

Southern Lights Rally Lights Up Central Southland

The Southern Lights Rally made a popular return to the south in late June, lighting up the roads with some fantastic racing over two days.

The rally is a reincarnation of the old Southland Rally, which was last held as a national championship round about 20 years ago. The rally started in Pebbly Hills Forest on Friday 21 June, with the rally cars all needing extra lights so the drivers could see when racing in the dark. Saturday 22 June started in the dark between Dolamore Park and Benmore. A service was held in Winton before three stages at Forest Hill, Jewitt Road and Hokonui. Another service park was held in Winton before the cars travelled to Western Southland to complete the four stages there, with another service park in Tuatapere. The last stage was held at Teretonga.

Mark McMillan (driver - Invercargill) and Tim Driscoll (co-driver - Winton) were competing in a Subaru Impreza STI. Being locals was an advantage, claiming a fourth overall over the Forest Hill Stage, only four seconds off eventual overall winner and former World Rally Championship driver Hayden Paddon.

Unfortunately on Jewitt Road, they slipped off the road and got stuck, losing around six minutes of time while spectators pushed them back on.

It was encouraging to set some competitive stage times in the afternoon with the drivers being happy with the car setup.

It was impressive to see an incredible amount of support on the stages from people all over the province. Spectator points were often jam packed and there was often people videoing cars between the stages. The service parks in Winton were also well attended.

The Southern Lights Rally is the third round of the National Championship with the next round being the Daybreaker Rally in September. To keep up with any updates head to the McMillan Rally Team Facebook page, give it a follow and check out the in car gopro footage that has been uploaded.

Article supplied by Tim Driscoll



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Dancers Shine in Mid-year Showcase

On Friday 21st June Central Academy had their Mid-year Showcase at the Central Southland College Hall in Winton. This was an awesome night of entertainment with around 100 students performing aged from 2-years-old right up to adults.

The adults team, who collaborated with Blessed Studio to attend Hip Hop Unite Nationals, performed their World Qualifying routine and were excited to announce a team will be going to Portugal in October to represent Southland and New Zealand at the World Hip Hop Unite Championships. Keely Anderson-Kereti, a student and teacher at Central Academy, will be attending this event which will be an amazing experience for the talented 17-year-old.



Sarah is very proud of the work put in by all of the competition teams and coaches at competitions this year so far, but a highlight is always the showcases where the whole dance school comes together to share with the community their collective love and passion for dance.

It brings her so much joy to see all the kids on stage and supporting each other as well.

Anyone interested in joining Central Academy for Term 3 can email sarahdancebookings@gmail.com or visit the Central Academy Facebook page.

Article supplied by Sarah Faithful, Central Academy Director/Owner



Bingo Night

A fun and social Bingo Night is being held this month.

It's on from 7pm on Friday 26 July at the Limehills Rugby Club clubrooms. Bring cash for playing (\$2 per card), BYO drinks and a plate. All welcome.



Winton Business Association Meeting

The next Winton Business Association meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 July, at the Winton Top Pub Main Bar dining room at 5.30pm. Rochelle Robins from Weka Preschool will be speaking, along with a representative from the Oreti Community Board. All welcome.



30 Years of Brent Scammell Honda

This month marks 30 years since the opening of Brent Scammell Honda in Winton.

Maria and Brent purchased Crawford's Honda Centre in July 1994 and then expanded their business in 2006 onto the corner site. Over their 30 years in the trade they have enjoyed being part of the Winton and wider Central Southland community. During this time, they have both been involved in numerous community events supporting the local community. They have been instrumental in organising many motocross events with both of their sons, Mitchell and Jacob, sharing their parents' passion for riding.

Maria and Brent would like to take this opportunity to thank their staff past and present who have been part of this business over the years. Sincere thanks also goes to all of their loyal customers for their support.

Maria and Brent would like to invite everyone to a celebration evening planned for Friday 12th July - look out for details coming soon.



Brent and Maria Scammell

Winton set to celebrate Matariki



Winton's Ivy Russell Reserve will be aglow with fun and creativity on Tuesday 2nd July, with the annual art and light walk to celebrate Matariki.

