

BRUCE CROMB WRAPS UP FOUR YEARS AS SHED PRESIDENT

After more than six years as a member of the Green Island Shed and four years as its president, Bruce Cromb is stepping back from his leadership role. A Green Island local for over 60 years, Bruce has been a key figure in the community space, taking control and helping it grow into a welcoming workshop of creativity, learning, and friendship.

One of the joys in his later life has been the friendships formed through the Shed. "If you don't use it, you lose it!" He has connected with members from other local sheds- especially the North East Valley Shed.

While some community sheds cater exclusively to men, Bruce has been a proud advocate for the Green Island Shed's inclusive approach. Over the years, more women have joined, though Bruce hopes to see more men getting involved too.

Bruce was instrumental in guiding the set-up, initiating the installation of the roof between containers and helping expand the space into the five repurposed shipping containers utilised today. Machines and tools were also relocated from Bruce's own garage to equip the Shed.

Projects at the Shed have included creating mud kitchens for local schools like St Peter Chanel, building playhouses, producing items to sell at the Green Island Market Day and Brighton Gala Day. The group is pro-active raising funds, such as selling bags of kindling- available at the Shed, the Rummage Shop at the Green Island Landfill, and the Green Island Mower Centre- to help sustain the Shed financially and ensure its long-term future.

Bruce has always enjoyed sharing his skills and encouraging people to learn. "It's a shared space- use the tools, but put

them back," he says. "I love helping people and enjoy working with everyone who comes along." Bruce has also helped many people learn practical home maintenance skills, including gibstopping their houses. Two homeschooled young people regularly attend, benefiting from hands-on learning, and Bruce has helped many members gain confidence with woodworking.

A retired caretaker from Concord School, Bruce loved getting kids involved in projects. Before that, he ran his own joinery business, worked at several hardware stores, and spent time at the freezing works, all of which shaped his practical, supportive approach to mentoring others.

David Mackle says Bruce's dedication and skills have been invaluable to the Shed and the wider community. "His contribution has helped shape the Shed into what it is today- welcoming, creative, and self-sustaining."



Life members of the Green Island Shed: David Mackle and Bruce Cromb amongst the well organised hardware.

Although stepping down as president, Bruce is a life member and will remain involved in a lesser capacity, continuing to encourage members and share his expertise. His highlights? Seeing the Shed fully operational and knowing it is a welcoming space where people of all ages and abilities can learn, create, and connect.

Want to get involved? The Green Island Shed welcomes enquiries and new members.

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Shand St, behind St Peter Chanel School, 242 Main South Road, Green Island, Dunedin

Hours:

Monday & Friday 10 am – 12 pm / Saturday 10 am – 1 pm

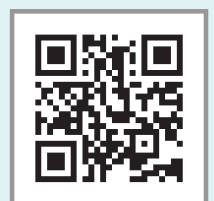


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Labour supporters Neil Copeland and Gina Browne with Ingrid Leary MP

Last time it ran, two years back, the Get Together pulled in people from all walks of life. The streets were buzzing with performances, community group displays, and hands-on activities. It was a chance to catch up with mates, meet new faces, and celebrate the things that make our patch of NZ special,

Of course, none of it happens by magic. Behind the scenes are the unsung heroes- the volunteers rolling up their sleeves to plan, set up, and keep the day running without a hitch. Many of these same people are also the backbone of local projects, social programmes, and support networks that keep Green Island ticking over all year round.

This year's event reminds me of the value of community spirit never more so embodied by Jo Millar, a much-loved champion for older residents, who passed away recently. Jo's tireless mahi and community spirit showed how one person can move mountains when it comes to making a difference.

But the Get Together isn't just about having a good time. It's about building connections, breaking down barriers, and reminding ourselves that when we pull together, we're stronger for it. In a world that can sometimes feel a bit disconnected, this is a day to plug back in- to each other and to our place.

So mark the calendar, dust off your jandals, and come be part of it! The Greater Green Island Get Together is back-

10am- 1pm Saturday 13th September 2025 at DCBC, 19 Main South Road, Concord, it's going to be a real cracker!

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BRIGHTON'S BACKYARD ULTRA 2025: NEW CATEGORIES, SCHOOL TEAMS, AND AN UNFORGETTABLE COURSE

Brighton's Backyard Ultra is back- and bigger than ever! On Saturday 27th September, runners will gather on Brighton Beach for the 2025 edition of this unique ultra-endurance challenge, where the goal is simple: run one 6.7km loop every hour on the hour, until only one person remains. This year, we'll be there until the last person is standing- literally.

For the first time, the event will officially recognize not just the overall Winner, but also crown the Last Male and Last Female still standing- celebrating the incredible endurance and spirit of all who go deep into the race.

Adding to the excitement, 2025 also marks the launch of the Secondary Schools Team Event. This new category invites teams from local high schools to test their limits in a supportive, fun, and challenging environment. We're proud to announce a new partnership with the Kings High School Cross Country team, who will help lead the way in this exciting initiative for young athletes.

