

# Methven Strategic Plan stocktake 2014

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The first Methven Community Strategic Plan was developed in 1997 by the Methven community in a process facilitated by Ashburton District Council. The plan was the catalyst for much change in Methven and was, by any standards, been a resounding success. It provided the Methven community, Ashburton District Council and other key stakeholders with a structure and focus for developing Methven in the ways the community identified from the outset of the plan.

The subsequent 2009 Methven Community Strategic Plan built on the previous plans success. It was developed through two community workshops, a focus group discussion and a number of meetings between Ashburton District Council and the Methven Community Board. It was then open to public submissions and as a result, some changes were made.

The 2009 plan moved away from focusing on what the Council can do for the Methven community and more towards what the community can do for Methven, often with Council's support. The strategy is about Methven deciding for itself what it wants to be and finding ways to achieve this.

In 2011 a review was undertaken and further actions were included. These are included in the stocktake in the green sections.

The 2009 Methven Community Strategic Plan is a 10 year plan and this stocktake is at the halfway mark. Many of the actions from the 2009 plan have been achieved – and this is an opportunity to celebrate these successes, focus attention on the outstanding actions and add any further priorities. The aim is to produce an updated set of actions to continue to develop Methven as a great place to live and visit.

To do this, community consultation was required to ensure an accurate reflection of the needs and wants of the Methven community is captured. Members of the Methven community attended a fun day on 8 February hosted by the Methven Community Board where they could help contribute to the stocktake. People were able to provide additions to the plan for the board to consider in an interactive post it board. This along with the bouncy castle proved a hit with the younger participants.

Other community organisations also attended including Methven House and Neighbourhood Support, who had a map of Methven streets where the organisation was present. The day culminated with the unveiling of the Raj the Dog sculpture by artist David Marshall and a shared afternoon tea.

The Methven Community Board considered the communities input at their meeting 9 March.

## Goal One: An attractive town in which to live, work and play

*Objective: Our community maintains its unique character and protects its heritage*

2009

How we will achieve it	How we will measure progress	Who will contribute	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a working group to focus on enhancing our town's unique character and heritage</li> </ul>	<p>Methven maintains representation on the Ashburton Branch Committee of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust</p> <p>Group formed by December 2009</p>	<p><b>Methven Community Board,</b> Ashburton District Council, Ashburton District Tourism, Greater Methven community, Local businesses, New Zealand Historic Places Trust</p>	<p>A town beautification group was scoped in 2012 however it was agreed they would only convene if necessary and that ADC would contact if extra work required.</p> <p>It is agreed that this action is no longer a priority for the plan as the majority of the work is undertaken by the Council.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement a character and heritage plan for Methven, incorporating design guidelines to enhance our unique character as a community</li> </ul>	<p>Plan completed in December 2010</p> <p>Plan endorsed by the Methven Community Board</p> <p>Plan is peer-reviewed by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust</p> <p>Plan aligns with the District Plan Review</p> <p>Historic and heritage sites are signposted by 2012</p> <p>Develop guidelines for building and revitalisation of the town centre by June 2011</p> <p>Ensure these guidelines are widely spread and readily available at the Methven i-SITE</p>	<p><b>Methven Heritage &amp; Character Group</b></p> <p>Ashburton District Council, Ashburton District Tourism, Greater Methven community, Methven Beautification Group, Methven Community Board, Methven Historical Society, New Zealand Historic Places Trust</p>	<p>The development of a plan discussed however the subsequent impacts of the Canterbury earthquakes has resulted in a number of historic places being lost, making this action not a priority.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify additional heritage items for inclusion in the District Plan Review</li> </ul>	<p>Methven is involved with the review of the heritage schedule for the District Plan</p>		<p>The Methven Community Board did not submit on the heritage section of the proposed District Plan.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the protection and maintenance rules of heritage items in the District Plan Review</li> </ul>			<p>As above</p>

**2011 Review**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a theme</li> </ul>	<p>Investigate options</p> <p>Could be based on Alpine/Ag and/or colours</p> <p>Input from community groups and businesses</p> <p>Consult with property and business owners - community meeting for ideas</p> <p>Start with the Main Street</p> <p>Encompassing gardens and beautification also.</p> <p>Liaise with Council Parks and Recreation department regarding current plant themes and availability of plants. Noted town needs to look attractive in winter.</p> <p>Garden of Harmony maintenance</p>	<p>Local business owners, ADC, wider community</p>	<p>It was agreed that a theme or colours was not an achievable action. The continuation of picking up colours in business names (Blue Pub, Brown Pub and Green Parrot) may be extended and it is agreed to be looked at if/when this occurs.</p> <p>As Methven does not have a single entity representing business owners, like Business Mid-Canterbury, any consultation would be ad hoc and therefore this is seen as an unfeasible action.</p> <p>This action is ongoing. One outcome has been the planting outside the Medical Centre. There has been an increase of native plantings in the town. These plants retain their leaves in winter and therefore look attractive year round. Welcome to Methven sign planting are currently being refreshed.</p> <p>Council operate the general maintenance of the gardens. Members of the community, including Mt Hutt Ski Field workers and the Cactus Youth Group have completed maintenance of the gardens including pruning and general clean-up. The Methven Lions Club provide on-going spraying.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library and Museum Rebuilt</li> </ul>	<p>Discussions with Te Papa, insurance provider and potential funders to assist re-establishment</p>	<p>Methven Historical Society, Methven Library.</p>	<p>This action is now out of scope of the Strategic Plan as they are managed by the individual operators.</p>

