

Friends of Mauriceville

Newsletter

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September 2025

Community & Social Calendar

There are a couple of local working bees in the pipeline - dates to be confirmed on FB.

The 27th Mauriceville Country Fair is all set for perfect weather on December 7th.

Another picnic and social gathering is being planned by FOM for early in the New Year.

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

A Lone Grave | A Mystery Solved

How a FOM website enquiry helped solve a mystery



There is a mystery headstone in the middle of a paddock in Mauriceville. The headstone was for Johanna Christiansen loved wife of Peter Christiansen. She died 15 Feb 1879 Aged 34.

We discovered Peter and his wife were allocated Settler section 58. They had daughter called Alexandra however the mother Johanna died when she was only 2 years old. Alexandra was then cared for and adopted by their best friends Jens & Caroline Sigvertsen. Alexandra married and had a daughter Hazel Tankersley who is the grandmother of the man who made the initial enquiry. As it turned out the enquirer and FOM secretary, Peter Christensen, are actually third cousins.

The lone grave has now got a known family and they will be travelling to visit the grave early next year from Auckland.

This is the third enquiry through the FOM website we have received this year and have been able to provide additional information to the enquirer and find new relatives. If you have a mystery then don't hesitate to send us an email.

Mauriceville Country Fair

Save The Date
December 7th, 2025 | Clarke Domain

What started as a humble Winter Solstice celebration 26 years ago has blossomed into the Mauriceville Country Fair we know and love today! From just a handful of stalls to over 90 vibrant vendors, the Fair's growth has been nothing short of inspiring. 🌈 We look forward to seeing you there! Find us at the FOM stall in our Hi-vis vests!



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Mauriceville Country Fair 2025

Can you help?

FOM will once again have a stall at the Mauriceville Country Fair where we talk about our rich history, catch-up with and meet locals and promote Mauriceville to those who have travelled from further afield.

We would love to be able to offer a prize draw again this year and welcome donations, sponsorship or ideas to help make this a reality.

Email: fom@mauriceville.nz
Call: 0272818550 Peter

Mauriceville West Historic School Restoration Project

A labour of love continues for the West School Restoration and Preservation Committee



One of the Friends of Mauriceville Inc objectives is to provide support of all kinds, labour or funding, to all groups doing amazing work in our Mauriceville community.

The work done over recent years to bring the historic school up to a standard where it can soon be used as a social gathering space and a community emergency hub continues to progress. The vision is BIG, the team willing. Updates coming soon....

History Unfolding

A couple of young researchers are diving deep into the rich history of the Mauriceville District

With the help of old books, family records and the Masterton Archives two young historians are piecing together the forgotten stories of the people who settled here so long ago.

Thanks to Shianne and Ethan we will be able to fill in more of the gaps and expand the rich information found on the Friends of Mauriceville website. Thanks to all who are supporting this project.



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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