

# GREENS~LEAVES

Dunedin Vegetable Growers Club Newsletter; issued monthly, Vol: 2: Feb 2017

**Next meeting; 7pm, Monday 13th Feb**

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

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**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Welcome and notices

**Vegetable of the Month – Stephen McCabe on Hugelkultur and raised beds on a budget**

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

**Competition – Salad Bowl for One**

**Guest Speaker- Alison Lambert on Salads and Dressings**

**Garden Visit:** February 26<sup>th</sup> 2pm Deane Turner's, 141 Big Stone Rd, Brighton

**Car Pooling from Outside Bunnings carpark in Strathallan Street at 1.20 Leaving at 1.30**

**Supper – Thanks Joy for co-ordinating this.**

**Please take the time to read the bit in the newsletter about the South Coast Environment as they need our support.**

**February already** I just wish the weather realised that it is my summer. ( I do not think gardeners are ever happy with the weather.)  
Tomatoes are starting and Zucchini at last.  
I put seeds in last month for the big plant out in March and they are growing well.

## **January Meeting**

Talk on asparagus seemed to go well.  
Loved the talk by David on his planting plan and crop rotation I particularly liked how the trailer can go between the rows and drop off manure etc for each bed. We were all impressed and you really did not have to share that it was not pre-planned.  
Thanks for the handout that is now on the web site. The competition was won by Claire Hewson for her raspberries and Joss Dupree for her cabbage

**Round up** I have put this in the newsletter as it always is an interesting discussion between those who do or do not use Roundup. I was watching the news and one of the states in America has banned its use and the chemical company wants to take them to court. Of course it is individual's choice. BUT do we truly understand how Round up can affect us and it is in our founding document to encourage organic principles. I have put a link below that Rye sent  
Roundup and sprays  
Thought this might interest the veg club

First reported causal link...cheers rye

<http://sustainablepulse.com/2017/01/09/gro-undbreaking-study-shows-roundup-herbicide-causes-liver-disease-at-low-doses/#.WHSaD8sWahC>

**Membership Subs Due** It is the start of a new year for Subs and it is \$10 only (mail out \$5 extra) if paid by our AGM in March **\$5 extra for after March meeting**  
**This is to encourage payments at the beginning of the year. PAY NOW**

**Bank Account details...For those who would like to pay their subs via internet banking the Club bank account number is;**  
**Westpac 030905 0515906 00**  
**Please remember to add your name as reference when paying by internet banking :)**

Visit to Margaret Scott's garden January.  
Garden Visit January Margaret has lawn mowing sussed! She has eliminated them!!  
Her elevated property has become a food farm boundary to boundary, featuring many herbs, vegetables, fruit trees, nut trees, vines, fruit bushes, two chook houses, and a hedgehog house for good measure!  
Approximately thirty members attended this very interesting visit where a variety of garden management systems were featured.  
Margaret has developed ways to minimize

path weed maintenance, and had an excellent method for replanting brassicas in a plot that had already grown them. The tip is to paint the tops of small stakes and insert them in the spot where a brassica had been removed. This helps to avoid club root when replanting the same area. The brassicas growing beneath a fruit tree impressed because they were doing really well in spite of the shade. Another tip shared is to have a variety of small garden tools placed around the property enabling a small job to be attended to there and then, instead of the trek to the tool shed! We were all treated to a sumptuous afternoon tea featuring produce from Margaret's garden. A very successful informative and social visit. Thank you Margaret for your generosity hosting the club

Jule and Ian Norris



**February Meeting:**  
**See above**

#### **GARDEN TASKS FOR February 2017**

**Sow seeds of:** Beetroot, Carrots, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Celery, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Spinach, Silver Beet, and Coriander.

Sprouting Broccoli, Radishes, Lettuces, White turnips and purple topped turnips, Spring Onions, and Bok Choi

#### **Plant seedlings of:**

Lettuces, silver beet, spinach, and Spring onions. All brassica's; Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, Cabbages, Cauliflower, Kohl rabi, Kale also Celery, Spinach and Silver beet.

I plant what I need depending on what has grown the last month. January brassicas are for Autumn and March planting for Spring.

#### **Moon Planting February 2017**

**March 2nd to 9th** –sow and plant above the ground

**15th and 16th**– root planting There only seems to be root planting this month.

**February the 1st to 9th** – sow above ground crops

Trading table Thanks everybody for bringing in those extra plants. See note below re [Februarys trading table](#)

Cloth bags Idea at the January meeting instead of plastic bags. This was discussed at the committee meeting and we thought firstly we would encourage everyone to bring their own bags to the meeting

Riverton Environment Centre and [February Tradiing table](#)

They are after our support. This is the closest community group to us here that do seed saving of Vegetables and have an exciting harvest festival that many of our members go to The house they use is being sold and they are trying to raise the funds to buy it. You are welcome to donate individually see below BUT as a committee we wanted to do something to support and would like to donate the proceeds of this months trading table to them. If you have other things tosell that you want to contribute Please bring them along Thanks

**Donate online at**

<https://www.pledgeme.co.nz/projects/5022-help-secure-the-future-of-the-riverton-environment-centre>

**Go to** [www.pledgeme.co.nz](http://www.pledgeme.co.nz) **and search**  
**“Riverton”**

**Donate directly to our Crowd Funding Building account**  
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**Every little bit helps us reach our goal!**  
**Thank you for your support!**

