

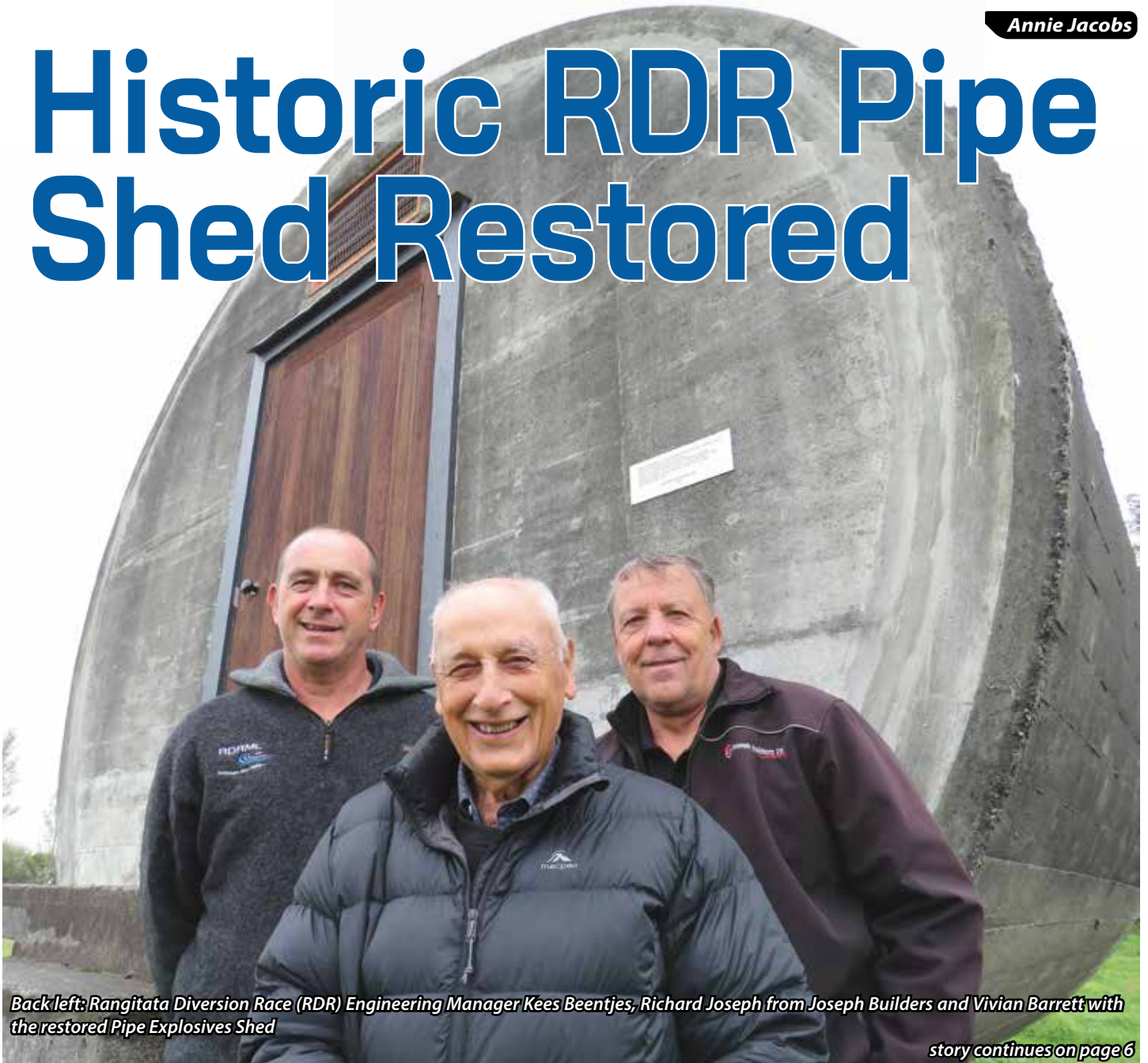
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Annie Jacobs

Historic RDR Pipe Shed Restored



Back left: Rangitata Diversion Race (RDR) Engineering Manager Kees Beentjes, Richard Joseph from Joseph Builders and Vivian Barrett with the restored Pipe Explosives Shed

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A part of Mid Canterbury's history has recently been restored, previously languishing in a paddock in Methven.

