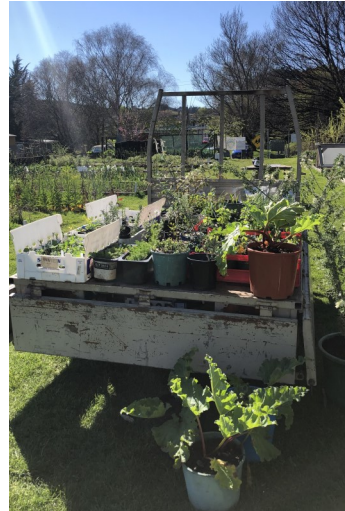


Sowing seeds in the community



More than vegetable seeds were sown at the Green Island Community Garden last month, with an increase in awareness of the community group as well.

On Saturday, 25th September, the Community Garden hosted a seed planting workshop, attracting over 40 people to the garden behind St Peter Chanel School.

Garden manager Marion Claver Thomas said the event was a very enjoyable occasion, with the opportunity to meet more

locals and teach seed planting skills.

“A lot of people said that they didn’t know it (the garden) was here...so it was good to spread the word again,” Ms Claver Thomas said.

The Community Garden group had set up three seed planting stations, as well as another for demonstrating how to make seed raising mix.

For more info about the community garden, call 021 263 1221.

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Celebrating 21st birthdays is always a milestone, and for a business, it's no exception.

Paul Larson has owned and operated Larson's Pharmacy in Green Island's Main South Road for 21 years - and his love of the community hasn't changed.

"Right from the beginning when I bought the small pharmacy from Barrye Irvine in 2000, I loved being part of the community and how it made me feel helping people. I was made to feel from early on that I was included as part of the community and this is still how I am treated," Mr Larson said.

Known for his community-mindedness in the area, Mr Larson made space for NZ Post, the Private Post boxes and Kiwibank in the pharmacy. "This means for the community that they will continue to be available for many years to come. It has made the pharmacy busier, but with the counter being at the south end of the shop, it works very well."

But that not the only reason why the pharmacy pace has stepped up an extra beat. For the last few months, the premises has also offered Covid vaccinations.



"I have employed two extra people to help with the vaccinations. A locum pharmacist covers the normal dispensary work while one of my pharmacists or my pharmacy intern give the vaccinations. My son Matthew is manning the reception which starts the process and then he observes the people for 15 minutes after their vaccination," he said.

On Saturdays, the pharmacy also has two vaccinators working from 10am to 6pm. To book your vaccination, go to [Book My Vaccine | Ministry of Health NZ \(covid19.health.nz\)](https://www.health.govt.nz/our-services/immunisation/vaccinations/book-my-vaccine)

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A green and white logo for DM Holdings. The logo features three circular icons: a tree, a hand holding a leaf, and a bird. Below the icons, the text reads 'DM HOLDINGS', 'Dave McPhee • Seth McPhee', '(03) 479 2774', and 'e: info@dmholdings.co.nz www.dmholdings.co.nz'. To the right of the logo is a list of services: 'TREE SERVICES', 'SPRAYING', 'PEST CONTROL', and 'ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES', each with a corresponding circular icon.



Next Meeting: Thursday, 21st October,

Time: 8 — 9am.

Where: The Food Room

Due to the uncertainty of level changes, we are awaiting further information. Please contact community worker Ben on 027 376 2181 to find out more information.

No need to RSVP just come along if you are interested

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Lockdown treasure hunt



It says a lot about a community when visitors want to leave a personal gift of appreciation.

And that was just the case for Whangarei resident, Sue Peake and her husband, Alan, when lockdown disrupted their campervan travels, and they parked at their son's property in Brighton. With plenty of time to spare, Sue enjoyed painting rocks—and hiding them along the roadside and walking tracks.

"The response had been great, and I had placed about 40 rocks around the place. We have really enjoyed staying in the Brighton area, it is a lovely community with a variety of walkways to enjoy. We will be back to put some more rocks around in the future," Mrs Peake said.

