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Dunedin Vegetable Growers Club Newsletter.
January 2019

Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm

Venue: St Kilda Bowling Club,
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Next Club Meeting: Monday 14th January

Q & A: David Neill

Club Talk: Information about the seasonal Kindred Day events.

Guest Speaker: Jim Bazsika "Bees in the garden"

Garden Visit: 1.30pm on Saturday 19th January at Blueberry Place, 133B Martin Rd, Fairfield. Please park on the street and BYO containers for picking !



Vegetable competition winner

Congratulations to **Alan Savell** for heaviest crop and to **Ruth Bayne** for the heaviest potato

Competition for January

Personal Best summer fruit and/or veg.

Things to look forward to in February

You get to show off your best garlic on the competition table!

Potentially two garden visits ☺

Happy New Year!

Carol here standing in for Ross as he is away biking.

So far, the weather has been nicely balanced so long may that continue ☺

This year the members of the committee will be 're-balanced' with at least two new members as Ross and I are standing down. We will be encouraging all club members to think about who they think would be good on the committee, take a nomination form, find out if this person would like to be on the committee then fill it out. The nomination forms will need to be handed in at the February meeting so that we can organise voting papers etc. for the March AGM.

Club fees Subs are due in January.

They will be \$15 per person, if paid before 31st March. From April 1 they will be \$20. If you want your newsletter posted, not by Email, then subs are \$20 (unfortunately we cannot get a newsletter to you by post before the club meeting)

Only paid up members are entitled to vote at the AGM

Moon Planting for January taken from NZ Gardener, OrganicNZ and Kiwigardener magazines

10th to 17th, Sow and transplant leafy crops

18th and 19th, Apply liquid fertiliser

24th to 26th, Sow root crops

28th to 31st, Best time to prune

December 2018 garden visit

Liz Miller greeted us all on a lovely warm day and led us down to the new, improved vegetable garden where Lindsay was discussing the use of old carpet as a long-term weed suppressant with Sue Novell's husband Brian Hyland.



Most of us went straight for the new tunnel house which was immaculately planted and extremely warm! A puzzle over the damaged tomato leaves resulted in a few different ideas although it didn't look like it was going to affect the fruit production.



Several very long rows of carrots had us wondering why they were growing so many until we found out that the Lindsays have horses and needed most of the carrots for them 😊

We were then treated to the company of a neighbour's pet Shetland pony who stole the show!



After a lot of chatting and wandering through the beautiful flower garden we hid in the shade with a drink and enjoyed seeing some photographs of how the Miller garden had evolved.

Sales Table

Thanks to all of you generous contributors, especially Deane and Barry bringing in the lovely seaweed.

Resources such as the veg punnets and pots are very welcome for those that need them and a relief to be rid of for those who have too many!! I seem to have too many jars and will be bringing them to the meeting to give away to anyone who wants them for jam etc. since we are hopefully approaching the time of abundance 😊

I did make 2 jars of jam from my own raspberries and one jar has already been devoured so I will have to hide the other one!!

Cheers
Carol