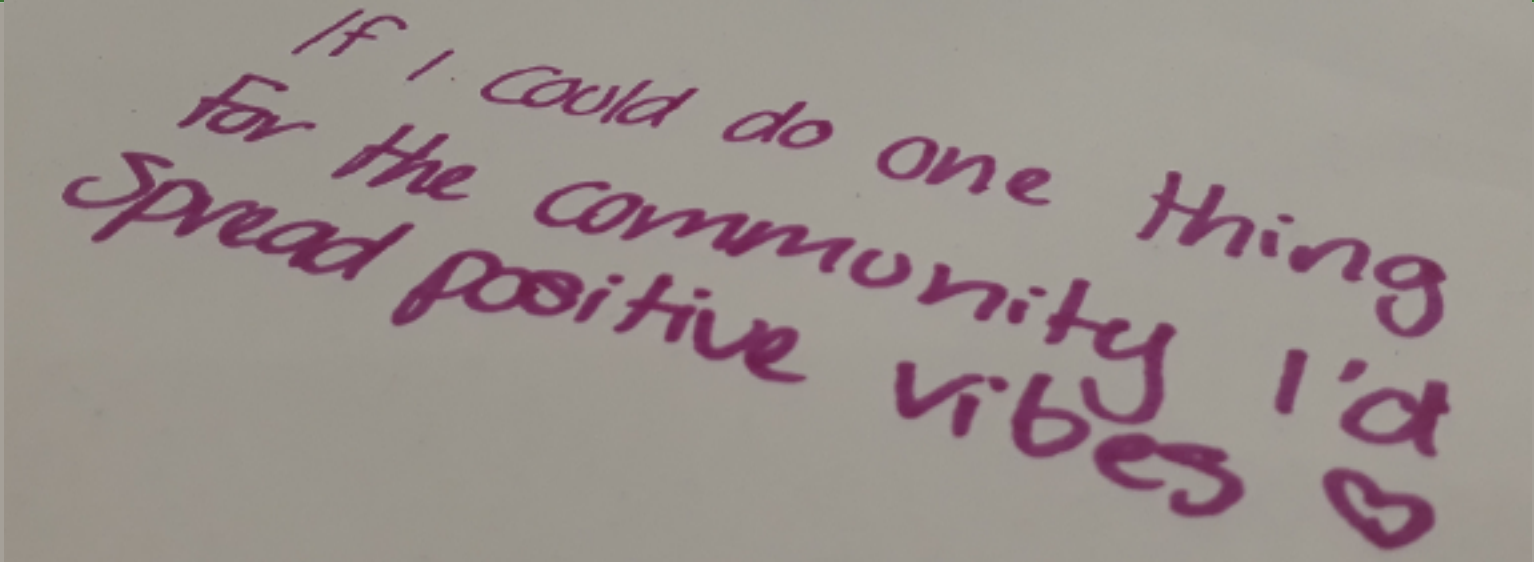




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Over 200 community members gave feedback about what they love and what they want to do for the Greater Green Island Community.

GET TOGETHER A GREAT DAY OUT

The 2023 Greater Green Island Get Together was held on a spectacularly sunny September 9th at the Dunedin City Baptist Church (DCBC) site in Concord.

Our fearless Fairfield reporter Maia Hayden (10) was among the crowd of over 2000 who made the most of the sunshine, as well as the 35 stalls on offer:

The Greater Green Island Get Together was...great fun! It was a stunning Saturday, and there were so many activities that I could do. There were fire engine rides, the Book Bus, a 'Name The Pet Lamb' competition – and a whole heap of school Kapa Haka and music performances. I especially

enjoyed the candy floss and the Tūhura Science Show – it's always amazing to watch dry ice! I had a lot of fun trying out bowling as well.

There was a really lovely stand where people got to write what they love about the Green Island area. Some of the ideas were really nice, and it made me happy to be a part of the day. I also liked recording a radio message about what the area means to me. I said that the friendly people make it really special.

