

Building Connections through Kai

Greater Green Island Community Network believe it is more important than ever to be connected with neighbours. The “Reach Out, Look Out and Help Out” messaging from Neighbourhood Support highlights what GGICN want to see happening in Greater Green Island as we learn what the Traffic Light System means for life going forward.

With the recent move into Red, it is a timely reminder to check in with people on your street to make sure they are okay. The more people who do this the higher the chance we do not overlook someone who needs support. We have vulnerable people in the community who might need someone to drop off shopping for them at this time. It is great to hear this is already happening in some areas of Greater Green Island.

If you are worried about yourself or someone else in your community please get in touch and we can connect you or them with someone who can help. If you would like to volunteer to drop off food, please get in touch. GGICN are in the process of setting up an informal food delivery plan.

Neighbours Day Aotearoa 2022, which runs from 18th - 27th March, is all about Kai Connections. In 2022, we want to help you plan Neighbours Day for your neighbourhood. We would love to see streets across Greater Green Island have small get-togethers to build relationships. Some ideas that might



interest your street include: having a Food Truck park up for an evening, a picnic with lawn games or a neighbourhood recipe swap. GGICN can help you plan, access funding and help you align with the Traffic Light System rules.

For more information, please get in touch with the GGICN team at events@greenergreenisland.nz or call 0212286934.



The Greater Green Island Community Network is kindly supported by the following organisations:



Business and Trades – Supporting Local



Meetings are held once a month, and are a great way of networking and supporting the growth of local businesses.

The date and location of the March meeting has yet to be confirmed, but will be advertised on the Greater Green Island Facebook page.

No need to RSVP, just come along if you are interested.

Become a member of the Greater Green Island Business Association, and develop your networks and business.

Membership for the first year is *only* \$30
Members also receive 20% off advertising in the Informer.

Monthly meetings and 3-4 social events annually

For more information about membership,

Phone Ben on 027 376 2181

Do you have a new business in Greater Green Island area?

Advertise with us in the Informer, and reach local residents in suburbs in the Greater Green Island area.

Contact us at Informer@greenergreenisland.nz for enquiries and rates.

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Allandale Park KENNELS & CATTERY

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Allandale Park Kennels and Cattery



Ask any animal owner, and they will probably say without hesitation that their pets are part of the family unit.

And that's exactly why the team at Allandale Park Kennels and Cattery ensure top quality boarding care to cats, dogs and rabbits while owners are away.

The Westwood business has been operating for 30 years under owners Brent and Donna Baguley, and also includes a grooming service for cats and dogs.

Boarding prices are as follows:

- Large dog \$25
- Small dog \$23
- Cat communal \$16
- Cat Lux suites \$18
- Birds/rabbits \$10

Located in a beautiful garden setting, Allandale Park make stress-free stays for animals a priority, with quality pet food and twice daily exercise for dogs, along with comfortable settings for cats. All cats and dogs are required to be up to date with vaccinations.

For more information, please phone (03) 481 1330.

12 Days of Christmas Activity a Huge Success

The Christmas spirit took on an element of mystery last year, when the Greater Green Island team planned a successful treasure hunt over the 12 days before Christmas.

Thirteen letters were hidden in 12 places around Greater Green Island, between Emerson Street Playground in Concord to the Brighton Domain. With daily clues released on Facebook, Instagram and our website, the community response was fantastic.

Community worker Ben McKenzie said the purpose of the '12 Days of Christmas' activity was to provide a no cost family friendly event that could be done in the lead up to Christmas.

"It was exciting to receive all the photos of families who had the letters. We were stoked about all the photos we received of families with the letters, we are satisfied we facilitated an event that brought families closer together while exploring."

There were prizes for the first to send a photo of each letter,



spot prizes for guesses of the secret phrase and for those who photographed all 12 letters.

With the Green Island Christmas Market cancelled due to Covid, GGICN wanted to keep positivity alight.

