

Fundraiser supports big ambitions for local para-skier

A fundraising quiz and auction has raised more than \$20,000 to support local Bailey Unahi as she continues her quest to get to the Paralympics.

Bailey's legs were paralysed after a balcony collapse when she was just 19. Since then, she has gone on to achieve remarkable feats and she now has her sights set on representing New Zealand at the next Winter Paralympics in paraskiing.

In July, friends and family came together to put on a quiz and auction to support her financially – and it was something the community embraced, with more than 240 people turning up.

More than \$20000 has been raised to support Bailey to head to Europe in a trip that will be critical to her attempt to qualify for the Paralympics.

Fundraiser co-organiser, and Bailey's cousin Brittney Johnston, said Bailey, along with her friends and family, were humbled by the support received.

"I personally want to thank the wider community for their help, love and support for our family," Brittney said. "From Bailey's Give a Little back in 2016, to the sponsors that helped her trip overseas in 2022, and now everyone coming out again to support – she is really feeling the support and love. We live in a very special place. Huge thank you to Central Southland College and St Thomas' School too."



Bailey Unahi with the winning quiz team, from Taumata Shearing, and below with fundraiser organiser Brittney Johnston, and nephews and niece



Helipad operational – a community effort

We are delighted to share that the new helipad has been operational since mid-June, providing an important boost to emergency response in our region.

This achievement reflects the generosity and support of many - from major funders to local groups and individuals who contributed in all sorts of ways, big and small. We are especially grateful to the dedicated committee who have quietly but determinedly driven this project from start to finish, ensuring everything stayed on track.

Final touches, including the installation of cameras, fencing and a windsock, are underway. A formal opening event is planned for September, when we look forward to acknowledging the collective effort that made the helipad a reality.

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in delivering this vital asset for our community.

Onwards and Upwards!
-The Central Southland Emergency Helipad Project Committee

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Winton Rotary Club Changeover Night

Winton Rotary Club had their annual changeover night on Monday 14th July at the Middle Pub.

The chains of office were handed over from President Trevor Cochran to President-Elect Peter Schmidt.

President Trevor Cochran said in his report that the club's activities had aligned nicely with the theme of Rotary for 2024-2025 "Spread Some Magic" – it had done just that across a range of activities over the past year.

The club had made donations to various organisations, including the Central Southland Swimming Pool for a new clock and painting of the pool, the Central Southland Helipad, wool for the knitters for new babies, CSC road safety education, Weka Preschool Matariki and had also supported CSC students with donations for a history trip to Waitangi, the Spirit of Adventure and Spirit of New Zealand.

Club members had also helped collect for various causes including Hospice, Breast Cancer, Salvation Army Red Shield and Child Cancer.

The club had also organised the Christmas Carols in the ANZAC Oval event, and the Sew and Stitches fundraiser in the Hedgehope Church, ran a sausage sizzle on Winton Open Day, maintained the walking track and assisted with planting trees at Central Southland College. A busy year.

Looking ahead, a big challenge for the club is to increase membership.

In closing President Trevor Cochran wished President -Elect Pete Schmidt all the very best for his year.



100 Years of Golf
WINTON GOLF CLUB

Let's Celebrate

26th to 28th September 2025

Scan the QR code or find us on Facebook



Registrations
close Friday 15th
August 2025



Runner-up for local designer

Winton stylist Mary Witsey was named runner-up in the Winter Solstice section of the Hokonui Fashion Design Awards last month (July), recognised for her distinctive four-piece ensemble.

Her design featured a mesh layering top, sequin vest, quilted jacket, and a knit skirt overlaid with sheer fabric - an ensemble crafted with Southland's coldest season in mind. Mary said the design was inspired by the weather, and interplay between texture and function.

"I like the juxtaposition of the wool and sequins," she said. "It reflects the need for warmth in the South, while the sequins add a touch of winter glamour."

Mary's design philosophy centres on the balance between creativity and wearability.

"I enjoy creating garments that are visually interesting and edgy, but still predominantly wearable," she said. "I like to believe that my designs can move from the catwalk to the sidewalk - and that people can see themselves wearing them in everyday life."

This year marks Mary's third consecutive runner-up placing at the Hokonui Awards.

