

# OMARAMA GAZETTE – December 2011

This December issue is sponsored  
by Michelle and Terry Walsh from  
the Omarama Service Station



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*To all of you a Merry Xmas and a Happy 2012!  
From the editor*



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Omarama Service Station is Growing!  
We are now operating out of 2 workshops  
Terry is at **Mobil**, and Wayne is at Challenge



All WOF's will be done at **Mobil** and you can book in at any of the 2 workshops for repairs and servicing and Terry will run around for you.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of December we will be having our customer **Xmas** shout, we would love to see you all here again this year. If you are not a customer yet - come along and meet the friendly team at **Mobil** and have a **Xmas** drink and say giddyay - We would love to see you there!

(Lynda) ha ha



## St Thomas' Christmas Eve Family Carol Service

Sat the 24 December 7.00 pm

St Thomas Church Omarama.

Combined Service

Kurow, Otematata, Omarama

**Everyone is welcome**



### Ahuriri Community Board News



It has been a busy year for the Board members taking part in submissions to Annual Plan, LTTP submissions, Council workshops, Upper Waitaki Trust meetings, Ratepayer group meetings, Water Zone Committee, Lakes Authority meetings, our 6 weekly round of meetings and dealing with issues brought to our attention by ratepayers.

Our next meeting is 31st January at Lakes Centre Otematata at 7.15pm.

On behalf of the Board members, Barry Shepherd, Michael Blackstock, Cal Reid, Graham Sullivan and Councillor Craig Dawson we wish you all a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Cathy Ferguson- Chair, Ahuriri Community Board.

## **OTAGO COMMUNITY TRUST – THANK YOU..**

**Omarama's new Community Centre is another step closer.**

**Last week we received confirmation from the Otago Community Trust that they will provide funding of \$95,000 towards our total rebuilding costs.**

**This brings our total available funds to approximately \$375,000. Architects and consent fees of \$15,000 approximately have already been paid by the Association to date.**

**Our next step is to approach Internal Affairs and apply for Lottery Funding.**

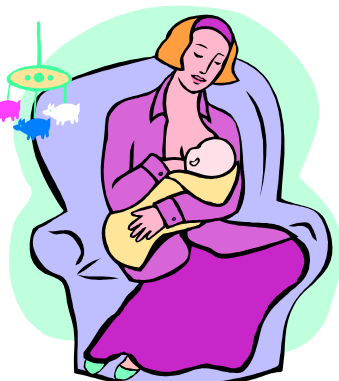
**The cutoff for this is 29<sup>th</sup> February so we are hopeful that a positive response from them will enable us to commence this project in about mid 2012.**

**We are delighted to be on track with our fundraising and to have received such positive responses to date from both Meridian and the OCT.**

**Our thanks to both of them.**

**Glenys, Treasurer, Residents Association Omarama Inc.**

[Breastfeeding Works!"](#)



Having a baby? Already breastfeeding a baby of any age?

Then contacting a Volunteer breastfeeding counsellor will be positive for you.

These counsellors are mums, who have been trained to support breastfeeding mothers. "Breastfeeding Works!" counsellors are able to help you with the ups and downs of breastfeeding. No question is too small!

There are four local Breastfeeding Works counsellors local to Twizel and Omarama. We are just a phone call away.

Sarah 021 326 909, Liko 0272 497 555 or Deidre

# Te Manahuna Summer Holiday Programme 2012

Department of Conservation  
Te Manahuna Area Office  
Wairepo Road, Twizel  
Phone: (03) 435 0802  
E-mail: upaul@doc.govt.nz



Department of Conservation  
Te Papa Atawhai

Tuesday 3 January	Creative kids: stone art	10:30 am, Twizel
Wednesday 4 January	1. Tramp – walk the route of the Alps 2 Ocean Cycleway 2. Evening talk –Experiences on Codfish Island	8:30 am, Twizel 8 pm, Twizel
Thursday 5 January	Mountain bike day 1. Lake Pukaki 2. Cowans Hill	9 am, Twizel 2 pm, Tekapo
Friday 6 January	4WD trip – Oteake Conservation Park	9:30 am, Kurow
Saturday 7 January	Evening talk – Kermadec expedition	8 pm, Twizel
Sunday 8 January	Outdoor skills	9 am, Ruataniwha camp

DOC Te Manahuna Area Office is closed between 24 December and 3 January.  
We will be back on 4 January.

