

WELCOME STEPH CORBY TO LARSON'S PHARMACY

There's something special about walking into a place where everybody knows your name. For so many in Green Island, Larson's Pharmacy has always been that place — a friendly, familiar hub where the staff genuinely care. That's why we're excited to introduce Steph Corby, the new owner of Larson's Pharmacy, who shares that same passion for people and community.

Steph officially took over Larson's on April 1st, 2025, but she's no stranger to the store or the people who walk through its doors. Her connection to Larson's goes back over 20 years. When Steph finished her pharmacy internship, it was Paul Larson who gave her first pharmacist job. The Larson and Corby families have known each other for years — Paul even used to work for Steph's dad before starting Larson's.

Over the past eight years, many locals have already met Steph through her regular locum work at Larson's. When Paul was looking to sell, a conversation between him and Steph's dad led to this perfect opportunity.

Steph already owns the Caversham pharmacy and now divides her time between both stores. What drew her to Larson's is what has kept locals coming back for years — the warm, close-knit team and the strong community feel. "I love that Larson's is an independent pharmacy, not part of a big corporate chain," Steph says. "It's about local people caring for local people."

You could say pharmacy is in Steph's blood. She comes from a long line of pharmacists — her dad, uncles, and aunt all

worked in the field, and both her mum and sister trained as pharmacy technicians. Growing up surrounded by pharmacy talk at the dinner table, Steph naturally developed a love for community care and the difference pharmacies can make in people's lives. It's truly a family passion she's proud to continue.

Steph is clear that she's not here to make big changes. She's passionate about keeping Paul's legacy alive and continuing the same excellent care Green Island locals know and trust. The staff remain the same, with a focus on providing consistency and genuine connection.

Steph is proud to be working alongside

Courtenay King and Alana Close, both of whom have been essential to Larson's success. Courtenay has worked at Larson's for an incredible 23 years, starting as a high school student and later qualifying as a pharmacy technician. Alana joined Larson's as an intern in 2018 and returned nearly three years ago. Together with Steph, they are committed to keeping the pharmacy running smoothly.

Steph, a Dunedin born and bred local, loves spending time outdoors with her husband and their two children, aged 5 and 8. Family bike rides, bush walks, and exploring Dunedin's beautiful spots are some of their favourite activities.

Steph is looking forward to getting to know more of the Green Island community and continuing to offer the trusted, friendly care that Larson's Pharmacy is known for.



Courtenay King, Steph Corby, Alana Close



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GREEN ISLAND ART GROUP UPDATE



We are having a great year, with many more members enrolling in our group, which makes the variety of art absolutely amazing. Last week, we had a tutor, Janet Hulland, who supervised us while we worked on drawings and paintings of her famous 'Fat Ladies'. A lot of fun was had by all, with tremendous laughter as we showed each other our versions of Janet's 'Ladies'.



Janet Hulland- Guest Artist

We are now preparing for our Annual Art Group Competition, which should be very interesting since the theme will be 'Nature'. This theme gives us a lot of scope for what we decide to paint.

Our following event is the Annual Affordable Art Exhibition at the Meridian Mall. This very popular exhibition will be held from October 16th to 19th. It continues to be a very successful event that continues to grow each year. Please note these dates in your diary so that you don't miss out!

We continue to meet weekly in Cameron Hall, Green Island where we also have a wall of Art on display for people to purchase if they wish. There are many very good pieces of art at an extremely low cost.



Pictured above: Green Island Art Group

EXCITING NEW BUS ROUTE THROUGH SOUTH DUNEDIN



From 30 June 2025, Orbus will be providing better connections for passengers from southeastern areas of the city into the South Dunedin main shopping area, changing timetables on many routes to improve reliability, and starting a new Mosgiel "On Demand" service. The Mosgiel Route 77 will now take a loop through South Dunedin via Princes Street. This is a fantastic addition to the route and will benefit many users!

The updated routes into South Dunedin will mean services that currently travel along the full length of Andersons Bay Road into the city, via the Oval or the one-way system, will instead travel on Macandrew Road via King Edward and Princes Streets. This will tie in with existing and future improvements Dunedin City Council is making on Princes Street, which aim to improve road safety, including at intersections, while improving bus reliability and efficiency.

