

Draft Methven Community Strategic Plan 2025

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Ashburton DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Introduction

Welcome to the 2025 Methven Community Strategic Plan. It is with great pleasure that we present a plan that has been developed by Methven, for Methven.

Our community has changed a lot over past 15 years - there's been population growth, new commercial activities and increased diversity, all of which means the needs of our community have evolved. As a board, we want Methven to continue to thrive so we've been busy reviewing Methven's community strategic plan to help identify ways we can achieve this over the next 10 years.

The first strategic plan was developed in 1997 and reworked in 2009 after consultation with the Methven community. In 2014, there was a stocktake which highlighted the number of objectives that were achieved off the back of these two plans. Some highlights include the skate park, and the redesign of the town centre.

We know that this is a process that works so we wanted to revisit it to see Methven into the future. Over the past few months, we've sought feedback from the community to better understand Methven's priorities. We heard a range of ideas through online and written submissions, received some fantastic ideas from students in our community, and we also received valuable feedback during the two public workshops.

As much as possible, we want this plan to highlight our community's expectations for the next 10 years but also celebrate the accomplishments of the past. It's about acknowledging what we do well as a community, what we could do better, and what we want our future to look like.

This plan pulls together a range of ideas that sit under four key goals

- **Goal One:** Methven is an attractive town in which to live, work and play
- **Goal Two:** Methven is a leader in tourism and business opportunities
- **Goal Three:** Methven is a well informed and participating community
- **Goal Four:** Methven is a safe and accessible area which cares for the wellbeing of its community

Methven Community Board



We thank the community for contributing their thoughts and ideas to help us develop this plan and we look forward to working together to achieve our shared goals.



The Methven Skate Park was one of the highlights of a previous Methven Community Strategic Plan. It's pictured here on opening day in July 2020.

Executive Summary

The Methven Community Strategic Plan outlines what's important for the Methven community. The plan includes four strategic goals, associated objectives and an action plan to achieve them.

Our goals

Goal One
Methven is an attractive town in which to live, work and play

This means Methven:

- ✓ Is a leader in recreational offerings
- ✓ Has well utilised and cared for community spaces
- ✓ Is committed to being a biodiverse and sustainable community

Goal Two
Methven is a leader in tourism and business opportunities

This means Methven:

- ✓ Is known as the district's recreational hub
- ✓ Supports its business community to grow
- ✓ Is recognised as a year-round tourism destination

Goal Three
Methven is a well informed and participating community

This means Methven:

- ✓ Is a well-connected and participating community
- ✓ Is effectively represented by its Community Board
- ✓ Is a well-informed community

Goal Four
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This means Methven:

- ✓ Is safe for residents and visitors
- ✓ Has safe and efficient transportation options
- ✓ Provides accessible healthcare for residents and visitors

The Community Strategic Plan

Why do we need a community strategic plan?

A community plan acts as a roadmap for the future, highlighting priorities and issues significant to the community. It ensures community involvement in planning, setting a clear future direction, and goals.

The plan usually highlights short to long term actions achievable in an outlined period of time. A community plan helps the Council understand the community's priorities, enabling informed decisions on resource allocation and funding during the Long Term Plan review.

A bit of background







Methven Community Strategic Plan 2025

Methven Community Board, with involvement from the community, has created an updated Methven Community Strategic Plan (the Plan) for the Methven community. Ashburton District Council has funded and facilitated the process of developing of this plan.

How we developed this plan

The Methven Community Board led the development of the community plan by engaging with residents through various methods. We conducted an online survey from November to December 2024 and hosted two public workshops attended by Methven residents, local businesses, and community groups. School kids also shared their views on Methven's future by filling out dedicated activity sheets. The feedback received from this wide community engagement helped us draft the initial plan.

After preparing the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan, we are consulting with the community to ensure it accurately reflects their needs and views.

