

A place for remembrance

A new remembrance plaque and three Silver Birch trees now stand at Winton's Old Cemetery, creating a poignant memorial to 176 babies and others laid to rest in unmarked graves between June 1880 and February 1982.

The memorial was unveiled at a ceremony in August, following research by funeral director and celebrant Sally Tily, who discovered the significant number of stillborn babies and babies who died shortly after birth and were buried at the cemetery.

Sally's research uncovered a heartbreaking chapter of our social and medical history.

At a time when attitudes and practices around baby loss were very different, grieving mothers were sometimes not told their baby's gender, burial date or even given the opportunity to see or hold their child.

Records were often limited, with some babies recorded only under a surname, a father's name or the name of a relative who arranged the burial.

"These souls weren't afforded a life to discover, learn, love and live," Sally says. "They were buried as though they never even existed."

Thankfully, much has changed.

Today, the importance of acknowledging pregnancy and baby loss, allowing families to grieve and remembering the babies who were lost is far more widely understood.

The new memorial provides a place to recognise these little lives and the families who had to leave the cemetery without their babies, acknowledging that they were here, they mattered, and they were loved.

Sally acknowledged J Fraser & Sons' Marshall Brown for his workmanship in creating the plaque, and Dave Fraser, for helping bring the memorial together, along with the many families whose stories are now being remembered.

"Once forgotten spaces, too precious to forget."



Double victory highlights bright future for Central Southland hockey

Central Southland junior hockey is celebrating an outstanding season, with both the Year 7-8 boys and Year 7-8 girls teams crowned Southland-wide champions in their respective competitions.

The girls capped off an undefeated season with a dominant 6-0 victory over SGHS Red in the final, producing a polished display of teamwork, passing and attacking play.

The boys also finished on top, defeating Southland Boys' High School 3-0 in the boys and mixed competition final after a strong performance built on passing, attacking pressure and solid defence.

The double championship is a significant achievement for Central Southland and a strong indication that the future of hockey in the district is looking healthy.

Behind the success is a dedicated group of coaches, managers, supporters and, of course, the players themselves.

The girls were coached by Belinda Brown and managed by Karla Ferris, while the boys were led by long-serving coach Deb Riley and managed by Prue Collie.

The development of a new turf in Winton is set to provide an even greater boost for the sport.

Once in action, the facility will create new opportunities for players of all ages to train, develop their skills and enjoy hockey closer to home.

With two Southland-wide titles already secured, Central Southland junior hockey has plenty to look forward to.



The Central Southland girls' Year 7-8 hockey team



The Central Southland boys' Year 7-8 hockey team



Summer Football League 2026

Winton Football Club is again hosting the very popular 5 aside league...

Who Can Play: ANYONE!!!!

Divisions: Juniors are Years 1-5 & Years 6-8
Seniors are Year 9 to age 99+

Entry Fees: Senior Teams are \$150 per team and Juniors are \$10 per player

When: Thursday Evenings in Term 4 ONLY!
(Starting October 15th)

- Juniors** 5:30pm to 6:30pm (10min halves)
- Seniors** 6:40pm to 8pm (15min halves)

Contact: Enquires or request an entry form by emailing 5aside.wintonfootball@gmail.com

2 games a night for each team. Most teams find eight players a good number but in the end it's up to you!

Community pool's success built on volunteers

The Central Southland Community Swimming Pool has wrapped up another successful season, with a dedicated team of staff, volunteers and committee members working behind the scenes to keep the facility running for the community.

President Maria Scammell says the 2025–26 season went particularly smoothly, following years of work to ensure the pool remains a quality community facility.

The season began with the pool looking its best after a major painting project, led by Bobby and Pete with help from a team of volunteers.

Throughout the season, Mark and Phil kept the pool operating and maintained to a high standard, while the office was staffed by Brenda, Avis, Zara, Charlotte, Kenny and Karyn during public sessions.

Plenty also happens behind the scenes, with Brenda managing the pool's busy booking schedule which includes swimming programmes, clubs, college and primary school sessions, as well as helping with sponsorship and administration.

Fundraising remains an important part of keeping the pool operating, with three quiz nights held during the season and strong support from local businesses and the Middle Pub.

But, like many community organisations, the pool relies on people willing to give their time.

Maria says the committee is keen to hear from anyone who would like to get involved and help support the pool in the future.

"We are fortunate to have such a skilled and committed group, but there is always room for more people to get involved," she says.

Keen to get involved?

Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to get in touch with the pool committee.

