

Mayfield Playcentre Homegrown Garden Tour

Saturday 5th November

In just a few days now Mayfield Playcentre will host its biennial Homegrown Garden Tour and you need to be there! This year we have four gardens - all unique - for people to visit and enjoy the beauty of what others have created. The late spring has worked in our favour with all gardens set to display an abundance of colour and life on Saturday 5th November!

The gardens that are featuring are:

Helen and Charlie Rapsey's 'Passchendaele' – flowering azaleas, rhododendrons, a small trillium garden, hellebores, peonies are all waiting for you. Helen's creativity shows in the beautiful spaces she has shaped within almost two acres.

Karen and Wayne Gregory's 'Budbrook' – an endearing display of large trees, rhododendrons, azaleas and Mt Peel lilies, Budbrook is a picture of calm complete with board walks and bridges. There really is mystery around every corner here.

Sharon and Gordon Duthie's 'Ashridge' - The layout of this garden mainly follows the large ridge that passes through the part of the farm that the garden occupies. There has been much effort over the years to place all the rocks and boulders from the farm that you see edging many parts of the garden. Mature trees tower over carefully laid garden beds and if you're lucky, you may hear one of the Bellbirds that call this garden home.

Annie and Athel Price's 'Amberside' – paths to wander and expanses to enjoy. There are mixed perennial borders, rose and shrub borders, and rose arches leading to the orchard. At Amberside you will also find our vendors selling their wares, enjoy something tasty to eat and drink all while being entertained by several talented performers.

We are very grateful to the garden owners for volunteering their gardens for our 2022 tour. These garden are not often, if EVER open to the public so please take the opportunity to come and enjoy the beauty of each. All proceeds from ticket sales go to Mayfield Playcentre to support the running of the centre.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from Ruralco, Lushingtons or online: www.humanitix.com/homegrowngardentour2022 up until Friday 4th November OR on the day for \$30 at any of the garden entry gates. Children under 16 are free.

Follow the event on Facebook www.facebook.com/thehomegrowngardentour for all information about the event leading up to the day.

Enquiries can also be directed to homegrowngardentour@hotmail.com or phone 027 622 7748.

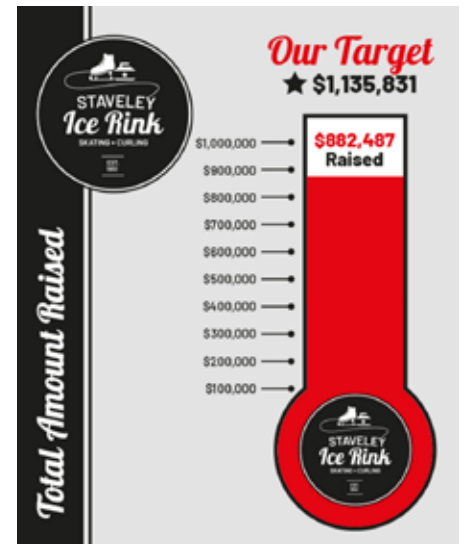
Staveley Ice Rink Update

We have had an amazing response from our Concrete and Piping donations so far! We have had \$134,390 that will be or has been donated to date! A massive THANK YOU to the over 90 donors so far!!!

We had an increase in a few cost that we will add to the next update. But... We are still on track to open on the **1st of June 2023**! We do still need help to get over the line, so let us know if you want to donate a load of pipe for \$1,300 or just a small donation. We are a registered charity, so you can get 33% tax back!

We would like to thank Harmers Earthmoving for their work over the last month to prepare the base. This work came in on time and well under budget!! Legends! We now have 90% of the earthworks complete. New Power upgrade almost finished, and stage one of concrete work will be completed by Christmas. And our refrigeration unit is being assembled in Ashburton by Brendon from Davidson Refrigeration & Electrical Ltd. So lots happening!

We have funding for a new Gate from the Creative Communities Scheme. So, we are going to have a competition for a gate design. Key points, the design needs to be: Unable to be climbed, not too much of a wind sail. (We don't want it to get blown away) the gate will be anchored on to our old Power Poles to keep it up. Email designs to staveleyicerink@gmail.com Entries close on the 30th of November. Winner announced on our Facebook page.