Overall, it was such an awesome day, and I can't wait for the next one!




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VALE, ALICE YOUNG (1934-2023)

The Informer acknowledges the passing of Green Island identity Alice Young, who died on September 1st, aged 88.

Alice Wong was born in China in 1934. She emigrated to New Zealand with her family in 1938, settling in North East Valley. A graduate of Otago Girls' High School, Alice married Peter Young in 1956, and set to work with him, building and running Peter Young's Fruit Supply in Green Island.



Alice Young celebrating Christmas

Alice put her near-three decades worth of customer service experience to further use in 1982, when she opened Alice's Burger Bar. Originally opposite the since-demolished Royal Hotel, the eatery moved to its iconic location at 196 Main South Road in 1992. In fact, readers of a certain vintage still

refer to the location as 'Alice's'; such was the impact and quality of her service.

Alice's work ethic was instrumental in inspiring her employees, many of whom remain in hospitality to this day. Some still marvel at her ability to create delicious food from minimal ingredients, and remember that one of the biggest lessons she imparted was the importance of meeting the needs of the customer. Alice would take great care with those whom she crossed paths, sometimes going so far as to customize their burgers, then naming said burger after that particular customer. Such personal flourishes were a hallmark of her career, up until her well-deserved retirement in 2002.

Her generosity of spirit, friendly nature and sense of humour remain indelibly stamped for many in the region, and she will no doubt be missed by many generations from Green Island and beyond. Alice is survived by her four children - Maurice, Bronwyn, Linda-Jean, and Rodney - as well as her grand and great-grand children.

MEMORIAL GARDENS STAGE AND BBQ UPDATE

The Greater Green Island community has recently faced unexpected delays in its Stage and Barbecue project in the Memorial Gardens, as the Dunedin City Council (DCC) Parks and Recreation team proposed changes to approved plans. GGICN, set to commence construction with Stewart's Construction, is in a hold pattern as DCC seeks minor alterations for enhanced long-term viability. These modifications necessitated new plans, construction delays, and an amended consent, with associated costs. Encouragingly, DCC will cover these expenses.

While the delays have been incredibly frustrating, the GGICN remains optimistic that the project will ultimately deliver an even more functional and rewarding community space for all. Stewart's has scheduled this project to start in the new year providing new consents are granted.



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GREEN ISLAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

MONTHLY MEETING

Where: Food Room

When: 8:00am, Friday 27th October 2023

GREEN ISLAND BOWLING CLUB

INVITES YOU



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FRED STEPS DOWN FROM THE COMMUNITY NETWORK

Senior Constable Fred Jansen has been a key player in the work of the Greater Green Island Community Network since its inception. As a founding member of the committee in 2013, Fred's fingerprints can be seen in many community projects from the triple roundabout push, Memorial Park playground, as well as a raft of community events and murals. In 2015 Fred could even be found atop a tracker, breaking ground for the Green Island Community Garden.



Snr Constable Fred Jansen

The time, however, has come to farewell our very popular "Constable Fred" from our Greater Green Island Community Network Committee. Steve Hayward, Chairman for the Greater Green Island Community Network said, "Fred has made a huge contribution to our wider community, both on and off the field, since we first started many years ago. We have greatly valued his wisdom, advice and guidance, his enthusiasm and energy, his sense of humour and his amazing ability to listen to both sides of an issue and then to sum it up in plain language - he really should be called "Constable Common Sense." He is easy to spot in a crowd but prefers to stay out of the limelight. We will miss you Fred. We all appreciate the immense contribution that you have made to our wider Community. We wish you and your family, all the very best for the exciting years ahead."

Fred is reluctant to step down, but stated quite clearly that "he is proud of the work the committee has done, it is in a good place and I am still here in spirit". He said he still wants to be kept in the loop and will be checking in from time to time. The GGICN staff believe this is also an excuse for him to not have to wear a silly hat for a photo ever again.



