

Winton firefighters reach new heights at the Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge

Eight members of the Winton brigade have spent the last few months training to participate in the Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge. The physical aspect of the challenge is to climb from the Auckland Sky Tower from the basement to the viewing platform, a total of 1103 stairs, 51 flights and 328 vertical metres. In addition to this they were wearing full firefighting kit including breathing apparatus weighing a total of 25kg.

The goal of the Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge is not only to make it to the Sky Tower viewing platform, but to raise funds for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand. The idea is that although walking the height of the Sky Tower in full firefighting kit is very challenging, this is nothing compared to what those dealing with cancer have to face each and every day. Over the last few months you no doubt have seen our team members sitting outside Winton New World selling firewood raffle tickets and accepting donations.

A few weeks ago we also hosted a Winton Businesses quiz night at our fire station. With the outstanding support of our Central Southland community our brigade raised just over \$14000 out of a national total that currently stands at \$1.9 million. We are exceptionally proud that not only do we roll the fire trucks out when the community needs us, but we also give back when the opportunity arises.

Although fundraising is the main focus, we always get asked how the climb went. Opinions from our team members always vary from 'bloody hard' to 'bloody brilliant' and everything in between, including expletives describing the difficulty and questioning our sanity. We are thrilled to share that in the teams event (top three combined times from each brigade) we placed 7th out of 95 teams, with only one team ahead of us being a volunteer station.

Finally, many thanks to all the people, both individuals and businesses that continue to support the Winton Volunteer Fire Brigade Sky Tower team. We couldn't do this without you and we look forward to getting stuck in again for the 2026 Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge.

Scott Glover
Chief Fire Officer
Winton Fire Brigade



Winton Fire Brigade members at the Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge in Auckland.

Glenys Dickson Awarded Life Membership of Southern REAP

At its recent Annual General Meeting, the Southern Rural Education Activities Programme (Southern REAP) Charitable Trust awarded Life Membership to long-serving Board Chair, Glenys Dickson. The honour recognises Ms Dickson's outstanding commitment to education and community development across rural regions in the South.

Over 18 years, her leadership, vision, and unwavering support have played a significant role in strengthening the organisation's reach and impact.

Southern REAP acknowledged her contributions with deep appreciation, noting the meaningful and lasting difference she has made in the lives of countless individuals and communities.

"Glenys has been a steadfast advocate for rural education. Her dedication has helped shape the work we do, and we are incredibly proud to welcome her as a lifelong member of the Southern REAP whānau," said Dawn Brocks – CEO of Southern REAP.

This Life Membership marks a special moment, acknowledging a leader whose legacy continues to inspire and guide others in the pursuit of educational excellence and community wellbeing.



FMG Young Farmer of the Year Grand Final coming to town!

The FMG Young Farmer of the Year Grand Final is heading south. From July 3rd - 5th, finalists from across New Zealand and the nation's top young farmers will be put to the test in a series of challenges that showcase the skill, knowledge, and passion it takes to succeed in modern farming.

The action will be in Winton on Friday 4th July, with the practical day being held at the Winton Racecourse. The contestants will take on hands-on farming challenges in an action-packed day of skill and excitement. This day is free entry – everyone's welcome! The iconic evening show will be held Saturday night in Invercargill. There will also be 14 Junior Young Farmer teams and 21 Agri Kids teams from across New Zealand.

Shop front competition

Organisers are encouraging local businesses to help celebrate by giving local shopfronts a makeover. Think green, think agriculture and get creative! Displays need to be up between 8 June and 22 June 2025.

Check out www.youngfarmers.co.nz for more info.



The senior competitors set to take part in the upcoming FMG Young Farmer of the Year grand final.

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This year's duck shooting opening saw Police staff out in the field with Fish and Game rangers checking firearms compliance across several ponds in the Central Southland area. I am pleased to report that no criminal offences were detected, and intoxication levels were low with most hunters heeding the call to put the guns away when the beers come out. There was one gun seized from an unlicensed hunter by Fish and Game and they will pursue this matter.

