

A Comment:

I recently attended a meeting of the 'Forest and Bird' Society. The address was by a lady from further south on the subject of garden weeds or was it more the plants we may treasure and protect in our home gardens which could well be invasive plants and constitute a threat to our more waste land areas such as retired land, reserves, and riverbanks. We were shown photo examples of these plants which many may have in their home gardens and take pride in protecting and enjoy the flowers they produce. The speaker referred to her mother's garden on numerous occasions. A number of these undesirable plants would exist in my garden such as ivy and honeysuckle. I have dahlia which has multiplied and needs serious thinning and all manner of other bulbs which appear from this time each year. We were advised, should we have any bad plants we should remove such things and dispose of them in the correct manner, noxious plants are not to be dumped in or near a river.

The conclusion appeared to be that we all should grow natives. I would be certain there would be some undesirable native plants, we would hardly want to encourage the native bush-lawyer, and kowhai tends to seed a lot and spread although it is quite a desirable tree which feeds the birds very well. There are other plants such as native flaxes and cabbage trees which spread and multiply very readily. The real plants that cause a struggle in my garden are ivy and convolvulus, and raspberries whose suckers spread well into my neighbours garden where her family removed once and I removed again this last autumn, I have now replanted those rather robust plants further from the boundary. The real spreaders of plants are wind and birds, I only hope I have not spread my crabapple too far and wide by allowing the birds to feed on it in the latter part of the winter, I guess the little silvereye birds have carried off some seeds at least, perhaps it's a little doubtful if any would germinate, I wont be cutting out this tree any time soon.

I was interested to read in the NZ Listener of the 'Moth plant'. This plant is a native of Brazil and Argentina the claim is that it arrived in NZ in 1888 fortunately it is a frost tender plant, now well established in Auckland city, generally the north of the country including the Bay of plenty and is reported to be spreading south as far as lowland Marlborough. Some of these frost tender species slowly acclimatize so given time may not be quite so frost tender. It would be unlikely that moth plants will become a problem in our area although almost every area has some small areas of microclimates, where this type of



plant could possibly establish, let's hope not, and that it remains in the far north.

This moth plant has capsicum shaped pods each of which can contain up to 1000 seeds, they appear as thistledown and can drift in the wind for many miles, often called the kapok plant or wild choko vine. This is a vine climbing up and over trees and shrubs, it germinates between cracks in foot paths, in hedges, in local bush reserve's and along walking tracks, it is not fussy as to where it will grow. In the seed pod it has a rather horrid white sticky sap, best avoided. It is wise to wear gloves when collecting seed pods. Being a creeper / climber, it tends to be shallow rooted making it easy to dig out.

One wonders if it first arrived in this country in 1888 why it has not spread more before now. Perhaps global warming is helping it together with it slowly acclimatizing, I would guess it arrived here with ships and cargo, just like many other things, it appears to be a useless plant as are many others, I assume the fruit is of no use and it appears to lack any beauty, eradication surely would be the answer, but not easy. Our climate may be too cold for this plant to establish itself here, let's hope so anyway. A photo or two are included.

Cheers Denis

I want to extend my apologies firstly to Sanae Hydes who provides all the photos, then also to all the ladies who partake in the various Walking Groups. I did prepare all the photos to be included in this month's issue (though not all would have made it to print) but I have run out of space for this issue. I hope to do better next month. My regards to you all.

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The Mayfield Home and School Committee would like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to the local community who supported our Quiz Night on 26th June this year. It was a very successful event made possible by the donations from local Mid Canterbury businesses, attendees and purchasers of mystery balloons and auction items.

A special thank you to Deb and the team at Panthers Rock for providing the great venue for the quiz and fantastic hospitality throughout the evening. Another big thank you to Ethan from Christchurch Party Hire for sorting out all the sound equipment.

We raised approximately \$15K and these funds are being used purchase and install a set of swings at Mayfield School. Keep an eye out to see these at school in the not too distant future!