True to its grassroots ethos, Brighton's Backyard Ultra remains a community event, with accessible entry fees that reflect its welcoming, inclusive nature. Whether you're an ultra veteran or tackling your first endurance event, this is a race that celebrates participation just as much as performance.

The course itself is a showcase of Brighton's breathtaking natural beauty. Runners start on the main beach, before



Competitors traversing Brighton Beach in a previous Brighton Backyard Ultra event

weaving through coastal footpaths, the Brighton Domain, rocky outcrops, sand dunes, and heading up to the spectacular Big Rock lookout, before returning to the Start/Finish area at the Brighton Surf Life Saving Club. It's as much a journey through stunning scenery as it is a test of grit and endurance. With a growing reputation for camaraderie, determination, and stunning coastal views, Brighton's Backyard Ultra 2025 is set to be the best yet.

Join us on Saturday 27th September for a day- and night- of unforgettable running, resilience, and community connection.

Registration details and more information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565629773074>

Contact: Scott Weatherall, Event Director- 027 4404 700



PASIFIKA SPORTS TOURNAMENT 2025

DETAILS:

2nd - 3rd of October 2025
10:00am-5:00pm
Edgar Sports Centre
(116 Portsmouth Drive, Andersons Bay Dunedin 9012)

EDGAR ADMISSION FEES:

Primary \$2
High School \$2
Adults- \$3
Spectators- Free

TEAM REGISTRATION FEE:

\$20 per team/per sport

Pacific Trust Otago is hosting the Pasifika Community Sports Tournament this October! Get your teams together and come enjoy 2 days filled with great sportsmanship, fun and connection with other communities. Contact Theresa (wellbeing@pto.nz) for more information on this event!

JOIN THE FUN!

Scan QR code to access registration form



REGISTRATIONS & PAYMENTS DUE: FRI 26TH SEPTEMBER

CONCORD INN RENOVATION UPDATE

Things are coming together at the Concord Inn, with renovations still underway- but the team says they can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel!

They're aiming to start using the new space in the first week of September, with a grand opening celebration planned for October or November 2025.

We know the community is excited to experience the brand-new space, and it won't be long now!

Keep an eye out for updates on Facebook @Concord Inn.



SUNNYVALE COMMUNITY CENTRE PARKING TRIAL UNDERWAY

The Sunnyvale Community Centre and its sports clubs have asked for support in tackling ongoing parking challenges during busy sports days. With the main carpark often full, some drivers have been parking on the grass verge along Main South Road, leading to damage and congestion.

To help, the Dunedin City Council is running a parking trial until 31 October 2025 on the wide shoulder area of Main South Road, beside the Sunnyvale Community Centre. The aim is to ease parking pressure in a low-cost, practical way that benefits both centre users and the wider community.

As part of the trial:

- The yellow 'no parking' lines have been temporarily removed to create approximately 30 new parking spaces from opposite Thompson Street to opposite 331 Main South Road.
- If monitoring shows it's necessary, weekday restrictions may be reinstated during the trial with signs reading 'No parking except Sat' on lighting poles.
- If the trial is successful and receives positive feedback, the Council plans to install permanent signage and line marking, as well as asphalt paths across the verge to improve safe access to the community centre for children and families.

Your feedback matters. Share your thoughts on the trial by emailing parksconsulting@dcc.govt.nz before 31 October 2025.

Let's work together to make parking at Sunnyvale safer and easier for everyone.



Aerial view of Sunnyvale Community Centre and Main South Rd

FROZEN STOCK GREEN ISLAND - NOW OPEN!

There's a cool new addition to the Green Island shopping scene! Frozen Stock Green Island has officially opened at 221A Main South Road, offering a great selection of frozen meals, snacks, meats, and sweet treats- all at affordable prices.

This new local business is already proving popular with shoppers looking for budget-friendly, ready-to-cook options and freezer staples. Whether you're feeding a family or just need something quick and easy, Frozen Stock is worth checking out.

It's great to see even more variety added to our local shopping village- support local and pop into Frozen Stock Green Island next time you're in the area!



Matariki artwork by B. from Abbotsford School



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YOUR MONTHLY **Harcourts** MARKET REVIEW

The Dunedin property market showed real strength in July, with momentum building and activity levels lifting noticeably compared to earlier in the year. Buyer enquiry has grown steadily, while more sellers are choosing to list, giving buyers greater choice across key price ranges.

Perhaps it's the hint of warmer days inspiring confidence for the seasons ahead, but whatever the reason, optimism is returning. Solid demand and continued interest in quality homes are helping fuel this renewed confidence.

When viewed alongside the wider New Zealand property market, Otago's performance stands out, consistently exceeding national averages. The wider Green Island area has shown particularly strong activity. Family homes in the \$600,000-\$700,000 range are attracting multiple enquiries, while entry-level properties continue to be popular with first-home buyers.

