



Ōmārama Gazette

October 2022

Bring it on, come rain, shine or snow :)

Come one, come all, come rain or shine!
We're not going to let another wintry blast spoil the party.
Friday's get together will go ahead come rain, shine...or snow!
Fingers crossed the latest visitor from the south will quickly skip its way through without causing chaos and leave us with a sunny springtime afternoon at the Ōmārama Hall and playground.
BUT, should the southerly rogue decide to gate-crash, it's still all on.
We'll simply hang out mostly indoors.

It has been a winter for the history books

We've done the work, it's time to play!

Time to haul off those gumboots, kick back and celebrate what makes this community great.

What: Time to relax together, family time, and fun

When: From 3pm, Friday, October 7, 2022

Where: The Omarama Community Centre

We'll take a special moment to thank our hard-working emergency services

Bring:

- A shared meal and stay for tea, byo refreshments
- Your flood photos, we'll share them on the big screen.
- There'll be a barbecue, bouncies, music and more.

Speculation 'inappropriate' - St John, Fenz

Hato Hone St John and Fire and Emergency New Zealand say it is "inappropriate to speculate" about the outcome of its review of its 2020 Memorandum of Understanding next month.

The Ōmārama community recently held a public forum to voice concerns about St John withholding medical 111 calls from the community-owned and funded Fire Brigade First Response unit.

The community and the first response volunteers want the unit to be dispatched to all medical calls because it has the equipment and can provide the skills to administer a high level of emergency care until an ambulance arrives. It can be on scene quickly whereas the nearest St John ambulance service and doctor is 30km (20 minutes) away.

Since the forum, and in response to the concerns raised, St John and Fenz have told the community they will commence a review of the present MOU "no later than" November 1.

After the forum they issued a joint media statement to say they will send the First Response to medical calls as per the 'enhanced trial' in the meantime. However, there has been no assurance this will necessarily be formalised at the review. Nor has there been any indication the agreement would include local arrangements with other first response units that want the same agreement – a number of whom were represented at the forum or sent letters of support.

Understandably, there are plenty who do speculate that if both St John and Fenz backed the plan to send Fenz first response units to all call outs in areas where there is no ambulance then the appropriate change to the MOU ought to be a foregone conclusion.

The enhanced first response trial which has had a 'stop start' history since 2017 is a local agreement with Ōmārama which means St John will call the first response unit to less severe medical calls than other first responders in the rest of the country who only attend life-threatening or serious incidents. St John is the lead agency for all medical calls under the MOU.

On Monday, the Ōmārama Gazette put these questions to Fenz and St John. Who, from St John and Fenz, will be putting the Ōmārama case to the meeting of the Interagency Support Focus Group reviewing the MOU, and what will the recommendation be?

Will they support the community's request, yes or no?

In response, St John issued a statement to be attributed to Southland Otago District operations manager Pauline Buchanan which says this; *"We're continuing to work closely with Fire and Emergency NZ towards the review of the current MOU in November. It would be inappropriate to speculate on the recommendation or outcome of that process, but we will endeavour to keep the community informed as it progresses."*

And Fenz gave a corresponding response in a statement to be attributed to Fenz Region Manager, Mike Grant which says; *"Discussions about the Memorandum of Understanding between Fire and Emergency New Zealand and St John are expected to start in November. In the*

meantime, we are continuing to work with St John to discuss our Medical First Response Brigades. It would be inappropriate to speculate on the outcome of the November discussions but we are very mindful of the community and the brigade's support during this time."

After the forum Mrs Buchanan and Fire and Emergency New Zealand acting specialist response manager Cam Grylls wrote to the Residents' Association of Ōmārama, who hosted the event, to clarify their stance, and that letter was presented to its meeting last month.

"While we acknowledge there were several representatives from other Fire and Emergency First Response Units at the Ōmārama meeting, it is important to note that this enhanced response criteria only applies to Ōmārama at this time, where it will be responded to all jobs including green incidents within their normal response area. "It is, and has always been, an extension of the current St John and Fire and Emergency MOU. Therefore, it is crucial that we abide by the original intent of the MOU and the agreement with Ōmārama until a review of the MOU between both agencies is completed."