Co-ordinated by Weka Preschool, and supported by other Winton-based education services, the event is a chance to bring local resources together with an evening focused on celebrating what Winton youngsters can create during their days of play.

There will be hot soup, a sausage sizzle, free glow sticks, Nana Rails will have hot drinks for sale, and there will be additional glow in the dark items for sale. The reserve will be lit up with creativity, artwork, and lights to mark Matariki.

The event is on from 5.45pm to 7.15pm, and starts from the Welsh Road end of the Ivy Russell Reserve.

Attendees are encouraged to bring head torches and reusable mugs.

VetSouth preparing to celebrate 20 years in Winton

VetSouth in Winton celebrates its 20th anniversary later this month.

Back then, it was still Central Southland Vet Services, and was still housed in a converted house in Moore Rd. CSVS had expanded over the previous years with the dairy growth and new vets arriving, and what was a fine clinic for four vets was no longer fine for eight vets and an increased number of support staff!

So, with a great leap of faith, owners Andrew Roe and Mark Bryan took the step into the unknown, and purchased the current site on Welsh Rd. They developed a plan for a large, 1300m² building that could house up to 12 vets and had two separate operating theatres, a decent car park, and even was complete with a large retail space. Remember the separate old shop Jim used to have on the main street?!

There were plenty of challenges. The site had been the old Winton dump, and so a lot of remedial work was necessary before building could even be started. The cost was extortionate - or seemed so in those days - and in fact as Director Mark Bryan says 'we're still paying it off!' And of course Jim was reluctant to share his precious retail shop with 'a bunch of young bloody vets'.

But their perseverance paid off, and 20 years later, the building has been expanded twice more. It now houses over 20 vets and around 50 total staff on any one day, making it probably the largest employer in Winton.



It's become VetSouth, as it merged with the Gore Vets in 2006. And in fact, the larger VetSouth entity has spread its wings across other areas of rural New Zealand - but it's still fully locally owned.

Mark continues: "Alongside our vets we've now got an army of vet technicians - something we'd never imagined 20 years ago. Our nurse and companion animal teams have grown to fill what we thought would be a massive space for pets. And we have a fantastic support team alongside the clinical teams that make sure that everything stays running well and keeps the vets under control. Even Jim is happy!"

He adds: "We can only do what we do because of the support of the local community - and we all feel privileged to be able to live and work here. We've got an international team but they've all made their home in Southland and we want to be here for at least another 20 years - when we might finally have paid it off!"

VetSouth

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These are challenging times, Southland/Murihiku

Southland District Council is consulting on its Long Term Plan 2024-2034, and needs to hear from you.

How much do you think Council should spend? Are you prepared to sacrifice some levels of service in roading to keep rates down?

These vital decisions will have a bearing on your final rates.

The average Southland district rate increase for 2024/2025 in the proposed LTP is 13.66%, with most increases across the district ranging from 4% to 13% for residential rates, and from 11% to 17% for rural and business rates. There will be exceptions for individual properties.

There are four key issues, around funding of water services, roads, recycling and Te Anau Airport Manapouri.

The consultation period runs from 5 June until 5 July, with hearings scheduled on 16-18 July. Please go to <https://makeitstick.nz/ltp2024> and let Council know what you think.

Hard copies of the consultation document and submission form are available at Southland District Council's office/libraries in Invercargill, Winton, Riverton, Te Anau, Lumsden, Otautau, Oban, and Wyndham, as well as more than 20 cafes, dairies, supermarkets, retail outlets, pubs, clubs or service centres in townships throughout the district.



The poster features a scenic background of a wooden pier extending into a calm lake at sunset. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for Southland District Council with the text 'SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL For Water, Power & Wastewater'. Below the logo, the text reads 'LONG TERM PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT' and '2024 - 2034'. At the bottom, an orange banner contains the text 'These are challenging times, SOUTHLAND MURIHIKU'.

