

Winton Outlook

Shop local this Christmas:

A message from the Winton Business Association

As the festive season approaches, the Winton Business Association would like to encourage everyone in our community to shop local this Christmas.

Our town is home to an incredible range of businesses - from unique gift stores and talented makers to essential services, skilled tradespeople, and welcoming cafés. Every purchase made locally helps keep these businesses thriving, supports local jobs, and strengthens the heart of our community.

When you choose to shop in Winton, you're not just ticking off your Christmas list - you're investing in the people and families who make our town a vibrant and special place to live.

This Christmas, let's celebrate by giving back to the businesses that support us all year round. Whether it's a thoughtful gift, a festive treat, or a service you've been meaning to book, consider choosing local first.

From all of us at the Winton Business Association, we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a joyful, relaxing holiday season. Thank you for supporting our wonderful community - and each other.

Merry Christmas, Winton!



Toot for Tucker returns



What began as a simple idea in 2023 has quickly become one of Winton's favourite community traditions. Thanks to the kindness of so many people, the first two years of Toot for Tucker were a powerful display of local generosity.

On Tuesday 2 December at 7pm, the Winton Lions, emergency services, and close to 100 volunteers will take to the streets to collect non-perishable items for the Let's Link Winton Food Bank. Residents are encouraged to leave their donations out by 7pm and listen for sirens as the collection teams make their way through town.

Lions volunteer and St John paramedic Juon Schoen says: "It was just an idea in 2023, but thanks to so many kind, generous people our first years of Toot for Tucker were super successful. As emergency services it is an awesome way to connect with our community."

The Let's Link Foodbank is extremely grateful for the community's ongoing support, says Winton Community Worker Louise Faithful: "The Let's Link Winton Food Bank is so very grateful to the Winton community for their generosity in giving to our food bank. Toot for Tucker has been a game changer in stocking our food bank shelves in the last couple of years. Along with the New World Food For Families collection our shelves and storage cupboards will hopefully become stocked to last the year."

So mark the date, spread the word, and listen for the toots on Tuesday 2 December at 7pm - make sure this year's Toot for Tucker is another incredible night of giving and community spirit. Drop off points are also available at Farm Source and Winton Library during opening hours.

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155th Jubilee brings generations together at Winton School

Winton School celebrated its 155th Jubilee on the 7th and 8th of November, bringing together past and present students, staff, committee members, Board members and friends of the school.

Over the two days, attendees enjoyed a Mix and Mingle on Friday night, a Dinner and Dance on Saturday evening and a Family Fun Day on Saturday, which included school tours, displays, decade photos, food trucks, the burial of a time capsule and live entertainment.

A highlight of the weekend was the Jubilee cake cutting, carried out by our oldest ex-student (98 years old) and our youngest current student (5 years old).

The committee would like to thank everyone who attended and helped make the Jubilee such a memorable celebration of our school's history.

Photos from the weekend are available on Passion Photography's website and are free to download.



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WINTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CHALLENGE

Winton RSA Bowling Club
Thursday 11th December 2025, 6pm

Social evening – 16 teams of four
\$20 per team – cash bar available
(happy to combine businesses to make a team if needed)

To register your team

Phone Maria 027 2292891

or email maria@brentscammellhonda.co.nz

Don't want to bowl? Come join us for a social drink!

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NUMNUT AUDIO, Winton Rotary, & Creativity Plus Ltd

FREE Present a **Christmas** Carol Event

Sunday
14 Dec
7 - 8.30 pm
ANZAC OVAL
- WINTON

Santa will pop in for a visit
Local Performers
NO smoking, vaping
or alcohol event
BYO Chair/blanket

Winton A&P Show: 17 January 2026

The 111th Annual Winton A & P Show is being held on Saturday 17th January 2026 at the Winton Racecourse. It promises to be a great day out, with lots to see and do.

Our regular livestock competitions will feature beef and dairy cows, sheep, and equestrian events. Our petting zoo will be back with a wide range of animals to get up close to.

The Magic Guy will be entertaining everyone with two shows. The woodchoppers will be chopping all day long. The Civil Contractors will be hosting their Southland Excavator Operator Competition. They will also have some smaller diggers for people to try their hand at. Shearing and wool handling competitions will be running all day.

The XO Community Carnival will be happening again this year with free games and entertainment for the children. And of course, our home industries competitions for adult and children alike, who can make the best biscuits!