The GGICN team Christmas 2021 - Fred Jansen on left with hat noticeably missing.



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Last month we reported increased buyer activity which was reflected with an increase in sales from 121 in July to 161 in August. However listing volumes remain low so some buyers faced increased competition and we saw an increase in multi offers on some listings.

The median value dropped back down to \$555,000 which is a reflection of where most of the buying activity occurred. 80% of sales in August were below \$750,000, as first home buyers took the opportunity to use their pre-approved lending and buy now. There is still an absence of investor buyers in the market, which is great for those first home buyers who face less competition. Median days to sell was 44 which has been a pretty consistent figure all year.

We normally see an increase in listing activity through Spring, but this may be tempered a bit by what many see as a significant election in terms of the likely housing policies of either major party. It remains a good time to buy for those first home buyers, or for those looking to upgrade their existing home. Anyone contemplating selling a home in the low to mid price range will find buyers ready to act and it's an excellent time to maximise your sale price.

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Pictures of Concord residents cleaning up their neighbourhood.

For the second consecutive year, Annalise Appleby lead the charge of a wonderful community clean-up effort in Concord. This event, organised as part of Keep New Zealand Beautiful's "Clean Up Week" initiative, showcased the commitment of 15 Concord locals. Appleby commented "It was a great success with more volunteers than last year."

Undaunted by the rainy weather, these dedicated community members, who spanned an age range of 10 to 80 years old, descended upon Concord's main roads with gloves, buckets and rubbish bags in hand, resolute in their mission to beautify their neighbourhood. Despite the challenging weather conditions, spirits remained unbroken. "Everyone left with a smile on their face" remarked Appleby. A smile was not the only thing some volunteers left with, as the last few were loading gear into vehicles Bosco, of Concord Takeaways, generously popped out with a box of hot chips, a great way to warm up the afternoon.

In only two hours the group collected enough rubbish and debris to fill the boot and back seat of Appleby's car.



Do not worry if you missed out this year. Keep an eye out in September 2024 for the next Concord clean up to join, or organise a clean up in your own suburb.



GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL ZOMBIE FUN RUN

Mark Saturday 4th November in your calendar for a fun run you will not want to miss!

Green Island School has always made fundraising a social event, but the tradition of getting the whole community together to make cheese rolls was off the table with the growing cost of cheese.

Any new fundraiser needed to meet the following criteria: Make people happy; Provide a taste of the "Creepy Graveyard" real life planning and problem solving opportunities for our Year 7 and 8 students; Showcase the skills of our Year 7 and 8 students to the community; Consider our environment and not create a lot of waste.

Our Zombie Fun Run, using our iconic hill and field as a water-slide, fits this brief! On the day our year 7 and 8's will be in zombie mode, keeping everyone safe, and making decisions without breaking character.



A taste of the "Creepy Graveyard"



Students making safety barriers for the waterslide

As well as props the year 7 and 8 students have also made the water slide and its irrigation system, costumes, tested zombie makeup and practised their best zombie moves. Students have been resourceful building many

Obstacles and props have been made by students, it will be a big job for the set up group whose set up list includes 60 tyres and ten barrels of "toxic waste".

scenes for the event out of repurposed items and there have been some tough afternoons at school testing the slide. While students signed up for individual jobs based interests and talents, the event requires them all to work together to get the whole thing to work.

The Zombie Green is the village that will be set up next to the run course where each classroom will be contributing. There will be food, drinks, and treats available to buy. After your run, get changed and set up a picnic blanket here.



Testing waterslide prototype 1

The first of 10 runs starts at 11:00am, with subsequent runs setting off every 15 minutes thereafter until 1:15pm. Seven of the time slots of for individual runners. Three have been reserved for runners who want a support person, perfect for parents who are worried the run might be a little scary and they need someone help them be brave. The run is planned with a lot of flexibility and choice within the course, so everyone can plan to Zombie run their own way. The 540 available tickets start at only \$15, do not miss out.

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Can you tell us about your experience?

