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Regards, *The Telegram*.



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Here we are at the end of another growing year - and thank goodness rain was sent to our parched land. I was out in the rain with the fertiliser for gardens and lawns on Wednesday. Half of this week for me has been in Wanaka, helping a busy daughter and her family - and yes - whipping around their garden until a trailer was filled. The other half of the week, I was here doing a lot of the same here. Does it never end this cutting back of the remains of Spring? I am left with gaps which have been topped up with sifted soil / compost to put body back into tired soil. Trimmed plants soon bush up again with fresh new growth and will fill out and cover the unsightly gaps. Delphiniums have grown so tall and strong here this year, they pushed over the supports - its hard to stand them up again without stems breaking, so have cut them back to the broken point to continue to put out smaller flower heads. As it is countdown time now until Christmas, I am sure gardens will be taking a back seat for everyone. If you are going away, pop all your indoor plants in the bath with a little water to keep them going and baskets and manageable pots, around to the shady side of the house until your return. Deadhead as many Roses as you can, so they can get going on their second flowering - deep water and mulch if you have the time - then let the garden look after itself while you have a well deserved break.

Fruit: For us Kiwis, fruit ripens at the busiest possible time for picking - it is such a waste if left to drop, so maybe with some bribing, children could be recruited as pickers and then fruit popped into the freezer until your return? Laden blackcurrant branches can be cut from bushes and stripped of fruit in a cool place, while having a Christmas drink. This way, pruning is also taken care of. Gooseberries are the tricky fruit to pick, but the end of a branch lifted with a gloved hand, will find fruit hanging from the underside ready to strip off a handful at a time. I find Raspberries and Strawberries the most time consuming to pick, but so worth the effort.

Vegetable garden: So much is ready for picking in the veg garden right now.. I will be throwing shade cloth over mine to protect from sun and birds when I am not here to keep an eye on things.

That's it from me for this year - our tree is ready and waiting for the pitter-patter of small feet on Christmas morning and not one of them will need to hunt for Nana in the garden. I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and all the very best for 2018. Cheers, Linda.



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A Column by Consumer Affairs Writer, Jordan Kelly.

**Do You Know Your Privacy Obligations?
(Many Don't)**

From cleaners to caterers, plumbers to plasterers, respite carers to real estate agents – and every other type of service provider ... Did you know ANYONE you pay to conduct a service that requires them to enter your home and/or your office, is legally bound by the provisions of the New Zealand Privacy Act 1993?

In today's column, I'll focus on the area in which the greatest lack of knowledge about privacy law lies: Those who enter into our homes. Our "inner sanctums". (Which, for those of us who work from a home office, represents our combined personal/professional environments.)

The lack of knowledge, I have observed, often lies on both sides of the equation: Many service providers don't know their legal obligations concerning the privacy of their clients and customers. And, certainly, most householders have no specific idea of their rights. Only a vague notion of "moral obligation" and decency. Which isn't enough.

The New Zealand Privacy Act 1993 refers to "agencies" and covers the "collection, use, disclosure, storage and passing on of access to personal information".

**If You're Being Paid to Go To Someone's Home,
You're Bound by Privacy Law**

Within this simple descriptor are two critical terms that **EVERY** service provider, and their customer, needs to understand.

'Agency': **Every** person or organisation that holds personal information is an "agency". So, the Privacy Act covers operations of **all sizes**, including one-man and one-woman bands. Which,

of course, includes the likes of trades people, real estate agents, cleaners and carers – and everything in between, if they've been to your home or your office.

The most relevant principle applying here is the Act's Principle 11 i.e. the disclosure principle. A tradesperson or other service provider working in a person's home or office will see and hear that which you would reasonably expect them to see and hear in someone's personal and/or private environment. In other words, they will be inadvertently collecting "private information" about that home's or office's inhabitants.

**You're Responsible for Anyone Entering
A Customer's Home On Your Watch**

It's important for smaller service providers to understand that they are beholden to the same privacy laws as the largest corporation. No difference. And, in the same way as the management of larger companies sending their staff into people's homes and offices share legal culpability for any breach of the Privacy Act by those staff members, so too a one-person operation (for example, a cleaner or handyperson, subcontracting to another individual and thus allowing others access to their customers' properties) shares legal responsibility for those parties' adherence to the Act.

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner's investigators apply the same privacy principles to each complaint, regardless of the size of the organisation. If a complaint can't be resolved by the commissioner - for example, if a person has been caused harm by the breach - a case can end up being referred to the Director of Human Rights Proceedings. A complainant can also take his or her case direct to the Human Rights Review Tribunal.

