MOUNTAIN VIEW VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

A NOTE FROM TANIA – VILLAGE MANAGER

As we move into November, it is lovely to see the warmer weather arriving and the gardens looking stunning. We can all enjoy more sunshine and time outdoors over the coming weeks.

Following on from our recent village meeting, for those who did not attend I wish to advise minutes will no longer be recorded or distributed at regular village meetings. If you would like to learn more about what was discussed, you are very welcome to visit the office to view a summary of the topics covered.

At the Village meeting I clarified recent speculation regarding the village flag, the flag will remain in place, raised, and lowered as it has always been.
Both village pianos have now been tuned. The hall piano will require ongoing maintenance to keep it in good playing condition, which will begin late November.

You will see advertised in this month's newsletter Energy Smart is offering 50% to 100% off insulation. If you are interested in having your home's insulation checked and receive a quote, please add you name to the list on the noticeboard. The assessment is free, and there is absolutely no obligation to proceed with any work. It is simply an opportunity to find out what is available and whether you could benefit from improved insulation.

I will be away from 4th until 20th November; we have a trip to Australia. We have a week in Surfers Paradise, then we will visit a special friend in Port Macquarie to celebrate his 60th birthday. We will also spend a couple of days in Sydney before flying home. Due to being on leave there will be no village meeting in November.

I look forward to catching up with everyone when I return. In the meantime, enjoy the sunshine and the warmer weather November brings. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Warm regards, Tania 😊

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Your Residents Representatives: Angela Kerr & Lorraine Watkins

ROSIE CHAMBERS – MVV TRUSTEE



Rosie Chambers has resigned from the Trust due to increasing work commitments associated with her role at Alzheimer's South Canterbury. The Trust would like to sincerely thank Rosie for her hard work, time and commitment to the Village over the past two years and wish her all the very best for the future.



RESIDENTS REPRESENTATIVES



Hello everyone,
If you hear something said and you think "That's strange" / That can't be correct" / I don't like that' PLEASE DO NOT REPEAT IT TO ANYONE.
Instead advise Tania or the Resident Reps what you heard to get clarification if it is true. If the RR's are unsure, they will speak with Tania on your behalf to get clarification.
Rumours and gossip can be hurtful and upsetting.
This way we can stop gossip / rumours.
Angela & Lorraine

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

We have had a busy time. After a bit of a hiccup, sixty people enjoyed a Chinese meal in September. The band "Breakthru" played for us on a rather bleak evening. Numbers attending were down, but those that braved the elements enjoyed the old songs at an extended Happy Hour. We had a talk from Richard Spackman about the Aoraki Foundation, which collects and distributes funds for charity groups here in South Canterbury. We also had a BBQ at Happy Hour on the 23rd and a farewell to Raylene on Saturday 31st.

Melbourne Cup Day is November the 3rd. It starts at 3pm when the tote opens. For those that don't know, you buy a bet on a horse for a dollar. It is chosen for you. Most buy more than one ticket. At 4pm there will be an afternoon tea followed by a best dressed man and woman contest. Not to be taken too seriously! The race is on TV at five pm. All the money bet is returned in prize money for first to third horse as per the laws on Sweepstakes requires.

Helen McHaffie is playing piano on the 6th.

On November the 20th there is a Kiwiana potluck tea after happy hour. We ask you to bring a plate if you are able. If you don't feel able to, please come anyway. There is always heaps of food. By Kiwiana we are hoping for some good traditional kiwi food such as cheese rolls, scones, fudge cake, or anything you remember from your childhood. We hope to decorate the hall appropriately. Lookout for the gumboots and jandals.

Do get out and enjoy the sunshine. If the predictions of a hot dry summer come true, this may be the best part of it!
Val Fahey.
*Next Entertainment Committee Meeting Monday 2nd November at 4pm.

SPORTS & RECREATION REPORT

Greetings from the Sports and Recreation committee. Now Labour weekend has passed the veggie gardens will be taking off. It's great to see so many names for the spud in a bucket this year, which Helen Black has organised. There seem to be a few tips and tricks being discussed to improve on some of last year's efforts. A Big Thank You to Shona Connelly for supplying the potatoes for the spud in a bucket competition.

Then there's the Melbourne Cup, and the national election. No longer, both first past the post, (we've had MMP since 1993, 33 years and 11 elections!).

