



**Next meeting: Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

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**Next Club Meeting:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Club Talk:** David on rhubarb

**Q & A:** David

**Guest Speaker:** "look it up" Donald Saville-Cook talks about salvestrols.

**Garden Visit:** Nicola Baines' open garden. 2pm Sunday, 26th November.



### **Vegetable competition winner**

Congratulations to Alan Savell for his giant celery. The rhubarb was also a winner so if they were yours please let Lynn know.

### **Competition for November**

**3 sticks of rhubarb**

### **Things to look forward to in December**

Potato in a bucket competition

Club talk on glasshouses

Christmas bus outing to Oamaru

**Hi everybody.** There has been some very warm days recently and things are starting to grow, especially the weeds. However history shows November can be very changeable so be careful with those frost tender seedlings. There has been very good attendance at the club meetings so please remember to fill up the seats at the front as it is very difficult for the people who enter late to find a place.

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

If anyone is still experiencing difficulties with receiving their emailed newsletters, email Sarah at the club's email ([dvqcnz@gmail.com](mailto:dvqcnz@gmail.com)) and she will endeavour to update your email address ASAP.

### **Jan's talk on Lactobacillus Serum**

Thanks to Jan for such an interesting talk. It all made sense to me as the process was explained very clearly. I'm sure some of us will give it a go.

Also thanks to Carol for her tips for pricking out seedlings. I have tried soaking them in water first and it made a big difference.

### **Christmas lunch. Oamaru Gardens and Riverstone. 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

The wheels on the bus are going round and round all the way to Oamaru. Please meet at the bus station on Halsey Street at 8.45 as the bus leaves at 9am sharp. Our first stop is at the Oamaru gardens for an early lunch and a walk around. Please bring your own food and drinks. The bus will leave the gardens at 12.15 and head for Riverstone where Dot, from Dot's Castle, will guide us around her extensive vegetable gardens. There will be an outside café available for refreshments and time to look around the shops. We aim to arrive back in Dunedin around 5.30pm. There are still plenty of spaces available on the bus so if you have family or friends who would like to join us please bring them along. It costs \$20pp and you can pay in cash at the meeting next week or you now have the option of Internet banking. The club bank account number is:

Westpac 030905 0515906 00

Please remember to add your **name** and **bus trip** as the reference.

### Seeking new committee members.

Two new members are needed to join our committee. If you feel you could contribute to our friendly little club in this way please talk to any current committee member. The club is growing and we need more people to step up and help.

### Do you have a glasshouse?

We are looking for people to be part of a panel discussion at our December meeting about how to grow vegetables in a glasshouse. Everybody has different methods so don't be afraid to put your hand up, or say yes if you are shoulder-tapped by a committee member.

### October garden visit



Only a handful of keen gardeners braved the weather to visit the Carlton Hill Community Garden. Those who did though were treated to a grand tour and some wonderful hospitality from Dennis. It's amazing what has been achieved on a very limited budget and Dennis and his helpers have obviously worked hard to create such a wonderful garden for their community. If you don't mind how they look tyres make decent raised bed borders while also helping to warm up the soil. A good example of repurposing.

We are always looking for members' gardens to visit. I personally find it very interesting as everyone's garden is so different, and sometimes one small thing learnt can change how you grow something in your own garden.

### Garden tools sought by the Red Cross

The Red Cross is on the lookout for garden tools as new Syrians are arriving in Dunedin. Some of them are very keen gardeners but lack the tools

to grow their own vegetables. If you have any spare tools, they will even fix broken ones, please ring Catherine Williams on 0211179477 and she will arrange for them to be picked up. Alternatively you can bring them to the DVGC meeting and give them to Margaret.

### November 2017 Planting now:

**Sow seeds of:** Beetroot, Brussels sprouts, Capsicum, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Corn, Courgettes, Cucumber, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks, NZ Spinach, Onions, Peas, Pumpkin, Salsify, Silverbeet, Sprouting Broccoli, Beans and Tomatoes.

**Plant seedlings of:** Broad Beans, Brussel sprouts, Cauliflower, Celery, Corn, Courgettes, Cucumbers, Kale, Leeks, NZ Spinach, Onions, Peas, Pumpkin, Silverbeet, Sprouting Broccoli and Tomatoes.

### Moon Planting November 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Apply liquid manures
- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> – Cultivate only
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – root crops
- 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> – Harvest and cultivate only
- 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - Sow all root crops
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> – focus on forking, hoeing and raking
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – plant everything except root crops
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Apply liquid manures

### Draft local food charter – opportunity for feedback

Good Food Dunedin is a Dunedin City Council-led initiative, supported by individuals, communities, organisations and businesses who share a vision to transform Dunedin into a thriving and sustainable food city. As part of the project, we are working on developing a local food charter. A food charter is a statement of aspirational values and principles, which will guide future food policy and action planning in our city. The charter will be supported by an action plan, which will outline our goals and actions in detail.

We are currently seeking feedback on the content and direction of the draft, and would appreciate your input. Further information, the draft charter, and the online feedback form can be found here [www.goodfooddunedin.com](http://www.goodfooddunedin.com). The last day for comments is Friday 30 November.