Methven Community Strategic Plan Development Timeline



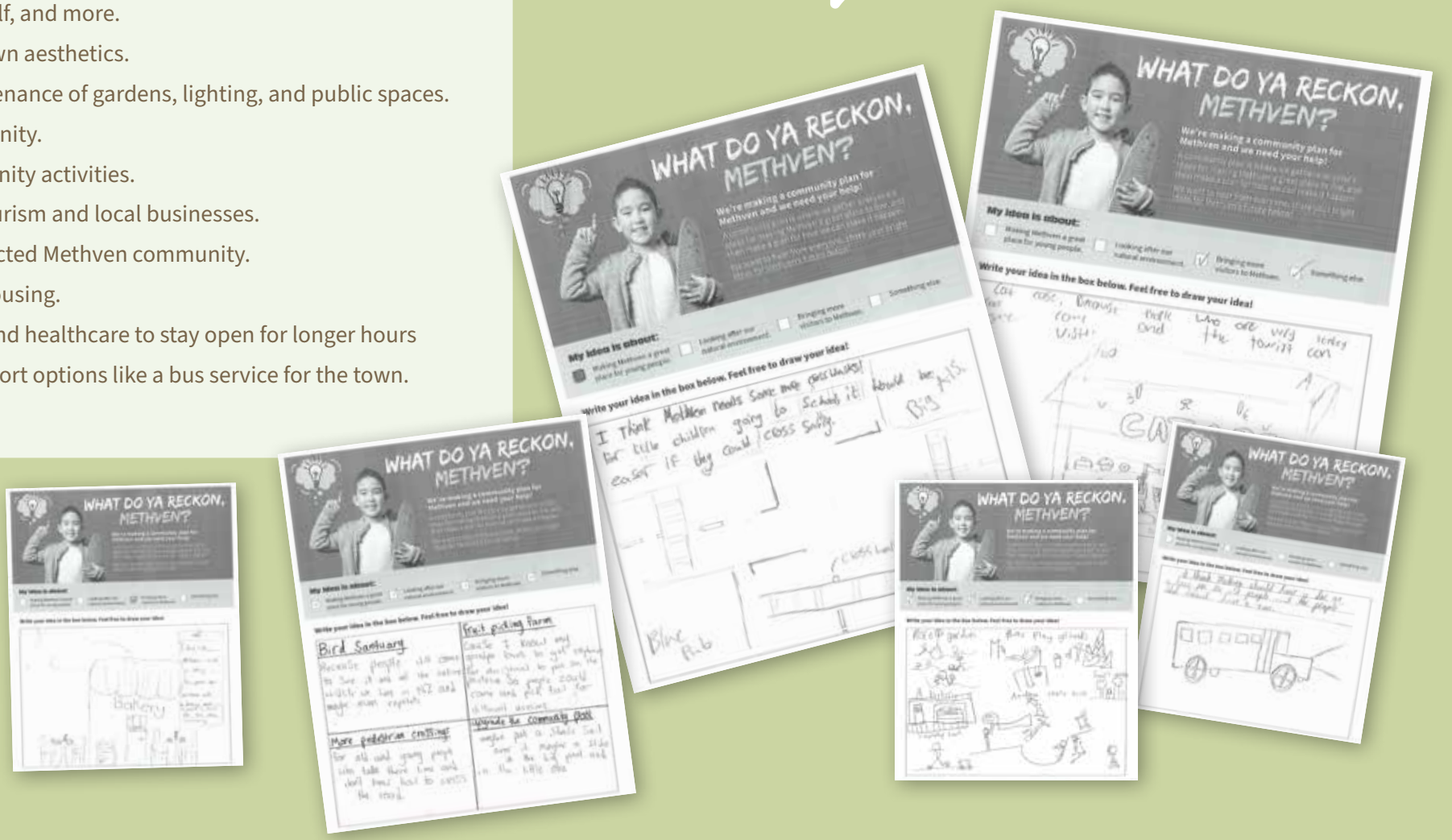
Community engagement: an overview

These are some of the ideas we heard from our community as part of the early engagement phase:

- More recreational opportunities such as walking and biking trails, disc golf, and more.
- Improved town aesthetics.
- Better maintenance of gardens, lighting, and public spaces.
- Safer community.
- More community activities.
- Growth in tourism and local businesses.
- A well-connected Methven community.
- Affordable housing.
- Businesses and healthcare to stay open for longer hours
- Public transport options like a bus service for the town.

What did our young people think?

Local primary students also got involved by writing and illustrating their ideas for Methven's future on activity sheets.



What did we hear?

For Methven to be lively all year round, there should be activities that will attract visitors in summer as well as winter.

It is important for people's wellbeing to live in an attractive town. This means tidy buildings in the town centre and plantings to enhance the area but not block out the mountains!

More suitable native trees and shrubs could be planted to entice native birds, in the parks in town and an extension of the Garden of Harmony.

Having more pedestrian crossings especially on the main road and near the pubs would be ideal to increase the safety of our tamariki in Methven.

WHAT DO YA RECKON, METHVEN?



Let's be welcoming of newcomers - there are a lot of groups for parents, but if you don't have children it is hard to meet people.

Methven needs reliable, scheduled transport to and from Ashburton - to reduce work commuting, and improve access to hospital, shopping and community activities.

Our History

How did we get here?

Methven township began in early 1879 with the construction of Morgan & Hibbs's Butchers, Bakers, Drapers and General Storekeepers shop near a major crossroads, chosen as the terminus of the privately-funded Rakaia and Ashburton Forks Railway, which opened early in 1880. Methven was the name of the closest landmark: a Post Office at a smithy, 3km north, on the south side of Robert Patton's farm "Methven", named after his hometown in Scotland.

The Post Office was moved into the new town store almost immediately, and the local governing body, the Mount Hutt Road Board, built a clerk's house, stables and their first office (still extant) near the corner of now Main Street & South Belt in late 1879. The town initially grew swiftly to support the farming settlers and new railway workers.

Methven's position under the foothills and its proximity to rivers proved valuable in advancing irrigation throughout the plains. A water intake con-structed below Pudding Hill in 1881 still feeds stock water down through the plains and Methven became the location for the Rangitata–Rakaia Diversion Race (RDR) headquarters during its development in the late 1930's-early 1940s.

In 1973, the potential of Methven as a tourism hub began to be realised with the opening of the Mount Hutt Ski Field, which brought visitors, seasonal workers, and new businesses to town. Mount Hutt still plays a vital role in in the local economy by bringing in thousands of tourists over the winter months. However, Methven is becoming a year-round tourism destination by the development of various scenic walkways, cycle trails, the Ōpuke thermal pools, and an increase in events and attractions.

The permanent resident count has been increasing since the mid-1980s and Methven is currently the fastest growing town in the Ashburton District. Agriculture continues to be the biggest economic contributor, but tourism and education are also major employing industries, all of which need to be considered over the next 10 years.

Methven Historical Society





The heritage-listed RDR pipe shed was restored this year. The shed was originally built from a giant piece of concrete pipe created for the construction of the Rangitata Diversion Race (RDR) in the 1930s. It was converted into a storage shed for explosives and remains on its original foundation in its original location on Council land near the Garden of Harmony.