We did a lot of single child respite initially but eventually it became quite normal to have 2 or 3 kids stay with us at any one time.

We helped one boy get into rugby for the first time, seeing how much he enjoyed that opportunity was a cool highlight.

What impact has this made on your life?

It has been a great learning experience for our own kids, learning to share everything they own and getting to know anybody from any background and relate to them.

What advice would you give to others who were considering becoming a Caregiver?

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LOCAL SCHOOLS PERFORM AT OTAGO POLYFEST



Performances from three of the six schools from Greater Green Island, from top to bottom - Fairfield School, St Peter Chanel School, Green Island School

The 30th annual Otago Polyfest unfolded at the Edgar Centre from September 11th to 18th, coinciding with Te Wiki o te Reo Maori, (Maori Language Week). The remarkable talents of the six Greater Green Island Community schools (Concord School, Green Island School, Abbotsford School, Fairfield School, St. Peter Chanel School, and Te Kura Kaupapa o Otepoti) were on full display, as these schools graced the stage with a mix of captivating kapa haka and Pasifika performances. Abbotsford School in particular left the audience in awe with not one, but two extraordinary groups. All schools continue to go from strength to strength each year in the quality and effort shown in their performances.

Those attending at the right moment also had the pleasure of witnessing the young talents of Fairfield's Play and Learn ECE. The strong community turnout showcased the unwavering support for our local schools, underscoring the months of preparation and practice that went into these stellar performances. Ka rawe to mahi!

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COMMUNITY KŌRERO - MEET THE LOCAL ELECTORATE CANDIDATES

Welcome to the Community Kōrero, for this edition we approached the local candidates for the upcoming election on the 14th of October. Take a minute to read up on everyone that is running this election so you can make your mind up and vote on election day.

MATTHEW FRENCH (NATIONAL)

I want to be able to make a difference in the community that I live in and not to just sit on the fence and leave it up to somebody else. I believe in fairness and having equitable opportunities for all members of the community and to being in a position of assisting local groups, organizations and individuals in having a voice in parliament and having somebody who can champion worthy causes, laws and services.

I have the skills and the desire to advocate and uphold policies that are linked to the party's values while appealing to the widest possible section of the electorate. As a person who grew up rural, have worked in and owned business, who is involved in community activities, I identify with, and to, a large spectrum of people. This will make me a strong candidate and a champion for the people of Taieri.



SCOTT WILLIS (GREEN PARTY)

Born in Dunedin, I grew up in the Waitaki Valley, studied at Otago University and work on healthy housing and climate action throughout the Taieri Electorate. Married to Jenna, we have two sons, now great young men and live in Waitati. I have a deep family connection to Taieri: my great grandfather Hendra's wrought iron work may even be your fence!

The cost-of-living crisis and the



INGRID LEARY (LABOUR)



Since becoming MP for Taieri in 2020, I have worked tirelessly across the electorate to ensure our corner of NZ has a strong voice in Wellington.

I live in South Dunedin, close to where my grandmother's family lived, and what I love most about the electorate is that we have such a strong community focus.

I have been a fearless advocate within the Labour Caucus to ensure the integrity of the new state-of-the-art \$1.68 B Dunedin Hospital, bearing in mind that Labour is the Party that builds hospitals. The hospital is very close to the original business case, and if re-elected, I would advocate on the final issue: ensuring that our people have equitable access to PET scanning services.

The top 3 policies of the 9 Labour Election Pledges I believe will benefit Taieri are: 1) free dental care for under 30-year-olds, expanding to all New Zealanders if Labour wins further terms in Government; 2) expanding 20 hours free Early Childhood Education to 2-year-olds; and 3) making the Apprenticeship Boost permanent, so that businesses who take on an apprentice will continue to receive \$500 per month for two years. I am asking for your two ticks, both for Labour.

climate crisis are intertwined. We can't pull people together on climate and biodiversity when they are at risk or vulnerable. Our Guaranteed Minimum Income, free Dental Care, Clean Power Plan will cut climate pollution so people can live well. A Party Vote for the Greens is a vote for climate justice, and I would be proud to represent Taieri as your candidate.