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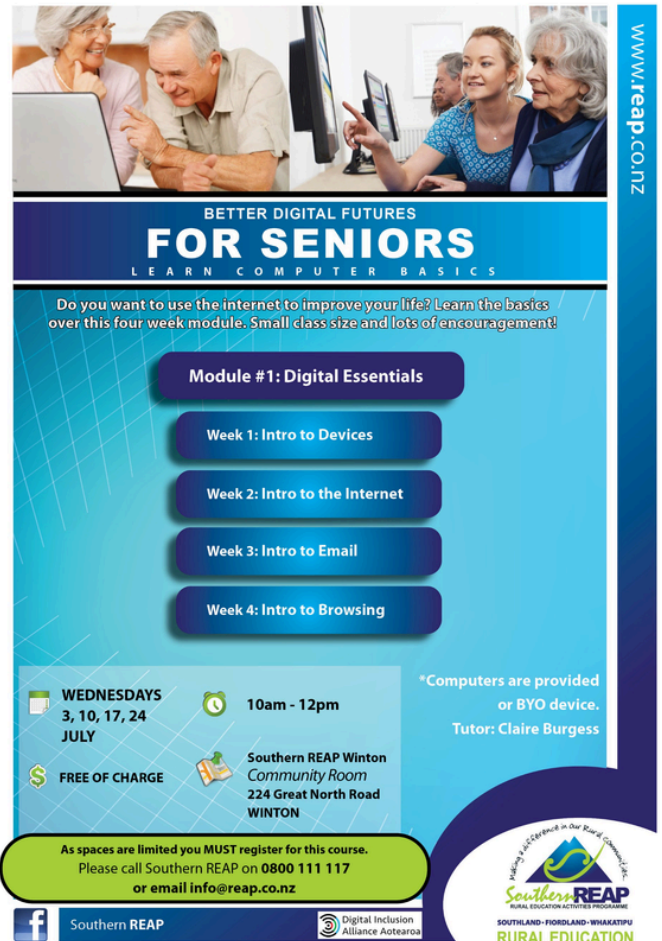
Otautau Museum & Heritage Trust Annual Book Sale

Being held in the Old Sunday School Hall (Otautau Connect) corner Chester and Queen Street on the following days in August:

- Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th August 10am to 4pm then
- Thursday 15th - 10am to 4pm
- Saturday 17th - 10am - 4pm
- Thursday 22nd - 10am-4pm
- Saturday 24th - 10am-4pm



There will be a sign on the corner of Main Street and Chester Street. Books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games and raffles. A great collection of NZ books again and there's been a good influx of new books. Eftpos available.



The poster is for a 'BETTER DIGITAL FUTURES FOR SENIORS' course. It features a photo of four elderly people looking at a laptop. The text includes: 'FOR SENIORS LEARN COMPUTER BASICS', 'Do you want to use the internet to improve your life? Learn the basics over this four week module. Small class size and lots of encouragement!', 'Module #1: Digital Essentials', 'Week 1: Intro to Devices', 'Week 2: Intro to the Internet', 'Week 3: Intro to Email', 'Week 4: Intro to Browsing', 'WEDNESDAYS 3, 10, 17, 24 JULY', '10am - 12pm', 'FREE OF CHARGE', 'Southern REAP Winton Community Room 224 Great North Road WINTON', '*Computers are provided or BYO device. Tutor: Claire Burgess', 'As spaces are limited you MUST register for this course. Please call Southern REAP on 0800 111 117 or email info@reap.co.nz', and logos for Southern REAP, Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa, and Southern REAP Rural Education.



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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 & 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 19 August at 6pm.
Winton Memorial Hall - Supper
Room, Meldrum Street, Winton.
All welcome.

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



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



Our Support & Service



- * Supporting Students with scholarships
- * Matariki 
- * Lions leadership course
- * Outward Bound
- * Winton Food Bank & Food Cupboard
- * Oceania athletics competitions in Fiji
- * Cleaning Winton Cemetery
- * Supporting the Borland Trust with a grant
- * Attending the Tamworth Music Festival
- * IHC Golf tournament
- * Lions bike riders fundraising for the helipad
- * Meals on Wheels
- * And many more

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