The MOU states that the parties will meet annually to review the MOU "following internal stakeholder engagement".

"Amendments, variations and alterations to the MOU and the attached schedules may be made by the incumbents of the roles named in the schedules, or the current equivalent role, or by the chief executive officers." it says.

The MOU Interagency Support Focus Group is made up of these agencies: St John; Fenz; Wellington Free Ambulance; NZ Professional Firefighters Union; United Fire Brigades' Association; Fire and Emergency Commanders Association; Rural Professionals Association; Fire and Emergency Comcen and On-road Paramedic/Intensive Care Paramedic.

Fire First Response units are not represented.

In order for the local agreement with the Ōmārama First Response to be formally recognised it must be included in this MOU.

The community is petitioning Parliament to ask that St John and Fenz allow Ōmārama First Response to respond to 111 medical and personal alarm calls in the Ōmārama call-out area, regardless of acuity.

The petition is available on line and at most local businesses.

The annual meeting of the Ōmārama and Districts Community Co-Response Trust is 7pm Monday, October 10, 2022, at the Ōmārama Fire Station.

FACT BOX: WHAT IS THE MOU AND HOW CAN IT BE CHANGED

The MOU is the legal document which sets out in detail how the collaboration between the St John and Fenz will be managed as a working relationship and how the duties and functions of both will be supported.

This standard national document supersedes all local documents. However, the MOU does make provision for local agreements.

In the MOU, St John and Fenz agree to consult with all parties, including communities, over changes and to resolve disputes.

The MOU is to be reviewed annually by its Focus group and relevant changes made.

The MOU is categorical, it is St John that decides whether there is a continuing need for a first response unit, and it decides if a station can be a first response.

Fenz First Response and Co-response units always operate under the guidance of St John.

Haere mai, Jack, everything is Kapai :)

Ōmārama local Jack Zorab was one of 10 Waitaki residents who hail from across the globe to become a citizen of Aotearoa-New Zealand, last month.

The new citizens were welcomed to the Moeraki marae with a haka pōwhiri supported by Kurinui (Hampden) School and Moeraki whānau, led by Upoko David Higgins and Moeraki Ltd chairperson Trevor McGlinchey, in a ceremony co-hosted by Te Rūnanga o Moeraki and the Waitaki District Council.

It is the first time the council and the Rūnanga have hosted the ceremony together and also is the first 'in-person' citizenship ceremony in Waitaki since the impact of Covid-19 restrictions.

Waitaki Mayor Gary Kircher welcomed the group from the Philippines, South Africa, Chile, the United Kingdom and India before hearing their readings of affirmations and oaths.

(Jack, an Ōmārama Fire Brigade volunteer, was last month presented with a silver bar after seven years service, at the Fire Brigade Honours Night - see over)

Dear Jack,

Hey mate, what can we say ... Haere mai, welcome, we are proud to call you one of our own.

Here now is the place you stand - your turangawaewae - supported by your Ōmārama whanau.

We celebrate this moment with you.

And just like that old song says, 'Haere mai, everything is kapai'.

Here as a token – because every Kiwi has to have one - is my mum's authentic recipe for pavlova, handed down through the generations from the time it was first invented on our shores and the puffy meringue-like confection dazzled and danced across our dining tables.

(BTW you may well get a few tips from the 'aunties' before you perfect it, tho - just saying!)

As well, 'cos the day will come when you need to 'take a plate', here is a recipe for that time-honoured southern sushi, the cheese roll. However, be forewarned, there is more than one 'genuine' recipe out there for this scrumptious wee delight, too.

Pavlova

4 egg whites – beat
2 tbsp water – add (optional)
1 cup of sugar – add slowly
Fold in:
1 tsp cornflour
1 tsp vinegar
1 tsp vanilla
¼ tsp cream of tartar
Bake ½ to 2 hours at 150C.