At 2pm we will hold the ever-popular dog race in front of the grandstand just prior to naming the Supreme Animal of the Show.

There will be plenty of food trucks to keep you going all day and 40+ trade site to check out.

For more information have a look at our website. www.wintonapshow.co.nz or call Diane 0211001082



The Magic Guy entertains the crowd at the 2025 Winton A&P Show



WINTON
Lions Club

**There are two things
we get everyday
when we wake up, a
chance and a choice.**



Winton Police update



What a month it has been! Southland has certainly felt the force of Mother Nature, with winds unlike anything many of us have experienced before.

It's remarkable that there was no loss of life, especially considering the close calls - people dodging falling trees and encountering downed powerlines. At one point, emergency services were managing over 1,800 reported incidents.

It was heartening to see our community come together, with neighbours checking in on each other and lending a hand where needed.

Unfortunately, we also saw the darker side of human behaviour, with generators stolen from critical infrastructure such as cell phone towers.

The widespread power and water outages were a timely reminder for all of us to maintain a basic emergency kit. The civil defence website provides guidance on what to include: <https://getready.govt.nz/prepared/>

Planning for the Alpine Fault (AF8)

Staying on the theme of preparedness, we've been reviewing plans for the overdue Alpine Fault rupture (AF8).

While modelling suggests Southland will fare better than other parts of the South Island, an earthquake exceeding magnitude 8 would still be devastating. Any planning you do now will pay dividends when the next major emergency occurs. For more information, visit the AF8 website: <https://af8.org.nz/>

Start with a simple family plan:

- Where will you meet if separated?
- How will you communicate without cell service or power?

Community Engagement

Congratulations to the Winton Business Association for hosting a successful open day.

Despite the weather, we had a great turnout at the Police site, with plenty of interest in the Police Dog and Armed Offenders Squad displays. Positive community interactions like these are invaluable—and who knows, we may have inspired a few future recruits!

Looking Ahead: The Silly Season

As Christmas and the holiday season approach, we often see otherwise law-abiding people making poor decisions—such as driving after a few drinks. If you're planning or attending a work function or Christmas party, make a plan in advance for how you and your guests will get home safely.

Remember:

- Alcohol paid for by the boss might taste better, but a court appearance and six months without a licence is not the gift you want this Christmas.
- Police will be increasing checkpoints and enforcement throughout the season.

Until next month, stay safe.

Senior Sergeant Peter Graham

Western Southland Response Manager



Beef+Lamb practical farm tour

Join Beef + Lamb for a practical farm tour at Bare Hill Farming (Nick and Alexis Wadworth), to see how smart tech and management software are being used in real time to track performance, manage feed, and support smarter, more profitable decision-making on a busy sheep and beef operation. Hear from Paul Ruddenklau and Russell Mackay and enjoy afternoon tea plus a BBQ sponsored by Halter. Please note 4WD is required.

Register here: <https://beeflambnz.com/events/blnz-southland-farming-profit-field-day-real-farms-real-tech-real-results>

New designs for Winton Chocolates



Last year's launch of Winton Chocolates was a surprise hit. What started as a farewell gift quickly became a local favourite, with boxes selling out and being sent to friends and family all over the world.

Thanks to your support, Winton Chocolates have become a sweet little slice of home.

This year two new designs have been added, each celebrating Winton's past in a different way.

Jenny Preston's 1990s Winton Artwork

This box features a nostalgic painting by local artist Jenny Preston, showing well-known Winton buildings and businesses from the 1990s — a colourful nod to the town many of us remember.

Historic Winton in the 1880s

The second design is a black-and-white montage of photographs from the 1880s, offering a rare look at Winton's early days and the people and stories that shaped the town.

These two new designs join our original box, giving you three options to choose from.

Whether you're gifting locally, sending around New Zealand, or posting overseas, each box shares a piece of Winton's history along with delicious, locally made chocolate.

All proceeds support Winton Area Promotions and future community projects.

Winton Chocolates retail for \$14–\$18 and are stocked by With Grace. For larger orders, please contact Brenda on 027 462 2123.



The Winton Harness Racing Club put in a massive effort to host a round of the World Driving Championship in November, with 10 of the world's best harness racing drivers taking to the track at Central Southland Raceway.

