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**Dunedin Vegetable Growers Club Newsletter. Vol 8, September 2017**

**Next meeting: Monday September 14th**

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

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**Next Club Meeting:** Monday 11th Sept

**Club Talk:** Heather and Mike on Crop Rotation

**Planting now Q&A:** David

**Competition:** Any Brassica x1

**Guest Speaker:** Lisa Short will talk about soil and its composition.

**Garden Visit:** Malcombe Trust gardens at 287 Factory Rd, Mosgiel, 11am. Meeting at Bunnings carpark 10.30am for car-pooling.

Hello and welcome to spring… Oh wait maybe its still winter as I sit here inside typing this bleak Sunday with the fire going as cold and wet again. We are certainly not starting the spring in a drought. I still do not have a lot planted as the ground is still too cold, although have started a few brassicas. Does anyone else grow legacy sprouting broccoli? Mine has turned into a trifod this year and I am picking bowls fill of broccoli every few days.

**Potatoes** (Jersey Bennies) will be available in September to plant for our competition in December. X1 chitted potato per 9L bucket.

**Newsletter Changes** *(Repeated message)*

If anyone is still experiencing difficulties with receiving their emailed newsletters, email Sarah at the clubs email (dvgcnz@gmail.com) and she will endeavour to update your email address asap.

**August Meeting**

Thanks to Elizabeth Horton for the opening of your garden. There was a small group who turned up in the rain. You have done a lot of work in the two years. Keep up the good work ☺

Thanks Ross for the informative talk on safety.

There were a lot of seeds for swapping, thank you to those who brought along contributions.

The competition was won Heather for her Leek and the parsnip.

**This is for those who have not paid Membership Fees.**

**We do not send out accounts and there is a group who have not paid and still come so please ask at the desk if you are not sure if you have paid or not. There will be a blue dot on your name badge if you have paid.**

If you haven’t paid this year, it has now gone up to $15 for non-postal and $20 for postal for the entire year. 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.

**Garden tasks for:**

September 2017, weather dependent

Potatoes (protect from frost).

**Sow seeds:**

Broad Beans, peas, brassicas, spinach daikon radish, radishes, celeriac, fennel, coriander, dill, lettuce, rocket, turnips, carrots, parsnips, silver beet, leeks.

**Plant seedlings of:**

Brassicas and silver beet, winter lettuces, bok choy, spinach, onions, celery, and asparagus.

**Seeds inside**:

Tomatoes, onions, chillies, corn, beans, capsicums, beetroot (does not like the cold).

**Plant** garlic and shallots if you plant in the spring and have not yet done so.

Now is the time to **Mulch!** Any material is better than none. Aged compost, leaf mould, pea straw to name a few.

**Moon Planting September 2017:**

* September 1st to 4th–sow and plant above the ground.
* September 9th and 10thRoots
* September 16th and 17thRoots
* September 24thSow and plant above the ground

**BUY, SELL AND SWAP**

Anyone else got something to buy sell or swap, do contact me. Marg Scott 489 2030 or email msscott@xtra.co.nz

**For Sale**

Organic compost

Contact Annika at annika@malcam.org.nz

$120 for M3 (cubic meter)

**October meeting:**

Club talk: Carol on pricking out seedlings - pros and cons.

Guest Speaker: Awaiting confirmation.

Competition: Personal best spring vegetable or fruit.

**Soil on the floor after August club meeting.**

Please, if you drop a pot and spill any soil, let a committee member know so we can clean it up. Thanks

**Another Movie Night**

Screening time:Mon 18th Sept 7:45pm.

53 seats are available @ $10 per seat for veg grower club members.
We will be taking numbers at the August (34 so far) and September meetings.

**Facebook**

You may have noticed our Facebook page has been deleted. At this stage we do not have any members on the committee who wish to continue overseeing it. If any member of the club is interested in taking on this responsibility, please feel free to chat with a committee member. Should anyone show interest, please note they will be expected to join the committee.

**Syrian former Refugees**

Thanks again to all the donations of big pots and mint plants. Great I can always use more as it is an ongoing process. Marg

Thanks for taking the time to read this. If you ever want to write something about your garden or….. Contact me

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