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Neighbourhood Support November News

In a famous red commercial outlet this week, low and behold Xmas decorations!!! Not sure what has happened to the rest of the year as we enter the “silly season” and scramble towards that one date and holidays. A timely reminder to talk about security and staying safe.

September crime reports show no reported crimes in the Mt Somers area. However be mindful around residential property to secure doors and windows when not at home. Know your neighbours and encourage them to be alert and notify you if they see anything suspicious. Security cameras are a good line of defence, especially on rural properties and in particular hot spots such as workshops and petrol bowsters. Often these are paired to an app on your phone or tablet which assist with the ability to easily keep an eye on your premises. Scams are still prevalent so please be aware of phone and computer scams. Investment scams – this can include a website which looks professional and the person you speak to will be charming and persuasive. If you are asked for money or a deposit please check – the legal name of the business, check it is regulated, if the business is not NZ based check who regulates them and check regulator warning lists. This also applies to anyone trying to sell something over the phone or by digital connect. Bottom line - always check they are who they say they are.

Fire and Emergency suggest checking smoke alarms this time of year just to ensure they are working and batteries are current.

Remember Snap, Send and Solve which is linked to Ashburton District Council. This is an app you can download onto your phone. If you see anything that needs fixing such as graffiti,



Mt Somers Rugby Club



AGM

**will be held on Wednesday 16th
November 7pm in the clubrooms. All
Welcome.**

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roading, unsafe areas, rubbish dumping, stray animals you can take a snapshot on your camera and send it to Ashburton District Council. It will highlight a location and they are immediately aware of the issue and where it is.

We will be at the A&P show and will be talking about security and cameras so look out for us in the Safety area.

You can join up to Neighbourhood Support by signing up on line under “Ashburton Gets Ready”, or we can send out a form for completion. This will also provide you with ongoing safety information.

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I wonder how many people read the Listener article from Christine Fernyhough on literacy and how NZ is falling behind the world in the number of children who have difficulty with reading and writing..... it was most worrying and if you can find a copy of the issue with 'Space-based Solar Power' on the cover, please read both her article (Upfront section) and the other article titled 'Literacy' . .

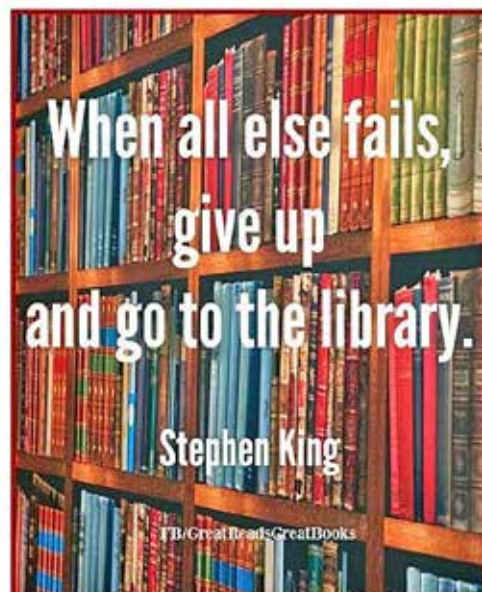
After reading that issue of the Listener I felt very grateful we have our own Library in the community and have access to all kinds of books. And that our children know about the library and hopefully what a treasure chest it is. Regarding the Listener weekly magazine I am going to start putting out past issues in the shelves outside the Library. There are many excellent and topical articles, I'm sure there will be people who would enjoy reading them, even if slightly out of date (as far as the TV programming is concerned)..

'Lucy by the Sea' by Elizabeth Strout. I have read this new book and loved it. Those of you who have read 'My Name is Lucy Barton', 'Oh William!', (and even Olive Kitteridge gets

a mention as does Bob Burgess from a much earlier book 'The Burgess Boys'), will all enjoy the continuation of Lucy's life. Beautifully written and it kept my interest throughout. It is helpful to have read her previous books as each consecutive one develops the characters further.

'The Metal Heart' by Caroline Lea.

This is another novel based around fact. It is set on the Orkney islands and centres around the building of 'barriers' or causeways between the islands both for access and more importantly to block the waterways from German submarines and warships. It was a huge backbreaking job and Italian prisoners of war were shipped from North Africa to complete the task.



