

## Predator Free Ivy Russell – a community collaboration

A group of passionate locals - the Stewards of Ivy Russell Reserve – alongside students and teachers from Central Southland College are taking on an ambitious and exciting project to make the Ivy Russell Reserve predator free by 2050.

The initiative, spearheaded by Southland District Councillor Margie Ruddenklau, is driven by a spirit of collaboration, with many dedicated volunteers contributing their time and skills. Central Southland College has taken a lead role. Year 10 Technology students have designed and built high-quality traps, while students working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award are deploying them throughout the reserve. Alongside chew cards, the traps are monitored weekly - giving students real-world experience in conservation and data collection.

The project is also inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards. Winton Kindergarten's Taiao Tuhura – Nurtured by Nature roopu (group) of the eldest 10 tamariki, and Weka Preschool, both visit the reserve weekly, actively engaging with the project and discussing the importance of a predator-free future.

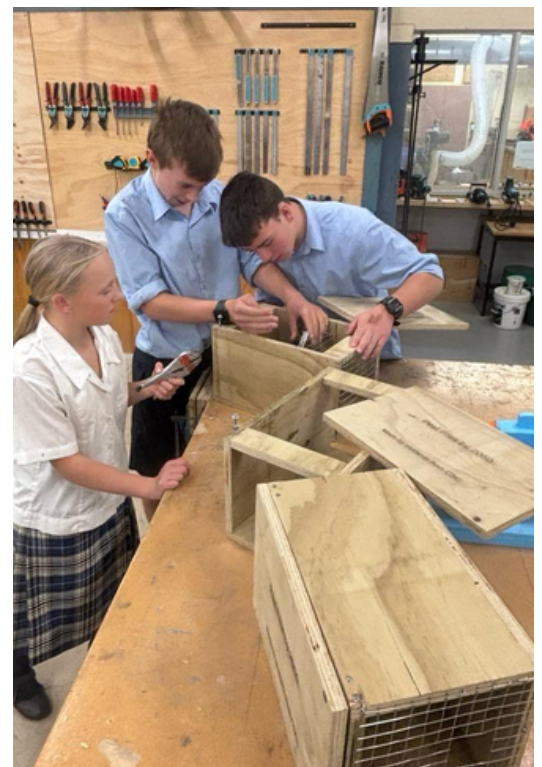
Their involvement shows how the project is nurturing environmental awareness across all age groups.

A Garden Bird Survey took place in the final week of June, adding another layer of ecological insight and educational value to the initiative.

Environmental educator Catriona Gower from Environment Southland has played a key role, bringing valuable knowledge, guidance, and resources that have helped shape the project into a rich, hands-on learning opportunity.

The Winton Rotary Club have also been an immense support, acting as the umbrella organisation to apply for funding for the project through Environment Southland's Environmental Enhancement Fund.

The Predator Free Ivy Russell 2050 project is a shining example of what can be achieved when community, education, and environmental care come together to make a meaningful, lasting difference.



***Students from Central Southland College building and setting traps for the Ivy Russell Reserve.***



## Young Einstein Quiz brings bright minds to Winton

Close to 150 bright young primary school pupils descended on Winton School in June for the annual Young Einstein Quiz Challenge.

The popular event attracted 36 teams representing 14 schools, mostly from Central and Western Southland, along with Half Moon Bay School from Rakiura/Stewart Island.

Teams were split into Year 5 and 6, and Year 7 and 8, and faced plenty of challenging questions from quiz master and Winton School principal Steve Wadsworth, across rounds including general knowledge, entertainment, sport, New Zealand, name the face, science and nature, current events and a popular music round.

While all teams put in a solid effort, the Year 5 and 6 section was won by the St Thomas Titans and the Year 7 and 8 section was won by the Half Moon Bay Islandsteins.