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Just something to think about when you next borrow a book, especially if it is a new release.

Now to some new books.....

'The Final Diagnosis' by Cynric Temple-Camp. I am so fascinated by this book. It is the third and final book written by this NZ pathologist. The other two... 'The Cause of Death' and 'The Quick and the Dead' you may have read, they are not in the library but may well be if we get good feedback from you our readers, about this new volume. I've been dipping in and out of it rather than reading from cover to cover and it is the type of book you can do this without losing the general drift of it.

The author is a North Island pathologist writing about those criminal cases we all know so well eg Ben Smart and Olivia Hope, Mark Lundy, Colin Bouwer, Peter Plumley-Walker etc. There are many more absolutely incredible tales of what a pathologist may find when delving into the human body and it's workings. I'm sure this book will be of interest to numerous readers.

'Sam the Trapman' by Sam Gibson..... described on its cover as "cracking yarns and tall tales from the bush".

We haven't bought a new hunting book for a while so hopefully this edition will appeal to the hunters amongst the community.

It tells the story of how Sam went from being an unruly teenager to finding purpose in our wild places. From shooting his first deer to dealing with freezing cold South Island winters as a young trapper, Sam weaves together a story of an incredible life full of adventure, hard work and a deep love of the land. He is also an avid conservationist.

Beautifully illustrated with photographs throughout, of his hunting life.

I know that many of our readers loved the book 'Mrs Jewel and the Wreck of the General Grant', a wonderful tale based on the tragedy of a grounded ship on the Auckland Islands, by NZ author Cristina Sanders. She has a new book out. Mt Somers Library has it!! **'Okiwi Brown', described as a fascinating dip into our colonial history.**

1828... Edinburgh.... the Burke and Hare murders. Burke is hanged and Hare disappears.

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early Wellington. He calls himself Okiwi Brown and sets up a pub with a nasty reputation. Who was Okiwi Brown really????

'The Seven Lives of Lady Barker' by Betty Gilderdale.

A compelling biography of Lady Barker who as a Victorian woman, lived in England, India, New Zealand, South Africa, Mauritius, Australia and Trinidad,.... thus seven

different lives. She wrote 18 books and is best known in NZ for her 'Station Life in New Zealand'. This period in NZ in the early 1860s is included in this biography.

An interesting non fiction tale of Victorian times published in paperback for the first time about an extraordinary woman.

'The Farmer's Wife' by Helen Rebanks.

Although this memoir is set in England, it will resonate with any farmer's wife anywhere. A sympathetic unflinching story of how one woman cares for her home and family in the country. It includes basic recipes in the last part of the book, as in "meals for when I'm in survival mode", and "food for self care," and "ham hock soup" or "kitchen table chicken pie" If you're looking for a relaxing country tale, this is it.

Finally "Days at the Moresaki Bookshop" by Satoshi Yagisawa, an international bestseller. It is a tale of families, love, new beginnings, and the comfort that can be found in books..... or so it says on the back cover. It is only a little book, a mere 150 pages.

We are trying to build up a selection of shorter books or novellas. Sometimes a book to read over an evening or afternoon is all we want or have time for. It is quite a challenge to tackle a novel of 300-400 pages and even more so when we are busy so these shorter books could be very popular. We hope to have a section in the library devoted to these small reads in the near future, probably on the small wooden bookcase on the left wall leading to the couch.

Readers have commented how helpful it is when choosing a book, to read any attached notes or comments former readers have left. Even a brief sentence stuck to the cover can provide a browsing reader with the incentive to choose that particular book. The note can be anonymous or have your name to it.

Happy reading. Spring is coming!!!!AC.



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Mayfield and Districts Lions Report

Sad news over the last month, with the passing away of another charter Lions member Roger Tasker. Roger had been a Lion for forty six years, in that time he had held number of positions in the club, along with many leadership roles in the wider community.