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The book centres around the building of an Italian chapel which still stands today. I have been lucky enough to actually see this building and experience the internal craftsmanship, truly amazing and the author of this book captures the beauty of this place in her descriptive prose. A love story runs through the chapters but doesn't detract from lovely descriptive passages of these remote Scottish islands.

Celeste Ng, author of 'Little Fires Everywhere' and the popular 'Everything I never Told You' has a new book out: 'Our Missing Hearts'.....described as a powerful dystopian novel about the love, loss and power of a mother's love. Considering the strength of her other books I'm sure this one will appeal to many.

'The Clarence' by Tim Fulton. This is by the well known rural journalist where he explores the 200 kilometres of mountains, rivers and valleys between Canterbury and Marlborough. It is beautifully presented and the photography is outstanding. It will certainly appeal to the farmers of the district.

'Plough Chains and Bees Arses' by Keith Hawke.

Some of you may have met Keith already, he and his wife are residents of Mt Somers, and he has very kindly donated his book to our non fiction shelves. This is a true adventure story and is a rollicking account of a Kiwi who has spent 25 years making films in Asia and around the world featuring corruption and the wild roller-coaster thrill of making films in foreign countries. From a stint being locked briefly in a prison cell, he went on to film a climbing expedition in the Himalayas, a circus in Burma and even a slightly blue feature film! He has travelled the globe and related some of his adventures in this very readable account and comes highly recommended.

There is a small book just purchased, and it was shortlisted for the prestigious Booker prize. I have read it twice. It is a gem. It has become an international bestseller. It is a deeply affecting story of hope, empathy, and quiet heroism. It is set in a small Irish town in 1986. Read it!

'Small Things like These' by Claire Keegan.

There are new books being added all the time to our library and remember to return them promptly once read to make it fair for everyone. The books can easily be returned to the slot in the porch outside the library.

We are trying to lift the standard of books on the outside shelves so keep checking them too.

Keep reading, relaxing, and learning....did you know that keeping our brains active and working is one way to delay or prevent the onset of dementia?? True fact.
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GUY FAWKES Ruapuna Domain 5th November

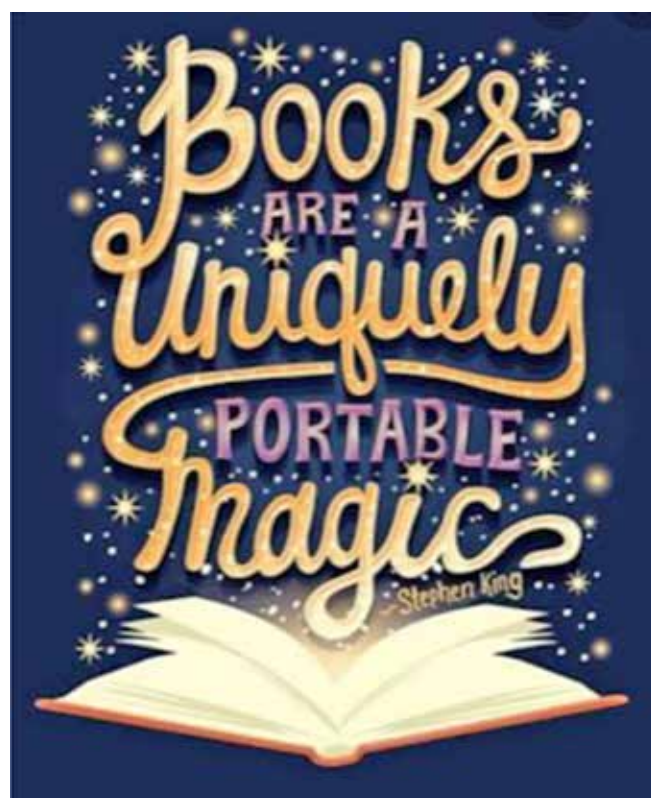
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Mt Somers Reserve Board

TRIENNIAL MEETING

The purpose of the meeting is to elect up to seven residents to fill the vacancies on the Board. The Board will meet immediately following the Triennial Meeting and appoint members to the positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Date: 8th November

Venue: Mt Somers Hall - Supper room

Time: 7:30pm

ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME.

