

## Rugby match and fundraiser a huge success







Photos by Charlotte Van Hout

A recent rugby match organised to support Western Southland woman Amanda Broughton has been a tremendous success, raising more than \$125,000 and still counting.

Brittney Johnston spearheaded the fundraiser for her friend Amanda, who was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer late last year, and it was hugely supported by players young and old, spectators, local businesses, and the community.

The event drew an impressive crowd of more than 1,000 spectators.

In the four weeks leading up to the match, the community rallied with auctions, raffles, and various other fundraising efforts, to raise money to support Amanda's ongoing treatment.

Brittney expressed her heartfelt gratitude, saying she was thrilled to see such strong community support for Amanda and the event itself.

The match, held in Nightcaps, saw the German Johns take on the Waiau Willys, with the Waiau Willys emerging victorious, 41-27.





## Winton Volunteer Fire Brigade Honours Night

Winton Volunteer Fire Brigade held their annual Honours Night on Saturday 13th of July. This is an evening to celebrate and acknowledge the service of the members and their contribution towards the community.

It was a big year for the Winton brigade as Guy Johnstone celebrated 25 years' service to FENZ and the Winton community. Guy joined the brigade on the 26th of August 1998. Since then, he has been turning out day and night to help people in need. The average length of service for a volunteer Fire Fighter is 10.7 years so 25 years is a massive achievement. Guy was presented with his Gold Star along with other gifts. He was also made a Life Member of the Winton Fire Brigade.

We also celebrated the service achieved by other members.

- Jason Chaney 3 year certificate
- Rick Ridder 3 year certificate
- Hayley McIlwrick 5 year medal
- Chris Jamieson 2 year silver bar 7 years
- Nik McCullough 2 year silver bar 7 years
- Charlotte Van Hout 2 year silver bar 9 years
- Matt Van Hout 2 year silver bar 9 years
- Stu Hill 2 year silver bar 9 years
- Dan Jenkins 2 year silver bar 11 years
- Graham Moss 2 year silver bar 13 years
- David Laverty 2 year gold bar 33 years

I would like to personally thank all the recipients along with the rest of the members and their families for the last year. The work we do cannot be done without the support of employers and our families.

Scott Glover Chief Fire Officer Winton Fire Brigade



Guy Johnstone being presented his Gold Star by Vice President of the UFBA SFF Jeff Manson.



Charlotte Johnstone with her certificate for supporting Guy over the time he has been with FENZ.



David Laverty after being presented his 2-year gold bar for 33 years' service.



Hayley Mcllwrick after receiving her 5 year medal.



Rick Ridder being presented his 3 year certificate.



The team waiting to be presented with their honours.







The local emergency services of FENZ, St Johns and Police have been busy on the roads following a string of good frosts. The common theme is drivers not driving to the conditions - mainly too fast. I am glad to see many of the crashes are minor or injury-free but one thing you learn attending these crashes is there is normally only centimetres between no injury or serious injury and death.

Next time you hear the fire siren going off late at night, spare a thought for our local volunteers who provide a great service to Police and the wider community; all over and above their normal busy family and work lives.

I recently witnessed the Winton FENZ team cut up a car and remove a young driver in a matter of minutes, freeing him so St Johns could get him the care he needed. They say practice makes perfect, but I would rather we didn't get any more practice please.

Crime-wise Police across Winton and wider Western Southland have been extremely busy with thefts, burglaries, and other serious incidents. No day is the same in the Police and it is extremely gratifying to see offenders off to court and held to account.

The debate about our crime prevention cameras continues and it's unfortunate and disappointing that some members of the Oreti Community Board have again voted not to fund the replacement of the Winton crime prevention cameras. Having lived and worked as a local officer in Winton for over 20 years I know their value and will continue to push for the upgrade.

International studies show they are scientifically proven to reduce crime. Just this week alone we have had two minor incidents that the cameras could have assisted to ID offenders.

