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And we even went 'viral'

In July, Bean had a good idea.

The subsequent post on Facebook - Water ski-ing the baton from the Waitaki - reached almost 35,000 people and had 421 'likes'. Good wishes were sent via facebook from as far away as the Edinburgh Police Division in Scotland.

So just what was Bean's grand plan...

In temperatures barely above zero, Omarama's Senior Constable Nayland (Bean) Smith water-skied, in uniform, across Lake Benmore's mirrored

surface while carrying a special tribute to women in the police force. Temperatures had been a good deal warmer when he first opted to take part in activities to celebrate 75 years of women in the police. He water skied from Sailors Cutting to Pumpkin Point. Fellow officer Blair Corlet skippered the boat across the Ahuriri Arm.







It may not be your favourite but these swedes were the most liked vegetable on our Facebook page which translated into a successful fundraiser - one of several run by Friends of Omarama School this year.



Ed Aubrey's June was our cover girl, funnily enough in June - here she is modelling ahead of the Tux New Zealand and South Island dog trial championships in Omarama, for which Ed and June qualified to compete.



In July, Omarama was cloaked in a bit of a hoar frost. It was pretty but not too much to write home about, or so you might think. The Gazette Facebook post featuring photos of the frost

- Omarama Does Ice Queen in Style - reached 162,268 people and had 673 likes.

The Noticeboard



CHECK THESE OUT - This special Christmas issue includes notices about business hours and services through the holidays.

Thank you to all of you who work through the holidays to make them special for us and to keep us safe.

You may be able to help...please check out the classified ads at the back.

Gliding New Zealand National Gliding Championships are from Monday, January 2 to Wednesday, January 14, at the Omarama Airfield.

The Kurow Medical Centre's hours are different over the holiday break. See below for their notice.

Contact Kurow Medical Centre, ph 034360760, for appointments.

St Thomas's will hold a Carol Service at 7pm, December 24, after which there will be a short communion service for any who wish to attend. Please note: there will be no service in January.

The Omarama Community Library is open 9am to 10pm, Saturdays and Wednesdays, and 7pm to 8pm Tuesdays, at the Omarama Community Centre, throughout the holiday break. (See below for more details)

The Omarama Residents' Association's first meeting of 2017 will be 7.30pm Thursday, February 16, at the Omarama Community Centre. Craig Dawson, secretary. 027 4389132. Ross Gold, chairman, 027 4434149

The Omarama Playgroup is in recess for the holidays. It meets at 9.30am each Wednesday during the primary school term at the Omarama Community Centre. For more information phone Petrina Paton 0273456192 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

The Omarama Model Aircraft Club meets 9.30am to 12 noon Wednesdays and Sundays at its fly-ground at the Omarama airfield. All welcome. Contact 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.

Omarama Rural Fire meets at 7pm on the first and third Monday each month at the Omarama Rural Fire Station, Sutherlands Rd. New volunteers are welcome. Phone Lis 027 330 3068

The Omarama Golf Club, Saturdays tee-off 1pm, all welcome. Twilight 9hole golf Wednesday tee-off 6pm. Club captain Adrian Tuffley 027 347 8276. http://www.omaramagolfclub.co.nz/

Clarification to December 2016's Ahuriri Issues by Waitaki district Ahuriri Ward councillor Craig Dawson.

Where Craig writes: 'Currently, Council has 21 staff vacancies throughout the organisation."

It should read: "At present, there are 21 vacancies in building inspector positions in districts from the Waitaki south."

A big thank you to all of you who share your stories and contribute in other ways to the Omarama Gazette. People really appreciate what you do.

To read more, enjoy more photos and view videos check out our Facebook page and website www.facebook.com/omaramagazette/ omaramagazette.nz

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The first issue of the Omarama Gazette for 2017 is Wednesday, February 1, 2017 Please submit copy by Friday, January 27.

The Community Reports Upper Waitaki Police news



Christmas is coming, and along with it comes the crazies on the roads, so be careful. If going on a road trip plan for it, take extra time out, don't be in a hurry, be well rested, don't speed...the list goes on. Also be aware that there will be extra kids from cities who think Omarama is a quiet town and may not treat the roads with the respect we know they need, so slow down and be alert.

Lastly I want to say thanks to you all for being such a great community, it makes my job a piece of cake when I have locals like you. Ange, Cam, Jess and I, wish you all a Merry and safe Xmas. Ho ho ho, Bean

-Senior Constable Nayland Smith Phone: 03 438 9559 email: Nayland.smith@police.govt.nz

Omarama Volunteer Fire Brigade



On behalf of the brigade I would like to thank the Omarama community for its support, especially the families, employers and colleagues of those who volunteer for Omarama's emergency services and support them knowing they may be called out at any time.

We extend best wishes to all for a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Please remember to check the fire season status before lighting fires.

If you are unsure, please ask myself or Mark Paulson. Stay safe and remember - smoke alarms save lives - *Chief fire officer Terry Walsh*

> 'The Community Reports' is dedicated to news from clubs, groups and sports teams. Contributions are welcome. omaramagazette@gmail.com

"Get Well, Keep Well" with the Kurow Medical Centre

Kurow Medical Centre would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

We will be open in Kurow, December 28, 29, 30 and January 4, 5, 6 then back to normal days.

