

# Winton Lions Club members massive fundraiser effort for the Emergency Helipad

Their trip started at Cape Reinga on the 24th of February with the destination of Bluff. Cyclists Wim & Jeanet Overgaauw and Inge de Kruijf are members of the Winton Lions Club, aiming to raise money for the Emergency Helipad project in Winton. Their friend Jose van der Poel also joined in for the first two weeks and the last three days at the end.

They were guided by the Tour Aotearoa. A tour set out by the Kenneth brothers, you can order booklets online or download an app with the route. Sometimes they had to adjust because of poor weather conditions or ferry availability, but followed most of the tour from the booklet.

The places visited are too many to mention, but some of the highlights of the trip were 90-mile beach, Waikato River Trail, Timber Trail, Westcoast Wilderness Trail and Walter Peak Station towards Mayora Lakes.

Most of the tour went through the countryside, but one other highlight was biking to Mount Eden in Auckland, right through the CBD. They met a lot of people that were so friendly. Their accommodation varied from Airbnb's, cabins, motels and hotels. It was great to experience "kiwi" hospitality. One of their hosts requested not to pay the accommodation to him, but put the money towards the helipad because he said "I will be pleased if I can save one life". Every day of the trip was amazing, especially due to the beautiful scenery of this great country. They were very lucky with the weather, only on three occasions they needed wet weather gear.

They overcame many challenges along the way, muddy and slippery tracks and very big hills. Also going over swing bridges above deep valleys or rivers was an amazing experience. One of the river crossings was over the Maramatah River with the highest and longest swing bridge in the country (141 m long). Also going through the Spooner Tunnel, which is 1.5 Kilometres long was a great experience. Luckily at the end of every day their support team were waiting with cold drinks, cheese and crackers and a lovely meal.



After 40 days they reached their final destination of Bluff.

They would like to thank everyone who donated, sponsored, prayed and hosted them. It was great to see a crowd at South Hillend and Winton supporting them nearing the finish. The coffee cart at the last morning in Winton and with an extra six people biking alongside them from Winton to Bluff, helped them to manage that last leg with ease.

The donations are still coming in, at this point they have raised over \$16,000. Please, consider donating and supporting this project for our wider Winton community.

Donations are welcome to: Lions Club of Winton: 03-0960-0180213-00

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# M50 Baby supporting rural mothers

M50 Baby was born out of a desire to support rural mothers and babies accessing the Winton Maternity Unit. We have since discovered that rural families, particularly new mums are extremely resilient.

Initially M50 Baby provided new linen and matching crockery to the Winton Maternity Unit to freshen it up. A pleasant and happy environment is a key component in healing and along with the amazing work the staff at Winton Maternity do, new mums leave feeling well supported and nurtured.

With access to Chiropractor, Osteopath, Mental Health and Life Coaching sessions, M50 Baby has been able to support new rural mothers gain easy access to these services at no cost. This couldn't have been done without the generous support of the clinicians.

Currently we have 15 wonderful local ladies who provide meals that are gifted to rural mums as they discharge from Winton Maternity. If you would like to support this please call into my clinic at Winton Wellness under the Midwifery Villa and pick up a container or two to fill with lasagne, cottage pie or a specialty of your choice and this will be given to new families.

Please use the Winton Maternity facility, it is accessible to anyone living in the Southland area, a small 4 bed unit with support and care second to none. If anyone would like to support M50 Baby with meals for families, please contact **Ngaire Todd 027 255 9330**. If you can see other ways to support this initiative let me know. **Life is about supporting one another; it takes a community to raise a child.** 



Article and image supplied by: Ngaire Todd - wellnesswinton@gmail.com



This month Winton has seen several thefts from vehicles perpetrated by a group of kids, who firstly stole a farm bike from a rural property and then a car from Winton so they could travel about Southland stealing from cars.

It has highlighted a couple of things for us all to remember. If you're parking your car on the street please remove any valuables from it and remember to lock it up. Secondly, if you see something you think is suspicious it probably is.... so call Police on 111.

The Winton community are our eyes and ears.

