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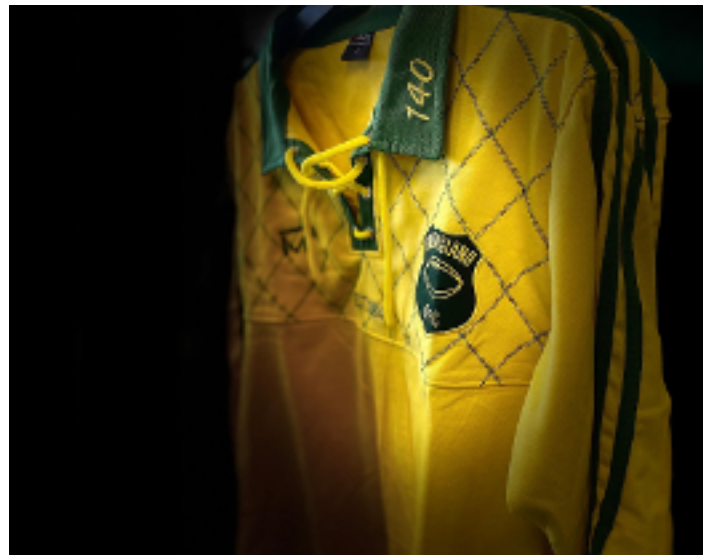
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GREEN ISLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB CELEBRATES 140 YEARS

Over the course of King's Birthday Weekend, around 300 members and players past and present came together to celebrate 140 years of the Green Island Rugby Club.

Centered around a smorgasbord of rugby matches, including the Bezett Memorial Trophy and Robb Cup game between Green Island and neighbours Taieri - billed as 'The Battle of The Saddle'- the four days of festivities included an auction of custom jerseys, as well as numerous opportunities to socialize and reminisce. Legends of the game took part, too, with iconic commentator Peter Williams acting as MC, alongside ex-All Blacks Ben Smith and Lyn and Merv Jaffray lighting up the Miller Park clubrooms with stirring tales of their exploits, both on and off the field.

Though the emphasis was on the past, there is little doubt the Grizzlies are in fine fettle for the future, with players Sam Gilbert, Oliver Haig, Jake Te Hiwi, James Arscott and Finn Hurley in the Highlanders team at present, while Grizzlies stalwarts Ben Smith and Nasi Manu are also part of the Highlanders management and coaching unit. There was also a focus on community connectedness, with the



Green Island Rugby Football Club 140 years proud!

celebrations aiming to bring the community together, as well as generations of Green island members.

As was fitting, the Green Island premier team overcame their local rivals 29-5, sparking riotous scenes for the remainder of the weekend.

Below: Green Island Premiers, c.1900



Below: The crowd enjoys the 140th festivities



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GUINEA PIG AUTUMN MEGA PET SHOW



Above: Pet owners awaiting Judging Results

Greater Green Island has had its first Guinea Pig Mega Pet Show, on Sunday the 26th of May, 10AM-2PM in the Green Island Civic Hall. The show was hosted by the Otago Cavy Club. Otago Cavy Club hold regular guinea pig shows in Dunedin and other parts of Otago and as far as South Canterbury.

The shows are always fun and focused on learning about guinea pigs and guinea pig health. There are heaps of prizes for owners and their guinea pigs. The pet show is split into member and novice pet shows; there is also a purebred show. Club members have usually shown for some time and the criteria is around a set standard for each breed. If you are interested in showing pure breeds the club can support you to get started.

Most owners new to guinea pig shows and first timers (novices) show in the pet section. The pet section is judged around care and health of the guinea pig grouped into long haired, rough coat, and smooth coat classes.

All shows usually have three novelty classes but this was a

'Mega' pet show so we had extra novelty classes - ten in total, such as: 'Cutest Face', 'Biggest Butt', 'Best Couple', 'Most Mischievous'. This all meant ten times the fun!

The Mega Pet Show had mite and nail clipping treatment available for \$10 per Guinea pig! Along with all the advice from experts as they cared for the guinea pigs.




Above: Contestants proud to show off their Guinea pigs.




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GREATER GREEN ISLAND COMMUNITY NETWORK UPDATE

As winter settles in and we start to look towards spring, we have a quick update on a number of projects the community have been working on over the winter period.

Youth Initiative:

We have been coordinating the Wheako youth initiative, and we are actively engaged in Green Island, Concord, and Abbotsford. Concord has made significant strides with their school garden, preparing for the harvest of their overwinter crops. This initiative is teaching students valuable skills in gardening and teamwork. Green Island School is working on transforming Wheako HQ on Howden Street into a welcoming space for youth, while Abbotsford School focuses on skill development, empowering talented Year 7 students to mentor younger peers. We also look after a trap line to help out the Brighton Trapping Project, where we have removed a few mice and, to the horror and delight of our youth, a couple of big rats!

Business Association:

We have been supporting the Green Island Business Association, particularly with street beautification and the ongoing development of the Shand Street car park. These efforts aim to enhance the aesthetic and functional appeal of our community spaces. We're excited to announce that this year's Christmas Market, organised by the business association, will be held on 7th December.

Additionally, we're keen to hear community feedback on the new McDonald's development, especially regarding maintaining the improved traffic flow.

Community Garden and The Shed:

The community gardens remain vibrant, with activities continuing through winter. Marion and her team provide a warm, supportive environment despite the cold weather.



The shed is currently seeking new members, particularly those with skills in carpentry, accounting, or promotion.

Committee Changes:

We are pleased to welcome two new committee members following the departure of Hamish Black. Hamish has been an essential part of the team, offering insights into collaborating with the Dunedin City Council and volunteering tirelessly at events. Although he has stepped back from his committee commitments, he remains eager to help.

