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## Four new trustees join Central Lakes Trust

By Jan Hawkins

Four new trustees will be joining the one returning elected and three appointed trustees making up the Central Lakes Trust.

The newly elected members, in order of votes, are Alexandra businessman Lindsay Breen, former Central Otago Mayor Tony Lepper, Queenstown lawyer, Rosy Hill, and Kathy Dedo, community worker, in Wanaka.

Returning elected trustee, Cath Gilmour, of Queenstown, begins her final three-year term, as a nine-year maximum term is mandated. The appointed trustees are Linda Robertson, Hetty van Hale, and Michael Sidey. "It is my pleasure to welcome our four newly-elected trustees, and our returning trustee, to the board," says Trust Chair, Linda Roberston.

"The electorate has done a wonderful job of providing us geographic, age, and gender diversity, and research shows that diverse boards are high performing boards. I look forward to us working together to govern the trust in the upcoming years and continuing to benefit the community we serve," Linda adds.

The candidate numbers were at a record high this election, and so was the voter turnout. A little under a third of the 38,000 entitled to vote did so.

The Trust is the largest philanthropic trust per capita in the Southern Hemisphere.

This is the first time, since its inception in 2000, that the Cromwell area has been



New trustees Lindsay Breen, Kathy Dedo, Tony Lepper and Rosy Hill. Photo Supplied

without a local person on the Central Lakes Trust. It now has three trustees from Queenstown, one appointed and two elected, three from Wanaka, two appointed and one elected, and two from Alexandra, both elected.

Inaugural chairperson, Cromwell's Peter Mead, recalls that the first trustees elected with him came one each from Alexandra, Queenstown, Roxburgh, and Wanaka, with another from Cromwell.

Peter believes that funding distributions are made on the merits of specific

applications and should not be affected by where the trustees live.

He points out that, although there are no trustees from Cromwell or the Teviot Valley, this is the first time that the majority of the trustees are female.

"Twenty-five good people put their name forward, and many who would have been excellent trustees missed out.

This is unfortunate, but their nominations proved again my long-held belief there is no shortage of talented people within the region," says Peter.

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# Nevis Valley Gutbuster 2019

By Jan Hawkins

Headwind, hills, heat, and gutsy performances marked the annual Nevis Valley Garston to Bannockburn Gutbuster last weekend.

This 75 km endurance race through the iconic Nevis Road is a drawcard for those who want to put their fitness levels to the test, as well as those who prefer a non-competitive ride in the e-bike section. For something between these levels, there is the team relay event.

For the relay event, riders need to get their mates together with a 4-wheel-drive vehicle, drop one rider at the start, and the other team members wherever they like along the route.

They can decide which member is best for the steep uphill, which for the fast downhill, and which for the straight and flat section - and, of course, who is most capable as the vehicle driver.

The 2019 event saw an e-biker, Antony Sproull, arrive first at the Bannockburn Domain, in a time of just over 3 hours.

First in the open men's section was Josh Burnett, who defied the headwind and heat to come in with a time of 3 hours, 11.50 minutes.

Josh, from Invercargill, has cycled the Gutbuster three times, and this is his second consecutive win in the open section.

He took off from the pack very early in the race, and held a comfortable lead for the entire race, but still managed to look

refreshed at the domain.

First in the senior men's section was Shorty Allnut, also from Invercargill. He was enthusiastic about his day.

"I really loved it.

The conditions were perfect, with a real headwind.

I paired up with another guy, and we shared a few stories as we biked along.

It is the first time I have been through there, and it is awesome.

I will definitely be back," says Shorty.

Organiser, Highland Events Terry David, was delighted with the day. He says,

"It is the best weather we have had in recent years.

The 140 participants meant a lower turnout than usual, because of the unfortunate clash of events here this weekend, but we made up in quality what we lacked in quantity."

"Big thanks to all our sponsors, especially Subway, and also to the Central and Southern Educational Trust for their help," Terry adds.