It's that time of year again when we wake up to everything covered in frost and whilst that normally means a clear day ahead it also means a frosted windscreen on the car. Every year we see the drivers who can't wait or be bothered defrosting the windscreen before they drive, and they are peering through a small hole they have scratched in the frost. We have all done it but it's dangerous and is an offence to drive with an obscured windscreen - a \$150 fine. They might not be able to see but they are very easy for the troops to pick up and stop, so if heading out please defrost the screen first. It's also a timely reminder to check lights and tyres as we prepare for winter driving conditions.

Still on a driving note we have been stopping a few local farmers using tractors towing large trailers to move bailage from farm to farm. Our issue is they are not tying the bailage on sufficiently - each bale must have a stop securing it. With bales weighing several hundred kilos they can do significant damage to a passing car and there is a rather hefty \$600 fine for insecure loading. As always, I would rather educate than enforce but our commercial vehicle team may take a firmer stance, so you have been warned.

You may have seen in the media about a protest drone shot down during duck shooting and we have had much debate about the legalities of such an act. Every year we get similar reports of activists flying drones checking cows grazing crop.

The law around flying drones is very clear, it cannot be done over private land or dwellings without the owner's consent and as such would be a breach of civil aviation law.

Any trespass or suspicious behaviour is a Police matter so please call us via 111 at the time rather than you take your own action that could get you into trouble.

Until next time, keep safe.

Snr Sgt Peter Graham
Western Southland Police

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



- 11, 16, 18, 23 JUNE
- 5pm - 7pm
- Southern REAP, 224 Great North Road



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

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, 12 June at 12.00 noon

RSVP to Kathleen 236 0250 or Jenny 236 0884

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Mid Oreti Catchment Group

Free Native Plants for Central Southland Schools & Community Projects

Do you have a community or school planting project in mind which is located in the Mid Oreti area?

The Mid Oreti Catchment Group has 300 native plants left from their pool of 500 to gift & share between local projects in our area for 2025!

We can even come and give you a hand planting & talk about the plants and why your project is so great!



MESSAGE "MID ORETI CATCHMENT GROUP"
ON FACEBOOK OR CALL 020 4113 2212!

Discount Native Plants for Mid Oreti Catchment Group Area Landowners

Do you have an area you wish to plant out in natives? Whether to increase biodiversity, attract more birds, plant a riparian strip or establish a wetland?

The Mid Oreti Catchment Group still has over 500 native plants left to sell in 2025, at \$1.25 a plant in 40 or 80 plant lots to go toward projects in the Mid Oreti Catchment Group Area

100% of the \$1.25 per plant goes back into the project to help locals propagate more natives for future local projects!

COME ALONG TO WINTON NCEA 4 U

01 LEARN FOR FREE

Would you like to gain qualifications? Southern REAP offers options for parents, caregivers and others to study in a relaxed environment allowing you to obtain Level 1, 2 or 3 NCEA credits.

02 SUBJECTS

There is a wide range of subjects to choose from, e.g. English, Primary Production (Agriculture / Horticulture), Accounting, Legal Studies, Digital Technology, Business, Art, History, Mathematics & Statistics and many more.

03 FREE CHILDCARE

We have the option of providing free childcare for pre-schoolers.



Runs during School Terms on:
Monday & Tuesdays:
9.30am - 11.30am



Southern REAP
224 Great North Road,
WINTON



Contact Southern REAP (Rural Education)
on info@reap.co.nz or freephone: 0800 111 117

Community Trust South Winton Community Funding Visit Wednesday 4 June

Meet Grants Manager Dianne Williams to discuss what Community Trust South funding support might be available for your community group or project. Book your catch up by email info@communitytrustsouth.nz or phone 0800 500 185

Please join us for a
WINTER
Dance and Auction
JULY 19 6:30 PM
A DIPTON SCHOOL FUNDRAISER, 2025
@ Dipton Memorial Hall

6.30pm: Drinks and Nibbles
7.30pm: Auction Starts
8.30pm: Band Starts - The Yardmen