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Garden Gossip

October is a busy month in the garden: this month we're starting to grow seeds indoors of broccoli and cauliflower, kale, cabbage, beetroot and celery. We can also start planting out frost-hardy lettuce, spinach and onion seedlings, and sow yams, potatoes, radish, peas, broad beans and carrot seeds directly in the ground.

Heavy feeders such as brassicas (cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, etc), carrots and beetroot will need a bit of extra feed, so look at adding some composted manure or coffee grounds into the soil before planting.

Happy gardening!



Helpful Health Websites and Numbers

<https://covid19.govt.nz/>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

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1737 – Free call or text 1737 any time for support from a trained counsellor.

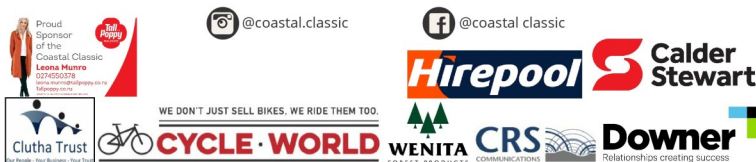
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-  • 15km MTB
-  • 45km MTB
-  • 35km E-Bike Rally
-  • 12km
-  • 21km
-  • 5km under 14
-  • 12km
-  • 5km Family Walk



There is strength in asking for help

Community Worker Report

Tēnā koutou e te Greater Green Island Community (greetings to all the Greater Green Island Community),

Obviously, the recent lockdown and level changes have altered life again for many people. From what I have heard, for many people this time was considerably more challenging. Thankfully our tamariki are back at school, however for many of our local businesses the ramifications of level changes have ongoing effects. We have an amazing access to just about everything here in Greater Green Island so I would encourage everyone to buy local. If you haven't already, remember to get out and get vaccinated.

From a community planning front, we are still working to ensure events have a 'Plan B' option. Hopefully as you read this, we will already be out of Level 2, but experience has shown we need to be prepared. The Greater Green Island Business Association has the planning well underway for the Christmas Market Day on Saturday, Dec 4th. Keep Dunedin Beautiful Week was planned for September 13th—19th, but that has now changed to October 25th—31st. Watch this space for ideas on keeping GGI litter-free.

Level 2 didn't deter people coming to the Community Garden for their seed sowing workshop recently. Marion Thomas who coordinates the Garden said it was a fantastic day. The weather was superb despite the wind. There was one young attendant who chose to hang out at the garden and sow seeds instead of going to play laser tag for a sports team breakup.

Attendees also remarked at how warm and friendly the volunteers were and were amazed at how productive and beautiful the Garden is.

The Shed also held their AGM last month, it is encouraging to

hear that things are progressing strongly for them and there have been a huge list of improvements completed to the site as well as members getting through a number of projects, including bird feeders and tables for community groups and members.

Many will know of the plans to build a roundabout at Church St, Green Island. Raised crossings are also on the cards. Like everything else, covid has slowed down many aspects, and we are waiting for the DCC to release its final plans. Hopefully we will receive an announcement, too.

That's all for now. Please flick me an email at ben@greenergreenisland.nz. I enjoy hearing news/ideas from residents.

Mā te wā (see you again),

Ben.



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Greater Green Island Community Network 2021 Survey Results

Distributing community surveys is no easy feat, especially if you add covid into the mix. Thankfully, we live in a time when technology provides a thread of connection, and makes many tasks still achievable. And this is exactly what we encountered as we embarked on the GGICN Survey.

We're proud to deliver the results, and we are even prouder of the fantastic community spirit which is evident in the responses. A huge thank you to all those who participated in the surveys.

GGICN Committee member Melanie McNatty led the survey project, formulating the questions and survey structure — and oversaw the huge task of collating the data and presenting the information. The Informer interviewed Mel McNatty about the survey

What was your reaction to the response rate?