The mighty Rangitata Diversion Race (RDR) pounds through syphons (concrete pipe structures), which were constructed to irrigate the Mid Canterbury Plains, costing two million pounds at the time of

completion in 1944. The race traverses the plains with channelled water from the Rangitata River, ending 67kms later at the Highbank Power Station which empties into the Rakaia River.



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Contact Physio Summer Pilates, Staveley

TUESDAY

Contact Physio Summer Pilates Ladies Methven Bowling Club 4.30pm

Methven Toy Library 9-10.30am

Methven Public Library 2pm-4pm

Methven Museum 2pm-4pm

WEDNESDAY

Qigong Classes, Anglican Hall, 10.45am

Methven Green Waste drop off, Vaughans Rd, 12.30pm-2.30pm

THURSDAY

Methven Bowling Club 4.30pm

Tai Chi, Anglican Parish Centre, 10.30am

FRIDAY

Methven Public Library 2pm-4pm

Methven Museum 2pm-4pm

SATURDAY

Methven Toy Library 9-10.30am

Methven Public Library 10-11am

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Coast to Coast Draws Locals

Annie Jacobs

The Kathmandu Coast to Coast involved a large contingent of residents coming from the foothills and plains of Mid Canterbury.

The event is a "must do" in the multiport calendar and draws competitors from around the world. As has often been the case in recent years, the townships and villages empty out, as competitors and their support crews leave home for the race.

The race was the brain child of Christchurch radio personality Robin Judkins in 1982, who was able to think outside the proverbial box and come up with the idea, which many saw as absolutely nuts. And it worked! The first race was held in 1983 with 79 entries - now you have to be fast to be in!

The race takes competitors from one side of New Zealand to the other (hence Coast to Coast), starting out at Kumara Beach on the West Coast and finishing on the East Coast near Christchurch - a distance of around 243 kms. Along the way competitors might encounter rain, rivers to cross, mountain climbs, ice, snow or sleet, enormous boulders to climb over, long distance running,



kayaking and biking. While the event requires extensive training, it is addictive, with many competitors returning year after year. Others just want to be able to say, "I've done it."

A number of younger people compete and the event caters for individual, teams, and one or two day options.

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Photos courtesy of Megan Henderson



Swift support crew at the transitions is vital for success! Rory Maxwell and Andrew Henderson at the Kayak Transition

With so many local competitors, there is not space to name them all, but congratulations go to you all and your support crews and families in this epic adventure.



Sam Wright coming out of the kayak leg



A well-earned drink at the finish!

Team "Drunk Idea" - Josh Harkness (cyclist), Mark Wilson (runner) and Andrew Henderson (kayak) at Brighton Beach

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See you in class



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Weekend Racing

Clayton Yaxley

Hororata Cup held at
Mt Harding Racecourse, Methven



"Dem bones" and "Silverlinings" make a colourful sight in the John Morrison, Ken McRae and Dave McHugh Trot.



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Delicious Food with New Owners at Aqua

Aqua Japanese Restaurant has been under new ownership since mid December and is delighting customers with it's exciting menu and tasty offerings.

New Aqua owner Chanaka Jayabahu, moved from Sri Lanka 14 years ago to Invercargill where his wife Ransala was studying at Southern Institute of Technology (SIT). Chanaka's chef background is rich and varied.

Chanaka and Ransala love the lifestyle here and are pleased to be out of the rat race.

"When I was younger, my Dad sent me to a course and I saw cheffing on an information leaflet and got hooked."

Chanaka attended SLITHM (Sri Lankan Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management), studying food and beverage, then industry training, front of house, then off to Singapore to do Japanese cooking. He went back to Hotel School in Sri Lanka to do the final year (like a Masters Degree), and was one of only 20 selected.