In July, the median sale price for Dunedin reached \$606,000 across 171 sales – a clear improvement on previous months. Altogether, July's results set a bright and promising outlook as we move into spring and summer.

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TOOTS' COLUMN

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



Senior Police Constable
Mark "Toots" Tuten

Greetings people,

I hope everyone is as happy and healthy as they can be.

Just a couple of shout outs first. Thanks to the guys at Probus, who invited me up to give a wee talk to them. Some interesting questions at the end! I really enjoy connecting with the community like this, very enjoyable and I hope you learned something too.

Thanks to the players of the Green Island +45 Gold team, who I had the pleasure of playing against last week. It got a wee bit feisty towards the end, but what a great game, cheers guys. I won't bore the readers with the result!

Right, now to the obligatory police advice bit. I have noticed from time to time as I am driving home, people trying to turn right onto Main South Road from Quarry Street. There is a reason for the no right turn sign. It's dangerous. For you and whoever is coming around the corner. Just go down to the roundabout and head back up. It's not worth the risk you're taking or the possible Infringement notice for \$150! Land Transport Act 1998 Section 40 Failed to comply with directional arrow, to be precise.

The monthly amazing fact is the record for holding their breath underwater. It stands at 24 minutes and 37 seconds. I bet he was a wee bit lightheaded at the end. Incredible.

That's it for this month, remember, pop in and see me if you have any issues, problems or just want to talk over an issue. You are always welcome.

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Great news for households across Otago and the motu: the Warmer Kiwi Homes programme is expanding, which means thousands more people will soon be able to access support to make their homes cosier, healthier, and more energy efficient.



Up to 300,000 additional homes could now be eligible for government insulation grants of 50%-90%, helping even more New Zealanders enjoy a warm, dry home – especially during the chilly months.

A warmer home is easier to heat and cheaper to run, and that means lower power bills and fewer illnesses linked to cold, damp conditions. It's a smart, long-term investment in both comfort and wellbeing.

Run by EECA (the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority), the programme offers grants covering up to 90% of the cost for ceiling and underfloor insulation and energy-efficient heaters for those in the most financially stretched communities. And now, more middle-income households will also be able to receive a 50% insulation grant.

Since it launched, the programme has delivered over 170,000 insulation and heating upgrades across the country – a huge step forward for thousands of families living in cold or hard-to-heat homes.

EECA's data shows that insulating your home could save you around \$340 every year on power.

Eligibility checklist for an insulation grant:



- Own and live in a home built before 2008.
- Have a Community Services Card, SuperGold Combo card, or live in an area identified as low- to middle-income (check the website to see if your address qualifies)

• Your home doesn't already have ceiling and underfloor insulation. (If you had an insulation grant for a previous house, no worries, you can apply for a grant at your current home.)

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OUTGOING SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

As this term ends, we say a heartfelt thank you to three dedicated Saddle Hill Community Board members who have given years of service to our community:



Scott Weatherall – After 24 years, including 12 as Chair and 6 as Deputy, Scott is stepping down. From flood responses to new playgrounds, protected landscapes to community events, Scott has led with heart and action. Though leaving the Board, he remains committed to advocating for our “pretty amazing” place.

Keith McFadyen – With over 25 years and 8 terms, Keith has been a steady and respected voice on the Board. He extends his thanks to the community, his family, and fellow board members, and encourages continued support for community advocacy.



Christina McBratney – Christina finishes her third term, having started with a simple idea- a bin at Waldronville Estuary- that grew into so much more. Grateful for the support of fellow members, she encourages others to get involved and make their voices heard. Thank you, Scott, Keith, and Christina, for your years of service, leadership, and passion for the Saddle Hill community.

FAIRFIELD WATER FOUNTAIN FINALLY FLOWING!

It’s been a long time coming, but thanks to community dedication and persistence, the tap is finally on at Fairfield’s Fairplay Street playground!

After nearly 20 years of dreaming and planning, a new water and bottle-filling station has been installed at the popular park- home to the playground, skate ramps, and the Fairfield Community Hall.

The idea was first suggested by local resident Scott Payne, a long-time supporter of the park who also helped bring the skate ramps to life.

Saddle Hill Community Board Chair Paul Weir said, “We’d been trying for a while- it was great to finally get council support and get it across the line.” The Saddle Hill Community Board contributed \$1940 towards the project, with the Dunedin City Council covering the remaining costs.

The new water station will benefit playground users, walkers, joggers, and anyone passing by in need of a drink. A big thank you to all involved- a small addition that will make a big difference for Fairfield!

FAIRFIELD SCHOOL FAIR

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Delivery of voting papers starts 9 September and should be received by 22 September. All voting papers will list candidates randomly so that every voting paper is different.

If you have not enrolled or received your voting papers, you may still cast a special vote. To find a location near you see:
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