Thankfully some quick minded locals called Police on this occasion, and we have been able to apprehend five youths' red handed and hold them accountable for their offending. As a result of the crime spree, we have some minor items of property located on the youths that have obviously come from cars. If you're missing something from your car, please drop into the Winton Police Station.

With the end of the ROAR, we are now preparing for duck shooting opening weekend. Please remember the firearms safety rules. The important ones being: safe direction, treat every firearm as loaded and guns and alcohol don't mix. Also be mindful of the law changes around transporting firearms.

- 1. Always unloaded
- 2. Always out of sight
- 3. In a locked case or vital part, trigger lock or cable removed
- 4. Ammunition separate and secure
- 5. Can only be left in vehicle for 60 minutes unattended

More information can be obtained from the Firearms Safety Authority website: www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz

Local Police will again be teaming up with Fish and Game rangers to visit a number of ponds in the Southland area over opening weekend. Increased patrols will be out and about for drink drive enforcement as well. So please heed my warning, plan ahead and have a safe and lawful weekend. Until next time keep safe.

Senior Sergeant Peter Graham - Area Response Manager Western Southland





## **Winton Kindergarten Update**

Each Tuesday the 10 oldest children head to Ivy Russell Reserve. Our Kindy children have become engaged here noticing the extraordinary in the ordinary - exploring, playing and investigating multiple insects, sticks, nests, gumnuts, Fantails and Autumn leaves.

At Winton Kindergarten we have joined the Enviroschools programme. Whilst we are at the beginning of our learning journey, we already have many Kaitiaki experts. During our last visit to Ivy Russell Reserve the children noticed and counted six baby Kowhai Trees. Wow! We will definitely have to keep an eye on the growth and well-being of these trees over time.

This term back at Kindergarten we have been learning about the Kowhai Tree through The Arts. The children created a beautiful Kowhai tree that hangs in our new Kowhai corner at Winton Kindergarten. We hope to learn all about the different stages of the Kowhai tree and how to nurture it. Through this experience we have and continue to explore and learn about our natural world and how to care for it as Kaitiaki. Our goal is to create a Kowhai propagation station at Kindergarten. Watch this space!

Please feel warmly welcomed to visit Winton Kindergarten, at 183 Park Street. If you would like to share your knowledge of Kowhai tree seedlings, we would love to hear from you.

Article and images supplied by: Winton Kindergarten Teaching Team







# **Nigel Molloy Joinery celebrates 26 Years**

Celebrating 26 years in business! On 1st April in 1998, we opened the doors of 'Nigel Molloy Joinery Ltd' and here we are 26 years on. We are all feeling very proud ... Time to pop the champagne. A BIG thank you to all the fantastic customers, the amazing team, both past and present and all the good people that made these 26 years happen and be so great.

Nigel was born in Southland and attended SBHS where he enjoyed woodwork and rugby. Following school, he started work as an apprentice joiner and achieved his Joinery Apprenticeship at the age of 20. Learning the trade well, he decided to start his own company and still enjoys going to work each day. Nigel says "if you love what you do, then it doesn't feel like work".

It's the variety that keeps Nigel going. "People know us and know I'll fix their rotten window or take on a \$5 million dollar new house". He says that understanding each job from the start is the key to success. "Meeting the client and interpreting their requests and floating it to them with our designs and drawings so that they know what they're getting at the end of it and that what they get is what they actually want." They have many loyal clients and repeat business is big.

As Nigel tells his staff "It's like a tree, if you do one good job and then they tell people it grows like a tree. But if you do one bad job that whole branch is gone."

Thanks for all your support from the team at Nigel Molloy Joinery

## **WORKPLACE FIRST AID - REFRESHER**

## **WINTON - ST JOHN REFRESHER COURSE**

This First Aid class is a revalidation for holders of any Level One First Aid certificate (less than two years old).

Refresh your first aid skills, knowledge and confidence with the latest information and techniques through practical scenarios and workstations.

You must have a current Level One First Aid certificate (from any provider) that is less than two years old to attend this refresher course.

