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Fire Brigade fundraisers are ready to roll

The year 2020 may seem a wee way off but plans are already underway to stage an event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of a long-standing rural firefighting tradition which began in Omarama.

Volunteer firefighters from throughout Otago and Southland have been invited to enter teams in the regions' 50th annual Rural Fire Wajax Competitions to be held here in March, 2020.

Right now the Omarama crew are kicking off efforts to raise funds to stage the event which is expected to attract not only present firefighters and supporters but former members of the brigades which have taken part in competitions over the years and now live throughout the country.

Volunteers are already running meat raffles at Boots and Jandals Hotel each Friday night but they would like the community to know they are also willing to put their hands to the pump for any endeavour which will help build up their kitty.

Naturally, plans for the event itself still need to be firmed up.

But Saturday will be competition day followed by a prize-giving dinner, and mostly likely a social hour with time for a "quiet drink" will feature on the programme, Fenz Omarama station officer Maurice Cowie said.

Yes, he did say that.

In 1971, Omarama introduced the Wajax pump competition to brigades south of the Waitaki. The first competition was between the Omarama, Stewart Island, Glenorchy and Hawea rural volunteer brigades which were all using similar Forest Service equipment to fight urban fires.

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The Omarama Brigade was the first brigade to accept women fire fighters, notably Eunice Marett (nee Blair) and Beverley Perriam and an Omarama women's team holds one of the fastest runs in the history of the Wajax competitions.

The competition is named after the Wajax portable pump, one of a rural firefighter's main pieces of equipment when the competition started.

In the early competitions, teams of four completed timed runs to assemble the portable pumps and knock down standing targets with fire hoses.

In 2011, when the event was last held in Omarama in the grounds of the Countrytime Hotel 28 teams, made up of four firefighters and one reserve, competed.

It is the biggest and longest-running volunteer firefighting competition in New Zealand.

The competition will be in Glenorchy next year.

If you know of a fundraising opportunity contact:

**Maurice Cowie, 03 438 9714; Jimmy Courtney 027 441 8612;
or Terry Walsh 03 438 9834.**

Photo: Some of the volunteers who want to raise funds to stage the upcoming Rural Fire Wajax anniversary competition include (from left) Peter Trusler, Jaden Jenkins, Jack Zorab, Logan Adams and Maurice Cowie.



Association wants to know what you think

The Omarama Residents' and Ratepayers' Association will go back to the community, this week, to formally canvas community opinion about the direction it should take with regards to the issues raised about the management of the Ahuriri River Bridge Campsite.

Last month, about 120 people attended a forum to hear about plans for the campsite, which is run by the Department of Conservation.

The Omarama Residents' and Ratepayers' Association organised the forum and invited each of the various agencies with a stake in the site to explain their role and what could be done to manage it going into the upcoming holiday season, and into the future.

It was facilitated by Neil Gillespie, of the Central Otago District Council.

There is mounting community concern about the sheer numbers using the site – 50 to 70 nightly through summer - the amount of rubbish and human waste left, and the lack of toilet facilities. There is one toilet.

Those at that forum made it clear they wanted direct community representation on a new working group set up to collaboratively manage camping across the Waitaki and Mackenzie districts, and that the representation should come from the Residents' Association.

Some also called for Doc to close the 30-site campsite until a solution to its problems can be found.

Following the forum the Residents' Association sent an open letter to the representatives of the agencies who spoke, and to the Mackenzie and Waitaki Basins Responsible Camping Strategy Working Group.

Specifically, the Association thanked Waitaki Mayor Gary Kircher for his statement that council communication with the community about work behind the scenes could have been better, and it welcomed all efforts to improve this.

The letter also stated, that although it was step in the right direction, the interim measures Doc proposed to put in place at the campsite before Labour Weekend - one additional toilet and extra fencing - were "seriously inadequate".

And, it formally requested a presence on the working group.

The working group had its first meeting in Timaru on Monday, July 23, after the forum.

Following its meeting, Doc's Mike Davies, of Christchurch, emailed the Residents' Association committee to say it had "focused on reviewing the operational implementation of short-term funding decisions to address camping for this summer".

"In terms of representation of the Omarama community on the Working Group I understand someone from WDC will be in touch with you directly to discuss what is appropriate.

"We will ensure any critical information on Ahuriri Bridge Camp Site is communicated to your group as interested and important stakeholders."

The Waitaki District Council had not responded to the Association's letter at the time of going to print.