This is a long awaited and much anticipated change for the Green Island community. The Greater Green Island Community Network has been advocating for this change over the last few years, in response to community survey feedback.



Find all the bus route and timetable changes starting from 30 June at orc.govt.nz/DNbuschanges.

Remember - with a registered Bee card bus fares are much cheaper!



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YOUR MONTHLY **Harcourts** MARKET REVIEW

We have been heartened by the increased flow of open home attendees and the steady momentum through May. This has resulted in encouraging activity with buyers and confidence among both these buyers and our sellers. Sales volumes saw a slight lift compared to April, reflecting renewed interest from first-home buyers, families, and an improvement in investor interest.

Properties that are well-presented and priced to meet an attentive market are attracting attention. We're also seeing good demand for character homes and low-maintenance investment properties.

With interest rates stabilising (contact Ken our Mortgage Express advisor for his thoughts on whether we may see a further decrease) the outlook through our chilly months remains positive. While Dunedin typically cools off – literally and figuratively – over Winter, there are plenty of people focussed on finding their next home with motivated sellers still achieving great results.

Selling via auction remains a strong method of sale for getting these results, as auction documents are seen as live deals in the eyes of the bank – ensuring those wanting to buy at auction rise to the top of the list for pre-approvals on a property. And yes, every purchaser from investors to property veterans to first home buyers are able to purchase at auction – we are very happy to provide guidance around how to achieve this if you need a hand.

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Number of sales

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TOOTS' COLUMN

An update from our local Green Island Community NZ Police Senior Constable Mark Tuten.



Senior Constable Mark
"Toots" Tuten

Greetings people,

Apologies for not being able to do the Informer column last month, I had to get a bit of maintenance work done down at the hospital. I'm all fit and raring to go now though.

Can you believe that we are nearly at the shortest day? Flies by doesn't it. I always look at it as getting that wee bit closer to the sunny climes of summer, that's how I stay so positive.

Things had been ticking over nice and quietly on the police front until Monday! A cheeky wee morning frost caught a few people unawares and low and behold, there were 4 or 5 crashes in the space of about half an hour. I don't really want to harp on about this, but "Drive to the conditions." When it's freezing outside, take your time. The amount of people I see driving around in these conditions with their windscreen fogged up is unbelievable. Please take two minutes to defrost the windscreen before you start off in the morning. It's safer for everyone.

Right, that's it, nothing but positivity from here on.

I was attending a meeting at the Talking Café this week (meets every two weeks at the Howden Street Community Hub). A great way to catch up with the community. Everyone is invited to attend the Talking Café meetings for a chat and a coffee/tea and a slice of cake if you're lucky. More men needed though; the disparity is noticeable.

Following on from my amazing facts from my last column, is this nugget: The fear of long words is called Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia. Somewhat ironic, don't you think?

Don't forget, any issues, or you just want another opinion, come in and see me. Usual place.

Stay safe people.

Toots

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YOUTH YAPS: TEAMWORK AND TUNING UP THE MUSIC ROOM

This is a Youth Yaps Article written by some young people in your community (with a little help from Noah). This week's article is brought to you by four students from Concord School: Arjan, Eli, Epa, and Ollie.



Concord students with the finished guitar stand, Arjan, Ollie, Epa, and Eli

At the beginning of Term 1, four boys at Concord School were chosen for a Wheako group with GGICN youth worker Noah. Arjan, Epa, Eli, and Ollie were tasked by music teacher Hiliako Iaheto, with building a moveable guitar stand that could hold six instruments, as it would be an asset to the music room.

After meeting with Hiliako, the boys researched guitar stands and visited music stores for inspiration. Once they had some ideas, they visited a local builder, Taylor at Caldwell & Highsted, who helped them create a design. With a plan sorted, they went to Bunnings Warehouse to buy the materials.