Hamish Riach

Chief Executive Officer

Ashburton District Council



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Ashburton District



November is a great time to Keep Learning as part of our 5 ways to Wellbeing and we are super grateful to the Ashburton Creative Communities Grant to allow us to lead some keep learning initiatives for the whole family. (Check out below our planned activities starting November 2nd in Methven – with dates being set for Mayfield early in 2023 to roll out a similar programme).

Each Wednesday in November we will be setting up at the Methven Public Library and co facilitating some “Give it a Go” Art Based activities free to the whole family – the vision is to have people in our community that have skills to teach others co facilitate with us so we all learn something new. Where we can we will be more resourceful with what’s available to us locally and acknowledge

how giving not only helps us but may well improve wellness for those who receive. Starting each Wednesday at 5.30pm:

Week 1 - Harakeke Weaving – starting Wednesday 2nd – learn to make flowers, stars and gift tags (Options also for more advanced creations for those more confident). Flax will be pre dyed and options of Red, Purple, Blue or natural to use.

Week 2 - Photography with Heathermac - Wednesday 9th – a chance to upskill and learn the art of looking through a lens with purpose and vision. One not to be missed for those who want to get creative.

Week 3 – Rock Art – Wednesday 16th - options are endless here and we are super fortunate to have someone in our community who is skilled in the art of Rock



Mount Somers Springburn School Board has identified 8 spaces in Years 1-6 as being available for out of zone student enrolments for the 2023 school year.

We invite you to contact our school office on (03) 303 9892 for an enrolment pack or to express your interest and arrange a tour of the school.

Applications for out of zone enrolments are open now and will close on 1st December 2022. Should the number of applications be greater than the number of spaces, acceptance will be by way of ballot following the Ministry of Education guidelines which are available on their website.

Art and willing to share some tips. Come along and let your imagination run wild. Rocks and more supplied – bring your own imagination.

Week 4 – Soap and Candles – Wednesday 23rd– who doesn't love the idea of DIY gifting ready for the Christmas Stockings. Come and learn the art off local makers and then use those skills to get creative at home to impress the guests.

Week 5 – Drift Wood Art – Wednesday 30th - not for the faint hearted; the idea is start with a Christmas tress or stars for those keen or take it to the next level to frame your photography or use as a centre piece for the table. If you own a drill please bring it along to speed things up on this activity as im sure we will be wanting to keep things moving.

All these activities start at 5.30pm and registration is essential so we can have enough supplies so please phone, email or register online via Wellbeing Ōpuke facebook page.

If you live in the Mayfield/foothills area and have a skill you wish to share that is along the creative theme please reach out and connect sooner rather than later to be given the chance to share these with others and inspire your community to make their own gifts using locally sourced supplies as much as possible. Call Juanita 0225472708 or email wellbeingopuke@gmail.com

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Book of the Month – Mt Somers Library

Title: 'Meeting Rita'

Author: Jenny Powell

Publication year: 2021

A review by Elles Smallegoor

New Zealand artist Rita Angus (1908-70) has always been a powerful presence in the art history of this country, but she seems to have had a bit of a revival of late. The Te Papa in Wellington had a big exhibition on until April this year and some paintings that were part of it are now on tour and find themselves in the Suter Gallery in Nelson, where they are on display until 4 December. Angus's life and work has also been celebrated in print. Last year, poet Jenny Powell published a collection of poems called 'Meeting Rita', in which the author imagines exactly that: meeting the artist and "have a dialogue about what's important: clothes, love, places, painting and poetry, the meaning of life" (p. 9). The collection is currently on loan in the Mt Somers Library.

Over the past decade, Powell has gradually become familiar with all the details of Rita Angus's life (her love affair with composer Douglas Lilburn, her health scares, her miscarriage, her mental struggles, her fierce passion for art, her love of the New Zealand landscape) and has closely studied her drawings, watercolours and paintings. In many ways, she indicates in the preface to the book, Rita has become a close friend - if only in imagination. In over 40 poems, she dives into this imaginary friendship and creative connection ('It's good to see you Rita' p. 63) and brings Angus and her work to life in free verse.

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Some poems are almost biographical in nature, such as this one:

LOVE DOESN'T ALWAYS HAVE TO BE SAID

He gives you time with no conditions
except its own rules of passing.

He gives you relief of hills
when your head aches with flatness.

He gives you a painter's holiday,
and let's you burrow into yourself.