"We had to study 12 subjects which included things like business management, asset management, law, accounting and finance, environmental studies," said Chanaka.

Previously Chanaka has cheffed at Terrace Downs (Rakaia Gorge), Brinkley (Methven) and The George Hotel's (Christchurch) fine dining establishments. He brings 22 years of cooking and being in the industry, to Aqua.

"We use local NZ King Salmon or Akaroa Salmon - I am wanting to use more local ingredients in our dishes," said Chanaka, "we have to care about what goes on the plate and where it comes from." Future plans include Wine and Sake Pairing Events using NZ Sake where a group



Annie Jacobs

Chanaka Jayabahu

could book out the whole restaurant or tea pairings.

"I want to take Aqua to the next level. I see it as a responsibility to further the great work that Yuki Shimba and his wife started. In future, I will look at doing more fusion food."

Chanaka loves the precision and quality of Japanese cooking which takes a long time to learn. "They really respect nature and get best quality products, even considering hand temperature, it's very detailed, all the techniques. We have had so many people come back as return customers, which as a chef brings great joy."

A new dish coming to the menu is Lamb Lumina. Using local, the dish features beautifully tender marbled lamb. The sushi is absolutely delicious and would be hard to beat. Karaage Chicken is a kiwi fave, but it is the Tuna Sashimi (carpaccio) that is running out the door at only \$20, but wait, there's so much more!

Next time you're looking for a lunch or dinner, don't walk past the Aqua double doors on Main Street (opposite Hammer Hardware), a warm smile, delicious food and superb service await you!

LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE?

Molloy Agriculture Adventure Race

Sunday 2nd March 2025

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Thursday 6th March
Yr 7/8 - 3.30pm to 5pm
Secondary School - 5pm to 6.30pm
Seniors - 6.30pm to 8pm

Monday 10th March
Yr 7/8 - 3.30pm to 5pm
Secondary School - 5pm to 6.30pm
Seniors - 6.30pm to 8pm

Thursday 13th March
Secondary School - 5pm to 6.30pm
Seniors - 6.30pm to 8pm
(these trials are only if a 3rd trial is required)

The committee needs your help!
We are looking for a secretary to help our committee out. We meet once a month on a Tuesday evening. If you think you can help please ring: **Anna Johnson 027 311 5265**

Methven Netball Club

6 Historic RDR Pipe Shed Restored *continues from the front page*

The ten metre wide and up to three metre deep waterway was designed for irrigation and water supply. With native forests now burnt and removed from the Canterbury Plains, drought was an issue. Later when the ability to generate electricity was realised, the Highbank Power Station was added to the scheme utilising the Race water in winter when irrigation was not needed. The first generation of electricity was on 8 June 1945.

Over 3,822,600 cubic metres of earth was moved to create the scheme. Pipes for the syphons were constructed at "The Birches" a plant set up near Surrey Hills. At the time, they were the largest pipes ever constructed in New Zealand and were used to create three different types of syphons for the scheme. Over 800 pipes, with the large ones weighing 28 ton each were constructed. Experienced shepherds warned that a good rain caused land movement at Surrey Hills and during extensive rain in December 1938/January 1939 period (sound familiar?), a landslip did occur necessitating in some ingenious engineering - a syphon. Held in position by giant-sized 400 tonne anchor blocks, the Surrey Hills Syphon carries the water through, to emerge 2.6kms and 16 minutes later to continue it's journey along the Plains. Other syphons take the race water under rivers and streams, protecting the environment on the surface.

Minister of Public Works at the time of construction of the race, Bob Semple, famously drove his ministerial car inside the first concrete pipe laid for the syphon at Surrey Hills, on 19 October 1940.