The other events Terry referred to were the Southern Lakes Multisport Club 24-hour Adventure Race, in the Bannockburn area celebrating its 10th year, and the six-day Pioneer Mountain Bike Stage Race, which started on December 1 and is scheduled to be in the Central Otago area until December 6.

Full results of the Gutbuster are available on a link from: [cromwell.org.nz](http://cromwell.org.nz)



Winner of the open male Gutbuster for the second consecutive year, Josh Burnett. Photo Jan Hawkins

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## Santaland fairytale returns to Cromwell

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Christmas lovers young and old look forward to welcoming the busy Christmas season, and this years Santaland is a traditional "Fairy Tale" themed display that will mesmerise visitors of all ages.

An annual event eagerly awaited by children and adults with a love of Christmas and a chance to meet Mrs Claus and of course Santa.

Fairytale fables have been recreated for you to reminisce about, along with princesses, fairy godmothers and Santa's elves', to keep you guessing the characters and storylines from these classics.

From this Thursday through to Sunday, Santaland comes alive to mark the beginning of the festive season.

Come meet Santa and have a free ride on the Thomas Train.

Entrance is \$15 per family which includes a photo with Santa or just to visit the display \$2 per person/ \$5 per family.

Each year the magic of Christmas is bought to life for the Cromwell Community by a group of keen Christmas loving volunteers. Santaland has been running for over 30 years in Cromwell, and any profits made go into next years display.



We couldn't bring it all together without the support of the Cromwell Toy Library, the Cromwell Lions and the Cromwell Presbyterian Church for allowing us to transfer their large hall into a magical Christmas display, thank you all.

Our committee is always looking for more volunteers to join our group of Christmas enthusiasts or if you would just

like to help with setting up and/or during the Santaland weekend please contact Megan 021 131 5125.

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## 36-hour rowing challenge supports men's health

By Leigh-Anne Fox

The rowing machine didn't stop at Central Fitness last weekend, as keen rowers took on the challenge of rowing for 36 hours straight to raise funds for men's health as their way of supporting the Movember campaign.

It was a team effort with support from across the community that Central Fitness team member Mon Penniall was grateful for.

"It's been a tiring and amazing time, we were so pleased to see rowers turn up and take a turn, allowing us to complete our challenge," she said.

Gym member Chris Foster stayed on the whole 36 hours, passionate about making sure the challenge was achieved. "He deserves a special mention, his commitment has been outstanding," said gym co-owner Jonny Roberts.

Raising \$2,088 so far, the Central Fitness team couldn't be prouder of their achievement and the way everyone pulled together to show their support for the men in their lives.

It was a party atmosphere as the final few seconds of the 36 hours drew closer at 6pm on Sunday, and once the final whistle blew, rowers relaxed, knowing they had completed the challenge put before them.

Those who took part or donated to the cause were showered with prizes from local companies making the event so much more fun.

"We can't thank those businesses who supported us enough. With their help, we were able to host a great event and raise important funds for the Movember campaign, thank you," Jonny adds.

Jonny's fiancée and business partner Alex Offen worked hard throughout the challenge keeping everyone's spirits high, particularly through the long early morning hours. She made sure everyone was fed, watered, and were enjoying their time supporting the cause, as well as rowing.

"It was hard work, but we did it, and it was great to see people turn up and take part," she said.

Central Fitness is well known for putting their hand up first to support a good cause, and it's not too late to donate. Visit the Movember Foundation website [nz.movember.com](http://nz.movember.com) and search for Central Fitness to donate.

## Global goal inspires community pantry

By Leigh-Anne Fox

Helpfulness, community consciousness and a desire for zero hunger have all played their role in inspiring two young students from Cromwell Primary School into creating a community pantry. The pantry is available to anyone in need of a little extra help to fill their tummies when the going gets tough.

