

LOBOFEST 2024



Above: Lobofest 2023 (Images used with permission)

This month, Brighton is set to rock and/or roll to the sights and sounds of the ninth annual Lobofest. Described by organizer Ed Lobo as “a small and exclusive festival in Brighton, and a way that our locals have a chance to get a festival style event in a courtyard,” Lobofest (to be held on Saturday February 10th at 16 Taieri Mouth Road) has grown from humble beginnings – a way for Ed and Michelle Lobo to celebrate their birthdays – into a fully-fledged festival, this time around featuring headliner (and kiwi music royalty) Barnaby Weir, of Black Seeds and Fly My Pretties Fame.

Lobo says the idea for the festival was “very much organic,” starting out as “mates getting together and making comments while having beers, so I would say it’s the community’s idea.” It’s this local, can-do spirit which is set to pervade Lobofest 2024, with a host of Ōtepoti artists – including Julian Temple, Left or Right, Lara Robertson, Ōtepoti All stars, Flying Man and the Wendys, - sharing centre stage with Weir, with Lobo promising “a full variety of styles and performances of the highest quality... one of, if not the best NZ live musical performances at present, together with a party atmosphere for all ages.”

Alongside the abundance of talent, it’s the philosophy behind the staging of the festival which is bound to be a major drawcard. The funds raised from the 2024 edition will go towards supporting live music in Ōtepoti. “Dunedin has one of the highest rates of musicians per capita on the planet, so there is no point hiding it...we are having to compete with the commodity of streamed music delivered to our couch by the fire and really want people to get back and remember (or in some cases to discover) the feeling of a great musical performance done live, before your eyes.”



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If you’re keen to get up close to the festival atmosphere, The Informer has a Lobofest double pass to give away. To enter the draw, just email informer@greenergreenisland.nz, with LOBO in the subject line, and tell us one of this year’s performers. To be eligible, entries must be received by 5pm Thursday February 8th. The lucky winner will be notified by email.

Tickets and other information – including details of the free transport to and from the venue - can be found at <https://lobofest.co.nz/>




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COMMUNITY KORERO - IAN LINDSAY

Welcome to Community Kōrero, a column where The Informer chats with a local identity. First up in 2024 is owner-operator of Biggies Pizza, Ian Lindsay



Above: Ian Lindsay and his craft.

Big person. Big personality. Everything is big, from the beers to the pizza.” So says Ian Lindsay, hospitality supremo and owner of Green Island’s newest eatery Biggies Pizza, when asked about the inspiration behind the name of his restaurant.

Since starting out aged 16 with his parents’ catering business and working in hotels in and around Central Otago and Dunedin, Lindsay firmly believes that people are at the heart of his enterprises.” Making sure

people enjoy what we do, and giving them a good product” is what drives him, whether that be through the delicious slices of cheese-based goodness which his store offers, the rambunctious atmosphere of his inner-city nightclub Suburbia, or the Air BnB he runs out of Quarry Road.

Now “40ish”, Lindsay ranks the opening of the Biggies

franchise with his late partner Tacey Millard eight years ago as a career highlight. Originally setting up shop in Stuart Street, just below the Octagon, Lindsay picked Green Island as the location for his second foray into Pizza for a variety of reasons. “It’s such a great catchment area. It’s real, like New Zealand used to be. I’ve always loved this part of town – spending time with my cousins out here in the 80’s...it’s a great community with an awesome local rugby club and patrons.”

Overwhelmed by the community response to Biggies Green Island, Lindsay is “keen to get in behind local sporting teams and activities,” and warmly invites those in the area to “Come see us, so we can get to know our locals.”

Certainly, with delivery available to Outram, Brighton, Allanton, Mosgiel, Fairfield, Abbotsford, Green Island, Concord, Burnside and “plenty more,” that’s a lot of people for Lindsay and his hard-working crew to look after. With other schemes on the horizon - including something later this month – it’s clear that Lindsay is a true believer in his philosophy – “dream big.”



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YOUR MONTHLY **Harcourts** MARKET REVIEW

SUMMER SNAPS

The stats are out for December 2023 and it's interesting to observe some changes post-election. The median value rose from \$597,000 the month previous to \$613,000. The median days to sell dropped slightly from 34 to 31, and there were 167 sales for the month compared to 133 for the same month in 2022. These results may be a reflection of what we are seeing at the coal face, and that is a rise in positivity. There continues to be good activity from first home buyers which makes sense as they are still not competing with large numbers of investor buyers. This must just be a matter of time surely, as the new government has flagged April 1st this year to re-introduce some tax deductibility from interest rates, albeit at 60% to begin with and slowly heading back to 100% tax deductibility by 2026. The other significant change is the return to a 2 year Brightline period for all property rather than the current 5 years for new builds, and 10 years for existing homes.

