

Winton Outlook

Full programme of events proves a hit at 127th Browns Sports Day

The 127th Browns Sports Day was another great day with a good crowd in attendance and a real buzz around the grounds.

There were plenty of families getting amongst the free kids' entertainment, which included mini jeeps, zorb balls, horse rides, face painting and a water slide.

At the same time, people of all ages were out on the field taking part in the track and field events, along with the cycling, making for a full and lively programme from start to finish.

A new trophy was introduced in the cycling this year, following the sad passing of long-serving committee member Owen Hudson last year.

Owen was incredibly passionate about Browns Sports and cycling alike.

The Owen Hudson Memorial Trophy was awarded to best all-round junior rider Benjie Shayler, reflecting Owie's belief that younger riders can sometimes be overshadowed by the older competitors and deserve recognition in their own right.

The family relay had a fantastic turnout and is quickly becoming a must-do event for many in the crowd. At the end of the day, it's not about who wins – it's about making core memories that stick with people for years to come.

We are extremely grateful to our sponsors; there simply would not be a sports day without their generosity and support.

A huge thank you also to the committee, who put in plenty of work in the weeks leading up to the day. Many hands make the load lighter, and it certainly showed.

We look forward to seeing everyone back next year. With each year that goes by, it becomes even more important to keep the tradition alive and to show off a bit of grassroots New Zealand to the punters.

-Andrew Cowie, Browns Sports Committee



Benjie Shayler, the inaugural winner of the Owen Hudson Memorial Trophy at the Browns Sports Day.



No uphill battle for fundraising: Forest Hill Trail Run a great day out

What a fantastic day we had at the fifth annual Forest Hill Trail Run on Sunday, February 15th!

The atmosphere was brilliant and the community spirit was top notch. This year we welcomed more than 200 participants, including families, experienced runners, and plenty of first-timers ready to challenge themselves.

The event continues to be a special opportunity for our community to come together, enjoy the stunning local landscape, and raise valuable funds for our awesome rural school, Lochiel School.

Although the weekend began with a bit of rain, we were lucky to enjoy a dry day, with even some warmth creeping in as the day went on. Every participant, whether they tackled the 5km, 15km, or 25km course, earned a well-deserved medal from CS Designs. Regardless of pace or distance, each and every runner should be incredibly proud of their effort; we loved seeing the smiles crossing the finish line.

The team from NRG Health and Fitness warmed us up and as always DJ Numnuts kept the vibe alive with great music and plenty of good-humoured commentary. The finish line was full of cheers, tunes, BBQ food, games and coffee from Mocha Rocka.

Events like the Forest Hill Trail Run are only possible thanks to our generous sponsors, dedicated volunteers, and supportive landowners. We are so grateful for their contribution in making the day such a success. It was truly an outstanding event, and we're already looking forward to welcoming everyone back next year.

-Forest Hill Trail Run Committee



Photos by Darren Frazer

Winton wide garage sales a great success

The 21st Winton Wide Garage Sale got off to a slow start on Sunday 22 February, with the weather showing its hand.

The Winton Area Promotions (WAP) committee braved the elements during map sales, and by 10.30am the skies had cleared, bringing a steady stream of bargain hunters.

Across town and surrounds, around 50 garage sales, three car boot sales, and eight stalls at the Drill Hall kept visitors busy throughout the day.

The event attracted many from outside Winton, including a regular van-load from Dunedin who have made the trip every year for the past decade.

A special mention goes to local resident Pam Drake, who opened her garage for the 21st year running - an incredible effort! Adwina and Gillian also teamed up this year, both having been involved in organising the event in its early days.

Now firmly established as a must-attend annual event, the garage sale day continues to draw visitors, many with past connections to the town, as well as strong support from the local community.

It's the one day each year that sees Winton's population and traffic double, and cleans up the town all within five hours!

There was plenty of chatting, storytelling, and laughter throughout the day, along with lots of purchases - whether needed or not!

Winton Area Promotions would like to thank everyone who took part, the businesses that opened to support the event, and the community groups who kept everyone fuelled. More than 150 sausages were cooked at the Drill Hall alone.

See you again next year! Remember, the event is always held on the last Sunday of February.

Winton Area Promotions welcomes new members, ideas, and suggestions.

For details of the next meeting, please contact Jane on 027 320 9023.

Summer seed collecting event

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 500 locally grown native plants to gift & share between local projects in our area for 2026!

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

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 have 1000 locally grown native plants to sell in 2026, 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!



CALL CAM NELSON ON 027 823 5672 OR MESSAGE "MID ORETI CATCHMENT GROUP" ON FACEBOOK !

The Mid Oreti Catchment Group will run a summer native seed collecting workshop this month.

- Tuesday 3 March
- 4pm to 6pm
- AB Lime Main Office Carpark, 10 Bend Road, Winton

Pop in between 4pm and 6pm and collect a variety of tussock, flax and sedge seeds from AB Lime's wetland. There will be people around to show you how to collect and sow seeds throughout the evening, and it would be great if you brought along some containers to sow your seed in – ice cream tubs are great- and gloves would be useful too.

