Chair 150th Committee. lan Sandford

cemetery walk celebrating the past. Community & Recreation Centre, signifying the future, and the St Paul's Anglican church This will be typified in the unveiling of a plaque dedicated to the proposed West Melton

It is hoped these celebrations will be a unifying effect for all.

moved in here for so many different reasons.

The Spreading Branches; There are families whose grandfathers lived here. Others, who

formed to lead various 150th events. The West Melton 150th Celebration committee was established and a series of sub groups

and general store.

The early growth; A rural support village established its self that included a Hotel, blacksmiths,

anniversary. A steering group was established to investigate the possibility of celebrating the 150th

after his birth place in Yorkshire.

The germination; Henry Trickett, having bought the first site, named the area West Melton,

coming up during a presentation to the local Probus Club.

Another seed; Colin Watson, our local historian, mentioned that the 150th anniversary was

The seed; Henry Trickett bought the first residential site in what we now know as West Melton. From a small seed a mighty Kauri Tree grows.

WEST MELTON 150TH CELEBRATIONS A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN,

Kelvin Coe Mayor Congratulations

us all to enjoy.

committee and volunteers for their achievements in putting together a range of activities for However these events don't just happen and we must acknowledge the work of the various

events planned as part of the anniversary. a warm welcome to you as you join the celebrations. I am sure you will enjoy the wide range of

Whether you are already part of the West Melton community or a visitor I would like to extend

Melton Recreation and Events Centre and a Sport and Recreation Fun Day.

Parade, Mix and Mingle, The Great Westie Shindig, a dedication service for a new West You now have before you a series of anniversary events including the Black Tie Ball, Grand

drew people from far and wide to join your celebrations.

farming history. Congratulations to the organisers of this fantastic community event which for old and new residents to come together and showcase West Melton's

The Time after Time Field Days in September were a great opportunity

also celebrate how the town has developed since it was founded. recognise the hard work done by early settlers to establish the town and The celebrations are an opportunity to look back at the past and

West Melton's 150th celebrations promise to be an exciting time for the

FROM THE MAYOR



West Melton 150th Celebrations



24th - 26th October 2014

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Sugar Art All Signed Up The Bloke Langdale Restaurant

True and Daring Winery Bromley's Home Butchery Evergreen Garden Centre Southern Woods Lyndon Harrows & Engineering

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150 YEARS OF WEST MELTON

Colin Watson - Local Historian

years well attended sales were held.

surrounding areas or in to Christchurch or are just retired.

by the end of 2014. Farming is not now the main occupation as many people commute to

What a change there is today. Two subdivisions and a School roll projected to be over 400

and granite and erected at the crossroads. The other project was a bas-relief sculpture of a To mark the millennium the three local Churches built a drinking fountain of greywacke stone

a sixty foot long dip was built. Yards were built to hold sheep and every month for the next 35

The West Melton Saleyards and Dip Co. was formed in 1892. A five stand shearing shed and

Twenty acres of land for a Recreation Ground was put aside in 1873. Two early uses of the

Malvern, County Council, Paparua County Council and now the Selwyn District Council.

As time went on local government changed to become the Selwyn County Council, the

Roading was administered by the East Rakaia Road Board (later the Courtenay Road Board).

as Chairman), St Paul's Anglican Church started in 1872, the Store 1872 (with F. Lawrey) and the Wesleyans built a Chapel in 1868, the School was opened in 1871 (with 41 pupils and John Hill

With settlement there was a need for community facilities. Christchurch was too far away. The

up amongst the amenities of civilisation, early farm life must have been hard. They showed

be brought out from Christchurch. For the pioneer women, who had been mostly brought River at Courtenay. The house would be built by the men and then the rest of the family would

with came from the Harewood Forest at Oxford – this was usually ferried over the Waimakariri

There were already tracks across the land. The Coal Track (now Old West Coast Road), Bealeys

100 acres and built a sod house there. He named the district after his home town in Yorkshire. Hornby and never shifted to West Melton. Henry Trickett was the first real settler as he bought

The first land sale of 1000 acres, at £2 per acre, was to G. A. E. Ross in 1863. He lived in

Charles Newton, E. Vaughn, A. Sanderson, and P. Price. Most of the timber to build houses Knolls Road. More settlers arrived during 1864, these included John Hill, A. C. Truscott, Track (now Main West Road), Halkett Road, Weedons-Ross Road, Newtons Road and Sandy

horse and a community notice board which was erected at the Community Centre.

ground was for Cricket and there was an Athletic and Cycling Track there.

Hotel dates from 1881. The Blacksmith opened for business in 1882.

remarkable initiative, courage and perseverance in carrying out their daily tasks.





of West Melton is situated. within which the present district

was taken up by runholders.

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The district was part of the

ordinariness.