However, in response to questions put in an email to the working group chairperson, Mackenzie District Council's chief executive Suzette van Aswegen, yesterday, (Tuesday, July 31) the Omarama Gazette learned there would be no community

Residents' Association to

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representative on the working group, rather it was expected to work through its council representative.

The council would be represented by its recreation manager Erik van der Spek and by chief executive Fergus Power at governance level.

The working group does not expect to hear back about its funding bid to MBIE to pay for the new measures for four to six weeks, and would reconvene at that point, Ms van Aswegan said.

This Friday, the Residents' Association will put out a short questionnaire to all residents and those who attended the forum to ask them whether or not they believe the community should be represented by the Association on the working group and, secondly, whether or not the campsite should be closed until such time as facilities are upgraded.

BACKGROUND

In March, the Waitaki District Council's Ahuriri Community Board held a series of 'Town Visioning' sessions throughout its ward to so it could get a better understanding of what its communities wanted now and into the future.

About 40 people attended the session in Omarama.

Of the greatest concern to those present was the management of the Ahuriri River Bridge Campsite.

Representatives of the Waitaki District Council who attended that meeting told those present the council was unable to take any action because it was a Department of Conservation-owned site.

After receiving the report from the Visioning session, the Omarama Residents' Association resolved to make submissions to the council's Long Term Plan about the issues the community had raised, including that of management of the Ahuriri River Bridge Campsite, and it did so in May.

It also resolved to hold a Community Forum and invite the parties with a stake in the campsite to tell the community about their plans to manage it in the short and long-term.

On the Friday before the forum, the Waitaki and Mackenzie district councils issued a joint statement saying that they, along with Doc, Land Information New Zealand and the NZ Transport Agency, had formed a working group to address short-term camping solutions and infrastructure requirements at sites through both districts including Ahuriri Bridge and would develop a strategy to manage long-term visitor pressures while allowing communities to benefit from tourism.

At the forum, Waitaki Mayor Gary Kircher said work on resolving some of the issues had been going on behind the scenes for some time and this had culminated in the formation of the working group. He acknowledged communication with the community could have been better.

Residents' Association chairperson Ann Patterson asked for direct community representation and input into the Mackenzie and Waitaki Basins Responsible Camping Strategy Working Group.

canvas community opinion

"Another working group, another plan ... and still the site goes from bad to worse," she said.

The general consensus by those at the forum was that this community representation needed to happen.

Doc's Mike Davies, of Christchurch, told the forum Doc, in collaboration with the other agencies, had applied for \$500,000 from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to put in place short term measures across its affected camping grounds – including Lake Poaka, Ahuriri Bridge and Lake Wardell, ahead of Labour Weekend.

He expected to hear if the bid for funding was successful by mid-August.

If approved, money would be spent on a second toilet with wheelchair access for the Ahuriri site, and Doc would also put additional fencing through the area to reduce the amount of space for camping.

A suggestion was made the campsite be closed until such time as these measures were put in place.

A show of hands was called for and roughly a third of those present agreed with that idea.

Waitaki MP Jacqui Dean, Environment Canterbury deputy chairman and South Canterbury representative Peter Scott, ECan Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee chair Simon Cameron, Waitaki Mayor Gary Kircher, Department of Conservation Te Manahuna/Twizel Office senior ranger Ian Guthrie and Doc Tourism/Recreation technical advisor Mike Davies spoke at the forum.



Omarama School aces report card



Omarama School has passed its latest Education Review Office evaluation with flying colours. The school received the report last month. Board of Trustees chairperson David (Gundy) Anderson said the school was in a “really good place”. “We’re really proud of Kim and her team. “There are a few tweaks but...we’ve got the green light to crack on ...put the foot down and go.” Omarama School provides education for 47 students from Years 1 to 8.

Pupils come from across the Waitaki Valley to attend the school. They learn in two multilevel classes.

The report says in the past two years most students (between 75% and 90%) are achieving at or above expectations in reading, writing and mathematics.

“As well a data also shows most students feel they have a sense of belonging and are cared for by other students and staff.”

“The litmus test is how well the kids transition to other schools,” Gundy says.

“[Ultimately] everyone has to go away [leave Omarama] and leave the nest.

“They’re a product and reflection of the school and the community.

“Our jobs, if we have done them well, will have given them a good foundation as mature and self-reliant children.”

Gundy urged those thinking of moving to the district to go to the Education Review Office website and read the full report.

