



# The Informer

February 2023 Edition

Green Island | Concord | Abbotsford | Fairfield | Waldronville | Westwood | Ocean View | Brighton

## NEIGHBOUR'S DAY - BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER



Neighbours Aotearoa 1-31 March 2023

Neighbours Aotearoa 2023 is the buzz event for March and the theme is Let's Share.

Running throughout March, Neighbours Aotearoa encourages residents to connect with people in your neighbourhood and in your surrounding community.

The Greater Green Island Community Network is interested to hear from any locals who want to arrange street parties, book or clothing swaps, kai and garden gatherings or any other events. Let us help by registering your interest and offering tools and resources for event organisation.

Please keep an eye out on our facebook page as more information is released, and any public events are formalised.

Don't forget to email us your interest at [events@greenergreenisland.nz](mailto:events@greenergreenisland.nz) or register your event at <https://neighboursaotearoa.nz/register-your-idea>

### WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

As they look to their plans for 2023, GGICN want to hear about what you want to do in your community.

Tick your priorities below or add what you want to have happen, and email a photo to the team at [admin@greenergreenisland.nz](mailto:admin@greenergreenisland.nz) or drop in to our office at the Green Island Police Station

- Improving how our community looks
- Knowing what is happening in our community
- Road Safety
- Emergency preparedness
- Volunteer opportunities
- Youth in our community
- Community events and resources
- Having a say on what is happening in council
- Something else (comment below)

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# BRIGHTON WAX ROOM - PAMPERING IN PARADISE

For those Greater Green island residents who toasted in New Year resolutions of enhanced self care and well-being, a Brighton business has just the treatment for your 2023 checklist. Introducing Sylvia Cottle from the Brighton Wax Room, a waxing and massage specialist who understands the importance of taking time out from the busy demands of reality.

Ms Cottle opened her boutique service from her house last year, welcoming new clients who prefer the opportunity to stay local, rather than driving into the city for appointments.

Working in the beauty and therapy industry since 2007, Ms Cottle has travelled extensively internationally, gleaning her skills and experience in the Mediterranean and Canada. But now with Brighton as her home, Ms Cottle said the sound of the ocean on her doorstep and sea air created the perfect setting for her services.

"I love the relaxed coastal vibes out here. The community looks after itself and appreciates small businesses and people trying. It feels very supportive."

Ms Cottle said convenience was a major drawcard for local clients.

"It's really convenient for people who live and work out here not to have to drive to town, especially if it's for a 15 minute treatment of waxing or massage. It's nice that a lot of people can walk over and then go home and carry on with their day," she said.

The Brighton Wax Room offers a simple menu of tinting, massage and waxing, with exceptional care to standards.

"My attention to detail with my client's comfort - down from



Photo: Brighton Wax Room's beautician Sylvia Cottle.

the room temperature, air quality, my pressure, the volume of the music and the type of music being used, to the essential oils that I'm defusing, I try and control those and get them just right. That only comes with experience and working within the five star realm. I think if people are massage connoisseurs, they do know the difference even though it is a home-based basic salon," Ms Cottle said.

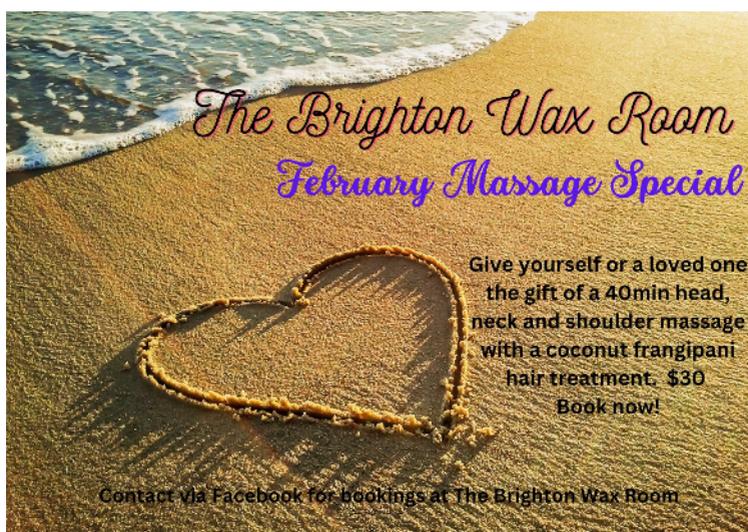
To add to the magic of the Brighton Wax Room, Ms Cottle said she was building on her use and knowledge of essential oils, in making her own oils.

The beauty and relaxation industry is more than skin deep, as Ms Cottle describes her treatments as beneficial to mental wellbeing.

"There are so many feelings of empowerment and a sense of worth that can come from some really simple and affordable treatments. Every woman, no matter what shape or size, should come and lie down, be still and have some space to receive a massage or have some brow work. It's not just face value. It can go a lot deeper," she said.

The Brighton Wax Room invites you to take some time out for yourself this year. Bookings can be made via Facebook at the Brighton Wax Room.

Please see advertisement for details on February's Massage Special.