**Objective: We are proud of our town's appearance**

**2009**

How we will achieve it	How we will measure progress	Who will contribute	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a volunteer Methven town beautification group</li> </ul>	Group formed by December 2009	<b>Methven Community Board</b> , Ashburton District Council, Greater Methven community, Local businesses and organisations Methven Garden Club, Methven Historical Society	Although no volunteer Methven town beautification group exists, several initiatives by volunteers have contributed to the town's appearance. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cactus Youth Group and Workers from Mount Hutt Ski field maintenance of Harmony Garden</li> <li>Mount Hutt Ski Patrol replacing the lights in the town centre</li> <li>Increased street sweeper use during autumn</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 'Town Beautification Group' will develop a beautification plan in consultation with Council, the wider community and all contributing stakeholders, which complements the character and heritage plan</li> </ul>	<p>Beautification plan developed by June 2010</p> <p>Plan to include provision for increased seating and trees in Spaxton Street Park and maintenance of the existing town gardens</p> <p>Plan endorsed by Methven Community Board</p>	<b>Methven Beautification Group</b> Ashburton District Council, Greater Methven community, Local businesses and organisations, Methven Community Board, Methven Garden Club, Methven Heritage and Character Group, Methven Historical Society	As above.  There has not been increased seating and trees on Spaxton Street (Chambers Park) as it was identified that resources would be better placed to service the Railway Reserve Park. Work on this park is on-going with future initiatives being the installation of a barbeque and picnic tables. This will promote the use of this area as a community resource.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The beautification plan is implemented</li> </ul>	Plan initiated by January 2011		N/A

***Objective: Methven is prepared for future growth***

***2009***

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council will ensure the Methven Community Board and Methven community are able to contribute to decisions about future land zoning for growth through the District Plan review process</li> </ul>	<p>Consultation with the Methven community is undertaken as part of the review process</p> <p>Methven Community Board is involved with the District Plan review</p> <p>Community organisations and businesses are involved in the review consultation process where applicable</p>	<p><b>Ashburton District Council,</b> Greater Methven community Methven Community Board</p>	<p>A public open day on the proposed District Plan and its impacts was held in Methven on 29 July 2009.</p> <p>Methven rate payers were also sent a letter in 2010 informing them of the opportunity to comment and this was also advertised in local media, such as the Courier. This opportunity was taken up by businesses and individuals.</p> <p>The Methven Community Board did not submit on the proposed District Plan.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council will continue to work with the Methven Community Board and the wider community to provide quality infrastructure (such as water, wastewater and stormwater) for a growing, changing population</li> </ul>	<p>Investigation complete by mid-2010 for Methven Water upgrade</p> <p>Council keeps the Methven community involved with planned upgrades for drinking water, including timeframes and costs</p>	<p><b>Ashburton District Council,</b> Greater Methven community Methven Community Board</p>	<p>A significant water source upgrade in 2012 improved the quality of the drinking water of the community and ensured a consistent supply.</p> <p>Waste water and storm water maintenance is ongoing with new pipes being installed and the sewer main renewed in early 2012.</p> <p>The Council keeps the community informed of planned upgrades through the Annual Plans, the water services page on the website and the District Diary.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council will work with community organisations to promote alternative water storage options including residential rainwater storage tanks for garden use</li> </ul>	<p>Promotional material distributed on an ongoing basis, ideally every summer</p> <p>A sustainability checklist for developers is developed and implemented by 2015</p>	<p><b>Ashburton District Council,</b> Greater Methven community, Local organisations</p>	<p>Alternative water options were scoped however the resources required for organisations to install these has made this action unfeasible.</p> <p>Although a sustainability checklist was not developed, water conservation tips are included on the Ashburton District Council website.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council will investigate telecommunications plans for the future in and around Methven</li> </ul>	<p>Compile a “stocktake report” of options available to the community now, and what is to be offered in the future. Report to be completed by December 2010</p> <p>Ensure the wider community are aware of progress and planned changes</p> <p>Council’s annual residents survey shows an increase from 2008 in Western Ward residents internet access and connection speed</p>	<p><b>Ashburton District Council</b> Methven Community Board, Electricity Ashburton, Telecommunications providers</p>	<p>No stocktake was undertaken of the telecommunication options available in the community.</p> <p>The Councils annual residents survey included a question 2008 on internet provision. 88 out of the 103 people surveyed had internet in their home (97%). Of these, 67% were broadband connections and the remainder was dial up connections. The question was subsequently removed from the survey. However the 2013 Census shows 79.1% of Methven residents have access to the internet.</p> <p>The installation of the free WIFI hotspots in old phone boxes has increased options for internet users. The Methven township has four phone boxes resulting in much of the inner town being able to access this service.</p> <p>Fibre optic cables have been installed in the district and free access is provided to Methven Primary School and Mount Hutt College. Members of the public can also access the cable on a user pays basis.</p>
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## Goal Two: Raise both the business and tourism profile of Methven locally, nationally and internationally