Overview

1879 → First building, a general store, opened in Methven and Mount Hutt Road Board office built

1880 → Privately-funded Rakaia-Ashburton Forks Railway to Methven opened & original Methven Hotel built

1882 → First Methven School opened with a roll of 41, and first Rakaia Gorge Bridge completed

1883 → Original Canterbury Hotel, Telegraph Office and privately-funded Library built

1884 → Second Rakaia Gorge bridge opened

1885 → Government took over branch railway

1908 → Methven Town Hall opened in Bank Street

1923 → Electricity installed in Methven

1925 → Methven District High School opened with a roll of 37, and high-pressure water supplied to Methven

1937-45 → RDR and Highbank Power Station constructed

1940-49 → Methven Linen Flax Factory operated

1956 → Mount Hutt Memorial Hall opened in Main Street

1973 → Mount Hutt Ski Field opened

1976 → Methven-Rakaia Railway closed

1979 → Methven Walkway opened

2011 → NZ Alpine & Agriculture Encounter opened at Hall

2021 → Ōpuke Thermal Pools opened

Our Community

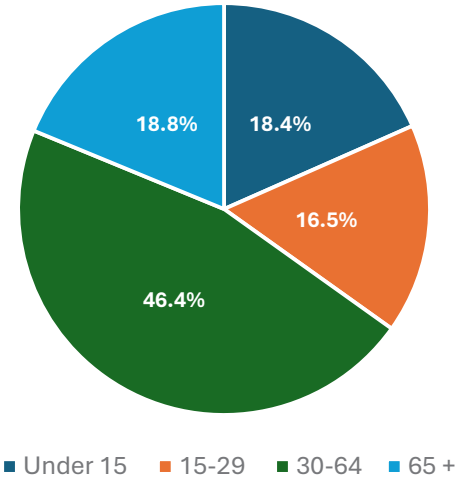
Population

Usual resident population - 1,977

Female – 975

Male – 1,002

Median Age – 39.6



Methven's population is expected to grow to by at least 12.8% over the next 10 years

Birthplace

77%

of Methven's residents were born in New Zealand[1]

- 9.8% were born in the UK
- 3.4% were born in Australia
- 2.4% were born in the Pacific Islands

Ethnicity

90.4%

of Methven's residents identify as European

10%

of Methven's residents identify as Māori

2.9%

of Methven's residents identify as Pacific Peoples

3.2%

of Methven's residents identify as Asian

Education

Methven has **3** schools with a total of **871** students enrolled

35.6% of the population over 15 have a high school qualification as their highest qualification

43.4% of the population over 15 have some form of post-school qualification as their highest qualification

[1] Stats NZ, Places and ethic group summaries tool, 2023 census
[2] Education Counts, School Rolls 2024

Workforce and income

1,197 residents over 15 are in the workforce	**80%** are paid employees while the other **20%** are either an employer or self employed	**57.1%** are working full time	Average working week in Methven is 38.7 hours	The median total personal income in Methven is **$45,600**

Housing

There are **954** private dwellings in Methven. **71.3%** of residents own, or partly own, their home or hold it in a family trust.

Economy

Methven's GDP	***$120.4m***
Total Business Units	**303**
Total employees	**820**

Fastest growing industries (based on GDP and employment growth)

1. **Tourism**
2. **Healthcare**
3. **Agriculture**

Snapshot of Methven's Top Industry – Tourism

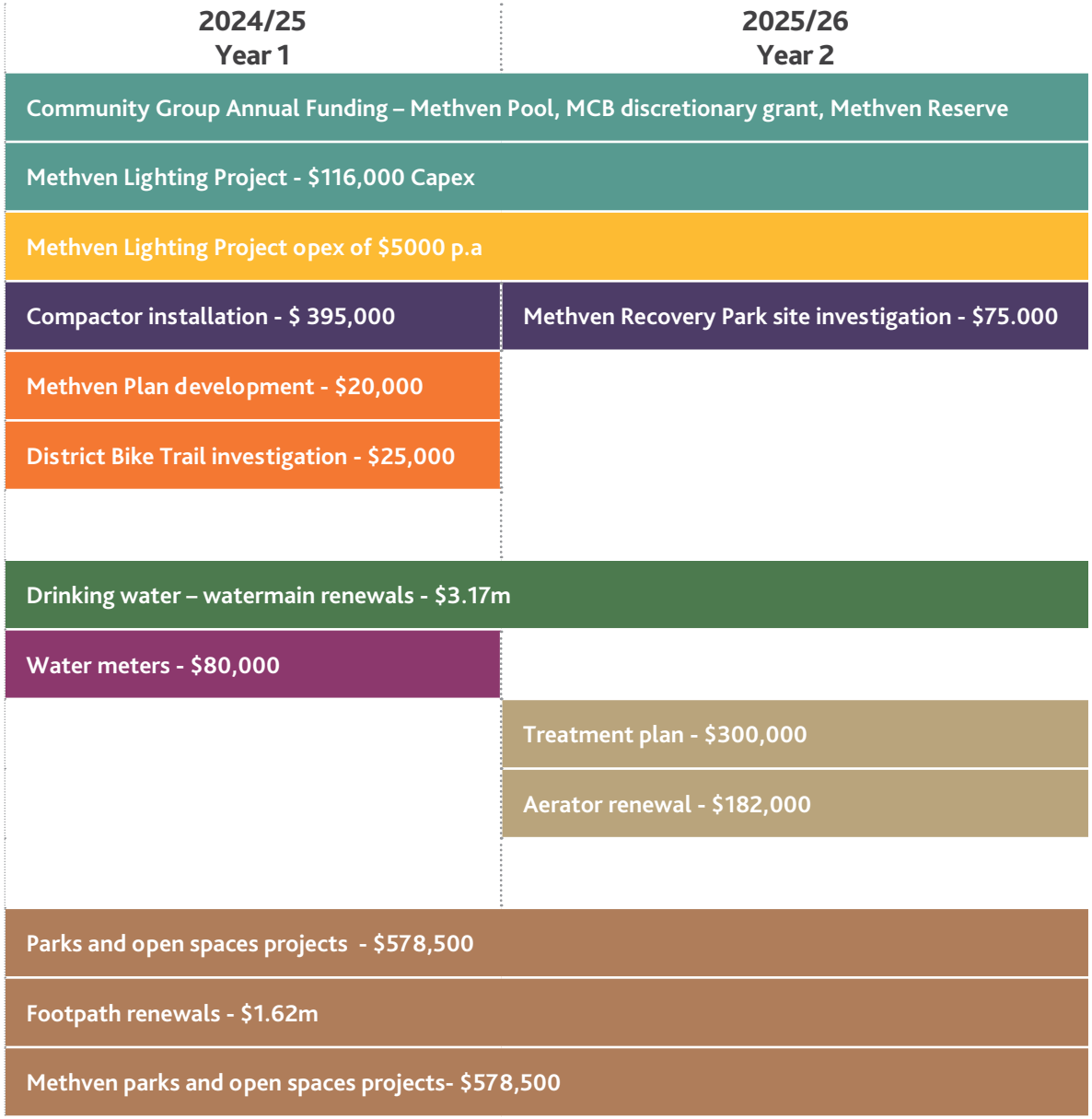
Jobs – 205	GDP - $13.6m
Visitors to Ōpuke – 100,000	Visitors to Mt Hutt - 155,000 (June 2024 – October 2024)
AirBnB's – 94	Other accommodation providers- 39
4,000 Araroa hikers spent $515,400 in Methven in 2022	