Mid November, we have organised a Van Outing for Wednesday 18th. Leaving the Community Centre at 10am. First stop, a private visit to Waipopo Rhododendrons and Peonies. Then lunch at the Shearers Quarters (their new menu will be out on Nov 1st). Early afternoon we get to have a look at the Viberi factory and shop in Butlers Rd near Pleasant Point. They sell some of their products at New World, have a look next time you're there. That should be interesting. Names on the noticeboard please.

Somehow the countdown to Christmas has started, with lots of Christmas decorations in the shops already. We invite you to put some Christmas decorations on your letterbox, we will have guest judges, and there will be prizes for first, second and third. Decorations can go up from the beginning of December, but definitely before December 9th for judging. Placings will be announced at the Christmas lunch on December 13th.
Thanks, Jill Welford, Convenor.
*Next Sport & Recreation Meeting Tuesday 24th November.

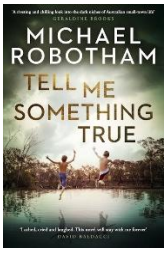
LIBRARY REPORT

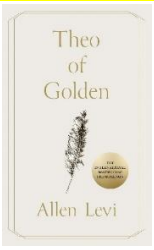
It is great to see the Library being well used. Books reviewed in the Newsletter are put out on shelves at beginning of each month. Check them out and Enjoy.
Trish O'Brien – Convenor

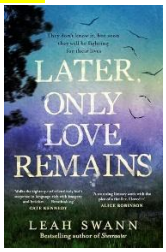
TDL BOOK RETURN DAY

Please return all Timaru District Library Loan Books by
TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
New loan books will be available on Thursday 5th November in the afternoon.
Thank you.

LIBRARY REVIEWS







TELL ME SOMETHING TRUE by Michael Robotham (Published: 29 Sep 2026)

Reviewed by: Tony Kerr

WOW! Brilliant! Michael Robotham has been my number 1 author for the last 10 years. I have 16 different novels he has written, all are great reads. This is by far his best to date. In his own words "this is my twentieth novel, in truth it is my first. I began writing it in my early twenties and it has sat in my bottom drawer".
Small towns are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Arlo Hacket doesn't expect mercy when he returns home following a 12-year prison sentence and makes his way back to Yulara. A fabulous Aussie tale.

THEO OF GOLDEN by Allen Levi

Reviewed by Trish O'Brien

One spring morning a stranger arrives in the town of Golden. No one knows who he is or where he has come from. He visits a local coffee house where there are portraits of Locals on the walls. He purchases these one at a time to give to their owners. This is a story of seeing and being seen, kindness and generosity.
The print is small but clear. A great read I really enjoyed the story.

LATER ONLY LOVE REMAINS by Leah Swann

Reviewed by Trish O'Brien

Jack Wolfe a complicated and difficult old man retreats to a remote shack to grieve after his wife's death in a car crash in which he was the driver. He meets Lotus a lonely young woman who insists on helping him. Late one night he discovers a shivering stranger. Against his better judgement he invites him in. Is this man dangerous or does he really need help.
A compelling story hard to put down towards the end.

CHURCH SERVICE

Kay Beange introduced Kathleen MacDonald from the Restoration Ministries Church, thanking her and Elaine Caird our pianist for coming to the service. Hymns sung were, Great is Thy Faithfulness, Amazing Grace and To God be the Glory. Kathleen opened with prayer. 'Father, we thank you for this day and for the services that keep on going here at Mountain View Village and we commit this service to you today'. Her message was, **The Door**. A password gives you access, without it the door stays shut. Jesus makes this extraordinary claim in John Ch 10, "I am the door, and anyone who enters by me he will be saved". Jesus didn't say I know the door or I'll point to the door, he said, "I am the door." So if you're looking for fulfilment and depth in your life you will need to find the door, and the door is Jesus. In John 14 v 6 Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the light." So, the greatest door you'll ever walk through is not made of wood, it's a person. Going to church doesn't give you entry, or access into the Kingdom of God. It is a relationship with Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross for you. He is the only way to everlasting life; he is the only voice that matters and he is the only voice that can guide us safely in this world, the voice of our gentle shepherd, Jesus Christ. Many people today are locked in a cave of darkness because of fear and intimidation, they cannot get out. God is not given to us as a spirit of fear, but as a spirit of power, love and a sound mind. When you hear the voice of God it changes everything and in order to hear this voice you need to know the Lord Jesus Christ for he is the door. The greatest invitation you'll ever receive is not to log in, but come in. Jesus said, "Be hold I stand at the door and knock and anyone who hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and dine with him and share with me. Father, we thank you today, you are the door.





MOVIES





7th November Goodbye June

Goodbye June follows a fractured family gathering at Christmas to support their terminally ill matriarch. Navigating grief, unresolved conflicts, and moments of tenderness.

