

# GREENS~LEAVES

**Dunedin Vegetable Growers Club Newsletter; issued monthly, Vol: 9: 1 January 2016**

**Next meeting; 7pm, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

**Venue is the St Kilda Bowling Club, 33 Royal Crescent**

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Website ; <http://www.dvgc.co.nz/>

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January;** Welcome and notices

**Planting now/Q&A** - David Neill

**Club Talk-** Marg D on using garden scraps in the kitchen

**Competition** - Personal best summer fruit and or vegetable

**Speaker** – Annika on her community garden project on the Taieri

**Garden visit** – on the 16<sup>th</sup> see below

I hope everyone had a great Christmas (enjoying those new potatoes, peas and carrots out of the garden), and for all a wonderful 2016 with happy gardening.

Summer and again I need to do my mulching earlier. It is very dry and I ask myself are gardeners ever ecstatic with the weather. I have been harvesting the last of my broad beans, picking the first of my courgettes and watching my tomatoes grow, and deciding if the weeds are doing better than the plants I plant.

## **December Meeting**

Thanks to David on the planting tips, and an excellent talk on broad beans from Barrie Philippa talking on our soils and climate change got a lot of people thinking.

An excellent supper thanks to all those who bought a plate. A real celebration of the end of the year.

## **January meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January. Welcome Carol**

Trading table may start having some excess fruit and vege's at this time of the year. Time to put in those autumn brassica's so if you have put seed in and have spare plants bring them along.

Competition is personal best summer fruit and or vegetable

## **Garden visit for January is an excursion to Kathy Graham's on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January.**

Picnic lunch was the idea. Meeting at Bunnings car park on the Strathallan street side at 11.0'clock and departing at 11.10 if you want to car pool.

**WHERE:** AT KATHY GRAHAM'S PLACE, CHRYSTALL'S BEACH.  
16<sup>th</sup> Jan at 2.30ish

**DIRECTIONS:** Travel towards Milton; just prior to Milton township, turn left into Forsyth Road. Turn right at the crossroad into Back Road. Cross the bridge and turn left into Glenledi Road. Continue for some kilometres. At the turn off to Bull Creek Road continue ahead on to Irishman's Road and travel down that road until reaching the cross road at the beach. (Chrystall's Beach Reserve Road). We will meet here by 12.30pm so we are altogether when we meet up with Kathy.

## **February Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**Competition** is salad bowl for one.

**Proposed speaker:**



Since we did not have a garden visit in December I did not have a photo to put in. Carol suggested I take a photo of my corn and in the foreground are the Iraqi beans that I got at the seed swapping meeting in August. The kiwi berry is on the fence and growing wild this year. Marg

## **What to plant in January**

### **Seeds in trays or some in the ground**

Basil, broccoli, cabbages, cauliflower, chicory, radish, Chinese cabbage, kale, kohlrabi, lettuces, parsley, silver beet, spring onion, autumn beetroot and white turnips

--more early Potatoes if not in already- for Easter.

### **Plants in the ground**

Beetroot, Carrot, Celeriac, Coriander, Corn salad, Mesclun, Peas, Peppers, Corn, Radish, Rocket, Spinach, Swede, Turnips, Leeks, and Brassicas of all kinds for the autumn harvest.

### **Moon Planting:**

January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> planting roots

January 13 above ground planting starts until 20<sup>th</sup> with liquid feeding 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> planting roots

**The trading table** is always busy so thanks everyone for your contributions. It is always interesting to find something I have not planted before.

***Library;** I hope you managed some reading over the holiday period if you borrowed some books, although it is raining today so maybe a catch up day with a gardening magazine.*

### **Website** <http://www.dvgc.co.nz>

We have now renewed our subscription to our website for 10 years. Have you looked at it or volunteered to add anything to it? Sometimes something may be amazing in your garden others could learn from.

Sarah Fenwick co-ordinates this web page.

**SEATING** and clearing the seats away. It would be wonderful if members would please fill up the seats available from the

front as there are quite often gaps up the front which are hard to get to if you are arriving a bit later. Please stack the seats in the middle at front table so there is room for supper.....it is also easier to replace the seats and tables to their original positions this way ☺

2016 competition list is out e mail if you have not got it.

There may be copies on the entrance table.

AGM next March and there is an opening for a president!!

Talk to a current committee member if you are interested in joining the committee.

From Annika about the new project garden on the Taieri at 289 Factory Road

Can you please let people know about working bees at the plot in January as follows;

Thursday 7th January 10-2pm

Friday 15th January 10-2pm

Tuesday 19th January 10-2pm

Thanks Annika

This is a web site on some research projects that we may want to support the importing of the heritage beans into NZ. Have a look at the site and give feedback to the committee.

<https://heritagefoodcrops.org.nz/heirloom-beans/bean-import-project/>

**Please let Heather know if you are not getting the newsletter as they are not bouncing back to her if undelivered. It may help to have Heathers email address in your contacts list.**

**Margaret Scott as temporary writer**

