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## MEMORIAL GARDEN STAGE AND BBQ TO START SOON

Excitement is building as the second stage of the Green Island Memorial Gardens project gains momentum. It has been five years since the completion of the beloved playground, a favourite among families from near and far. Dedicated community members have continued to work together to enhance this cherished space for the community to enjoy.

This project has been championed by the Greater Green Island Community Network. Ben McKenzie, a community worker, said "the development of the Memorial Gardens has involved meticulous planning, design, and fundraising efforts, the community has raised an impressive \$86,500 to support the project."



Steve Hayward and Ben McKenzie break ground for the Stage and BBQ.

"The community will greatly benefit from these additions, providing a place for families to gather and enjoy local talent on pleasant afternoons," shared Steve Hayward, Chairperson of the GGICN, expressing his enthusiasm for the upcoming enhancements. The stage will be located near the ANZAC memorial, which was moved from the front gate in 2021, providing a central meeting place

for annual memorial services as well as school and community performances throughout the year.



ArchiDesign's impression (using stock building images) of the Stage and BBQ.

The new additions to the Memorial Gardens have been designed with inclusivity in mind. The wheelchair-accessible barbecue area will ensure that everyone can participate, while the stage will be equipped with non-slip and durable materials for the safety and enjoyment of performers and audience members.

The realization of this project has been made possible through the support and contributions of local businesses and individuals. ArchiDesign has generously provided their expertise in drawings and engineering plans, while LogicGroup has played a key role in assisting with project management and the consent process. Their commitment extends beyond this stage, as LogicGroup is helping with the next phases of the project. A local construction firm is being approached to handle the construction process, known for their expertise and craftsmanship. (...continued on page 5)

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# COMMUNITY KÖRERO - DUNEDIN ART COLLECTIVE



Photo: Zoe Armstrong in the new studio.

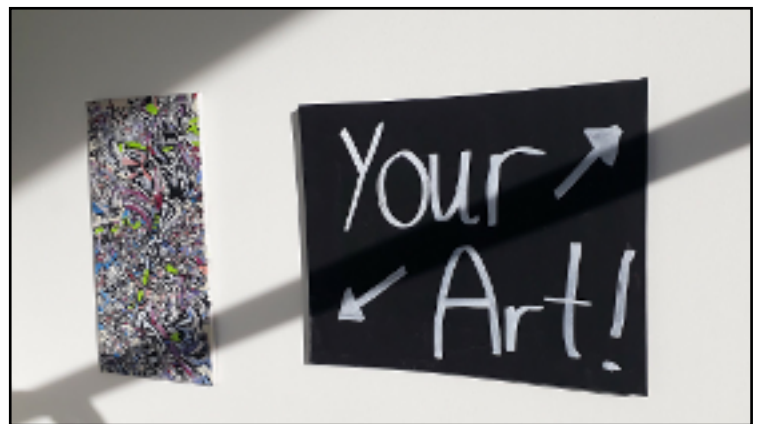
Welcome to Community Kōrero, where The Informer chats with a local identity. This month, we welcome Zoe Armstrong, whose Dunedin Art Collective initiative opens in Green Island on July 3rd.

Art for arts sake? Absolutely, says Zoe Armstrong. The Ocean View resident is the founder of The Dunedin Art Collective, a space born of the notion that "art comes in many forms," and designed to encourage creators of all types – be it jewelry makers, cross-stitch artists, pottery makers or painters – to not only create, but showcase their work for the community-at-large.

Zoe comes equipped with a lifelong love of creative expression, fostered from a young age. "My granddad saw my talents...and helped me further them through after school practice, teaching me how to dedicate myself to creating what I was inspired by." Whilst pregnant with her

daughter Kaylee – who celebrates her second birthday on the day of the collective's grand opening - such inspiration struck: "I spent 6 hours painting a kakapo for my daughter's room, and the moment I posted it for my family and friends to see was the moment I knew I was never going to stop painting." A diagnosis of the connective tissue disorder Ehlers Danlos Syndrome derailed her original plan to become an ECE teacher, so she followed her heart and honed her art.

This was the genesis of the collective. After finding some prime Green Island real estate, Zoe took a leap of faith signing the lease "hoping beyond all else that this was something that people wanted as much as I did." With a clear mission statement ("giving people of all ages and from all walks of life a platform to share what they are most passionate about"), Zoe is excited to give back to her "home...it feels like the perfect place to create something so close to my heart."



Find The Dunedin Art Collective on Facebook, or email [TheDunedinArtCollective@gmail.com](mailto:TheDunedinArtCollective@gmail.com)

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# YOUR MONTHLY **Harcourts** MARKET REVIEW



Median value dropped slightly to \$565,000, but a sharp increase in the number of sales from the month previous. Lifting from 133 in April to 172 in May. Median days to sell remained fairly similar at 47. We usually see a slowdown to the number of sales through winter but this increase may lay testament to the fact many buyers are realising the market has stabilised, and Dunedin house prices are unlikely to lower further. Many are now choosing to use the pre-approved finance they have in place before they get reassessed with tougher lending criteria and find they can only borrow less.