I love the can-do attitude in our community: the dynamic clubs (i.e. Taekwondo) and community groups, the history / prehistory and great initiatives like the Chain Hills Restoration Project, the Silverstream Beautification Project, Te Nukuroa o Matamata and the Kaikorai Estuary restoration mahi.

I bring experience, passion, relationships, purpose, and understanding of our community so we can flourish and adapt to the challenges ahead.

MARK PATTERSON (NEW ZEALAND FIRST)

I'm a career sheep and beef farmer based in Lawrence, my family having lived and farmed here for 16 years. I served a term in Parliament between 2017-2020 and have subsequently served a term as President of Otago Federated Farmers.



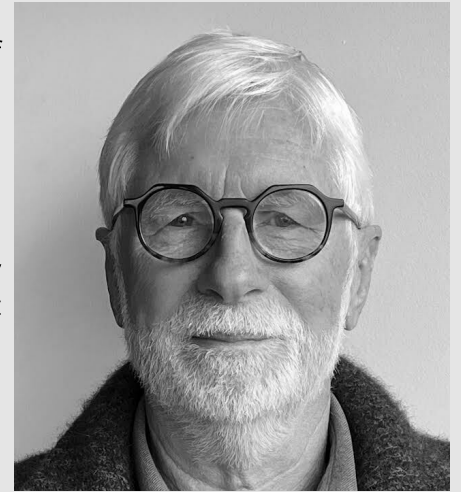
As a locally-based MP I have a strong track record for the Taieri electorate, successfully lobbying for the retention of AgResearch, Invermay, Telford Ag training facility in Balclutha and delivering a number of Provincial Growth Fund projects including funding for the rebuild of the Hillside workshops and the Lawrence to Waihola cycle trail extension.

If elected, advocating for the Mosgiel to Dunedin cycleway and commuter rail will be areas of focus. New Zealand First also have recommitted to the full rebuild of Dunedin hospital.

New Zealand is in a precarious position with cost of living pressure, damning crime stats, deteriorating health and education outcomes and our democratic system being changed by stealth. In such challenging times what is most desperately required is experience. This is what New Zealand First brings. Our policy platform is designed to return New Zealand to a safe, export-led, property-owning democracy, where every vote is equal, and a New Zealand that our children and grandchildren will be proud to live and call home.

DR. MAC GARDNER (INDEPENDENT)

I'm a retired doctor, and I have lived most of my adult life in Dunedin. I still have a very small teaching role in the medical school. I'm married to Kelley, who was for many years a nurse at Dunedin Hospital. I'm a grandparent, with high school-age grandchildren.



The biggest issue for me is the new Dunedin Hospital. From the original plans, we've progressively lost space and facilities, as the government attempts to save money. But this is a false economy, and disrespects the health of those living in the south. We MUST go back to the original plan.

I have two other wishes: I would like to see the Mosgiel suburban rail service reinstated, with electric trains (you can see my plans at my website, votemacgardner.net). I've suggested a Green Island station could be sited beneath the footbridge crossing the railway in the centre of the suburb. Secondly, I would wish Parliament to debate extending the Assisted Dying legislation to include advanced dementia, for those who had written an advance directive.

I have a great affection for the city, and want the people to thrive. We are often overlooked by Northern interests, and I want to blow a Southern trumpet.

BURTY MEFFAN (ACT)

I'm originally from Nelson but am now living in Dunedin where I'm studying at university. I love spending time in Nelson when I'm back in the summer. I come from a family of 5 and have 2 siblings. I'm fortunate to have lots of extended family living in the Nelson/Marlborough region. I went to school at Nelson College before coming down to Otago to study. I love getting out on the water over summer whether it be boating, sailing, or fishing. I also enjoy mountain/road biking and skiing during the winter.

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