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Wind, heat then rain - but once again North Otago escaped the weather damage inflicted on neighbouring districts.

So much in the garden has finished flowering now and needing a cut back. If early Summer flowering plants have grown leggy and collapsed, cut back the perennials and pull out annuals -

even if they are still producing flowers. Fallen plants will eventually rot along stems and rot what they have fallen on top of. Clear the ground where they have been, add compost and plant annuals that will continue flowering through until Autumn.

Cosmos, Nicotiana, Salvia, Verbena are tall growing. Petunia, Gaillardia, Coreopsis, bedding Dahlia and Bergamot (Bee Balm) are all mid plantings. Alyssum, Lobelia, Coreopsis and Begonias, are front planting gap fillers.

Tree Peony doubles in size each growing season. Don't let them swamp your garden and shade other plants - the older woody canes can be cut right down leaving the new green stalks to be next years flower branches. By doing this now seed pods will be cut off, if allowed to ripen will pop all over your garden and grow. Other plants I have had to cut back are bush Lavatera's, English Abutilon, ornamental Broom, false Valerian and Cat Mint - all will grow back quickly and some bud up for another flowering.

Monarch Butterflies are being encouraged into many gardens, as gardeners plant Swan plants for Caterpillars to feed on. To keep the Butterflies in your garden, plants they feed on should be growing. Buddleias are tall Shrubs that flower on new growth - cut back after each flowering to produce new flowers through Summer, all Verbenas (tall and low growing), Echinacea, Day Lilies, Hydrangea, Zinnias, Cosmos, Californian Poppy, Foxglove, Viper's Bugloss and Coreopsis will keep Monarch Butterflies happy, but for them to lay eggs, there is no alternative plant in NZ for Monarch Caterpillars than the Swan plant. Swan plants succumb to frost during Winter if not protected - I cover mine with a double layer of frost cloth.

Lawns dried out during the strong nor west winds - thankfully we received a heavy shower or two, but not enough to repair the damage. Don't cut grass too low and boost with lawn fertiliser during the next rain.

Veg will be bolting during this early intense heat we are experiencing. Root veg and potatoes need deep moisture to draw on and leaf veg plants grow faster in moderate weather conditions. A rise in temperature increases the plant's growth rate, but to an extent and if temperature goes on increasing, growth rate starts falling and loss of moisture increases, which will result into the death of plants. Rise in temperature also has bad affects on seed germination.

As Tomatoes grow, be sure to remove laterals from the taller growing variety and stake to keep them upright as the fruit gets heaver. They should be flowering now, waiting for the Bees to pollinate - if they are in a Glasshouse and you do not see many Bees, you can spray with a product call Tomset.

Rather than using spray on eatables, why not try companion planting - some plants have been proven to help and enhance others. I have listed what has been proven to work.

Carrots and Onions together, the Onions help keep the Carrot fly at bay and Carrots the Onion fly.

Celery and the Brassica family, i.e.: Cabbage, Caulis, and Broccoli. The Celery will confuse the white Butterfly when wanting to land and lay it's larvae eggs.

Marigolds and Beans/Brassicas - the Marigold emits a natural gas which protects surrounding plants from insects like Aphids and White Fly.

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Basil will eliminate Aphids, Chives prevent mildew occurring on Cucumbers, Squash and Pumpkins, Coriander also for Aphids and Spider Mite. Eucalyptus is a good general purpose insecticide. Rhubarb has been found to help prevent Blackspot. These may be only plants, but in liquid form they can be harmful to children - so keep marked bottles high up.

Cheers, Linda.

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Thursday 19th

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Friday 20th

AA Meeting, Orwell St Chapel, 12noon, Ph. 0277 227818.

Combined Carol Service at St Barnabas', Maheno at 7.30pm

Meadowbank Bowling Club, 14 Conway Street, Social bowls, names in by 2pm bowlers and non bowlers welcome. Ph 434 7196.

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Sunday 22nd

AA Meeting, Orwell St Chapel, 6pm, Ph. 0277 227818 or 437 2337.

Christmas Craft and Treasure Market - Scottish Hall, 10 Tyne Street, 10am - 2pm

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Nine Lessons & Carols at St Mary's at 9.30am English-Tongan Carols at St Luke's at 7pm Carols at Community Hall, Omarama at 7pm

Papakaio Community Christmas Service:

6pm Fun Christmas Play "the Casting Call" for all ages, followed by activities for children & supper for all at Papakaio Church at 7pm Monday 23rd

Waitaki Woodturners 1pm in the Clubroom at Oamaru Racecourse. On Tuesday we meet at 7pm at the clubrooms. Ph 439 5795 for enquiries.

Tuesday 24th

AA Meeting, Orwell St Chapel, 7:30pm, Ph. 0277 227818 or 437 2928.

Tuesday 25th

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.

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| Church | Name | Address | Christmas Eve (Tue Dec 24) | Christmas Day (Wed Dec 25) |
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| Anglican | St Luke's | Cnr Itchen & Tees Streets | 11.00pm-Carols | 10am -Christmas Day Service |
| | | | 11.30pm-Christmas Eve Service | |
| | St Andrew's | Maheno | | 9am -Christmas Day Service |
| | St Mary's | 410 Thames Highway | | 9.30am -Christmas Day Service |
| | St Martin's | Duntroon | 8pm -Christmas Eve Service | |
| Assembly of God | Tongan AOG | St Luke's Hall | | 10am -Christmas Servicec |
| Baptist | Oamaru Baptist | 14 Sandringham St | 7pm -Christmas Eve Service | |
| Church of Tonga | Church of Tonga | St Mary's, 410 Thames Hw | | 1pm -Christmas Service |
| Elim Church | Oamaru Elim Church | 6 Severn St | | 10am - Christmas Service |
| Foursquare | Blue Penguin | St John's Hall, Exe Street | | 9.30am -Christmas Service |
| Gospel | | | | |
| Free Church | Free Church (Tonga) | Eveline, 424 Thames Hwy | | 1pm -Christmas Service |
| Free Wesleyan | Tongan Wesleyan | | | 12noon -Christmas Service |
| Methodist | Oamaru Tongan | 22 Eden St | | 11am -Christmas Service |
| Orwell St Church | Orwell St Church | 30 Orwell St, Oamaru | 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 | 7.30pm -Carols, 8pm -Vigil Mass | 9am -Carols |
| | | | | 9.30am -Christmas Day Mass |
| | Sacred Heart | Kurow | 5.40pm -Carols, 6pm-Christmas Eve Mass | |
| Salvation Army | Salvation Army | 255 Thames St | 7.30pm -Christmas Eve Service | |

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