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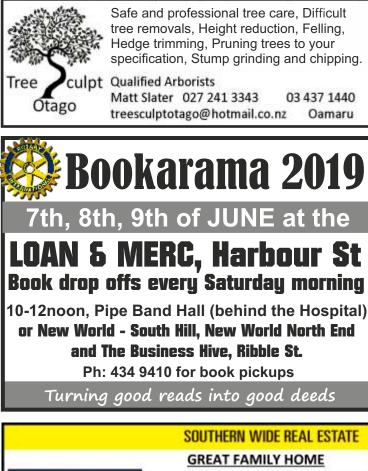
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We have been looking at other Community papers like the Telegram from other areas in New Zealand... One or two little ideas for the future - but mostly we feel we are ahead of the game. Especially when it comes to our online presence - good to see...

Remember to "Shop Oamaru" and enjoy your week, regards The Telegram.





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May has sneaked up on us with rain to soften our parched land, after the many dry days in a row intensifing the glorious leaf shades. I often bike through our public gardens, enjoying the changing seasons - the brilliance at this time of year coming out on top. I acknowledge the vision of those who selected and planted those trees to create such visual beauty...

After rain, Snails arrive into gardens - they will find a dark sheltered spot among pots or behind plants growing up against a wall - Flax and Agapanthus are especially bad for harbouring fast multiplying Snails - ready to destroy plants in Spring. I have read that it is no good transporting Snails to a vacant area away from your garden, because they have homing instincts and travel long distances to return to THEIR garden of choice. I cannot bring myself to stamp on them or drown them in a bucket, so if you are like me you can gather up as many as you can find and put them in a plastic bag, close it tight and put in the freezer. This way they will go to sleep and not wake up. Yes I know - "what is she on about"? Working with Nature is what gardening is all about with me and snails belong in gardens until you remove them. Compost is to be applied to gardens here after the rain, which will help keep moisture in the soil. Compost / mulch will be beneficial to trees, Shrubs and plants, by keeping the ground warmer during Winter and being there when roots start needing nutrients in early Spring.

Conifers have been out of favour for a number of years, but I consider Conifers along with trees, the bones of any garden and now that leaves are disappearing from deciduous trees, I am appreciating the wonderful Conifers I planted many years ago. To find the right Conifer for a particular spot needs a little homework, because size and preference to shade and texture need to be considered. A Conifer can be used as a focal point, to add interest at the end of a vista in an otherwise bleak Winter garden. Find an image of the right Conifer for your garden and get the information required, then order because Garden Centres do not carry many varieties these days. Conifers planted alongside Ericas and Callunas are the perfect combination for a low maintenance planting to make a Winter garden interesting.

Pots that have been full of Summer colour, will now be looking very tired. Replace the growing medium as all nutreiants will be exausted. If very large pots, half fill with soil / compost then top up with a heavy potting mix and fill with Winter flowering annuals like Pansies, Polyanthus, Primulas, dwarf Wallflowers - all of these have shallow roots. Some I have filled with Succulents because I noticed that a lot of my Succulents have flowered and become stalky - which means that it is time to forgo the Mother plant and plant out her babies. Each rosette can be broken off with a little part of stem and pushed into river sand to quickly develop roots to become a Mother plant. These Baby Succulents look great in pots over the Winter months, You can fill all of the vacant space or push in around the edges and plant Hyacinths or any dwarf Spring bulbs in the centre. The Succulents give your pots some interest before the bulbs come up. There are so many different Succulents, in shades of red, orange, silver, fresh green.

Lawns slowed down during the dry spell, but perked up again after the rain- lawn seed sown should be up and growing before the threat of frost. I have sown grass seed on the bare patches (only in very sunny areas) in the hope the ground will stay warm long enough for it to germinate. Don't waste lawn fertiliser on grass now - save it for Spring - but a dressing of Dolomite Lime now will have worked down by Spring to sweeten grass roots.

Vegetables: Plant Broad beans, Cabbage, Carrots and Spinach here on the coast. Further inland, forget about the vegetable garden, apart from planting a green crop to be dug in and left to break down over Winter.

Our garden, Rockvale gardens at Weston is open daily, displaying wonderful Autumn colours - however a welcome by Scruff (Cairn Terrier) can be a little off putting by visiting Garden enthusiasts until he gets a tummy rub. Cheer Linda.

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Let's talk about planning for conception

Pregnancy takes two, you must take care of your body, nutrition and lifestyle. Sometimes by following guidelines you can build the foundation of a healthy pregnancy. Understanding your body's reproductive cycle will help you work out the best time of the month to try to get pregnant. It's helpful to get to know the reproductive cycle, recording menstrual cycles helps to determine when the most fertile period is and helps increase your chance of conceiving. Every woman's cycle is different, it's handy sometimes to use an ovulation calendar to help you determine your own ovulation date. Some corporal changes may happen that will help you determine if the time is optimal. Also you can use a fertility digital thermometer or ovulation kits.