Ero will carry out its next evaluation in three years.

Land sells to local developer

The recently sub-divided block of land in central Omarama between Boots and Jandals Hotel and the Merino Country Café has been sold.

Tourism Properties principal Adrian Chisholm told the Omarama Gazette the block was sold in June to a local developer who wanted to remain anonymous.

The developer was creating a “master plan” for the whole site and there were various zoning and compliance issues – like height restrictions – “still in front of the council”.

The block which was being used as a public car park and the corner hotel site went on the market late 2016.

The subdivision resource consent for the empty lot was issued in December 2017.

Omarama Gazette understands the asking price for the undeveloped block was \$900,000.

The Hotel, which is leased to Boots and Jandals Hotel, is still for sale with an asking price of \$1.7million.

The current lease has rights of renewal potentially extending until 2030.

Mr Chisholm said he was also responsible for the successful sale of Merino Country Café

Tanya and Dannie's new venture

Tanya McAughtrie says people probably think she's crazy adding the running of the busy airfield café to all her other duties on farm.

"But it's my kind of crazy."

She and husband Dannie, of Willowburn Station, have recently taken up the lease of the café, known for many years as Kahu Café.

But not for much longer.

"We're re-branding, and refurbishing.

"We're after a clean, fresh start."

The interior has been gutted and will be completely refurbished, and the exterior and landscaping will be renovated and pared back to a minimalistic look so it does not compete with the view across the long lawns to the airfield and mountains beyond, Tanya says.

The couple are still finalising details but aim to open Labour Weekend.

There's going to be a new name for a start and Tanya's not giving away any clues.

Although, if they called it the Airfield Café people ought to be able to work out where to find it, she says, laughing.

"Watch this space."

Despite this, she's very clear about what will be on the menu.

"Food like it used to be when I was a kid...a cream cake, pikelets, scones – simple and basic."

And longer term they may consider opening for evening dining, especially through the summer.

"I'm very excited, it's something I've always wanted to do."

There's a bit of work to do before the doors open "[but] the fun bit starts the day I turn on the oven."



Mackenzie Basin Wilding Trees Charitable Trust

Notice of Annual Meeting of the Trust to be held on

2pm, Wednesday, August 29

In the Twizel Events Centre, Market Place, Twizel

Business

1. Receive and consider the Annual Report and activities for the year ended March 31, 2018.
2. Receive, consider and adopt the Financial report for the year ended March 31, 2018.
3. Report on the business plan for the current year.
4. Consider any resolution which may properly be submitted to the Annual Meeting. Such notice of resolution must be given in writing to the Secretary of the Board no later than 14 August 2018.

A meeting of the Trust will follow the Annual Meeting.

B R Cowan
Secretary
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August 1, 2018



The View from the Chook House

Remember

Whenever matters
take a fowl turn,
"...the flower that blooms in
adversity is the most rare and
beautiful of all."

#Mulan

Quite a change of scene for the Hudsons

When William and Alysse Hudson pull back the drapes these mornings it is to views of the foothills with the Southern Alps beyond, quite the opposite of the expansive coastal views from their home in the Bay of Islands.

William is general manager of the Lindis Group which owns four luxury accommodation lodges in the Bay of Islands, Queenstown, Lake Hawea, and, now, the almost-completed Lindis Lodge, at Ben Avon, in the Ahuriri Valley.

The group is owned by Singapore-based former hedge fund manager Richard Magides. Each of the lodges is unique, William says. But the one thing they have in common is they each feature sustainable, environmentally-conscious design and target the high-end tourism market.

William and Alysse have come to Omarama from Russell in the Bay of Islands where William worked at Eagles Nest, also providing luxury accommodation, for about nine years. The couple married late last year.

They've made the move because William was looking for a new challenge.

"Guess what, I got one."

It was a "unique opportunity".

"The ethos of the entire project is to be in harmony with the landscape."

William is from an 'outdoorsy' family. "I was brought up outside, but it was very different [to here]."

It was a coastal upbringing with all that comes with that "... the ocean, swimming, diving".

And he's keen to learn more about this part of the country.

"It's pretty bloody special isn't it?"

Since taking up the position he says he's met many – fly fishermen, especially – who vouch for the area's popularity. "Everyone's heard about the Ahuriri – people say, 'I've been fishing in that river since I was eight years old'."

It is for these reasons William thinks he has the best job. "We work in the most beautiful parts of New Zealand, of the world.

"[It's also] the people who you work with and the people you get to meet."

