

Friends of Mauriceville

Newsletter



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APRIL 2026

2026 AGM Save the Date!

This year we will be holding the Friends of Mauriceville AGM on **Monday 8th June at 6.30pm**. The venue will once again be the Mauriceville Community Hall at Mauriceville School.

As is tradition, we invite all Mauriceville community groups to present an updated report of the past 12 months and a view towards the future.

We continue to strive to strengthen community bonds and we all work together.

Cemetary Restoration Project: offer of help



A comment was made by one of our members that something must have happened at the Mauriceville cemetery as a headstone had fallen to the ground. Another family wanted a quote to repair a damaged headstone.

Enter Headstones Wairarapa who, after taking a look at both the Mauriceville and Mauriceville West Cemeteries, generously offered to donate time and expertise to re-cement all the loose headstones and repair some of the damaged statues.

We would love to find families or relatives connected to their ancestors buried on the Mauriceville cemeteries. Send us an email

Summer Picnic

A fine but damp summers day to enjoy good food & friendship at Mauriceville

On 25th January we held our annual community Picnic at the Community Hall, Mauriceville School. The morning had some heavy showers of rain so we had our fingers crossed. Luckily the weather cleared in time for 1pm through to 4pm and a good time was had; connecting, picnicking indoors and sharing the BBQ sausages and onions.



Membership

FOM membership is due for renewal now!

The financial year ends 31st March 2026 and we have reached 98 financial members this past year. So in April it is renewal time again. The previous year we ended with 96 members so will we reach 100 in the next twelve months?

This is our highest membership since we commenced in 2008 and it's exciting to belong to a growing group striving to be a positive influence in the community.

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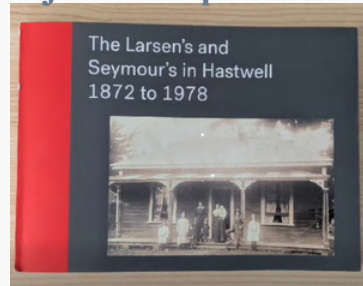
Do you have a local story or project that needs to be told?

We are always looking for additions to our quarterly newsletter so if you have anything that you would like shared to the Friends of Mauriceville community please send us an email.

Email: fom@mauriceville.nz
Call: 0272818550 Peter

The People & Stories of Mauriceville Past

Mauriceville and the surrounding district have a rich and interesting history; a new book to add to your library has just been published.



Fred and Jana Seymour, descendants of Eli Larsen through Hans Larsen, Caroline Larsen, Claude and Enid Seymour have spent the last few years writing a family history of the Larsen - Seymour families in Hastwell.

It includes the journey of the Larsen family from Norway, the arrival of the Seymours in the district and the family history of Enid Seymour (nee Bliss). Whilst of particular interest to descendants of Hans and Karen Larsen it is also an intimate history of the Hastwell/Mauriceville North districts and a compelling immigrant story. Pre orders are available until the end of April. Email: janas1966@gmail.com



To Our Future

Mauriceville is at the heart of everything we do at Friends of Mauriceville

Reflecting on our dream list from the 2025 AGM think tank we can see the progress that is being made! Thanks to everyone who has put their hands to the pump. With everyone pitching in we can strengthen the bonds of rural community right here in 40 mile bush while crafting a village to be proud of.



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