"We understand the necessity of being creative in

the way we structure events while we live with Covid-19. The 12 Days of Christmas was a great solution to offering a community wide event while protecting the health of the community," Mr McKenzie said.

The activity was also a way to draw awareness to some of the amazing spots in the Greater Green Island community. Many of the letters were in parks, but some were placed in areas of community initiative such as the Green Island Community Garden and the Ocean View Mosaic Wall.

Once a letter's clue was revealed, it was in place until Christmas.

Mr McKenzie said the event was an opportunity for GGI locals to get out of their suburb and discover hidden gems in other parts of the Greater Green Island Community.

"The feedback from families who joined in was very positive. It was a hit with children and adults alike. People liked the challenge of solving the clues to figure out where they needed to head to find the letters," he said.

Congratulations to everyone who got a prize over the 12 days. We are thankful for the generous donations from Royal Albatross and Fort Tairaroa, Biggies Pizza, Beachlands Speedway, Leap Dunedin, Olveston Historic Home, Dunedin Gasworks Museum and Escape Dunedin that meant we were able to give away close to \$500 worth of prizes.



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Waldronville's Delta Drive walkway to get a facelift

Take a wander down Waldronville's Delta Drive walkway, and it may appear a little drab—but not for long. Enter the inspiration of community-minded Vianney Santagati?

Ms Santagati who is the colour behind a few mosaic murals in Dunedin, including the mosaic wall in Ocean View's Bennett Path, was approached by a neighbouring resident of the walkway about a possible artwork lining one of the walls. A passionate creative, Ms Santagati agreed, and now with resource consent recently received from the Dunedin City Council, she is looking for some keen community-minded helpers.

Ms Santagati is hoping to attract interest for the project, and will be holding mosaic workshops from March.

"People with no experience will be welcome. We'll have some spare tools for them to use and will show them how to do it," Ms Santagati said.

With 20 years of experience in the craft, the Ocean View resident said there were a couple of reasons why she enjoyed the craft.

"It's making something out of something that's discarded. You don't have to draw well to do a good mosaic or create a work of art. You get to know a lot of nice people in the community and it's nice for people to get to know their neighbours."

Ms Santagati said wall projects were a great way to get the community together "and to help them feel part of the community".

The theme of the Waldronville mosaic would consist of the surrounding local environment such as the estuary and plane in



the local playground, along with street names, Island Park Golf Course and Beachlands Speedway.

The project would cost thousands, and Ms Santagati said she would be applying for grants from the council.

"The first stage will be to get things made to put on the walls, and then get the walls cleaned and prep them. There's a few cracks and holes in the walls.

"I would hope that by next summer we would have a lot of it done. It would depend on how many people turn up," she said.

The Ocean View Hall will be used on Monday nights for the workshops, from 7 to 9pm, starting March 7th. Vaccination passes required.

For more information, please see advert below or call Vianney on 021 246 0472.



What can I do to help during a pandemic?

REACH OUT | LOOK OUT | HELP OUT



Check-in on vulnerable or isolated neighbours



Wash your hands and keep a safe distance



Be kind, stay informed, and support one another

Waldronville Community Wall Mosaic Classes

@ Ocean View Hall
Starting March 7th

Monday Nights 7-9pm

Vaccination Pass Required

For information
Ph. 021 246 0472
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Saddle Hill Community Board

The 2022 summer has been stunning, and we LOVE seeing people out and about enjoying all that our communities have to offer.



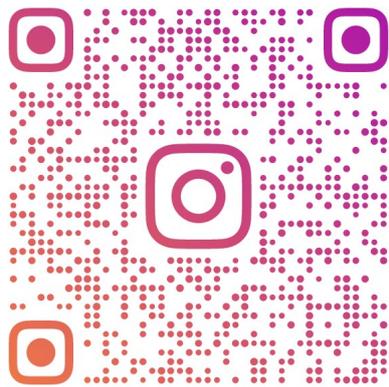
We are excited to see the erosion management works being carried out by Fulton Hogan along Taieri Mouth Road. This is a significant piece of work, thank you the Dunedin City Council and Fulton Hogan for this work.