*Objective: Our community offers all year tourism opportunities*

2009

How we will achieve it	How we will measure progress	Who will contribute	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ashburton District Tourism will continue to work with key partners to develop Methven summer tourism opportunities</li> </ul>	<p>Methven summer tourism guest night numbers – (Commercial Accommodation Monitor Statistics) portray an increase in summer bed nights from 2008 figures</p> <p>Methven guest night numbers maintain similar trends as national statistics</p>	<p><b>Ashburton District Tourism,</b> Ashburton District Council, Local businesses and organisations, Methven i-SITE, Mt Hutt Marketing Group, National and international businesses &amp; organisations</p>	<p>The number of summer tourism guest nights has increased from 27,224 to 40,180 in 2013. This is an increase of 24%. This trend is significantly better than the national trend, where guest night numbers have remained relatively steady with a 1% increase from 2008.</p> <p>A number of initiatives contributed to this outcome and some are outlined below.</p> <p>Methven has been accredited in 2014 as a Motorhome Friendly town (MHFT) by the Motor Caravan Association. The MHFT website includes a page on Methven which highlights a number of all year activities and events. The website and its magazine is promoted to its 53,000 members.</p> <p>The Methven walkway has been extended to make it more accessible to families and those wanting a short walk.</p> <p>Several events are held in the summer months including the Methven Rodeo, Women on Wheels, Methven Summer School, Annual Motorbike Street Race, Teva Big Day Out of the Office, and Girls on Bikes. These events bring a number of visitors to Methven.</p> <p>Others events such as the Peak to Pub race extend the winter tourism season.</p> <p>Work to increase future visitor rates is also being undertaken. For example, a major hot pool complex for Methven has been scoped. This is currently in the planning phase with the community being updated as it progresses.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methven will adopt the 'Amazing Space' logo as its marketing and promotional brand and will expand its use to make it well-known nationally</li> </ul>	<p>'Amazing Space' becomes synonymous with Methven and is frequently used in publications both locally and nationally</p>	<p><b>Ashburton District Tourism,</b> Local businesses and organisations, Methven i-SITE, Mt Hutt Marketing Group, Snowfed</p>	<p>'Amazing Space' been picked up in a number of marketing channels. The Amazing Space website provides information on Methven including upcoming events. This site is run by the Mount Hutt Marketing Group and received approximately 63,000 visits annually. There is an associated Facebook page and the amazing space brand is also used for promotional material such as the Christchurch and Canterbury Official Visitors Guide.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Methven i-SITE information centre is developed as the 'community hub' and is well informed, funded and supported by all</li> </ul>	<p>Council's annual residents survey shows an increase from 2008 in Western Ward residents satisfaction with tourism promotion of the District</p> <p>Council's Ashburton District Tourism annual customer survey shows an increase in service quality from 2008</p> <p>Methven i-SITE improves its financial status from 2008</p> <p>Visitor numbers to the Methven I-SITE centre increase from 2008 Ashburton District figures and are compared to national visitor statistics</p>	<p><b>Ashburton District Tourism,</b> Ashburton District Council, Grow Mid Canterbury, Greater Methven community, Local businesses, clubs and organisations, Methven Community Board, Mt Hutt Marketing Group</p>	<p>The Methven i-SITE Visitor Centre is part of the network of 80 i-SITES Centres located throughout New Zealand. The Methven i-SITE is an attractive building at is in the heart of the Methven township. It is easily assessable and used by locals and visitors alike.</p> <p>The Annual residents survey shows Western Ward residents satisfaction with tourism promotion of the district has increased from 90% in 2008 to 94% in 2014.</p> <p>The 2014 Experience Mid-Canterbury (EMC) Survey respondents satisfaction with the Methven i-SITE fell to 75% from 86% in 2013. This is the lowest rating in the last 4 years. It should be noted that this measure only takes into account EMC members and does not take into account visitors to the district.</p> <p>The services provided to visitors and locals by the Methven I-SITE remain on a complementary basis. The Methven i-SITE continues to be financially supported by the Ashburton District Council but also raises half of its operating cost by the sale of goods and booking commissions.</p> <p>The 2013/14 door count has increased 22% from the 2011/12 year to 82,867visitors. This is an increase of 55% from 2008.</p> <p>2014 EMC Survey respondents who visited the i-SITE in the past 12 months decreased from 67% to 55%. It should be noted that this measure only takes into account EMC members and does not take into account visitors to the district.</p> <p>In winter, Mt Hutt Ski-field use the site for their booking office, increasing visitor numbers.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Methven Heritage Centre is developed and supported as a key year-round attraction in Methven</li> </ul>	<p>Phase One (Relocation of i-SITE, hall refurbishment and conference centre) complete and open by April 2010</p>	<p><b>Methven Heritage Association &amp; Centre</b>, Ashburton District Tourism, Grow Mid Canterbury, Greater Methven community, Methven I-SITE</p>	<p>The purpose built Methven Heritage Centre is home to the Methven i-SITE Visitor Centre, Heritage Cafe, art gallery, hall of memories, and the Mt Hutt Ski Area Snow Centre. It opened in 2010.</p>
	<p>Phase Two (New Zealand Alpine and Agriculture Experience) complete and open by April 2011</p>		<p>The NZ Alpine and Agriculture Encounter is purpose built and brings to life the stories of the mountains, plains and the people who live there, through a modern, multi-media/interactive approach.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing year round tourism.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities – Reasons for people to come here and more importantly stay for more than an afternoon</li> </ul>	<p>Local business owners, ADC, wider community.</p>	<p>This is covered in the status from the 2009 actions. Please see above.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agri – tourism and promotion</li> </ul>		<p>Several events bring agri-tourism to Methven. Examples include the 2014 Deer Industry Conference which was attended by 240 people and the World Plough Champs which were held in 2010.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting Agri Business careers</li> </ul>		<p>New Zealand Young Farmers co-ordinate the Rural Business Network which was set up in Mid-Canterbury in 2012. This provides an avenue for people to network and discuss agriculture related matters.</p> <p>Mount Hutt college is scoping the reestablishment of the TeenAg programme. TeenAg aims to introduce and promote a positive picture about agriculture and agricultural careers.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Short Term:</b> Start with what's simple, what uses what we already have e.g. Golden Oldies Rugby Tournament – identify suitable activities. District sports bodies to communicate nationally.</li> <li>• <b>Long Term:</b> What could make a difference – e.g.: Hot Pools</li> </ul>		
			This is covered in the status from the 2009 actions. Please see above.

