

## U3A PEGASUS GARDENING GROUP

Our June meeting was held at Tania Parson's home – our usual Tips and Cuttings get together. Many thanks to Tania for volunteering to host us.

The middle of winter is not a wonderful time in the garden, especially after all the rain just recently. I came home from Auckland to a very soggy place with more rain today. Tania's garden, on the other hand, had lots of interesting plants and shrubs to enjoy.

A big thank you to Pat Pilkington for giving us a short talk on the genesis of her interest in plants and gardening.

Our **July** meeting will be at my house (33 Rydal Street, Hoon Hay) at 1pm on Monday 25 July. If the weather gods smile this rain band will have passed by then and we can have fine weather on Monday. We have scheduled Malin Zachau (past president of the Canterbury Rose Society) to give a demonstration of rose pruning. She will talk to us about pruning and the aim for climbers, tea roses and floribundas. If you have questions please do ask them.

Please bring warm clothes as we will be outside, although we can retreat inside the sliding doors to the patio if it gets too cold.

If the weather is wet the rose pruning will be postponed until the August meeting, but we will still go ahead with our T&C at my house.

Please bring along any plants that you have for sale. I understand from Lynne that she has runner bean seedlings.

### *News*

We have received confirmation from the U3A Committee that the Garden Group is to receive a one-off grant of \$200 to be used towards our costs (e.g. room hire and speaker gift). This will be a great help to the Group's finances.

Our August meeting will be a visit to Kate Sheppard House unless we have to move the rose pruning to this date.

Good gardening everyone

Lyn (on behalf of the Steering Committee)