



Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm

Venue: St Kilda Bowling Club,
33 Royal Crescent, St Kilda

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Next Club Meeting: Monday 14th May

Club Talk: Elizabeth Whitcombe on 'How birds know'

Planting now Q&A: David

Guest Speaker: Panel discussion on putting your garden 'to bed' for winter

Garden Visit: There is no garden visit in May. We will resume again in August.



Vegetable competition winner

Congratulations to Ruth Bayne for her
3 Manchester Table carrots

Competition for May

Silverbeet in a bucket

Things to look forward to in July



May meeting pickle and preserve tasting

If you have made a delicious pickle, chutney, jam, or other preserve please bring a small jar to share with the members at supper time. Crackers and bread will be provided.

Garlic and shallots

If you have excess garlic or shallots please bring them to the May meeting to share with others as most people like to plant on the shortest day, or thereabouts.

April garden visit to Green Island Community Garden

Our last open garden of the year at St Clair was sadly cancelled at short notice so many thanks to Miriam, Joe, Pip and David for opening the Green Island Community garden up to the handful of DVGC

members who braved the elements on a Sunday morning :) The gardens are to be found at the very end of Shand St in Green Island behind the new supermarket.... well established and productive with the beds shaped to fit in with the lawnmower! Giant sunflowers in giant tractor tyres caught my eye as well as the extensive patch of rhubarb which does not die down in the winter!! There is to be a working bee to split the rhubarb this winter so we will let you know when so that we can go and give a hand and maybe get a bit of this very tasty rhubarb to grow for ourselves (Miriam kindly gave me some to try). There is more to this garden than vegetables as it has a very strong community ethos and they have great plans for the future. Pip will be selling

their fundraising locally produced fertiliser at the May 14th meeting at \$10 a bag.



Silverbeet in a bucket competition

If you are entering your silverbeet in the competition please try to get it there early as voting by the members will occur before we start the meeting. We will invite the top growers to share their secrets with the club.

Club subs due now.

For those who have not paid their subs the new non-discounted rate of \$20 now applies. You can pay at the meeting (no Eftpos) or online at Westpac ac. # 03 0905 0515906-00 Make sure you include your name. If you have not paid your subscription by the end of June unfortunately you will need to be removed from the newsletter emailing list.

Mid-winter Dinner

Our mid-winter dinner is on July 7 at the Caversham Baptist Church. This is always enjoyed by the members so mark the date on your calendar and start planning what yummy food you can contribute to the pot luck dinner. Please remember, no alcohol can be consumed on the premises.

Animal litter available

Calf, sheep and pig litter (straw) has been made available from a farm at Hindon. Margaret Scott is planning a trip out to collect some, perhaps May 20th...If you are interested in going as well phone Margaret on 4893040 or talk to her at the meeting.

May 2018 Planting now

Sow seeds of: Broad beans, broccoli, cabbages, Chinese cabbages, kale, onions, peas, silverbeet, spinach, swedes and turnips.

Plant seedlings of: Brassicas and silverbeet.

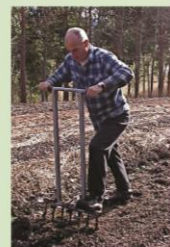
Otago Organics 2018 Workshops

Offered by Otago Organics members (and friends) on practical topics related to organic gardening

How to be a Better Gardener

8th May 7-9pm
Venue - TBC

Making Plans and Keeping Records with Andy Barratt



This workshop will cover all aspects of garden planning and record keeping, showing the many benefits they can offer growers, no matter what the scale or nature of their garden.

The workshop will cover the following topics:

- Know your garden (the site, its location and characteristics)
- Map your garden
- What to plant and when to plant it
- Crop rotations - theory and practice
- Building a healthy soil
- How to learn from your experience

Andy will use his own property to illustrate the workshop. He will provide handouts to help participants explore all topics at home. There will be plenty of time for everyone to share their own experiences.

Please register your interest by contacting Rayna Dickson on waitatistores@gmail.com or phone 0275323236.

\$25 or \$20 for OO members