*Objective: We offer great opportunities for businesses to grow*

*2009*

How we will achieve it	How we will measure progress	Who will contribute	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business opportunities are promoted locally, nationally and internationally</li> </ul>	Maintain, and increase where possible, the 2008 Business and Employee numbers (Statistics New Zealand – Business Framework data)	<b>Grow Mid Canterbury,</b> Ashburton District Council, Local businesses and community groups, Methven Community Board	The number of businesses operating in Methven has been maintained (237 businesses).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methven community together with Council will advocate for the needs of new businesses</li> </ul>			The number of employees in Methven has risen from 470 in 2008 to 530 in 2013.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methven is well represented on the board of Grow Mid Canterbury</li> </ul>	Ensure a Methven representative is retained on the Grow Mid Canterbury board		In the last year, there has been a noticeable increase in new businesses in the community, This has included a bakery, ice-cream parlour, car wash and dog grooming business. Pop up and mobile businesses are well suited to the community and create vibrancy to the urban area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a community, Methven will continue to seek innovative ways to support local businesses, who in return support local organisations</li> </ul>	Reciprocal relationship of support between local businesses and local community groups		Methven is well represented on the Grow Mid Canterbury Board. The current chair is a Methven resident and business owner and another board member is a Methven land owner.
			Initiatives such as the farmers market provided an opportunity for small business to trade. Although this has ceased, several mobile shops and co-operatives are currently operating in the community. Often social media provides the method for advertising these services.

- Local businesses are in contact with each other through various media (eg: meetings and emails) and work together on projects of mutual interest

Meetings are held as required.

**Local businesses**, Greater Methven community

This is an ongoing action. Although there is no structured format of contact, similar to the Ashburton Business Association, initiatives such as the winter town bus are examples of collaboration between businesses.

