



Residents News

May 2026

A Note from Tania, Mountain View Village Operations Manager

Well, I can hardly believe I am already into my fourth week at Mountain View Village!

It has been wonderful getting to know so many of you, and I am slowly starting to put names to faces, although I know that may still take me a little while longer.

I already feel very privileged to be part of such a vibrant community and such a beautiful village. One of the highlights for me so far has been visiting the wonderful vegetable gardens. I can see how much pride many of you take in what you grow, and it was lovely to see the care and effort that goes into them.

I would like to introduce a regular monthly village meetings where residents can share ideas, provide feedback, and discuss any concerns together. I believe open communication is very important, and by working together we can continue to improve village life and solve many matters together, which will allow the Trust more time to work on governance.

I have ordered a new combination letterbox to attach to the wall, for security purposes, this will be placed near reception and take the place of the old mailbox, staff will happily point you in the right direction next time you use it.

I am looking forward to supporting you all and helping ensure Mountain View Village continues to be a happy, welcoming place to live.

I have already enjoyed lovely conversations with residents and look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming weeks.

Thank you all for making me feel so welcome. I am excited to be part of the Mountain View Village community and look forward to happy times ahead.

Stay warm and take care on these chilly mornings.

Tania



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Your Residents Representatives: Angela Kerr & Rob O'Brien



NEXT MEETING Tuesday 2nd June 2026 @ 4pm

Jack Frost has arrived and it's only three weeks until the shortest day. Hope you are keeping well and warm.

May sped by with Helen McHaffie and Ray Cox entertaining us at Happy Hour. A surprise pianist, our own Barry Yates, also played for us. We have often heard him playing alone at the centre in the late afternoons and knew how talented he is.

A visitor staying with Margaret Dockrill, Stuart Sargent, gave us a couple of tunes on his piano accordion also. Such a lovely instrument.

Our shared tea was well attended with lots of interesting food. No one went home hungry!

UPCOMING EVENTS

This month our annual **Mid-Winter catered Dinner is on the Sunday 21st**. The Dell will be open from 12 till 12:30 when dinner is served or you can BYO. The cost to Residents is \$25 but \$35 for visitors as the social committee is subsidising residents' meals. The menu is on the notice board. Money must be **paid by the 14th**, either cash to the box at reception or online. No late payments will be accepted. Please bring an item of food to donate to food banks. No Sunday Dinner Dine Out this month.

The **Youth Orchestra** is playing for us on **Sunday 28th at 2pm**. The children love the chance to perform. An afternoon tea will be provided afterwards, and please bring a donation to help fund the orchestra. Remember the centre is always warm. Come and sit awhile.

My great granddaughter, Stella Jean, arrived fit and healthy. We are very blessed.

Valerie Fahey.

COMMITTEE

Convenors

Valerie Fahey

Members

Karen Brooks

Marie Dey

Noeline Farr

Angela Kerr

Jim Kroening

Dianne Paulin

Helen Thickett



NEXT MEETING Tuesday 30th June 2026 @ 3pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Just a brief note this month. We have deferred **Philip Howe** from the museum until **11th June @ 11am**. We also have **Vivien from Marchwiell Pharmacy coming on 18th June** and I will do a short talk about GI bleeds after Vivien.

The highlight for **June will be the Mid-Winter Dinner**. See Val's report for more details.

Join in where you can, it's good to keep mentally and physically active.

Kind regards, Jill

COMMITTEE

Convenor

Jill Welford

Members

Pam Dunwoody

Judy Hamer

Ron Paulin

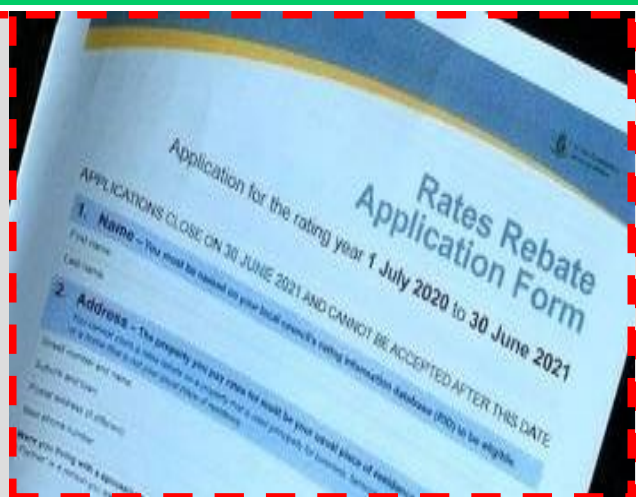
Colin Smith

CUT OFF DATE

If you are wanting to apply for a Rates Rebate Please return your form before

Wednesday 3rd

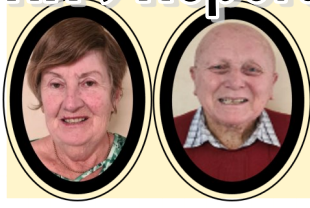
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Retire and Start Living