Cheese rolls

500g grated cheese
1 tin evaporated milk
1 pkt Maggi onion soup mix
1 finely chopped onion
1 tsp mustard powder
1 cup cream.

Heat in the microwave for six minutes, stirring in between times. Cool spread onto white bread.

Roll by folding in three.

Toast, butter and serve.

What they may not have briefed you about is - not only is wearing shorts and jandals through an Ōmārama winter, baking the perfect pav and cranking out the cheese rolls for the next fire brigade fundraiser obligatory for any North Ōtago citizen - there are also a whole lot of 'official' Ōmārama blue and gold true facts it might pay you to know.

To check you're up to speed on those, here's a bit of a quiz.

(Just like all good quizzes, its best conducted with a beer in hand – a cold one, none of this warm stuff from the old country – and for a southern bloke, it must be three star.) So, have you got what it takes?

1. What was the site of the first Ōmārama Hotel?
2. Where is the northern boundary of Ōtago?
3. What was the tree, originally part of the Ōmārama Station fence line, planted about 1891, which stood at the Ōmārama junction, and which was secretly felled in an infamous early morning incident in the 1970s.
4. Who named Ladybird Hill?
5. What year did the original wooden Ōmārama Memorial Hall burn down?
6. Where was the site of the original Ōmārama School?
7. Name at least three sports where Ōmārama locals have gained fame internationally?
8. Ōmārama once had two rugby teams. Where is the rugby field?
9. Who holds the New Zealand gliding records for speed over an out and return course of 100km, 200km and 300km?
10. What was the original use of the Ōmārama Police Station?
11. Who carved the Merino Ram statue at the junction?
12. How did Prohibition Rd get its name.
13. What was the original European name of Paritea, The Clay Cliffs
14. The first official Wajax pump competition was held between four brigades, what were they?
15. Once there was a market garden in Omarama, where was it?



Life coach to share tried and true tips

The Otago Rural Support Trust is bringing former policeman and life coach Lance Burdett, founder of WARN International, to Kurow next month.

The event is not only for farmers. The invitation has been extended to anyone who wishes to attend, Rural Support Trust coordinator Lindsay Purvis said.

Mr Burdett, who is a former police crisis negotiator who has worked in Australia and New Zealand and with the FBI, specialises in giving people the tools to deal with anxiety.

An entertaining keynote speaker, Mr Burdett's presentations are noted for being grounded in neuroscience, based on contemporary research, and peppered with plenty of practical experience and advice.

During his 22-year police career, he spent 13 years as a crisis negotiator working on such cases as the Napier siege. He has taught and continues to teach crisis intervention techniques to police negotiators.

Working in the police emergency call centre he developed coaching sessions about how to deal with difficult people and about personal resilience, programmes which have been adopted nationally and now form part of the training for all emergency call centre staff.

Through his organisation he runs training courses to help individuals and organisations manage the effects of stress, teaching how to improve communication skills, manage safety and security, and how to develop resilience.

He includes practical techniques for changing negative thoughts, how to get to sleep and stay asleep and ways to boost energy and motivate yourself.



Along with his coaching workshops he has published two books – Behind the Tape, Life on the Police Frontline, and Dark Side of the Brain, Adapting to Adversity. He is writing a third book about anxiety.

**Lance Burdett of WARN International
will speak at**

7pm, Wednesday, November 16

at the Kurow Rugby Clubrooms,

to be followed by supper and cash bar.

To read his blog:

<http://warninternational.com/blog>

or to subscribe to his email:

<http://warninternational.com/subscribe>

Former policeman and life coach Lance Burdett will speak at an Otago Rural Support Trust gathering in Kurow next month. Photo: Supplied

Dedicated Ahuriri advocate signs off

This week's Waitaki District Council meeting was the last for retiring elected members; Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale, Councillor Bill Kingan, Councillor Colin Wollstein, and Ahuriri Community Board chairperson Vicky Munro, who each gave a valedictory speech at the meeting.