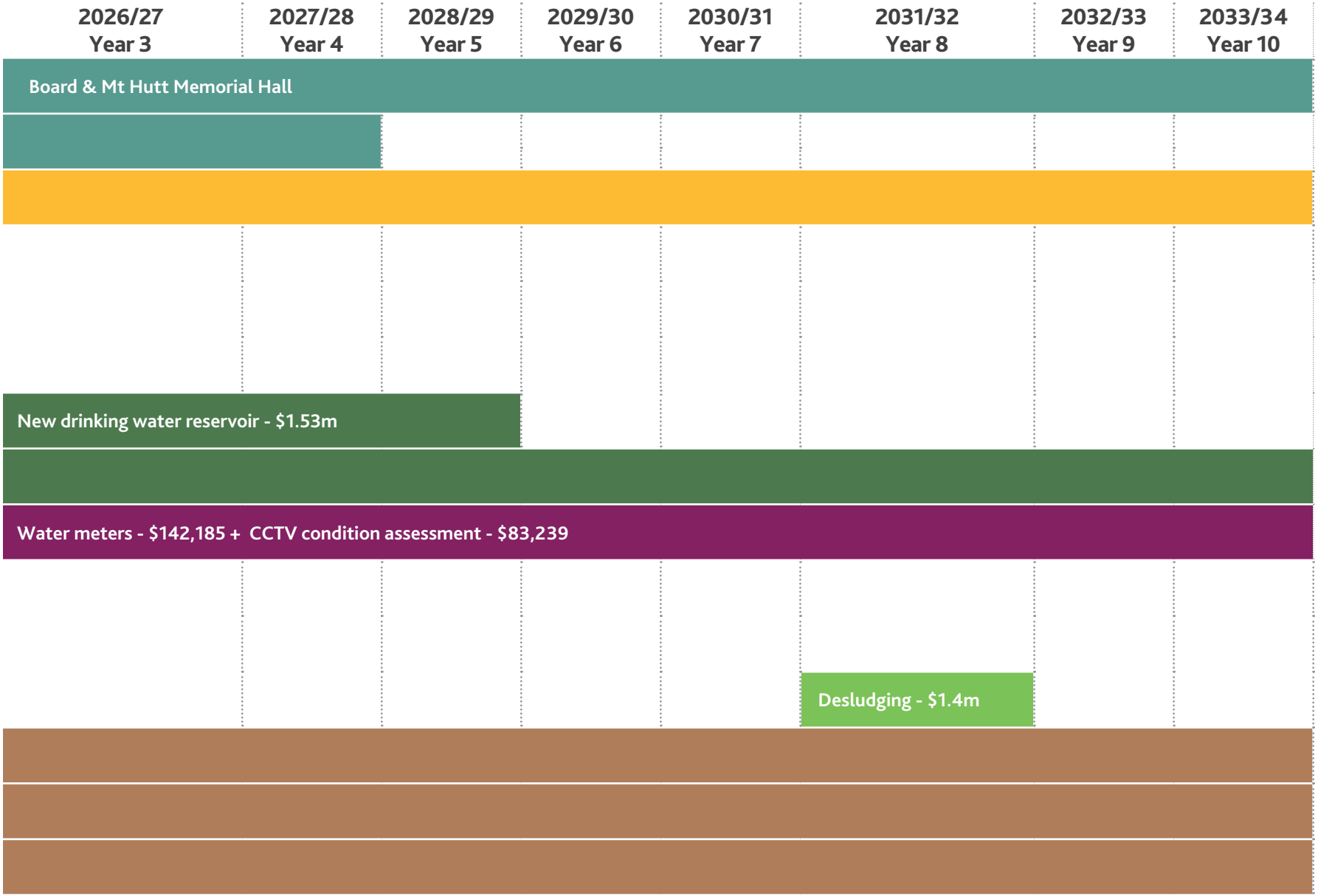
[3] Stats NZ, Places and ethic group summaries tool, 2023 census
[4] Informetrics, Regional Economic Profile, 2024
Note: Tourism is comprised of multiple industries including accommodation and food services, rental, hiring and real estate services and arts and recreation services.

Our Future

What Council already has planned over the next 10 years (LTP 2024-2034)

The Council delivers a range of activities within the district, including the Methven area, covering essential services such as water, roading, waste management and the maintenance of parks and open spaces. The following table outlines major projects planned for Methven over the next ten years, in addition to the council's regular activities. Capital works refer to projects that involve either new capital spending or renewal capital for upgrading existing infrastructure.




