



Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm
Venue: St Kilda Bowling Club,
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Next Club Meeting: Monday, 14th December 2020

Q & A: David

Club Talk: replaced by Silverbeet in a bucket competition

Guest speaker: replaced by Christmas supper gathering



Competition for December
 Silverbeet in a bucket

Winner for salad bowl for one:
 Robyn Boyd

Things to celebrate in December

We have lived through a most challenging year. Growing food is not just a way to be more secure and sustainable but keeps us sane and positive. Let's keep going!

Hello Everyone,

This newsletter reports on the November garden visit and suggests gardening tasks for December. It invites you to a special workshop on Summer fruit tree care and passes on information from Robyn Baszika on useful websites. We invite members to bring along their silverbeet in a bucket and also a christmassy contribution to our end of the year supper.

The December meeting is the last one at the St. Kilda Bowling Club. From the beginning of the new year our new venue is at:

Caversham Baptist Church: (where we have midwinter dinners – in South Rd. Caversham) on the first Wednesday of each month.

Silverbeet in a bucket competition

Please bring along your silverbeet in a bucket this coming meeting so we can see and learn what makes a great silverbeet.

Some committee members will choose the ten best and then club members will be invited to vote on which they think is the top one.



Garden visit at Robyn Boyd's – Sue

On a very windy afternoon we descended into a calm haven of green, surrounded by trees and bushes. Two huge old feijoa trees drop a lot of small tasty fruit every year; so many, they are given away to neighbours. In a sunny alcove by the house grows a profusely flowering tamarillo tree with a beautiful red fruit. The house has a productive grapevine draped high all along the veranda. Raised garden beds were waiting to be filled alongside a lush herb 'bits and piece' garden. The raspberry row was long and the future harvest looked promising. Because the site is an old quarry that had been built on, the ground never gets dry and it is very sheltered, a big bonus in Dunedin.

Thank you Robyn, for giving us your time and the opportunity to see your unique garden.

Sowing and Planting in December:

This is the time of year when you can save money by sowing seeds for your "winter greens". If you grow seeds in planting modules, they can be a good size to put in position as you clear away the peas and broad beans. Having these brassicas follow the legumes gives them a chance to benefit from the nitrogen the legumes will have added to the soil.

Time to Sow: Asian vegetables, carrot, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, peas, radish, silverbeet and turnip.

Last Chance to Sow: Beans (butter, French or runner), beetroot, brocolli, cabbage, capsicum, NZ spinach and swedes.

Time to Plant: Asian vegetables, brocolli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, celeriac, leek and silverbeet.

Last Chance to Plant: Capsicum, courgette, cucumber, pumpkin-marrow-squash and tomatoes.

Too Late For: Seeds or plants of corn, potatoes, rhubarb or yams.



I'M PLAYING SAFE THIS YEAR AND
CROSSING POTATOES WITH BASMATI RICE

Summer fruit tree training & pruning workshop – Jason Ross

maximise crops & minimise work with natural pruning for healthy trees

*a range of fruit tree types
young and old trees*

*demonstration and hands on practice for participants
+ theory for beginners
written notes included*

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*1-4pm 16th Jan (17th if wet on 16th)
hot tea provided*

*tutor : jason ross : www.habitate.co.nz
\$35*

*bring: warm clothes, gloves
secateurs, cloppers, saw*

Jason Ross

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To book your place please bring \$35.- to the December meeting. Put your name down at the welcome desk. First come first served for ten participants.

Volunteers for committee wanted













Please consider being part of the committee team next year. Your input is valued.

Sales table

Thanks for supporting the sales table by providing or buying plants, produce, seeds and materials etc. It is exciting to have such a diverse range of goods to choose from.

Gardener's Online Tips and Tricks

(YouTube, Websites, Facebook, Catalogues)

YouTube	Link	Info
 Garden Answer  1.05M subscribers	Garden Answer	Everything from vegetable and fruit gardening to houseplants and decorating for Christmas
 Mlgardener  820K subscribers	https://www.youtube.com/user/Mlgardener	100% organic gardening, sustainability and much more
 Tui Garden 381 subscribers	https://www.youtube.com/c/TuiTV/videos	Inspiring Kiwis to create gardens they love.
 Home Grown Happiness 7.21K subscribers	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9S38Von-vb-Mm5Dr-IQByw	No dig gardening, veges and fruit
 Epic Gardening  941K subscribers	https://www.youtube.com/c/EpicGardening/videos In-Depth Articles: http://www.epicgardening.com/blog Daily Podcast: https://apple.co/2nkftuk Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/epicgardening/ Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/epicgardening	Kevin from Epic Gardener is great for DIY, tools, troubleshooting, vegetables, fruit, gardening science and lots of other good stuff. He has daily garden podcasts you could listen to on your morning walk and a very good website with over 500 tips and tricks for gardeners.
 Mlgardener  820K subscribers	https://miggardener.com/ https://www.youtube.com/user/Mlgardener	100% Organic Gardening, Self-Sustainability, Healthy Recipes and much more for the gardener of today. Learn how to grow more, live healthier lives and have fun doing it!
 Charles Dowding 361K subscribers	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB1J6siDdmhwah7q0O2WJBg	Great information about the No Dig method of gardening, how to crop all year without fertilizers or amendments. Seed saving, watering, propagating plants and feeding the soil naturally.
 Mike Kincaid 207K subscribers	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTVGyD_baZU0y-63OHb68tw	Gardening is our life, particularly the propagation and growing on of rhododendrons and other landscape plants. We're all about the farm life. My wife and I chose to buy 10 acres over 9 years ago and we haven't looked back. From goats to chickens to cows and everything in between, we've been there and done it but our hearts belong to propagation and landscaping. Follow along and see what happens next at Kincaid's Nursery.

Self Sufficient Me: <https://www.youtube.com/user/markyv69>

Liz Zorab - Byther Farm: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe0H...>

Mlgardener: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Mlgardener>



RED Gardens: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9U...>

Huw Richards - Grow Food Organically: <https://www.youtube.com/user/HuwsNursery>

Gardener Scott: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Gardener...>

Tony C Smith: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StarShip...>

OTHER GREAT GARDENING WEBSITES

Name	Link	Info
	https://www.egmontseeds.co.nz/	Amazing collection of seeds and gardening products.
	https://www.kingsseeds.co.nz/	Amazing collection of seeds and gardening products.
	https://www.southernwoods.co.nz/	Great for landscaping trees
	https://www.gogardening.co.nz/	Everything you need to know about vege garden from beginning to end
	https://www.ediblebackyard.co.nz/	Kath Irvine. I've been growing all the vegetables to feed my family of 6 for 20 good years. Spray free, natural, low input food gardens are my thing. I believe in smart design - it saves time + money + the planet and makes a garden hum. I recycle + reuse + forage and use as little plastic as poss. I believe in a daily serve of fresh picked organic greens for a happy mind + strong body and it's my dream that every New Zealander have this.
	https://www.palmers.co.nz/monthly-gardening-checklists/	Great resource for what to do each month in your garden
 NZ Gardener magazine	https://www.facebook.com/nzgardener/	New Zealand garden magazine facebook page – tips and tricks and what to do in the garden this weekend
NZ Vege & Edible Gardening Private group · 85.1K members	https://www.facebook.com/groups/nzvege	A really great place to brag about your veges and to ask questions
Proven Winners® Gorgeous Gardens Private group · 46.6K members	https://www.facebook.com/groups/475994473157693	Flower gardening inspiration! (I just had to put that out there ...)