At the time, Works Villages were set up around the region for the single



New macrocarpa wedges secure the historic Pipe Shed in position, the concrete control gate foundation has been repaired by Joseph Builders from Mt Somers

men to stay in, with some marrieds bringing their wife and family. Methven's own Vivian Barrett grew up at the Works Camp at Winchmore. Another Works Camp was situated on the land in the vicinity where Methven Resort and the south eastern side of Wayne Place is now. A safe place to store explosives was needed and during and after World War II, everyone had to make do with what they had. So a pipe was transported from the pipe plant, a concrete back and front put on it, a floor inserted, a door and vents added, thus creating a shed. The Pipe Shed was installed on a pre-cast concrete control gate that was not up to the required standard for the scheme and wedged in place. Fast track to the last few years and the Pipe Shed was not in terribly good shape. Numerous locals discussed that while it could be viewed from The Garden of Harmony on South Belt, it was not very attractive and needed to be preserved as part of our very important history. Members of the Methven Community Board at the time, had been offered a turbine from the Highbank Power Station as a relic, after an upgrade and it was felt the two items should be preserved in a public space.

METHVEN

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Dairy Heifer Competition Itinerary 2025 Friday 21st February

8am sharp - Leaving Southern Cross Lodge

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Morning Tea - Lyndhurst Reserve 10am – 10:30am

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David Butterick (Pete & Linda Rollinson)
Ben & Cate McIntosh
Mark Lock

Lunch – Lyndhurst Reserve 12:30pm

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Rob Withers
Nathan & Greta Currie (Sam & Andrew Wright)
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Grant & Denise King

Prizegiving 6pm onwards Southern Cross Lodge

For updates on the day's proceedings call Phil Lowe 027 221 4068 or Ben Lilley 027 620 0290

It is planned that they will both be a feature of the proposed Garden Of Harmony extension and native bird sanctuary, being undertaken by the Methven and Foothills Birdsong Initiative.

The Rangitata Diversion Race Management Limited funded the recent restoration costing over \$20,000. The Pipe Shed has a Category 1 Heritage NZ listing and a Category A listing in Ashburton District Council's District Plan. The restoration works were undertaken by Joseph Builders from Mt Somers with input from Ashburton District Council and Heritage NZ.

This is the only pipe manufactured for the scheme which is still intact, outside of the RDR Canal, (there is one other reported to be in a dilapidated state on a foothills farm). Viv Barrett would like to see this one moved nearer to the road, along with the turbine, for easier viewing.

Restoration is now complete, and the Pipe Shed stands resplendently proud, in the paddock behind The Garden of Harmony.

Viv, Richard and Kees view the restoration



The concrete control gate has been mended, new wedges put under the shed to keep it anchored, a new door, vents and floor have the shed looking wonderful for generations now and to come.

The public can walk through the farm gate (please close it behind you), from the garden to view. It is worth going and having a look at this piece of history which is approaching 100 years old, to experience a part of our history for yourself.



Rakaia Speed Proposal Preposterous!

Annie Jacobs

The New Zealand Transport Authority (Waka Kotahi) are considering reversing the 50 km per hour (kmph) speed limit through the township of Rakaia, putting it back to the preposterous speed of 70 kmph!

This affects us in the foothills, as that is the connection for many road users and tourists onto State Highway One (SHW1).

The previous limit of 70kmph meant that people looking to join or cross SHW1 took their lives into their hands trying to find a gap in the speeding traffic to safely cross or join. This is especially dangerous for children crossing to get to school/home, cyclists and larger vehicles that move more slowly.

NZTA cite rules around corridors, but reason does not seem to apply here (I would love to be proven otherwise), with Ashburton having a 50kmph speed limit. We need to keep people, traffic, and freight **moving safely**.

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Back in time

From the Whakatere Heritage Collections Online

This portrait of an unknown couple around 1914 – 1918 is from box of glass negatives all believed to be associated with Methven and is Image 11, 04.1995.0235e.

The man is seated and wears a military uniform and the woman stands behind him to the left, with her hand on his shoulder.

Do you know who this couple is? If so, please email us: letterbox@snowfed.co.nz



Photos courtesy of Ashburton Museum and Historical Society Inc

Methven Public Library AGM

Monday 17th February, 7:30 pm
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Answer: picaresque

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However, to protect the places we love, we have some work to do.

