

# Simple pleasures

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Annabel Langbein finished filming season two of her free range cooking series last week. Subtitled Simple Pleasures, the series will be on air later this year with a cook book coming out at the same time.

"I think this series is much better than the first one," Annabel said. "I feel much more relaxed in front of the camera now. We spent more time filming outside and we had a lot of fun."

Another change in this series is all the interiors were shot in Annabel's Wanaka cabin, rather than on a set in Auckland. Annabel employed a lot of locals on the series including Brona Parsons (food manager), Amanda Henderson (kitchen hand), Anna Mckay (stylist) and Camilla Stoddart (photographer). Wanaka locations used include a musterers' hut up in the Minarets where she cooked a cowboy hash, and Mt Maude vineyard where she cooked a pickers' lunch on the back of a truck.

Filming locations in the series outside Central Otago include Nelson and the Abel Tasman National Park.



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# Open day goes off



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The Lake Hawea Fire Brigade Open Day attracted over 200 people on Sunday, one of whom expressed a keen interest in signing on, according to fire chief Doug Brensell. "It's a lady and she's very keen to have a go," Doug said. "I've got no problem with that. Women are as good as the boys. As long as they do their job." The brigade recently lost woman fire fighter Teresa Cotter who has moved to Ranfurly. "Teresa was fantastic," Doug said.

The brigade was very happy with how the day went. Helping them out was Queenstown fire safety officer Stu Ide. "He's

a legend," said Doug. "He brought a bus which we used as a mobile picture theatre. We showed an eight minute DVD about a rural house fire call-out." It was the film's New Zealand premier. "In little old Hawea," Doug said. The film shows how quickly a house fire can spread and how long it takes a volunteer fire brigade get out to a call.

The open day also provided entertainment for the children and a continuous barbecue.

Still smiling after a busy day were (from left) fire crew Brent Arthur, Kevin Capell, Owen Ford, Doug Brensell, (recruit) Luke Morrison, Jason Bopp and Stu Ide.



Isabella Noble-Kirkbride, 6, at the Lake Hawea fire brigade open day.

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## Cowboy Hash

Prep time 10 mins  
Cook time 15 mins  
Serves 4-6



- 800g potatoes, scrubbed and cut into 2cm chunks
- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large red onion, halved and cut into 1cm wedges
- 200g chorizo sausage, peeled, halved and cut into chunks
- 2 tsp thyme leaves
- salt and ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp parsley or coriander leaves
- 1 tsp finely chopped red chilli (optional)

Bring potatoes to a boil in a pot of salted water, boil 5 minutes, then drain thoroughly.

While they cook, heat 2 tbsp of the oil in a large frypan and cook onions over medium heat until softened (about 5 minutes).

Add chorizo and cook another 5 minutes stirring now and then. Lift out of pan and put to one side.

Add remaining 2 tbsp oil, thyme and well-drained potatoes and cook over a medium-high heat, turning now and then, until slightly crispy (about another 10 minutes). Add the onion and chorizo mixture and cook another minute or two. To serve, sprinkle with parsley or coriander leaves and chilli, if using.



## Kahuyouth

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# Matariki and MAC mentoring

We are as busy as ever once again down here in the Crib, and this month we are bringing to Wanaka two entirely different yet equally exciting events. First up, we've got our annual Matariki celebrations on Saturday June 16, and this time they're going to be bigger and better than ever. We've got loads of workshops, a puppet show, performances, and a much

larger hangi to feed more of you hungry people; and this year we're going to have a firework display to end the evening too. It all kicks off at 3pm at the Dinosaur Park and runs until 7pm. Just bring yourselves, a warm coat and a koha (donation) for the food.

Secondly, we're excitedly kicking off our new mentoring scheme, aimed at Year 10 students,

in association with Mount Aspiring College and the Presbyterian Church. This scheme is aimed at ALL Year 10s, for any reason, and will see local young people being paired with members of the community for them to pass on skills, help push them onto the next level or just for some sage life advice. All in all it's going to be a great start to the winter season for

Kahu Youth!

For more information about Matariki, if you would like to be a community mentor or just want more information, contact us on 03 443 5880, email kahu.youth@xtra.co.nz or find us on Facebook under Kahu Youth Upper Clutha.

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