PARENTS / CAREGIVERS SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR TEACHING NEW TEEN DRIVERS

Teach your learner driver in a calm & informative way, at this **FREE** session you will cover:



Identify tips and tricks for teaching learner drivers to pass their practical driving test.

- Understanding the test process
- Frequent faults & fails and how to avoid them
- Seat position, controls, parallel parking & slow speed manoeuvres
- Common misconceptions

- **Wednesday 11 MARCH**
- **6pm - 8pm**
- Southern REAP, 224 Great North Road



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

Central Southland Toy Library Open Day

Save 5% on membership if you sign up between the 2-8th of March*
*T&Cs apply

Saturday 7th March
10am-1pm
206 Park Street Winton

Bouncy Castle
Sausage Sizzle
Ride on Toys

Toy Library Awareness Week
2 - 8 MARCH 2026
GET YOUR PLAY ON!

CENTRAL SOUTHLAND TOY LIBRARY INC.

Faith & Fun

Monday 13 April – Thursday 16 April
9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Central Southland Presbyterian Church
11 Meldrum Street, Winton
Cost : \$15 per day per child
Register by emailing
cspoffice@xtra.co.nz or calling 03 236 9792

Central Southland
Vintage Machinery Club

14 March 2026
Harvest Open Day
10am-3pm

Open Sundays 2pm to 4pm or by appointment.

Contact
027 254 3346

PEACE ESSAY

2026-2027

Lions Peace Essay competition

The Lions Club International's peace essay contest gives those aged 11-13 the chance to win US\$5000. To get involved, young people will need to write an essay with the theme of Harmony in Humanity. It must be no longer than 500 words and there are some rules which can be found online at www.lionsclubs.org.

Winton Lions Club is putting in an extra competition for locals. If you send your essay to the Winton Club before October 23, 2026, Winton Lions Club members will read every entry - and you can win NZ \$50 for first, NZ \$30 for second, and NZ \$20 for third.

The peace poster contest will also run as normal with the same theme. Email your entries, or for more information, please email winton.secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz.

SOUTHLAND FARMING FOR PROFIT:
Built for Southland

10 March | 1.00pm – 4.30pm
Wakefield Farm (woolshed), 194 Dipton Bush Road, Dipton

Farming for profit field day

Join Beef and Lamb NZ for an on-farm field day at the Lindsay's property exploring how integrating sheep, beef and deer can improve profitability and resilience.

We'll be joined by Matthew Carroll (BakerAg) an experienced farm consultant. Afternoon tea and BBQ provided.

Register at www.beeflambnz.com/events



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

Winton Football Club: Registrations open

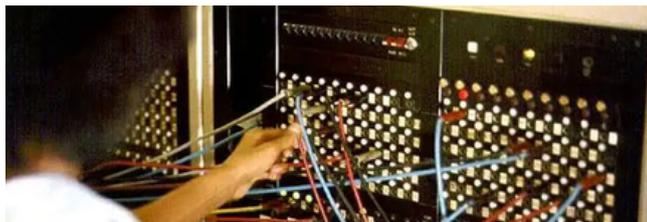


Registrations are now open for the winter season; go to <https://www.sporty.co.nz/wintonfc> and click on 2026 Registrations.

The club caters for all players, aged four-years-old and up, male and female. Adults have already started trainings, women can contact Steph fraser.steph.wilson@gmail.com and men can contact Cody kinraidcody@gmail.com.

Juniors aged 4-16 years will start trainings in March and there is a have-a-go session scheduled for Thursday 12 March, 4-5pm at Moore's Reserve, Winton. General enquiries can be made to wintonfootballnz@gmail.com

Are you a past employee of the Winton Telephone Exchange?



If so, there is a group that would love to connect with you for a casual get together in October. The group is also looking any old photos of the exchange or events. Maybe you have a family member that has since passed that you have memories or stories that you would like to share? Email junell.reece@hotmail.co.nz for further information.

FORKLIFT (OSH) & 'F' ENDORSEMENT

FORKLIFT CERTIFICATE (OSH):

Will enable you to operate a forklift within your workplace.
Course cost: \$200

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: \$260 + \$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

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- Southern REAP, 224 Great North Road



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on info@reap.co.nz or call 0800 111 117**



**Community
Trust South**
TE POU ARATAKI POUNAMU O MURIHIKU

Community projects visit

Are you looking for support for your community project or initiative?

Community Trust South Grants Manager, Dianne Williams, will be visiting Winton on the 1st April and can discuss what support might be available to help.

Make a time to meet with Dianne by calling 0800 500 185 or emailing info@communitytrustsouth.nz

Winton Police community update

Kia ora Winton,

You may have seen recently that our town is finally getting replacement crime-prevention cameras.

Winton has had three cameras since the early 2000s, and they've been a valuable tool for both preventing and solving crime.

The replacement process has certainly generated plenty of debate, but I want to acknowledge and thank the new Community Board for prioritising community safety.