Mrs Munro has served as a dedicated advocate for the Ahuriri Ward since the 2014 by-election. The Ahuriri Ward is Waitaki's largest ward by land area as it stretches from Duntroon to Ōhau – making up 59% of the Waitaki District.

Her speech is shared here:

"Thank you to all retired and present councillors, staff, buddy councillors and thank you to the residents of our awesome Ahuriri Ward.

A Sense of Place

The Ahuriri Ward - a community of five towns and rural farming from flat plains dairy to high country pastoral merino runs.

Our towns have very different historical backgrounds.

Ōhau - with its majestic lake and mountains, a winter playground ski field right at our back door, enhanced by its native fauna, the envy of the lower rainfall towns.

Ōmārama - a thriving town, welcoming the tourists and locals, crossroads to many adventures.

Otematata - a service town for the development of the Hydro schemes, creating a water playground for visitors to spend their leisure time "up the lakes".

Kurow - , historical railways, the bridges that crossed the mighty Waitaki River, a town to service the local rural community, Plunket, preschool, and now a modern primary school.

Duntroon - a town that has so much to give, history and the future side by side, also servicing the local community with a growing diary dairy industry.

Highlights:

- Getting to know the people, the residents of the Duntroon area, after the new boundary changes for the Ahuriri Ward.

Witnessing the sheer passion from all the five towns' residents creating their own 'Sense of Place'.

To be honest, I am still of the mindset, "why can't we come in with our tractors, people and just get the job done?!"

Now it's health and safety, compliance and rules ! But in saying that, we all know rules are made to protect us.

It's always been a pleasure to work with council staff and councillors to complete many projects in our Ahuriri Ward.

Sincere thanks, it was a privilege to be part of that team.

The low times.

- Belonging to a carefree Baby Boomers era, when we had no World Wars, depressions and we're were able to play on the streets in safety. Then we had a Pandemic.

Learning zoom meeting protocols, social distancing, masks, vaccines and RATS tests, a new experience.

- In the nine years on the Board, I lost my best mate, husband Ronnie.

- We had Board members resign, and new enthusiastic Board members join the team.

- The Ōhau fire was a serious loss to that community, and meeting in the town after

Dedicated Ahuriri advocate signs off - continued

the fire was a sobering experience. The residents and home owners were safe but their strength and resilience was a lesson to us all.

- The passing of Ahuriri Councillor Ross McRobie was a huge loss to our combined Waitaki District Council, Otematata and the Ahuriri Ward. His fresh new approach was inspiring and exciting going forward.

- The floods, that just kept coming, so much damage and so disappointing to businesses, homes and recreational facilities. No such damage has been inflicted on our towns historically such as Omarama and Otematata have seen. Our Ahuriri Ward residents are a resilient bunch of people, supporting each other through difficult times, helping each other.

It's been a pleasure and a life's highlight to be part of the Ahuriri Ward team.

Wishing you all good health and successful decision making, a new team with fresh new approaches.

Sincere regards,"

Vicky Munro, Ahuriri Community Board Chairperson.

Photo: Retiring Ahuriri Community Board chairperson Vicky Munro holds her first meeting as chairperson in Duntroon in November, 2019
in Duntroon in November, 2019



Golden moments at Honours night

We all know they make an impressive crew and one which would be the envy of many small communities.

This year's Omarama Volunteer Fire Brigade honours night held last month in the Omārama Hall was a little different and featured some memory-making moments. A milestone of service was marked by Chief Fire Officer Greg Harper when he was awarded his gold star.

Friend and Alexandra Fire Brigade's chief fire officer Russell Anderson presented Greg and Adrienne the awards recognising the couple's commitment to the fire service.

In another special moment former brigade member and gold star recipient Graham Mclean made the inaugural presentation of the McLean Trophy for Best Operations Support to Paddy Galvin.