Either contact Maria on 027 229 2891 or email wintonpool@gmail.com.



SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
11AM - 3PM

LIMEHILLS SCHOOL
Classic Country Fair

FREE ENTRY
and loads of fun!

ENJOY LOADS OF

- THE BIG DIG
- CHOCOLATE WHEEL
- RIDES
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- FOOD STALLS
- PONY RIDES
- PETTING ZOO
- GRAND FINAL THE BIG SCOOP RAFFLE
- ...AND MUCH MORE!

WORTH A TRIP OUT TO
LIMEHILLS SCHOOL!

A MUST ATTEND FAMILY DAY FOR COUNTRY AND TOWN PEOPLE!

FLIGHT CENTRE
Invercargill

Proud gold sponsors of
Limehills Country Fair



NEW MEMBERS
Needed!

Our Central Southland Community Swimming Pool Committee is looking for **new members** to join our team!

Be part of something Great!

WHY GET INVOLVED?

- Support our local community and a great facility for everyone.
- Share your ideas and help shape the future.
- Work alongside a friendly, passionate team.
- Make a real difference for our community.

We're looking for people who:

- Are passionate about our local community
- Want to support our community pool
- Have some enthusiasm, fresh ideas and a willingness to get involved

You don't need previous committee experience — just a willingness to help!

INTERESTED? Get in touch to find out more or to put your hand up.

Come along and be part of making a difference in our community!

Men's Friendship Club (65+)

Good company.
Great conversation.
Lasting friendships.

Are you looking to meet new people, enjoy interesting speakers, and be part of a friendly group of local men?

Join the Men's Friendship Club for:

- ✓ Monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month
- ✓ Guest speakers on a variety of interesting topics
- ✓ Morning tea and enjoyable conversation
- ✓ Friendship, companionship, and community connection
- ✓ Summer bus trips and outings

🎤 Love to sing?

Members can also join our Men's Choir, which practises weekly and visits aged care facilities throughout Southland each month, bringing music and joy to residents.

Come along, make new friends, and enjoy being part of a welcoming group.

New members always welcome!

Contact Allan 027 683 8577 or Ian 027 2984 288 for more information.



2026
WINTON GARDEN CLUB

Spring FLOWER SHOW

& ART AND CRAFT DISPLAY

THURSDAY 24 SEP | **FRIDAY 25 SEP**
1.00pm - 5.30pm | 9am - 3.30pm

Memorial Hall Meldrum Street, Winton

Entries Wednesday 23 Sept 11am-5.30pm

Featuring Dot Mullay Photography, Jeff Andrews Wood/Metal Artisan Plant Stall, Raffles and much more

Adults \$5, Children free. Morning & Afternoon Teas \$5.00

Enquiries Daphne Batt 021 260-1674

Local student brings home bronze from international competition



Alex Brinkworth (second from left) and the New Zealand team that competed at the International Biology Olympiad in Lithuania

Local student Alex Brinkworth has returned from Lithuania with a bronze medal after representing New Zealand at the International Biology Olympiad.

Alex was one of New Zealand's team of four students competing against young biologists from 78 countries at the prestigious international competition. The competition put the students through a demanding programme of four practical examinations and two three-hour theory exams, testing their knowledge and skills across a broad range of biology.

Alex finished 115th in the world and was awarded an individual bronze medal, while the New Zealand team also brought home a second bronze and two silver medals. The competition uses a tier-based system to award medals. As the competitor who had travelled the furthest, Alex was given a starring role in the opening ceremony, helping cut a huge traditional Lithuanian "tree cake" made especially for the occasion.

For Alex, the trip was the culmination of months of hard work and preparation, as well as the support of the Winton community that helped make his international opportunity possible.

A local quiz night and Give a Little page were among the fundraising efforts, with friends, family and businesses getting behind Alex. The family would also love to acknowledge the support of Winton Rotary Club, Winton Lions Club, Gore Rotary Club, JBW McKenzie Trust, Terry Boyle Memorial Trust, AB Lime, Winton Pharmacy, Winton Night 'n Day and Winton New World. Alex's mum, Sarah Thorne, said the family was incredibly grateful to everyone who had supported him.

Ōreti Community Board Update: Looking to the future

ANZAC Oval and Centennial Park playground

A workshop was held this month to discuss the future of ANZAC Oval and Centennial Park playground. This was a valuable opportunity to look at the area as a whole, consider future opportunities and priorities, and discuss how these important community spaces can continue to be developed and enhanced for our community.

