

Winton Volunteer Fire Brigade Team complete the Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge

On Saturday 18th of May our seven team members joined 1100 firefighters to complete the Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge. This event is to raise awareness and funds for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand (LBCNZ) by climbing from the bottom to the top of the Sky Tower in full firefighting uniform, including wearing breathing apparatus.

It was a mammoth effort to ascend 51 flights including 1103 stairs, but nowhere near as hard as people and families having to deal with cancer. This is an important cause which we are extremely grateful to be able to support. In 20 years over 15 million dollars has been raised for LBCNZ. We cannot thank our Winton Community enough for your assistance.

We enjoyed hanging out at New World selling firewood raffle tickets. It was extremely humbling the amount of donations and the countless positive comments and interactions that we had. The Winton Business Quiz we organised was extremely well attended.

We had so much fun that this will be an annual event on our fundraising calendar. Our team fundraising total was \$14,500 out of the 1.9 million dollars raised in 2024 total. You will see us again in 2025 fundraising and training to attend the Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge.



Back Row (L to R) - Guy Johnstone, Rick Ridder, Paul Sullivan, Pete Wilkinson
Front Row - Steve Turton, Sam Weily, Dayle Kirby

Article & Team Photo supplied by: Pete Wilkinson

St Thomas Aquinas School Update

St Thomas Aquinas School students have been super active in their learning in and out of the classroom throughout this year. Alongside establishing our quality literacy and numeracy programmes, our students have all experienced a rich education outside the classroom in the form of their camp experiences.

Our junior students had amazing opportunities to explore the great outdoors at Camp Omaui and Camp Columba. Whilst our senior students really enjoyed their time exploring Te Anau and Stewart Island. This was certainly a great connector for our students at the beginning of this year.

Article & Images supplied by: Teresa Jarvis - Principal

The PTA recently hosted a very successful 'Golf Ball Drop' fundraiser. This was well supported by the community and local businesses. All proceeds will go towards upgrading much needed classroom furniture and technology devices. We are very blessed to have such a proactive committee that makes things happen for our children.



Room 4: Year 5 & 6 - Te Anau



Room 5: Year 7 & 8 - Stewart Island



Room 1 & 2: Year 0-2 - Camp Omaui



Room 3: Year 3 & 4 - Camp Columba



Golf Ball Digger Drop Fundraiser



Children watching on as the Digger Drop takes place.

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Volunteer Driving Mentors Needed for Drive My Life Programme in Winton

Are you looking for a way to make a meaningful impact in your community? Drive My Life, a Community Mentoring Driver Licensing Programme is an initiative run by Southern REAP. They are seeking volunteer driving mentors to assist vulnerable at-risk participants in obtaining their driver's licences.

Drive My Life is a referral-based programme where those requiring support to get a NZ drivers licence can be assisted. Local coordinator Lynley McKay accepts the referrals for processing based on the accepted criteria and will make contact and buddy them up with a community mentor as soon as practicable. These participants are referred by local agencies included but not limited to places such as Plunket, APM, and Central Southland College.

The Impact

Coordinator Lynley McKay shares, "It's such a privilege to be in a position to help such a diverse range of people obtain their licenses. Some have never held a licence and once gained are surprised at how much it changes their life, others might just need a helping hand to get on the right track."



Volunteer Mentor Requirements

- Driver's Licence: Must have held a Full NZ driver's licence for at least two years.
- Police Vetting: Must pass a police vetting process.
- Driving Competency: Must prove to a driving instructor that they are competent to pass on their driving knowledge.

Mentor Commitment

- Flexible Hours: Mentors are asked to contribute one or two hours a week, depending on their availability.
- Support Duration: Mentors will support their learner until they obtain their restricted or full driver's licence.
- Provided Vehicle: Mentors and learners will have access to a vehicle supplied by Drive My Life to practice driving.

