



Opuke Thermal Pools & Spa update

NZ Government announces \$7.5m funding for Opuke Thermal Pools & Spa

The Methven Adventures team are delighted to report that our application for funding from the Provincial Growth Fund has been successful. Regional Economic Development Minister, Shane Jones, visited Methven on 15th February to make the announcement of the \$7.5m loan to a 50-strong crowd of local business owners, MHP shareholders Ashburton District Councillors and tourism partners.

“The Provincial Growth Fund is coming to the table to support a project which the community has shown us will make a big difference to their future economic prospects and aligns with the priorities of the wider Canterbury region” Shane Jones said.

Click [here](#) to read the official release on the NZ government website.



Andrew Cartwright (MAL), Shane Jones (Regional Economic Development Minister), James McKenzie MAL) and Jo Luxton (Rangitata List MP) after the announcement outside the Blue Pub in Methven.

The story attracted great coverage on TVNZ news and in print/on-line media including The Press/[stuff.co.nz](#) and the [Ashburton Guardian](#). A video recording of the announcement was posted on the [ADC facebook page](#).

Acknowledgement of MHP Holdings

The PGF announcement was hosted at the iconic Blue Pub in Methven and was a poignant moment for those who have been part of the Methven Hot Pools story over the past decade. Among those present were Dave Dynes and Gary Eddington, directors of MHP holdings, who dug deep and successfully raised close to \$1m from the local community to help develop the original business case and fund the application of the resource consent. Shane Jones expressed his admiration of the visionaries behind the project and invited Dave Dynes to provide his reaction to the announcement to those present.

Methven Adventures acknowledge the vision and determined effort of the MHP directors and shareholders that was instrumental in reaching this significant milestone.

Project plan

There are clearly busy times ahead for the project team. MAL have engaged architects Sheppard & Rout, landscape architect, Dan Rivers, and energy consultants, Beca to progress the final elements of concept design and we expect to be moving into the detail design phase in March. The current project time line is shown below.



If you would like to know more about Opuke Thermal Pools & Spa please feel free to come along to our next public meeting, email the MAL team: info@methvenadventures.nz or visit our new-look website: www.methvenadventures.nz