

Omarama Gazette

May 2022

The Noticeboard

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Congratulations to Kacy Jarvis and Robbie Breen (and Kayjay) on the occasion of their engagement.

All the very best to the Ōmārama Collie Dog Club members; Ginger Anderson, Ed Aubrey, Rick Aubrey, Michael Benton and Ben Harris, entrants in the South Island sheep dog trial championships which are on at Earnscleugh Station, near Alexandra this week.

Farewell to Michael and Tarryn Benton and the family, who have moved from Berwen Station to Jeff Farm in South Otago. Wishing you all the best.

All the best to volunteer firefighter Michaela Kennedy who is attending the Fire and Emergency New Zealand seven-day recruit course this week.

Returning soon... in June, weekly Community Housie, watch this space!

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

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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 - continued over

The Ōmārama Golf Club Saturdays cards in 12pm, tee-off 12.30pm. Club captain James Moynihan phone: 027 215 8266; email jwmoynihan@yahoo.co.nz www.omaramagolfclub.co.nz

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.

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.

Plunket Line: 0800 933 922

Ömārama Plunket Committee: Aimee Snelgrove 022 350 5536

aimeesnelgrove@hotmail.com

The leaderboard at the 4pm call on the third day of the South Island sheep dog trial championships at Earnscleugh Station (in no particular order).

Long head (judged up to run 167): Kevin O'Connor and Jax (Waikoau), Alistair Dickson and Bruce (Cheviot), Stuart Millar and Laddie (Glenroy), Bernard Arends and Tarn (Weber), Bernard Arends and Parker (Weber), Barry Thompson and Bolt (Banks Peninsula), Neil Evans and Lad (Omihi).

Short head and yard (judged up to run 140): Rick Aubrey and Trump (Omarama), Brent Mathews and Reef (Makotuku), Scott McRae and Cory (Molesworth), Howard Inglis and Lou (Wairarama), Bernard Arends and Parker (Weber), Mark Copland and Don (Methyen), John Scott and Tip (Strath Taieri).

Zigzag hunt (judged up to run 213): Steve Kerr and Holly (Mackenzie), Cam Bain and Brax (Millers Flat), Ned George and Pitch (Wairoa), Duncan Gardner and Boogie (Tai Tapu), Josh Brennan and Hung (Ruahine-Rangiwahia), Leo Edginton and Bert (Tolaga Bay), Bruce Parkinson and Range (Raetihi).

Straight hunt (judged up to run 207): Cam Bain and Hercules (Millers Flat), Grant Calder and Apps (St Bathans), Robbie Calder and Angus (St Bathans), Sam Magee and Edge (Makotuku), Steve Kerr and Charge (Mackenzie), Henry Hindmarsh and Prudence (Tolaga Bay), Samantha Shaw and Rogue (Matawa).



Anzac Day 2022 - Ōmārama remembers

- By Ruth Grundy

This year, a smaller than usual crowd gathered at Ōmārama's Memorial Rock in brilliant autumn sunshine to remember those lost at war from the Benmore and surrounding district, and to honour our returned services personnel.

The Ōmārama Volunteer Fire Brigade formed a parade to the memorial led by Sergeant Stuart Heddershaw, of Kurow, who is retired from the Australian Army and formerly with the British Army.

Upper Waitaki Returned and Services Association president John McKinnel gave the address, secretary Karen Hofman gave the prayer, Anzac Dedication and Ode. The bugler was John Sturgeon.

Wreaths were laid by Mr McKinnel, Ōmārama Fire chief Greg Harper and Ōmārama Residents' Association chairman Lindsay Purvis.

Covid-19 Omicron continues to affect the region and impacted the numbers attending.

Photos: Bruce Dow and Ruth Grundy













Poignant occasion for Colin

Anzac Day holds special memories for Ōmārama man Colin Herd. He is the owner of a precious memento, a leather belt which once belonged to his great grandfather, David Herd, who came from the Ardgowan area. The belt has been used to display the military insignia awarded to Colin's great grandfather, who served in World War 1.

Thank you

Colin and Sharon Herd would like to sincerely thank all those involved in the recent Boots and Jandals Hotel Ōmārama Social Club 4WD trip for their generous donations towards costs relating to his ongoing health treatment.





Model aircraft Aerotow returns

By Bevan Allan

After an absence of two years the Ōmārama Anzac Aerotow got underway over the weekend of the 22nd to the 24th April.