21st November Unsung Hero

When David Smallbone's successful music company collapses, he moves his family from Down Under to the States, searching for a brighter future. With nothing more than their six children, suitcases, and their love of music, David and his pregnant wife, set out to rebuild their lives. Based on a remarkable true story.

28th November The Red Shoes

The movie follows a ballerina who falls in love with a brilliant composer, but the jealous head of the ballet company plots to drive them apart. The film showcases breathtaking choreography and a captivating plot, making it a timeless story in the enchanting world of ballet.

30th October Train Dreams

A Stoic logger searches for meaning in a life marked by loss and a changing American frontier in this Academy Award-nominated epic

OBITUARY – BEV BECK



Bev Beck, who has recently died, was a valued member of our community here at Mountain View Village. She moved here in 2012 and enjoyed the company of the many new friends she made. Her immediate family lived overseas.

She took part and enjoyed many of the activities in the village, especially Friday night Happy Hour, Dine-Outs and Housie. She said her day never started until she had cracked the crossword.

Last year, Bev proudly carried the Village ANZAC DAY wreath in memory of her father, and fellow countrymen who made the ultimate sacrifice. She was thrilled to obtain a New Zealand WW 2 Memorial Cross, issued to Mothers and Wives of WW2 service personal killed or died from war wounds

Bev was very independent but diminishing health resulted in her ending up in Elloughton Gardens. She appreciated all the support from the village, especially her neighbours and was grateful when some of our residents attended her 90th birthday celebration over at Elloughton Gardens.



NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Can groups please let me know your shutdown dates over Christmas and your startup dates for next year. Thank you, Ruth

This month the Newsletter has a bit of a different look due to a change of program. Hopefully we will be up and running properly for next month.

FREE ADVERTISING FOR MVV ☺



Ruth & Tania won a Coffee Shout this week. Hooray!!!
Thanks to the Breeze, Fire & Safety Training Ltd & Sopheze

BLOKES MORNING TEA

Speaker: Ron Aubrey (our new BMT Organiser) talking about 'Poland'
All Village Men are Welcome!
***Next meeting 2nd November at 10am**

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR – WILL BE DELIVERED ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER DUE TO COMPUTER ISSUES

THANK YOU

From David Darling

Just a short note. I would like the residents of the Mountain View Village to know how much I appreciated the wonderful assistance I received from some of the residents when I had a fall on the road by the Community Centre last week.
Marlene Fraser and Barbara Bailey (daughter of Esther Bailey), together with Tania Buchanan, our new Village Manager, who rushed out of the Village Office, kept me quite comfortable until the St John ambulance arrived 45 minutes later.
To all the residents who called or telephoned me, I would sincerely like to thank you all.

From Cynthia Scrivener

Cynthia Scrivener would like to express her appreciation for the many kind messages and the cards she has received since her accident. She loved hearing from you. Progress is slow but in the right direction.

EAR CLINIC APPOINTMENTS

Ear Clinic:

Free ear assessments

micro-suction $60.00 if required
When: Tuesday 24th November 9.30am
Where: Community Centre Hair Dresser's Salon
Cost $60.00 cash only as no eftpos available
Please make an appointment at the Village Office Reception Desk

Email: central.south.island@earhealth.co.nz
www.earhealth.co.nz
Ph 03 6886673

THE DELL

Thank you to Tania for the work she has done in getting our Bar Licence renewed for another 3 years. She has also applied to have a Special extended Licence for New Years Eve until 1am, which is now approved. New Years Eve Dine & Dance 8pm – 1am. Our normal hours are 11.00am until 10.00pm, and the premise must be vacated by 10.30pm.

Also, a reminder to all Residents that while the Dell is open you cannot, by Law, bring your own drinks into the building, regardless if it is alcoholic or not.
Tony Kerr - Bar Manager