How to Get Involved

If you are interested in becoming a mentor or would like more information, please contact **Lynley McKay** at lynley@reap.co.nz or visit the **Southern REAP office** – 224 Great North Road, Winton.

Becoming a driving mentor can help change lives by enabling our community to gain the independence and opportunities that come with having a driver's licence. Your time and knowledge can make a significant difference...

WORKPLACE FIRST AID - WINTON

01 ST JOHN LEVEL 1 FIRST AID COURSE

Attain your St John First Aid Level 1 certificate (valid for 2 years). Ideal for anyone wanting to learn basic first aid or needs to update their first aid qualification. Minimum qualification requirement for a workplace first aider.

Covering scene assessment & safety, CPR for babies, children & adults, AED familiarisation, bleeding, burns, diabetic emergencies, fractures/dislocations, soft tissue injuries, asthma, seizures, stroke, chest pain, allergic reactions and more.

- Thursday 13 JUNE 2024
- 8.30am - 5pm
- \$110 per person
- Salvation Army - 7 De Joux Road, Winton



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

FORKLIFT (OSH) & 'F' ENDORSEMENT

FORKLIFT CERTIFICATE (OSH):

Will enable you to operate a forklift within your workplace. **Course cost: \$115**

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: \$175 + \$62.10 to be paid at Licensing agent**

Class will start at 8am with learning for Forklift certificate (OSH) running till 12pm. 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

- Friday 21 JUNE 2024
- Southern REAP, 224 Great North Road



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Mid Oreti Catchment Group Update

The rain stopped and the sun came out for our annual seed collecting event at Motu Ngahere. Three generations of Nelsons joined the AB Lime crew at the native bush block, where Brad (AB Lime's Biodiversity Manager) pointed out lots of species of plants on the Loop Track. We collected fruit/seed from rohutū, grisilīnia (broadleaf), red matipo, manuka, pittosporums and horipito.

Afterwards, we headed back to the nursery and learnt how to process the fruit to get to the seeds. These seeds are the new round of native seedlings to be propagated for the Mid Oreti Mini Forest Movement, growing native plants for landowners, schools and community groups across Central Southland.

We had a lovely surprise this week when Sarah from Harpley Farms sent us some photos of the sediment trap they created and planted out using plants from our Mini Forest Movement. What great work we have going on in our catchment. We absolutely love to see the finished product - it puts a big smile on our faces.

This is a great time of year to collect native seeds from shrubs and trees. Our top tip is all about manuka - you can collect the nuts now and put them in front of the fire in a container like you would your wet boots and they will dry out and crack open revealing the seeds. The seed is like hairs and there are hundreds in each little nut.

The Mid Oreti Catchment Group - Mini Forest Movement Native Plant Nursery drop-in session takes place on the first Tuesday of every month. This month it is on Tuesday 4 June, 4pm to 6pm, AB Lime Nursery, 10 Bend Road, Winton.

All welcome to come to our monthly native plant growing working-bee evenings at the AB Lime Nursery. Your help will go toward growing plants for the Mid Oreti Mini Forest Movement Project, which provides native plants to the local community and landowners for their planting projects. Training is provided and all ages welcome! Stay for as little or as long as you like.



Mid Oreti Catchment Group Member:
Cam Nelson



Mid Oreti Catchment Group Members:
Christina Vaughan and son Edward Nelson



Mid Oreti Catchment Group Members:
Brad Gibson, Wally Nelson & Co-Leader Ainsley Adams



Harpley Farms Sediment Trap

Article supplied by: Sarah Thorne Mid & Lower Oreti Catchment Co-ordinator Thriving Southland. Images supplied by: Christina Vaughan & Sarah Cornwall

Otautau Museum and Heritage Trust Annual Booksale

Being held in the Old Sunday School Hall (Otautau Connect) corner of Chester and Queen Street in August.