This was run by the team from the Ōmārama Model Aircraft Club. With the support of Ōmārama Airfield Ltd and the gliding fraternity we were able to enjoy three days of flying in this unique part of New Zealand.

Thirty pilots travelled from as far north as Auckland and the far south of Invercargill, and everywhere in between. They brought with them nine tow planes and 60 plus gliders [model aircraft].

The gliders were of varying size ranging from a mere 2 metre wing span to the biggest at 50% scale. Some of the bigger tow planes were 40% scale and powered with engines as big as 170cc.

These models were transported to the event in cars, vans as well as some purpose built covered in trailers.

There is always a flurry of activity assembling them on arrival.

Once again we were very lucky to have the use of some hanger space for overnight storage. A big thanks to the people who allowed us to use their hangers.

We had not advertised the event this year due to the ongoing covid situation.

There were a steady stream of spectators over the three days.

We had one lot of cyclists call in thinking there was full size gliding happening only to find they were large scale models. They were most impressed and stayed for a while.



Left: Peter and Jack enjoying the afternoon sun while keeping an eye on the activity.

Below: Ricky Bruce from Invercargill with his 50% K6 heading out for another flight.

Photos by Trevor Allan



High fliers converge for opening leg

By Morgan Harteveld, Generation Disc Golf co-owner

Kitted out with a Kahu - 'a great high-speed driver with a gentle turn good glide and a hard fade'...Ōmārama is made for this sport. Disc Golf - a twist on regular golf is coming to town.

Disc golf is a flying disc - frisbee- sport in which players throw a disc down a 'fairway' to a target.

It is played using rules similar to golf.

In June, Generation Disc Golf which runs multiple events around the lower South Island is hosting a national event - its New Zealand Disc Golf Tour, Sub Zero and the Ōmārama Golf Course features as the opening leg.

Competitors from around the country are expected in town for the weekend of June 11 and 12, with Ahuriri Motels the main accommodation provider. Spectators are welcome.

It is an eye opening experience for all, but beware, once you try it you may not be able to stop. If you want to try your hand at this sport Lake Ohau Lodge, has the closest 18-hole course to Ōmārama, with rental discs available.

Adam Rimes, co-owner of Generation Disc Golf tests the design of the tournament course, throwing on the par 5 hole 7 at the Ōmārama Golf Club. Photo: supplied.



Road trip in a streetcar of desire

By Bev and Lindsay Purvis

Easter this year was to be a Zephyr/Zodiac convention at Franz Josef but like so many other events, Covid put paid to that.

The idea of Easter at home doing not much didn't appeal so, after a phone call or two, three of us decided to do a road trip around the West Coast in our Zodie's. Only 16 Ford MK2 Zodiac Convertibles were ever imported into New Zealand ,13 of which are either restored or in the process, so to have ours and one other plus a MK3 together on a trip was quite rare.

We set off from Ōmārama on Good Friday in fine sunny weather headed for Haast. In typical West Coast fashion it rained all night and through the morning but sure enough at lunch time it stopped and the sun came out, so it was mount up, roof down and off to Franz for the night with lunch stop at Paringa Salmon farm. On arrival we discovered that a lot of the Southland Zephyr owners had decided to make the Pilgrimage too so great to catch up with old friends from down there.

In the morning the Coast turned on another stunning day so off we went bound for Greymouth. We decided to visit Okarito on the way and discovered a beautiful little coastal village, well worth a visit if you have a spare ½ hour about 10 minutes north of Franz.



The girls decided to do the Tree Top walk on the way to Greymouth, sadly us guys had to stay and keep an eye on the cars so couldn't do it.

After a group meeting that night at the Recreation Hotel in Greymouth it was decided to take the turn-off at Stillwater and travel through the Lake Brunner road to Otira for lunch. An interesting collection of antiques and memorabilia is on display in this remote and unique old pub, but great cheese rolls and coffee so it was easy to spend an hour or more there before carrying on our travels.

Up and over the Viaduct and then turning off at Springfield took us inland over the Rakaia Gorge bridge and then turning off at Mount Hutt station and into Methven for an interesting evening in the Brown Pub with the locals.

The next morning one of our friends took us on a guided tour of the animal feed processing plant that he is a shareholder in. This plant takes cereal crops and crushes them to mix with all kinds of minerals etc to produce pellet form supplement feed for mostly the dairy industry although they also produce sheep nuts as well. Sounds simple but I was intrigued by just how high tech this process is.