We had a similar response rate to the survey as we did last time, several years ago. We were not able to go door to door because of Covid but we were out and about at local events, market days and get togethers as well as community of interest groups. We were able to attract a different cohort of people this time, but were also very mindful of those who could use the internet or technology and looked for ways for those that found it a challenge. A good proportion of the surveys were completed online with a smaller proportion completed on paper.

What things stood out to you the most?

Seventy-three per cent of residents knew where their neighbours worked and 89% of residents knew their neighbours names. That says something about the nature of connection in the community. And sadly 10% of our community feel lonely. How could each of us make a difference to the 10%? Also, 32.6% of residents in the area had their incomes affected by the Covid-19 first lockdown and 1/8th of participants have had a reduction of income since.

Another fact that stood out was that most residents want to see more community connection events occurring like the Greater Green Island Get together and community locality get togethers.

Why are these surveys so important?

These surveys are incredibly important for you as local residents to have your say and to participate in how this community looks and feels in the future. We have had a lot of traction over the past couple of years with the Councils over roading and roundabouts and this time a lot of feedback was given on rubbish, the look and feel of the main street, cycle trails and of course road safety.

How will these results impact the direction of GGICN?

The results from the survey will be used to inform the strategic direction of the GGICN for the next three years. We asked you for your input and you gave it to us, you told us what you liked and wanted more of and what you wanted us to focus on. You also told us that you would like to be involved in many different ways. We will be in touch.

In terms of community growth and connectiveness, what does the survey say about Greater Green Island?

There is a strong sense of community connectedness and pride in the local community. There is a growing number of residents who don't want to leave and have been in the community for a long time.



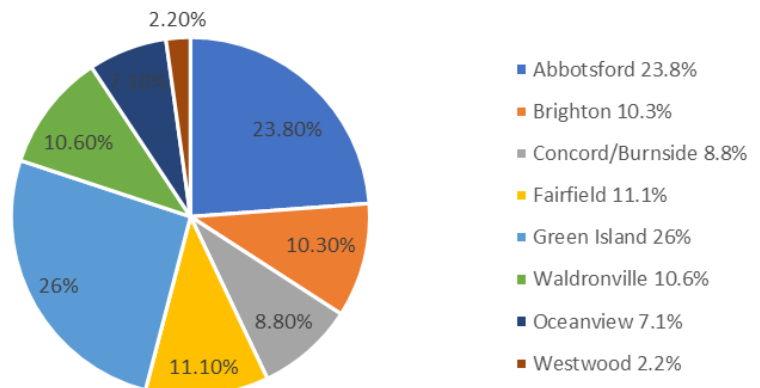
The Greater Green Island Community Network will be showcasing more of the survey results in the near future—along with ideas and events to support and build on our positive community spirit and connections.

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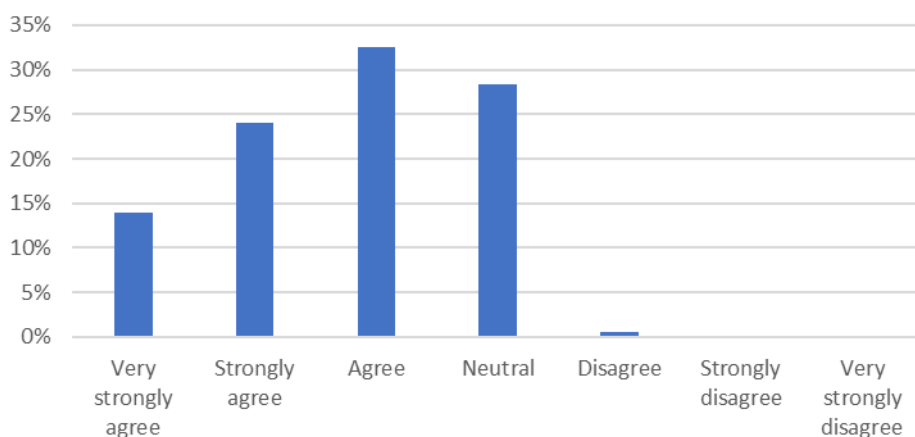
The Greater Green Island area comprises of eight suburbs, all adding a unique character, lively and passionate communities and a pride in their amenities.