Over the next few weeks, the boys built the stand at Caldwell & Highsted's workshop. First, they cut the wood to size, then sanded it, and screwed the pieces together into a frame. After that, they stained the wood with oil and attached the wheels. In their final week, they added finishing touches, like gluing on the rubber.

A huge thank you must go to Taylor at Caldwell & Highsted- without him, this guitar stand wouldn't have been possible. Taylor said the boys brought lots of energy and excitement to his day.

The group learnt a lot during the project- from design and painting to drilling, screwing, using a laser cutter, and more. Eli said, "There was a lot to it. We had to be very specific and careful."

After seeing the finished product, Concord School's principal, Glen Beadle, said, "The final product is a testament to their dedication and craftsmanship. These boys should be incredibly proud of what they've accomplished."



Noah, Eli, Epa, Taylor, Arjan, and Ollie at Caldwell & Highsted's workshop.

CAFÉ WEDNESDAY – A WARM, WELCOMING SPACE FOR ALL

Did you know there's a free café open every Wednesday morning during the school term at Dunedin City Baptist Church? Held within their amazing facility in Concord, Café Wednesday is a special community space- bringing people together over coffee, conversation, and connection.



Delicious food at Cafe Wednesday

Originally started as a regular café, it has recently been reimagined with help from DCBC's local outreach coordinator, Zoie Kupenga, as a relaxed and inclusive gathering spot. Guests are treated to free barista-made coffee, tea and hot chocolate, freshly baked scones, and a sweet treat. A koha (donation) jar sits quietly on the counter for those who wish to contribute, but there's absolutely no obligation.



Joan and Cheryl playing cards with Senior Pastor Mike Bagge

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The café is set up marae style, with long tables that naturally encourage conversation and community. It's an ideal space for anyone wanting a friendly chat, a peaceful break, or simply a reason to get out of the house. For those who enjoy something to do with their hands or prefer a quiet time, there are activities such as word finds and playing cards available.

Local Concord residents Bryan and Joan Clarke try to come along every week, calling Café Wednesday a real highlight. The parking is easy and accessible and the friendly atmosphere makes it a lovely social outing.

You don't have to be part of the church to attend- everyone is welcome, no matter your background or beliefs. It's all about community, connection, and making people feel at home.

As the morning winds down, a member of the church community shares a short, uplifting story- offering a positive message to carry into the rest of the day. Pop in for a cuppa- you are sure to enjoy the warm, welcoming atmosphere and an opportunity to meet new friends and neighbours.

CUTE GUINEA PIGS ON SHOW

Otago Cavy Club had our autumn show on Sunday 25th May at Green Island Civic Hall, with Topflite being the major sponsor. We held a mega pet show with member pet and novice pet sections. Guinea pigs were judged on their condition, interaction with their owners, and overall presentation.



The goal of this fun and educational

show was to help pet owners learn more about caring for their guinea pigs. We also held 10 novelty fun classes



and a purebred show

which is judged in breed standards set by NZ Cavy Council. More details about our club are on the Otago Cavy Club Facebook page.



FIRESIDE CLUB UPCYCLES WOOL INTO RUGS TO DONATE



Knitted creations by Fireside Club members

The Green Island Fireside Club meets at the Janet Cameron Hall on Thursday afternoons. We recently held our AGM and celebrated our clubs 72nd birthday.

Club members Win, Vera, Marlene and Diane displayed the beautiful results of their hard work.

When the hall chairs were replaced and old wool cushion covers no longer needed, these ladies took on the task of unravelling them to reuse the good wool. When opening up the cushions, they found treasure- old clothes had been used instead of stuffing!! Over the following months they knitted 20 colourful knee rugs. These were recently donated to the Woman's Refuge. Other children's garments (shown in picture) were also knitted. They are continuing to keep busy, using any double knitting wool donated for the next cause.



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SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE



Paul Weir SHCB Chair

Kia ora, It was great to see and talk with high achieving teenagers from the Saddle Hill Community who applied for the SHCB Youth Ambassador Award to help them pursue their chosen path. The calibre of applicants was outstanding, with the six applicants all receiving funding support. This is a reflection of the great work that not only the applicant does, but also parents, teachers, coaches and everyone else

involved. Well done to those Youth Ambassadors- keep aiming high.