So with good number of pre-approved buyers in the market. It's still a good time to consider upgrading your home, or keeping your first home as a rental investment and using the equity to borrow for your next home. The rental market remains tight for supply with low vacancy rates.

Investors are still largely absent from the market, and we suspect most will wait for the election results. The 2 major parties have polar opposite policies around housing, with National likely to remove some of the barriers facing investors, and Labour likely to further strengthen the rights of tenants.

The Reserve Bank has indicated the latest rate rise is likely to be the last, and with large immigration numbers into New Zealand, it may not be too far into the future before we start to see a shortage of supply, lowering mortgage rates, and therefore increasing house prices.

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## MY GREAT ADVENTURE

A man on a mission to conquer demons and spread the word about men's mental health arrived in Green Island this past month, where his messages struck a chord with a number of supporters. Franz-Oliver Lindsay



embarked on 'My Great Adventure' in mid-2021 - a motu-long walk along State Highway 1, where he "pushes a pram and sets up a couch for chats in each town" - seeking to tackle toxic masculinity head-on, while bringing awareness to the horrors of addiction (he is now proudly 3 years clean and sober after a crippling methamphetamine addiction) to some 40,000 online followers, reminding us all that "it ain't weak to speak."

The Tauranga-based blogger has chronicled his "hiko for hope" across a range of online platforms, with a number of in-person followers gathering to meet him in Green island ("he's crack-up as" noted one devotee), where he livestreamed his Main South Road shenanigans while enjoying a "mean as" coffee courtesy of Night 'n' Day.

Franz-Oliver will continue walking the length of State Highway 1 in February 2024. Follow his exploits, as well as his lessons and messages of positivity at <https://www.mygreatadventure.co.nz/>



Above: Franz-Oliver signs a card.



# COMPUTERS COMBAT ISOLATION



Above: A simple laptop opens the world to rural person.

A laptop has opened up the world for a lady living in a rural area of Otago, allowing her to study horticulture via distance learning.

The charitable trust "Computers Against Isolation" has gifted the lady a laptop to allow her to enrol and study in a distance horticultural course – a passion of hers.

The young woman has a brain injury due to an accident and has been working on her health and wellbeing since the accident. The brain injury has affected her confidence in community settings, so she has reduced her community participation.

The young woman also lives in a rural area of Otago, so the laptop will also be used as a tool to communicate via video calling and social media to the wider Otago Community and extended whanau. Opening up community participation and social connection.

The woman, who does not want to be identified, had a huge smile on her face when Amanda Reid, Social Worker passed on the laptop from the trust. "Its working really well, I can now give back the one I borrowed from the Polytech. I was worried about using the borrowed one, because I didn't want to damage it. Thank you to the Computers Against Isolation for helping – you are fantastic".

"The campaign and ultimately the Trust aims at providing disabled New Zealanders with Internet ready computers" more information can be found on Facebook or on the trusts website:

<https://computersagainstisolation.weebly.com/>

Email [wolfgangwolf@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wolfgangwolf@xtra.co.nz) for more information.

An advertisement for heat pump cleaning. It features a close-up of a woman's face wearing a grey knit hat and scarf, looking directly at the camera. The text "HEAT PUMP CLEANING" is written in large, bold, white letters at the top. At the bottom, the phone number "0800 24 74 39" and the logo for "AIRIFY" are displayed. The website "www.airify.co.nz" is also visible.

# TOOT'S COLUMN FROM THE COMMUNITY CONSTABLE'S DESK

Greetings to the Greater Green Island community.

I hope you are all keeping warm and safe as winter starts to take hold.

There has recently been a spate of thefts from cars. Unfortunately, the cars being targeted are Mazda Demios. The malcontents seem to have a preference for this car.



Senior Constable Mark (Toots) Tuten

I would advise getting a steering lock if you have one of these cars. They retail at about \$50 - \$100, and they are a great deterrent to stop unwanted attention towards your pride and joy.

Aside from this, everything is going great for me in Green Island. I have had plenty of visitors at the station with a veritable cornucopia of different issues.

Feel free to come in and see me if you have any problems. Remember, the sooner you let me know about them, the sooner they can be sorted.

Don't let thing fester.

Stay safe, Toots.

An advertisement for a bingo night. The top part features the word "BINGO" in large, colorful, bubbly letters, surrounded by several bingo balls with numbers 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Below this, the text reads: "GREEN ISLAND BOWLING CLUB PRESENTS Bingo Night Saturday 22 July 2023 Doors open at 6pm Games start at 7pm Bar open Super Bingo Prize \$\$\$ Lots of raffles to be won". At the bottom, it says: "Tickets \$15 for a book of 9 games/\$5 super house Door sales available or to avoid disappointment, email to reserve your tickets on [gibc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gibc@xtra.co.nz) 183 Main South Road, Green Island".