The event, which has been running since 2014, is sponsored by Winton Paper Plus who provide a \$50 voucher for each winning team, and is supported by Shirley Pratt from REAP who organises registrations and helps mark on the day.



## FORKLIFT (OSH) & 'F' ENDORSEMENT

### FORKLIFT CERTIFICATE (OSH):

Will enable you to operate a forklift within your workplace.

**Course cost: \$180**

### FORKLIFT CERTIFICATE (OSH) + 'F' ENDORSEMENT:

Will enable you to operate a forklift within your workplace and on the road. To gain this the learner must hold a Full Class 1 licence. **Course cost: \$240 + \$62.10 to be paid at Licensing agent**

*Class will start at 8am with learning for Forklift certificate (OSH) running till 3.30pm. Those wishing to gain 'F' endorsement will stay on for an extra 30 mins of learning. All will break for lunch and then move to Winton Mitre 10 for the practical component.*

*Kindly supported by Winton Mitre 10*

● **Tuesday 22 JULY**

● Southern REAP, 224 Great North Road



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

## Young Farmers come to Winton

Winton Racecourse is set to host the practical day of the FMG Young Farmer of the Year Grand Final.

On Friday 4 July, spectators can head out to the racecourse to see contestants take on hands-on farming challenges in an action-packed day of skill and excitement. With free entry, spectators can explore the event, visit the sponsor hub and enjoy the atmosphere.

### Event timetable:

7:30AM: Practical Day starts

8:15AM: FMG Junior starts

8:50AM: AgriKidsNZ starts

10:30AM: Head-to-Head

1PM: Agri-Sports Challenge

3:15PM: Practical Day concludes

There are a range of other exciting events from 3 July to 5 July, all in Southland. For information visit [www.youngfarmers.co.nz](http://www.youngfarmers.co.nz)

## Local Police update



Recently Southland Police have noticed a rise in the number of motorists apprehended for drink driving while travelling home from adult winter sports.

Although rugby, in particular, is heading into the business end of the senior club season please look after your teammates and make plans for how you intend to travel home after celebrating a win (or commiserating a loss). Police plan to increase their presence to try and deter this trend.

Speaking of driving in winter, recently we had a cold snap with multiple weather warnings broadcast on tv, radio and other forms of media. Unfortunately, some southern motorists still ended up crashing in icy conditions. Please adjust your speed and driving to suit the conditions.

Winton Police were alarmed to apprehend a motorist travelling at 188 kilometres per hour on State Highway 6 in the same icy conditions.

This could have had fatal consequences for not only the driver and his passengers but also other innocent road users.

Earlier this year Senior Sergeant Peter Graham highlighted issues of hunters entering private property, forestry blocks or Department of Conservation land to hunt without permission.

This continues to be a common problem and has resulted in offenders being trespassed, prosecuted and / or having their suitability to retain their firearms licence reviewed. Please seek permission before entering land.

**Chris Maguire**  
**Acting Senior Sergeant**  
**Western Southland Police**

## Winton walk group celebrates 25 years



The Winton Walk Group celebrated 25 years on Thursday 19 June. After a group of keen walkers took a walk in the Browns area, the group enjoyed lunch and a get together in the Top Pub Garden Bar. Four of the original members were on hand to cut the cake. Pictured from left are Shirley Springford, Gill Woods, Ellen Ballantyne, and Phyllis Wilson.







*Paula and Linda at Bayleys Winton*

## Bayley's Boot Drive

In partnership with the Highlanders rugby team, Bayley's Lower South Island group is running a boot drive.

This community initiative is running across Otago and Southland and aims to support young rugby players and their families across the lower South by providing them with much-needed rugby boots for the upcoming season.

We are looking for any outgrown, unused or retired rugby boots. The Bayleys Boot Drive will be running throughout the whole season, this is a fantastic way for our community to come together and support the next generation of rugby players.

Boots can be dropped off to 236 Great North Road.