Then it was time to say farewell to our travel companions and make our way back to Ōmārama.

A thoroughly enjoyable weekend in lovely weather on a road trip that I would recommend to anyone anytime.







The Community Reports

Ōmārama Golf Club

By Christine Bowman, Photos: supplied

The leaves are falling as autumn is here, and the golf balls are getting harder to find!! However still loads of fun out there on the golf course.

Our Easter tournament was a great success, with a full afternoon field of 56 players from across the South Island. The weather was sunny, but windy, which created some challenges. We wish to thank all our sponsors which enabled us to have a fantastic prize and raffle table. The following were our major winners:

Overall winner by lot - Marg Glass (Mt Nessing) 38 stablefords (photo below left with her prize gifted from Norwood Timaru) and 1st Ladies section 1st Senior Men's by lot - Michael Thomas (Tinwald) 38 stablefords (photo below left)

2ns Senior Men's by lot - Ali Brosnan (Lower Waitaki/Ōmārama) 38 stablefords 1st Junior Men's - Ian Niles (Ben Ōhau (Ōmārama) 37 stablefords *(photo bottom right)*

Welcome to our new member Jo Mortimer.

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

Saturday club day cards in 12 noon and tee off 12.30 pm.

Club captain James Moynihan, phone: 027 215 8266;

email jwmoynihan@yahoo.co.nz Secretary: Christine Bowman

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The **Ōmārama** Shed

The Ōmārama Shed group meets at 10am each Saturday

and at other times, too.

For further information contact: Murray Stuart 027 432 7537



'The Community Reports' is dedicated to news from clubs, groups and sports teams. Contributions are welcome. omaramagazette@gmail.com

Ōmārama School

By Michelle Green, Ōmārama School principal. (Photos: supplied)
Term One

Despite all challenges, we had a fantastic term! Thanks to the vigilance of parents and students we avoided Covid for five weeks allowing us to enjoy teaching outside and getting our senior year 7 and 8 students off to camp at Peel Forest.

Peel Forest Challenge Camp – the eight students spent three days in and out of wet suits facing new adventures each day. We started with raft building, sailing and kayaking at Lake Opuha then moved onto river crossing and waterfall adventures. The scariest part was the abseil into the canyon and creek but team support and encouragement was strong! Last day was rafting in two teams down the Rangitata

River. Many thanks to the instructors at Peel Forest Outdoor Centre and our two teachers- Ms Green and Ms Blanchard.

Our swimming pool received a major upgrade this summer with the donation of a heat pump – thanks to Carl Banks Builders and Te Pakihi o Maru school in Oamaru. The Board paid for installation along with the expertise of Andy Moore and the students have benefitted enormously. With three experienced swim instructors and Kay Mason all students were able to get a lesson three times a week as well as plenty of play time in the warm water!

You may notice that the school is receiving a major upgrade. We are getting a third classroom and a new library space added to our main teaching block. Builders will be on site for approx. 20 weeks. Luckily we have renovated the old Dental Clinic "Room 5" to be used as a teaching space for small groups and we made a decision to keep the older classroom block for now. It is called the Funhub and is also getting a spruce up to be used as a classroom for the 20 weeks of building then a great space for building, cooking, art and assemblies.

Welcome to Clair Winslade, our new permanent teacher starting Term 2 in Clay Cliffs Classroom (seniors). She is joining us from Wanaka Primary School and brings many years of teaching experience, plus a love of the outdoors to our students.

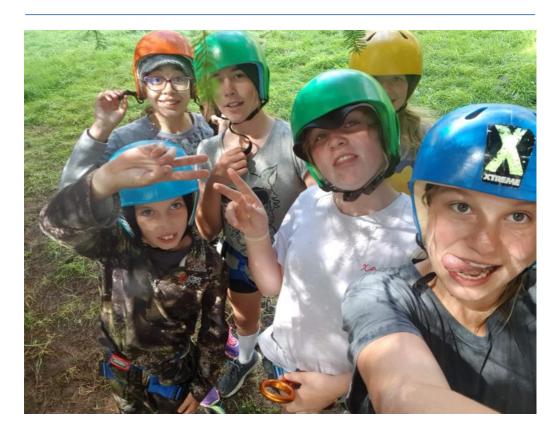


Ömārama School Board of Trustees

By David (Gundy) Anderson, Board of Trustees chairperson.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to thank Tarryn Benton for her work and contribution to the board since July of last year. In the first instance stepping in as secretary. It then quickly became apparent that Tarryn had a lot to offer as a member and when asked agreed to come on board. Personally, I have found Tarryn very worthwhile on the board. She has been a very constructive member, not afraid to speak up and offer her opinions. Tarryn has also been involved at the school helping out as a volunteer and writing tutor. So thanks for your significant contribution to the school Tarryn. People such as yourself are highly valued and you will be missed. However we realise Michael and yourself have a great opportunity down south with Jeff Farm and we wish you all the very best. Thank you and go well