The Notes in the back of Powell's book (p. 73-78) are essential reading to those unfamiliar with the artist's life. In them, we learn that Douglas Lilburn funded one of Rita's painting trips to Central Otago, enabling her to get back to herself after a period of mental unrest. The poem reveals Powell's (and Lilburn's) complete understanding of the healing power of being engaged in the

creative process; unconditionally allowing others to fully immerse in it is, as the title suggests, an act of love. Other poems, such as ARTHUR'S PASS, are an accompaniment to Angus's paintings (in this case the famous painting 'Cass'), and knowing the art will enhance both the reading experience of the poem and appreciation of the art work itself. The good thing nowadays is you can easily search for the paintings online.

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How

- Speak slowly and be honest, using words that are appropriate for your child's age and understanding.
- Prepare your child for sad news, for example, "I have some sad news for you..."
- Use real words. Say the person's name and use real words, 'dead' or 'died'. If you do use phrases such as 'passed away', 'gone to sleep' or 'lost', explain clearly that this means the person has died.
- Explain that the person who has died cannot come back. It's not always easy to find the words. Here are a few examples: "Poppa was so sick his body stopped working. Poppa has died". "The doctors tried really hard to help Gran, but she was too sick for the medicines to help".
- Give reassurance. Tell the child that you will be there for them. It is important to reassure them that the death wasn't their fault.
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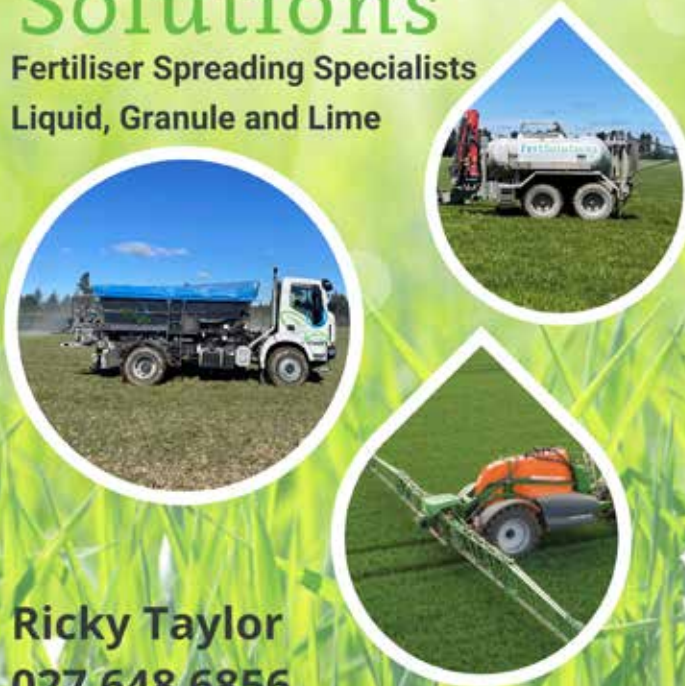
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Jo Luxton, MP for Rangitata
25 October 2022



As a Government, we're focused on creating jobs, upskilling New Zealanders and supporting more people here in Mid Canterbury into work – and the latest figures show that it's paying off. The country's unemployment rate is at a near record low and people's incomes are growing at the highest rate since records began.

There are now less than 99,000 New Zealanders receiving Jobseeker Work Ready – the first time numbers have dipped below 100,000 since the pandemic began. We've also seen the number of people receiving a main benefit continue to fall year-on-year – in the Ashburton District we've had over 500 people move from the main benefit into work in the last year.

To grow the skilled workforce that New Zealand needs, our Government has been deliberate in supporting more people into education and training. I'm really proud of the fact that

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The Government largely adopts the farming sector's proposal to price emissions at the farm level. This is an important step forward in New Zealand's transition to a low emissions future and delivers on our promise to price agriculture emissions from 2025. The proposal would see New Zealand farmers lead the world in reducing emissions, delivering a competitive advantage, enhancing our export brand and helping to boost export earnings.

Consultation to work through sequestration, levy setting process, and transition assistance is open until 18 November 2022 and I encourage you to have your say through a submission.