And there was a standing ovation with not a dry eye in the house when Sharon Rogers, on behalf of husband John, a former Omārama Chief Fire Officer and himself a gold star recipient, presented new recruit Michaela Kennedy with her award.

Special thanks to:

Omārama Friends of the School,
Georgie and Tim Robertson.

MC for the evening was Jack Zorab.

Cake created by Teresa Gallagher



Golden moments at Honours night - continued

United Fire Brigades Association Omarama Volunteer Fire Brigade Honours 2022

Greg Harper	25 years four months	Gold Star
Maurice Cowie	49 years 11 months two days	Gold Bar
Jack Zorab	Seven years one month 18 days	Silver Bar
Peter Trusler	11 years 11 months 18 days	Silver Bar
Bruce Dyson	17 years 10 months 14 days	Silver Bar
Tania Innes	Two years one month five days	
Zane Lord	11 years (retired)	Silver Bar
Michaela Kennedy	One year 13 days	
Terry Walsh	16 years nine months 17 days	
Paddy Galvin	Three years two months two days	Silver Bar
Aaron Ferguson	Two years seven months 18 days	3-yr certificate
First Response		
Liz Komen	15 years one month 15 days	
Georgie Robertson	Nine years 11 months 21 days	Silver Bar
Geva Innes	Eight years two months 13 days	5-yr Medal
Charlotte Derosa	Four years eight months three days	3-yr certificate
Sonya Trusler	Three years seven months 19 days	3-yr certificate
Brigade support		
Adrienne Harper	Three years six months five days	3-yr certificate
Beverly Purvis	Three years (retired)	3-yr certificate
Ken Rogers	One year 11 months 28 days	
Lynley Pryde	One year four months 26 days	

Peter Trusler was also presented with a jacket given to those with five or more years service with the Omarama Brigade





Golden moments at Honours night - continued



In loving memory - Pam Urquhart

Remembering Pam 10 years on.... xxxx

"On the 29th October 2012 we lost our beautiful Mum, wife, sister, nanny, aunty and friend to many and we all gained an angel. Remembered and loved every minute of every day by your family xoxo.

"Love as powerful as your Mum's leaves its own mark. To have been loved so deeply, even though she is gone, will give us protection forever"

"We thank those who visit Pam at the cemetery, who think of her, share her stories and those who have continued to be a huge support for our family. And we would love you all to raise a glass on the 29th October and think of Pam, she will be up there dirty dancing with Patrick Swayze for sure!"

- inserted by the family of Pam Urquhart



The Noticeboard

To have your community notice included here
email: omaramagazette@gmail.com



Wishing you all the very best Ron as you depart Boots and Jandals Hotel and head to your next venture. We will all miss your smiling face.

This month it is - drum roll please - Many Happy Returns to Alona Shaw and Maurice Cowie.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Peter Hockley, of Christchurch and Otematata, who lost his life in a boating accident in Kaikoura last month - Nature photographer 'extraordinaire'.

Community Housie has finished for winter.

There will be Christmas Housie at the Wrinkly Rams café, date to be confirmed.

Kurow Medical Centre Ōmārama Clinic at the Ōmārama Community Centre, is open Thursdays, 8.30am to 12.30pm. To make appointments for all clinics, order repeat scripts or make enquiries please contact Kurow Medical Centre 03 436 0760 (Monday to Thursdays). www.kurowmedicalcentre.org.nz

The Ōmārama Community Library is open 9.30am to 11am, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Library hours can change. Contact Yvonne: 027 476 7473.

St Thomas' Ōmārama Church Community:

chairperson: Ven Dr Michael Godfrey, phone 022 342 9977 or email Dylanfreak@gmail.com; committee secretary (Presbyterian): Rev Lee Kearon, phone: 021 250 1060 or email: lee.kearon@gmail.com

The Ōmārama Golf Club Saturdays cards in 12.30 pm, tee-off 1pm. Club captain James Moynihan phone: 027 215 8266; email jwmoynihan@yahoo.co.nz www.omaramagolfclub.co.nz

The Ahuriri Community Catchment Group meets once a month. For time and place contact facilitator Nicola McKerchar. Phone: 022 612 7570; email: committee@ahuriricatchment.com

The Upper Waitaki Young Farmers Club meets at 7.30pm on the first Monday of each month at the 'Top Pub' - the Blue and Gold pub, in Kurow. All welcome. Join the Facebook group.

