

Newsletter

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December 2025

Community & Social Calendar

The Annual Friends Of Mauriceville Community, Groups, and Membership picnic will be held on Sunday January 25th at the Mauriceville Community Hall (Mauriceville School) 1-4pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for updates.

More Pieces for the Puzzle

From our FOM membership



Christine Parker has been in touch with information about Gunder Gundersen, along with photos, many unnamed. Do you recognise the one above? Or have any info on the one overleaf?

Recent FOM member, Paul Sorensen has advised us that he has been researching families from the Mauriceville District whose ancestors were buried in the Mauriceville cemeteries.

He has also researched half of the people associated with the old Lutheran Cemetery and has created a special site on Ancestry.com to make the information available to descendants. There are over 30000 names in the file!

If you are interested in learning more about this local connection, send us an email and we will connect you with Paul.

Email: FOM@mauriceville.nz

Mauriceville Country Fair 2025

Another beautiful and successful day for an iconic event! The Fair was bustling with people, stalls and activities, and was once again superbly organised and run by a dedicated, small group of local volunteers.

Thanks to our committee members who manned our FOM stall.



Check out the Mauriceville Country Fair Facebook page for many more great photos of the day.



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The FOM website is proving to be very successful in linking people with our area and its history, as well as solving a mystery or two.

If you have a mystery or are keen to share local stories then don't hesitate to get in touch.



Mauriceville North Norwegian Methodist Church Renovation & Maintenance

The historic Mauriceville North Methodist Church has been repainted inside and out and looks great.

Two projects are planned for 2026: a new roof & removal of the large pine trees as they are a threat to the church building and graves. This along with our other local project goals are costly and FOM looks forward to supporting the fundraising efforts in any way we can.

All ideas and suggestions are welcome.



Do you recognise this family photo?



Or these houses?



Mauriceville Groups Working Together

Friends of Mauriceville has a vision for connection and collaboration, where many hands make light work.

Mauriceville is a hive of activity and interest, both locally for those who live here, and internationally for those connected through historical ties.

You can keep in touch through FB:

- Friends of Mauriceville Inc
- Mauriceville Country Fair
- Mauriceville Community
- Mauriceville North Church
- Mauriceville West School
- Mauriceville School

And these great local websites:

<https://www.mauriceville.school.nz/>

<https://mauriceville.nz/>

<https://mauricevillecountryfair.nz/>

FOM will continue to strengthen ties and communication between our local groups

Treasure hidden in the walls

A family were surprised with what they uncovered as they removed the old wall linings in their c1880's home

Recently a Facebook question was raised asking who would be interested in some local history and the untangling of a mystery. FOM committee member, Lisa raised her hand and was delighted to learn about the great reveal. Whilst renovating, a local family found newspaper from the 1880's lining the original scrim and sarking in their home. Many photos were taken to hopefully preserve the time period, and maybe uncover more about this original Mauriceville building.



Project Goals

Signs Cricket Quiz Nights Welcome
Gift Baskets Swimming Pool Tennis
Indoor Bowls Rifle Shooting Cafe
Store Public Rest Rooms Recognise
FOM Life Members Information
Centre Display Scandi Heritage
Historical Information West School
Development Public Forum Public
Spaces Walking Biking Summer
Concert Domain Upgrade School
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