VAN TRIP

Wednesday 18th November

Leaving Community Centre at 10am

Morning - Private Visit to Waipopo Rhododendrons and Peonies

Lunch - Shearers Quarters

Afternoon – Viberi Factory and Shop

CHRISTMAS LETTERBOX DECORATING

Help the Village look festive

Decorations up from December 1st

Guest Judges – 1st, 2nd, 3rd Prizes

Judging on/after 9th December

Winners announced at Christmas Lunch on 13th December

STRAWBERRY FARE

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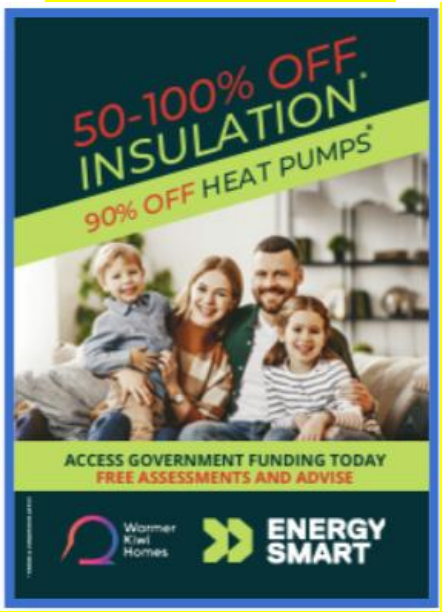
Strawberry Fare, Waimate

Saturday 12th December, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Noticeboard for people to put their name up.

Cars will be arranged if enough people interested.

ENERGY SMART



IF INTERESTED PLEASE PUT YOU NAME ON THE NOTICE BOARD LIST.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS - CHOIR CONCERT

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE CHOIR
INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM SINGING
CHRISTMAS CAROLS & SONGS (WORDS WILL BE PROVIDED)
SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER AT 2PM
AT THE JOHN STUBBS COMMUNITY CENTRE
AFTERNOON TEA WILL FOLLOW
Please bring your family and friends with you to join us in this happy build up to Christmas.
Jenny Simmonds

SUNDAY DINNER DINE OUT

Benny's Again Restaurant
Cnr Otipua and Wai-iti Roads, Timaru
Sunday 15th November 2026 at 12 midday.
Please put your name on the Notice Board list by 4pm on Thursday 12th November.
If you need transport please contact Helen Thickett 614 7363

GIZMOS & GADGETS BY THE OLD CHOOK

This new Article is intended to share helpful Hints and Ideas that could make life easier for Residents. You are encouraged to share your Ideas and Experiences in this Column.

This grabber is so convenient for getting dressed/undressed. To pull socks up and to put on shoes, with the laces tied, then reverse the process to get undressed.

Prunes The old 'ditty' we children sung: "For constipation there's no lubrication like prunes" is still so valid. One Resident has replaced Medication with 'Pitted plump Prunes'. They taste great and have many health benefits.

Sock putter on'er: This design is brilliant simple and cheap.

Feeling Cold A Heat Pad available from Briscoes and an Electric Throw, i.e an Electric Blanket designed to throw over the body is much cheaper than turning up the Heater.

That's my 2c so please share your useful Gizmos in this Column

RAYLENE COWLES



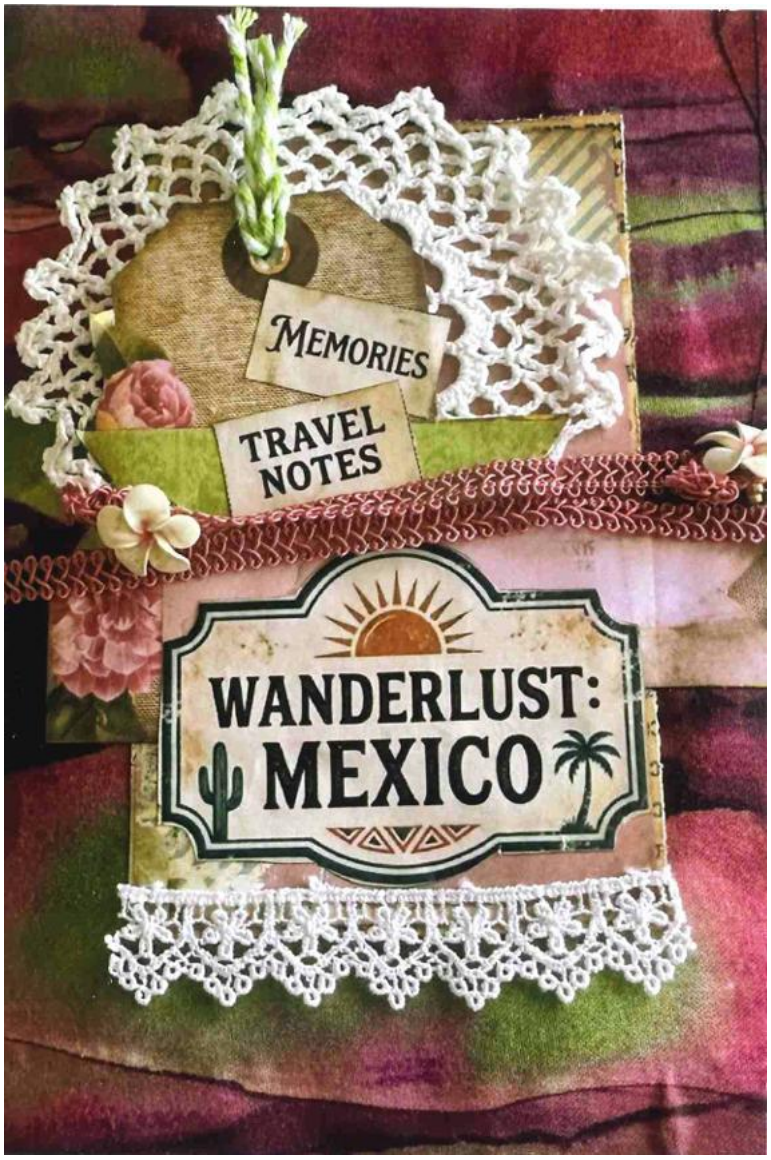
We acknowledge Raylene's ten years at Mountain View Village and thank her for her support during this time

