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be done in gardens right now - weeding, hedge trimming, cutting back and clearing out Summer growth, spraying, mulching, building new compost heaps - then all those leaves ....(Whew, no pressure)

As leaves turn gold and red, North Otago pastures and lawns are looking Spring green with some evergreen growth still too soft for taking cuttings. I usually take cuttings in April while the ground is still holding warmth to stimulate root growth. Large deep trays packed with moist river sand are ready here for cuttings waiting to be taken. Purple Sage, Geranium, Breath of Heaven, Buxus, Fuschia, Escalonia, Succulents, Lavender Rosemary, Lonicera, Hebes can all be taken now. Deciduous hardwood cuttings are taken during Winter when plants have lost leaves and are dormant

I have taken time this week to look around the garden to see what plants flowered well over Summer and those that have not because of trees getting taller and wider and blocking out light. The plants I found suffering most were Dahlias - some have not flowered at all from lack of light and moisture and others are hidden behind other plants. They will be dug up and transplanted into a sunnier spot, leaving the top growth on to die off back into the tubers. Other plants suffering the same are dwarf Agapanthus, Roses, Asters and Dianthus - all of these need a lot of sunshine and light to perform well.

If looking to improve the look of established gardens, a front border will do the trick. There are so many suitable plants that maybe multiplying around your garden - like Lambs ear, with it's lovely silver textured leaf, Variegated and Dwarf Iris, Blue grass, Dwarf Agapanthus, Hostas, Helibores, Purple Sage, Thyme, Erigeron daisy and Violas, plus heaps of other low growing evergreen plants that cuttings or divisions can be taken from right now to create borders. All these plants I have mentioned look great planted en masse in long rows to change the look of a garden.

### The following flower seeds can still be sown now:

Aquilegia, Calendula (Marigold) Lupins, Stocks, Sweet Peas, Dianthus. Some will already be germinating around where these plants have been growing. I pot up most worthy plants that nature supplies in our garden to be planted out either before or after Winter depending on the maturity of them.

Top dress Lilies with Blood and Bone and Compost - one cup of Blood and Bone to each bucket of Compost. If you need to shift Lilies, never let them dry out - get them back in the ground straight away or store them in a wet towel until ready to transplant. Still a good time for wrenching Shrubs and trees that need to be moved, by digging around one half of their roots and leaving the other half untouched for a few months. Make a trench around the lifted roots and fill with soft Compost - the cut roots will form new feeder roots into the compost which will make the eventual transplant cope better. Remember plants which have had their root system reduced should also have their top growth reduced.

**Veg and fruit:** Tomatoes need all the daylight hours now to ripen - remove all shading leaves. Sweet Pepper plants that need more time to ripen can be dug up, put into a pot and placed under shelter to continue growing if any threat of frost.

Sow a green crop, adding humus to vacant vegetable plots will improve the soil. Blue Lupin, Mustard, Wheat, Barley or Oats are good for this purpose. Dug in just before the crop reaches flowering stage. In cooler areas, Citrus trees, especially when young, should have a temporary roof for frost protection put in place soon.

My wine Grapes are a non event again this year, with Botrytis. Safe spraying was done, but still no good result - so out they come after five good years of producing and three of not - so no more picking or treading and the area with watering

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### Tuesday: April 17th

- 5.30 Item for Younger Ears: The Air Adventures of Biggles - International Brigade, Part 6 of 37
- 6.00 Classic Comedy: I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (BBC)
- 7.30 Concert Piece: Berlin Philharmonic/von Karajan, Operatic Overtures and Intermezzi
- 9.00 Reading: The Promise Of The Wolves, by Dorothy Hearst, read by Ruth Sillers, Pt 3 of 16

## What's Happening at the Weston Playcentre?

Throughout Term 1, some of our 4 year old children have enjoyed visiting the Weston School library and have even had the opportunity to make regular visits to the New Entrants class at Weston School. The Tamariki love sharing stories with each other and they especially enjoy choosing books to take home and

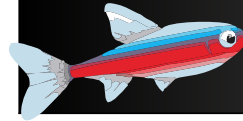


share with their whanau too. It is such a great opportunity to help our 4 year olds make a great transition to school as they all turn 5 over the next couple of terms. Thanks for having us Weston School. A big thanks

also to all those who made it out to our recent Big Wheels Day and all the amazing sponsors who supported us! It was such a great day with lots of fun had by all. If you and your pre-schooler would like to join in the fun – pop along for three free visits to see if Playcentre is right for you. 2 Airedale Road, Weston. Open Tuesday – Friday, 9am – 11.30am during school term time.

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1/3 cup milk

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Stir together the flour, sugar, salt, baking powder and cinnamon. Mix in oil, egg and milk. Fold in apples.