We're starting on a climate change and sustainability strategy and we want to hear your ideas for what should be included.

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- How do we work together to address the challenges that climate change will bring?
- What areas should the Council focus on?



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Pippa Pavey

Scott Rodgers

Stop by The Alpine Grind for your free coffee



The expert in anything was once a beginner.

Helen Hayes

Interested in Passive Housing?

Council is cohosting a free seminar about passive houses on 12 March and the event will include a visit to a passive house in Methven.

The Canterbury chapter of the Passive House Institute of New Zealand and Council have teamed up for the event, which will include information about how passive houses are built, costs and the experience of the home owners. Group Manager of Compliance and Development Ian Hyde said there were several passive homes in the Ashburton District.

"People are curious about this style of building and the seminar is a great way to learn about it, especially if you are thinking about building your own home." Council's Building Services Technical Leader (Processing & Inspections) Mike Farrell will be a speaker at the seminar, having had experience in similar builds.

Mike has also contributed material for the New Zealand Building Standards for straw

houses, and will be speaking about straw or earth houses at a building officials' conference in May.

The passive house event starts at the Methven house at 3pm and attendees will be supplied the address when they register via Eventbrite. The site visit will include information from the builder, the home owner and suppliers. The second part of the seminar is at Council's library and civic building Te Whare Whakare, in Ashburton, at 4.30pm. It will include discussion about building consents, certification of a passive house, architectural design and structural design of passive houses and energy modelling for passive houses.

"It's quite a fast-paced event, with about 10 minutes for each speaker and is a great way to gather information and ask questions."

93 Possums & 1 Stoat

Since the beginning of September 2025, Methven Birdsong has been predator trapping in three areas around the outside of Methven on parts of the Methven Walkway – Thymestream, The Enchanted Forest and Piwakawaka Walk. We have logged 93 possums and finally last week a stoat!

We have been trying different baits and using traps (as recommended by the Department Of Conservation) for the animals showing up in the trapping tunnels.

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Celebrating the Treaty of Waitangi on Home Turf

NATIONAL MP
James Meager

This past week I had the privilege of accompanying Prime Minister Chris Luxon, senior Ministers Nicola Willis and Chris Bishop, and with many other colleagues to Ōnuku Marae in Akaroa.

Set against the stunning Akaroa Harbour backdrop, we were also joined by Governor General Dame Cindy Kiro, and Speaker of the House Gerry Brownlee, along with hundreds of visitors from around Akaroa and Canterbury.



Ōnuku put on a wonderful display of hospitality and care, treating us to a fantastic morning of oratory and speeches. Some were challenging, but all of them were in the spirit of collaboration and collegiality as we work towards common goals of growing New Zealand, especially the South Island. Ngāi Tahu chief Justin Tipa gave a tremendous speech outlining how we are all stronger when we work together, and how

Ngāi Tahu are going to be a key player in our growth story.

After the all the speeches, we were treated to a wonderful lunch of local

seafood, produce, meat and vege which put on display everything we love about Canterbury and the south. Despite the negative portrayal on the news, the day was civil and cordial, with much more to celebrate and bring us together than there was to criticise and drive us apart. I think the news media need to take a step back and consider how they report on occasions like this, and what they choose to highlight. A lone protestor disrupting proceedings was what they chose to focus on, and not the many stories of family reuniting, and new friendships and bonds being made.

We are back in Parliament for the next couple of weeks, and I am going to be tucked away in Select Committee Room 3 for a good part of it, as we continue hearings into the Treaty Principles Bill. On top of Justice Committee work, I'm also getting my head into my portfolio work and am looking forward to receiving my delegations in the Transport portfolio, an important one for us here in Mid/South Canterbury.

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GROW YOUR OWN

Mary Ralston



Erratic weather seems the norm this summer, but outdoor vege gardens are looking generally good; all the rain has benefited them.

However with 27 degree days, they may now need watering. No need to water potatoes that are dying off, but other established veg, (eg: beans, zucchinis, carrots, etc) and young seedlings could do with a water after successive dry days.

