoughtful gifting, offering a beautiful blend of art and design in the heart of Southland. In the Heart of Southland

Visit us at 286 Great North Road, Winton. Immerse yourself in the beauty of art and thoughtful gifting. Or, get in touch with us to find out more - we're always happy to help!

### Opening Hours:

Tuesday - Friday: 10.30am - 4pm

Saturday: 10.30am - 2pm

Sunday/Monday: Closed.



## Where Business Blooms

### Join us for the next WBA meeting

The next Winton Business Association meeting will be held on

**Tuesday 13 May at 5.30pm.**

Come along for a drink and a browse at this wonderful new business in Winton, BLOOM GALLERY + GIFT, situated near Subway on Great North Road. It will be a quick meeting with representatives from the

Ōreti Community Board attending and a chance to talk with the owner of the newest business in town.



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## Winton designer sale doubles in size

The Duck Shooting Widows' Designer Clothing Sale is back again this year - bigger and better than ever before.

The popular Winton designer new and pre-loved clothing sale has doubled in size this year, extending over two days to include Friday and Saturday of duck shooting weekend.

Coordinator and fashion stylist Mary Witsey said there'd been such demand last year that they decided to extend the bargains over two days.

"Last year we had ladies coming from Queenstown, Gore, Dunedin and Invercargill - the interest was amazing. We're always thrilled at the support that we get, but some ladies couldn't make it on the day and asked if we could extend the sale - so this year we have."

"We've also moved to a new venue - the Winton RSA Hall, beside the Winton bakery. This gives our ladies more room and better parking."

"We've got some absolutely gorgeous designer fashion available year, with sizes from 8 to 18, and including labels like Nom\*D, Trelise Cooper, Taylor, Repertoire, Moochi and Nyne. We also have a fabulous designer hamper, valued at \$150 to be won, with every purchase putting lucky ladies into the draw to win."

"We're loving offering this fabulous sale to our Southland ladies, giving the girls something to look forward to at duck shooting weekend, while the boys are being boys - and it brings lots of people into Winton to enjoy our town at this time of year. As always we make a cash donation to a local charity, based on our sales, and any unsold items are donated to Hospice Southland."

**What:** Duck Shooting Widows' Designer Clothing Sale

**When:** Friday 2 May - Saturday 3 May (10am- 3pm)

**Where:** Winton RSA Hall - 186 Great North Road.

**How:** Eftpos available



*Winton fashion stylist Mary Witsey looking at the fabulous fashion available at this year's Duck Shooting Widows Designer Clothing Sale*

The Mid Oreti Catchment Group bring you.....

## SEED COLLECTING WORKSHOP

TUESDAY THE 6<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2-6PM

AB LIME NURSERY - END OF BEND ROAD, WINTON

**From 2-4pm** - Join the team from AB Lime and head to their remnant native bush block Motu Ngahere. The AB Lime crew will take you on a short loop track through the forest to identify species and tips and tricks on growing them yourselves.

**From 4-6pm** - After collecting seeds head back to the AB Lime nursery for a workshop on how to prep and sow the seeds. Feel free to come and go as it suits from 4-6pm. All ages welcome

**TRANSPORT PROVIDED BUT HELPFUL & APPRECIATED  
IF SOME COULD BRING A 4WD TO ASSIST**



## Incorporated Societies Info Session

The Central Southland Hub Inc extends an invitation to any club or organisation in the Central Southland area to come and listen to a presentation from Denise Lormans (Community Law) on Incorporated Societies.

28th May, 6.30pm at the Southern Reap building, Winton.



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### ŌRETI COMMUNITY BOARD

The Ōreti Community Board will hold a meeting on Monday 16 June at 6pm in the Wallacetown Community Centre, 57 Dunlop Street, Wallacetown.. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

### WINTON GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting is on Tuesday 13th May, at 7.30pm in the Anglican Church Hall. 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.

### WINTON COMMUNITY SUPPORT COMMITTEE AGM

The AGM of the Winton Community Support Committee for the Community Worker will be held on Thursday 22nd May at 5.30pm in the Maternity Rooms. All welcome to attend. We are always looking for new members for our committee.

Virginia Cochran  
Secretary

## WINTON COMMUNITY MARKET

**10AM - 1PM SATURDAY 17 MAY**

Presbyterian Church, Meldrum St, Winton

Enquiries to Mary: 236 8821

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**DRUMMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL PTN PRESENTS**

# House & Mai Mai Tour

**TICKET \$30**

**10am-3pm, Sunday 18th May 2025**  
**Meet back at the Drummond Pub 3.30pm for raffle draw**

**(Raffles and Food Options will be available to purchase on tours)**

**Tickets available at Drummond Primary School or Online following this link: [Tickets Home & Mai Mai Tour](#)**

**Any questions please email [ptnedrummond.school.nz](mailto:ptnedrummond.school.nz)**

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, 8 May at 12.00 noon**

RSVP to Kathleen 236 0250 or Jenny 236 0884

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## Essential contact numbers

**Winton Community Support worker**  
Louise 236 9934 or [wcsu@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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](mailto:lossandgriefcentre@gmail.com) to book.

## 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.

## The next edition of the Winton Newsletter will be out on the 1st of June.

The closing deadline for articles and advertising is 20 May. Business advertising is available: for \$35 for a 45x90mm or \$50 for a \$90x90mm space.  
Queries or info can be emailed to [winton.nz@outlook.com](mailto:winton.nz@outlook.com)

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## Central Rugby League

# Annual General Meeting

7 May 2025  
6:30PM

Winton Salvation Army

Central Rugby League is turning one!

Join us for our AGM. We'd love to see some new faces as we have committee members moving on.

Applications for committee roles can be found using the link attached!

If the link is not working, or not attached, please email the club and we can send you an application.

[centralrugbyleague@gmail.com](mailto:centralrugbyleague@gmail.com)

(Applications due 23rd April 6:30pm)



## Central Rugby League turns one!

The Central Rugby League AGM will be held Wednesday the 7th of May, 6:30pm at the Winton Salvation Army. Within the last year Rugby League has grown in Southland, and Central Rugby League has supported and fielded two junior teams and a senior men's team as rural competition. We are looking for people passionate about Rugby League to help continue our club's trajectory and expansion. All are welcome - we encourage anyone with ideas or an interest in the club to come along.

## 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.**