The Noticeboard, continued

Ōmārama Playgroup meets at 9.30am each Wednesday during the primary school term at the Ōmārama Community Centre. For more information phone president Nic McKerchar 022 612 7570 rn.mckerchar@hotmail.com or secretary Tarsh Bell 027 349 0016 tomandtarsh@mchoney.co.nz

Bridge Club - The Ōmārama Bridge Club meets on a regular basis and would welcome new members. If you are interested please phone Sylvia Anderson 438 9784 or Ann Patterson 438 9493.

The Ōmārama Model Aircraft Club meets on Saturdays from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon at its flying ground at the Ōmārama airfield. All welcome - Contact Don Selbie on 027 435 5516.

FENZ Ōmārama Volunteer Fire Brigade meets 7pm each Wednesday and has its meeting at 7:30pm on the third Wednesday of the month. New members welcome.

A gentle exercises and social afternoon group meets at the Otematata District Club at 1.30pm Thursday afternoons. Gold coin donation and a cuppa after the exercises. The exercises are run with the guidance of personal trainer Lauren Maree. Gold coin donation and a cuppa after the exercises. Contact Ethel Gray 03 438 7764.

Waitaki Newcomers Network: For more information about this group and to subscribe to regular updates send contact details to E: waitaki@newcomers.co.nz
W: www.newcomers.co.nz F: [facebook.com/WaitakiNewcomersNetwork/](https://www.facebook.com/WaitakiNewcomersNetwork/)

Plunket Line: 0800 933 922

Ōmārama Plunket Committee: Aimee Snelgrove 022 350 5536
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To read more, enjoy more photos and watch our place 'come to life' check out our Facebook page and website. www.facebook.com/omaramagazette/ omaramagazette.nz

To receive email alerts between monthly editions of the Omarama Gazette sign up to our 'Local List'. Email omaramagazette@gmail.com and put 'Local List' in the subject line.

Thank you to all who share your stories and contribute in other ways to the Gazette.
We all really appreciate what you do.

**The November Issue of the
Omarama Gazette
is Wednesday, November 2, 2022.**

**Please submit copy
by Thursday, October 27, 2022**

The Community Reports

Omarama Volunteer Fire Brigade



Kia ora,

October - time to break out the shorts and perhaps the BBQ. Make sure you check for gas leaks before you light it for the first time. A bit of soapy water in a spray bottle or with a brush is all you need. Check the joints and you're good to go.

If you have joined the charcoal or wood-fired team please make sure the area around your BBQ is clear of inflammable materials that may spread and cause a fire, and have a hose handy.

It is not dry yet but we had a fire on the side of the road in September. A fire can happen at any time. Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving unattended.

Daylight saving kicked in a couple of weeks ago. It's always a good time to check your smoke alarms. As always if you have any problems with your smoke alarms or testing we are always happy to come and help you out. Please contact us.

Stay Safe

Greg Harper and the team at the Omarama Volunteer Fire Brigade

Chief Fire Officer , 021 293 1171 greg.harper@fireandemergency.nz

Facebook: /Omaramafirebrigade

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dedicated to news
from clubs, groups and sports teams.

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PROJECT?



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The Otago Community Trust provides grants to not-for-profit community groups and projects that make a positive contribution to Otago communities.

0800 10 12 40 www.oct.org.nz

Ōmārama Golf Club

If you are interested in joining the club please contact Christine 027 209 2320 we have a couple of membership options.

Saturday club day, daylight saving time,
cards in 12.30pm, tee-off 1pm.