The Greater Green Island Community Network supports local businesses. Would you like to share your business story here? Please email [Informer@greenergreenisland.nz](mailto:Informer@greenergreenisland.nz)

## SUPPORT LOCAL SHOP LOCAL <sup>NZ</sup>

Green Island businesses are an essential resource for the Greater Green Island Community.

Green Island businesses have been hit tough the last eight months. Let's go out of our way to support them now so they are still around for use in the future.

## SETTING THE STAGE

There's nothing quite like entering into a new year with a buoyancy of optimism and momentum in the our pace. Following on from 2022 updates on the BBQ and Stage project for the Green Island Memorial Gardens, we're pleased to say a number of funding applications are in place. Hopefully we will have more successful news to report soon.

If this is a project which warms your enthusiasm and you would like to donate, we welcome contributions from the community. This is a community project for the community, and we would like to acknowledge those donations of \$50 with an engraved brick on the paving in the garden.

We're so excited about seeing this project evolve, and know that its completion will bring yet another space for connection in our community.

For info, email [informer@greatergreenisland.nz](mailto:informer@greatergreenisland.nz)

## ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR CONCORD KINDERGARTEN



Looking for a fabulous local kindergarten? The Concord Kindergarten provides opportunities for fun and learning - and has spaces for 2023.

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For inquiries, please phone 487 6704 or email [concord@dk.org.nz](mailto:concord@dk.org.nz), or pop into 93 Mulford Street, Concord during term time.

## MOSAIC WALL UPDATE



Photo: Vianney Santagati and team bring a little magic into Waldronville's walkway.

The once overgrown walkway between Waldronville's Delta Drive and Brighton Rd is being transformed into a colourful and artistic stretch of mosaic masterpiece.

The summer project, headed by Ocean View resident and mural creator Vianney Santagati, drew interest from 25 locals, all keen to learn to try mosaic art. The group had been meeting to design and create mosaic sections for the wall over 2022.

Ms Santagati said members met Tuesday nights, weather permitting, and had gained extra help from local children.

"It will make it an attraction for the area rather than a dingy place to avoid. It will be a spot to come and look at," Ms Santagati said.

For more information please contact Vianney via email: [vianney.santagati@gmail.com](mailto:vianney.santagati@gmail.com)



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# NEW GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



*Photo: Introducing Green island School New Principal Aaron Warrington*

For many, the thought of teaching a classroom of students would be enough of a challenge, but for new Green Island School principal Aaron Warrington, he's looking forward to leading an entire school.

Previously the Assistant Principal since 2011, Mr Warrington takes over the reigns from Steve Hayward who retired last year.

"I'm looking forward to being able to make a difference for an entire school, not just one class and creating an environment for staff and students to flourish. I'm also looking forward to collaborating with the schools in the Greater Green Island area," Mr Warrington said.

Reflecting on his new role, Mr Warrington said he was a little emotional.

"(I'm) excited, overjoyed, nervous, scared. It was surreal receiving that phone call, but it was one of the happiest days of my life," he said.

Mr Warrington comes to the position with a depth of experience in teaching, having begun his career in Ngāruawahia teaching Year 7 and 8 for two years, after graduating from Dunedin Teachers' College in 2001. He then ventured to London, continuing in the teaching profession before returning to start a role at Macandrew Intermediate for four years.

In considering his new position, Mr Warrington said it was the staff, students and community which made Green Island School an exceptional place.

"We have a great culture that allows students to be the best they can be. I have had the privilege of having my children attend Green Island School and watching them be nurtured and grow into great people," he said.

**WELCOME BACK TO ALL GREATER GREEN ISLAND SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS!**

**ALL THE BEST FOR 2023.**

**We look forward to sharing all the news and photos in our upcoming editions.**

# MAKING CONNECTIONS AT THE FIRESIDE CLUB

In chatting to members of the Fireside Club, formalities quickly vanish as easy conversation flows. There's laughter, ease and a great sense of friendship - all the qualities which lend themselves well to the focus of the group, that being of connection and fun. Welcome to the Fireside Club - Green Island's hub of comradery for older generations.

It's easy to understand why members are so committed to the group, as it's long steeped in history and local activity. Established in 1965, as an incorporated society, the club owns and operates out of the Jane Cameron Hall in Green Island, offering outings and social activities on Thursdays and the occasional Saturdays.

Secretary Jeanette Aitken said the group was also looking to expand activities, with suggestions of a chat and puzzle group.

"I think the main thing is that the people are pleased to see each other and enjoy the company. It's a very comfortable club and I find it very pleasurable to be involved," Ms Aitken said.

Operating with the assistance of Lottery Grants, The Otago Community Trust and Dunedin City Council, club member Hazel Mihaka said the funding "has enabled us to carry out necessary maintenance and offer a wider choice of activities for the enjoyment of our members".

Mrs Mihaka said. "It's encouraging to hear members comment how The Club fills their social need and how they feel comfortable and part of the Fireside Club."

Healthy, lonely, health issues, all are welcome !