See you next year with a new series of columns. I trust my first few have proven informative.

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Community event details as we will
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2017 Twilight Christmas Market

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Twilight Christmas Shopping in the Victorian Precinct

Oamaru Farmers' Market and Oamaru's Victorian Precinct businesses invite you to a special Twilight Christmas event on Friday 22 December from 4.30 – 7pm. The ever-popular Twilight Christmas



Market is one of the highlights of the Summer Season, giving locals and visitors alike the chance to pick up unique gifts, festive home-ware and stock up on local produce and treats for the Christmas table. All while enjoying some carols and fun for the whole family! There'll be live music from DeeJay and The N.O. Highland Pipe Band, kids activities and of course Santa will be making an appearance.

This year there'll be hand-made craft stalls joining the market, plus shops along Harbour St and the Victorian Precinct will be open late for all those last minute gifts. Orwell Street Church will be taking donations for their Community Christmas Day Dinner so it's a great chance to give back as well. Another way of giving back is by supporting local businesses and small producers - ensuring that your festive spending is going straight back into the community and helping someone local have an easier time this Christmas.

Market Manager, David McFarlane, said that the aim was to make it a lovely, relaxing evening for the whole family, "It will be a night of festivities, food, fabulous shopping and of course really embracing the Christmas spirit of giving with a local, seasonal and community spin."

For more information contact Oamaru Farmers Market on 027 784 0001 or coordinator@oamarufarmersmarket.co.nz

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- On Sun 17 Dec all welcome to -*
- Carols and Readings at St Mary's at 9.30am followed by Morning Tea*
 - Christmas in the Park at Takaro Park from 3-6.30pm. Come & get festive with the whole family! BYO picnic*
 - Nine Lessons & Carols at St Luke's at 7pm*
 - Community Carols with the Waitaki Valley Singers at St Martin's, Duntroon at 7pm*

Church	Name	Address	Christmas Eve (Sun Dec 24)	Christmas Day (Mon Dec 25)
Anglican	St Luke's	Cnr Itchen & Tees Streets	10.30am-Christmas Eve Service	
	St Andrew's	Cnr Itchen & Tees Streets	11.00pm-Carols; 11.30pm -Christmas Eve Service	10am -Christmas Day Service
	St Mary's	Maheno		9am -Christmas Day Service
	St Martin's	410 Thames Highway	9.30am -Christmas Eve Service	9am -Christmas Day Service
	St Alban's	Duntroon	6pm -Christmas Eve Service	
	Community Hall	Kurow	8pm -Christmas Eve Service	
		Omarama	7pm -Community Carol Service	
Assembly of God	Christian Life Centre	17 College St	10am -Christmas Eve Service	
	Tongan AOG	St Luke's Hall	11am -Christmas Service	
Baptist	Oamaru Baptist	14 Sandringham St	7pm -Christmas Eve Service then Concert	
Church of Tonga	Church of Tonga	St Mary's, 410 Thames Hwy		1pm -Christmas Service
Elim	Oamaru Elim	6 Severn St	10am -Christmas Service	
Foursquare Gospel	Blue Penguin	St John's Hall, Exe Street	10am -Christmas Eve Service	
Free Church	Free Church(Tonga)	Eveline, 424 Thames Hwy	11am -Sunday School; 1pm-Service	1pm -Christmas Service
Free Wesleyan	Tongan Wesleyan	Columba, Wansbeck/Ure St	11am -Sunday School; 12 noon-Service	12noon -Christmas Service
House of Breakthrough	House of Breakthrough	12 Severn St	6pm -Christmas Eve Service	
Methodist	Oamaru Tongan	22 Eden St		10.30am-Christmas Service
Mou'i'fo'ou'ia	Tongan Kalaisi	St Luke's Church	1pm -Christmas Service	
Orwell St Church	Orwell St Church	30 Orwell St	9pm -Christmas Eve Service	12.30pm-Christmas Lunch
Presbyterian	Eveline	424 Thames Highway		9.30am -Christmas Service
	St Paul's	5 Coquet St	9pm -Supper	
			9.30pm -Christmas Eve Service	9.30am -Christmas Service
	Enfield	Enfield	8pm -Carol Service then drinks & nibbles	
	Weston Community	Main St, Weston	8.45pm -Carols then cake & coffee	9.30am -Family Service
	St Stephen's	Kurow		10am -Christmas Service
Reformed Church	Reformed Church	4 Eden St		10am -Christmas Service
Roman Catholic	St Patrick's Basilica	68 Reed St	4.30pm -Children's Pageant; 5pm-Vigil Mass	
	Sacred Heart	Kurow	7.30pm -Christmas Eve Mass	9.30am -Mass
Salvation Army	Salvation Army	255 Thames St	10.30am-Christmas Service	

Want to celebrate Christmas Day with others from the community?
All are warmly invited to Orwell Street Church for Christmas Lunch at 12:30pm.
Please ring 434 6168 to book your place.