And that's not because of their wealth or celebrity status but because they are "genuine, real people", he says.

William spends some of his time selling to clients in North America and the UK.

"Everyone knows about the [New Zealand] landscape but, also, they love the genuine kiwi hospitality...the way people invite them in for a cuppa. And people are looking for that authentic experience to take home with them.

"Just watching someone's initial reactions [when they see the view from their room for the first time] ... we take these things for granted."

William says the Lodge should be completed by mid to late August he will be looking to employ locally.



Employees of the month...

Katie Rose Murray and Steph Lord Veterinary Nurses, The Veterinary Clinic, Omarama

We're a small town with so much talent. Together we do so much.

Each month we feature our 'Employee of the Month' - to learn a little more about how our people spend their day.

It's rewarding, challenging, and no two days are ever the same.

And some days it calls for every ounce of commitment and dedication to duty.

It will most often be the vet nurse - the veterinary surgeon's 2IC - who picks up the phone when you make that first contact with an animal health team, and, think about it, we only call when there's something wrong.

For some, that could be a difficult calving or lambing, for others, it's a beloved and furry or feathered family member who has had a mishap or is feeling a little off-colour.

At the Omarama Veterinary Clinic the role is changing hands.

For the past seven years Steph Lord has been the practice nurse, but she's bowing out for now to take maternity leave.

Katie Rose Murray began at the Omarama clinic last month

She worked for three years in a small animal clinic just out of Christchurch, but when the opportunity came to work in a mixed practice – small and large animals – she jumped at the chance to try something different in a quieter more relaxed, rural environment.

It might seem obvious to say it is a love of animals that drew her to the job, she said. "Spending time with animals, nursing them back to health ... every day is different." But she says working with clients is also "one of my favourite things".

Working alongside the vets, she takes X-rays, helps with surgery - stitch-ups, speying and neutering, orthopedic and dental work, and attends to all those little things which go into evaluating and assessing the problem to help make sure the animal gets the best possible care.

At the town clinic much of the work was with dogs and cats - companion animals, here Katie Rose still works with dogs – but they're more likely to be working dogs – farm dogs and pig dogs, and there's the odd cat.

And then, there's always the admin duties; phone calls, appointments, keeping supplies stocked and, inevitably, paperwork.

Steph grew up on a sheep and beef farm, Wattlebank Stud, in Central Otago. She trained in Dunedin in 2008 after leaving Roxburgh Area School, and moved to Omarama in 2011.

When an opening came for a vet nurse at the Veterinary Centre Oamaru's Omarama Clinic she could not have been better placed to take up position.

She's come across some unusual cases but all she'll say is; "animals will eat the darndest things".

Steph relishes a challenge, which is something she also takes to her role as volunteer fire-fighter.

"[As vet nurse] I love nursing really sick animals back to health, those where it could go either way."

The challenging cases were the difficult surgeries, where vet and nurse had to battle the odds to give the animal a chance at survival, and often those most challenging cases of all were when the patient did not survive.

Both she and the vet have shed their fair share of tears.

"I'm going to miss the whole team ...they're a brilliant team.

"There are good days and bad days but we always have a few laughs.

"I'm going to miss the clients too ...seeing the farmers every day and getting the weather update."



The Noticeboard



To have your community notice included here.
email: omaramagazette@gmail.com

Please scroll down and check for other notices throughout the Gazette. There may be something there you need to know.

Congratulations to Charlotte, Brad and Emilia on the birth of Lucy.

Congratulations to Charles Innes aka the Lindis Ranger, who took part in the End of Trail World Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting, in the US in June, and finished sixth in the duellist category.

Congratulations to Lisa Anderson on being asked to take part in the AgWomen Global initiative - celebrating women in agriculture.

Alps to Ocean: Scott Fitzgerald, of Trail Adventures Ltd, has recently been appointed to the Alps 2 Ocean Joint Committee joining Mike Neilson as its business representatives. Mike continues as the committee's chairperson.

The Upper Waitaki Young Farmers Club meets at 7.30pm on the first Monday of each month at the 'Top Pub' - the Blue and Gold pub, in Kurow. All welcome.

Omarama Playgroup meets at 9.30am each Wednesday during the primary school term at the Omarama Community Centre. For more information phone Petrina Paton 027 345 6192 or Carla Hunter 03 976 0504

The Omarama Community Library has changed to winter hours open 9am to 10am Wednesdays and Saturdays, at the Omarama Community Centre.
Contact Anna: 021 132 5586

Bridge Club - The Omarama Bridge Club meets on a regular basis and would welcome new members. If you are interested please phone Sylvia Anderson 438 9784 or Ann Patterson 438 9493.