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Walk Awa Awa Rata Reserve 21 Sep:

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Mayfield and Districts Lions Report

At our October meeting held at the Tinwald Tavern, lions and their wives had the pleasure of having Elijah Overcomer, former Gloriavale community member, as their speaker. He spoke about his previous life, living and working in the closed community, and the difficulties encountered when he, his wife and children decided to leave. They are currently sharemilking on a farm near Albury, and are working incredibly hard, as they strive towards their goal of farm ownership.

Members enjoyed attending the Jesus Christ Superstar production, held recently in Ashburton.

Lions members and partners helped with Meals On Wheels, a service which we always enjoy providing.

Our annual Friends of the District outing will be held on Sunday 6th November, at the Mayfield Golf Club. Mr John Acland will be the guest speaker.

After a weather -caused postponement in June, we are holding our annual Golf Tournament on Thursday 17th November.

We still have dry firewood for sale, Blue Gum \$400 and Pine \$325. Contact Ron Cross on 021347958



Our speaker Elijah Overcomer.



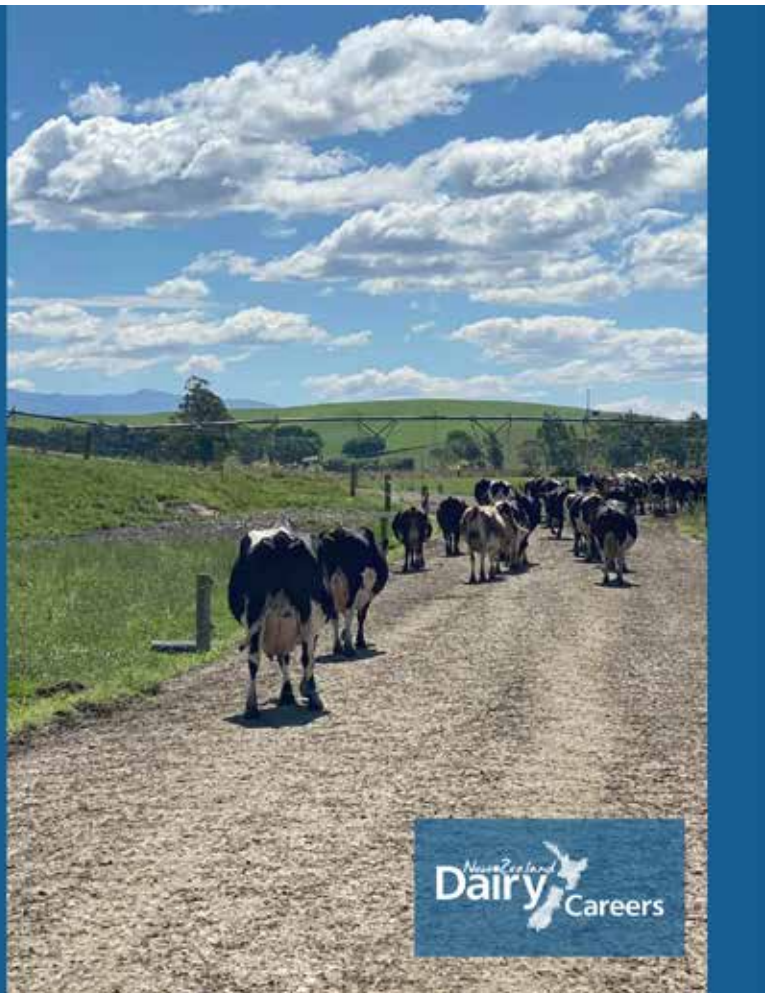
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NEWS FROM PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Time doesn't stand still, and changes take place. At Methven the significant change at present is the fact of Derek and Rae Glass leaving their farm to reside in retirement at Darfield. The St Johns congregation will farewell this faithful couple of long-standing church and community supporters at the Sunday service on the 6th of November.

At the same time Alex and Joan Wright will be acknowledged as now residing at Lochlea in Ashburton, it is understood they intend for now to remain as supporters of the Plains Parish and will continue to be active in the Methven area.

The Parish Annual Meeting will have taken place on the 30th of October by the time you have read this and will be reported on in the December issue.

The annual Rakaia Plant Fair and jam sales took place early in the month with slightly over \$6000.00 being raised, a very good result, our sincere thanks to Mrs Dorothy Knight and her many faithful helpers for this very well-run annual event.