Ten-year-old Ako students, Cruz Nicholson and Seth O'Neill, came up with the idea of a pantry for the community after learning about 17 global goals the world would like to achieve by 2030. Zero hunger was one of them, and the boys felt they could address it within their community.

A pantry was obtained from the second-hand store, re-vamped in colour, and stocked with donations of food for those in need of a little bit extra for the table.

Cromwell Primary School teacher Miss Lauren Pugh said she was "proud" of what the students had been able to achieve.

"They certainly thought about others, and even the design of the pantry has been well thought through.

"They have taller shelves for people who would like to donate flowers or taller items, and shorter shelves for canned goods.

Miss Pugh said the next challenge would be to find somewhere to place the pantry where people could access it freely.

"If any business or community organisation is interested in housing the pantry, we would be very interested in talking to you."

Both Seth and Cruz are looking forward to



Cruz Nicholson and Seth O'Neill from Cromwell Primary School stand proudly beside the community pantry they have created to help achieve a zero hunger goal across the world by 2030.

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seeing the pantry help others and find it hard to imagine what it would be like to go without food day after day.

"We are hoping the community pantry spreads to other areas, and local communities really look after each other," says Cruz.

"If we all help out, we will achieve the goal of zero hunger by 2030," adds Seth.

## Community Police Report



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It was interesting to read in the paper that Cromwell has outgrown Alexandra now in population and this just confirms everything that we have known about our little town for some time. Obviously increases in population also bring other issues and this is a good timely reminder to make sure that things are secure and locked up on our own properties and anyone in the midst of building their dream home should be contemplating some form of security and CCTV is a great option.

Not only for your own benefit but also for the communities. The shocking murders of two young females in New Zealand has involved CCTV footage from different businesses in order for Police to prove the movements of the offenders at those times which has in turn led to successful convictions.

Cromwell has had a boost in this and has recently had a CCTV system installed within the Mall mostly due to a welcome donation from Dave Horton. This has enabled us to have a round the clock system to monitor any potential criminal activity in that area.

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## Fishing enthusiasts enjoy a day on Lake Dunstan

By Leigh-Anne Fox

There were over 95 entries in Cromwell Rotary's 26th Annual Lake Dunstan Fishing Classic competition held two weekends ago with anglers coming from as far afield as Christchurch to see if they could hook the winner on Lake Dunstan.

Windy weather conditions didn't favour fishing, but those who took part didn't see any reason to complain and enjoyed the day immensely.

Fishing enthusiasts hauled seven more fish from the lake than last year with 25 brown trout, nine rainbow trout, and five perch making their way through to the final weigh-in.

Competition organiser Doug Winter was pleased to see 39 fish come in from Lake Dunstan.

"That's a pretty good amount of fish to have at the weigh-in.

The lake was chopping, making the conditions less than ideal, but everyone seemed to have a great day," he said.

Murray Petrie caught the heaviest fish of the day, with his brown trout tipping the scales at 2.15kg. Reon Buchanan caught the heaviest rainbow trout in the junior category, Josh Dicey the heaviest rainbow, and Josh Reihana-Flett, the heaviest brown trout. Anika Croy and Layton Davis had

the biggest catch for the children's division of the competition.

Cromwell Rotary wish to thank the following sponsors for their support on the day: Central Otago Hunting and Fishing, Clutha Fisheries Trust, Fish and Game, Steve's Marine, Paper Plus, Gary Anderson Electrical, Otago Farm Machinery, Alex Campbell Menswear, The Gate, BP2Go, Super Liquor, Cromwell Collision Repair, Cromwell Tyres, Tyreland, Cooke Howlison, Farmlands, Freshchoice, G.E.S, The Fridge, Central Otago Sports Depot, Cromwell Pharmacy, Nicols Garden Centre, BP Workshop, Mr Whippy, Versatile Homes, and Vinpro.

Plenty of fish were caught, and as with any good fishing day, a few tall tales were told.