Victor Schikker became a member only last year, it was a shock to hear of Victors tragic accident. Both men will be sadly missed by members of the club. Our condolences go to their families and friends

Our speaker for the August was Maurice McTigue a former minister of parliament and overseas ambassador, very informative and interesting to hear his thoughts on past and present politics.

Athel Price our director for youth activities along with his team have been busy liaising with Mayfield, Mt Somers and Carew Peel Forest schools for the annual speech competitions, with a large number of children taking part from years 5/6 and 7/8. Lots of work has been done by the children and teachers and I dare say mums and dads, for the quality of the speeches is high.



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Anama Rural Woman

The above organisation has been going for a number of years supporting Rural Woman locally. Over the years money has been donated to the Fire Brigade and St John's. They also funded the hopscotch at the Mt Somers Domain.

They are also responsible for starting the Mayfield Dinner Club which brings a lot of woman together every two months for a social gathering. Our numbers are declining and I would like to invite any interested woman, town or country, to join us.

We meet every month on the 3rd Wednesday morning, either in someone's home in town or the supper room at Mayfield Church. Normally we get a speaker locally and there are some interesting woman doing great things out there .

Rural Woman New Zealand is a - not for profit, member based, organisation that reaches into all rural communities to provide a credible and respected voice on rural, environment, health, education, technology, business and social issues.

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A couple of weeks ago, we took the whole school for an unforgettable day of skiing at Roundhill! The sun was shining, the snow was perfect, and the smiles on everyone's faces were absolutely priceless.

It was amazing to watch our tamariki start the day with a bit of hesitation, some even struggling to find their balance. But by the end of the day, they were—confidently using the pummel to get up the slope and skiing down the hill like experts!

Seeing the progress each child made was truly inspiring, and it's a testament to their resilience and determination. We couldn't have asked for a better day, and we're already looking forward to the next one.

This term, our tamariki have been diving into The Arts with a whole school rotation that has sparked their creativity and enthusiasm. They've explored the impact of cool and warm colours in Visual Art, experimented with different mediums like pastels, and expressed themselves through painting with dye. In Music, the children discovered various musical instruments and even had the chance to try playing some of them. Drama sessions brought the class together as they learned and performed drama conventions, while in Dance, the tamariki explored the history of dance, practised routines and choreography, and enjoyed the process of music selection. The children have had a fantastic time, embracing the fun and creativity of each activity.

We have also been busy working on an exciting project—producing a movie called Mayfield the Movie to showcase their learning from the first two terms of this year. With the theme Turangawaewae, meaning 'Our Standing Place', the children explored their identity, culture, and the history of Mayfield through Social Science in Term 1, and in Term 2, they delved into how

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people have made a living from the land through a Science lens. This fascinating journey has culminated in an incredible production, made possible with the generous help of parent Donna-Marie Lever, who lent her expertise and time to bring this film to life. Mayfield the Movie will premiere on Thursday, 26 September, at the Geraldine Cinema, with two viewings at 7:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Whanau and friends are invited to join us for this special event, with tickets available for purchase. All proceeds will go towards our senior camp to Stewart Island in 2025.



Next week, we're excited to celebrate Book Week, filled with fun activities and a love for reading. As part of the celebrations, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the Dental Clinic, open for families from Monday to Friday during specific times. Every book purchased helps our school earn reward points to buy new books for our library, with EFTPOS available for purchases.

Throughout the week, our tamariki will enjoy competitions, guest readers, and a special dress-up day. On Monday, the Reading to our Pet photo competition will be on display, and we'll begin guessing staff members' childhood favourite books. We'll also have a whole school trip to the Ashburton Library and Read and Feed sessions where children can visit classrooms to hear teachers read.

Tuesday brings more excitement with guest readings by the Baxter and Taylor children, sharing books written by their family members, along with Buddy Reading and Drop In's from invited family members.

Wednesday and Thursday will feature creative activities, mixed class readings, and a Decorated Door competition. Thursday is also our Dress-up Parade, where children are encouraged to come as their favourite book characters.