Starting Saturday and Sunday

10 & 11 August: 10am – 4pm

Thursday 15th: 10am – 4pm

Saturday 17th: 10am – 4pm

Thursday 22nd: 10am – 4pm

Saturday 24th: 10am – 4pm



Books, DVD's, CDs, Puzzles, Games & Raffles. A great collection of NZ books and there has been a good influx of new books - Eftpos available. Enquiries: Robyn 027 338 6237.

QUIZ NIGHT: Held at and sponsored by the Otautau Hotel. 19th June at 7.30pm.

QUIZ NIGHT

Hosted by: St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Date: Wednesday 5 June

Time: 7pm start

Where: Lounge Bar - Winton's Middle Pub, 232 Great North Road

This is also a fundraiser for the Central Southland Emergency Helipad Appeal.

Raffles, including oysters. Two processed pigs to be auctioned on the night.

\$20 per team of 4

Central Southland Community Pool

Date: Wednesday 12, 19, 26 July

Time: 7.30pm start

Where: Lounge Bar - Winton's Middle Pub, 232 Great North Road

Fabulous Raffles to be won, come along and support your local pool.

\$20 per team of 4

Enquiries: Maria Scammell
027 229 2891



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School Holiday Programme

Registrations are now open for the Central Southland Presbyterian Parish Holiday Program which runs from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm from the 8th to 19th July at the Church Hall. Cost is only \$15 per child per day with children aged from 5 years to 12 years welcome. The theme for the July programme is 'Kindness'.

Any enquiries call Co-ordinator Linda Flawn 021 143 8876 or register now by emailing cspoffice@xtra.co.nz or calling 236 9792.



8 JULY – 19 JULY
9.00 – 3.00

Winton Presbyterian Church Hall

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

For Further Information or to Book phone Parish Office 236 9792 or email cspoffice@xtra.co.nz
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

\$15 per Day
Can book for as few or many days as you wish

COME ALONG TO WINTON NCEA 4 U

01 LEARN FOR FREE

Would you like to gain qualifications? Southern REAP offers options for parents, caregivers and others to study in a relaxed environment allowing you to obtain Level 1, 2 or 3 NCEA credits.

02 SUBJECTS

There is a wide range of subjects to choose from, e.g. English, Primary Production (Agriculture / Horticulture), Accounting, Legal Studies, Digital Technology, Business, Art, History, Mathematics & Statistics and many more.

03 FREE CHILDCARE

We have the option of providing free childcare for pre-schoolers.

Runs during School Terms on:
Monday & Tuesdays:
9.30am - 11.30am



Southern REAP
224 Great North Road,
WINTON

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



Winter has well and truly arrived in Southland and we have seen the first of the good frosts and snow on the roads. The troops attended several crashes with vehicles falling off the road. We all need to recognise the conditions and drive accordingly.

This is also a good time to check the tread on tyres and ensure your lights are working well. We occasionally catch drivers looking through a small hole they have cleared in an icy windscreen because they cannot be bothered de-icing it properly before heading to work. This puts us all at risk and drivers run the risk of \$150 fine for an obscured windscreen, so please take the extra time to clear it and drive safely.

Duck shooting appears to have gone off without incident in our patch. This year we had three Police staff teamed up with Fish and Game rangers out and about checking compliance. I am pleased to say everybody was well behaved, with most complying with both game shooting regulations and firearms safety. Fish and Game seized one firearm in Western Southland for the use of lead shot, but local Police were pleased to see low levels of alcohol and great attitudes towards firearm safety across our ponds.

The end of May will see the end of an era for Winton Policing with the resignation of Senior Constable Dave Blanks or Blanksy as most of us know him. Blanksy has worked in law enforcement for 39 years firstly with the ICC traffic division, Ministry of Transport and then merging with the police in 1992. He started work in Winton in 2005 and has served this community well with many years of being on call and dealing with several critical incidents over this time. He will be missed by the Winton team, and we wish him well with his new compliance role at the Southland District Council.