**Come one ... come all!**

## Family friendly sessions over the New Year period in the Waitaki Valley



**What** *Les Mills Body Jam / Body Balance* in  
association with the Waitaki Community Centre

**When** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2011 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

**Where** Otematata Community Centre

**What** *Zumba* in association with Step Right Dance

**When** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2011 6.30pm - 7.30pm

**Where** Otematata Community Centre

A small donation would be appreciated for each family/group to cover costs ☺

**Any questions or enquiries contact:**

Kate Cartwright

Sport Waitaki

Phone/text 029 434 9379

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To register ring or email Arda Booiman on 4389875 with:

Name, work experience, days available, contact phone number and email address.

WANTED Work required by 17 yr old for the Christmas holidays. I am sitting exams at "Otago Boys" and once completed would be available to commence work up to late January. As I haven't been introduced to the work force as yet, due to study & sport, would like to give anything a go. I will have a full car licence as from next month.

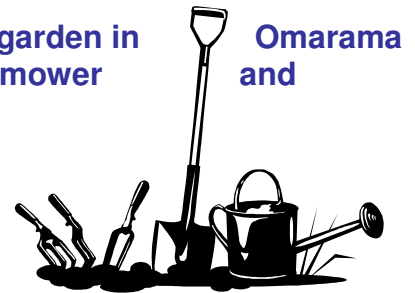
You can contact me through the following family members: Sharon Rogers: 4389872  
: Jimmy Courtney: 4883682 A/H : 0274418612

**Hi I need someone to mow my lawns, weed wack, water, and weed flower garden in Omarama and**  
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**Good money for the right person, must be reliable and all care taken.**

**Bob Grindley**



**Safe care for your children over the Summer Break, Call Beckie on 03 4389 796 or 027 470 7852)**

**Couple or two motivated people wanted for Summer months .**

(Preferably with own caravan or camper, or living in Omarama)

Spend a few hours per day cleaning units and ablution blocks, then be free to spend the day fishing, boating, gliding, tramping, biking etc.

The job consists mainly of cleaning and tidying up the park units and facilities.

Minimum pay guarantee of 2 hours per person per day.

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## UPPER WAITAKI POLICE NEWS



Another month has passed, and I have processed my first Drink driver at Omarama station, following a crash last week. he ticked all the boxes for the main contributors for road deaths in NZ so was lucky to walk away with minor injury.

Alcohol, High Speed, and under 25.

However the good thing is that he wasn't a local, so well done to you all, that have been responsible drinkers and not drivers.

One issue I have noticed is the speeding past our school. Again this seems to be mainly visitors passing through. In the last few weeks I have tried to show a presence and each time I have stopped at least 3 cars doing 70kph or more! Again no locals so well done.

I am going to clamp down on it hard in the next month, and again at the beginning of next year, until these people get the message. At 50kph there is a good chance any child hit will survive, mainly because breaking distances are a lot less, than at 70kph when it is likely to be fatal or at the least serious injury. I expect traffic to slow to 50kph or **even better** down to 40kph past schools, especially at the peak times of 8-9am and 3-4pm when kids are coming and leaving. Kids are unpredictable so we need to be prepared to stop in a hurry.

I will ticket anyone going over 50kph past a school at that time, regardless of who it is, so be warned. I am in the process of trying to organise flashing school zone signs but they won't be here till next year, (if) the council agree to supply them.