On the staffing front I would like to welcome Detective Constable Tracy Ward to the Winton station. Tracy is attached to our three person CIB office and deals with serious offending across the wider Western team.

I thought I would leave you with some interesting stats about rural policing.

- There are only 165 designated rural Police staff in New Zealand of which Southland has the greatest number for any Policing District.
- Rural Constables police 6% of the population and cover 50% of NZ land mass.
- The Western Southland sub area has 22 staff and stretches from Martins Bay on the West Coast to Oreti Beach on the south coast, we share a boundary with Gore Police at Hedgehope and Queenstown Police at Kingston.

No wonder we can't keep the patrol car clean!

Have a great month and stay safe.

Senior Sergeant Peter Graham Area Manager Western Southland







### Mid Oreti Mini Forest Movement Success

Winton School, Central Southland College, Central Southland Toy Library and a local landowner recently came together to plant 1124 native plants from the Mid Oreti Mini Forest Movement Project. Plants were purchased from Te Tapu o Tane using a Westpac Water Care grant - many thanks to Westpac and NZ Landcare Trusts for this amazing funding.

The group's monthly nursery sessions are bringing on more plants from locally grown seed and sharing lots of skills and info with anyone keen to come along and learn. They collect seed annually from local sites and accept donations of local native plants and seed. The young plants are growing well, with 600 propagated in 2022, 1500 in 2023. Over 1000 have already been potted up this year.

At a recent nursery session, pittosporums were potted from cells trays to the big pots (recently donated – many thanks), and pittosporum seedlings were put into root trainers, which were re-used from the plants that have been planted out. The group is grateful to receive donations of root trainers, plant pots and plant protectors.

The Mid Oreti Mini Forest Movement project aims to plant more native plants in Central Southland by providing natives to landowners, schools, and community groups, and upskilling the community to grow their own. Plant grants of up to 200 plants each are available, and open for applications in October. The group ask for a donation of \$1 per plant from private landowners, and community groups get them for free. All donations go back into the propagation of plants by buying potting mix and pots or planter bags. The group hope to be completely self-sufficient by 2026.

To find out more about the Mid Oreti Catchment Group, visit the Facebook page, or their website: https://www.thrivingsouthland.co.nz/mid-oreti/.



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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, 8 August 12.00 noon

RSVP to Kathleen 236 0250 or Jenny 236 0884





## **Lions Children of Courage Awards**



Lions Clubs in Winton, Makarewa Riverton. Tuatapere, Ohai and Nightcaps are taking nominations for the Lions Children of Courage Awards.

These awards were designed to recognise the achievements of young people with additional needs who might not otherwise receive recognition.

The awards, which are not competitive, aim to boost the recipients' confidence, self-worth, and encourage their future endeavours. The benefits extend to their families, who share in the pride and connect with other local families. The awards are categorized into three areas: overcoming physical or intellectual challenges, courageous acts, and sibling recognition.

Nominations are accepted from specific Lions Clubs by November 5, 2024. For nominations, email:

202f-zone6couragchild@lionsclubs.org.nz.

## Matariki lights up Winton

The recent Winton Matariki Light and Art Walk was a resounding success. This year's event brought a fresh twist to celebrating Matariki, inspired by the creative talents of younger tamariki from early learning centres. The evening embraced themes of light, art, entertainment, and community connection. A standout moment was the spectacular performance by the Central Southland College Kapa Haka Roopu, which truly added to the event's magic.







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### 30 years of STIHL SHOP Winton

In July, STIHL SHOP Winton celebrated 30 years as a family owned business! The story of STIHL SHOP Winton started in July 1994 as Winton Mowers & Chainsaws. Sarah's parents, Craig and Angela McKenzie, owned the business for 29 years before Sarah and Fraser took over ownership one year ago. The Winton Mowers & Chainsaws building was once was located on the right side of the Winton Police Station (now New World carpark) before the building and business was relocated to the left side of the Police Station (which is now home to Winton Resene) to make way for the expansion of the Winton New World. Over the next six years the shop frontage underwent two upgrades to modernise the building and in 2000 we added bike sales and servicing to our services alongside the sales and servicing of outdoor power equipment.