Spoon batter into muffin cups, filling to the top of the cup.

In a small bowl rub together: ½ cup sugar, 1/3 cup flour, ½ cup cubed butter and 1 ½ tsp ground cinnamon. Sprinkle over the unbaked muffins. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes.

### Harbour Street Jazz INC Choir getting ready to Represent Waitaki District at the Trustpower National Community Awards

Harbour Street Jazz Incorporated will join the country's best and brightest voluntary groups and organisations at the Trustpower National Community Awards taking place in the Queenstown Lakes region from 13-15 April 2018. Harbour Street Jazz Incorporated is representing the Waitaki District at the prestigious awards – an honour they won after being named Supreme Winner at the Trustpower Waitaki Community Awards last year.

Joining them will be representatives from 24 other voluntary groups or organisations from around the country who were named Supreme Winner at their regional Trustpower Community Awards.

At the Trustpower National Awards, Harbour Street Jazz Incorporated will give an eight-minute presentation sharing their story, their achievements, and why they deserve the title of the Trustpower National Community Awards Supreme Winner. They will be judged on their presentation, along with a 1,000-word summary. Some of the guest judges this year include CEO of Volunteering New Zealand, Scott Miller, TVNZ Good Sorts creator and presenter, Hady Jones, and previous Supreme Winner, Janice Lee from Koha Kai.

The presentations will take place on Saturday 14 April at the Queenstown Memorial Centre. The Winner, Runner-Up and recipient of the Whetū Mātaiata Award will be announced at an Awards dinner that evening at the Kawarau Bungy Centre.

Groups will also have the opportunity to network, share ideas, and take in some of the scenery from around Queenstown Lakes District. Trustpower Community and Communications Advisor Ash Cleaver says Harbour Street Jazz Incorporated have put together an inspiring presentation. "Harbour Street Jazz Inc. work tirelessly to put together an annual, three day & night music festival, bringing together the local community and visitors to Oamaru" says Cleaver.

The Trustpower National Community Awards Supreme Winner will take home a custom-made trophy by local Glenorchy artist, Dan Kelly, \$4,000 in prize money, a framed certificate, and a \$1,000 consultancy voucher from one of New Zealand's leading training providers for the community sector, Exult. The Runner Up will receive \$2,500 in prize money, a \$500 Exult voucher and a framed certificate. The Whetū Mātaiata Award recipient receives a framed certificate and a consultancy service package from award sponsor, Exult. Attending the Trustpower National Community Awards from Harbour Street Jazz Incorporated will be Julie Barclay and Lucianne White, along with Waitaki District Mayor Gary Kircher. Meanwhile, entries are now being taken for the 2018 Trustpower Community Awards. Anyone can enter a group and all voluntary groups and not-for-profit organisations are eligible. Enter online at