Club captain James Moynihan, phone: 027 215 8266;
email jwmoynihan@yahoo.co.nz
Secretary: Christine Bowman phone: 027 209 2320
email secretary@omaramagolfclub.co.nz
www.omaramagolfclub.co.nz

Justices of the Peace

JPs are available by appointment to:

- * Witness documents such as applications for citizenship
- * Certify copies
- * Take declarations, affidavits and affirmations

The service is free of charge

To make your visit quick and easy:

- * Do not sign anything beforehand
- * Do take photo identification
- * Remember to take the original as well as the copy to be certified
- * Check that a New Zealand Justice of the Peace can complete your documentation



Georgie Robertson
Omarama
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Vicky Munro
Otematata
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Alona Shaw
Omarama
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Omarama Golf Club

FLOOD RELIEF TOURNAMENT

(Funds raised will assist the club recover from recent flood damage)

ALL WELCOME

Saturday, 22 October 2022

Report: 12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m. tee off

Stableford prizes

Entry Fee: \$40.00

On-course BBQ – Great Prizes – Raffles – Great company

Evening meal

Entries (including club/player ID) to:

**Christine Bowman (secretary) email secretary@omaramagolfclub.co.nz or txt
0272092320**

Entries to be received by Thursday 20th October 2022

PLEASE NOTE: Cash only bar

***In the event you are unable to attend, and would like to give a donation,
please contact us as per above.***

SELF-CONTAINED CAMPER VANS PARKING AVAILABLE

Ōmārama Shed

The Ōmārama Shed Group has begun work on its next project.
The Ōmārama Residents' Association has commissioned the group to build a storage shed for the equipment which is regularly used on the Sports Courts.



The Ōmārama Shed group meets
at 10am each Saturday and at other times, too.
For further information contact:
Murray Stuart 027 432 7537

Ōmārama Playgroup

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primary school term
at the Ōmārama Community Centre.

For more information contact:
president Nic McKerchar 022 612 7570 rn.mckerchar@hotmail.com
or secretary Tarsh Bell 027 349 0016 tomandtarsh@mchoney.co.nz
Plunket: Aimee Snelgrove 022 350 5536 aimeesnelgrove@hotmail.com

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Wednesdays and Saturdays,
at the Ōmārama Community Centre.
omaramalibrary@gmail.com

Contacts: Georgie 027 486 1525 or Yvonne 027 476 7473

#wildingpine

Community working bee



To HELP prepare the Dusky Trail for HARD LABOUR WEEKEND



All gear provided
Or bring your own leather gloves
and loppers if you prefer

Wear sturdy covered
footwear - no jandals or sandals

Bring your raincoat, sun
hat, drink bottle and
snacks

Kids aged 14 and under
please bring your adult

Check
www.mackenziewildingtrust.org
for postponement details

*Chop down some wilding pines and
enjoy a BBQ after*

Sat 15 October

9am – approx. 2pm

Meet at the entrance to Rhoboro Downs Station
Rhoboro Rd, Twizel

4WD transport can be provided for up to 20
volunteers who pre-register by emailing
coordinator@mackenziewildingtrust.org

OR bring your own 4WD vehicle

Personal protective equipment and thorough briefings will be provided to mitigate the safety risks associated with this outdoor event



**WILDING FREE
MACKENZIE**

Ōmārama Residents' Association

!! ANNUAL MEETING !!

The annual meeting will be
7pm, Thursday October 13
at the Ōmārama Community Centre

The monthly meeting of the
Ōmārama Residents' Association
will follow the annual meeting

An invitation is extended to all

Contacts:

Lindsay Purvis, chairperson, 027 438 9630

Yvonne Jones, secretary, 027 476 7473

(Minutes of the previous meetings are available from Yvonne)

THE ASSOCIATION HAS ITS OWN POST OFFICE BOX

Could all those who want to contact the association by mail,
send accounts to be paid,
or have correspondence considered at the monthly meetings
ensure it is addressed to:

The Secretary, P O Box 93, Ōmārama 9448.