2026/27
Year 3
2027/28
Year 4
2028/29
Year 5
2029/30
Year 6
2030/31
Year 7
2031/32
Year 8
2032/33
Year 9
2033/34
Year 10
Board & Mt Hutt Memorial Hall
New drinking water reservoir - $1.53m
Water meters - $142,185 + CCTV condition assessment - $83,239
Desludging - $1.4m



Our Vision

Methven

A recreational hub where natural beauty and vibrant communities come together.
Thrilling tourism to chilled-out vibes are supported by thriving local businesses.
A connected, safe, and accessible community for all.

Methven's four strategic goals

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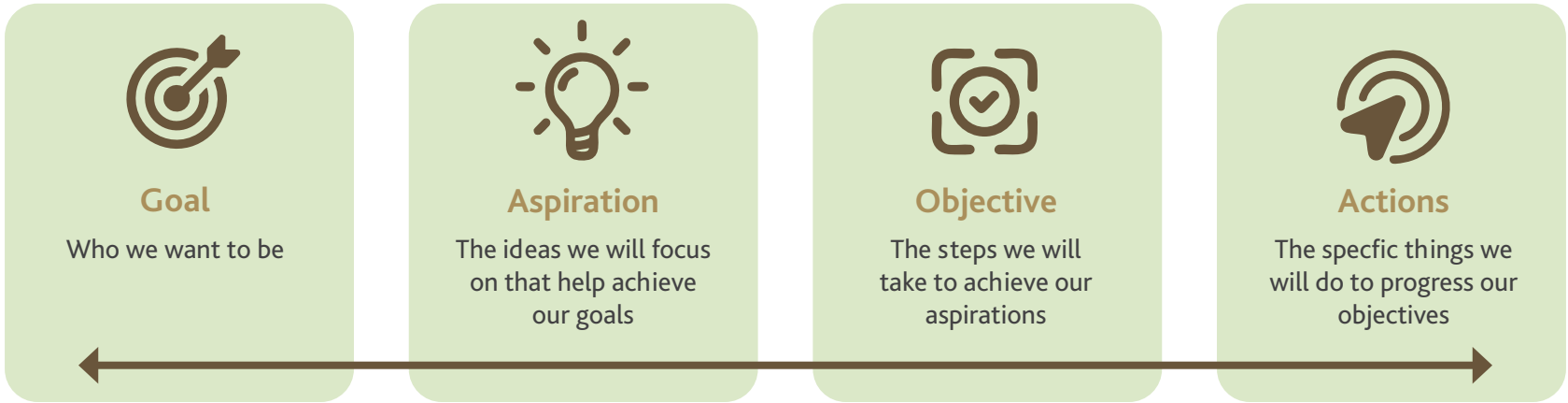
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Our Action Plan

How to read the plan



Reporting and monitoring

We will report annually on the progress of the action plan implementation. A review of the plan will be conducted every three years to help inform Council's Long-Term Plan.

Objectives

Objectives have been numbered for easy reference; these numbers do not indicate priority.

Who could be involved?

We have identified various stakeholders that may have some interest, and in some cases, be able to contribute to the implementation of each individual objective.

Advocate: collecting and sharing community views with government, agencies, or organisation to highlight and improve community interests. This can be active or passive.

Influence: educate and work to change people's perceptions and behaviours to drive positive community outcomes.

Support: support groups, agencies, or organisations leading the work (e.g. research, funding, or stakeholder management.

Resource: Take a direct lead in achieving specific actions.

Timeframes

ST **Short-term**
To be achieved within 1-3 years

MT **Medium-term**
To be achieved within 3-5years

LT **Long-term**
To be achieved within 10+ years

O **Ongoing**
Actions that run for the entire life of the community plan



Goal One: Methven is an attractive town in which to live, work and play

Methven is a town where natural beauty and recreation thrive together. As a community, we are kaitiaki of our shared spaces and natural environment, committed to sustainable growth.

Aspirations	Objectives	Actions	Who could be involved?	Timeframes
Methven is a leader in recreational offerings	1. Support the development of youth-based activities	• Stock take current youth-based activities – consider if any existing activities could be upgraded / repurposed to increase use • Connect with education providers and local sports clubs to understand needs/ wants • Undertake feasibility analysis of suggested ideas – cost, challenges, benefits • Support funding mechanism for any development work	• MCB • ADC • Education providers • Scouts • Bike Methven • Sports clubs	MT
	2. Diversify outdoor activities by investigating the use of the RDR for kayaking and possible locations for a disc golf course	**Disc Golf** • Research other examples in similar communities • Undertake feasibility analysis of suggested ideas – cost, challenges, benefits, scope possible locations for full 9-hole option and 3-hole option • Confirm proposed funding mechanism – community funded, sponsorship, MCB discretionary fund, ADC LTP / annual plan • Implement agreed option	• MCB • ADC • Methven Reserve Board • Methven and Foothills Birdsong Trust	ST
		Kayaking in RDR • Investigate the potential use of the RDR and for recreation activities • Work with RDRML to explore use of the RDR for recreational kayaking • If feasible, develop a map for exit and entry points and areas of use • Promote kayaking as another recreational activity in Methven	• MCB • RDRML • ADC • Event organisers • Experience Mid Canterbury	ST
	3. Enhance Methven's walkway / cycleway network by focussing on maintaining what we already have and supporting the development of additional tracks	• Establish a walkway/cycle way working group • Develop a comprehensive map of all existing trails / tracks in area • Develop a 10-year maintenance and development plan – including future funding, maintenance schedule, possible sites for development • Investigate feasibility of adding e-bike chargers to township and/or tracks	• MCB • Methven & Foothills Walking Festival • Lions • Bike Methven • Community groups / members • ADC • Foothills trail group • NZTA	O