I recently took a computer fraud complaint in which it appears the email and facebook accounts were hijacked. These people are very capable scammers, so be aware it is still happening. If you have anyone ring you, stating your computer has been hacked, and they go on to ask you to log on to a site and click "yes" to allow them remote access, be very sure who it is your actually talking to. In all honesty I wouldn't do it. Make sure you have different passwords to each account and include at least 6 letters and 2 numbers in it, this makes it harder to crack. Remember, if it smells like a dog, barks like a dog and looks like a dog, it probably is a dog. In other words if it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. Disconnect your internet and contact your provider advising them of your issues. In all honesty cyber crime is very hard to resolve as it is mostly overseas offenders. Never give your bank accounts/ pass- words/or personal details to someone over the phone. I say this because it is still happening...including to my sister not that long ago!

I think this is the last issue for the year, so I would like to wish you all a safe and merry Christmas and thanks for being such a great community. I look forward to many more Christmas's to come.

Bean

Nayland Smith (*Bean*) | Sole charge Constable NSJ641 | Omarama  
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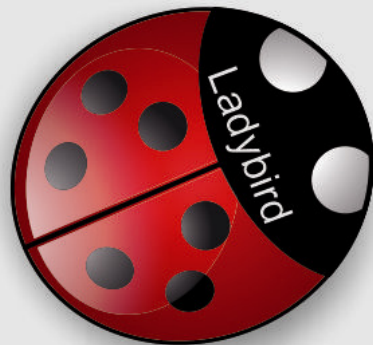
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A sincere thank you to Donald Aubrey for giving the editor permission to publish out of the book “Omarama Place of Light”, in honour of Marion Aubrey’s legacy to us.

## The Legend of Kukuruwatu

In the old days, very long ago Pioioi (the ground lark) and Kukuruwata (the Dotterel) were not birds – they were men and they were great friends. An old witch named Hine-i-te-morari had a grand-daughter, Whano, who was very beautiful. As her beauty was spoken of far and near she was sought after by many. However, when a suitor tried to carry her off the old woman caught him and put him in prison. Thus Whano remained unwed.

Now Pioioi and Kukuruwatu both fell in love with this famous girl but being great friends they could not agree between themselves who should try his luck. They knew that the witchcraft of Hine-i-te-morari, the grandmother, was very great and to be feared. After some discussion they agreed to draw lots, the successful one to go and court the girl and chance the old woman’s magic. If the winner failed to appear after a certain time it would be proof that his suit was unsuccessful; and the other could go ahead and try his luck. Accordingly they drew lots and Kukuruwatu proved the winner.

He went to pay court to Whano but when he tried to carry her off the old woman took hold of him, put him in prison and branded him across the chest. After the time agreed had elapsed and Kukuruwatu failed to return, Pioioi said to himself “Aha! Aha! My friend must be in prison. Now I shall go and court this beautiful girl.”

After waiting a few days longer off he went, feeling very pleased with himself and full of confidence. When he arrived at Whano’s home the old lady immediately proceeded to take him prisoner. Pioioi said to her, “Hold on! Not so fast – don’t make me captive just yet. I have a lovely song I want to sing to you first.”

The old lady said, “All right, all right. I shall hear your song.”

So Pioioi sang to her:

“Tie tie – eke

Tie tie – eke

E whanotanaki

Whe a kai ai

Te heru.”

When Pioioi finished the verse the old lady caught hold of him again, intending to put him safely in prison, but Pioioi cried, “Hold on, hold on a bit! Don’t put me in prison yet! I must give you the second verse.”

She agreed, and during the time he was singing he danced round the fire and managed to finish his song right beside the girl, who was near to the door. He snatched her up and sped swiftly away with her before anything could be done about it. The old lady called to him to bring her back but no! He would not turn round – he flew away with her – he had been turned into a bird!

The old lady then called out to her grand-daughter, “You will never see me when it’s a bright day like this . . . You’ll only see me when it’s misty, raining or snowing.”

So Pioioi took the girl away – but Kukuruwatu had only the brown mark across his chest to show for his adventure.