Community Diary

Wednesday 20th

"A quiet space" service, St Paul's Presbyterian Church, 7pm. A time for those who may find Christmas difficult through the loss of a loved one or who would like a break from the rustle & bustle.

Excelsior Petanque Club Day, 1pm. Ph. 437 1590 or 437 0388.

Golden Oldies Afternoon, Sponsored by Network Waitaki. 2-4pm. Gold coin donation. 60 & over. Ph. 434 7008.

N.O Orchid Society Meeting, St John Hall, Exe St 1.30pm. Ph Betty 434 2025.

Parents Centre Playgroup (0-6yr) 10am, Salvation Army Hall.

Waitaki Community Gardens Working Bee, Wednesdays 1-3pm. All welcome! Call Ra on 021 115 4884 for 2 hours of fun!

Zonta Club of Oamaru: upstairs at the Star and Garter. Ph. Christine McLellan 022 074 5938.

Thursday 21st

Diabetes Walking Group Chelmer St Gardens carpark 10.30am. Ph Jan 437 2348.

Kakanui Playgroup 9am-12pm, Kakanui School. 1st 3 visits free.

Grey Power N.O. Office open 12.30 - 3.30pm, 2nd floor, Community House. Other times, Ph. Graeme 437 2220.

Mainly Music - pre-schoolers/parents. 10am Oamaru Baptist, 14 Sandringham St. \$3. Ph Angela 437 0911.
mainlymusic.org.nz

N.O. Asthma Society Respiratory Exercise Class, 10am, St John Hall Lounge, Exe St. Ph. 434 3202.

Friday 22nd

AA Meeting, Orwell St Chapel, 12 noon. Ph. 432 4191 or 437 2928

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Newcomers Coffee group 10.30am at the Opera House. Ph. Christine 027 242 8643.

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Twilight Christmas Market, 4.30pm - 7pm in the Victorian Precinct - Late night shopping, Live Music, Christmas Carols, Hot food, Farmers Market with Local Produce, Face painting, Kids activities, Craft Stalls & Gourmet gifts. For more info Ph. 027 784 0001.

Saturday 23rd

Sunday 24th

Oamaru Farmers Market - fresh local produce for your Christmas table, 9.30 - 1pm, Cnr Wansbeck & Tyne St.

Monday 25th - Christmas Day

Tuesday 26th - Boxing Day

Up & Coming

New Year's Eve Party, 31st December, Bring the family, make a night of it. 6pm to midnight at Tyne St. Live music courtesy of the Heavy Feathers, Bedford Duo & Renee O'Brien. Family friendly movies, a brief but spectacular fireworks display. Bring a picnic

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What's Happening at Weston Playcentre?

It has been a busy end to the year at Weston Playcentre. The children had a blast recently at the end of year Christmas Party.

Jumping on the bouncy castle was so much fun and the children enjoyed a yummy morning tea with lots of festive treats. Of course the greatest excitement was saved for a special visitor, as Santa himself stopped by to see the children. No reindeer, they will no doubt be resting up, but it was so exciting to see Santa arrive on his 4-wheel motorbike!! The children were all delighted to receive a small gift from Santa. Other highlights over the past few weeks have been a special trip out with Lower Waitaki and Oamaru Playcentres to go on a train ride at Friendly Bay. The recent spell of lovely weather has resulted in lots of water play lately including a fun outing to the Oamaru Gardens paddling pools. And of course the children have loved making lots of Christmas Crafts lately too. New families are always welcome at Weston Playcentre – we are open Tuesday to Friday, 9am – 11.30am at 2 Airedale Road (right beside the school) during school term time. Our last day for the year will be Friday 15th December and we will open again when school returns in 2018. Come along for three free visits and see if Playcentre is for you or find our contact details on our Facebook page. We would love to meet you! Finally, the children and families of Weston Playcentre would like to sincerely thank all those who have supported us throughout the year. We wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a happy and safe holiday time.





Merry Christmas

from the team at LJ Hooker Oamaru.

We wish you all a safe & happy holiday with family
& friends, & a prosperous New Year.

Thank you for all your support during 2017,
we really appreciate it & look forward to helping you
with your real estate needs in 2018.

During the holiday period, our agents can be contacted on
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