"I was delighted to be acknowledged again this year - it's such an honour, especially with so many outstanding designs from people across the country. And how lucky are we to have this nationally recognised event right here in Southland?"

Fashion and design remain Mary's passion, and she said she's excited to continue creating in the future. She also extended her congratulations to Viv Tamblin, who took out the Winter Solstice section, and she expressed gratitude to those who have supported her along the way.

"The incredible interest and encouragement that I receive from the Winton community really motivates me to keep designing. I appreciate that so much."



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



- 1, 3, 8, 10 SEPTEMBER ● 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

Winton's Ivy Russell Reserve lights up for Matariki celebrations

The annual Matariki Winton Lights Community Event once again lit up the Ivy Russell Reserve when it was held last month.

Led by the team at Weka Preschool and supported by a large range of other early childhood education providers and community organisations, the event gave the community a way to connect with each other and celebrate Matariki, with bright and creative lighting installations throughout the reserve.

Weka Preschool owner Rochelle Robins said this was the 10th year Weka had celebrated Matariki and the fifth year of putting on the well-supported and loved community event.

“Celebrating Matariki is an enduring tradition that speaks to our values, our kaupapa, and our whānau,” she said.

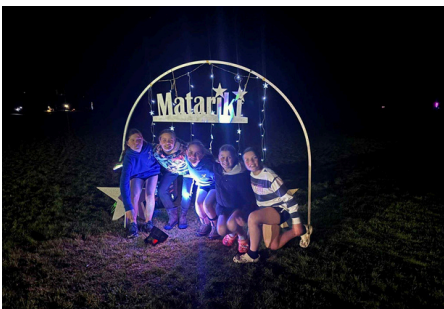
“Five years ago, we proudly opened this celebration to the wider community, welcoming other educational and community services into our space.

“Their contributions are what creates a connected community that sees togetherness as a valued celebration.”

“This has created a beautiful opportunity to share and uplift the voices of our tamariki through the designs, stories, and worlds they create in their play. We honour not only their creations, but the deep meaning behind them - imagination, creativity, connection, and joy.”

The event was supported by Weka Preschool, NumNut Audio, Weka Out of School Care and Recreation, Central Southland College, Winton Lions, Kids Pace Education, Winton Rotary, Winton's St John Youth Division and the Salvation Army.

Next year Weka will further extend the invitation to four volunteers that would like to donate their valuable time to help design/create and set up the reserve for the event - expressions of interest can be emailed to rochelle@wekapreschool.com.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS & NOTICES

WINTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AGM

The Winton Business Association AGM will be held on Tuesday 19 August at 5.30pm in the Top Pub dining room behind the main bar. Come along to meet and mingle, and hear from guest speaker Mayor Rob Scott. Colin Smith will present information on the Central Southland Sports Hub. All welcome to hear these interesting speakers. Please email numbers for catering. winton.nz@outlook.com

WINTON GARDEN CLUB

The Winton Garden Club AGM is on Tuesday 12th August at 7.30pm in the Anglican Church Hall. 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.

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.

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, 14 August at 12.00 noon

RSVP to Kathleen 236 0250 or Jenny 236 0884

FARMERS MEALS



Feeling busy, tired and hungry?

Come along and join us for a free wholesome meal in a friendly atmosphere

Wednesday Evenings

6th August - 17th September

Come anytime between 6.30 pm & 8.00 pm

No need to get changed but leave your gumboots at the door

Presbyterian Church Complex, 11 Meldrum Street, Winton

All farmers, staff and their families are most welcome



Winton

Community Monthly

Market

10.00am - 1.00pm

Saturday

16 August 2025

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Meldrum Street, Winton

Enquiries: Mary 236 8821

Follow us on our Facebook page
WINTON COMMUNITY MONTHLY MARKET

Essential contact numbers

Winton Community Support worker
Louise 236 9934 or wcsww@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.

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 September.

The closing deadline for articles and advertising is 20 August. 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

60 years of service recognised



Lions International Director Graeme Wilson, John Kidd, District Governor Elaine Scott, Michelle Thompson (daughter of John and Avys) and Avys Kidd

The Lions Club of Winton would like to congratulate Charter Member and Life Member John Kidd, on 60 years of service in the community of Winton.

Lion John has been honored with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the highest award in the club.

The award was presented by Lions International Director, Graeme Wilson.

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.