We wish her all the best for the future.

Mountainview Village Social Club September 2026				
ANZ Opening Balance				**5398.64**
Receipts				
	The Dell		820.00	
	Produce Table		66.00	
	Chinese-Internet	390.00		
	Cash	378.00	768.00	
	Bank Interest Received		0.83	
Total Receipts Received				**1654.83**
Payments				
	The Dell		78.41	
	Social Hour Snacks			
	Kitchen Supplies			
	Specialty Night - Chinese		635.00	
	Aoraki Stadium Resident Donatio		365.00	
Total Payments				1078.41
Closing Balance ANZ MVV Social Account				**5975.06**

Gratefulness from Fleur

I am so thankful to all my friends in the Village who have cared for me in so many thoughtful ways during these past months and encouraged me to keep to my dream of going to see Steven & Lilianna in Mexico. When you read this, you'll know I am already there. Fleur Kinney.



MOUTAIN VIEW VILLAGE - UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2026

SUN	MON	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
1	**2** **Blokes Morning Tea 10** Craft & Chat 10 Triominos 1.30 **Entertainment Comm. Mtg 4**	**3** **TDL Book Return Day** Walk Group 10 Rummikub 1.30 **MELBOURNE CUP 3**	**4** Golf Croquet 10.30 Balance Class 1 Mah Jong 1.30 Lawn Bowls 1.30	**5** **Church Service 11** Upright & Active 1 Housie 2 Cards 500 7	**6** Corn Hole 11 Choir Practice 1.30 Social Hour 4.30 **Helen McHaffey on Piano**	**7** Movie 1.30 **Election Day**
8	**9** Craft & Chat 10 Triominos 1.30	**10** Walk Group 10 Rummikub 1.30 Table Tennis 4 **Wine Appreciation 7**	**11** **Convenors Mtg 9.30** Golf Croquet 10.30 Balance Class 1 Mah Jong 1.30 Lawn Bowls 1.30	**12** **Ladies Cuppa n'Chat 10** Upright & Active 1 Housie 2 Cards 500 7	**13** Corn Hole 11 Choir Practice 1.30 Social Hour 4.30 **Elaine Caird on Piano**	**14** Movie 1.30
15 **DINNER DINE OUT 12 noon**	**16** Craft & Chat 10 Triominos 1.30	**17** **PODIATRIST** **Village Morning Tea 10** Walk Group 10 Rummikub 1.30 Table Tennis 4	**18** **Van Trip 10am** Golf Croquet 10.30 Balance Class 1 Mah Jong 1.30 Lawn Bowls 1.30	**19** Upright & Active 1 Housie 2 Cards 500 7	**20** Chair Yoga 10 Corn Hole 11 Choir Practice 1.30 Social Hour 4.30 **Kiwiana Pot-Luck Dinner**	**21** Movie 1.30
22	**23** **NEWSLETTER CUT OFF** Craft & Chat 10 Triominos 1.30 Visitors - Village Garden Tour 1.30	**24** **EAR CLINIC 9.30am At the Centre** Walk Group 10 Rummikub 1.30 **Sports & Recreation Comm Mtg 3** Table Tennis 4	**25** Golf Croquet 10.30 Balance Class 1 Mah Jong 1.30 Lawn Bowls 1.30	**26** Upright & Active 1 Housie 2 Cards 500 7	**27** Chair Yoga 10 Corn Hole 11 Choir Practice 1.30 Social Hour 4.30	**28** Movie 1.30
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