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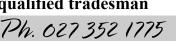




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I am feeling a chill in the air and frosts have started, but enough warmth still in the ground for plants to continue growing.

A heap of work was done here in the garden this week, compost is shoveled on thickly over beds now ready for a layer of pea straw. I have been potting up well grown seedlings

before the nights get colder and because they are straight from seed trays, the frost cloth has gone on and will remain on until Spring.

Leaves are still falling, so piles are still accumulating in our garden, a good many piles have been put on compost heaps, the remainder I burn in a drum and add the ash to compost, but from now on I will be making leaf mulch which is

an easy process and gardens really benefit from the nitrogen fix when it is spread in Spring.

- 1. First pile the leaves and keep them dry then shed them with a lawn mower, (whole leaves don't break down enough for mulch).
- 2. Once shredded, add layers 12 to 18 inches deep along with a handful of urea or grass clippings(nitrogen) to each layer,

wet each layer (don't saturate) as you build.

3. Repeat this layering until your bin or bag is full and all will break down over Winter to be ready for you to put on the garden in Spring.

This is a great time to make new perennial beds or re-organise existing beds. With perennial clumps increasing in size annually, they soon over fill a space. Lift overgrown clumps, break up and replant some of the youngest growths from the perimeter. Healthy vigorous plants can be reduced by putting a sharp spade in where you would like a reduction, then lift the cut portion out without disturbing the plant remaining. I have been doing this with Asters, Phlox, Aubretia, small grasses, Hostas, and Herbs - like Sage, Thyme and Lemon Balm. Rockery plants can be divided now as well. Once plants have been sectioned and rearranged, cover the bed and around plants with compost which will encourage new root growth and help to keep perennial beds warmer through the colder months. I have also been potting up well grown seedlings before the nights get colder.

All old leaves from my Hellebores have now been removed they are budding up for a Winter display, so a fortnightly liquid feed can be given if you feel they need boosting. Further inland it would be advisable to leave some top growth on to give frost protection to soft new growth. Once hardened, remove all leaves to display flowers.

Remove water trays from pots now - the soil will stay damp from now on and should never be waterlogged through Winter as this will lead to plant roots freezing and rotting.

Lilies - this is the main time to shift or divide old overgrown clumps of lilies. Be careful not to break the fleshy scales and to retain all the basal roots. Don't pull the old stems away from the bulb as it leaves a hole where water can enter and cause rot - just cut old stems short and bend. Never allow Lily bulbs to dry out while out of the ground. I plant lilies on a little river sand and cover with compost which has had blood and bone

Continue planting Strawberry plants, raising the beds where drainage is suspect and adding compost to the beds.

It is said to plant Garlic on the shortest day, but any time from late May until August is ok. Select large single cloves (plant point up) 5cm deep and 20cm apart, in warm, well-drained sites where soil has been recently limed.

Start pruning pip fruit trees any time after the leaves have

fallen. Remove dead or damaged wood, crossing or inward turning branches, excess leaders or sucker growth developing on the main trunks. Shorten back vigorous leaders by about a 1/3 to promote branching. Prune long side branches, take out weak twigs to discourage further spread. Cheers, Linda

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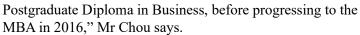
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Graduation a celebration for students nationwide

Students from all over New Zealand are being capped at the University of Auckland's Autumn graduation this week, among them Waitaki District Council's Bill Chou.

Mr Chou, the council's **Information Services Group** Manager, yesterday received one of the most challenging and prestigious qualifications available at the University, the Master of Business Administration, or MBA.

"I started my MBA journey with the University of Auckland in 2012, with a



"Sometimes I have to question how I pulled it off. I moved to Oamaru last year which meant a nine-hour round trip across air and road to attend classes. When the weather was tricky, like heavy rain in summer and snow in winter, travelling became more difficult, sometimes even dangerous.

"But I did pull it off and I am so pleased with my achievement. I met some of New Zealand's best business students of diverse backgrounds and professional skills, and have refined my management style to suit the business environment of this country," he says.

Mr Chou relocated from China to New Zealand in 2011.

"I am very keen to put the knowledge gained from my MBA to good use helping the Waitaki District Council to deliver better services and communication to the community of the Waitaki, and sustainably strengthen this beautiful district's economy. The Waitaki District is one that is embarking on some very exciting opportunities and is punching well above its weight, and I look forward to adding value on that journey."

The University of Auckland's Autumn Graduation is one of New Zealand's largest celebrations of academic achievement. More than 4,000 students attended the ceremonies which included a procession along Queen Street and the conferring of degrees and diplomas at Aotea Square. Media Release "The University of Auckland"



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7:30pm Steampunk Social at the Criterion Hotel. RSVP to info@steampunk.org.nz

Friday 1st June 2:30 – 3:30 Book Launch and Afternoon Tea

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3:00pm – 5:00pm Workshop: Steampunk your Nerf Gun with Grymmstone & Treacle Emporium SOLD OUT Criterion Hotel, 3 Tyne Street

6.30 - 9:00 Oamaru Fire and Steam

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8:30pm - Criterion Hotel, 9pm-Harbour St Collective, early–Scott's Brewery

9.00pm – 11:30pm After Party & Vaudeville
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Saturday 2nd June 8-8:30am Irishman's Rally -Vintage cars. FREE

10:00am Steampunk Parade

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10:00am – 3:30pm Steampunk Market Loan & Merc, 14 Harbour St. FREE

Saturday and Sunday 10:00am – 3:30pm Tintype Photographer, Harbour Street.