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Churches and Domain. The

with its Store, School, Hotel,

will recall the small settlement Christchurch people, and they Mention West Melton to most

on the Main West Road,

were the names of the two runs Tresillian and Sandy Knolls



































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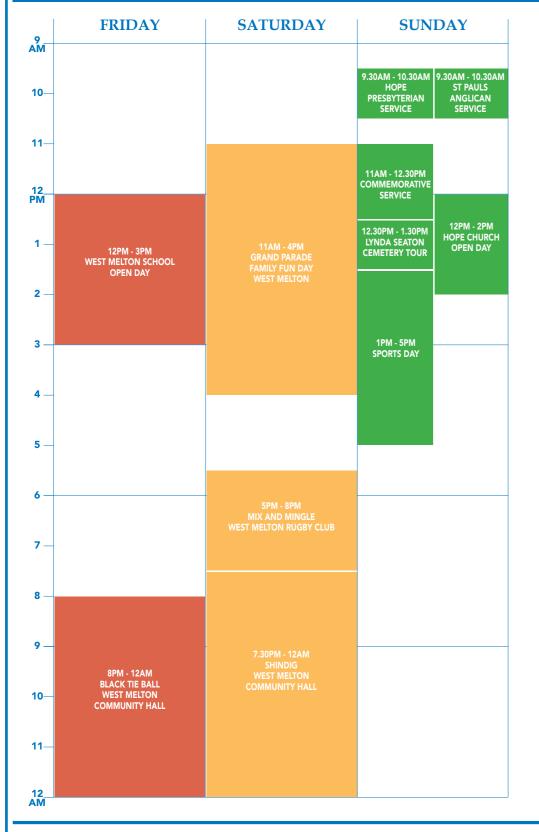
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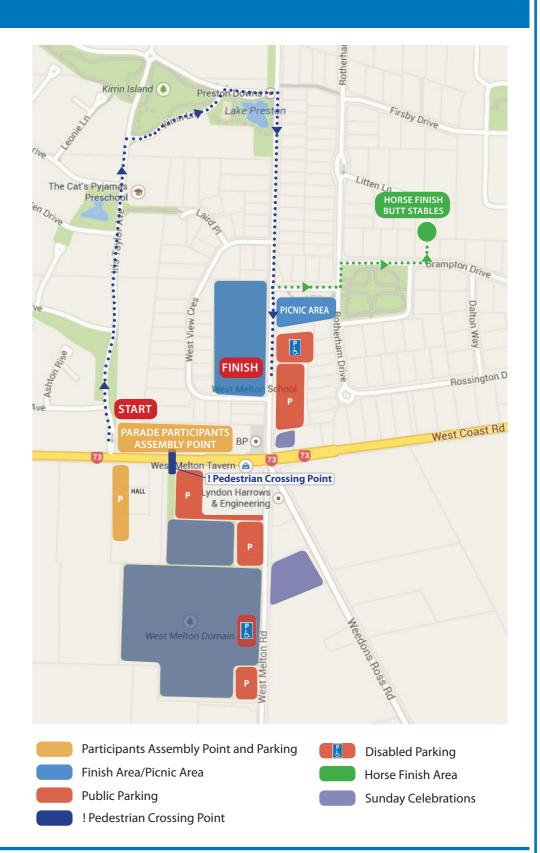
West Melton 150th Celebrations Programme



	1100	1130	1200	1230	1300	1330	1400	1430	1500	1530	1600
GRAND PARADE	11 AM - 1 PM										
ROSALIA GIERSZEWSKI STORY TELLER							2 PM		3 PM		
BEARD GROWING JUDGING						1.30 PM					
SHEARING DEMONSTRATIONS					1 PM - 3.30 PM						
THE FLYING DIXIES					2 PM - 4 PM						
NZ ARMY BAND					1 PM - 2 PM						
FIRE BRIGADE					1 PM - 4 PM						
ARMY DEMONSTRATIONS					1 PM - 4 PM						
BUTTER & POPCORN					1 PM - 4 PM						
FRAMERS MARKET					1 PM - 4 PM						
ARTS & CRAFT STALLS	ALL DAY										
HARNESS RACING DISPLAY	1 PM - 4 PM										
FOOD STALLS	ALL DAY										
LOLLY SCRAMBLE								2.30 PM			
BOUNCY CASTLE	ALL DAY										

SPORTS AN	D RECF	REAT	ION	FUN	I DA	Y - P	ROG	GRAN	ИΜЕ		
	1300	1330	1400	1430	1500	1530	1600	1630	1700	1730	
ALL		OPERATING FOOD STALLS IN CARPARK									
TOP TEAM EVENT (SPORT CANTERBURY)		1ST	TEAM EV	ENT			TEAM E				
SCOUTS		SCOUTING ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND TENTS AND IN SCOUT HALL									
RUGBY						RDED MEN VS NIORS GAME					
TENNIS		MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT									
BOWLS		BOWLS OPEN DAY - FORMAL GAMES AND TRY-IT-OUT									
FOOTBALL		FOOTBALL GAMES									
NETBALL		INVIT	ATIONAL	GAME							











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