ST Short-term

LT Long-term

MT Medium-term

O Ongoing

Aspirations	Objectives	Actions	Who could be involved?	Timeframes
Methven's community spaces are well utilised and cared for	4. Define the future use and purpose of Mt Hutt Memorial Hall	• Develop a 10-year plan for the hall • Investigate the use of hall for local business use / office space, community use and supporting community events • Ongoing governance, planning and maintenance – ensure the hall is fit for purpose • Maintain the MHMH as an Emergency Management response hub	• Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board • ADC • MCB • Methven Emergency Response group	ST
	5. Improve the appearance of shops and buildings and surrounding area in Methven's CBD area	• Work with local businesses to identify buildings that need maintenance • Work with building/business owners to facilitate a maintenance plan • Investigate using MCB discretionary grant / possible community assistance grant • Investigate the feasibility of a community owned property trust • Support the Methven lighting project to completion	• MCB • Local businesses • Building owners • Lighting project group • ADC	O
	6. Enhance the appearance of town entrances on SH77	• Work with ADC open spaces to develop a maintenance schedule • Investigate costings / feasibility of town entrance signage • Continue to work with Lions Club and ADC to facilitate the moving of town entrance signage • Include town brand in any design work	• MCB • ADC • Lions • NZTA	MT
	7. Ensure community spaces are easily accessible for all	• Work with ADC and NZTA to improve the accessibility to community spaces	• MCB • ADC • NZTA • Local building/business owners	O

Aspirations	Objectives	Actions	Who could be involved?	Timeframes
Methven is committed to being a biodiverse and sustainable community	8. Increase native restoration and diversify native plant species throughout Methven	• Identify possible sites for native plantings • Develop a native restoration program to increase native planting and maintenance over next 10 years • Partner with interested groups to identify opportunities to share costs / maintenance responsibilities	• MCB • ADC • Methven and Foothills Birdsong Initiative Trust • ECan • DOC • Lions • LINZ • Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective • Businesses	LT
	9. Future proof investment and maintenance of Birdsong project	• Work with the Birdsong Trust to make a 10-year plan – funding requirements, maintenance, scope of work • Implement the plan within ten year once developed	• MCB • ADC • Methven and Foothills Birdsong Initiative Trust • Iwi / AEC	ST
	10. Improve waste management and minimization practices	• Work with the Birdsong Trust to make a 10-year plan – funding requirements, maintenance, scope of work • Implement the plan within ten years once developed	• MCB • ADC • Eco Educate	ST
	11. Support community investment in pest control initiatives	• Support Birdsong's investment in their trapping library • Work with other agencies / community to identify ways to improve pest management • Submit on behalf of the community where new pest control policies are being developed	• MCB • Methven and Foothills Birdsong Initiative Trust • DOC • Ecan • ADC	O

Goal Two: Methven is a leader in tourism and business opportunities

Methven aims to be recognised as the recreational hub of Mid Canterbury, bustling with thriving businesses and year-round events. We strive to make our town accessible and welcoming to all visitors.

Aspirations	Objectives	Actions	Who could be involved?	Timeframes
Methven is known as the district's recreational hub	12. Develop branding to support the promotion of Methven as a recreational hub	• Work with local businesses and Experience Mid Canterbury to create a brand • Identify landmarks, events and activities that support the brand • Create a strong visual identity through a logo, colour scheme and tagline • Facilitate brand use across social media, online and physical promotion • Incorporate the brand into any development projects – town entrance signage	• MCB • Local business owners • ADC • Experience Mid Canterbury • Snowfed	LT
Methven's business community is supported to grow	13. Support the promotion of Methven's business community	• Investigate a platform for centralised online information and promotion • Establish a working group who will inform and update the official channels for promoting Methven – upcoming events, business promotions, deals • Establish roadside noticeboards for local event and business promotion	• Business owners • MCB • Mid Canterbury Tourism Advisory Group	ST
	14. Facilitate collaboration between existing businesses	• Establish a business leaders' group who can identify business opportunities in Methven – opening hours, late nights, events • Work with Mid Canterbury Tourism Advisory Group to increase business sector knowledge and resources	• Business owners • MCB • Mid Canterbury Tourism Advisory Group	ST
Methven is recognised as a year-round tourism destination	15. Promote existing activities / offerings that are unique to Methven	• Stocktake current events and dates to develop a base line event calendar which can be marketed • Work with local providers to assess possible expansion / development of existing events • Establish a relationship with Connecting Mid-Canterbury to share event information • Establish a communication link with ADC to increase knowledge around event application process and costs	• MCB • ADC • Local businesses • Event organisers • Local community groups • Connecting Mid- Canterbury • Experience Mid-Canterbury	ST
	16. Develop destination activities to attract visitors' year round	• Identify gaps in calendar and report possible options for events during those times • Work with local providers to identify annual event opportunities • Investigate feasibility of partnering with national ventures – festival organisers, trail events, cultural events • Work with ADC to get more support for Methven run events	• MCB • ADC • Local businesses • Event organisers	LT

Goal Three: Methven is a well informed and participating community

Methven is an informed, engaged, and well represented community that fosters strong relationships among people of diverse backgrounds.