The association's email address is omarama.committee@gmail.com

ŌMĀRAMA COMMUNITY CENTRE HALL HIRE

To make a booking for an upcoming event or for more
information about hall hire and availability
please contact Michelle Kitchen 027 280 5446
or email hallhire.omarama@xtra.co.nz



WHAT MAKES YOU TICK?



You can post your voting papers in any NZ Post box but keep in mind the last day to post a vote is Tuesday 4 October 2022 so if you haven't posted by then, hold on to your voting paper and you can drop off at the special voting locations.

SPECIAL VOTING & VOTING PAPER DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

The Orange voting bin at the **Kurow Museum & Information Centre** will be available during normal operating hours until 3.45pm on Friday 7 October 2022.

If you enrolled after the 12 August, haven't receive your voting papers or have lost or damaged your voting papers, you can still do a Special Vote – bring your ID to Council HQ in Ōamaru before noon on 8 October or:

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Ōmārama Community Hall, 10.00 – 11.30am

Outside On the Spot Otematata, 1.00 – 2.00pm

Kurow Museum & Information Centre, 2.45 – 3.45pm

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Ōmārama essential general knowledge quiz answers

Q. What was the site of the first Ōmārama Hotel?

A. Originally the hotel was where the camping ground is today. It was washed away in a flood in 1878.

Q Where is the northern boundary of Otago?

A. Ohau River – Ruataniwha Dam

Q. What was the tree originally part of the Ōmārama Station fence line, planted about 1891, which stood at the Ōmārama junction, and which was secretly felled in an infamous early morning incident in the early 1970s.

A. . It was a South African Poplar

Q. Who named Ladybird Hill?

A. Ōmārama artist, the late Kevyn Webb, and his sons.

Q. What year did the original wooden Ōmārama Memorial Hall burn down?

A. 1957. The event was the catalyst for forming the Ōmārama Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Q. Where was the site of the original Ōmārama School?

A. Buscot Station

Q. Name at least three sports where Ōmārama locals have gained fame internationally?

A. Gliding, Dog trialling, Blade Shearing

Q. Ōmārama once had two rugby teams. Where is the rugby field?

A. The rugby field, classified as recreation reserve, sits behind the Memorial Hall and Playground.

Q. Who holds the New Zealand gliding records for speed over an out and return course of 100km, 200km and 300km?

A. Sabrina Schels McComack

Q. What was the original use of the Ōmārama Police Station?

A. It was the New Zealand Forest Service Headquarters for the area from Makarora to Ben Ōhau.

Q Who carved the merino statue at the Junction?

A Omarama builder Bill Adams.

Q How did Prohibition Rd get its name?

A Because, for those travelling north, it cuts the corner and bypasses the Hotel

Q. What was the original European name of Paritea, The Clay Cliffs

A. The Ahuriri Bluffs

Q. The first official Wajax pump competition was held between four volunteer fire brigades, what were they?

A. Omarama, Stewart Island, Glenorchy and Hawea

Q. Once there was a market garden in Omarama, where was it?

A. Fed by the water race it was on the sheltered flats behind Ahuriri Dr.



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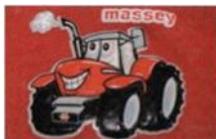


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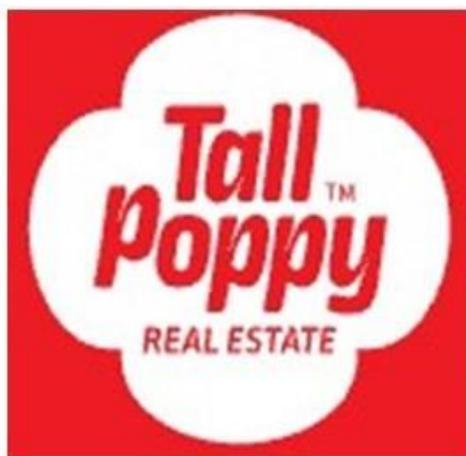
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