## Goal Three: A well informed and participating community who is effectively represented

*Objective: Our residents are well informed*

*2009*

How we will achieve it	How we will measure progress	Who will contribute	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A 'stocktake' of local information currently available is undertaken and ways to improve the quality and accessibility of local information to the Methven community are identified and implemented</li> </ul>	<p>Report complete by June 2010 and following actions implemented accordingly</p>	<p><b>Methven Community Board,</b> Ashburton District Council, Local clubs and organisations, Methven i-SITE, Snowfed,</p>	<p>Although no stocktake was undertaken, the i-SITE provides a good source of local information. This includes the town map which provides information on local businesses and is updated annually. There are also targeted information bundling, for example the "Welcome to Methven" resource which brings together local information for new comers to the district.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council will continue working with the Methven Community Board to keep them well informed regarding matters of interest to the Methven community</li> </ul>	<p>Council continues to prepare Methven Community Board meeting agendas and minutes</p> <p>Methven Community Board to actively partake in Council consultation on issues of importance to the greater Methven community</p>	<p><b>Ashburton District Council,</b> Methven Community Board</p>	<p>The Ashburton District Council provides meeting support for the Methven Community Board including meeting agendas and minutes.</p> <p>The Methven Community Board provides a co-ordinated voice that represents the Methven community's interests in Council decision making. It has provided a submission for the long term plan and provides representatives for strategic meetings such as Safer Ashburton District meeting.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methven Community Board will seeks new ways to keep the wider community informed of local events and opportunities through a range of communication tools, including Snowfed, email,</li> </ul>	<p>Review of local information available in 2015 to assess if quality and accessibility has improved</p>	<p><b>Methven Community Board,</b> Ashburton District Council, Ashburton District Tourism, Local clubs and organisations, Methven i-SITE, Snowfed</p>	<p>This action is scheduled for 2015.</p> <p>Methven Community Board uses a variety of methods to engage and inform their community. This includes contributions to Snowfed, updates on members Facebook pages, face to face discussions and local meetings on issues.</p>

internet and i-SITE community hub			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All residents in the greater Methven area are encouraged to get involved in volunteer opportunities</li> </ul>	<p>Local clubs and organisations report annually to the Methven Community Board of volunteer changes, needs or achievements</p> <p>Methven Community Board facilitates through Snowfed any volunteer changes, needs or achievements</p>	<p><b>Methven Community Board,</b> Ashburton District Council, Ashburton District Tourism, Local clubs and organisations, Methven i-SITE, Snowfed</p>	<p>Currently, reporting to the MCB is ad hoc with members of the committee raising volunteer issues if, and when, they arise.</p> <p>Snowfed, through the letters to the editor and articles, provides the community with information on volunteer needs and achievements</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information availability</li> </ul>	<p>Community Directory: Make more widely available – promote</p> <p>Or possibly create a Methven-specific directory – draw on info available in existing directory</p> <p>New Comers: I-Site – Have new comers pack, promote</p>	<p>Methven Community Board, ADC</p>	<p>The Community Directory is available on the Community House Mid Canterbury website and is also linked to the ADC website. As it is a living document and frequently updated, publishing in hard copy is not suitable.</p> <p>A Methven specific directory was investigated but it was decided the Mid-Canterbury directory was sufficient.</p> <p>The “Welcome to Methven” pack is available from the Methven i-SITE. It contains information on local services such as schools and church services as well as more general information for example the “New to Ashburton District” brochure. Anecdotal evidence shows this is a very useful resource to new comers to Methven.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Services / Community ‘hub’</li> </ul>	<p>i-SITE to become a satellite of Council services e.g. rates payments etc.</p> <p>Visiting expertise from ADC on occasions e.g. at the time of MCB meetings</p>	<p>Methven Community Board, ADC</p>	<p>Rates, dog registration and other services are now able to be paid online on the Ashburton District Council website, making this action complete.</p> <p>Due to the resources required to have Council Staff to be available in Methven, this service is not feasible.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbourhood Watch</li> </ul>	<p>Re start Neighbourhood watch for Methven</p>	<p>Local Residents / Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators</p>	<p>Neighbourhood watch is still seen as a priority for the community. There are currently 16 groups already present in Methven and the expansion of coverage of the community by further groups is currently being scoped.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representation</li> </ul>	<p>MCB's boundaries and sphere of influence / does the MCB represent 'greater' Methven? – submit to representation review?</p> <p>Do local clubs and organisations report to MCB annually? Should they?</p>	<p>MCB / wider community, ADC</p>	<p>It was agreed that the sphere of influence of the MCB is based on the town boundaries. These have recently been extended in 2011-12 in the representation review to include the new sub-divisions.</p> <p>Local clubs and organisations do not report to the MCB.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Plan</li> </ul>	<p>Do we have an emergency plan for Methven? If so – Where? If not – How? Who does what?</p> <p>Access / Knowledge</p> <p>Group to be established</p>	<p>ADC / MCB / Don Geddes</p>	<p>An emergency plan is currently being developed including scoping the addition of a generator at the Methven Memorial Hall.</p>

