Ophir Info

February 2022

The Tatler

Val Butcher (Motor Mouth)

It is a shame that our annual pétanque has been cancelled this year and we can only hope that our spud dig and Pot Luck will go ahead in the hall as planned at Easter.

The marriage of our very popular publicans, Saskia Govaerts and Chris Trembath, was the highlight this month. The wedding celebration was held at Blacks Hotel on the 22nd of the 2nd month 2022 which was a Twosday. Congratulations to you both!

The celebrant was Fiona Sydney who gave a very moving account on the history of their romance and how they had met originally as 12 year olds in a biology class. The best lady at the ceremony was their pet dog Daisy who, with help managed to produce the wedding ring without swallowing it first, a situation that would of created a whole different scenario. The bride and groom looked so very happy. I think there is no doubt it will be a forever relationship and the guests totally enjoyed the afternoon and evening. The food was great and the band played on into the night with many guests dancing on way past their bedtime.

Some guests needed guidance going home but they were the usual culprits so no worries there, they've had lots of practise

I should also add that the engagement and wedding rings were beautifully created and crafted by our very own Stephanie Lorimer. We have some very clever people in Ophir.

The other talking point is the lady in Tiger and Cheryl Emerson's front yard. She would be well dressed if she was wearing a fig leaf and two rosebuds and she was not too fazed out about being photographed either. Maybe she should get together with the young man in the police cells behind the post office. They could get plastered together. Oh! That's right, they already are aren't they ?

Keep safe and well. Motor Mouth.

Update Ophir Peace Memorial Hall Renovations

Ophir Hall Committee

There will be lots of activity at the hall this week with a soft wash of the exterior, gutter clean, and spraying for spiders booked for the 12th March (weather dependent) and also the vinyl will be getting installed in the toilet block from 7 – 10 March.

Christina Martin, CODC Property and Facilities Officer - Vincent and Teviot Valley has asked that no one accesses the building while the work is being undertaken.

Ophir Garden Tour

Christine Acres

Given that we have all spent a lot of time over the last two years in our gardens, and they are looking amazing, I thought it might be appropriate to have a bit of a "garden tour" in the next few editions of the Ophir Info.

Send in your favourite photos with a bit of a story and it will be published for all to enjoy. When this pandemic is over if any of you would like to get together to do a weekend garden tour as a community fundraiser let me know.

I will kick off the 'virtual tour' with our vegetable patch which has done really well this year, especially

the tomatoes. Both outside and in the green house they have been the star performer.

I bought my outdoor tomato plants from the Cherry Tree Farm stall at the Cromwell Market, the Alexandra Friday market now being closed. Peter and Sharon run a great stall ... their plants, seedlings and seeds are fabulous reflecting Peter's strong horticultural background. Peter will give you good advice and while I grow most of my veg from seed I have always had success when using his seedlings.

For outside in the main veg patch I grew "Pete's Outdoor" and "Pete's Favourite", both of which I am pretty sure he developed himself for the conditions in Central Otago.

"Pete's Favourite" growing outdoors

I also plant two cherry tomatoes outside (although in the lea of the greenhouse) each year, one red and one yellow. This year I had bucket loads which I roasted with garlic from the garden and then froze to add to soups and casseroles over the winter.

For the rest of my vegetable patch I used a random planting rather than rows or blocks for the front section, In my mind trying to recreate the garden on "Master Chef Australia" and I loved the effect ... only problem being that I didn't want to harvest anything. Definitely this part of the garden was not 'in play' for the challenge of producing an evening meal.

Random plantings of rosemary, sage, bay, horseradish, silver beet, calendula and beetroot in the veg patch

And Yet Another Central App News Item

This time titled "Ophir's Peace Memorial Hall standing strong". A great feature on the community committees dedicated to ensuring our hall continues to stand the "test of time".

The article reported that Sam Leask has devoted 42 years as chair of the Hall Committee and the many changes he has seen over those years in relation to the hall.

Malcolm Topliss, as treasurer for the committee, featured in relation to the fundraising he has done for the cause.

A couple of great photographs of the committee members and once again if you do not have the app installed on your phone you can assess the article by googling the title above.

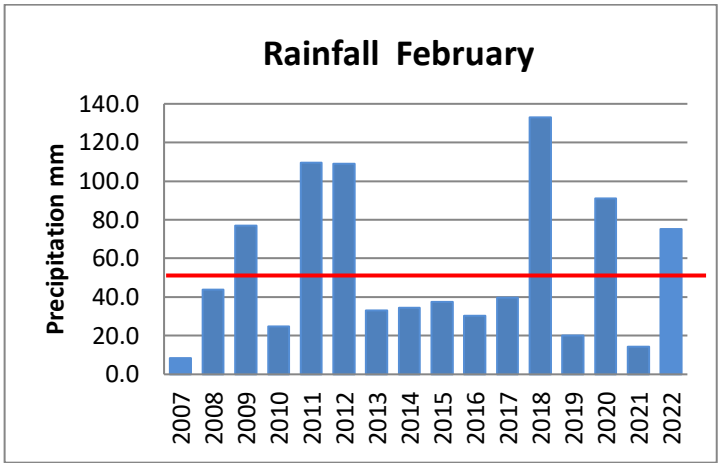
The Weather

Sam Leask

We had good catchup rain early in the month. Coupled with heavy dews throughout the month soil moisture has been maintained and pasture is still showing good growth. The average rainfall for February since 2006 is 53mm.

Data for February 2022:

Maximum Temp:	30.0°C	Tuesday 1st
Minimum Temp:	1.0°C	Monday 28th
Rain/Precipitation:	75.2 mm	


Rainfall February
Precipitation mm
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Average February Rainfall, 2006 – 2022