## Stand for Southland – Vote for Southland

It's decision time for all of us this October when the 2025 local government elections are held. For some, there's an important decision to make beforehand – will you stand as a candidate for Southland District Council?

A Mayor, 12 ward councillors and 56 community board members will be elected to represent Southlanders on 11 October 2025. You CAN make a difference by taking on one of these rewarding positions where you will make decisions to strengthen local communities and ultimately shape the future of our district.

This is your next opportunity to stand up for Southland. It's a time of change and we need diverse decision makers with a broad range of skills and experience. If you tick the right boxes, stand as a candidate so someone can tick yours.






### Ready to take the next step?

Visit [www.southlanddc.govt.nz/elections](http://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/elections) for everything you need to know about standing for election in the Southland district.

### Thinking of voting, not standing?

Make sure you're enrolled and your details are up to date. Visit [www.vote.nz](http://www.vote.nz) or call 0800 36 76 56.

## Key Dates – 2025 Southland District elections

-  4 July – Nominations officially open
-  15 July – Candidate information evening, Otautau, 6pm, SDC office, 176 Main Street
-  16 July – Candidate information evening Lumsden, 6pm, Lumsden Hall, 9 Meadow Street
-  1 August – Nominations close at midday
-  9 September – Voting packs mailed out
-  Voting begins
-  11 October – Election Day! Voting closes at midday; progress results released that afternoon
-  By 16 October – Official results released and advertised
-  By 15 December – Deadline for candidate campaign expense and donation declarations

**Southland's future starts with you.**



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS & 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 next meeting of the Ōreti Community Board is on Monday 18 August in the Winton Memorial Hall supper room, Meldrum Street, Winton, starting at 6pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

### WINTON GARDEN CLUB

The next event is the special mid-winter Christmas event. This is open to members only, but enquiries about the Garden Club 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.

## Let's Link!

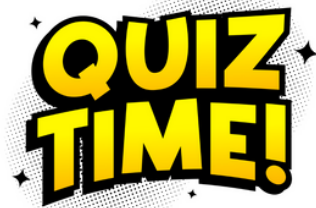
The Let's Link Committee is made up of volunteers from the churches and community support agencies of Winton who are passionate about our community.

We oversee the operation and distribution of the Winton Foodbank, which is supplied by donations from within the community.

Our Transport Service is coordinated by the Let's Link team to aid in ensuring independence for individuals so that they are able to access needed services.

The Odd Job Service is for those needing assistance with small maintenance tasks around their home and property.

If you would like assistance with any of these services, please contact us using the numbers listed in the Essential Contact section of this newsletter.



Get your teams together for these fantastic fundraising quiz nights, testing your knowledge and raising funds for some amazing causes!

### 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

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, 10 July 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 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](mailto:lossandgriefcentre@gmail.com) to book.

## 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 August.**

The closing deadline for articles and advertising is 20 July. 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)

## Noticeboard!

Year 2024-2025



- ✓ 60 years active in you're' Winton Community
- ✓ Supported big and small projects
- ✓ Secondary School education grant
- ✓ Meals on Wheels
- ✓ Support IHC-Southland with the golf tournament
- ✓ Toot for Tucker - with different organisation from Winton
- ✓ Clean - ANZAC gates
- ✓ Veggie Project - supported by Community support person Winton
- ✓ Marshalling
- ✓ Cleaned - Ivy Russell Reserve - Lions shelter
- ✓ BBQ tuck - all raised money is going back to the community
- ✓ Support Locals that attend national & international sport
- ✓ Support Global Lions projects "STOVES" for Ukraine to keep them warm.
- ✓ Support Lions Speechmaker competition for Secondary School Students
- ✓ Lions Project of the Year - Helipad for Winton and District

Get that good feeling - Helping others -  
Step out your comfort zone -  
Take on a leaders role- Join us

More info [winton.lionsclub@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:winton.lionsclub@lionsclubs.org.nz)

## 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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