I would also like to thank the relieving teachers who will no longer be with us at the school this term. Belinda Sides, Kathryn Ford, Alison Blanchard, and Pip Smith. Thanks so much for your time and skills so willingly given. We also wish you the very best for your future endeavours.



Friends of Ōmārama School

The Friends of Ōmārama school held its annual meeting last month and new officers were elected to the role of president and vice president..

The new president is Kay Mason and vice president is Jenny Hales.

Carla Hunter continues as secretary and Christy Zeestraten as treasurer.

Secretary: Carla Hunter P O Box 53, Omarama 9448; email: smithyc66@gmail.com

Cheese roll offer extended... Taking orders until Friday!



Ömārama Community Library

In case you missed it ... now available to borrow

The Ōmārama Community Library now has a "Healthy Homes Toolkit" available for loan thanks to an initiative of Network Waitaki, the Waitaki District Libraries and the Cosy Homes Trust.

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- *measure power consumption of appliances

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The kit can be issued like a book on your library card - it is free to borrow.

If you think you may need help to use the kit our Omarama Library volunteers can arrange this for you.

The Ōmārama Community Library is open 9.30am to 11am, Wednesdays and Saturdays, at the Ōmārama Community Centre. omaramalibrary@gmail.com

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Ōmārama Residents' Association

The next meeting of the

Ōmārama Residents' Association is

7pm Thursday, May 19, 2022

at the Ōmārama Community Centre

An invitation is extended to all (note change of time)

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

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Boots and Jandals Hotel social club

By Philip Jannink

The Boots and Jandals Ōmārama Hotel social club had a great day and turn out on Sunday April 10 for their 4x4 drive excursion, in the Lindis Pass, Ahuriri Valley area. Thanks to Lindsay and Malcolm for organizing the event, Matt Todd and Matt Parsons for being our guides on the day, Bruce and Julie and the great team at the Boots and Jandals Ōmārama Hotel for their fabulous support and assistance and a very special thank you from all who attended to the local station owners for allowing access to their properties in making this a brilliant day out and an experience I will always treasure.

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Ömārama Playgroup

There has been a change of roles at Ōmārama Playgroup following the departure of Tarryn Benton.

Nicola McKerchar replaces Tarryn, Jessica Sloan remains as Vice President. Tarsh Bell is the new secretary and Aimee Snelgrove is the new treasurer and contact for Plunket.

Ōmārama Playgroup meets at 9.30am each Wednesday during the 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

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The June issue of the Omarama Gazette is Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Please submit copy by Thursday, May 26, 2022



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0503 kurowmedicalcentre.org.nz

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Carefully managed, fertiliser is a useful farming tool. However, it can contribute to nutrient loss into soil and waterways, impacting water quality and in-stream life.

All farmers

 The amount of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser you apply to pastoral land cannot exceed 190 kilograms of nitrogen per hectare per year

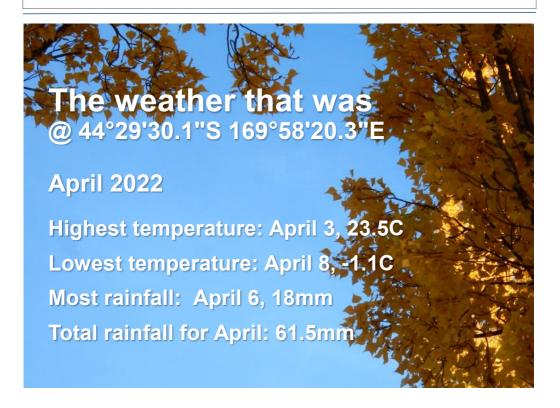
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Mat Bayliss – Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee member

Nine of Canterbury's water zone committees are looking for new community members. If you are interested in joining, visit ecan.govt.nz/waiwecare and let us know wai you care. Applications close Monday 30 May.

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