A well-balanced pre-pregnancy diet will help provide the nutrients you need for good health and vitality, and set you on the right track to conceive, this applies for males too. It's important for women and men who are trying for a baby to maintain a healthy, well-balanced diet in combination with a pre-pregnancy supplement, every day. Doing so will help provide your body with the essential nutrients it needs to conceive and help with a healthy pregnancy. Getting sufficient nutrients through food alone can be hard. Even with the best intentions, it can be difficult to meet the increased nutritional needs of pregnancy through diet alone. Eating for fertility requires a diet of fibre-rich carbohydrates like fresh fruit, vegetables, whole grains, and full fat dairy products, and cut down on sugar and refined carbohydrates. Men should increase their zinc and vitamin E intake and cut out (or cut back on) alcohol. Daily drinking and binge drinking can reduce testosterone levels and sperm counts, and can negatively impact your sperm health. Eat organic foods as much as possible. Pesticides can affect delicate hormone balances and male sperm production. You may even like to try aphrodisiacs like ginger, oysters and dark chocolate, to help get you both in the mood! The chances of getting pregnant are influenced by a number of manageable factors - like your diet, weight, smoking and exercise. You may need to make some adjustments to your usual habits for the best chance of conceiving.

Good maternal nutrition will help give your baby the best start in life. Take a pregnancy supplement when planning your pregnancy. Pregnancy is one of the most nutritionally demanding periods in a woman's life, and the importance of good maternal nutrition for both mother and baby's health is widely recognised.

The first weeks of pregnancy are when your baby's vital organs begin to form and this is the time you may not even know you are pregnant, so it's important to start taking a pregnancy supplement daily from at least 1 month before you try to fall pregnant.

Good luck with your pregnancy plans! Remember to try to relax and have fun together. It's an exciting time and there's an amazing journey ahead.

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Community Diary

Wednesday 8th

Cancer Society Support Group Meeting at the Community House meeting room, 100 Thames St at 10:30am. All Welcome Ph. 434 3284.

Excelsior Petanque Club day, 1pm. All Welcome Ph. 437 2557 or 437 1590. Free JP for certifying documents, affidavits, &

declarations. 11-1pm at the Public Library. Oamaru Friendship Club meet, 10am St Johns,

Exe Street. New Members welcome. Ph 4346249. **Oamaru Lions Club meeting** 7:00pm Oamaru Club, New members welcome ph 4346490

North Otago Creative Fibre: meets 10am St Lukes Hall, Wharfe St. Newcomers very welcome. Ph. Linda 434 1136 Noeline 4372501.

St. Pat's Bowling Club, Athletic Rugby Clubrooms, Centennial Park, at 7:17 pm everyone welcome. Ph Marry 4347196.

Weston Indoor Bowling Club. Weston Hall 20 Main St at 7:30pm.

Yankee Indoor bowls at 1.30pm at the indoor bowls Centre Centennial park. For young or old and a bit of fun. Inquiries to Bob 4371704.

Thursday 9th

The Happy Scoundrels inc. Over 55s Ten Pin Bowling Club, 1pm @ the Galleon Complex. Ph Garry 434 1463 or Mike 437 0224.

North Otago Asthma Society Respiratory Exercise Class, 10am, St John Hall, Exe Street. Enquires Ph 437 2673.

Rooms, Stoke St, 7.30pm. Ph. 434 2223

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

Friday 10th

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

North Otago Astronomical Society's Dome open for Public viewing weather permitting, 7:30-9:00pm

North Otago Darts: Ribble St Hall, Housie every Friday Night. 7:30 pm Start, 40 games plus Super House and Raffles.

Waitaki Travel Club; Monthly meeting, The Manor Estate at 10am, Guest Speaker Sheila Paul. Cruising the Mediterranean.

Saturday 11th

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Sunday 12th

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

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

Reformed Church Oamaru, 4 Eden St, morning service at 10:30am, followed by Sunday School; evening service at 5pm.

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

Tuesday 14th

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

Alzheimers Society carers meeting, Iona Home, 549 Thames Hwy 1:30-3pm. All welcome. Please note change of venue.

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

Come Singing, have a go singing in a group 7.30-8.45pm St John's Hall back room, all North Otago Rose Society, Vintage Car Club welcome at Di's Singers, a fun mixed community choir, no auditions, all music provided. Ph. Di 021688034 or dischoirs@gmail.com.

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Oamaru Lions Club meeting 7:30pm Oamaru Club, All welcome ph 4346490

Meadowbank Indoor Bowls Club at 7 pm at the Indoor Bowls Centre Centennial Park. All new members welcome to try something new. Inquiries ph. 4370217 or Bob on 4371704.

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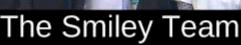
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