BYO Drinks
Supper provided
Courtesy vans
Bring cash for raffles at the door
Formal/Tidy dress

\$50 PER PERSON
LIMITED TICKETS
NO DOOR SALES

For tickets, contact Dipton School
office@dipton.school.nz / 032485208; or Tracey
McIlwrick on 0274609027

MID ORETI CATCHMENT GROUP Mini Forest Movement Nursery Open Evenings

First Tuesday of every month for 2025!
4-6pm - AB Lime Nursery at the end of Bend Road, Winton.
Come along and help propagate more native plants for more
mini forests for your catchment and community
Anyone and any age welcome!



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UPCOMING MEETINGS & GROUP NOTICES

WINTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The next Winton Business Association meeting will be held on Tuesday July 15, at 5.30pm, in the Top Pub dining room (behind the main bar).

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 10th June, at 7pm in the Anglican Church Hall. Garden quiz night. 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.

WINTON WALK GROUP

The next walk is on June 5th. More information is available at the library.

QUIZ TIME!

ST THOMAS'S CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 25 June

Middle Pub

Teams of four \$20

Raffles

CANCER SOCIETY QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 2 July

Middle Pub

Teams of four \$20

Raffles

CENTRAL SOUTHLAND COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

Wednesdays - 16, 23 and 30 July

Middle Pub

Teams of four \$20

Raffles

Winton

Community Monthly Market

10.00am - 1.00pm
Saturday - 21 June 2025

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Meldrum Street, Winton

Enquiries: Mary 236 8821

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WINTON COMMUNITY MONTHLY MARKET*

CENTRAL SOUTHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WARMLY INVITES YOU.....

WOMENS RETREAT

OUR GUEST SPEAKER IS KAYLENE SUBRITSKY FROM AUCKLAND. SHE IS THE WIFE OF THE LATE BILL AND CONTINUES TO LEAD BILL'S MINISTRY, DOVE MINISTRIES. KAYLENE IS A REMARKABLE WOMAN WHO EMANATES THE LOVE OF JESUS AND IS AN OUTSTANDING SPEAKER. WE ARE TRULY HONOURED TO WELCOME HER TO WINTON.



JESUS LOVES

9AM REGISTRATION - 9.30AM 1ST SESSION

7 JUNE 2025 | **09:00AM**
04.00PM

CENTRAL SOUTHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL MELDRUM STREET WINTON

\$40 PER PERSON INCLUDES LUNCH
TO REGISTER EMAIL: CSPOFFICE@XTRACO.NZ

BANK DETAILS: CENTRAL SOUTHLAND PRESBYTERIAN PARISH 02 0957 0070902 000
please put name in REFERENCE Contact: Sharon Hillis 0276283468

There will be a book stall

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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 Ken Galt 027 454 9119

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
Salvation Army 022 011 7084

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

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Church Services

New Horizon Church
Meeting at the Winton Salvation Army,
7 Dejoux 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 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.

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

The closing deadline for articles and advertising is 20 June. 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

15 - 21 JUNE
#NVW 2025



I am a Lion
I am a Volunteer

Just a Little reminder so you'll know,
We appreciate all the Winton volunteers
Who helps our community grow.

National Volunteer Week

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.



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WILD ART - DEEP FAITH



Something new! Would you like to have fun doing some art and learning how to apply biblical scripture?

Who is this for? Come along if you are:

- Terrified beginners - you don't have to be artistic! It's not about creating perfect art.
- Experienced with art? - come and see how to put your artistic knowledge in the service of your faith and go deeper with God.

- All denominations, church goer or not, all welcome. Come and learn to explore your spiritual journey and trust God will reveal himself to you.

Please let other people know you think may enjoy this fellowship.

WHERE: Presbyterian Church Lounge

WHEN: Wednesday, 4 June at 2.00pm

COST: First one free

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL: For Equipment Supplies

Phone Barbara Stirling 027 492 2015 or 03 236 0758 (by 28 May)