Leeks, kale, silver beet, celery, lettuce, brassicas such as cabbage, cauli and broccoli, and rocket are the star crops to plant in this late summer season. They all like high levels of nutrients so be generous when planting. Water thoroughly after planting.

Keep an eye on summer crops such as carrots and parsnips which need thinning. Nothing worse than going to all the trouble of sowing fiddly carrot seeds to come back and find they are jammed in too close to fill out properly.

Carrots are great for kids to munch on – there are some alarming statistics about the high percentage of ultra processed foods (UPFs) in Western diets nowadays and carrots can be a saviour! If your kids

eat sugary cereal for breakfast, a sweet snack mid-morning, high carb bread without much protein for lunch, fizzy drink after school, pasta for tea followed by icecream, they're in for a health disaster.

Fresh carrots, apples, celery sticks, beans and cucumbers are great in lunchboxes – they're filling, have good nutrients and fibre and don't have processed sugar in them. Fresh veges and fruit aren't expensive and if we can grow some of our own, it's a winner in many ways – we're more invested in eating veges if we've grown them ourselves. If kids help in the garden, they get the message that veges are important and the exercise involved is beneficial too.

Another interesting statistic is that 30 different types of plant foods in a week is optimum for gut health. I'm going to start a list to see if I get there... it's hard to beat zucchinis, potatoes and beans with every evening meal but I probably should try a bit more variety!

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Schools News



Methven Primary School

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I love to spend my time out in the mountains - hiking, skiing, biking or running. I also love anything to do with music, spending time with loved ones and cosying down with a good book!

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Hello, my name is Deahna Shearer and I am from Alexandra, Central Otago.

In my own time I'll be found outside, biking, hiking, kayaking, camping, fishing or just anything outdoors.

Otherwise, I absolutely love to snuggle up with a good book, or dabble in some art or something creative. This year I am also studying, doing my diploma in yoga instructing.

I am really excited to become part of your community here in Methven.

Thank you for the warm welcome already, and I hope to meet you all soon.



Deahna Shearer



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I am very excited to be starting new at Methven Primary School and joining the Māhuri team for 2025.

I was born in Te Anau and boarded at Southland Girls' High School, Invercargill. I completed my Bachelor of Teaching and Learning at University of Canterbury in 2023 and last year started my beginning teacher journey at Te Anau School.

During my summer holidays I spent my time rousying in Southland working in the very hot shearing sheds. I also went up to Northland for a week and visited some cool places like Cape Reinga, Paihia, and the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. To finish that holiday I was lucky enough to get to the Luke Combs concert. I used to be a keen skier at The Remarkables when I was younger so I am very keen to get back up the slopes and try out Mt Hutt this winter.

I am really looking forward to being part of this awesome new community in Methven and getting to know your tamariki and whānau.



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MHC Ōpuke Innovation Hub Trades Academy Kicks Off

The Ōpuke Innovation Hub (OIH) Trades Academy is off to a strong start, engaging students in a dynamic team-building exercise as part of their hands-on learning experience.

The academy, dedicated to giving students practical skills in the trades, recently saw its students cleaning out a shed and framing a new wall as part of their first project of the year. The exercise, which combined both teamwork and technical skills, gave students the opportunity to work together and apply practical skills that will be learned in the classroom to real-world tasks.

To enhance their learning further, students also visited David and the team at Hammer Hardware, where they received a valuable lesson on the differences in building materials. The trip was a perfect opportunity for students to interact with industry professionals and

learn about the tools and materials that will be used throughout their studies. The visit also came with a thoughtful gesture, as the students were given a selection of tradies' tools to help them through the year, allowing them to hit the ground running.

"We're excited to support the Ōpuke Innovation Hub students," said David from Hammer Hardware. "It's important to help equip the next generation of tradespeople with the right tools and knowledge, and we're happy to be a part of their journey."