The Kurow Medical Centre holds a clinic 8.30am to 1pm, and 2pm to 5pm, on Tuesdays at the Omarama Community Centre. Please phone Kurow Medical Centre, 03 436 0760, for appointments. On Fridays phone 0274 347 464 because the Kurow Centre is closed.

The Omarama Model Aircraft Club meets 9.30am to 12 noon Wednesdays and Sundays at its fly-ground at the Omarama airfield. All welcome. Phone Graham McLean 03 438 9832.

The Omarama Volunteer Fire Brigade meets 7pm each Wednesday and has its meeting at 7:30pm on the third Wednesday of the month. New members welcome.

The Omarama Golf Club - Saturdays tee-off 12.30pm . Club Captain Adrian Tuffley
027 3478276. www.omaramagolfclub.co.nz/

Plunket Line: 0800 933 922

Omarama Plunket Committee: Lisa Crawford, phone 021 126 3113

Car Seat Rentals: Christine, phone: 03 435 0557 or 027 208 0362

Breastfeeding Works: Claire Hargest-Slade 03 684 3625, 021 493 863
clairhs@me.com

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**The September issue of the
Omarama Gazette
is Wednesday, September 5, 2018.**

**Please submit copy
by Friday, August 31.**

The Community Reports

FENZ Omarama Volunteer Fire Brigade



FENZ Omarama Volunteer Fire Brigade began the first month of the new financial year - July - with only two calls.

However, last year was another record year for the brigade with 125 calls. I would personally like to thank all the volunteers and give a special mention to family members and all employers of our wonderful team. Without their support FENZ Omarama could not do the fabulous job they do. Nationally, the Omarama Brigade is looked upon as a leading example of how well the recent move to amalgamate Rural and Urban brigades can work.

The brigade has 20 members but are always looking to recruit more. It meets 7pm each Wednesday and has its meeting at 7:30pm on the third Wednesday of the month.

-Stay safe. Omarama Chief Fire Officer Terry Walsh.

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JPs are available by appointment to:

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Malcolm McMillan, Lake Ohau Village
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Friday 28th September

Omarama Community Centre

7pm till late

Admission \$30

Includes: 1st Drink Free, Hor d'oeuvres and some funny money

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Local Courtesy Coach

Eft-Pos



More Info - Michele

03 4389 419



Happy Holidays and Happy Matariki - *by Ruth Grundy*

Omarama School's term two closed with a puppet show, lantern lighting, and a farewell to a school mate.

Lillie Walsh, assisted by Jess Smith, treated the assembly to one last puppet show before she leaves Omarama at the end of term to begin study at Selwyn House School, in Christchurch.

Board of Trustees chairman Gundy Anderson congratulated the staff on a positive Education Review Office report.

Mr Schasching and Mrs McKenzie presented the term's awards before pupils thanked them and other staff for their work.

The Values Awards, Term two.

Senior school: Learner; Laura Patterson, Inclusive; Taylor Anderson, Growth; Balin Sole, Happy Helper; Alex McKay, Truthful; Ben Hay.

Juniors:

Learner; Brydie Ferguson, Inclusive; Sam Hay, Growth; McGregor Hay; Happy Helper; Amelia Wilson, Truthful; Robbie Anderson.

Food technology - *By Suzie Smith*

For the biscuit bake-off we started with a booklet. We had to interview little kids about what flavours they liked and a lot of other questions. Then we had to make a model out of salt dough. They turned out good, well most of them. Then on Tuesday the 3rd of July we went over to Ann Patterson's place to bake our real biscuits. First, we got our dough and started to make our shapes. Secondly, we got a parent help to put them in the oven. Once they were cooked we got a parent help to make the coloured icing we wanted, then we iced them. Overall it was really fun to make our designs.

Thank you Ann for letting us use your kitchen.



Omarama Rodeo Club

The pest population of Omarama and surrounds took a bit hit and contributed to successful fundraiser for the Omarama Rodeo Club earlier this month.

It's annual Hillbilly Hunt drew in 17 teams of shooters of all ages from throughout the district and beyond.

Organiser Wendy Parsons said numbers were well up on last year when only eight teams entered.

