

## Milestone for Kōwhai Reach Reserve

One of Southland's special places has celebrated another milestone.

Kōwhai Reach Esplanade Reserve, at Kauana, had its new picnic and outdoor classroom area officially opened on Tuesday 26 November. Fittingly, the new Kōwhai Reach sign was unveiled by longtime resident Francis Shand with help from three young Limehills School pupils.

In the 1940s Mr Shand's father Alex, along with fellow local farmer Alex Stewart, stood up to the Southland Catchment Board, which was doing river straightening work, and refused contractors access to Kōwhai Reach. The community gathered behind the two men and the catchment board backed down. Eventually the reserve was placed under a Queen Elizabeth II covenant in 1987.

Limehills School has been closely associated with the reserve for 25 years. Currently school pupils are making and selling rat traps with the aim of making the area predator free by 2050. Money raised goes towards making more traps.

Ōreti ward Southland district councillor Margie Ruddenklau, who has fought for the development of Kōwhai Reach for around five years, was thrilled with the reserve's latest milestone.

"I'd like this place to be a visitor destination," she said.

Cr Ruddenklau was a founding member of a working group that included QEII representatives, Limehills School, catchment groups, Hokonui Rūnanga, and Southland District Council staff, who all pitched in to help regenerate the area.



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## Reformer Pilates comes to Winton

Sundays Studio has recently opened in early October, situated at 97 Great North Road.

Sundays Studio is your local Reformer Pilates Studio based in Winton. They provide group Reformer Pilates classes or 1:1 as requested, incorporating the traditional movements of mat Pilates with the Reformer Bed. The Reformer bed includes springs that allows you to work under tension.

The classes work with a range of different movements, working on your strength, balance, and flexibility. You can expect that classes will incorporate the use of a variety of props alongside your Reformer bed. With a wide range of times throughout the Monday to Friday timetable, there are plenty of options.

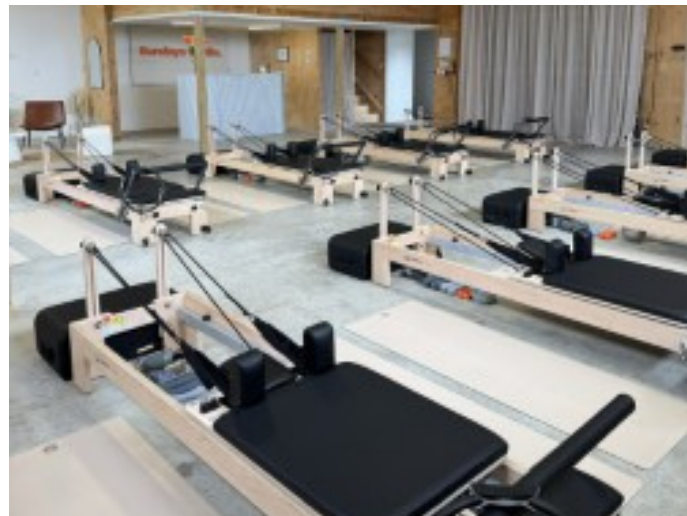
Don't be fooled, the classes are designed to get those muscles burning!

For more information you can find Sundays Studio on Social Media:

- Instagram: [@sundaysstudio.winton](https://www.instagram.com/sundaysstudio.winton)
- Facebook: Sundays Studio Winton
- [www.sundaysstudios.com](http://www.sundaysstudios.com)

## Sundays Studio.


REFORMER PILATES



## Welcome to Winton - new signs unveiled



New Winton signage has been designed and installed, thanks to the efforts of Lockie McGregor/McGregors Concrete, Winton Rotary, and McMaster Engineering, and it looks fantastic! Lockie McGregor first approached the previous Oreti Community Board about the initiative some years ago. The previous Board agreed to part-fund the signage, alongside some Government funding via Great South.

  
Wishing all Winton Outlook readers a  
very Merry Christmas, fantastic  
holidays, and a prosperous year ahead!

From the  
Winton Business Association



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## VetSouth Gorge Race: Adventure awaits

The VetSouth Gorge Race returns on Saturday 15th March, 2025, and is promising more thrills and challenges in its third year. The popular adventure race, which traverses farmland around the stunning Otapiri Gorge area, has something for everyone with event options including:

- 6 hour bike and trek
- 6hr trek
- 3hr trek
- And a family adventure race taster (up to two hours)

The event is open to teams of up to four people, who will navigate their way around a well-planned course to as many of the control points as they can within the timeframe given. Team categories include male, female, mixed, and student.

Whether you're a seasoned competitor or new to the thrill of adventure racing, this event promises fun, excitement, and challenges in one of Southland's most picturesque locations.

This year funds raised from the event will be split between the Limehills Community Pool and the Limehills Home and School Association.

Entries are open online now. Check out the VetSouth Gorge Adventure Race on Facebook for more info, or email [gorgeadventurerace@gmail.com](mailto:gorgeadventurerace@gmail.com).

