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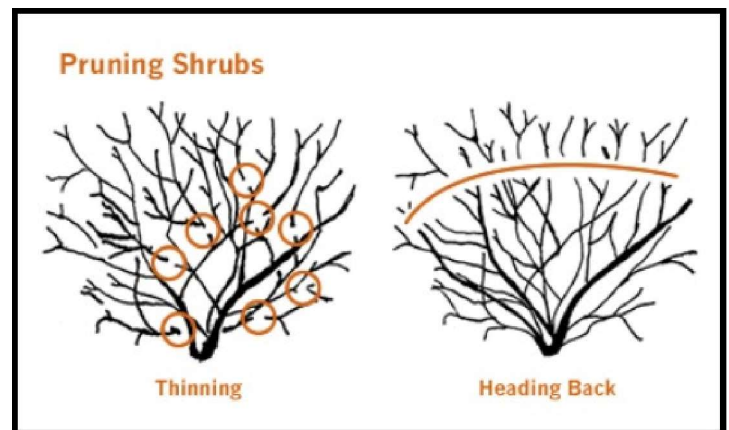
Very dull weekend and week days so far, with rain making it even gloomier, While rain keeps up, it gives a chance to see areas in the garden not draining well. If you have plants that are water logged, dig them up and improve where they are growing by digging the hole deep down to the clay - which is probably forming a

pan and holding the water. Break up the clay as much as you can, then put a layer of Gypsum on top of the broken clay and add at least three shovels of gravel to create a sump for water to drain into. By doing this, the plant of your choice can stay in that spot without drowning.

Pruning: Now trees have shed leaves, they are open for inspection. Many ornamental trees need attention in late Winter - branches crossing, too many branches blocking light from buds once in leaf, height and width reduction. Most trees are pruned in Winter while sap is down and insects / diseases that can potentially invade pruning cuts are dormant, as well as trees. In Winter, the worst disease is Silver Leaf, which attacks stone and pip fruit, Roses, Poplar, Willows and Escallonia hedges. It is during cold wet weather that spores are released, which can then enter the pruning cuts. During dry weather, the spores are not released and this is the reason that some prefer a Summer prune on susceptible trees and a reason to avoid pruning on cool wet days.

Thinning: is the removal of an entire branch. If two branches are doing the same job, this technique rids the tree of weak and diseased branches and increases light penetration and air movement. I have included diagrams of where and where not to cut for best healing practice.

Heading back: is shortening the length of a branch back to a bud or the next side branch below, as shown.



Hellebores: I have finally cut the leaves from all my Hellebores - they were infested with Greenfly Wintering over. New fresh leaves will soon appear after the beautiful flowers have popped up and flowered on their own. Ericas are flowering now - very hardy plants that are perfect ground covers, over wall spillers and great as a wide border. They usually grow only 6 - 12 inches high and spread 2 - 3 feet. Upright Erica Melantra improved, is one of the prettiest Winter flowering small shrubs - bright pink 60cm high by 1m wide fully grown. Leucodendrons are looking wonderful now - perfect for picking - will last for weeks in a vase. Remember not to give them rich compost or fertiliser - they prefer poor soil conditions.

Even though we are in the middle of Winter, there is plenty on offer to plant. Deciduous trees can settle in with a firm stake - Roses do best planted now. If planting evergreen Shrubs that look like they have been nursed, get them used to the outside temperatures before planting, then protect with frost cloth. Plant labels should tell you their hardiness. Rose pruning: is done once Rose wood has had enough time to harden - end of June, July even August is not too late. If unsure of how to prune Roses, the Rose Society is holding a Rose pruning demonstration at North School, 1pm on the 30th June.

Compost/mulch: This is the perfect time to supply food for plants and bulbs in the form of compost / mulch, which worms will take down to roots in time for Spring growth. Contact for a load of compost made at our local Pukeuri meat works is Gregg Ph: 0272293215. Also our Resource recovery park offers well heated mulch for keeping weeds down under trees and in rough areas of the garden.

Vegetables: On the coast, Sow Broad Beans, Garlic, Shallots and Rhubarb. Colder areas, nothing much can be planted.

Cheers, Linda.

Hampden Cemetery & War Memorial

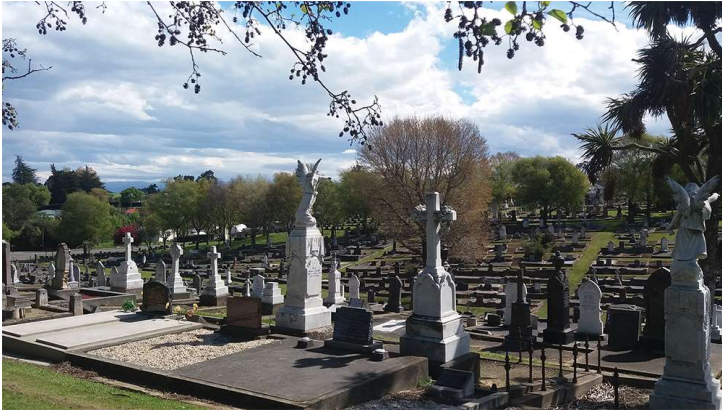
Hampden Cemetery & War memorial from c.1860 to the present: Shona Paton presents her research.