- Thursday 11 MAY
- 9.30am 4pm
- \$100 per person
- Salvation Army 7 De Joux Road, Winton SURAL EDUCATION





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



# **Oreti Community Board Update**

#### **CCTV Cameras**

At our Oreti Community Board (OCB) meeting on 15 April, the Board passed a motion by majority to ask the Council CEO to direct staff to produce a report for replacing the CCTV cameras. This report will cover the cameras and associated equipment, specifications, security and estimated costs.

## Draft Concept Plan for Great North Road and Anzac Oval

This is well into the community consultation process. This is the first time the Winton Community has had a Long Term Concept Plan for residents to have input. To date, all the drop in sessions I have attended have been positive with great ideas and comments, especially around Anzac Oval and the area behind.

There will be a community meeting on Tuesday 30 April at 7pm in the Memorial Hall and I urge all Winton community residents to attend and listen to what is being proposed. Have your say or even just listen to what is being said.

You can go to https://www.makeitstick.nz/winton-concept-plan/ and add your comments, drop your comments off at the Winton Library or email them to me.

#### **Sports Hub**

This is moving along, albeit a bit slower as it takes time to work through the legal process. We now have a constitution, a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and a template for prospective Board members. If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please contact Tim Fletcher at Active Southland or email Tim@activesouthland.co.nz or myself.

Article submitted by: Colin Smith - Oreti Community Board Chair email: colinjhsmith@gmail.com or phone: 027 229 7281.

## **COMPUTER LESSONS FOR SENIORS**

Learn computer basics for Senior Citizens with FREE one-on-one sessions.

- Cellphones
- Finding the Right Device
- Intro to the Internet
- Intro to Email
- Online Banking
- Online Shopping
- Communicating with Family
- Social Networking
- Managing Photos
- Pursuing Hobbies
- Staying Safe Online
- Solving Common Problems
- Facebook



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## Taking Expressions of Interest

Contact REAP for dates and times (sessions go for 1 hour).

## VENUE:

Southern REAP, 224 Great North Rd, WINTON

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



The Winton Business Association are looking for a new person to collate, manage and design our monthly 'Winton Outlook' newsletter. The newsletter contains advertising, articles and information from local businesses, sports clubs, community events, activities and notices for Winton and the wider Oreti Board communities.

Maximum 6 hours paid work per month. Up to 6 pages with deadlines for material 20th of each month. Newsletter is electronically emailed the 1st of each month. Support available for collecting material if required. Own Graphics programme required, template can be provided. Install your own flair. Applications and enquiries to: winton.nz@outlook.com by 15 May.

## ANZAC Celebrations - Winton RSA

Winton RSA would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Winton for attending our annual ANZAC Day service. We would especially like to thank the two pipers who played the Lament during the wreath laying and the children planting the poppies. Also the Fire Brigade, St. Johns and Police for their participation.

To NUMNUT AUDIO (Richard McKay) for the sound, Richard goes the extra mile for us. Thanks to Anna Ellis for the prayer, Craig Flynn for the ode, the College's Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl for the tributes. To the children and especially the St. Johns Cadets a big thank you.

Finally to the people of Winton, thank you for your very generous support on our Poppy Street Day Appeal, it is very much appreciated. The ANZAC Oval is a special place.







# **Congratulations to the Central Southland Toy Library - Celebrating 30 years**

The Central Southland Toy Library commemorates 30 years of enriching local children's lives with a variety of engaging and educational resources. From toys and puzzles to dress-ups, games, and musical instruments, the library has been a beloved fixture in the community. With a current membership of approximately 50 families, the committee extends heartfelt appreciation for their support in fundraising efforts and the wider Southland community for its generous donations, ensuring access to a frequently refreshed selection of resources.

For \$80 per year, duty members gain access to the library's extensive collection while contributing to its smooth operation by volunteering a few hours per term to assist the librarian. Current President, Anna Irwin emphasizes the importance of community involvement, because "the toy library is not only a fun, economical and sustainable option for families, it's often the first thing new parents are involved with and it is a way to meet people."

To celebrate this milestone, a special morning tea will be held at: Winton Presbyterian Church on Saturday 8th June, at 10am.

Children can enjoy a selection of toys, with a light morning tea provided. All are welcome, and the committee eagerly anticipates reconnecting with past members.