*Objective: Our community is effectively represented*

2009

How we will achieve it	How we will measure progress	Who will contribute	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council will continue to work with the Methven Community Board and the community to ensure the interests of the greater Methven area are represented both locally and nationally</li> </ul>	<p>Council's annual residents survey shows an increase from 2008 in Western Ward residents satisfaction with Council's advocacy role for the District</p>	<p><b>Ashburton District Council,</b> Greater Methven community, Methven Community Board</p>	<p>The Council's annual resident's survey shows Western Ward residents satisfaction with Council's advocacy role for the District has increased from 65% who were satisfied in 2008 to 73% in 2014.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The greater Methven area is effectively represented by the Methven Community Board</li> </ul>	<p>Raise awareness of the role and effectiveness of the Methven Community Board with the greater Methven area before the next representation review in 2011/12</p> <p>More people standing for MCB election in 2010 than in 2007</p>	<p><b>Methven Community Board,</b> Ashburton District Council, Greater Methven community</p>	<p>This is an ongoing action. In 2011-12 the electoral boundary of the Methven Community Board was extended. There were six candidates standing in the 2007 election and the same number of candidates in 2010.</p> <p>In 2013, in spite of canvassing for candidates in the community, there were insufficient Methven Community Board nominations, with only four candidates standing. Although a further nomination was received for the by-election, this highlights further work needs to be undertaken promoting the Board.</p>

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

*Objective: Our community's wellbeing needs are met*

2009

How we will achieve it	How we will measure progress	Who will contribute	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relationships are built with key organisations to ensure residents healthcare needs are met now and in the future. The planned extension of the medical centre is an important first step towards this</li> </ul>	Council's annual residents survey shows an increase from 2008 in Western Ward residents satisfaction with health services	<b>Methven Community Board,</b> Ashburton District Council, Ashburton Safer Community Council, Canterbury District Health Board, Local community groups and organisations, , Methven Medical Centre, Rural Canterbury Primary Health Organisation	The question relating to satisfaction in health services was removed from the Council's annual resident's survey in 2011. However, the medical centre has been extended to include a dental service and more consultation rooms. It is expected that this will service the community in the long term.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will advocate for the establishment of a local dental service</li> </ul>	Methven has a local dental service by 2015		In April 2013 a dentist was included in-house at the Methven medical centre.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our community is well connected and cares for one another through initiatives such as neighbourhood support networks and newcomer projects</li> </ul>	Neighbourhood support network is re-established in Methven by 2010  Volunteer statistics from Census data shows an increased proportion of the community volunteering from 2006 results	<b>Safer Community Council,</b> Local community groups and organisations, Methven Community Board, Methven Medical Centre, Neighbourhood support, New Zealand Police,	There are currently 16 neighbourhood support groups in Methven. To increase the coverage of the network, other groups are currently being scoped.  In 2006 there were 228 people who were identified as doing 'volunteer work for or through any organisation, group or marae'. Volunteering continues in the community with 255 people volunteering in 2013.

**Objective: Methven is safe and accessible for all**

2009

How we will achieve it	How we will measure progress	Who will contribute	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methven school children have safe transport options to and from school and the speed limit is lowered further outside of schools during peak times</li> </ul>	<p>That investigations continue in lowering the speed limit further and awareness in the community is increased</p>	<p><b>Ashburton District Council,</b> CCS, Disabled Persons Association, Environment Canterbury, Local community groups, Methven Community Board, Methven Primary School, Mount Hutt College, New Zealand Police, New Zealand Transport Agency, Our Lady of the Snows School</p>	<p>A number of initiatives have contributed to increasing awareness of lower speeds around the schools.</p> <p>New speed zone lights have been installed either side of the school and a second entrance to Methven Primary School has reduced congestion and have made for safer pickup/drop offs. A planned upgrade to seal the paper road at the back of the Methven Primary School will provide a further drop off point.</p> <p>No parking zones have been installed at the school entrance on Main Street to ensure vehicles do not compromise the visibility of students arriving and leaving school.</p> <p>The pedestrian crossing on McDonald Street has been relocated further from the stop sign to reduce distractions and increase safety. The pedestrian crossing on Main Street continues to be well utilised and provides a safe route for students.</p> <p>The footpath through the Railway Reserve has been resealed and extended to the back entrance to the school. This has provided a safe route for students who scooter or walk to school.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council and the community work together to ensure road users and pedestrians have safe and appropriate facilities to use, including investigations regarding a second pedestrian crossing on Main Street and Chertsey Road</li> </ul>			<p>This action is covered above.</p> <p>The proposed Chertsey Road crossing is still investigated with the Methven Community Board working with New Zealand Transport Agency on the matter.</p> <p>A stop sign has been installed on the Mackie Road and Chertsey Road intersection.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methven service clubs explore all community initiated public transport options and implement if appropriate</li> </ul>	<p>Investigate and report to the Community Board by December 2010. Implement by 2012</p>	<p><b>Methven Community Board,</b> Local clubs and organisations,</p>	<p>The provision of suitable transport options continues to be investigated. However operators in the community provide some options. An example is Methven Travels shuttle to and from Christchurch airport and city.</p> <p>In the winter months, a town bus provides transport around the urban area in the evenings. This is a collaborative initiative funded by the local businesses.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our community advocates for inclusive access for the disabled and elderly</li> </ul>	<p>Submit of the District Plan review regarding inclusive access principles</p> <p>Inclusive access is incorporated into all planning, development and revitalisation of the town centre</p> <p>Heritage guidelines to incorporate inclusive access</p> <p>Our accessible tourism facilities are promoted</p>	<p><b>Methven Community Board,</b> Ashburton District Council, Ashburton District Tourism, CCS Disable Persons Association, , Greater Methven Community, Methven Character and Heritage Group, Methven i-SITE</p>	<p>The Methven Community Board did not provide submit to the District Plan review on inclusive access principles.</p> <p>The Methven Lions undertook a stocktake of the accessibility of shops in the Methven township.</p> <p>The Methven Heritage Centre and the Methven Memorial Hall as well as a number of businesses including Mt Hutt Ski Field are wheel chair accessible. This functionality is included in their promotional material.</p>