The worship service at Staveley on 26th of September was led by Paster Paul Eden, combined with Methven with the congregation numbering 22. At Mayfield on 23rd of October the service was led again by Paul Eden eleven local folk made up the congregation.

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WORSHIP SERVICES November 2022

Sunday 6th Nov ST JOHNS METHVEN 10.30

Farewell for Derek & Rae Glass

Acknowledgement To Alex & Joan Wright now residing at Lochlea Village

Sunday 13th Nov St Johns Methven 10.30 am

Sunday 20th Nov St Johns Methven 10.30

Sunday 27th Nov Staveley 10.00 am

Worship leader Paster Paul Eden

Parish AGM St Johns Methven 30th Oct

Rev Johanna Warren worship leader

AGM followed with shared Lunch

MAYFIELD MT SOMERS ANGLICAN PARISH

Recently, at a service at St. Aidan's, we remembered three ladies who had each made a huge contribution to the running of this church. The Rev. Rosemary Grigg, Mabel Reveley and Lois Moodie. Following the service three Rhododendrons we planted in the Memorial Garden, in the churchyard. These three ladies, through all the highs and lows of their lives had remained constant and loyal to the Christian faith through many, many years. Faithfulness is one of the nine gifts of the Spirit that can be found listed in Galatians 5: 22 and 23.

It was wonderful to see so many family members present at the service, there to help with the planting as well as acknowledging the contribution made by their mothers and grandmothers.

There are people still alive whose service will be worthy of having a Rhododendron planted in their honour, but I do wonder what part our beautiful wee church will play in the lives of people living in and around Mt. Somers in the future.

Can you believe that by the time you read this, we will be less than two months away from Christmas? In the meantime.

Blessings, Annette Eggleston

ANGLICAN SERVICES

Priest: Rev Annette Eggleston

Holy Communion

Oct 30 10 a.m. All Saints, Ruapuna

Nov 6 10 a.m. St Aidan's, Mt Somers

Nov 20 10 a.m. St Aidan's, Mt Somers

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Walk Staveley Hill 28 Sep:

Only 7 members turned out. All of us made to a junction together.



Walk Waimate

14 members tried out a new walk "White Horse Track" and some extra parts at Waimate.



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NOVEMBER 2022

A COMMENT:

There are several topics to discuss today, the first that interested me from an opinion article Christchurch Press 24th October; Siouxsie Wiles This writer opens the subject by reminding her regular readers that they may remember that she is quite fascinated by mosquitoes. She appears to have developed an interest as to why mosquitoes are more attracted to some folk rather than others. South-Westland and Westcoast in general is where these insects appear to thrive as do sandflies. Siouxsie appears to be of the opinion that some unfortunate people secrete a substance from their skin which these insects cannot resist, and this may well be so. From my humble observations and I came to the conclusion many years ago that it is the new commers to a sandfly mosquito region that suffer seriously from these blood sucking beasts. I concluded long ago that those who have tolerated these things and persisted in living in these regions have sort of become immune to these blood suckers. The sandfly may be just a blood sucker, but the mosquito definitely injects into its victim, This may well mean that in time it has polluted its own feeding ground, hence the permanent human resident has become immune, perhaps I should write to Siouxsie with my thoughts, or are they just humble observations?

I seemed to get caught up reading of stories of the African American dilemma, the slave trade of not that many years ago. The book titled "The Deepest South of All" True stories from Natchez, Mississippi. By Richard Grant. This is an account of just what happened at the hight of the slave trade. Natchez, Mississippi at one time had more millionaires per capita than anywhere in America, and its wealth was built on cotton and slavery. As the back cover indicates with humour and insight, author Richard Grant exposes a strange, eccentric town with an unforgettable cast of characters. There's Ginger Hyland, "The Lioness," who decorates 168 Christmas trees with her jewellery collection. And there's Nellie Jackson, a brothel madam who became an FBI informant about the KKK before being burnt alive by one of her customers. Somewhat interwoven through these stories is the more sombre and largely forgotten account of Abd al-Rahman Ibrahima, a West African prince who it appears was in the wrong place at the wrong time and suffered the fate as did thousands of others, was herded onto a ship with many of his fellow countrymen and enslaved in Natchez and eventually became what is described as a cause celebre in the 1820s, eventually gaining freedom and returning to Africa Uganda. To his despair having to leave his children and grandchildren in Natchez in slavery, he had worked hard to get financial support to buy the family out of slavery but failed.