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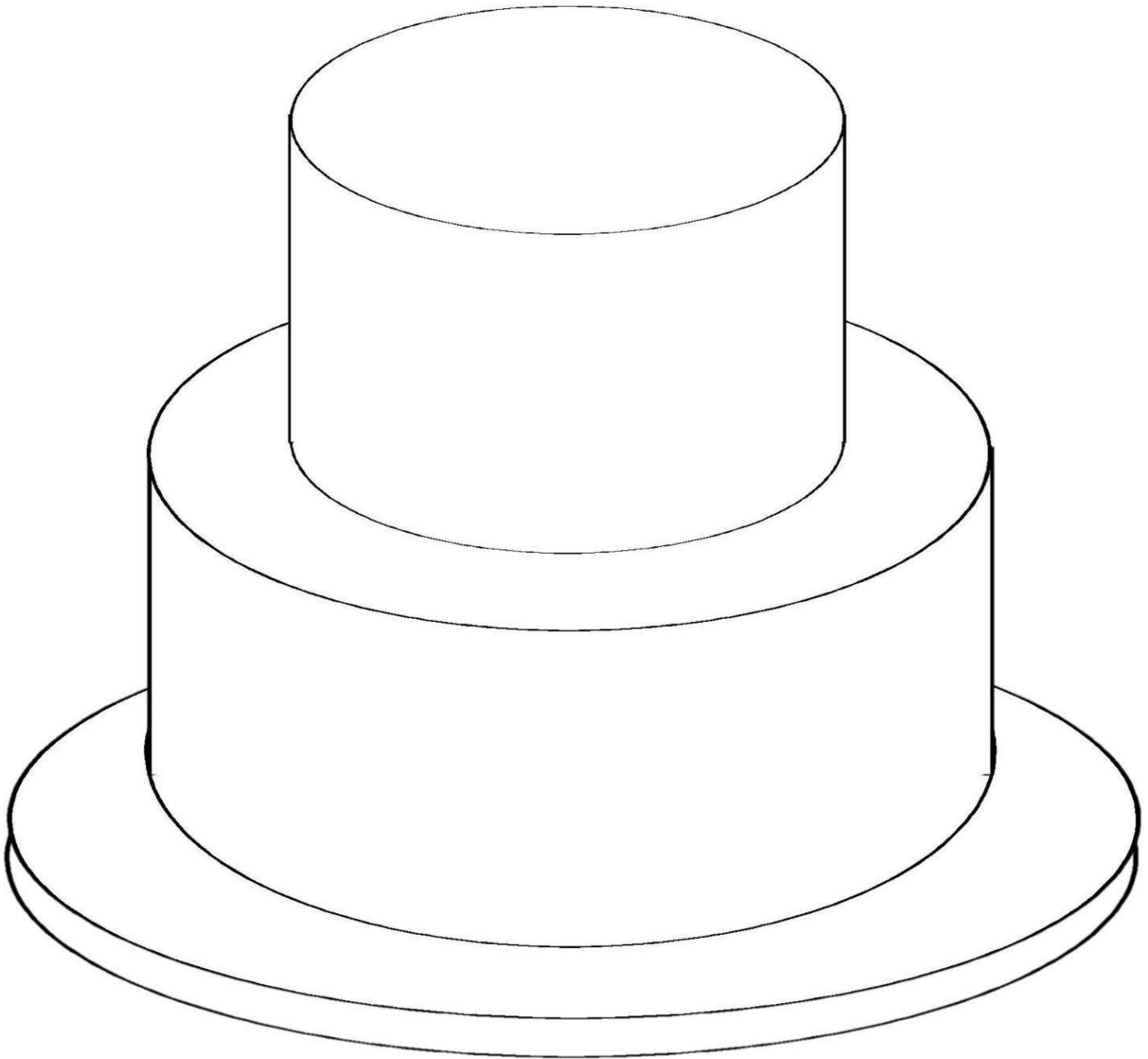
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Please return to Tutu Hill Cakes and Gifts by 2pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Winners announced 4pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup>. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in all ages group.



**Wednesday 11th**

**Amamoko Indoor Bowls Opening Night**, Amamoko Hall, 7.30pm

**Cancer Society Support Group Meeting** - Community House Meeting Room, 100 Thames St, 10.30am. All welcome, Ph: Leanne Kennard 434 3284.

**Excelsior Petanque Club day**, 1pm. Ph. 437 2557 or 437 1590.

**N.O Creative Fibre**, 10am, St Luke's Hall, Wharfe St, All welcome. Ph. Noeline 437 2501 or Margaret 434 8665.

**N.O. Patchers & Quilters** meet at the St. John's Hall, Exe St, Oamaru, 7.30pm. New members always welcome. Ph. Helen 434 5680.

**Weston Indoor Bowling Club Opening Night**, 7.30pm, Weston Hall - Existing & new bowlers most welcome. Phone Ian 434 8281.

**Yankee Bowls**, 1.30pm, Centennial Park Centre. Enjoy fun & friendly afternoon. Ph. Bob 437 1704.

**Thursday 12th**

**Diabetes Walking Group:** Chelmer St Gardens Car Park, 10.30a.m. Everyone welcome. Ph. Jan 437 2348.

**Footstep Ladies Trendy group**, for chat, coffee and some crafts. 1:30pm - 4:30pm at Oamaru Baptist Church Hall. 14 Sandringham St. Ph. Chris 021 0268 7567

**Mainly Music** - pre-schoolers/parents. 10am Oamaru Baptist, 14 Sandringham St. \$3. Ph Angela 437 0911. [mainlymusic.org.nz](http://mainlymusic.org.nz)

**N.O. Asthma Society:** Respiratory Exercise Class, 10am, St John Hall, Exe Street. Phone Fiona 03 434 3202.

**N.O. Rose Society**, Vintage Car Club Rooms, Stoke St, 7.30pm. Ph. Christine 434 2223.

**Friday 13th - School holidays begin**

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

**Cate Bole - Principal of Five Forks School** is retiring on Friday 13th April 2018. We have a farewell party for Cate beginning at 2.30pm at Five Forks School followed by a BYO BBQ at 5pm. All welcome!

**Indoor Summer Bowls** 7pm, indoor bowls centre Centennial Park. Ph. Bob 437 1704.

**Meadowbank Bowling Club**, 14 Conway St, social bowls 2pm. Bowlers & non-bowlers welcome. Ph. 434 7196.

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

**Waitaki Travel Club Monthly Meeting**, The Manor Estate, 10am - Guest Speaker Jane Green 'A Crazy Lady in Cuba'.

**Sunday 15th**

**AA Meeting**, Orwell St Chapel, 6pm, Ph. 437 2928 or 437 2337.

**Excelsior Petanque Club day**, 1pm. Ph. 437 2557 or 437 1590.

kids club, All welcome, 10am.