A few investors have popped out of the woodwork recently and chosen to buy now ahead of those changes while prices remain stable. But mortgage brokers report large numbers doing their figures and getting ready to buy. If we see any further increase in median values they may choose to move sooner rather than later so we urge first home buyers to get into the market now. It remains a great time to upgrade your existing home also.

It's a bit early to say whether this increase is the start of a trend, but there's no doubt in our minds that the bottom of the market has come and gone. Prices may remain stable for some time as Dunedin historically has done in the past, but we look forward to reporting on the next few months.



Our Backyard Bliss (Above) and Brighton Bliss (Bottom Left) - Lauren Mooyman.



Saddle Hill from the Inlander (left) - J. Hayden

Pippa Takes in the Ocean Views (bottom right) - P. North



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STATS **2023**

Average Dwelling Price

\$533,211

Number of sales

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Median Dwelling Price

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per night if they you wish to come on a casual basis. So
strap on your dancing shoes and head on down to the
Green Island civic hall, or check out more information here:

[https://facebook.com/events/s/beginners-ballroom-dance-
class/867574771737668/](https://facebook.com/events/s/beginners-ballroom-dance-class/867574771737668/)

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There will be a 9 week course to follow which you will be able
to sign up to on the night.

For more information follow Inspired2Dance on Facebook
or contact Mike Birnie on 027 485 3201

MAIA'S MUSINGS

Our intrepid Fairfield correspondent Maia Hayden (10) is back in 2024 with a cautionary tale and some friendly advice about getting too close to sea lions during their breeding season. Ka pai, Maia!

The weather has been really great over summer, and that has meant a lot of beach trips for me and my family. We even took my grandma – who was visiting from America and had never been to New Zealand before – to places like Brighton and Aramoana, which she said were lovely.



Above: Signs in Ocean View warning oncoming traffic

In a lot of those places there were signs telling us to keep away from sea lions because a lot of sea lion mums have been giving birth to pups. One day, my dad and I were at St. Clair beach, and we saw a big group of people watching a sea lion wander up the ramp and into a car park. Some people followed her, but the lifeguard told them to keep away, as she was

pregnant, and needed to get away from people to have her baby in peace.

It is really important that people listen to this advice. I learned that if people get too close to sea lions, they can be stressed out, which means that the mum and her baby may be in danger. Also, sea lions are really big! Dad and I

wandered down to the beach, and as I turned the corner, one of them was coming up the track! We both ran, and then watched her cross the road and head into some bushes. It was quite scary, and I was really glad we were quick enough.

They are really beautiful, and we need to do our best to look after them so that they can look after their babies. This means we have to stay away from them, and if you walk a dog along the beach, please keep it on a lead. That could be really scary for the sea lion mum.

I looked on the New Zealand Sea Lion Trust website, and they said this:

* Please do not go actively seeking māmās and their babes (they need their peace and quiet!)

*Don't share specific locations on social media, leave out key landmarks and make sure your caption doesn't give anything away

*If by chance you do stumble across them on a walk, stay at least 20m+ away and be respectful and quiet

*Call 0800 DOC HOT if you notice any sea lion being harassed by dogs or people, or if they are on a road

My dad also wanted you all to know that he took the photo in St Clair from 20m back, and zoomed in! So I hope that you all do the same if you meet a sea lion on the beach this summer.



Above: Sea Lions making themselves at home in St Clair





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GREEN ISLAND MARKET - DECEMBER 2023



On Saturday 2nd December, Main South Road once again came alive for the annual Green Island Market. The warm and sunny day encouraged large crowds who enjoyed three hours of entertainment and shopping.

Children were treated to a visit from Santa while getting their face painted and enjoying activities such as cookie decorating and an obstacle course.

Stage fright was not a concern for the four school groups and local band The Shenatics, who gave outstanding performances. The 110 stalls included everything from local art work and books to honey and freshly cut flowers. There was plenty of locally made clothing, craft, soap, jewellery and bone carving to peruse while enjoying fresh baking, ice cream and hot food from the many food stalls and trucks.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS THIS MARCH

One of the first community events on the 2024 calendar is Neighbours Aotearoa's annual campaign, spanning the entire month of March. Each year, we are encouraged to get to know our neighbours better to grow supportive and resilient communities. The 2024 theme, "Growing Together," inspires us to expand our networks, deepen relationships, and create lasting memories with our neighbours.

Historically Greater Green Island streets have organised parties, dinners, and events to support Neighbours Aotearoa's campaign. Last year even the Green Island Community Garden participated by hosting an open day for the community.

If you're interested in contributing to the "Grow Together" theme in March within your neighbourhood, street, or club, reach out to us. We can assist with planning and guide you

toward potential funding sources. Please email events@greenergreenisland.nz.

If you've already finalised your plans register your event at <https://neighboursaotearoa.nz/>.

- Alana Goldsack, Greater Green Island Community Network



TWILIGHT BOWLS3FIVE

12th February - 4th March 2024 (4 Monday nights)

Starting at 5:45pm. Two games of approx. 1hr 15 min each.

\$10 per player, per night includes supper.

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