A special thanks is also in order for the team at Stoney Creek, who supplied the

new OIH uniforms. The students' new polos, emblazoned with the Ōpuke Innovation Hub logo, made a big impression and helped foster a sense of pride and unity within the group.

The Ōpuke Innovation Hub Trades Academy is paving the way for students interested in a career in the trades, offering them valuable skills, industry knowledge, and real-world experience. With their first project underway, the future is looking bright for the young tradespeople of Ōpuke.



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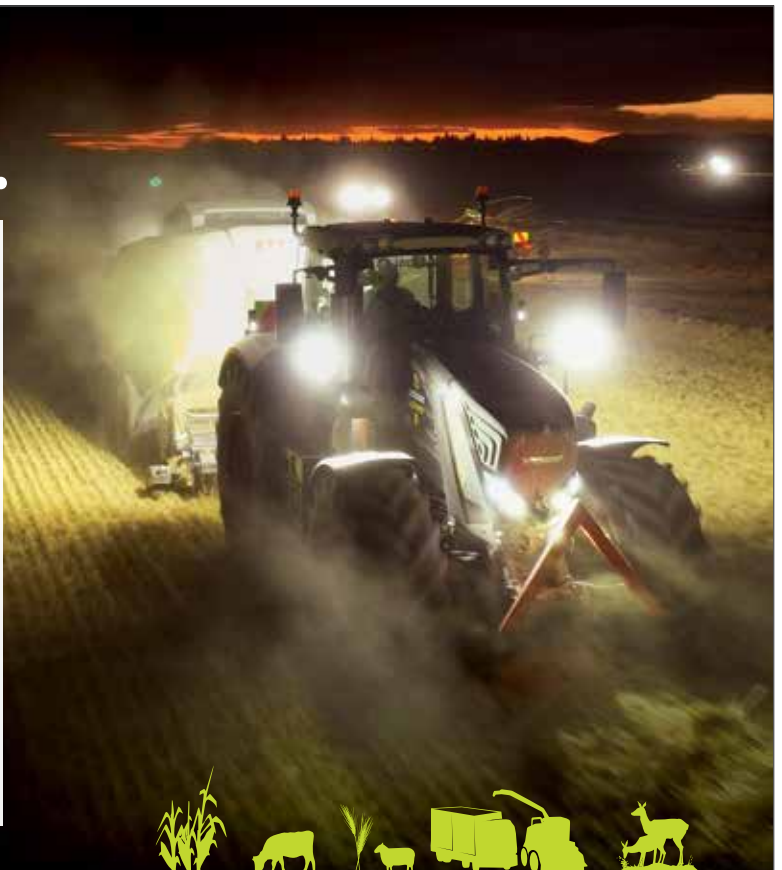
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Schools News

Our Lady of the Snows School



At Our Lady of the Snows School, our charism is the guiding light that shapes our community and inspires our actions.

Rooted in the legacy of Catherine McAuley, our commitment to mercy encourages us to serve others with compassion and grace. This year, as we look forward to 2025, we are excited to introduce our dedicated senior leaders who embody this charism and exemplify the values that define our school.

Mercy House: Elizabete & Zian

McAuley House: Lucy & AJ

Convent House: Sofia & Mariadine

Sports Monitors: Tristan & Opeti

Librarians: Karla & Fynn

Our senior leaders are not only role models but also active participants in fostering an inclusive and caring environment. They demonstrate



our core values of Compassion, Āwhina, Respect and Excellence (CARE), in their daily interactions. With a heartfelt commitment to ensuring that we all CARE for ourselves, each other, and our wider community, they engage with students throughout the school day, leading initiatives and organising events that reflect our shared values.

These leaders are dedicated to nurturing relationships, promoting teamwork, and creating a sense of belonging among all students. Whether it's during playtimes or in the classroom, their presence is felt as they encourage participation, listen to diverse perspectives, and celebrate the achievements of their peers. Their actions serve as a testament to the strength of our community, reinforcing the importance of protecting knowledge and working together for the common good.