Work on the upgraded system is due to begin shortly, and it's great to see a local Winton business carrying out the installation.

Over recent weeks we've dealt with a run of scrap-metal thefts from businesses along the main street. Thanks to some good Police work - and help from locals - we identified the offenders, executed search warrants, and three young men from outside Winton will now be facing several charges.

If you live near a business and see someone lurking late at night, trust your instincts and give us a call.

We have also arrested a local prowler after several home security cameras captured a male lurking around properties. He was quickly identified and is now facing charges.

With the mornings getting cooler and the daylight slipping away, it's a good reminder that winter driving isn't far off. Every year we see drivers caught out by wet, slippery, or icy roads. Please take extra care and remember the simplest rule: slow down.

The next major event on the calendar is the ROAR, followed not long after by the opening weekend of duck-shooting. During this period, Police will be paying particular attention to unlawful hunting, trespass, and poaching.

Please ensure you have permission before entering private land, and if you're heading onto DOC land, make sure your permit is current and you're following all conditions - entry points, hunting hours, and permitted methods such as the use of thermals.

Now is also the perfect time to check the expiry date on your firearms licence. If it's due to expire within the next six months, start the renewal process early.

Renewing before it expires means you can still purchase ammunition and use a firearm. If it lapses, the cost goes up, you can't buy ammo, and you can only use a firearm under supervision.

Until next time, stay safe and look out for one another.

Senior Sergeant Peter Graham
Response Manager Western Southland



WINTON AREA COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO THE:

Winton Ambulance Reunion

Celebrating 35 years of Ambulance Service & 30 years on station!

March 28 2026 | 5:00 pm
Winton Bridge Club
145 Park Street, Winton 9720

ANY QUESTIONS:
JAN DOUGLAS - 0274877318 OR LYNDAL SINCLAIR - 0210321200

Register your interest here -
<https://forms.gle/cwVKiHM63wEVXL2z5>



Winton Community Monthly Market

10.00am - 1.00pm
Saturday
21 March 2026

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Meldrum Street, Winton

Enquiries: Mary 236 8821

Follow us on our Facebook page
WINTON COMMUNITY MONTHLY MARKET

What's on in Winton



Winton Business Association

The next meeting of the Winton Business Association is on Tuesday 24 March at 5.30pm Top Pub dining room, behind the main bar. All welcome.



Winton Garden Club

The next Winton Garden Club meeting is on Tuesday 10 March at 6.30pm. Visiting two gardens, then returning to the hall for our meeting. New members welcome. 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 March
- 19th March

For more information please ring:

Diane Andrews
021 1248895 or
Jenene Irwin
021 1855212



Winton Bridge Club

Starting Wednesday evenings in mid-March, there will be 12 weekly night class-style lessons to teach you the basics of this somewhat complicated and challenging game to enable you to play in New Zealand and worldwide. There is plenty of fun and banter amongst the players and considered to be Seriously Good Fun! All questions for those interested can be sent to: winton.bridge@xtra.co.nz or text Wendy on 027 427 0447.



Indoor bowls

- Tuesdays 7.30 – 9pm
- Starting 24 March
- Winton Memorial Hall
- An ideal winter sport for all ages!

Come along, meet new people and have a go. For more info: ph/text Kelvin 0274 341 714 or Mary 027 669 1431 or just turn up on the night! All welcome.



Ōreti Community Board

The Ōreti Community Board will meet in the Winton Memorial Hall supper room, Meldrum Street, Winton, on Monday 20 April, at 5.30pm. All welcome.

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.

Central Southland Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens invite members and non-members to the following activities held at 5 John Street, Winton

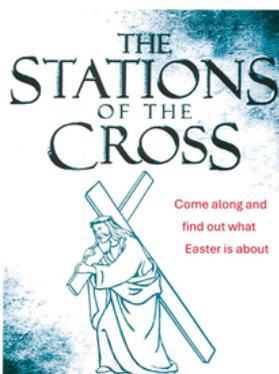
- **Euchre** – every Tuesday starting at 1.30pm
- **Housie** – every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month starting at 1.30pm
- **Concerts/Guest Speakers** – every second month on the 1st Wednesday of the month

Enquiries to Val Skinner on 03 236 7643/027 920 3259 or Noelene Lightfoot on 027 603 0595



World Day of Prayer Service

- Friday 6th March
- 1.30pm
- St Thomas Aquinas Church
- Focus Country: Nigeria



Central Southland
Presbyterian Church
Hall
11 Meldrum Street, Winton
Monday, 30 March
Tuesday, 31 March
Wednesday, 1 April
Any of the above days any time between
9.00 am – 10.30 am
3.30 pm – 5.00 pm
6.30 pm – 8.00 pm
Everyone Welcome

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Essential contact numbers

Winton Community Support worker
Louise 236 9934 or wcsv@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 April, 2026.

The closing deadline for articles and advertising is 20 March. 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



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 March at 12.00 noon

RSVP to Kathleen 022 375 3304 or Jenny 027 536 0084

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!



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