RR's Report

Rob O'Brien is taking a short break from RR duties at present so please contact Angela and leave Rob to improve, and Trish to support him.



It was great to see so many at the RR meeting and Meet Tania on Tuesday after morning tea. Thank you to you all.

Angela Kerr RR



Bloke's Morning Tea

The good turnout of 'Blokes' were entertained with an interesting Video of some of New Zealand's most captivating "old towns" that are steeped in gold rush history, coal mines, brick Kilns and colonial architecture. The best locations to explore or watch video footage of these preserved 19th-century settlements include a "feudal village" thrived from 1894, with a workers' housing scheme to provide accommodation in Benhar, which gave rise to a highly specialized branch of manufacturing as New Zealand's leading supplier of earthenware pipes, sanitary ware and glazed bricks. Benhar Pottery works is on the Main South below Clinton.

Macetown. A spectacular, well-preserved open-air museum tucked away in the backcountry. It's an 18kms 4 wheel drive trip from Arrow town up the river that is crossed 21 times.

The other SI township is "The Denniston Incline" located on the Denniston Plateau, northeast of Westport. Often called by the locals, the "eighth wonder of the world". The incline was built in 1880 to haul high-grade coal 548 meters down to sea level at Conn's Creek. For those who lived 'up the hill', life was pretty harsh.

We missed you Rob, get well and come back soonest.

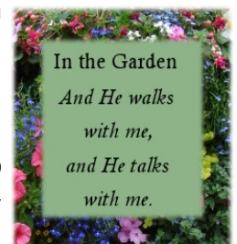
NEXT MEETING - Monday 1st June 2026 @ 10am - ALL VILLAGE MEN WELCOME!



Village Church Service - May Report

From the Morgan's Road Life Church, Sue Varcoe, her support person Karen and Russell their pianist were welcomed and thanked by Kay Benge. The hymns and song sung were, Shine Jesus Shine, Onward Christian Soldiers and In the Garden.

Sue's theme was entitled, After Retirement. We have reached the age of retirement, we have conquered the seasons of pain, joy and loss and triumph. We have raised our families, paid our mortgages. Even through the trials of life we can still stand strong. When we have surrendered our lives to Jesus, he is all we need. He is everything to us. It is not because of luck or medicine or gut strength it's because God has numbered our days and each morning when we wake, it is for a divine purpose. We need to ask the Lord, "Hey Lord, what do you want me do today?" "Who do you want me to visit?" The world thinks when we retire we put our feet up, have hobbies, travel and whatever. But the Lord has other ideas; He says we are in our prime, all of life's experiences, all the wisdom we have gathered over the years. Even our rough edges over the years have become smooth. If you're still here, you're called on an assignment. God doesn't measure usefulness by age but by availability. Are you available? We are His light, a light to shine. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. (James 4 : 8). Our relationship is about spending time with God. As the words of the song say, 'When I come to the garden alone, He walks and talks with me.' We need to be like the birds chirping with love all day. The service concluded with prayer, and by singing, 'Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.' **Ann Munro.**



Next Service on Thursday 4th June at 11am - Brent Richardson -Presbyterian Parish

Retire and Start Living



Library Notes

Sit in the Sun and read/ browse through some of the magazines in the library. As you folk are aware our library has many different styles of writers and stories to read. The puzzles are there for you to enjoy or you can sit in the sun and work on the one on the table. The large print Timaru Public Library books make it easier for you to read and enjoy.

Lorraine



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 Lorraine Watkins
Members
 John Gresham
 Margaret Hartley
 Lynne Kroening
 Shirley Malthus
 Beverley Ward

A NOVEL MURDER by EC Nevin

Reviewed by Kaye Cuthbertson

The Killer Lines Crime Festival is getting underway with all the top authors and agents arriving . Author Jane Hepburn is determined her books are going to attract attention, so she heads to the book tent where books are displayed intending to put hers in a prime spot. She doesn't expect to find a body! Convinced the police aren't doing enough to find the killer, Jane, an agent and an assistant set out to do the job for them.