## NATIVES PLANTED TO FIGHT EROSION

On a wet Monday afternoon a group of committed Green Island School students spent over an hour planting native shrubs and flaxes they had picked out for the front of the school. Earlier in May, Green Island School Principal Aaron Warrington had challenged the group to research plants that would reduce erosion.

After the group had done some research, Mr Warrington then gave the opportunity for the group to use their new knowledge. The plan was to reduce erosion caused by heavy rain near the school entrance.

A field trip was planned to Ribbonwood Nurseries. The group toured around, making notes of different plants they could use at the school. Students then picked out the best ones for the job at hand. They then braved the cold and mud, spending an afternoon digging holes and planting their plants. It's super exciting to see how these plants will grow and to see the group's hard effort paying off.

Written by Brianna Le, Wheako youth worker



## JOEL'S CLOSE SHAVE



A local lad has made a hair-raising decision to fundraise for the Dunedin Cancer Society. Joel Rowe (10), a student at St. Peter Chanel School, will have his head shaved on Saturday August 5th for this most worthy of causes.

With an original goal of raising \$750, Joel's participation in Brave-The-Shave surpassed that total within 5 days. As per his 'Chop The Mop' fundraising page, "every donation I receive means the Cancer Society can continue to help by funding research, prevention and support services for people with cancer and their whānau when they need it most." He is keen to keep going and raise as much as he can for an awesome cause, and you can find the link to his donation page below:

<https://www.youcanforcancer.org.nz/joelschopthemop>

## MEMORIAL GARDEN STAGE AND BBQ CONTINUED...

As construction about to begin, the community of Green Island eagerly awaits this new piece adding to their beloved Memorial Gardens. This collaborative effort showcases the community's dedication to creating a vibrant and inclusive space for recreational activities and entertainment.

The key funders have been amazing and include: Lotteries Community Facilities Grant - \$57,500; Greater Green Island Town and Country Club - \$10,000; AAW Jones Trust - \$15,000; Greater Green Island Business Association - \$2,500; Community Members Contributions - \$5,000. We thank them for their beyond generous contributions.

*Photos from left to right: Ivy plants colourful flax, Jasmine makes sure her Hebe is in securely, Kairi and Noah discuss planting techniques for a kowhai.*

*Bottom left photo: Students from left Annabelle, Jasmine, Kairi, Ivy with youth workers Noah Scott and Brianna Le*

# NEW COMMUNITY INITIATIVE OUTLINED



On the 20th of June, a new initiative was launched, with a mission to make a difference in the Kaikorai Valley Community.

Aroha Kaikorai Valley - a registered charity, community and business-led organization - held its official public launch, where its message and goals were outlined to an enraptured audience. Partnering with residents, businesses, schools and other community groups - including City Sanctuary, whose ultimate goal is for a "predator-free Dunedin" - AKV aims to prove that "we can all do our bit" to help native flora and fauna to flourish (as per board member and vision holder Paul Southworth), a sentiment further espoused by guest speaker and Mayor of Dunedin Jules Radich, who maintained that with a bit of mahi "we can all get the best outcomes for our communities."

Whether this be volunteering to host rat traps, helping to repair equipment, preparing bait or even simply "purchasing a jar of peanut butter," the collective believes it can help to control predators, improve water quality in the Greater Green Island area, and remove pest plants and replace them with "native and significant species" with "the strength of the whole community."

Improving the quality of the valley ecosystem will have a flow on effect to those of us in the Green Island Community further downstream.

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Above: Paul Southworth (Vision/AKV trustee) addresses supporters during the launch.

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- First aid kit and prescription medicine.
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- Torches and batteries.
- Transistor radio and local radio frequency.
- Cash.
- Copies of important documents and photo ID.
- A warm set of clothing and walking shoes.
- Cellphone charger or power bank.

### Make a Plan

- Home emergency plan.
- Emergency plan if you can not get home.
- A household assembly point, especially in case of fire or flood.
- If you will need extra assistance have you let someone in your neighbourhood know?
- Do you know who might need extra assistance in your neighbourhood?

### Specific Situations

- High ground escape route for Tsunami warnings or risk (Long and strong earthquakes)
- Do you know what to do if you feel a strong earthquake?
- Who will pick up your children if you are unable to do so?

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When: 8am, Thursday 20th July 2023

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Where: Main South Road, Green Island  
When: 10am - 1pm Saturday 2nd December

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Otago Regional Council and Dunedin City Council are consulting and presenting plans regarding potential changes and design for the Green Island 'Super Bus Stop.' (North), currently located opposite Moyle's Fresh Choice.

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