*Photos of the 2024 event, by Tony Shepherd >>*



## Carols at Anzac Oval – Friday, Dec 13!

Singing their hearts out at the rotunda in the Anzac Oval, these two local lads (pictured right) will be front and centre at the free Carols event on Friday 13 December.

The event will be compered by Xavier Glover, recently graduated from CSC, and sound and audio will be provided by Richie MacKay of Numnut Audio; just two of a fantastic group of Rotary, Salvation Army, CSC singers, and other local folks.

Bring a chair to the Oval and join in with all the well-known carols, watch a nativity play, hear a Christmas message and delight in a visit from the local Guy in a red suit who has a special message for the children. Starting at 7pm, there will be complimentary artificial candles and Santa will arrive on Irwin's sleigh about 8.30pm.

A first for Winton, the Carols evening promises a lovely community event to celebrate Christmas.



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## Winton Chocolates: A sweet taste of home

When the WAP (Winton Area Promotions) set out to create a farewell gift for a committee member moving abroad, we realised there was nothing iconic or personalised to represent Winton. We decided to take matters into our own hands and came up with Winton Chocolates - locally crafted treats wrapped in beautifully designed packaging that proudly showcases the essence of our beloved area.

The first batch sold out within days, and a second batch has also been flying off the shelves. The chocolates are the perfect gift, ideal for locals and visitors alike. Their compact size makes them easy to send to loved ones, whether across the country or around the world. The best part is, proceeds from every sale are returned to the community, supporting Winton Area Promotions' projects and initiatives.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative so far. If you haven't had the chance to try Winton Chocolates yet, don't wait too long—they're going fast!

Retailing for \$19 box. To order, please contact Brenda, 0274622123, [wintonareapromotions@gmail.com](mailto:wintonareapromotions@gmail.com)

*-Winton Area Promotions*



*Brenda Caldwell with some of the Winton Chocolates*

**WINTON GOLF CLUB**  
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## Christmas Greensome

(Both tee off then alternate shots)

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 22**  
**12:30PM START**

**TEAMS OF 2 MEN - LADIES - MIXED**

Just turn up on the day ready for some festive fun. Great prizes ; Hams, Turkeys, Wine and Christmas Treats. Everyone gets a prize!

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## 2024 Service of Remembrance

Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Winton invites you and your family to join us for a Service of Remembrance on Sunday the 8th of December at 7 pm, when we remember and give thanks for loved ones who are not with us anymore.

Light refreshments will be served after the service in the hall.

All are welcome.

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## A fun-filled Winton Open Day enjoyed by all

The Winton Business Association would like to express a huge thank you to all of the volunteers and businesses for making Winton Open Day so successful and bringing the community to town. The parade and Santa were highlights and it was great to have so many locals taking part. It really does put Winton on the map and is an event to be proud of.



## Winton Community Monthly Market

10.00am - 1.00pm  
Saturday  
14 December 2024

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Meldrum Street, Winton

Enquiries: Nola 236 1172

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WINTON COMMUNITY MONTHLY MARKET

## CENTRAL SOUTHLAND

# EMERGENCY HELIPAD UPDATE

The Helipad Project Committee is pleased to announce that we have nearly secured the necessary funding to commence construction of our new helipad early next year. This development marks a significant milestone in enhancing our emergency response capabilities and improving patient care.

### Project Overview:

- Objective: To construct a modern helipad that facilitates rapid and safe air ambulance access, ensuring timely medical interventions for critically ill or injured patients.
- Funding: The project is primarily funded through generous community, business and trade contributions.
- Timeline: Construction is scheduled to begin, and possibly be completed, in the first quarter of next year.

### Community Impact:

The new helipad will significantly reduce the time required to transport patients to specialised medical facilities, thereby improving survival rates and health outcomes. It will also enhance our capacity to respond to emergencies in remote and rural areas, providing equitable healthcare access to all residents.

### Acknowledgments:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all contributors, stakeholders, community members, and businesses whose unwavering support has made this project possible. Your contributions are instrumental in advancing our mission to deliver improved healthcare services.

### Next Steps:

As we approach the commencement of construction, we will proceed to seek the final funding to get us over the line.

Onwards and Upwards from the Central Southland Emergency Helipad Project Committee:

- John McHugh, Juon Schoen, and Katt Henderson – Winton Lions
- John Engel and Locky McGregor – Winton Rotary
- Dawn Brocks – Southern REAP

**To support, please donate to the Lions Club of Winton:  
03-0960-0180213-00 (please use 'Helipad' as the reference).  
Receipts are available if needed.**

## Otautau Patchwork Group exhibition

Thank you to everyone who came to our patchwork exhibition at Labour Weekend.

Your support is appreciated and we hope you enjoyed seeing our quilts as much as we enjoyed displaying them. Our club meets every Tuesday at the Bowling Club in Otautau for a day of stitching and chatting.

We welcome new members, or come along for a chat and see what we do. Enquiries to Joyce on 021 0225 1623.