We have also talked with DCC Parks about the much-needed maintenance of the walking tracks around Waldronville and Island Park reserve. As well as meeting onsite with DCC roading to assess and get the drain cleared on Old Brighton Road to stop it flooding every time it rains. Fairfield playground and skate park will be getting a new drinking fountain in the next few months which will help keep all those active hydrated, and water bottles full.

Local elections are coming up, so if you want to put your name forward for an opportunity to stand and support your community, feel free to contact any of the SHCB Committee or look up the DCC website to see how. Lastly with winter conditions upon us remember to drive to the conditions - drive safely take your time. Ngā mihi nui, Paul Weir, Chairman, Saddle Hill Community Board

2025 GREEN ISLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB 7 ASIDE DAY



Sienna Sainsbury - Green Island 14th grade Storm - makes a break past Roslyn

What an incredible day we had at this year's Dunedin ITM GIJFC 7-Aside, held on 17 May 2025. With a record 148 teams taking part, it was our biggest tournament yet!

There are so many people to thank. First up, hats off to our committee- we put in a lot of hours behind the scenes, and it's all worth

it when you see how much the kids enjoy the day. To our awesome referees, thank you for giving up your time and braving some chilly weather. The set-up and pack-down crew were absolute troopers and the senior club really stepped up too- helping find refs and pitching in wherever needed.

Big thanks as well to TRENDS for letting us use their car park, and to the Green Island Lions for helping with marshalling. We're also super grateful to DCC and Football South for being so supportive and easy to work with. Cheers to Mosgiel AFC and Fairfield School for lending us extra goals- it made a big difference.

A special shout-out to Kate Mullan and Chris Campbell, who spent hours fine-tuning the draw, and to Emma Brandso for social media. Massive thanks to Rachelle Jamison for great photography. And of course our amazing sponsors, thank you for helping us give these kids the best gear and an experience they'll remember.

Most of all, thank you to the families who came along to support, and to the kids, who reminded us all what sport is really about- fun, friendships, and giving it your all.

We also want to give a big congratulations to the teams who came out on top this year. Here's the roll of honour:

The Mosgiel Strikers took out the 6th Grade Mixed. DCR Eagles won the 7th Grade Mixed Competitive, and DCR

Queenies were champs in the 7th/8th Grade Girls. GI Bulls took home the 8th Grade Mixed Competitive, and Mosgiel



Green Island 10th grade Vipers

Rhinos topped the 9th Grade Mixed Social. DCR Rockets claimed the 9th Grade Mixed Competitive title, while Football Waitaki were standouts in the 9th/10th Grade Girls.

In the 10th Grade Mixed Social, GI Raptors came out on top, and DCR Dragons were the 10th Grade Mixed Competitive winners. Mosgiel Sigma won the 11th Grade Mixed Social, and Maori Hill Academy were the 11th Grade Mixed Competitive champs. Football Waitaki had another win in the 11th/12th Grade Girls. Maori Hill Falcons took the 12th Grade Mixed Social title, and GI Hornets won the 12th Grade Mixed Competitive. Mornington Lions came first in the 13th/14th Grade Mixed Social, Roslyn Trotters won the 13th/14th Grade Mixed Competitive, and GI Storm wrapped it up with the win in the 13th/14th Grade Girls.

Thanks again to everyone who was part of it- whether you were coaching, cheering, helping behind the scenes, or just enjoying the day with your family. These are the moments our kids will remember, and they're only possible because of the effort and heart this community puts in.

We can't wait to do it all again next year- for the 50th tournament!



Green island 12th grade Hornets

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN - RAIN OR SHINE!

With the July school holidays just around the corner, there's heaps to enjoy across Ōtepoti – indoors and out:

Tūhura Otago Museum (Free) & Discovery World (\$\$) – Hands-on science, tropical butterfly house, and perfect for cold days.

NZ International Science Festival (28 June–6 July) – 100+ exciting events across the city. Programme at www.scifest.org.nz.