Those curious about joining are encouraged to visit the Toy Library at 206 Park Street, during its open hours on Fridays from 11 am to 1 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 12 pm.



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## Winton Lions Club - Pallet Drive Fundraiser

The Winton Lions Club are organising a pallet collection run. Proceeds from these pallets would Henriet 027 3434 240. be put towards community projects. We collect pallets from AB Lime, Clarkes Seed & Feed and Winton Stockfeed. We will start collecting from the 1st of May 2024.

Please contact Wim 027 2939 751 or

Facebook:

Winton Central Southland Lions Club email: winton.lions@lionsclubs.org.nz



# **MEETINGS**

## **Walking Group**

If you are interested in joining us for a walk each fortnight, the Winton Walking Group are meeting on the 2nd, 16th and 30th May. Phone Helen on 022 156 8404.

### Winton Garden Club

Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm. Winton Anglican Church Hall. Topics: Herbal oils and infusions.

All welcome. For more info: Colleen Simpson 027 632 8217 Janice Coles 021 053 3588

#### **Takitimu Patchwork and** Embroidery Group meet 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 9.30am-4pm, Winton Presbyterian Church Hall, 11 Meldrum St, Winton. Anyone interested in Patchwork/Quilting/Embroidery is welcome. Sharon 027 223 3435. takitimupatchwork@gmail.com

#### Winton Business Assoc.

Seminar: "How to find more money in your Business". Presented by Malloch McClean, Mon 27 May, 12pm at Southern REAP, 224 Great North Road. Lunch provided with a short meeting to follow. RSVP to winton.nz@outlook.com All Welcome.

## **Seniors Gentle Exercises**

Gentle seated and standing exercises focusing on improving mobility and balance. Every Wednesday (excluding School holidays) 10am - 11am at the Anglican Church Hall. \$5 per person. Contact Glenda: 027 429 6703





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## **Essential Contact Numbers**

#### WINTON COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER

Louise 236-9934 or wcsw@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 & 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 Louise 236-9934.

#### 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 0274 182-053.

#### WINTON LIBRARY

0800 732-542

#### WINTON MEDICAL CENTRE

236-7444 or Urgent Doctor Service Invercargill 03 218-8821

## WINTON PHARMACY

236-7729

## WINTON TRANSFER STATION

Florence Road Mondays & Wednesdays 2pm-5.30pm Fridays 12-5.30pm Saturdays 1-5pm Sundays 2-5pm

#### LET'S LINK FOOD BANK

Ken Galt 027 454-9119 Louise 236-9934 Anna Ellis 021 238-8526 Salvation Army 03 236-0928

## LOSS & GRIEF SERVICE

Appointments available on request. Southern REAP, 224 Great North Rd. 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 7pm

#### Catholic Church

Mass Sundays 10.30am Priest Rev Hamesh Wyatt 84 Great North Road, Winton Contact 236 8084

**Salvation Army** Sundays 11am Friday night youth group

**Shared Lunch** 

Every Wed at 12.30pm. 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

### 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.

#### **Otautau Patchwork Group**

meet every Tuesday, 9.30am at the Otautau Bowling Club, Rye St Anyone interested in patchwork or quilting welcome. Bring your lunch and spend the day with like-minded women.

**Contact Joyce:** 021 0225 1623

## **Oreti Community Board**

Monday 24 June at 6pm. Winton Memorial Hall - Supper Room, Meldrum Street, Winton. All Welcome.

# 'Holi Festival of Colours' brightens town

Last month the vibrant hues of Holi painted our small town with joy and camaraderie as Winton's Middle Pub hosted a lively celebration of this beloved festival.

Holi, known as the festival of colours, symbolises the triumph of good over evil. Families from across the community gathered to partake in the festivities, spreading cheer as they adorned each other with colourful powders.

Laughter filled the air as both young and old revelled in the spirit of togetherness. It was a heartwarming sight to see generations come together, sharing in the joy of this cultural tradition. Due to the overwhelming success and positive response, organisers are thrilled to announce that this will be an annual event, promising even more colourful memories and cherished moments for all.





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