The Fireside Club aims to enrich the lives of our seniors, and the group is eager to welcome visitors and new members.



Photo: from left, Members of the Fireside Club executive committee, Ewi Mihaka (Treasurer), Hazel Mihaka (vice president, activities), Graham Pelvin (President) and Jeanette Aitken (Secretary).

With a \$10 annual membership fee, the club has excursions planned for 2023, including a subsidised harbour cruise and a trip to Riverstone Castle in North Otago.

So if you are looking for connections and company, or have recently moved to the area, the Fireside Club is one of those community gems in Green Island. Don't be shy, reach out and connect.

For more information about the Fireside Club, please contact Hazel and Ewi on 03 4811 988 (please leave a message) or email firesideclubinc.gi@gmail.com

**Are you involved in one of Greater Green Island's fantastic community groups or sporting clubs? The *Informer* seeks to promote community engagement and connection through stories. Contact us at [Informer@greenergreenisland.nz](mailto:Informer@greenergreenisland.nz) to share yours.**



## Informer

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## GARDEN GOSSIP

February is one of the hottest months of the year – although every Dunedin resident knows that forecasts can offer up some of the most unpredictable weather patterns be it summer or winter. Given that it's one of the more anticipated drier months, it's important to keep plants well-watered. When plants get water-stressed, they become susceptible to pests and diseases which can be quick to move in.

While February is all about reaping what you have sown, it's also time to plant beetroot, broccoli, carrot, cabbage, cauliflower, leek, lettuce, mesclun, onion, parsley, radish, rocket and silverbeet.

If you've enjoyed a summer of home-grown strawberries, February is a good month for propagating new plants. Strawberry plants will be sending off runners now. Choose the first new plant on each runner and discard of the rest. Placing compost around the new runners will help assist the root development, enabling these new plants to be ready for transplanting in about three weeks. It's best to dig out and dispose of strawberry plants of two or more years in age as they carry disease.

For those starting out in gardening, don't be put off by thinking you need a big, bare patch of land. Pots or even old tyres make for perfect planting areas for those dipping their green thumbs into this hobby/lifestyle.

And remember, if you are keen to join people interested in gardening and develop your knowledge further, reach out to the Green Island Community Garden group. It is another one of our incredible groups in the Greater Green Island area. For more information, please call Marion Thomas on 021 263 1221. Happy gardening!



## ARE YOU PREPARED?

Continuing with this series of being prepared in the face of an unexpected event that can upset our normal routine of life, let us look at things we can do to help us to be prepared.

Last issue we looked at having an adequate first aid Kit to deal with minor injuries

Because most emergency events occur unexpectedly, we can be totally unprepared and sometimes even panic not knowing what to do. To alleviate some of not knowing what to do, it is a good idea to make up a simple basic emergency plan. One that everyone in your household will know and have access to. In the making up of such a plan, it is better if it is done as family. It is easier to remember the plan if everyone has been involved in the development of the plan.

So what sort of things need to be in your emergency plan :-

1. Family / friend contact phone numbers, emails and/or social media contacts, Emergency phone numbers including doctors, Pharmacies, neighbor's phone numbers.
2. A list of emergency supplies sufficient for at least 3 or more days, including water, nonperishable food, etc including a note where they are stored.
3. Note where items such as a torch, transistor radio, first aid kit, cellphone chargers, carry bag, etc are stored.
4. Where clothing, blankets etc are kept.
5. Have a means of cooking if power is cut off.
6. Agree on an assembly point, especially in case of fire or flood.
7. Who will collect children if at school.
8. Make a to do list of who will deal with the various tasks of the things written above.
9. Place the above plan clearly written in an easily accessible place for all.



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# BRIGHTON GALA DAY 2023

What a buzz of a day! Thank you to the wonderful organisers of the annual Brighton Gala Day for another incredible event. The normally peaceful Domain hummed with activity on Sunday, 22nd January, as people gathered for music, food, stalls, performers and carnival rides. There's a lot of work which is involved in events such as these, so a big thank you to Colin and Ann Weatherall, Scott and Justine Weatherall, and other organisers. Your time and passion for making this happen is incredible and much appreciated.



# Let's Share



Take part in Neighbours Aotearoa by sharing with your neighbours.

Neighbours Aotearoa 1–31 March 2023

Here are some ways you can take part



Share a cuppa



Share tools



Share fun times—potluck, garage sale, bbq

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Get in touch with Greater Green Island Community Network to get support planning and accessing funding for your neighbourhood activity: [events@greenergreenisland.nz](mailto:events@greenergreenisland.nz)



## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO THIS YEAR?

As they look to connecting communities and individuals in 2023, GGICN want to hear about what you want in your suburbs. They would love to hear your ideas on events and activities so we can work together to achieve visions and dreams. Their no.1 goal is building healthy and connected communities so, if that's your vision too, jump on board and join them in making ideas happen.

Simply, snap a picture of your answer below and email the team at [admin@greatergreenisland.nz](mailto:admin@greatergreenisland.nz)

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