Friday wraps up Book Week with a visit from James Meager and Grant McCullum who will read to the children, a Book Quiz, Bring a Book to Share event, and Ruapuna's Daffodil Day for cancer awareness.

It's going to be a week packed with reading fun, and we can't wait to celebrate with everyone!

New Enrolments

Here at Mayfield School we welcome all visitors and anyone wishing to enrol their children. We also welcome children of any age to be pre-enrolled. If you would like your child to attend our wonderful school please pop in to see me or email me at principal@mayfieldschool.nz or phone 03 3036214. We would love to welcome you here. Nga mihi mahana kia koutou - warm greetings.

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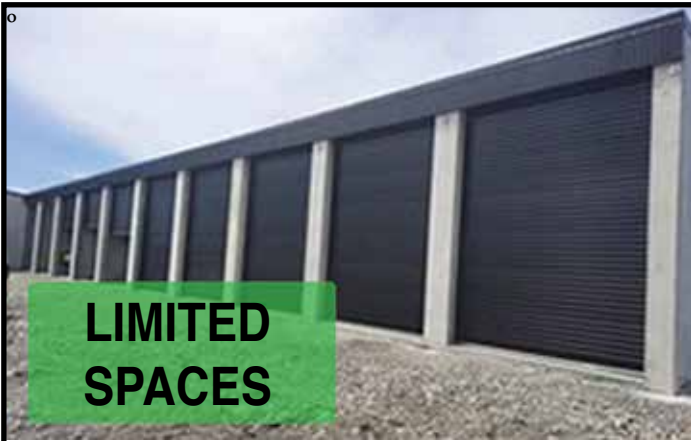
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Lauriston Solar Farm **– Connecting with the community**

Progress is being made on the development and delivery of a 63 MW solar farm in the Lauriston area of Mid Canterbury. While the solar farm is a joint venture between Genesis Energy and FRV Australia, there is plenty of work being done by local organisations to support this significant connection to EA Networks' electricity network.

"This is a major project for us and our community, and we're proud to be involved in supporting development and growth within our region with increased energy supply from solar generation", said Pete Armstrong, General Manager Network, EA Networks.

Work over the past six weeks has focused on running new electricity cables from the solar farm to the zone substation in Lauriston, which involved opening a trench along Lauriston Barrhill Road.

Ashburton Contracting Limited (ACL), lead contractor for the network connection, engaged with the local community, Lauriston Primary School, bus companies and emergency services to ensure that any disruption was managed effectively. The outcome was a traffic management solution that enabled works to be completed efficiently while still providing access through the work area for school buses, the local volunteer fire brigade, and other members of the local community.



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Lauriston School visit the site and speak to Dave Rowlands, Project Manager, ACL about the work being done and the importance of traffic management and road safety.

“We are grateful for the support from the local community, it made our job a lot easier, so a big thanks from us for the patience and co-operation whilst we got the work done”, said David Rowlands, Project Manager, ACL.

“We were really impressed with the level of communication between ACL and the local community, in particular the school”, said Jessica Harris, Customer Experience Manager, EA Networks. “We are a locally owned lines company. Sometimes our work impacts our community and the support to keep everyone in the loop with the work was really appreciated”.

Work continues as a newly installed transformer is connected and tested on site. The solar farm is scheduled to be generating electricity by the end of 2024.

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The seasons are changing and so is the driving conditions. Spring brings longer days and changeable weather. Hopefully an end to frosts and black ice but sun strike can be equally as dangerous.

Our fourteenth road code group are nearing the end of their course, so soon we will see them out on the road with shiny new L plates on. Class has been really fun and it's nice to see developing friendships within the group. Social contact is a big part of our programme because our students are mostly rural and new to the area. It can be hard meeting people when you live on a farm and don't drive. That's the reason our programme was set up. Many of our past participants have commented on how it's not just about the driving but they've met new friends, found jobs and driven themselves around the countryside exploring their new home. The benefits to them and their family's wellbeing is immense, and it leads to the whole family settling in so much better than if they are isolated at home.