### The results of the Viewer's Choice:

1st Lin Ashton – 39 - Owl and Hare Hollow; 2nd Jan Appleby – 8 - Following in Grandad's Footsteps

### Raffle

1st Quilt – Card 50, No. 3 - Susan B (Inv), 2nd Hamper – Card 14 – Liz G, 3rd Hamper – Card 77, No. 8 – Susan H (Inv)



## Winton Lions: A year of service, support, and community spirit

It is already the last month of 2024, and the Winton Lions Club has brought a lot of support and joy to the Winton community this year. Last month we held our 59th IHC Golf tournament, with much support from locals and our main sponsor, Mitre 10 Winton. As on the Winton Open Day, all donations and Lions' proceeds from the raffle (wheelbarrow that Mitre 10 Winton kindly donated) and the BBQ truck are going to our big project, the Helipad.

Many of you have seen us volunteering at the Fete at the end of November, helping with traffic, car parking, and entries. But we are not done yet for the year!

On the 4th of December we will go back on the street with the Winton emergency services, St. Johns Ambulance, the Winton Fire Brigade, and the Police for our annual "Toot for Tucker". Collect as many (non-perishable) food items or (non-perishable) products as possible for our local Winton Food Bank.

On the 6th of December, we will visit Lochiel and Makarewa schools for a presentation for a couple of special students, who have been nominated for the "Children of Courage" award. The Winton Lions Club would like to thank all persons or businesses that have made big or small contributions to help others. The Club would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Winton Lions, WE SERVE

Henriet Schuumans



## Keep Christmas tradition alive: Support needed for new festive flag system

For nearly 20 years, Winton's main street has come alive with festive Christmas flags, thanks to the efforts of Winton Area Promotions (WAP).

Many years ago, WAP initiated, fundraised and purchased Christmas flags for along Great North Road, with initial fundraising supported by local businesses and families purchasing single flags. The first set of 26 flags kickstarted a tradition that has brought holiday cheer to the community every year.

Since then, WAP has purchased and replaced several sets of Christmas flags and covered costs of putting the flags up and down. Installation was completed voluntarily by local linesmen, but health and safety and traffic management requirements have put a stop to this. As such, costs have significantly increased, making it unsustainable for the group to continue in the same way.

To keep the tradition alive, Blair Irwin and WAP are exploring a new pole system which would allow the group to manage flag installations independently. It would ensure better flag longevity, reduce ongoing costs, and allow other events such as Anzac Day to be celebrated. Many towns in Southland and around NZ use this system.

While the costs involved with implementing this new system are significant, many costs are one off and the benefits long-lasting.

Winton Business Association has, along with WAP, pledged money towards the project. Unfortunately, whilst supporting the overall project aim, the Oreti Community Board has declined our application for funding in recent funding rounds.

Regardless, WAP remains determined to bring the holiday spirit back to Winton's main street and are actively seeking funding from other sources.

If you'd like to support this project as an individual, business, or group or have ideas on funding opportunities, please reach out to WAP. Your contribution could help make this Christmas a little brighter for everyone in town. Contact Jane 027 320 9023 or email [wintonareapromotions@gmail.com](mailto:wintonareapromotions@gmail.com).

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WAP members Bryce Williams, Robyn Loudon and Bridget Stevens

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## Live Alone Lunch



Everyone who lives alone, is most welcome to join us for lunch and fellowship on

**Thursday, 12 December at 12.00 noon**

RSVP to Kathleen 236 0250 or Jenny 236 0884

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## Essential contact numbers

**Winton Community Support worker**  
Louise 236 9934 or [wcsww@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wcsww@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 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 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  
Anna Ellis 021 238 8526  
Salvation Army 236 0928

**Loss & Grief Service**  
Appointments available on request, Southern REAP, 224 Great North Road. Phone 027 443 8788 or email [lossandgriefcentre@gmail.com](mailto: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  
**Coffee & Chat**  
Drop-in, Wednesdays 9am-11am.

**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.

**Oreti Community Board**  
The next meeting will be on Monday 16 December in the Winton Memorial Hall supper room, Meldrum St, Winton, from 6pm. All welcome.

**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.  
Contact Joyce: 021 0225 1623.



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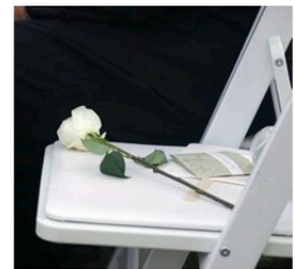
## FRIENDS IN CONCERT

Soprano: Kate Edwards  
Neve Templeton  
Liam Templeton  
Alto: Karen Williams  
Gill Hendry  
Tenor: Jeff Walker  
Malcolm Williams  
Bass: Kelvin Templeton  
Deacon Kynan-Wilde  
Ewan Adam

WINTON PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2024  
2:30 pm

## Remembrance Service



Central Southland Presbyterian Parish

extends an invitation to you, your family and friends to a  
Remembrance Service where we will remember and  
give thanks for loved ones who are no longer with us

Presbyterian Church  
Meldrum Street, Winton on  
Monday, 9 December 2024 at 7.00 pm

Light refreshments to follow

All welcome

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