Until next time keep safe.

**Senior Sergeant Peter Graham - Area Response Manager
Western Southland**

Winton RSA would like to hear from anyone who has served in the New Zealand Defence Force - the Army, Navy or Air Force.

Contact: Secretary Trevor Cochran
Phone 027 326 6352 or any member
of the Winton RSA.



Central Southland College - Shave for a Cure fundraiser

Every day eight kiwis are diagnosed with blood cancer. Recently here in Winton, there was an opportunity for a group from Central Southland College to be able to do their part in showing support for those with cancer.

Shave for a Cure is New Zealand's signature cancer fundraising event where individuals fundraise to help those with leukaemia and blood cancers, and then shave their heads to show their support. On the 9th of May a teacher and fifteen Year 13 students from Central Southland College participated in a Shave for a Cure event at their school.

The group had all been busy for the month prior fundraising before this event and together the group raised over \$14000, which will be used by Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand for support, treatment and research of blood cancer and leukaemia. In addition, Mr Tarbotton and Shayla Payne both donated their long hair to be used for making wigs for those who have lost their hair through chemotherapy and alopecia, both of them also fundraised over \$2000 each.

These events occur all around the country but it is a very impressive achievement for a small school, as the amount raised currently places CSC 3rd in the country for greatest donations. The event was a massive success and the school community really got behind the group and the cause.

A big thanks goes to those who donated, for their generosity and the group hopes that they may have inspired others to consider doing their own fundraising or shave event in the future.

The online fundraising page remains open, so any donations would be greatly appreciated by the group and Central Southland College.

It can be accessed via the QR code pictured.

Or the website link below:

www.shaveforacure.co.nz/t/central-southland-college



Article & image supplied by: Henry Tarbotton - CSC



Lead your community into the future

Are you passionate about making a difference in our community? Do you want to be involved in creating a thriving sport and recreation environment in Central Southland now, and into the future?

Bring your voice, skills and time to the new Central Southland Hub. They are looking for people with a range of complementary skills to be committee officers of the Hub and ignite this exciting venture. You will be part of a proactive, strategic and motivated team co-ordinating and creating recreational opportunities for the Central Southland community. Applications are now open.

General enquires to Sophie Erwood:

email: cshub2024@gmail.com



MEETINGS

Walking Group

If you are interested in joining us for a walk each fortnight, the Winton Walking Group are meeting on the 13th & 27th June. Phone Helen on 022 156 8404.

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

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.

are having their monthly meeting on Tuesday 2 July (no meeting for June) at the Top Pub, Main Bar Dining Room at 5.30 pm. All welcome to attend. Enquiries: winton.nz@outlook.com

Oreti Community Board

Monthly meeting held on Monday 24 June at the Winton Memorial Hall - Supper Room, 2 Meldrum Street, Winton. From 6pm. All welcome.

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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 & 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

If you would like your meeting published, please email us at winton.nz@outlook.com

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11 MELDRUM STREET, WINTON

Live Alone Lunch



If you are living alone you are most welcome to join us for lunch and fellowship on:

**Thursday, 13 June
at 12 noon**

RSVP to Kathleen 236 0250
or Jenny 236 0884

Winton Monthly Market

10am - 2pm

**SATURDAY
15 JUNE**

**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
Meldrum Street, Winton

**A large variety of goods
on offer from stalls in
the church complex.**

FREE ENTRY

Enquiries: Mary 03 236 8821

WORKPLACE FIRST AID - REFRESHER

01 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.

- Monday 22 JULY
- 9.30am - 4pm
- \$100 per person
- Salvation - Army 7 De Joux Road, Winton



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Next edition of the Winton Newsletter will be 1st July 2024.

Closing deadline for advertising
10am, Thursday 20 June 2024.

Business advertising available with very limited spaces; 45x90mm \$35 or 90x90mm \$50

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10am, Thursday 20 June 2024.



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