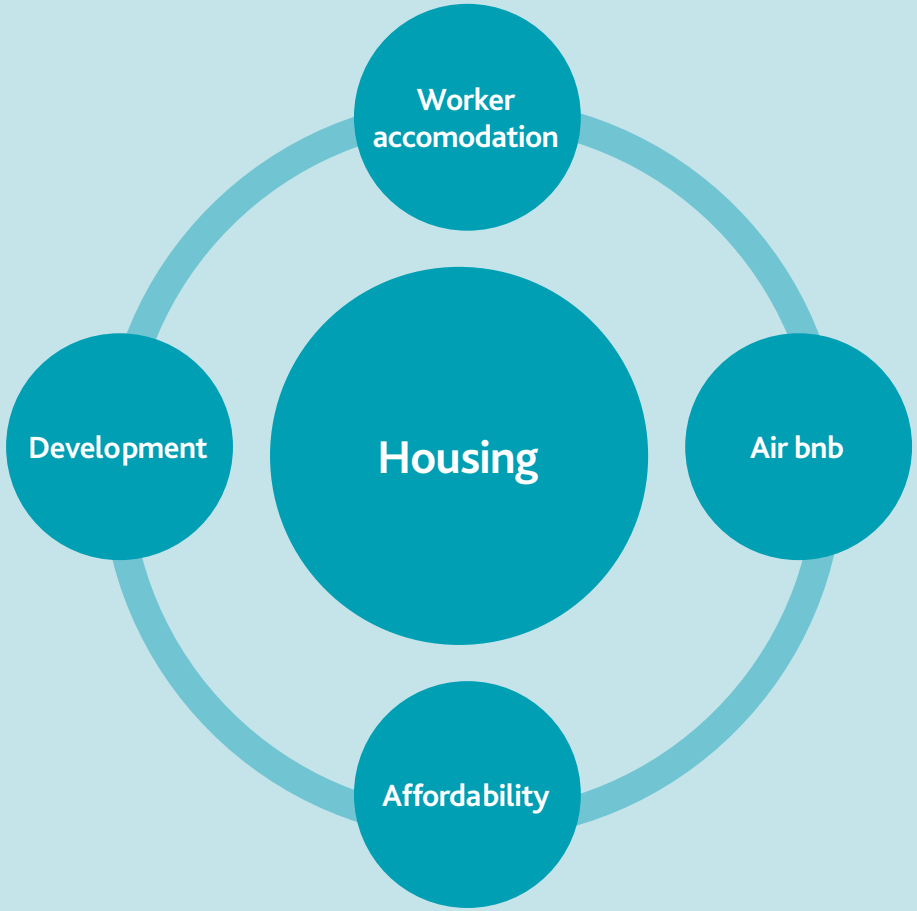
Aspirations	Objectives	Actions	Who could be involved?	Timeframes
Methven is well connected and participating community	17. Support active participation, volunteer partnerships, youth involvement, and community events	• Continue funding and supporting volunteer and community groups base in Methven • Running information sessions on available ADC and national grants, and guidance on securing funding • Support and endorse funding applications from local organisations. • Work with the ADC's events team to educate community on how to arrange community events	• MCB • ADC • Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury • Community groups such as Wellbeing Ōpuke, Birdsong Initiative Trust, Methven Care Trust • Lions/Service Clubs • Snowfed	MT
Methven Community Board effectively provides local representation	18. Ensure Methven's community interests are well represented by the Board	• ADC and MCB continue to work closely together towards ensuring that the Methven community is effectively represented. • Keep the community informed about the Community Boards activities and ADC expenditure	• MCB • ADC	O
	19. Grow a strong relationship with takata whenua	• Engage with takata whenua on issues of significance to Methven	• MCB • Iwi/AEC	O
Methven is a well-informed and welcoming community	20. Streamline reliable sources of community-related information	• Evolve the services available at I- Hub to meet the needs of the community and visitors • Streamlining existing reliable sources of information • Investigate feasibility of running regular sessions at I- Hub to assist community with variety of issues like rates rebate application assistance, building inspections, Justice of Peace (JPs) etc.	• ADC • MCB • Snowfed • Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board	O
	21. Welcome our newcomers by guiding them to reliable community information sources and providing other opportunities	• Streamline ADC's website created under Welcoming Communities program with stronger Methven focus • Work with ADC to arrange a Learning Hub for parents • Support local groups in their efforts that help newcomers integrate into the community.	• MCB • ADC – Welcoming Communities team • Local groups such as Wellbeing Ōpuke	O

Goal Four: Methven is a safe and accessible area which cares for the wellbeing of its community

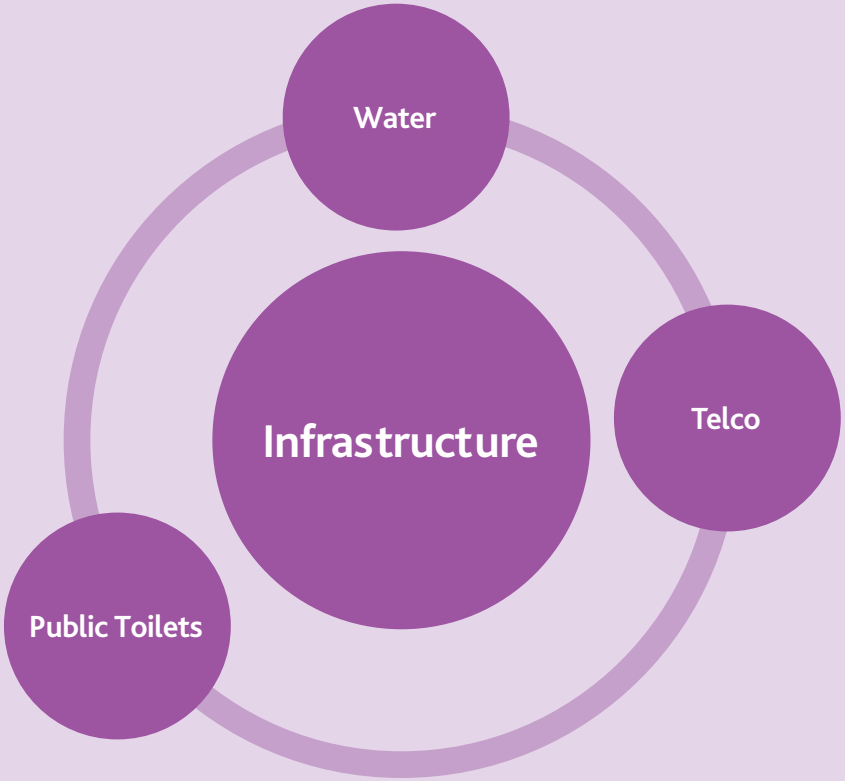
Methven prioritises well-being of both residents and visitors by focusing on varying aspects of safety and accessibility.