Dr Tim Gardner will have a clinic in Omarama at the Community Centre on Friday, December 23 and then restart Monday clinics on January 9. To make appointments phone 03 436 0760

In the event of an emergency please phone 111.

For all after hours calls please phone 03 4360760.

Kurow Medical Centre

8 Wynyard St, Kurow P: 034360760 F: 034360780

E: <u>info@kurowmedicalcentre.org.nz</u> W: <u>www.kurowmedicalcentre.org.nz</u> www.facebook.com/kurowmedicalcentre

Providing 24/7 health care and support to the people of the Upper Waitaki

Omarama's Community Library

Omarama's Library hours are 9am to 10am, Saturday and Wednesday mornings, and 7pm to 8pm, Tuesday evenings.

We are open all through the Christmas period. Any changes to these hours will be posted on the Library Hours whiteboard in the library window. Contact: Anna Howard 021 132 5586 or Georgie Robertson 027 486 1525

Sale Table

Did you know we have a sale table of books at the library? We currently have a large variety of books ranging from fiction to non-fiction: wine-tasting to thrillers, cookbooks to romance, we pretty much have it all! The sale table is in the Plunket Room and can be browsed when the Library is open, or whenever the Doctor is practicing. Come and take your pick for a small donation.



The Omarama Golf Club



New Year tournament Saturday, January 7, cards in by 12.30, great prizes. Mark it on your calendar now Remember tee-off Saturdays at 1pm, twilight nine-hole golf Wednesday tee -off 6.00 p.m, at the Omarama Golf Course. All welcome. Club captain Adrian Tuffley 027 3478276.

- By Paul Bowman

OMARAMA GOLF CLUB



The Snake back by popular demand

New Year's Tournament Saturday 7th January 2017 Cost \$25.00 pp Two's \$2.00 Cards in by 12.30pm Tee off 1.00pm BB9 on course & Meal Afterwards Great Prizes, Roaffles Great Company Everyone Welcome **Contact Adrian Tuffley 0273478276 for information**

Upper Waitaki Returned and Services Association



Michael Blackstock, president

On behalf of the Upper Waitaki RSA I would like to wish everyone in our community a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year,

and a safe and fun time over the holiday season.

Omarama's Justices of the Peace

Omarama has two JPs who are available by appointment to:

- * Witness documents such as applications for citizenship
- * Certify copies
- * Take declarations, affidavits and affirmations

The service is free of charge



Bill Gordon 03 438 9433, 027 4350744

To make your visit quick and easy:

- * Do not sign anything beforehand
- * Do take photo identification
- * Remember to take the original as well as the copy to be certified
 * Check that a New Zealand Justice
- * Check that a New Zealand Justice of the Peace can complete your documentation



Georgie Robertson 4389 554, 027 4861525



Omarama gives their very best wishes to Minduli Wewalage and Samantha O'Neill who have spent their final year at Omarama School and begin high school next year. Go well, girls, we're proud of you.

Photos:

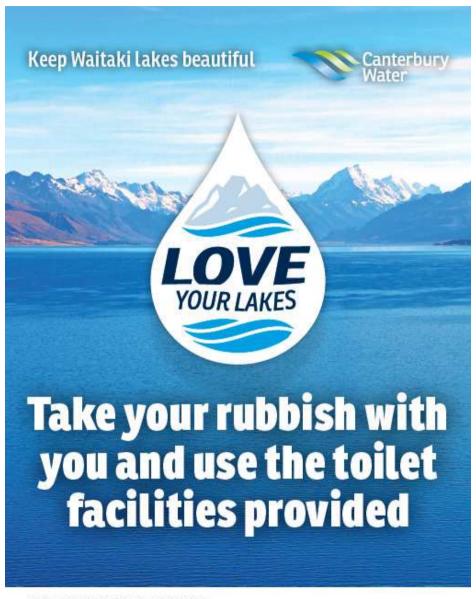
Omarama School acting principal Kim McKenzie presents Samantha O'Neill with the Sir Peter Blake Young Leadership Award, in September. Minduli Wewalage recites the Anzac Memorial at the School's Anzac concert in April.



Waitaki District Council

The Waitaki District Council Christmas Hours can be found on its website

www.waitaki.govt.nz



Brought to you by Upper Waitaki Zone Committee working with









Omarama Combined Church St Thomas's

Welcomes all to the Christmas Eve Carol Service 7pm, Saturday, December 24

> Joy to the world Peace on earth Goodwill to all

Please note: there is no January service, The first service for 2017 will be in February.



THE OMARAMA RODEO CLUB PRESENTS BISCUITS BARK UP

Followed by Maggie Ruddenklau

\$800 in cash prizes thanks to:



\$20 per dog

Includes drink, sponsors top and entry into team event

> Registration 6.30-7.30

TEAM EVENT IS BACK!