Each team of four was set the task of hunting down pigs, rabbits, hares, game and the ugliest stag – to bring to the weigh-in at the end of the weekend.

The winning team was 'My Drinking has a Hunting Problem' - Dave Hoffman, Andrew Watson, Dan Douglass, and Tim Frame.

The weekend began with a quiz night and auction on the Friday night which raised \$3244.

It had been encouraging to see the numbers of children joining Mum and Dad for the hunt, Wendy said.

As well as doing their part for pest eradication they were also able to enter a colouring competition and design their own vegetable "critter".

The weather had not been on the hunters' side with heavy showers and cold weather closing in not long after the start.

Boots and Jandals Hotel Omarama was the base for the weekend activities which concluded with a roast dinner on Sunday evening.

Omarama Golf Club

By Christine Bowman

Over winter an Omarama Golf Club team travelled over to challenge a Tarras Golf Club team for a historical trophy.

Tarras, having the home team advantage, won on the day.

However, as our Club Captain Adrian Tuffley forgot to take the trophy to Tarras, it will remain at the Omarama Golf Club for another year.

It was a great day out and many thanks to Boots & Jandals Hotel - Bruce and Julie - for the loan of their van for the day.

We would also like to acknowledge, and thank, the NZCT (New Zealand Community Trust) for a grant approval that will enable the club to complete essential coring of our greens in spring.

Although we have had a mixed bag of weather this winter, we continue to have good player numbers on our Saturday Club days.

**The Omarama Golf Club: Saturdays tee-off 12.30pm.
All are welcome. Club Captain Adrian Tuffley 027 3478276.**

www.omaramagolfclub.co.nz

Hillbilly Hunt 2018

Fundraiser for Rodeo Club



Thank you to all our loyal
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17 Teams

Entered

Fun Friday

Night

Quiz and

Auction

Fundraised

\$3244





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For Kurow 03 436 0760 or For Twizel 09 976 0503

- Dr Tim and Juliet Gardner

Look us up on our website or Facebook page for opening times and health articles'

Omarama Residents and Ratepayers'

From the last meeting...

Organising for the for the public community forum to discuss the Ahuriri River Campsite is well in hand with Yvonne Jones, Judy Piner and Jemma Gloag volunteering to arrange the morning tea which is to be catered by Four Square Omarama.

Sports Courts: Plans for siting and layout of these were discussed as well as plans to apply for upcoming grants. It was decided the layout would best suit two full-size courts.

Lorraine King was appointed interim association secretary until the annual meeting in October.

**Next meeting: 7.30 pm, Thursday, August 16,
at the Omarama Community Centre.**

**Contacts: Ann Patterson, chairperson, 03 438 9493,
Lorraine King, secretary, 027 434 6027**

OMARAMA COMMUNITY CENTRE HALL HIRE

To make a booking for an upcoming event or for more information about hall hire and availability please contact Kay Verheul, 027 489 5149, or email hankay@xtra.co.nz
Keys and fobs are collected from Kay



**'The Community Reports' is
dedicated to news
from clubs, groups and sports teams.
Contributions are welcome.
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Waitaki District Council - news in brief

The Waitaki Aquatic Centre is trialing off-peak rates to encourage more people to use the pool when it is less busy. The popularity of before and after school swim programmes has meant the centre has become progressively busier in those times. The trial begins this term and will continue until December 19. Special rates will be offered between the hours of 9am and 3pm on weekdays to adults and Community Services/Gold/Health card holders.

Rates can be found here: <https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/our-council/news-and-public-notice/news/Pages/waitaki-aquatic-centre-to-trial-Off-Peak-swim-options.aspx>

Last month, the New Zealand Airline Academy signed a lease with the council allowing the commercial airline pilot training academy to commence operations at Oamaru Airport. The Academy plans an initial intake of about 20 trainee pilots who will undertake the NZQA-approved course.

Each student will pay about \$66,000 for their year of training and Waitaki District Council chief executive Fergus Power said it is estimated each will contribute a further \$20,000 to the economy during the time they are here.

The Academy plans to employ 10 staff and will build up student numbers to 30 to 50 commercial pilot trainees within a two- to-three year period.

Read more here: <http://www.pilottraining.co.nz/>

Building Consent Activity in the Waitaki District is at a five-year high, with 703 consents issued in the past financial year, up 12% from the previous year.