**Monday 16th**

**Genealogy Club** 10am-12pm at Oamaru Library - learn how to research your ancestors.

**Tokarahi spinners & Weavers meeting**, 10am, Tokarahi Hall. Ph. Christine 434 2223.

**The Happy Scoundrels Over 55 Ten Pin Bowling Club**, 1pm, Galleon Family Complex. Ph. Mike 437 0224 or Garry 434 1463.

**Waitaki Woodturners**, 1-5pm, clubrooms, Oamaru Race Course. Ph. 439 5795.

**Tuesday 17th**

**AA Meeting**, Orwell St Chapel, 7.30pm, Ph. 432 4191 or 437 2337.

**Age Concern Gentle Exercise Programme**, Orwell St Church Hall, 1.30 - 3pm, \$3 per person. Ph. 434 7008.

**Arthritis Peer Support Group**, Star & Garter, 10:30am

**Diabetes Walking Group:** Chelmer St Gardens Car Park, 10.30a.m. Everyone welcome. Ph. Jan 437 2348.

**Indoor Bowls Oamaru Club**, Severn St, 7pm, new members most welcome. Ph. Bev 434 9678 or Bede 027 201 3907.

**Justice of the Peace** 11am - 1pm, WINZ Building, Coquet St.

**Meadowbank Indoor Bowls**, 7pm at the Centennial park centre. All welcome. Ph. Noel 437 0217 or Bob 437 1704.

**Public Notice**

**Columba Scout Group;** Keas & Cubs Monday nights, Ventures Wednesday nights & Scouts Thursday, Ph. 437 2531 for info.

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**AGM's**

**Monday 16th April Oamaru Electronic Organ Society AGM:** Eveline Church Hall 7.30pm. New members welcome. For further information phone Lorraine 4372408.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April Meadowbank Community Stadium Bowls AGM**, 14 Conway St, 4pm. Everyone Welcome, Ph Graham 434 0951

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April Grey Power General Meeting:** 1.30pm, Salvation Army Lounge, 225 Thames St. Speaker: Debbie Melton on exercising. \$2 hall hire and small plate for afternoon tea. Anyone over 50 years welcome. Ph: 437 2220

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April North Otago Asthma Society AGM** - 11am, St John Hall, Exe Street, All welcome

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April The North Otago Astronomical Society** will be holding it's AGM, commencing at 6pm at Adventure Books, 7 Harbour St. This meeting will be

children's club, Damien McNamara, on his recent Aurora Flight.

**Raffle Results**

**Oamaru Performing Arts Easter Raffle**, drawn under Police supervision. 1st - A. McDonald, 2nd - J. Kissel, 3rd - E. Gillies. Thanks to all who supported us.

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## Waitaki Market Update

South Hill has performed consistently over the past five years with median value growth of 31.5%.

The median value of a dwelling in South Hill is now \$307,500 which is 10.6% up from the same time last year.

There were 85 sales over the past 12 months in South Hill and there were 30 listings on the market last month.

In Oamaru, the median value of a dwelling is now \$258,700 which represents growth of 30.3% over the past five years and gains of 11.2% over the past year.

There are 1,102 dwellings in Oamaru with 93 selling over the past 12 months and 21 listings on the market last month.

The smallest suburb in the area is Holmes Hill which has just 611 dwellings. Values here for dwellings have grown by 10.6% over the past 12 months, and the median value is now \$323,100.

## RENTALS WANTED

**5** homes currently available

**40** tenants still waiting

If you have an investment property available for rent, call the team at LJ Hooker Oamaru Rentals. We're especially looking for 3-4 bdrm properties.

**Phone us on 434 2595**

## Considering selling?

With 223 sales in 2017, work with LJ Hooker Oamaru for **superior coverage** and a **better price outcome, faster.**

Phone us today on **03 434 9014.**

## WAITAKI MARKET - CURRENT VALUES & RECENT CHANGE

<b>South Hill</b> Median Dwelling Price	<b>\$308k</b>	<b>+2.3%</b> Quarter Change	<b>+10.6%</b> Yearly Change
<b>Oamaru</b> Median Dwelling Price	<b>\$259k</b>	<b>+3.1%</b> Quarter Change	<b>+11.2%</b> Yearly Change
<b>Oamaru North</b> Median Dwelling Price	<b>\$269k</b>	<b>+1.5%</b> Quarter Change	<b>+5.7%</b> Yearly Change
<b>Holmes Hill</b> Median Dwelling Price	<b>\$323k</b>	<b>+1.5%</b> Quarter Change	<b>+10.6%</b> Yearly Change



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