Team event sponsored by Eukanuba &



Omarama Boots & Jandals Hotel Friday 23rd December 7.30pm



COMING EVENTS-DECEMBER 2016

23RD December – Biscuits Bark Up and live entertainment

25th December - we will be closed

28th Omarama Rodeo

31st December New Year's Eve 4piece band (Basketcase) come along and dance your way into 2017 with this amazing band.

Membership renewal for the social club is \$5.00 per member.

ALL SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERS. Be at the Hotel Bar at 6.00pm every Tuesday night and if your number is drawn you will win a \$30.00 bar tab, if the drawn member is not present, the tab will Jack Pot to the following week.

BOOTS AND JANDALS HOTEL SPUD IN THE BUCKET COMPETION \$5.00 FOR YOUR SPUD AND BUCKET PLANT IT- LOVE IT -WATCH IT GROW BRING IT BACK TO BOOTS AND JANDALS HOTEL JUDGING SECOND WEEKEND IN FEBRUARY BBQ, PRIZES AND HEAPS OF FUN SEE ONE OF OUR BAR STAFF FOR YOUR ENTRY, SPUD AND BUCKET.

Keep an eye on the Live entertainment signs on our fence for more Bands and entertainment.

OUR NEW SUMMER MENU IS OUT Check out our New Seasons Lunch and Dinner Menu - Hearty Country Cooking!!!!

OPEN FROM 11.00AM TILL LATE THE TEAM AT BOOTS AND JANDALS HOTEL WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT 2016 & WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR













Open: 7.30am – 8.00pm 7 Days (Closed Christmas Day) for all your Grocery needs, including Hot Chickens, Fresh Produce, Butchery & Bakery goods

Plus don't forget to see us for your last minute Christmas goodies, toys, wrap & bows.

Pre-orders are now being taken for your Christmas milk, cream, fruit & salads.

Blair, Alona and team wish you and your family a happy & safe holiday season











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Karen Ward 22 Cirrus Place, Omarama Phone: 0800 808 600 or 027 438 7853 Website: totalinteriors.co.nz, Email: total.interiors@xtra.co.nz Follow us on facebook: www.facebook.com/Total-Interiors-Shop-Showroom-423070197895602/



Hank and Kay Verheul wish the very best Christmas wishes to all their clients.

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We are fully stocked - pop in for those last minute Christmas presents, or avoid the rush and shop with us. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

VETERINARY CENTRE OMARAMA

Wishes all its clients and their families a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. The following are our opening hours over the Christmas holiday period.

Friday	December 23
Saturday	December 24
Sunday	December 25
Monday	December 26
Tuesday	December 27
Wednesday	December 28
Thursday	December 29
Friday	December 30
Saturday	December 31
Sunday	January 1st
Monday	January 2nd
Tuesday	January 3rd
Wednesday	January 4th

Open 8.30am – 5.00pm Closed Closed Closed Open 8.30am – 5.00pm Open 8.30am – 5.00pm Open 8.30am – 5.00pm Closed Closed Closed Closed Open



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So, *THIS* is what would make the world a better place

In the past year many have been kind enough to share their thoughts with us.

Those FAQ's - Five Awkward Questions - put people on the spot, but they sure did have some wise things to say. Here's what they think would make the world a better place...

A smile! So simple, so contagious and the sign of a warm heart. - Tony and Sally Fodie

If people went camping and enjoyed time out! - Tony and Amanda Chapman More giving - Larraine and Brian Paget

One random act of kindness each day - Lisa Barrett and Eimear Power Good manners - a please, a thank you and a smile. Putting the hospitable back in hospitality. - Mike and Lorraine King

To respect each other and value the differences. - Howard and Denise Williams

More grass! Peace - people being kind to each other in the little ways. - David and Prue O'Neill (Well, David said the 'grass' bit, no surprises there!) For people to take the blinkers off and think of others and the consequences.

- Ross and Carole Gold

Hugs - Jack Zorab

We need more tolerance and less needless killing - Bev and Lindsay Purvis Donald Trump not being elected US President. Stop the wars - just why? -Steph and Zane Lord

Be kind. No matter what's going on, have a laugh every day. - Anna Howard and Ron McPhail

Next year, we'll have a brand new set of questions. Feel free to make suggestions and to nominate victims ...ah, em, I mean, worthy persons!

So while you're thinking...

I would just like to say thank you.

Thank you for sharing, thank you for your contributions, thank you for letting me take your photo, thank you for everything little thing you do for our community.

It is a privilege to put the Gazette together and I enjoy every moment - even the bad times are good! I could not do this without you.

A world of good wishes to you all ...back February 1, 2017

- Ruth Grundy, editor.

The Last Page is Classifieds.

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> Jimmy Courtney 0274418612

Puppy Sitter

We are looking for a kind and caring puppy sitter to look after our 5-month Maltese Cross while we attend a wedding. We are away for two days, back in Omarama on January 8. Puppy has a crate he sleeps in but would require a fully fenced section.

If you can help please email us at office@breese.co.nz or by ringing 0274339974.

Contact Ruth Grundy, 021 294 8002, 03 438 9766 Email: <u>omaramagazette@gmail.com</u>

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