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L-R Gary Kircher presented yellow rose stems to Charter members Janet Hammond-Tooke, Lorna Elliot, Ann Little, Cailleen Trengrove, Hilary Bishop, Colette Strowger, Cathy Hurst, Nicola Mountain

Zonta Club of Oamaru celebrated 10th anniversary

On May the 30th the Zonta Club of Oamaru celebrated not only our 10th anniversary but also our 2018 changeover dinner held at The Courtyard Restaurant. The evening started at 6.30 with all the charter members that could be there arriving for photographs. This included Janet Hammond-Tooke, Lorna Elliot, Ann Little, Hilary Bishop, Colette Strowger, Cathy Hurst, Nicola Mountain and Cailleen Trengrove.

Cathy Hurst was the very capable MC and kept the evening flowing.

Invited guests included Janet Hope, District 16 Governor, Janya Lobb, S.O.M. Timaru, Gary and Keri Kircher, Mayor and Mayoress of Oamaru and Melanie Tavendale deputy mayor of Oamaru. Others to join us were Zonta members from Ashburton, Timaru and Dunedin Clubs, present and past members of our club plus members of the other service clubs in North Otago.

During the evening Gary Kircher presented the charter members with a yellow rose stem each. Janet Hope inducted the incoming President, Hilary Bishop, Vice President Andrea Armstrong and Treasurer Ann Little. (The new committee chairs were either away or yet to be chosen by their respective committees). Janet also inducted 2 new members Jill Bayley and Gillian Davies and we welcome them to the Zonta Club of Oamaru.

Between the main course and dessert one of our charter members, Nicola Mountain had put together a presentation based on the letters of the word Zonta. Cailleen Trengrove spoke about the meaning of the name Zonta and the history of the clubs. Hilary Bishop (Standing in for our absent outgoing president Carole Wood) used the letter O to present Carole's annual report for the Oamaru club and Janya Lobb from the Timaru Club spoke on how they initiated the interest and helped grow that interest into the chartering of the club in 2008. "N" was used by Nicola to talk about the National and International work that Zonta is involved with.

Cailleen then spoke again promoting the "T" for team work that all Zonta clubs use for their fundraising, fellowship and advocacy work. Nicola finished by accentuating "A" for all the advocacy that Zonta does locally, nationally and internationally in all that we as a club say and do Promoting the Status of Women.

The evening finished with the cutting of our anniversary cake by Janet Hope, Janya Lobb, Ann Little (our first President) and Cailleen Trengrove (2nd president)

It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all and our Oamaru club is in good heart to continue strongly for the next 10 years and beyond.

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Oamaru Showgrounds (1907)



‘Show Day’ in colonial New Zealand

‘Show Day’ is still a highpoint of provincial calendars and few regions have been holding shows for as long as North Otago. Its ‘A&P’ story began in 1863 when a few big farmers formed the Northern Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Association. Their aims, ‘incitement to improvement in husbandry and stock breeding; the drawing together periodically of the agricultural and pastoral classes, thereby promoting a friendly feeling between them and fostering fellowship amongst the members of each class; and the affording of opportunity to buyers and sellers of stock for ascertaining the work of each other’, still hold good each February. The North Otago A&P, as it became in 1878, has missed a few shows because of war and the 1918 influenza pandemic, but most years it has staged a one- or two-day show that has brought in people, stock and machinery from far afield.

This is the A&P’s third showground. The first shows were held on ‘the Esplanade’, a euphemism for the wasteland between Tyne Street and the sea, now covered by the buildings of the Tyne/Harbour Street historic precinct. The Association moved here in 1907 from a site on South Hill. J.M. Forrester (son of Thomas, Oamaru’s foremost architect) designed this grandstand to seat 1200; it also housed a press room, office, lunchroom, kitchen and storage facilities. The grandstand was the centrepiece of rows of cattle pens, sheep yards and pigsties that even today seem to march on forever towards the railway line. A gale blew the roof off in 1951 and shattered a lot of glass, but the old stand retains a sense of timelessness, its old wooden seats showing the traces of generations of feet and backsides. In 2012, the year before the association celebrated its 150th anniversary, Dulux donated paint, which volunteers applied to parts of the complex that had not seen paint since the day it was built.



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Community Diary

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Age Concern Golden Oldies Afternoon
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Excelsior Petanque Club day, 1pm. Ph. 437 2557 or 437 1590.

N.O. Orchid Club, St John Hall, Exe St, 1.30pm. All welcome. Ph. Irene 434 7324.

N.O. Toy Library AGM, 7:30pm, Northstar Restaurant.

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

Tokarahi Public Hall Board, AGM, 7:30 at the hall. Everyone welcome.

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

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

Thursday 21st

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

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.

Grey Power N.O. AGM, 2pm, St John, 21 Exe Street. Come with ideas on how to keep our group relevant in a changing world. Followed by afternoon tea. Phone 437 2220.