The breakdown of surveys completed from each area was as follows: Abbotsford 97 surveys (23.8%); from Brighton 42 surveys (10.3%); from Concord/Burnside 36 surveys (8.8%); from Fairfield 45 surveys (11.1%); from Green Island 106 (26%); from Waldronville 43 (10.6%); from Oceanview 29 (7.1%); from Westwood 9 (2.2%).

Survey Responses Received by Area



People pull together to improve things for the community



Results also showed a strong involvement from residents when seeking to improve their communities.

Such projects included: Green Island Playground, road safety, Sunnyvale Sports Centre, fundraising, the proposed Brighton landfill, food stands, Lilliput Libraries, beach clean ups. Neighbour's Day events and cleaning up of amenities.

Great results from a great community!

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When cats go astray

When pets go missing, it's like losing a family member for many people. It's heart-breaking and worrying. The Greater Green Island Community Network often hears of lost animals, especially after stormy weather, so when Green Island veterinary dietitian Alana Langley contacted the Informer to share some helpful advice, we jumped on it.

And with the recent experience of losing her cat, Miles—and the continuing search for him, Ms Langley said she's even more determined to educate people about the process and options.



"The best thing to do is to rule out the possibility of the cat being trapped somewhere. Cats can become dehydrated much more quickly than humans so there needs to be quick action. If a cat is trapped, they are likely to be close by. My two other cats have both been locked under someone's house before and they were close by. Go door knocking on your street and the street behind you. Show people a photo and ask them to leave sheds etc open for at least ten minutes," Ms Langley said.

Flyers, contacting the local vet clinic, SPCA and post on the Dunedin Lost and Found Pet page are other options. However, not all found cats are reported as people just aren't aware of this option, so getting the word out there as much as possible is the best you can do.

Helpful Advice for Missing Pets / Found Strays

Did you know that missing cats can wander over 2 km away from their home? **It should never be assumed that a stray cat is neglected if the owner cannot be found nearby.**

Have you seen a stray cat? What to do:

Provide a description of the cat to the Green Island Vet Clinic: 03-488-2690. Ask them for further advice. SPCA and Cat Rescue are other places you can try. The description you provide could get linked to a reported missing cat. Look up the Facebook Dunedin lost and found pet page. Create a post about the stray cat. It may be quicker to find the owner this way. If you don't have a photo just provide a description.

If you have found a stray cat that is friendly, get it checked for a microchip at the Green Island Vet Clinic. Ring them first to arrange a time. It won't cost you anything.

Ask people around your community if they have heard of anyone who is missing a cat.

Simple things you can do to help someone find their lost pet:

If you feed your cat outside check to see which other cats are also eating the food. Stray or missing cats often visit houses where food is left outside.

You might see the missing pet when you are out walking or driving.

Do you know someone who is feeding a stray cat? Follow the above advice on their behalf if they will not report the found cat or can't. It is important to do this because that cat may need medication / treatment, that the owner can provide.

Lastly, it's important to do this because there are cats who have truly been neglected. If we can determine which ones already have homes, then the homeless ones can get help sooner!

IMPORTANT: NEVER try to catch a timid missing or stray cat as this could scare them away from the location they have been frequently visiting, making it harder for the owner to locate them.

Have you seen Miles?



Last seen in July, Miles is very much missed.

Please contact Alana on 021 025 29119 if you have seen him.

Reward offered when home.

The Shed AGM Report

We held our A.G.M. last month and I am still President for another year. The Committee is—president: Bruce Cromb, immediate past president: Tom Coster, secretary: Pip Weber, treasurer: David Mackle, with Committee members Brian Kane, Brian Boyd, Raimo Kuparinen, Nate Davis, Natalia Yates.

It has been an interesting year for us with two lockdowns, but we have achieved quite a lot. At present we are in the process of getting an extension to the shed for engineering work.

For more information about the Shed, please ring 027 624 4070.

