

Winton Outlook

Excitement building for new community pump track in Winton

There's a real sense of excitement building in Winton as the new community pump track on Lowe Field, opposite Winton School, moves closer to completion.

Contractors Ryal Bush have nearly finished the base work, with Queenstown specialists Elevate Trails set to complete the final shaping of the track before it is sealed with asphalt. Once the riding surface is in place, grass will be sown, paths created and plantings added to enhance the area.

Fencing, signage, rubbish bins and a storage container for bikes and helmets are also part of the project. If all goes to plan, the track is expected to be finished by the end of February, with a grand opening celebration to follow.

A Winton School Pump Track Committee has coordinated the project, which has been two years in the making. It all began with some Winton School students designing their own pump tracks and presenting their ideas to the Board - concepts that helped inspire the track now taking shape.

The 700-square-metre facility has been designed for all - from beginners through to experienced riders - and will cater for bikes, scooters and skateboards.



Winton School and St Thomas' School classes will take part in guided tours during the first few days of school, giving students a chance to learn more about the design, machinery and construction process.

Feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive, with many families already looking forward to using the new facility. Once the pump track is completed, work will begin on a bike path around the perimeter of Lowe Field, further developing the area as a hub for outdoor recreation.

Steve Wadsworth
Winton School Principal

Winton CCTV project approved

Ōreti Community Board Chair, Margie Ruddenklau, has described Council's decision to approve the unbudgeted expenditure of \$27,000 (excluding GST) to install two additional CCTV cameras on Great North Road as fantastic news for Winton.

The Ōreti Community Board was unanimous in supporting this investment, which completes a comprehensive CCTV system and strengthens safety for Winton and the wider district.

"We are delighted to see this long-running project now moving into installation, and especially pleased that the contract has been awarded to a local business," Margie said.

"The additional cameras will provide real benefits for crime prevention, public safety, and community confidence, and help keep Winton safe while supporting our Police."

Winton-based supplier SouthTech has been awarded the contract for all three stages of the project, with installation of all cameras expected to be completed by June 2026 across six key locations.

"I want to thank everyone who has supported and advocated for this CCTV upgrade from the beginning. This reflects our shared commitment to keeping Winton safe." The upgraded CCTV network will deliver long-term benefits for the community.

21 years of treasure hunting at the Winton Wide Garage Sales

For 21 years, Winton's garages, sheds and cupboards have been thrown open on the last Sunday of February, transforming the wee township of 2,500 into a buzzing hive of activity.

Organised by the Winton Area Promotion Committee, the Winton Wide Garage Sales draw visitors from near and far, including an annual van-load from Dunedin. Over the years the event has swelled to include more than 50 garage sales, along with tables in the Drill Hall and a car boot sale in the Anzac Oval. Rain, hail or shine, bargain hunters are sure to find a few treasures, but it's as much about community, conversation and a good yarn as it is about the bargains.

This year's garage sales will run from 9am to 2pm on 22 February, with a comprehensive map of all registered sales available on the day for a \$2 donation from outside Winton School between 9am and 12noon. All proceeds from map sales are proudly reinvested into Winton Area Promotions community projects.

To register your garage sale, download a form from the Winton Area Promotion Facebook page, Registrations close at 5pm on 19 February.



WINTON WIDE GARAGE SALES 22 FEB 9AM-2PM

MAP SALES OUTSIDE WINTON SCHOOL, \$2



Winton A & P Show a great day out with something for everyone

The Winton A & P Association held its 111th annual show on Saturday 17th of January and what a day it was!

Even though it was a bit drizzly in the morning, it didn't stop the thousands of people showing up. The animals were front and centre on the day with competitions in equestrian, sheep, beef and dairy cattle.

The petting zoo was a very popular spot with families having the opportunity to get up close and personal with a variety of farm animals.

The trade sites were abundant and offered a little bit of something for everyone. The XO Community Carnival provided a great source of fun for children of all ages.

The day also included magic shows, a baby show, wood chopping, shearing and an excavator drivers' competition. The day ended with the children digging through all that sawdust to find a toy in the big dig.

Make sure you mark Saturday 16th January 2025 on your calendar, so you don't miss the next Winton A & P Show.

**Diane Goodall
Secretary - Winton A & P Association**



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Local adventure making a big local impact for community causes

Looking for a fun adventure while also supporting your local community? Look no further than the VetSouth Gorge Adventure Race - a team challenge held deep in the stunning Lora Gorge on Saturday, 14 March 2026.

Experienced adventure racers and former GODZONE competitors Chris Brand and Sam Scott have crafted a series of epic courses to ensure people of all fitness levels and abilities can take part and enjoy the challenge.

Participants compete in teams of up to four, navigating their way through checkpoints as quickly as possible.

With a range of options, including a 3-hour trek, 6-hour trek, 6-hour bike and trek, and – brand new for 2026 – an 8-hour bike and trek, there's something for everyone. There's even a 2-hour taster event perfect for families.

Now in its fourth year, the event has raised thousands of dollars for local causes, and 2026 will be no exception.

This year, the majority of proceeds will support the development of a new multi-use turf at Central Southland College, with additional funds going to the Limehills Netball Club, the Browns Fire Brigade, and the Central Southland Junior Hockey Club.

Gorge Race committee member Liz Gill says the event is a special way for people to experience the outdoors together.

"It's such a unique chance to get out with your mates, explore parts of the Gorge most people never see, and have a really memorable day - all while giving back to our community - it doesn't get much better than that," she says.

VetSouth's Felicia Lankshear says VetSouth is proud to once again support the event.