Kōwhai Reach

It has been another significant month for Kōwhai Reach, with the establishment of the Kōwhai Reach Governance Group. This brings together community representatives, landowners, environmental organisations, Council and other key partners to support the long-term restoration and future of this special area.

Funding and support confirmed for the coming year includes \$10,000 from Westpac Water Care, \$10,000 from Environment Southland Key Native Ecosystem funding and \$7,000 from Southland District Council through the MOU. This represents \$27,000 of support for the year ahead, alongside the significant contribution made by volunteers, community organisations and landowners.

We had a fantastic community working bee at Kōwhai Reach this month. It was great to see people coming together and getting stuck in, with plenty achieved. A huge thank you especially to Toby Halliday of New Zealand Conservation services, whose chainsaw licence and work enabled us to remove trees. The continued community support for Kōwhai Reach is a huge part of what makes this project so successful.



Community Spatial Plan – Winton & Wallacetown

Work is progressing on the Winton and Wallacetown Community Spatial Plan, developing blueprints that will help guide what our communities look like and how they grow and develop over the next 30 years. There has already been significant community consultation and engagement to help shape these blueprints. We are now at an important stage and would really appreciate you coming along to have a look at the proposed blueprint and tell us what you think. Does it reflect what you told us? Have we got it right? Is there anything missing or anything you think needs to change?

Community drop-in sessions will be held on Thursday 3 September at the Winton Memorial Hall, between 12pm and 1.30pm and 5.30pm and 7.30pm. This is your community and its future, so please come along, take a look and help us make sure the blueprint reflects the aspirations of our community for the next 30 years.

Ōreti Community Board Drop-In Session

Our next Ōreti Community Board community drop-in session will be held at the Winton Library on Friday 11 September, from 10am to 11am. These informal sessions are an opportunity to have a chat with Board members, raise issues or ideas, ask questions, or find out more about what is happening.

Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer, contribute ideas, attend our sessions and work alongside the Board. Strong communities are built by people getting involved, and we really value that contribution.

Margie Ruddenklau, Ōreti Community Board Chair





Winton Business Association

The Winton Business Association AGM will be held on Tuesday 1 September at 5.30pm in the Winton Top Pub function room, behind the main bar. Come and hear the latest news and future plans for Winton and surrounds from a guest speaker from the Ōreti Community Board. All welcome for drinks and nibbles.



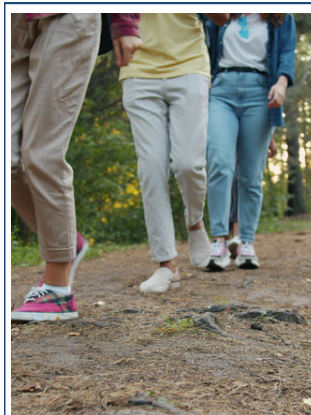
Ōreti Community Board

The Ōreti Community Board will meet in the Limehills Community Centre, 116 Ayr Street, Centre Bush, on Monday 19 October, from 5.30pm. All welcome.



Winton Garden Club

The next Winton Garden Club meeting is on Tuesday 8 September at 7.30pm in the Anglican Church Hall. For enquiries please contact Colleen Simpson on 027 632 8217.



Winton walk group

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

- 3 September
- 17 September

For more information please ring:

Diane Andrews
0211248895 or
Jenene Irwin
0211855212

Winton
Community Monthly
Market
10.00am - 1.00pm
Saturday
19 September 2026
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Meldrum Street, Winton
Come along and get your fresh
supplies of vegetables, baking and
liquorice. Enjoy morning tea or lunch
at the café.
Enquiries: Mary 236 8821
Follow us on our Facebook page
WINTON COMMUNITY MONTHLY MARKET

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 or 027 920 3259 or Noelene Lightfoot on 027 603 0595.



Central Southland Vintage Machinery Club

Open Sundays 2pm
to 4pm or by
appointment.

Contact
027 254 3346



Looking for a fun, interactive activity for your preschooler?
Join us for Tales and Tunes – a lively half-hour packed with:

- Singing
- Dancing
- Storytime
- Rhymes and action songs
- Music making
- Special puppet friends

perfect for little ones with plenty of wiggles!



Winton Library | Tuesdays | 11:00am to 11:30am

(Term time only)

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Essential contact numbers

Winton Community Support worker
Louise 236 9934 or 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 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.

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, 10 September at 12.00 noon

RSVP to Kathleen 022 375 3304 or Jenny 027 536 0084

**The next edition of the
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will be out on the 1st of
October, 2026.**

The closing deadline for
articles and advertising is
20 September. 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

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