THE WIDOW by John Grisham

Reviewed by Trish O'Brien

Simon Latch small town lawyer is struggling with debt and impending divorce when an elderly new client arrives claiming to have a fortune no one knows about. Will this be the answer to his problems or just the beginning of more. A reasonable read.

CROSS & SAMPSON by James Patterson and Brian Sitts

Reviewed by Trish O'Brien

In Washington DC Sampson calls in the bomb squad for a suspected terrorist attack. In North Carolina Alex Cross searches the apartment of a missing student, his son Damon. A good read for Patterson fans.



6th June Remarkably Bright Creatures - Through unlikely bonds formed during night shifts at a local aquarium, Tova, an elderly widow, learns of a life-changing discovery that may bring her joy and wonder once again.

13th June Juror No 2 - A family man finds himself struggling with a serious moral dilemma, one he could use to sway the jury verdict and potentially convict or free the wrong killer.

20th June No Movie

27th June Kangaroo Island - A struggling Hollywood actress returns home to Kangaroo Island, confronting the love triangle that tore her family apart.

Happy Birthday

Some Statistics

9 Residents Celebrating · 2 Men & 7 Ladies
 Age Range 72 - 87 · Ave Age 81
 Decades 4x70's, 5x80's
 x3 on 18th



June

ROSE

Honor

Beauty

Passion

Achievement

Romance

Congratulations everyone!

Retire and Start Living

ANZAC DAY SERVICE


The New Zealand flag, on the Village flagpole was lowered by Barry Yates, to half-mast prior to the service commencing. A good number gathered again, to remember and honour all who have proudly worn the New Zealand emblem, upon their uniforms attending the ravages of war. We remembered with sorrow, those who made the ultimate sacrifice serving with the New Zealand Defense Forces, PeaceKeeping and Peace Making Operations from that first ANZAC Day 118 years ago.

Jill Wellford read the biblical reading John 15:9-12 and a prayer. The ANZAC Hymn: Honour the Dead, was sung with the Village choir. Tony Kerr, read Flanders Fields to which everyone replied. Margaret Dockrill read the poem, "Unity." The poem embraces all that was asked of us by those buried in Flanders Field when they threw the Torch to us. I spoke about Unity, with love, peace and harmony is a key to the torch, we caught and promised to hold high and keep the faith. And the importance of putting our country needs before our own. George Munro, whose Uncle Iain Fraser Munro died on ANZAC Day 1942, laid the Village wreath and 'our piper' Maggie, thanks to technology, played the Lament, 'Flowers of the Forrest' as poppies were laid by those attending.

The traditional ANZAC service continued, concluding with morning tea and Anzac Biscuits. Interest was shown in the displayed photographs and information sheets, of residents' family members who served overseas during the wars; including our Village Veteran, Max Hunter. Other interesting material provided was War Medals, a pair of lovely scrapbook pages, depicting two WW2 brothers' service, and other appropriate reading material.

My sincere thanks to those who helped set up the hall the previous evening and tidied up on Monday. To Mark Wellford, for operating the TV allowing us to join the Village Choir singing the ANZAC Hymn, and the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems; also, listening to our Maggie playing the lament, on her bagpipes. Also George for providing the music for the Hymn, National anthems, Last Post and Rouse. Ann Munro The Mountain View Village, ANZAC Day Wreath, wall hangings, poppies and leaves, were made by residents.



SUN	MON	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
	1 OFFICE CLOSED King Birthday Blokes Morning Tea 10 Craft & Chat 10 Triominos 1.30	2 PODIATRIST Walk Group 10 Rummikub 1.30 Table Tennis 4 Entertainment Comm. Mtg 4 Wine Appreciation 7	3 Golf Croquet 10.30 RATES REBATE CUT OFF 12 Balance Class 1 Mah Jong 1.30 Lawn Bowls 1.30	4 Church Service 11 Upright & Active 1 Housie 2 Cards 500 7	5 Corn Hole 11 Choir Practice 1.30 Social Hour 4.30	6 Movie 1.30
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28 YOUTH ORCHESTRA 2PM	29 Craft & Chat 10 Triominos 1.30	30 Walk Group 10 Rummikub 1.30 Sports & Rec Com Mtg 3 Table Tennis 4	JUNE 2026			