New home consents have increased by 51%, and commercial alterations by 50% but there has been a reduction in residential alterations. New commercial builds are on par with the previous year. Much of the growth in new housing has been in the Ahuriri area. There have also been more land-use and subdivision consents and certificates, some of a complex or high-profile nature. Planning enquiries and the need for input into Project Information Memorandums are also up significantly.

The heritage, environment and regulatory committee has recommended the council approve the exemption of single-storey pole sheds, to be used for storage, from the consenting process. If adopted by the council it would result in a reduction of fees for the process and save 0.2 full-time equivalent hours that council officers were now spending on the task. If adopted, applications for exemptions will be considered from September 1.

www.waitaki.govt.nz

**The next Ahuriri Community Board meeting is
3.15pm to 5.15pm Monday, August 27,
at the Memorial Hall, Kurow**

Minutes and agendas can be found here

[http://www.waitaki.govt.nz/our-council/council-meetings/agendas-and-minutes/
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Environment Canterbury news in brief

Environment Canterbury wants to work with all farmers affected by *Mycoplasma bovis* who are worried about complying with their resource consents. It is asking them to get in touch with their zone team or ask for a referral from their MPI case manager so it can consider each case to make sure they get the support they need to manage their resource consents.

Read more here: <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/news-and-events/2017/mycoplasma-bovis-detected-on-south-canterbury-farm/>

The new Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan came into effect on July 1. Read more here: <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/data/document-library/?ids=1505973,1394134>

The next meeting of ECan's Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee is scheduled for 9.30am, Friday, August 17, at the Mackenzie Country Inn, Twizel.

Minutes and agendas are posted at:

<https://ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/water/whats-happening-in-my-water-zone/upper-waitaki-water-zone/>

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Upper Ōhau River Rat and Rabbit Control Operation

The Department of Conservation, Te Manahuna/Twizel Office, intends to apply baits containing Pindone (*Pindone Possum & Rat Pellets* and *Pindone RS5 Rabbit Pellets*) over the following areas of public land and private land between the 14th of August 2018 and the 28th of February 2019 to control rats and rabbits as part of an ongoing predator-control programme to protect a black-fronted tern colony.

Description of the area

River terraces and farmland adjacent to the Ōhau River, approximately midway between Lake Ruataniwha and Lake Ōhau.

Method of control

All baits will be distributed by ground-based methods over the above area. Both pindone pellet products are cylindrical cereal baits about 2.5 cm long, 1 cm diameter and dyed green. The pellets applied for rat control will be placed in bait stations. The pellets applied for rabbit control will be placed on the ground in locations where rabbit densities indicate rabbit control is necessary.

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- DO NOT EAT animals from this area or from within 2 km of the operational area boundary.

Observe these rules whenever you see warning signs placed at the public access ways in the above area. The area will be deemed as clear of toxins when the warning signs have been removed.

For further information, contact Dean Nelson, Te Manahuna/ Twizel Office, Wairepo Road, Twizel, (03) 435 0802.

A detailed map of the treatment area may be viewed at the Te Manahuna/Twizel Office, Wairepo Road, Twizel during normal working hours.



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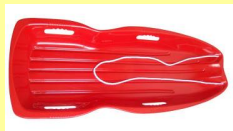
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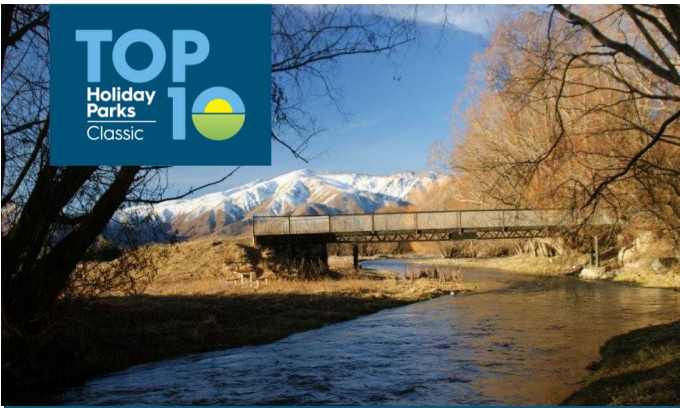
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The FAQs - Those Five Awkward Questions with...



Michelle and Neville Kitchen

Michelle and Neville moved to Stoney's old place in Ahuriri Heights, Omarama from Queenstown earlier this year. Before coming here to live they camped at the Top 10 Holiday Park for four to five years, and they still head down there to camp with friends in summer.