We are very grateful to NZTA Waka Kotahi for supporting us for another year with a generous grant. Our funders are vital for the continuation of the programme so we very grateful for their support.

If you would like to be part of this amazing programme, as a student, driving mentor or to volunteer in other ways, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Wendy Hewitt on 027 611 3301 or wendy.hewitt@safer.org.nz

We are also on Facebook, just search for the Mid Canterbury Rural Driver Licensing Scheme.

The Mid Canterbury Rural Driver Licensing Scheme is a partnership with the Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust and is proudly sponsored by Waka Kotahi, Advance Ashburton Community Foundation, Ashburton District Council, The Lion Foundation, COGs and Community Trust Mid & South Canterbury.

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Reframing a Terminal Diagnosis

Dai Henwood's inspirational "take" on his incurable cancer

Here at Hospice Mid Canterbury (HMC), we focus on our clients living life well every day despite having a terminal diagnosis. We have been inspired recently by the discussion generated following the release of Dai Henwood's new book, "The Life of Dai"*. In the book and in his many interviews, he is refreshingly open about the challenges he faces, embracing his diagnosis rather than shying away from it.

There are many life lessons in the way Henwood is managing his illness. One of the most important things he shares is the way he reframes his diagnosis. He talks about his illness being "incurable" rather than "terminal." He says that he is living with cancer, rather than dying from it. And despite this positive take on what he is going through, he is always careful not to say "It's going to be all right", because he knows that it may not be.

Sharing the news of your illness and treatment is challenging and Henwood is leading by example when it comes to communicating with others. While he maintained his silence during the early stages of his illness, once it became incurable, he made the decision to openly share his experiences and feelings, in the hope that others may learn from his experience. His honesty, grace and wisdom are an inspiration.

* The book is available for borrowing from the HMC library at Kōwhai House.

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Just a reminder that the new Mount Somers water treatment plant will be open to the public 2.00pm-4.00pm on Thursday 29th so all those interested in the project can have a look and learn about the membrane technology.



MAYFIELD MT SOMERS ANGLICAN PARISH

Last Sunday, August 18th, we came out of church at Mt. Somers to snow. Just small flakes for a start, but by the time we had finished morning tea, the flakes were bigger and falling faster. If there was a coating on the ground eventually, we were not there to see it, however the mountains certainly did receive a serious coating. Several days later we drove down to Geraldine via the Main South Road. The day was clear and sunny and the mountains were magnificent. The day was warm too, a real contrast to the previous Sunday. A good to be alive sort of a day.

We can't do anything about the weather, but we can give thanks for a day like last Wednesday and enjoy it. And we can give thanks for the rough stuff too, because we need the rain and eventually the melting snow to fill those aquifers, which by the look of our rivers must surely be way down. Hopefully when the days are at their coldest and wettest, the calving cows and lambing

ewes will hold on for a day or two. Well that would be a nice thought wouldn't it?
Blessings, Annette Eggleston

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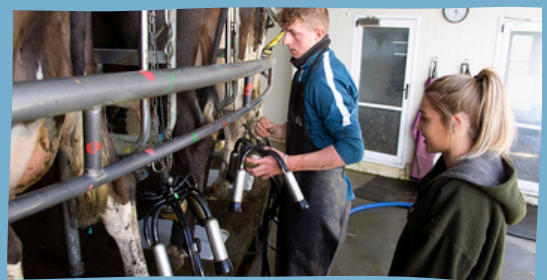
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Book of the Month – Mt Somers Library

Dear newsletter readers, I have been writing book reviews for the Nor'Wester for seven years now, and I have been doing this with much pleasure. I do, however, have a very busy life, especially at this time of year when hundreds of new calves are born on farm.

I have decided I need a bit of a breather from deadlines of any kind and will be back with book reviews in 2025.

In the mean time, happy reading!

Words are ours. -x- Elles

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Thank you Elles for all your work on Book Reviews.