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, 11 December at 12.00 noon

RSVP to Kathleen 236 0250 or Jenny 236 0884

**CHURCHES OF WINTON
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

St Thomas Aquinas
Christmas Eve 8pm, Christmas Day 10:30am

Anglican Church
Christmas Eve 7pm

Salvation Army and New Horizon
Christmas Eve 7pm

Presbyterian Church
Christmas Day 9:30am

January Services
St Thomas Aquinas 10:30am
Anglican Church resumes February
Salvation Army 11am (no service January 4th)
Presbyterian Church 10am

What's on in Winton



Ōreti Community Board

The next meeting of the Ōreti Community Board is on Monday 15 December in the Winton Memorial Hall, Meldrum Street, Winton, starting at 5.30pm. All welcome.



Garage Sale

- 107 Great North Rd
- 8am-1pm
- 6 December
- A variety of household items

Classic Christmas

Recital and Men's Choir

Thursday, 11 December

2.00pm-2.45pm

Presbyterian Church
Meldrum Street, Winton



Professional pianist Selwyn Parker will play A Classical Xmas programme: timeless numbers from past and present that run from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite to White Christmas and Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire plus Carols from Men's Friendship Choir.

Everyone Welcome!

Gold Coin Donation Optional

Mid Oreti Mini Forest Project - nursery drop in session

- Tuesday 2nd December
- 4pm-6pm
- AB Lime Nursery
- 10 Bend Road, Winton

LIVE ALONE AFTERNOON TEA



Thursday, 8th January
2026 @ 2.30pm

Presbyterian Church
Hall, Winton

RSVP to Jenny 236-0884 or Kathleen 236-0250



Winton Community Monthly Market

10.00am – 1.00pm
Saturday
13 December 2025

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Meldrum Street, Winton
Enquiries: Mary 236 8821

Follow us on our Facebook page
WINTON COMMUNITY MONTHLY MARKET



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 Croquet Club

Give Croquet a try! It's fun, it's challenging and it's social!

Tuesday and Saturday from 1.30pm

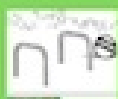
Call Carole Coveney Club Captain
0272316386

Or

Cheryl Pym Club Secretary
0272206655

For more information

Book a social event with us and give croquet a go!



CSC Home and School Association

SECOND HAND UNIFORM DRIVE



Drop Off Used Uniforms
1st - 2nd Dec from 3 - 5PM



Drop Offs & Sales
4th - 5th Dec from 1 - 3PM
8th - 12th Dec from 3 - 5PM



Located in the CSC Hall



Items must be in tidy condition and blazers & kilts drycleaned

Pricing

- Polo Shirts: Buy \$5 | Sell \$10
- Shirts/Blouses: Buy \$5 | Sell \$10
- Blazers: Buy \$90 | Sell \$120
- Jersey: Buy \$30 | Sell \$50
- Vest: Buy \$20 | Sell \$30
- Kilt: Buy \$80 | Sell \$110
- Trousers: Buy \$25 | Sell \$35
- Shorts: Buy \$10 | Sell \$15
- Skirt: Buy \$25 | Sell \$35
- Tie: Buy \$5 | Sell \$10

Profits from sales go to supporting the Home and School Association. Uniform donations are appreciated



Queries, please contact:
homeandschool@csc.school.nz

Winton Open Day 2025

Winton Open Day was another fantastic day out and showcase of community spirit, with all ages coming out to enjoy the day. Photos taken by Tracy Sutton of Passion Photography can be downloaded free from the website: www.passionphotography.co.nz.



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Essential contact numbers

Winton Community Support worker
Louise 236 9934 or wcs@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
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Newsletter will be out on
the 1st of February, 2026.**

The closing deadline for articles and advertising is 20 January. 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

Seniors' Gentle Exercises

Gentle exercises to improve balance and help keep moving.

Wednesdays & Thursdays
10am-11am

Anglican Church Hall,
Meldrum St - beside the Anglican Church

\$7 per class

Contact:

Glenda - 027 429 6703



In aid of Hospice Southland

Colin Hendry presents

FRIENDS IN CONCERT

Soprano:	Jeff Walker
Jessica Thomson	Malcolm Williams
Neve Templeton	
Liam Templeton	
Alto:	Bass:
Karen Williams	Kelvin Templeton
Gill Hendry	Deacon Kynan-Wilde
	Ewan Adam
Piano: Colin Hendry	

WINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025
2:30 pm