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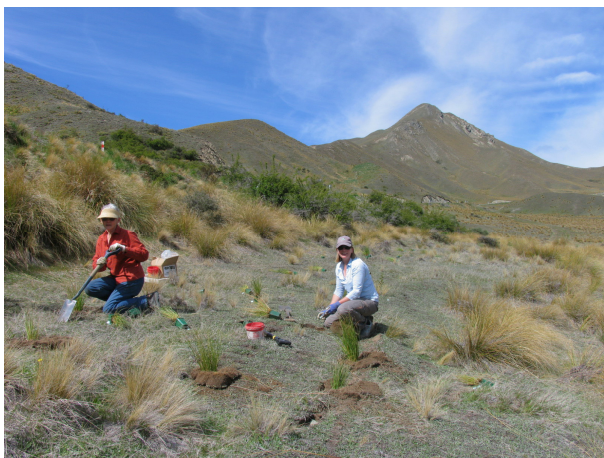
## RSA

On behalf of the Upper Waitaki RSA, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses within the district who have donated a gift to our Annual RSA Christmas Party raffle held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. Our members only get together a couple of times a year and the Christmas Party is a highlight as it is our only social event on our calendar. Our oldest member attending is Max Gard who is her nineties and is our sole surviving returned service woman from WW2 (Max served as a nurse up in the Pacific), she especially looks forward to this event and catching up with friends and family. Once again, thank you for generosity, especially in these times when business has not been that easy lately.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would also like to wish all a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Michael Blackstock

President of the Upper Waitaki RSA ("People caring for people")



## Lindis Pass Conservation Group

You wouldn't have noticed it yet but 665 tall tussocks have been planted into the Lindis Pass Scenic Reserve. These are plants grown from seed collected at the Pass two years ago as a joint project between the Lindis Pass Conservation Group and the Otago Polytechnic Horticultural Unit at Cromwell. This is just Stage 1 of a DOC-funded community project to trial manual tall tussock-vegetation. It may possibly be the first time this sort of work has been undertaken. Stage 2 will involve planting out some 300 tussocks Te Kakano nursery is growing from tillers collected at the Pass. The Lindis Pass Conservation Group was established 8 years ago to carry out volunteer conservation work in the Lindis Pass Scenic Reserve, one of New Zealand's most well known high country tall tussock landscapes.

Keeping the sweeping tussock rangeland free of brier bushes and pest broom is also a core activity. Every year the group explores the area and records the lizards, insects and plants seen.

It's a fantastic uplifting environment to work in and great for older children to learn about nature conservation. Workdays are held once a month on a weekend from September to May. All tools, equipment and transport provided. To find out more and sort yourself, your family and a friend to come up and help at the Pass, contact Matthew Sole at [solem@xtra.co.nz](mailto:solem@xtra.co.nz) ph 03 447 3336 or Anne Steven [a.steven@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.steven@xtra.co.nz) ph. 443 6766.

thanks Anne Steven Chairperson LPCG contact 021 2939 207 wk 443 4404

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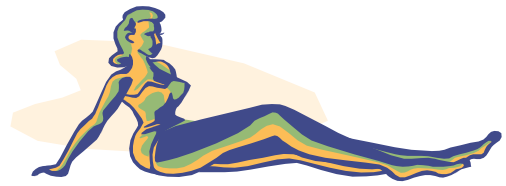
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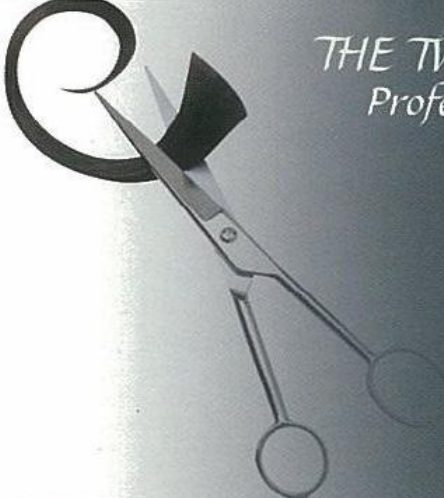
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- « Calf Roping
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