Another significant amount of work is being carried out along Taieri Mouth Road with the tidying up of many of the laybys or safe pull off areas. After an assessment was carried out predominantly on the safety of the existing 13 sites, a number will be closed in the new year due to safety concerns. Some have been reshaped and tidied up to ensure they have safe entries and exits and are functional.

The Brighton Gala Day was held recently – what an incredible day that was especially with the current restrictions and challenges we are facing with the world of Covid. A massive thank you to the Green Island Lions, Brighton Surf Life Saving Club and Colin & Ann Weatherall for all the organising and managing of this hugely popular annual event. Later this year we will see the Local Body Elections - we would encourage you to put your name in the hat for the Saddle Hill Community Board. It's a positive and proactive team working to help make each of our communities that little better each year as well as strongly advocating on local issues and challenges for local residents to the Council. If you would like to know more please catch up with one of the current Board Members who will be only too happy to chat about their experiences and guide you in a positive way.

Cheers,

Scott Weatherall,
Chairperson



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Wanna keep in the know? Follow Greater Green Island Community Network on its new Instagram for all the news and connections.

Have you thought about playing bowls?

- Full and social memberships are available
- Fun and inclusive environment
- All ages and abilities welcome

Contact gibc@xtra.co.nz for more information

Neighbours Day Aotearoa
18-27 March 2022

KAI CONNECTIONS

Celebrating community, sharing food



Keen to connect with your neighbours?

If you would like your street to have a get together or meal for Neighbours Day Aotearoa, get in touch!

Celebrate and Connect!
We can help you plan and access funding.

Email us at events@greenergreenisland.nz or call 0212286934 to get started!

Brighton Gala Day 2022



The annual Brighton Gala Day managed to squeeze in another eventful day, bursting with community energy, before New Zealand swung into Red the following day.

Almost 8,000 people ventured into the domain, enjoying the food stalls, live music, children's entertainment and atmosphere on Sunday, 23rd January.

Colin Weatherall, one of the main organisers of the day, said the event was a success despite the challenges of Covid. Over \$5000 was raised for the Brighton Surf Club in entry donations.



Garden Gossip

Making a successful compost for your garden is a great way of delivering nutrients back into the soil, but the practical element can be a little off putting for many.

There are many different ways out there, and even that can make it more confusing for the novice gardener.

Here's some simple tips and methods to get you started in 2022—your garden will thank you for it.

1. Place your compost bin in a well-drained site, with some shade. Too much sun will dry out the contents.
2. Put a 15cm layer of twigs and coarse material to line the bottom. This provides drainage and aeration.
3. Alternate layering of food scraps (no meat or fats), egg shells, coffee grinds, lawn clippings and green leaves with layers of dry leaves and newspaper. Water slightly after each layer, but do not saturate.
4. Keep your compost well aerated to prevent foul odours or methane. Turn your compost with a garden fork on a weekly basis.

And voilà, the compost will turn into rich soil anyway from six weeks to six months.

Happy composting!



From your friendly Community Constable, Fred Jansen



With the new year well into gear, it's a timely reminder to consider school students as they get ready for the school year.

This should include crossing the road at pedestrian crossings and other road safety information. There will be extra traffic around schools early in the mornings and after 3pm. Please be alert to your surroundings.

Refer to NZTA crossing information <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roadcode/code-for-cycling/intersections/crossings/>

Please take care on the roads, and look out for those around you.

Cheers,

Fred.

Do you love being involved in the
community?

Do you enjoy walking?

The team at Greater Green Island Community are seeking more wonderful volunteers to help with the delivery of the Informer each month. Does this sound like you?

Please email Sasha at Informer@greenergreenisland.nz

Office: Green Island Police Station,
198 Main South Road, Green Island

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The Greater Green Island Community Network is a registered charitable organisation. To find out more about our projects in the community, please visit www.greenergreenisland.nz.