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How we will achieve it	How we will measure progress	Who will contribute	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe crossing points for pedestrians</li> </ul>	<p>Advocate for Chertsey Road Pedestrian Crossing</p>	<p>MCB</p>	<p>This is covered in the status from the 2009 actions. Please see above.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Arrivals</li> </ul>	<p>Look after new arrivals by using existing services / extend to Methven (new comers network / new arrivals kit)</p>	<p>Safer Ashburton, Mid Canterbury Newcomers Network, Methven i-SITE, ADC</p>	<p>The “Welcome to Methven’ pack is one resource aimed at newcomers. There is no Methven based new comers network however there is a district wide network based in Ashburton.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elderly</li> </ul>	<p>Work for the security of long term care of the elderly (Methven house long term viability, retirement village, council flats)</p>	<p>MAPWAI, CDHB, ADC</p>	<p>Methven House is currently fundraising to relocate. A committee has been formed to progress this and includes representative from the Methven Community Board. The new building will accommodate more residents and will include a dementia unit.</p> <p>In 2014, the Methven Community Board donated the \$500 from the Christchurch School of Medicine to Methven House to assist with upgrading emergency kits.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbourhood Support</li> </ul>	<p>Re-establish neighbourhood support groups – extend Ashburton’s programme to Methven</p>	<p>Safer Ashburton, Neighbourhood Support, Community Board</p>	<p>This is covered in the status from the 2009 actions. Please see above.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth</li> </ul>	<p>Long term funding for youth Mentor</p>	<p>Te Puawaitanga Trust, PHO, HYPE Youth Coordinator, ADC</p>	<p>Te Puawaitanga Trust provide funding for the youth mentor at Mt Hutt College. There is a Hype pop up clinic every second week at the Methven Memorial Hall providing health services and advice to youths in the community.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transportation</li> </ul>	<p>Creating Transport Links to Christchurch and Ashburton</p> <p>Alternative to investigate bringing the services to Methven ie: WINZ once a fortnight etc.</p>	<p>Regional Road Safety, ECAN, Community Board</p>	<p>These actions are in the status from the 2009 actions. Please see above.</p>
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## Goal Five: Methven community is a leader in recreational opportunities

*Objective: Methven area is a national leader in outdoor recreation*

*2009*

How we will achieve it	How we will measure progress	Who will contribute	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By being a well-informed community we actively promote existing and new outdoor opportunities</li> </ul>	<p>‘Stock take’ report complete by June 2010 and following actions implemented accordingly</p> <p>Review of local information available in 2015 to assess if quality and accessibility of information has improved</p>	<p><b>Methven i-SITE,</b> Ashburton District Tourism, Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury, Greater Methven community, Local clubs and organisations, Mt Hutt Marketing Group, Snowfed, Sport Mid-Canterbury</p>	<p>Although no stocktake was completed, information on sports opportunity contacts are included in the Community Directory. Other information sources include the i-SITE and Snowfed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community works with key stakeholders, such as the Department of Conservation to ensure we have a well-managed and accessible environment and stay involved in plans for natural recreation areas for our</li> </ul>	<p>Walking and cycleway plan is developed with stakeholders and implementation began by 2010</p>	<p><b>Methven Community Board,</b> Ashburton District Council, Ashburton District Tourism, Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury, Greater Methven community, Local clubs and organisations, Methven i-SITE, Mt Hutt</p>	<p>The walkway around the golf course has continued to be developed by volunteers. It will be included as a priority in the next Strategic Plan and will be further developed accordingly.</p>