Leap Dunedin (\$\$) – Trampoline park fun for tamariki with energy to burn.

Dunedin Ice Stadium (\$\$) – Public ice-skating with a cosy café to warm up after.

Dunedin Public Libraries (Free) – Free crafts, LEGO, and story time at South D and City branches.

Dunedin Public Art Gallery (Free) - Matariki activity colouring book and amazing art inspiration.

Local eats to warm you up:

The Food Room (Green Island) – Homestyle baking and relaxed atmosphere.

Spelt Café (Fairfield) – Welcoming and great coffee.

Brighton Beach Café – Hot chocolate after a beach adventure? Yes, please!

Outdoor gems:

Memorial Park (Green Island) – Room to run and play.

Fairfield Playground – All-ages fun right on Main Road.

Plus so many local playgrounds available (check the community directory www.greenergreenisland.nz), and the beach just down the road!

Whatever the weather, there's something to enjoy together these holidays!

FAREWELL TO OUR CURRENT NEWSLETTER EDITOR AND WELCOME TO ERIN DELLOW-KANE

Our current newsletter editor, Rachelle Williamson, joined the Greater Green Island Community Network (GGICN) after completing her student placement with us in 2024. During her time here, Rachelle helped organise the Green Island Market Day and worked as the editor of The Informer newsletter.

Reflecting on her time here, Rachelle shares, "It has been an awesome experience. The team here is amazing, and I'm really going to miss everyone." She adds, "I've loved working on the newsletter, meeting our lovely community members, and making sure we include a wide variety of stories and voices."

Rachelle is now stepping away to focus on completing her social work studies and a full-time placement. She's looking forward to graduating at the end of the year and celebrating this milestone with her husband and their two young

daughters. We are incredibly grateful for everything Rachelle has contributed and wish her all the very best for what's ahead.



Rachelle Williamson and Erin Dellow-Kane

Erin Dellow-Kane will step into the editor role, bringing a vibrant creative spark and a genuine love for the community. A proud Concord local, Erin says this area has been a wonderful place to raise her daughter alongside her husband. "I'm looking forward to meeting more people in the community, sharing their stories, and promoting local businesses." She already has strong local connections and is excited to bring her artistic flair and fresh ideas to The Informer newsletter.

This edition has been a collaborative effort between Rachelle and Erin, and we're looking forward to the continued success of The Informer, as Erin takes over the editorial reins.

CELEBRATING OUR AWESOME NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

At the heart of our community is a spirit of generosity and service, and we are incredibly lucky to have so many wonderful volunteers who give their time to keep us connected. We want to give a special shoutout to one of those gems – Lindsay Aitchison.



Lindsay Aitchison - our fantastic volunteer!

Lindsay has been a quiet but steady force behind the scenes of our Informer newsletter for a number of years. Every week without fail, Lindsay has come in to help with the layout and preparation of the newsletter, ensuring it's ready to be shared with our community. His attention to detail, reliability, and warm sense of humour have made him a treasured part of our team. We are so grateful for his commitment and the time he has given so generously.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our incredible newsletter delivery volunteers. Rain or shine, these wonderful people hit the streets to make sure the Informer is delivered to homes across our community. Their dedication and willingness to help - often squeezing deliveries into their already busy days - do not go unnoticed. You are all absolute stars, and we truly appreciate each and every one of you.

From the whole team, thank you to Lindsay and all of our newsletter volunteers. Your hard work matters and we definitely could not do this without you!

TALKING CAFE - SOMETHING'S BREWING IN GREEN ISLAND

There's a new buzz in Green Island, and it's coming from Howden Street. Every second Tuesday, the Greater Green Island Community Network rooms come alive with laughter, connection, and conversation as local seniors gather for a Talking Café.



Hosted in partnership with Age Concern, the Talking Café offers a welcoming, relaxed atmosphere - a perfect spot to catch up over a cuppa and connect with others. Some sessions include guest speakers or key topics, with local legend Toots drawing a crowd in June!

Mark your calendars - on 13 August, we have a talk scheduled on Advanced Care Planning.

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