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11:00am - 12:00pm Tea Duelling FREE

Free entry on the day – please arrive early. 11:00am – 1:00pm Children's Workshop:

Steampunk Goggles, 20 Ribble Street 2:00pm – 4:00pm Teapot Racing

Oamaru Club, 32 Severn Street
4:30pm – 5:45pm Steampunk Belly Dance
Workshop Oamaru Club, 32 Severn Street

7:30pm – 11pm League of Victorian Imagineers (LVI) Mess Dinner and Airship Racing, Loan & Merc

8:30pm Live Music at the Criterion Hotel.

Sunday 3rd June 9:30am – 10:30am Coffee & Promenade to Victorian

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10:00am – 3:30pm Steampunk Market Loan & Merc, 14 Harbour St. FREE

10:00am – 1:00pm Farmers Market Scotts Brewery Car Park.

10:30am – 12:30pm Children's Workshop: Steampunk Ray Guns, 20 Ribble Street

11:00am – 12:00pm Parasol Duelling
Harbour Street. Free entry on the day. FREE

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3:00pm – 5:00pm Steampunk NZ Moments In Time Fashion Show: A series of tiny theatre pieces. Oamaru Opera House

7:00pm Live Music at the Grainstore Gallery.
7:30pm to midnight Steampunk Gala Ball
The Oamaru Club, 32 Severn Street





Community Diary

Wednesday 23rd

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

St Pat's Indoor Bowls, 7pm, Centennial park Centre, all welcome. Ph. Mary 434 7196.

Yankee Bowls, 1.30pm, Centennial Park Centre. Enjoy fun & friendly afternoon.

Weston Indoor Bowling Club, Weston Hall at 7.30pm, Ph. Ian 434 8281.

Thursday 24th

Awamoa Indoor Bowls, Awamoa Bowling Pavilion, 1.30pm. Ph. 434 5061.

Diabetes Walking Group: Chelmer St Gardens Car Park, 10.30am Ph. Jan 437 2348. 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, Exe Street. Phone Fiona 03 434 3202.

Friday 25th

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

Lunchtime Recital, Wendy Eckhardt & Bruce Albiston, accompanist June Cameron. 12.15 - 1pm, Ink Box - Opera House

Meadowbank Bowling Club Interfirm Stadium Competition REMINDER, get those entry forms in before the 25 th May. Ph. M. Parker 426 0522 or C. Poole 437 1914.

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

Saturday 26th

Meadowbank Community Stadium Bowls, 1.15pm Bowls available. Ph. Graham 434 0951. **The Healing Team** - 2-3pm, St Mary's Hall.

Sunday 27th

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

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

Oamaru Heritage Radio AGM, 3pm at Star & Garter Restaurant.

St Paul's Church, Coquet St, service and kids club. All welcome, 10am.

Monday 28th

Genealogy Club 10am-12pm at Oamaru Library - learn how to research your ancestors. Maheno Water Committee Inc. AGM. Maheno Public Hall, at 7.30pm, J M Marshall Secretary.

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

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

O.C. Inc Outdoor Bowls Section A.G.M. at 7pm. All members - please attend.

Oamaru Ordinary Cycle Club inc, AGM Monday 28th May 7:30pm, Scottish Hall, Tyne St, All welcome, Enquiries oamaruordinary@gmail.com Ph 03 4348285

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 29th

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

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

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.

St Pauls Indoor Bowls, AGM, 2pm Ph. 437 1294

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Public Notices

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- Add 1 teaspoon ground cumin, half a tomato, a bay leaf or a piece of seaweed to soften the beans and speed cooking.
 - Salt will toughen the skin so only add at the end of cooking to taste

Beans and Lentils Cooking Times

Beans (1cup)	Cooking times	Presoak
Adzukl	40 mins	YES
Black Beans	50-60 mins	YES
Black-eyed Peas	45 mins	NO
Chickpea Beans	1 ½ hours	YES
Red Kidney Beans	1 ¼ hours	YES
Lentil Brow/Green	25-30 mins	NO
Lentils Red	10 mins	NO
Lima Beans	40-45 mins	YES
Mung Beans	45 mins	YES
Peas, Split	50-60 mins	NO
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Real Food Pantry Recipe - Felafel

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Method:

- 1. Mash the chickpeas thoroughly, than add the egg, onion, parsley, garlic and spices.
- 2. Shape the mixture into small balls then coat in flour, beaten egg and breadcrumbs.
- 3. Fry the falafel in oil for 3 minutes on each side, or until brown.

These go well inside pita bread with salad and vegetables.

Champion of Champions

The Champion of Champion Pairs were held last weekend, with Gordon Robb and Diana McGregor of Meadowbank Club taking the title with an un-beaten run of games. Runners-up were Richard Hammond and Pat Robinson from Kurow.



World Fair Trade Day Quiz & competitions

1st - Stephanie McIntosh, 2nd - Paul Familton, Count the beans winner - Vicky Leley, Thanks to everyone who celebrated with us on W.F.T.Day. Thank you so much for your support. *Delwyn Cox - Shop Manager Oamaru*



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