The event was then finished off with an old fashioned lolly scramble that made the day on the lake one the whole family enjoyed.



Louis Beulink with his brown trout.  
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## Local gym recognised as one of nation's best

By Leigh-Anne Fox

NRG Health and Fitness Cromwell has again been announced as one of three top independently owned gyms in New Zealand at the New Zealand Exercise Industry Awards.

Named as an Independent Facility of the Year Finalist has been a huge accolade for the local gym, and owner Chantel Lindsay couldn't be prouder of her team and members for their constant hard work and positive attitude which has been recognised nationally.

NRG Health and Fitness last received a prestigious facility award in 2017, and having been judged from within the industry itself speaks volumes about what is needed to achieve such accolades.

Much of the criteria required comes from members and their feedback, mystery shopper experiences, membership growth, brand values, staff support, team management and a barrage of other measures. As a result, NRG Health and Fitness can proudly display its award on the wall and know they are doing what they can for the health and wellbeing of Cromwell.

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McNulty House Restoration reaching out to local community



By Jan Hawkins  
The Board of Old Cromwell Incorporated is in the midst of a major fundraising campaign for the restoration of McNulty House.  
The property was acquired in 2012, and this, the final construction stage, is expected to cost around \$700,000.  
Since purchasing the property using endowment funding, with major support from Central Lakes Trust and Otago Community Trust.  
The Board has spent \$90,000 to this stage and has committed a further \$50,000. It has been awarded \$233,767 from Central Lakes Trust and \$100,000 from the Lottery Environment and Heritage Fund.  
Further funding applications are currently under the consideration by  
Old Cromwell Inc Chairperson Helen Scholes showing progress on the McNulty House Restoration fundraising.  
Photo Jan Hawkins

the Otago Community Trust and the Cromwell Community Board.  
Several fundraising events are planned by the Board, and their 2020 calendar is now available at Grain and Seed Cafe and the Farmers' Market.  
There are also levels of registered sponsorship available, from Bronze starting from \$100, to Gold for sponsorship above \$1,000.  
Community businesses, organisations, families or individuals registering for these sponsorship levels will be acknowledged on plaques when the project is completed.  
This stage of the restoration is the culmination of a long-held desire of the Board to integrate this property into the historic precinct, for community enjoyment and to preserve it for posterity and future generations.  
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Don't give your old laptop the boot

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Laptops lying around the backs of cupboards unused can now be given a 'reBoot' and new lease of life, so they can be donated to local schools.  
Students use laptops increasingly from Year 3 upwards and they are mandatory from Year 7.  
Goldfields Primary School assistant principal Jacalyn Tapp said the required laptops retailed at around \$350 to \$400. She and Year five and six team leader from Cromwell Primary School, Louise Haig, agreed it was a significant cost for parents wanting children to have their own. Both schools made purchasing optional and provided laptops as best they could for use at school.  
The pair were keen to be able to donate up-cycled laptops to families and to be able to increase the supply of those available for the schools to lend in class-time.  
Cromwell reBoot is being launched this week with local computer expert Ben Deegan volunteering to collect laptops, remove the existing operating system and install a school-compatible system similar to those currently in use in classrooms. The software was freely available due to its open-source development model, he said.  
"We can take any type of functioning laptop produced from 2010 onwards and install the necessary software. They just need to be able to hold about two hours battery power and have power cords."  
Ben said people wanting to donate their old laptops could drop them into Paperplus Cromwell anytime. The scheme, being facilitated by not-for-profit community group Connect Cromwell, was also aimed at preventing laptops going to landfill. Any proving unusable would be taken to an e-waste recycling depot. Anyone with questions about Cromwell reBoot could contact community liaison George Affleck at george@connectcromwell.nz

Why doesn't Cromwell know what's in the Plan 13 decision?