They are looking forward to Vintage 2019 when they hope to get yield a barrel of wine from the 15-year-old Pinot Noir vines. They're making the most of the night-life in Omarama - star gazing from the seat at bottom of their block.

What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

Listen to your clients, they are the ones who have your money in their pocket and the only way of getting your money is to give your client exactly what they have asked for - Neville

Keep life interesting, always have something new and exciting to look forward to. Buy what you really, really want, especially if it is a snappy little sports car like my Audi TT RS - Michelle

Tell us something about Omarama we might not know?

My cousin Karen and her husband Geoff who live in Tauranga have a relation living in Omarama. Geoff is Alona Shaw's brother. We initially met Geoff with Karen in the eighties in North London where we

lived for six years. It's a small world really. - Neville

I have permission to walk up to Omarama's best kept obscured lookout point, a trig station located on private land that is known aptly as Lizard Hill in Ahuriri Heights (Named by Mandy Wills) where we get a 360-degree view of Omarama and the surrounding area. - Michelle

Who would you invite to your dream dinner party?

Enzo Ferrari, Rod Stewart and all his wives - Neville

All my very good friends and family, Jamie Oliver, Nigella Lawson (they can cook for us) and anyone who can help me make a good wine from our hobby vineyard.

Best day outside the office?

I can't describe one best day outside the office, in the eighties we spent six months travelling around Europe in a VW combi van totalling approx. 22,000 km in one trip, that would be my best day or days out of the office during my life time, other than that spending a day at the season finale Abu Dhabi Formula 1 Grand Prix would come close to being a best day. - Neville.

Six weeks on Mykonos, and any day that includes snow or water skiing and a good drive in my car. - Michelle

What is one thing that would make the world a better place?

To get all the people who are actually able to work to get out there and do something instead of sitting around living off handouts.

To have a global consensus on which side of the road we should all drive on (left or right)

For solar power to be compulsory for all new buildings, and for owners of existing buildings to retrofit solar power.

The Garden Diary - Hopes and dreams

There'll be a day not too far from now when coming down into the garden on the gentlest wave of a warming nor'west breeze will be the scent of an opening rose.

In this garden it is always Frühlingsmorgen – Spring Morning - that blooms first.

It's single, the colour of a soft pearly sunrise with long scarlet and golden anthers that reach out to those pollinators newly-hatched into spring sunshine.

But it flowers on what must be the ugliest and prickliest of leggy and unbending stems.

The good thing is that the emerald-green leylandii conifer graciously covers those with her generous skirt.

Most roses need those good friends around them to temper their worst habits and remind them to play nicely. They can look for all the world like a sulky and spoty teenager when grounded and alone in their own room.

To my mind roses shine when they are put somewhere where they can throw all that ego-driven struggle for garden star power into a cause, something serviceable like scrambling up a wall or a tree, throwing themselves over an arch, or like my Wedding Day up and over the shed. She is joined in her efforts by her best mate – honeysuckle – the perfume is breath-taking but their combined enthusiasm does have to be reined in or no-one would ever get into the shed.

It's rose planting time here, time to browse all those nursery lists by the fire and dream of next summer. There surely must be room for just one more.

In my mind's eye I see my Clematis Vitcella 'Polish Spirit' weaving it's deep, royal-purple petals through Rosa Tuscany whose ruffled cardinal and crimson velvet blooms are pinned tightly in the centre with a 24-carat gold brooch of stamens.

The purple beauty reaches still further to clamber up beside 'Gloire de Dijon', with her beautifully flushed complexion, and along the fence to link arms with amethyst Veilchenblau, whose white eye gazes down on a white campion and single feverfew.

In quiet corner by the hedge I fancy I see Café au lait-coloured Lavender Pinocchio, tawny foxgloves, apricot verbascum, and a deep purple granny bonnet. I must definitely get more Viola 'Antique Shades' for their feet.

In another corner there'll be Rosa Mutabilis with its butterfly blooms resting on the out-stretched branches of the dusky cherry plum.

Perhaps I'll order another Rosa Birthday Present – for its 'real' red roses, long-stemmed and scented – enough to pick a bunch for an extra special occasion which coincides happily with its flowering.

In the meantime, there's not all that much to see ...but the snowdrops are up, bless their little cotton socks!

*" - So to my faith, and for your fancy. But the facts are
Two bare thorny twigs with a pink label,
Stuck in the earth around them several white pegs."*

- Ruth H.T. by Mary Ursula Bethell.

Ruth Grundy

(I garden a small space under a big sky in Omarama)



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