Bruce Cromb



Lilliput Libraries



Greater Green Island Locations

18a Brighton Road, Green Island
3c Church Street, Green Island

21 Edinburgh Street, Green Island
21 Delta Drive, Waldronville

381 Brighton Road, Waldronville

3 Canberra Place Place, Waldronville

2 Scroggs Hill Road, Brighton

60 Scroggs Hill Road, Brighton

1020 Brighton Road, Brighton

576 Brighton Road, Westwood

35 Flower St, Fairfield

7 Fry St, Fairfield

17 John St, Abbotsford

41 Severn St, Abbotsford

Next time you're out, check out a Lilliput Library

Take a book.

If you see something you'd like to read, take it.

Share a book to for others to enjoy. .

School Holidays

Looking for some fun activities for the October school holidays? Make sure you check out [Annual events and festivals - Dunedin City Council](#) for some ideas.

Make a Mask!



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Our Tamariki



Camping Central Style

Abbotsford senior students (left) have just returned from their Queenstown camp experience. Staying at the Lakeland Park Camp Ground in Kelvin Heights, the camp was a great opportunity for the students to try many of the activities, including jet boating, skiing and gold panning. This was a second chance for our campers to complete their trip, as their first attempt was cut short quite dramatically by Level 4 lockdown. No interruptions occurred this time and a great time was had by all.

Dazzling in Gold

Green Island School students (right) were treated to a little bling in their day, with the sparkle of an Olympic gold medal and a brush with fame.

Of course, we're talking about Holly Robinson. Yes, the Holly Robinson who wowed Aotearoa with her amazing win in the Women's Javelin F46 at the recent Tokyo Paralympics.

Green Island School was one of the schools in the area Holly visited, last month.

Congratulations again, Holly! You're an absolute star!



Wacky Hair Day

It wasn't the recent Lockdown that sent Green Island School students a little wacky, it was the recent fundraiser for Child Cancer.

A grand sum of \$243 was raised! Well done!

Right, Kairi Vehikite showcases with her coke bottle flowing down through her ponytail into her large paper cup! 10/10 for originality!



***Do you have something to share on the Tamariki Page?
We would love to hear from you.***

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From your friendly Community Constable, Fred Jansen



Roads are busy places – for cars, people and animals. And with stunning back country roads, and the busy throughfare of Brighton Road, everyone needs to be mindful of their speed and slowing down for horses and riders. It's a popular place for recreational riding so we all need to do all bit in sharing the space safely.

If you see a horse on the road, it's important that you drive at a very slow speed, giving the horse and rider plenty of room. Any unexpected speed has the potential to startle the horses and cause accidents. Like it or not horses have a legal right to be on our roads. I ask you this question: What are you going to do with those few seconds you saved going past a horse? There are 86400 seconds in a day. Surely you can spare a few for safety's sake!

Take care,
Fred.

GREEN ISLAND ART GROUP – AFFORDABLE ART EXHIBITION - MERIDIAN MALL

We are holding our "ANNUAL MERIDIAN MALL AFFORDABLE ART EXHIBITION" from 14th to 17th October. This is always a very successful event, and everyone is welcome. As we do each year, we have a large variety of art available, as well as many smaller items. We look forward to seeing you at the Meridian Mall.

Office: Green Island Police Station,
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Email: info@greenergreenisland.nz

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Main South Rd will once again be covered in new stalls, yummy food trucks and awesome entertainment, a family-friendly event you just can't miss! Brought to you by the Greater Green Island Business Association.

All proceeds from the market will be donated to the groups that volunteer on the day and any other upcoming community events.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Stall registrations for the Green Island Market Day opens on the 1st of July and close on the 1st of November.

There are two stall types available:

Regular 3x3m Stall: \$45.00

Food Truck Stall: \$90.00

80+ stalls are available this year!

To register for a Market Day stall, email alex@greenergreenisland.nz
or
fill out a hard copy form, which you can collect from Jan at the Green Island Auto Service Centre.

Event under new management