"This fantastic event is not only a fun-filled day of adventure for all fitness levels, but also a highlight on the community calendar - raising valuable funds for local causes. The organising committee do an incredible job each year, and we can't wait to get involved in the fourth race!"





THE VETSOUTH
GORGE RACE

SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2026

Event registrations are open now and more information can be found online at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/thegorgeadventurerace/>



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Tour of Southland in Winton

Winton once again played host to part of the iconic SBS Bank Tour of Southland, New Zealand's longest-running multi-stage road cycling race, when the rescheduled event was held in January. The event brings elite cyclists and vibrant racing action to Southland communities, including an important individual time trial hosted in Winton.

Despite the weather, cycling fans came out to watch and were treated to an exciting time trial before cyclists headed off the on the final stage from Winton to Invercargill. The Tour is not just a showcase of athletic endurance but a great opportunity for locals to support the sport.



Above and left: Images from the 69th SBS Bank Tour of Southland, including the McConachie Shearing Time Trial; stage eight of the Tour which was held in Winton in January. Photos by James Jubb.

Girls football on offer



A girls' only session of football including 5-aside games following a coaching session is to be run for three weeks, on 12, 19, and 26 February, Thursday afternoons 4–5pm for primary and secondary school ages. Teams can be made up on the day or if you have enough girls of the same age they can play together. All interested players are asked to direct their enquiries to or register at 5aside.wintonfootball@gmail.com



**Celebrating
10 YEARS OF
TRANSPORT WORLD**

To say thanks for supporting us Southland, Transport World is introducing a limited-time half price local rate.

Available on General Admission and Turbo Passes. Proof of address required on purchase. Limited to two adults per transaction. No limit on children. Terms and Conditions apply.

OUR GIFT TO YOU







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Winton Police community update

Welcome to 2026.

Hard to believe the first month is nearly behind us already. I hope everyone was able to enjoy some well-earned rest and recreation over the holiday period.

Fatal crash – a somber start to the year

Unfortunately, the year began with tragedy following a fatal crash on the main street.

This incident is a stark reminder that even the smallest distraction or lapse in concentration while driving can have severe, life-changing consequences. Please take extra care on our roads.

I want to acknowledge and thank the many locals who stepped forward to assist those involved. Your willingness to help those in need - and to support emergency services - was outstanding and deeply appreciated.

A special thank-you as well to the residents who assisted Police in the aftermath.

A few learnings for the community

A serious crash scene is not a place for spectators. In future incidents, please resist the urge to bring children to watch, take photos or videos, or share images online.

These moments often represent one of the worst days in a family's life, and those providing medical and emergency assistance need space and privacy to do their jobs. Your respect and discretion make a significant difference.



Criminal activity in the area

A number of offences have been reported this month:

Stock theft

With rising meat prices, we are seeing incidents of livestock theft from rural properties. Please remain vigilant.

If you have drafted lambs in the yards overnight, consider securing road gates or reviewing your farm's overnight security.

Fuel theft

Fuel theft continues to trend upward. Contractors' equipment left in paddocks near roadsides or gravel pits is being targeted, typically for small amounts of diesel.

If possible, move equipment to a more secure location when unattended. Alternatively, consider installing trail cameras or motion-triggered devices.

If you'd like crime-prevention advice, feel free to call into the station for a chat.

Cannabis growing season – keep an eye out

As summer progresses, we're asking the community to remain alert to suspicious activity that may indicate cannabis cultivation.

Signs can include vehicles regularly parked in remote or unusual places, or discarded items such as fertiliser containers or potting mix bags.

Any information - no matter how small - can help. You can report concerns confidentially through Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111, or you're welcome to drop by the station for a conversation.

Stay safe.

***Snr Sgt Peter Graham
Response Manager – Western Southland***

What's on in Winton



Winton Business Association

The next meeting of the Winton Business Association is on Tuesday 17 February at the Top Pub dining room behind the main bar, starting at 5.30pm. All welcome to discuss survey results and feedback from Winton Open Day.



Winton Garden Club

The next Winton Garden Club meeting is on Tuesday 10 February. Meeting at the Anglican Church Hall, then visiting local gardens before returning to the hall for our meeting. Enquiries to Colleen Simpson 027 632 8217.



Winton walk group

We walk every second Thursday. The bus leaves at 9.30 from the John Street Recreation Area. The walks for February are on:

- 5th Feb and
- 19th Feb

For more information please ring:
Diane Andrews
0211248895 or
Jenene Irwin
0211855212



Winton Bridge Club

If you are a card player of old or if you don't know the name of the four suits in a pack – it does not matter: there is room for everyone at the Bridge Club – you just need to be keen to learn.

Twelve weekly night class-style lessons will teach you the basics of this somewhat complicated and challenging game to enable you to play in New Zealand and worldwide. It allows you to increase your social circle and play amongst friends keen to help you become a better player. There is plenty of fun and banter amongst the players and considered to be Seriously Good Fun! Lessons will start on Wednesday evenings from Mid-March.

All questions for those interested can be sent to: winton.bridge@xtra.co.nz or text Wendy on 027 427 0447.

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!



Ōreti Community Board

The Ōreti Community Board will meet in the Winton Memorial Hall supper room, Meldrum Street, Winton, on Monday 16 February at 5.30pm.

All welcome.

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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 Winton Outlook Newsletter will be out on the 1st of March, 2026.

The closing deadline for articles and advertising is 20 February. 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



Thank you for your support



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 February at 12.00 noon

RSVP to Kathleen 022 375 3304 or Jenny 027 536 0084

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