Editor

*A man is never completely alone in this world.
At the worst, he has the company of a boy,
a youth, and by and by a grown man
- the one he used to be.*

Cesare Pavese

Mayfield Playcentre

****Spring is Almost Here—Hooray!****

We've been keeping busy at the center with some exciting new play food for the Tamariki. Be sure to check out the photos to see all the fun they had unboxing it! Our recent trip to the Ashburton Aviation Museum was another highlight. The kids loved getting up close to the planes, exploring the exhibits, and even taking some toy plane bikes for a spin. They had a blast soaking up the sun while watching planes take off and land.

But it's not just the Tamariki who are staying active—our parents are hard at work too! They're busy creating an alumni page to help us keep in touch with our former families. If you haven't been added yet but would like to be, please reach out to the center via Facebook, and we'll get you connected. We're also excited about our upcoming Alumni Dinner on Thursday, October 17th—keep an eye out for tickets, which will be available soon.

With spring on the horizon, we're looking forward to some beautiful weather so the kids can enjoy the sunshine.

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Mt Somers Rugby Club



The Rugby season has now come to an end with both the Snr Bs and JAB teams having a good season. The Snr Bs took out the first round and then stormed on and won the Finals. Well done to everyone. The JABs had some awesome games and quite a few players were selected to play in the Country team. Congratulations to all.

We also have players selected for the Mid Canterbury Development Squad, Rhodri Williams, Thomas Johnson,

Richie Nikolaison and Guy Smith, and for the Mid Canterbury Colts Cian Wakefield and Cooper Cudmore. Congratulations to all these players. At our recent Awards Night the following were awarded Trophies.

Jack Smith Memorial Trophy Matt Johnson.

Supporters Cup Jen and Milzey.

Players Player Cameron Munroe.

Forward of the Year Richie Nikolaison.

Back of the Year Tim Puckett

Presidents Cup Olly Wright.

Claridge Cup Tom Johnston (Most Points).

At the J.A.B. Awards the following superstars were awarded Trophies.

Yr 2 Most Improved Alice McCellan.

Yr2 Player of the Year Otis Kearney.

Yr5 Most Improved Jack McCelland.

Yr5 Player of the Year William Chapman.

Rushton Cup Most consistent Player Fred Kearney.

Gifkins Cup. Cole Wallace. For all round club person.

Well done to all.

A big Thank You to all the coaches this year. Your time and effort you put into all these teams has been very much appreciated.

The Golden Oldies team "Tussock Crawlers" have had some enjoyable games this season against Tinwald, Southern, Geraldine, and Kaiapoi plus played in a tournament in Fairlie. Our final game for a while is in Temuka on Sunday 15th September.. Anyone who would like to join these guys please feel free to contact Dale Stanley 021 508 294.

The club is holding a Bark-Up in November so keep a look out on the Facebook page for further info.



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Mt Somers Staveley Playcentre

Every year Playcentres around Aotearoa celebrate Messy Play Week during August and we're no exception! We were lucky to have some lovely weather to coincide with it so a lot of our activities took place outside. We got in the garden and planted some beans, there was plenty of creativity in the sandpit, great fun was had around our water table, bubbles were chased, biscuits were iced and we also had playdough and chalk paint to express ourselves with.

This coming month we are hoping to welcome some pleasant spring days, we have plans to visit the new Library and Chipmunks, and our AGM is taking place in September too! At this stage the date is penciled in as Thursday the 19th but keep an eye on our Facebook page in case this changes.

The Mt Somers Christmas Market was a great success last year so is taking place again on 1st December but it's not being organised by Playcentre (although we do plan to have a stall). Funds raised will still be going back into the community so for more information or to book a site, please contact Kristin Stace.

It's hard to believe term 3 comes to an end on the 26th of September, the days are just flying by! If you've ever thought about coming along to Playcentre, please do, we've been welcoming some wonderful new families lately! Pop in on a Tuesday or Thursday morning between 9am and 12pm and see what we're all about. 50 Pattons Road in Mt Somers Village.



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