community (e.g.: walkways, river trails, cycleways etc.)		Marketing Group, Sport Mid-Canterbury	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Methven community will actively pursue linking in with the 'National Cycleway'</li> </ul>	Methven is a key element of the National Cycleway by 2019		Although the 'National Cycleway' will not be linked to Methven there are several options for biking in Methven including a circuit through farmland around the Methven town boundary and trails at the Mt Hutt Bike Park. The Braided Waters Cycle Trail continues to be developed and will provide a 3m wide trail following some of the district's braided rivers and a network of canals, up to 145km in length.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of the Methven urban walkway is completed</li> </ul>	Walkway completed by July 2010		See action status above

***Objective: Our sport and recreation activities cater for all***

***2009***

How we will achieve it	How we will measure progress	Who will contribute	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our community is actively involved as participants and volunteers in a range of local sport and recreation activities</li> </ul>	A record of new recreation/sport clubs/organisation formed is kept from 2010	<b>Sport Mid-Canterbury</b> , Local clubs and organisations, Greater Methven community, kidz methven, Local businesses, Methven i-SITE, Snowfed	No record of new recreation/sport clubs/organisation formed is currently being kept.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will develop new facilities for our young people such as a skate park and BMX / Bike track</li> </ul>	Skatepark is developed by December 2010  The BMX/Bike Track is developed by June 2011		The development of a skate park is continuing with the site being identified and plans developed. Although some fundraising has occurred, further funds are required to progress the construction of the skate park.  The BMX track has been developed adjacent to the Methven Primary School on Railway Reserve land. More work will be undertaken to complete the track including obstacles and jumps. Bike Methven have developed a downhill track on the Mt Hutt access road.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We value and maintain existing recreational facilities. In the short term this will include resealing our tennis and netball courts and working with Council to identify appropriate land for the re-location of the Methven Gun Club</li> </ul>	<p>Maintenance is monitored and undertaken as needed</p> <p>Tennis and netball courts are resealed</p> <p>Gun Club is relocated</p>	<p><b>Local clubs and organisations,</b> Ashburton District Council, Greater Methven community, Methven Community Board</p>	<p>The tennis and netball out have been resealed and the gun club has been successfully re-located to Rakaia Gorge</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our community investigates recreation centre options to cater for the needs of all in the community</li> </ul>	<p>A feasibility study of the proposed recreation centre is complete by December 2010</p>	<p><b>Methven Recreation Centre Group,</b> Greater Methven community, Local groups and organisations, Sport Mid Canterbury</p>	<p>The proposed development of a recreation centre is on-going.</p>

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How we will achieve it	How we will measure progress	Who will contribute	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Recreation</li> </ul>	Swimming Pool - Sport Trust		The Methven swimming pool is well utilised by the community but has been identified as requiring an upgrade. This will be included in the next Strategic Plan. New signage has been put up in 2014.
	Skate Park – get confirmation of land use	Kids Methven	These actions are in the status from the 2009 actions. Please see above.
	Recreation Facilities for youth to use as a place to hang out together & talk		The railway reserve and climbing wall provide youth with spaces to ‘hang out’.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walkway</li> </ul>	Maintenance of Walkway – Seats	Council, George Currie Walkways	These actions are in the status from the 2009 actions. Please see above.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication/ Centralisation</li> </ul>	<p>Centralise everything - Centralise Groups – sport and Rec groups</p> <p>1-2 times per year sport and rec groups in Methven get together</p>	<p>Domain Board, Council, Community Board</p>	<p>These actions are in the status from the 2009 actions. Please see above.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport</li> </ul>	<p>Transport opportunities for people to get to already established recreation facilities and businesses i.e.: transport from Methven to Rangitata rafts</p>		<p>Transport options continue to be a focus for the community. However, it is agreed that transport to private businesses should be undertaken by the individual businesses.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Recreation Opportunities</li> </ul>	<p>Downhill mountain bike track – tourist</p> <p>White Water Kayak</p>	<p>Bike Methven, Bike DZNZ</p>	<p>A downhill mountain bike track has been established on Mount Hutt and it is widely used by visitors and locals alike.</p> <p>The establishment of a white water kayaking initiative has not progressed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and open spaces</li> </ul>	<p>Don't lose grass space</p> <p>Upgrade park/picnic area – more picnic tables</p>	<p>Community Board, ADC</p>	<p>The upgrading of parks and opens spaces continues. Several beautification efforts have occurred such as the landscaping and planting of the areas around the medical centre.</p>