Aspirations	Objectives	Actions	Who could be involved?	Timeframes
Methven is safe for residents and visitors	22. Support community safety through enabling collective efforts of the community and key organisations	• Ensure CCTV cameras are present at strategic/significant locations across town • Support neighbourhood watch groups in Methven • Ensure that provision of street lighting is at required standard across Methven Advocate to NZTA and ADC for speed management. • Continue to work with ADC and NZTA to ensure pedestrian accessibility across town is improved	• MCB • ADC • Methven Lighting Group • NZTA • Methven Emergency Response Group • Neighbourhood Watch • CCTV Trust in Methven	MT
Methven has safe and efficient transportation options	23. Investigate and support suitable public transport options 24. Advocate for improved pedestrian accessibility across town	• Support efforts to improve accessibility across commercial and community locations • Advertise presence of Mid Canterbury Community vehicle transport service.	• MCB • ADC • NZTA • Mid Canterbury Community Vehicle Transport • Local building/business owners	
Methven has improved accessibility to healthcare for residents and visitors	25. Advocate for improved accessibility to healthcare 26. Support construction of a helipad in Methven to enable rapid emergency transfers	• Engage with health sector businesses to identify areas of improvement. • Engage with appropriate agencies to facilitate development of helipad in Methven to ensure rapid emergency transfers.	• MCB • St Johns • Health sector businesses such as medical centre, pharmacies, Methven Care Trust. • Lions	ST

Other ideas our community was interested in



- Expand the town boundary and free more areas for development.
- There isn't enough accommodation for Mt Hutt staff or visitors on a budget in winter
- Methven needs more affordable housing options
- Affordable housing- rent control needs to be introduced the rapid change of landlords switching between short rentals to airbnb depending on the season is unhelpful and benefits only them and seasonal winter staff leaving year round tenants struggling to find long term rentals
- More farmland could be designated for building



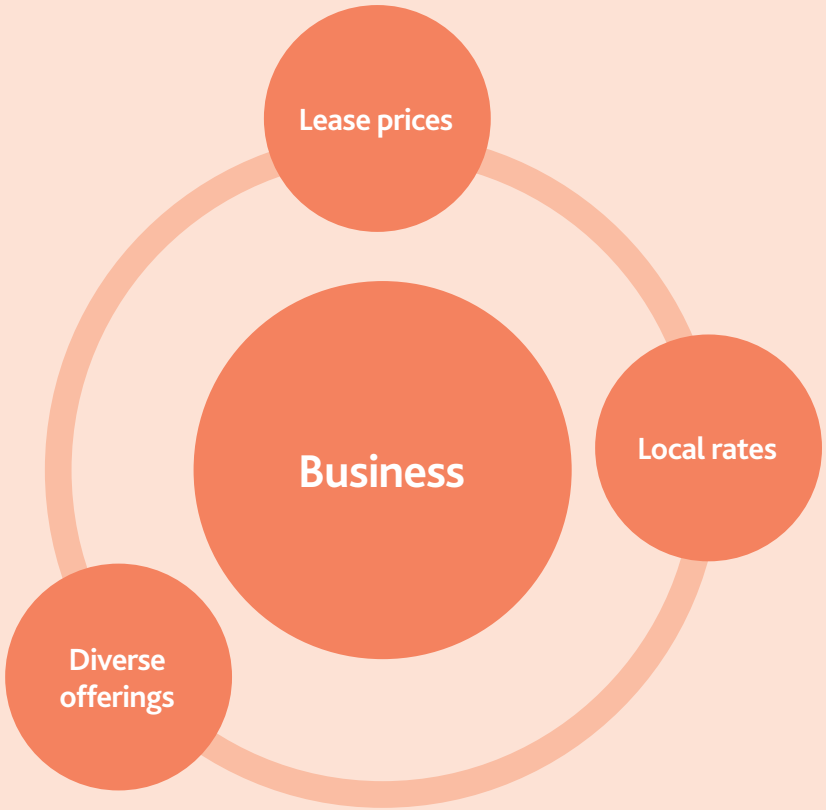
- 5G cell service introduced to the area and a better service connection all together along highway 77 connecting Methven to Ashburton. To still have complete dead zones isn't helpful in the slightest.
- Sewer, waste and fresh water pipes should be in easily accessible locations for quick repairs. Currently there are a number that pass under schools and the GOH extension and there must be others.
- Public toilets along by walkways



- For adults we need a bit of nightlife, perhaps a night club
- Mini golf close to the village centre
- A bowling alley or pool hall perhaps?
- Hold more events e.g. balloon festivals, triathlons (especially for children as well), arts, crafts and plants.
- Methven needs a big summer festival



- Methven contributes positively to Aotearoa New Zealand's food security and climate change targets
- One aspect that concerns me greatly is urban sprawl with new subdivisions covering some of the best cropping soils in NZ.
- Sprawling housing is chewing up some of the most precious farming land in the country, need to keep it limited.



- There's needs to be more shopping choices
- Not big box retail – locally owned
- Commercial area opportunity seems hamstrung, central town has some pretty tired old buildings - is the space being well utilised?
- More locals rate/discounts



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