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

Friday 22nd

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

Saturday 23rd

Meadowbank Community Stadium Bowls, 1.15pm Bowls available. Ph. Graham 434 0951.

The Healing Team - 2-3pm, St Mary's Hall.

Sunday 24th

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

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

Meadowbank Bowling Club A.G.M. Sun 24th June, 10am. Members please attend.

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

Monday 25th

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

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, St. John's Hall, Exe St, 7.30pm. New members always welcome. Ph. Helen 434 5680.

The Happy Scoundrels Over 55 Ten Pin Bowling Club, 1pm, Galleon Complex. Ph. Mike 4370224 or Garry 4341463

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

Tuesday 26th

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, 2pm Ph. 437 1294

U3A Waitaki, talks, discussions for enquiring minds, 2-4pm. St Johns Hall Lounge. Ph. Linda 434 6613.

Public Notices

Rose Pruning Demonstration: Oamaru North School Sat 30th June 1pm, If wet, the following Sat, July 7th. Come and join the members of the N.O. Rose Society who will demonstrate the correct method of pruning of your roses.

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Waitaki Whitestone Geopark preferred candidate for UNESCO Global Geoparks programme

The New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO has shortlisted the 'Waitaki Whitestone Geopark' as its preferred candidate for UNESCO Global Geopark status in New Zealand.

Waitaki District Council submitted an expression of interest to become a Geopark in April this year. The proposed Geopark would encompass most of the Waitaki District. It includes well-known tourist sites such as Vanished World and Moeraki Boulders.

Waitaki district Mayor Gary Kircher says, "This is a real acknowledgment of our beautiful part of New Zealand. "The Waitaki Whitestone Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark is not only an asset for the Waitaki and Otago, but the entire South Island, and New Zealand as a whole."

An independent Geoparks Expert Advisory Panel, established by the National Commission late last year, spent several hours carefully considering all expressions of interest.

"We were impressed by Waitaki Whitestone's well-considered, high quality application, which is already in an advanced stage of development," says Dr Geoff Hicks, Natural Sciences Commissioner, New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO, who chaired the Panel.

Waitaki District Council's Chief Executive Fergus Power led the project team that developed the Expression of Interest document. "I am immensely proud of the effort that the entire team has put into this," he says. "In just 90 days, they have created a world class document and a vision of an absolutely unique tourism offering. Success would not have been possible without the efforts of all of the volunteers (currently led by Mike Gray, the Chair of Vanished World) who have created the 'Vanished World' trail during the past 17 years. This trail lies at the heart of the geopark, and but for all of that effort, we would not have been in a position to launch our bid for UNESCO Global Geopark status."

General Manager of Tourism Waitaki, Margaret Munro, echoed Mr Power's sentiments and said that she looked forward to progressing the global geopark application. Ms Munro has departed for Greece to participate in a UNESCO Global Geoparks intensive course. She will also take the opportunity to visit UNESCO Global Geoparks in China before returning to New Zealand to assist with further implementation.

Mr Power said that Waitaki District Council will submit a letter of intent to UNESCO by 1 July and will then be required to develop a full dossier by the end of November, which will be assessed by an expert team in Paris.

There are currently 140 UNESCO Global Geoparks in 38 countries. If Waitaki Whitestone is ultimately successful it will be the first in Australasia and would most likely gain UNESCO Global Geoparks status in 2019.

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- ▶ **Foley Plumbers Oamaru**.....434 2330
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- ▶ **Simply Feet Podiatry**.....437 9025
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Looking for outstanding citizens

Do you know any outstanding citizens of Waitaki? If so, now's the time to nominate them for a Waitaki Citizens' award.



Mayor Gary Kircher is encouraging people to consider those who are committed to our community through the hard work they do as volunteers.

"We are surrounded by outstanding people who do a lot of voluntary work that they are not seeking recognition for, but certainly deserve it," says Mayor Kircher.

"The Citizens' Awards are a great way for those people to be recognised for what they do for our community. If you know someone who is one of our community's unsung heroes and is making Waitaki a better place to live, please consider nominating them for an award."

The nominations for the 2018 Waitaki Citizen's Awards open on Monday 18 June and close on Friday 27 July. Nomination forms can be found on the Citizens Awards webpage or collected from Council offices in Oamaru and Palmerston. They can also be found at the Kurow Museum and Information Centre and district libraries.

Previous Citizens' Awards have been awarded to individuals for their voluntary involvement in a wide range of areas and interests. From the arts to sports, social and cultural, carers and environmentalists – it is a great opportunity to recognise those who 'give' to our community every day.

Our phone list available

Online

at
www.oamaru.net.nz

A child take a Grandparent or adult to
Winnie The Pooh

by **A.A.Milne**

Adapted by Glyn Robbins

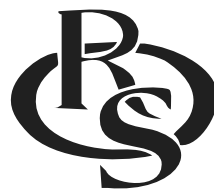
July 7th - 14th

(7th, 8th & 14th) (10th - 13th)
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