If you would like to support the work we do, a donation would be appreciated.

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Connecting our community through events,
website, newsletter & directory.

Supporting local clubs and groups.

Facilitation of local projects & advocacy for
local needs.

Is your household ready if someone gets COVID-19?

Tē tōia, tē haumatia | Nothing can be achieved without a plan and a way of doing things

It's only a matter of time before a positive case of COVID-19 is in your community. The health care system will always be there for those who need help but most people who contract COVID-19 will not require hospitalisation and will be able to isolate safely at home. Everyone who tests positive for COVID-19 and their household needs to stay at home and avoid contact with others, including whānau.

Being ready is about people, conversations, connections and knowing what to do. Being ready will mean your whānau and community can help each other if needed.

Use the list below to have a kōrero and work out how ready you are to deal with COVID-19. Then, make a plan for your household.

1. Make a plan

Work out what you'll do if someone gets māiui/sick

- Identify people outside of your home who could help if your family is isolating, for example by dropping off food or supplies or for social support.

Services like The Student Volunteer Army might be able to help with drop offs and Work and Income may be able to help with costs.

- Are there people in your household who might need additional care or support? Talk to any in-home carers you have to make sure you agree in advance about what will happen if you need to isolate. Make plans if you have shared custody of a child or dependent.
- Talk to your school, work, community groups and networks to find out what their plan is - do they need anything from you? Will they be able to support you?
- Work out how to let people know your household is isolating - this could be a sign for your front door or fence. Set up a spot outside your front door with sanitiser and a pen and paper or QR code for people to record their details if they are helping with contactless drop off.

If people are helping with contactless drop offs, do you want them to text or message before they arrive? Beep the car horn from the gate? Use an agreed entrance?

- Write down any household instructions someone else could easily follow if you get sick. Cover things like feeding pets, paying bills and watering plants.
- Think and talk about how you reduce the chances of COVID-19 spreading across your household. Can you reduce shared spaces, or increase cleaning?

2. Have what you need

Work out what you'll need to help you and those around you

- Make a list of whānau information - include everyone's names, ages, national health index numbers (NHI), any medical conditions and medication they normally take or medical supplies each person will need. Include emergency contact information like your Doctor's clinic, afterhours, and any support agencies.
- Gather things you enjoy. What might help stop boredom if you're isolating at home?

3. Know and share your plan

Make sure the people who matter know what they'll need to do

- Have a house meeting so everyone (including younger ones) knows what to do, how to support each other and who to contact if someone gets sick or has to go to hospital.
- Share your plan with wider whānau, neighbours and regular manuhiri/visitors and talk to them about what you'll need them to do and how you can help each other.

4. Reach out to friends and whānau

We're all in this together and we'll get through together

- Stay connected - arrange regular catch-ups with your whānau, friends and community. If you're isolating make sure these are online or by phone.
- Support your friends, whānau and workmates to make their own plans to get ready.
- Find out what your community is doing - is there a group making meals to freeze, sharing planning tips or just staying in the know?

Find out more at [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

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against
COVID-19**

Take part in Neighbours Day Aotearoa

Neighbours Day Aotearoa focuses on 10 days in March that encourage you to celebrate and connect with your neighbours. Whether the intention is big or small, it all makes a difference to build more connected and stronger neighbourhoods.

With the theme being Kai Connections, we've jotted down a few ways you and your neighbours can take part:

Drop off some kai or fresh produce from the garden

Crop swap or cook-off



Share a cuppa or recipe

Share a skill
(fillet a fish, make a chutney)

Make a community recipe pegboard

Make a community curbside veggie garden with your neighbour

Host a picnic, BBQ, potluck, afternoon tea, or community breakfast

Organise a pickling or preserving event



Build a pataka kai
(community pantry)

18-27 March 2022

To find out more or to register your event, head to our website: neighboursday.org.nz

Have a question? Flick us an email at: kiaora@neighboursday.org.nz

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