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A professional disposition is essential when assisting in organising tournaments and special events, promoting the club as a venue for functions, and supporting green fee players with cart and club hire. Responsibilities would also include office administration with the loading of accounts and subscriptions into Xero.

A knowledge of golf would be preferable but not essential.

Applicants for this position must have NZ residency.

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Methven House Cook

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We are currently looking for a permanent cook to join our friendly team.

- **hours of work 8am – 1pm**
- **approximately 35 hours per fortnight**
- **nutritious home cooked meals tailored to the individual needs of our residents**
- **cooking for the residents of Methven House and meals on wheels recipients**
- **This is a unique opportunity in which the successful applicant will be responsible for food preparation such as cooking and baking.**

This position will join us as we move to Methven Central, our new rest home during the year. If this sounds like you, please email for a full job description and application form to: nursemanager@methvenhouse.co.nz
If you have any questions, please contact Sue 03 302 8528



Please return your application form and CV to Methven House by **Monday 24th February 2025**

Kapa Haka Tutor

Our school is looking for someone with experience and a passion for Māori Performing Arts to support with our Kapa Haka rōpū.

The successful applicant would need to be available for 1 hour per week to run practices with the rōpū. The timing for these sessions is to be negotiated.

Remuneration, including a travel and planning allowance, will be negotiated once an appointment is made.

For more information please contact the Principal's Secretary: Sheree Rooney, college@mthutt.school.nz



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Methven 9 Racecourse Avenue

In the heart of adventure

With breathtaking views of Mt Hutt, this three-bedroom home is perfect for those seeking a cosy space with exceptional views. The spacious open-plan living area features large sliding doors that lead to an expansive deck. Ideal for short-term holiday accommodation, this property would attract visitors year-round.

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12pm, Fri 21 Feb 2025

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Methven 14 Barkers Road

Unlock the potential

Situated at 14 Barkers Road, this home places you within easy reach of Methven's vibrant town centre. This two-level, three-bedroom alpine-style home offers an exciting opportunity to add your own touch and unlock its potential. With a layout that caters to various needs, this property is ideal as a rental investment, a first home, or a holiday retreat.

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2pm, Thu 20 Feb 2025

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Methven 10 Anzac Lane

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Methven 13 Allen Street

Charming family home

This beautifully updated character home offers the perfect blend of timeless charm and modern living. With freshly painted walls and new carpeting, it's ready for a new owner to enjoy its warmth and personality. On 1,012sqm (more or less), the fully fenced backyard provides ample space for children to play freely.

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37 Sam Holmes Drive, **Methven**

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- Timeless at Thyme Stream
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- Multiple living options
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4 Memorial Crescent, **Methven**

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- 3 bedrooms plus office
- 2.5 bathrooms
- Vaulted lounge ceiling
- Inside Chinese garden
- 3 car garaging
- Fantastic garden
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6 Westward Way, **Methven**

- Build the dream
- Looking right to No. 6 Hole on the Methven Golf Course
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- Power, water, fibre to boundary
- Waste water system required

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Lots 2 & 3 Hobbs Road, **Methven**

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- Lot 2 - 1.0268 hectares
- Lot 3 - 1.0596 hectares
- Waste water system required
- Town water & power

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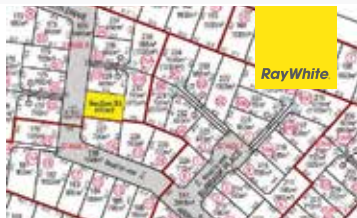
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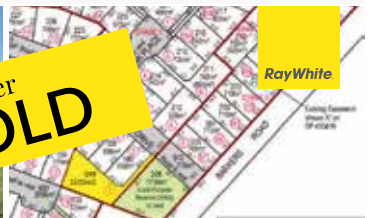
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16 Arrowsmith Drive, **Methven**

- Pleasantly located 690m2 section
- Titles issued & ready to be built on
- Fully serviced to boundary
- Mountain views with road frontage

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\$215,000**View**
by appointment**Margaret Feiss**
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1 Arrowsmith Drive, **Methven**

- Aim for Arrowsmith
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