As slaves they were owned by a cotton grower by the name of Foster, slaves worked long hours picking and attending to the growing of cotton, the sun was very hot and they had little or no protection from the extreme heat their sustenance was bare minimum, just enough to survive on, women and children worked the cotton the housing provided looked good from the outside but inside was very different, each family had just one room, they were whipped and cruelly treated if the work was not to the satisfaction of their owners (the masters). This was a very corrupt and inhumane way of getting production from the land and a method by which the landowners of the day became very wealthy.



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I read with interest again from Mondays Press the Life Story of Daniel Smith, born March 1932 Died October 2022, this account is headed 'One of America's last surviving children of a slave grew up with tales of horror.' Smith has died aged 90, was one of the last remaining children of enslaved Black Americans, a rare direct link to slavery in the USA. He was born when his father was 70 years of age. He has a forth coming memoir which I gather will be titled "Son of a Slave; A Black Man's Journey in White America." Daniel served as a medic during the Korean war, travelled to South Africa during the 'Apartheid' era later marched with Martin Luther King Jr and watched as Barack Obama was inaugurated as president. In the 1970's. He had moved to Washington DC where he ran a federally funded programme called the Area Healthcare Education Centres, working to improve healthcare in underserved communities. It was this work that took him to apartheid South Africa, where he met Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Decades later he was standing in the crowd, moved to tears, as Barack Obama was sworn in as America's first black president.

Should you be looking for a great read I strongly recommend Michelle Obama's book "Becoming", I have been reading this book on my iphone, so impressed I have bought a copy to give to my daughter, a very good book should you be looking for a gift for a lady or for a man.

Cheers Denis

And the really good news is

The Ashburton District Council has agreed to reinstate a place on their website for the local area papers such as the Nor'Wester to be featured each month. So anyone can log on and view the current or past editions in glorious technicolour starting with the September 2022 issue.

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Isn't that just great ! ! ! !

Editor

Mt Somers Staveley Playcentre



It is hard to believe we are already in November and Term 4 is now in full swing. The days are warming up and we've been having so much fun.

Kirsty from Mid Canterbury Rugby came out for another great morning teaching us about Rippa Rugby. The Village green was the perfect place for us run around, with a beautiful backdrop!

Thank you to everyone who purchased pies from our Fairlie Pie fundraiser, they should all be with you now and we hope you're enjoying them! If you're still waiting for yours they shouldn't be far away, please get in touch if needed.

Our AGM is being held 3pm Monday 7th November at Playcentre. All welcome.

Last but not least, after bidding farewell to Kim last term, we've been without a Session Facilitator. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining our awesome centre as Session Facilitator, please get in touch for more information. mtsomers.staveley@playcentre.org.nz



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Mayfield Playcentre

The Tamariki are enjoying being back at Mayfield Playcentre and are embracing the gorgeous weather and their surrounds.

Children being able to connect to their surroundings and take ownership of their spaces is an important part of their learning and wellbeing. As part of the Te Whāriki (early childhood curriculum) we embrace that all children are born with enormous potential and it's our job to recognize and nourish that.

We have seen plenty of Well-being Mana atua (keeping ourselves safe from harm) through helping our centre stay safe and maintained. Hammering nails back into our fort has been a fun job to tick off! Plenty of outdoor fun, cooking up a storm for our friends and Mums in the mud kitchen, emerging ourselves in the fun textures of gloop, sharing kai time with our friends and a book! We are loving the warmer days!!!

A big thank you to our community for their support of the recent raffle and past Homegrown Garden Tours that helped us get to our goal of new inside furniture and renovation of our walls! We can't wait to share photos of the finished space!!! We have a few more items on the wish list that with the help of this year's Homegrown Garden Tour we hope to achieve!

Our Homegrown Garden Tour is just a few days away. We can't wait to share the beautiful gardens, great food, artesian market stalls and local entertainers with you!

See you on the 5th of November



I wish to extend an apology to Alan Totty for neglecting to mention his valuable contribution last month on the article about the history of the Sharplin Falls Track which featured on the front page.

It was very remiss of me.
Editor

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