In 2003, they became one of the first six STIHL Shops in NZ, three in the North Island and three in the South, and became known as STIHL SHOP Winton. Now there are 87 STIHL Shop stores nationwide.

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In 2005, STIHL SHOP Winton outgrew its building by the Police Station. A new location was found; the current house on the section was relocated to a new property and the building of the new purpose-built premises began. STIHL SHOP Winton relocated to their current location and began trading in the new building early in 2006. This was an exciting move which allowed the business to further expand.

Over the past 30 years, the business has seen many changes with new technology and changes in the economy. From STIHL fully petrol powered machines to the increasingly popular battery powered machines, to the rise in online shopping, e-bikes, the first fuel injected chainsaw and robotic lawnmowers. STIHL SHOP Winton enjoys being part of the tight knit Winton community and the community events such as A & P Show and Open Day each year.

Sarah and Fraser would love to take this opportunity to thank their loyal customers both old and new for their support over the years.









Article and images supplied by Sarah Guise, STIHL SHOP Winton





### Cook up for a cause

Recently, Thermomix consultants Olivia Buchanan, Chloe Waru, and Rike Raines, with support from Jasmine Hamilton, came together with their Thermomixes to create 38 meals plus baking to fill the freezer for M50 baby.

M50 baby is an amazing intiative right here in Winton, created by a local lady, Ngaire, with the idea of the community coming together to fill the freezer with home cooked meals for local Southland parents to take home when they go home from Winton Maternity.

A huge thank you to Uppercuts Butchery and New World Winton for their donations in support of this initiative.



# Happy Father's Day Dad, 1st September

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# **MUMS & BABIES GROUP**

For expectant mothers and mothers of babies up to four months of age.

A welcoming and informal space to get together to share and support each other through your journey of parenthood.

No bookings necessary, just come along for the morning.

Morning tea provided.

Between 9.30am - 11.30am

Fortnighly on a Thursday,
 Contact REAP for dates.

#### VENUE:

'The Nest' (Winton Senior Citizens Centre), 5 John Street, Winton

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



# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN 15 October 2024

Presbyterian Church Winton 9.30am-4pm

# Bouncing Back from Adversity

All welcome to attend - free entry.

Speakers for the day include: Cancer Society, Leptospirosis, Well South, Chair Yoga session and Linda Reid - power lifter - will be our motivationa speaker.

Presented by Southland Interprovincial Rural Women





#### 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

#### LETS 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 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
Friday night youth group
Shared Lunch
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Every Wed at 12.30pm. All welcome. 7 Dejoux Road, Winton

#### <u>Presbyterian Church Winton</u> 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.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

# Winton Business Association AGM

Tuesday 20 August 2024, 5.30pm at the Top Pub dining room off the main bar. Guest speaker and drinks/nibbles provided. All welcome.

# Central Southland Community Swimming Pool AGM

Tuesday 13 August, 7pm, Southern Reap Offices.

#### **Oreti Community Board**

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

# Save the Bate!

The In the Pink Ladies Luncheon will be held or

Friday 27th September at 12noon at the Winton Top Pub Garden Bar

> This event raises much needed funds for the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation.



### **Cancer Society Quiz Night & Daffodil Day**

Thanks to all those who came along and made the recent Cancer Society Quiz Night a fun night and a great fundraiser. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated. A big thank you to local businesses who donated raffle prizes.

Leading up to Daffodil Day there is a raffle running with great prizes including accommodation at Glenorchy and Te Anau. We look forward to Daffodil Day, Friday 30th of August, when there will be street sites at New World, Night 'n Day, The Bakery, and Mitre 10.

Orders for daffodils are available until the 11th of August from the website <a href="https://www.daffodilday.org.nz/">www.daffodilday.org.nz/</a>



The next edition of the Winton Newsletter will be 1st September, 2024.

Closing deadline for articles

10am Tuesday 20 August 2024

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