It's a fair bet that the application of River Terrace Developments Limited, to develop land adjacent to Highlands Motor Park into a 900-section housing subdivision, has been a primary Cromwell focus this past couple of years.  
The Queenstown-based Meehan family has made no local friends with their foray. Almost universal opposition greeted their application, most principled but some manifestly unfair.  
Both the Central Otago District Council and the Cromwell Community Board were prompted into joining that opposition by concerned Cromwell residents. Nevertheless the planning hearings went ahead – in front of three independent commissioners – and their report was delivered to the council last month.  
Yes, that's right ... last month. Where it is being sat on by the council's chief executive Sanchia Jacobs. Ms. Jacobs is refusing to share it even with her mayor and the elected councillors.  
If this situation sounds bizarre, that's because it is. How do the very people who own the commissioners' report get it denied to them?  
The official explanation is that River Terrace Developments haven't paid their bill. Ms. Jacobs says the council has a policy of full cost recovery for private plan changes. She says the bill is over \$400,000, and the developers have paid less than half. She has publicly threatened to send in the debt collectors.  
Meanwhile, Cromwell waits. So too the governance arm of the Central Otago District Council – the elected officials who are meant to be running their council. But clearly, aren't.  
The independent commissioners' report belongs to the full Council, not just the chief executive. And, by association, it also belongs to Cromwell ratepayers and residents. Given its impact upon our town. If River Terrace owes monies, that's relevant how? They are two separate issues that have been conflated into one.  
In this strange limbo, speculation has been invited to, well ... speculate. Many folks think River Terrace must have been denied permission, so that's the reason for their financial recalcitrance. Although, from where I sit, they would not appear to know the report's contents either.  
Meanwhile, the developers have decided to thumb their nose. According to the ODT, they've applied to the Council for resource consent to construct a building platform on their land. Just one.  
And the Cromwell community is required to keep waiting while all these silly games are being played. It is not local government at its finest.

If you'd like to contact Michael Laws, email him  
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**Connect Cromwell Drop-in Coffee & Chat** - First Thursday of the month, 9.30am -10.30am, Forage Café, The Gate. Community projects, ideas and assistance. Contact: info@connectcromwell.nz www.connectcromwell.nz

**Creative Wool Crafters** - Wed, 10am, at clubrooms, new members welcome. Enq 445 4727 / 445 3520

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**Narcotics Anonymous** - Wed 6pm at the Cromwell Community House, 5 Murray Tee, Cromwell. Ph 0800 628 632

**NZ Vintage Car Club Inc, Central Otago** - Monthly meetings 8pm 2nd Wed of the month at the VCC Clubrooms, Litany St, Cromwell. Interested members of the public welcome. Enq John 445 0598 / Lindsay 445 0065

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Up Coming

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**Friday 27th December** - Cromwell Bowling Club’s famous summer quiz night happens again. 7pm Cromwell Club, Alpha Street

**Tuesday 7th January** - Annual 4WD organised by Cromwell Rotary. More details to follow

**11th & 12th January** - Cromwell Rotary Summer Book Sale, at the Bowling Stadium, Alpha Street, is on again. Come along for book bargains

**The Cromwell Kilwinning Lodge 98** - 2nd Wed in the month, 7.30pm

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Correction

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Church Notices

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**Cromwell Presbyterian Church** - 10 Elspeth St, Cromwell (along from New World). Sun service. This week only. 10am Combined Service, morning tea to follow. Enq 445 3078, E: office@cromchurch.co.nz, www.cromchurch.co.nz

**St Andrew’s Anglican Church** - Tues 10am, Sun 9am, everyone welcome, Cnr Blyth & Donegal St. Rev Damon Plimmer 443 2440

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**The Irish Martyrs Catholic Church** - Sligo St, Cromwell. Mass times: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sun of the month: 11am. 2nd & 4th Sun of the month: 9am

