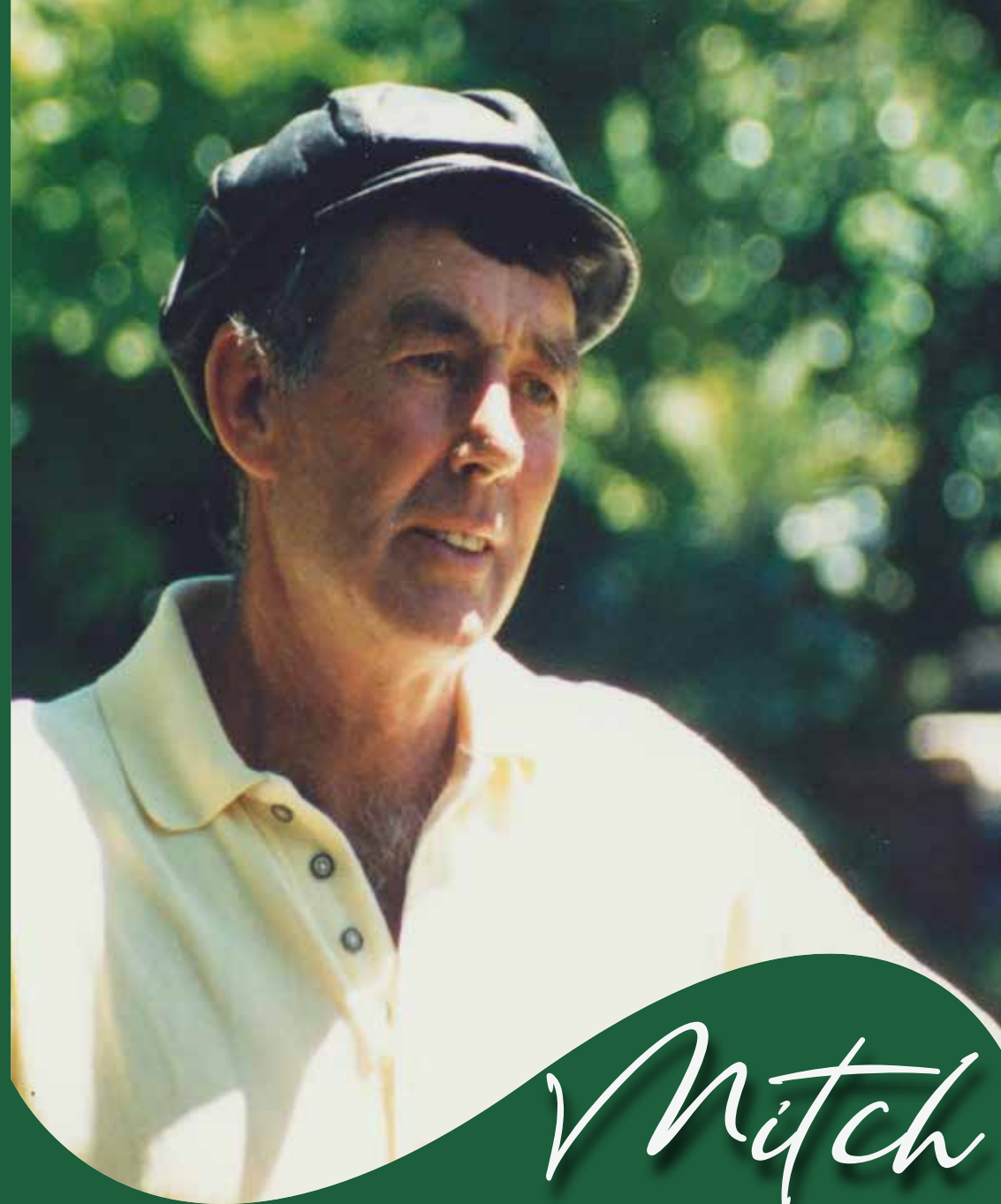


## Cranbrook

At cranbrook the chickens cluck as the sun shines. At cranbrook the flowers bloom as the bees buzz. At cranbrook the leaves rustle as the wind whips. And at cranbrook there are two kind people named Keren and Mitch.

By Nina O'Connor



Mitch

IAN BALFOUR MITCHELL

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A FAREWELL SERVICE FOR IAN HELD AT BRANCOTT ESTATE, BLENHEIM  
2.00PM MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2024

MASTER OF CEREMONIES  
Gerald Hope

TRIBUTES  
Kiley Nepia  
Sally Tayler  
John Newson  
Bill Wills  
Keren Mitchell  
Nicola Mitchell  
Sarah O'Connor

READING  
Grandchildren

SAILING  
I am sailing, I am sailing  
Home again, 'cross the sea  
I am sailing stormy waters  
To be near you, to be free.

I am flying, I am flying  
Like a bird 'cross the sky  
I am flying, passing high clouds  
To be with you, to be free.

Can you hear me? Can you hear me?  
Through the dark night, far away  
I am dying, forever crying  
To be with you, who can say.

Can you hear me? Can you hear me?  
Through the dark night far away  
I am dying, forever crying  
To be with you, who can say.

We are sailing, we are sailing  
Home again, 'cross the sea  
We are sailing stormy waters  
To be near you to be free.

Oh Lord, to be near you, to be free  
Oh Lord, to be near you, to be free  
Oh Lord, to be near you, to be free, oh Lord.

*Thank you for being here to farewell Mitch. We would love you to stay and share refreshments and memories with us after the service.  
Those who have travelled are warmly invited to visit Keren at Cranbrook on Tuesday 13th February.*