**Lakeside Christian Centre** - Sun, Lowburn Community Church, 10.30am. Enq Pastor Bruce West 027 450 7618

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Birthday Wishes

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<b>December 5</b> Noah Froom Brayden Rae Arthur Milne	<b>December 8</b> Faith Ainsley Luke Manson Zane Garr Ashley Jansen Tim Evans	

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Draw & Results

Draw

**NETBALL DRAW MONDAY DECEMBER 9TH 6.15pm**  
Court 1 Ruggard v The Opposition - Karyn & Judge  
Court 2 Highlands v Dirty Tactic - Marie & Rach  
Court 3 12 Times v Balls Deep - Claudia & Jacqui  
Court 4 Untamed v Hoops - Tash & Lori  
Court 5 Shot Down v Here's the tea - Belz & Barnsey  
Court 6 Cunning Stunts v The Wannabes - Shayla & Hannah B

**7.00pm**  
Court 1 Time Out v Tits & Bits - Karyn & Jess A  
Court 2 Mad Dogz v Team Greenies - Tia & Judge  
Court 3 Big Ballers v Se Wuck - Pania & Chelsea  
Court 4 Cloud 9 v Shaydens Team - Helen & Tash  
Court 5 Year 12 v One hit wonders - Emma P & Robbie  
Court 6 Central Fitness v Nets top model - Allanah & Jacqui

Local Jiu Jitsu girls place second

By Leigh-Anne Fox

The King of the South Jiu Jitsu competition at the Queenstown Events Centre attracted a pool of talent from around the country, but it was two Cromwell school girls that came away with a second placing in their grades.

Harmony Russell and Jessi Cook have been training five days a week with coach Jason Smith, and the hard work is paying off.

Taking part in the Brazilian-style jiu-jitsu competition has allowed the girls and their coach to see how training is coming along, and with outstanding results, no-one is complaining.

"Both Jessi and Harmony have worked hard, and it's clear to see it's their passion and love of the sport that drives them both," says coach Jason. "They have given it their all, and I am very proud of what they have been able to achieve."

Up against competitors from as far afield as Auckland, the gutsy Cromwell girls gave the competition all they had, and holding their opponents in arm locks, triangle chokes, and guillotine chokes are what was needed to get to the podium.

"This is a sport that is not only physically challenging but mentally challenging also," Jason says.

"These girls need to have all their wits about them at competition level, and that's exactly what they did."



Left: Harmony Russell with Jessi Cook are delighted to both have placed second in their grades at this year's King of the South Jiu Jitsu competition. Photo Supplied

Jiu Jitsu is a family focussed sport, and it's this element of it Jason is most proud of.

"We have great support from both Harmony and Jessi's parents, and they are also involved in the sport at a hands-on level.

"The work they put into jiu jitsu is fantastic, and it's this "one, two, do" attitude that these sportspeople bring to the mat that makes all the difference."

Jason teaches Brazilian-style jiu-jitsu from Monday through to Friday from 6pm at 13 Hughs Crescent. Check out the Facebook page: Team Hammerhead Mixed Martial Arts Central & Queenstown.

Results

**NETBALL RESULTS MONDAY DECEMBER 2ND**  
The Opposition 33 Tits & Bit 15 POM Emily Hart  
Team Greenie 13 12 Times 7 POM Jordan  
Untamed 12 Balls Deep 11 POM Charday Deans  
One hit wonders 14 The Wannabes 11 POM Kieran Phillips  
Central Fitness 19 Cunning Stunts 9 POM Alex Offen

Mad Dogz 19 Hoops 14 POM Jarla Barlett  
Cloud 9 18 Se Wuck 18 POM Kate  
Big Ballers 20 Heres the tea 10 POM Greer  
Time Out 24 Highlands 13 POM Quintin Dynes  
Ruggard 29 Dirty Tactic 12 POM Denis  
Year 12 8 Nets top model 2 POM Bianca  
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1pm	51a Missy Crescent	
1pm	76 Gair Avenue	\$699,000
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