We extend a warm welcome to Mark Tuten, our very senior community constable, and Stephanie Madden, the principal of Abbotsford School. Their dedication to fostering a connected and resilient community will undoubtedly strengthen our network.

We invite everyone to join us in these community-building efforts and share their thoughts and concerns. Together, we can continue to make the Greater Green Island area a wonderful place to live and grow.

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The Greater Green Island Community Network is a registered charitable organisation aiming to foster a strong community which works together to develop its own solutions – a community which is self-reliant, responsive, resilient, and sustainable – a community where neighbourhoods are again full of people we know as our neighbours..

YOUR MONTHLY **Harcourts** MARKET REVIEW

If you've been reading our reports in the past you will have seen our predictions that the Dunedin market had moved into a long term period of price stability. In April the median sale price rose sharply to \$620,000, but we felt this may have been due to a good portion of sales being above \$1M for that month, rather than the start of any upwards trend. The results for May would tend to support this, as the median has dropped back to \$570,000. This is exactly the same level as 12 months ago, so it is fair to say that as long as interest rates remain at their current level, we are unlikely to see any change for some time. In fact if you look back at Dunedin stats over the last 30 years, median sale price remains consistent for around 4-5 years following a downwards correction. The Dunedin market peaked in February 2022 with a median sale price of \$685,000, and since then it has been a slow decline down to an average around \$575,000, a 15% drop from the peak of the market. The good news is one of stability. It should actually bring confidence that we have a balanced real estate market, where buyers recognise the market has bottomed and they have the luxury of choice, and sellers can make decisions knowing they have time on their side. It is more common now to see offers on property from buyers subject to the sale of their current home. Upgrading has never been easier, both in terms of the relative price difference and the time frame to make the deal work. The longer timeframe on some transactions, and longer than usual period for the banks to approve finance have combined to see median days to sell stretch out from 34 days in April, to 44 days in May. There were a healthy number of sales with 166, but only 3 section sales reflecting existing stock offers better value than buying a section and building. There are varying predictions on when we may see some easing in interest rates with the Reserve Bank saying August 2025, and the ANZ Chief Economist predicting beginning of next year. Either way, we recommend to first home buyers to look for their first home now. They have a good range of homes to choose from, they're not competing with large numbers of investment buyers, and if they can afford the repayments now it will only get easier to service debt in the coming years.

GREATER GREEN ISLAND APRIL

STATS **2024**

Average Dwelling Price

\$651,533

Number of sales

15

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STATS **2024**

Median Dwelling Price

\$570,000

Number of sales

166



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TOOTS' COLUMN

Hello everyone. i hope you are all coping with the winter conditions.

This time of the year brings the same issues for police - people not driving to the conditions.

Driving is part of everyday life for most of us, and we are creatures of habit and tend to not change things. Things change in winter, and, as some of us start our driving first thing in the morning, it would be advantageous to take the following steps:

- Make sure your windscreen is defrosted before you take off. A cheap window scraper is a better option than pouring water on your windscreen, as water tends to refreeze, and if the water is too hot, you can crack the windscreen.
- Slow down! Your stopping distance is far greater if it's freezing.

Do these two simple things and you can avoid a lot of grief (and insurance companies).

I would like to thank Marj from the Green Island Lions for inviting me to their meeting last month. I gave a wee speech and had a lovely meal. It was great meeting all of you. I would advise anyone who is community-minded giving some thought to joining the Lions - they do a fantastic job for the Green Island community.

I'm sure there are a lot of you out there who are looking forward to seeing the All Blacks in Dunedin again. All I can say, enjoy the game and try and resist the urge to streak - remember...it's winter.



Senior Constable Mark
"Toots" Tuten

space' at Playcentre 
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Learn, play and grow with your baby

Space is a 30 week programme for you and your baby, facilitated by Playcentres across Aotearoa. You'll meet weekly during term times to explore parenting and your baby's development.

As well as discussion topics such as sleep, attachment and brain development, you'll enjoy music, books and play experiences, while getting to know other new families in your community.

Riselow Road, Mornington, and Mosgiel Playcentre

For more information please contact:

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BRIGHTON TRAPPING PROJECT CELEBRATES SUCCESS

Soon there will be less introduced possums threatening our regenerating bush around Brighton and Ocean View. Thanks to a Biodiversity Fund from the Dunedin City Council, the Brighton Trapping Project recently purchased 80 traps for 13 lifestyle block owners who had registered their interest with us last year. Many of the landowners have not trapped much (or at all!) before, so we held a training session in May and have since set up traplines on most of the properties. The traps are on long-term loan, checked at least once a week by the landowner, and catches logged on the TrapNZ app. In less than 2 months our keen new trappers have caught 70 possums! We're also slowly extending our trap network on DCC reserves. Volunteers currently check four traplines located at Meremere Reserve, along Ōtokia Creek near the community nursery, and in the dunes. They've caught 63 rats, mice and possums this year so far. We're currently looking for another enthusiastic

volunteer coordinator to join our small team. If you like working with people, care about our wildlife and have some spare time, please get in touch (trapping experience isn't absolutely necessary - we can teach you this). Reach us at brighton.trapping.project@gmail.com or via our Facebook page. Claudia Babirat, Brighton Trapping Project.

Below: Nick and George Wansink install their new trapline



ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN FRINGE

The Dunedin Fringe team is delighted to host Ōtepoti-born Samoan artist Ana Teofilu's **FREE Taimane art making workshops in Te Whare o Rukutia.**

In this workshop, participants will create carved patterns on a diamond shape to represent what they wish to shelter and protect close to their hearts. The workshop offers a chance to explore the meanings behind traditional symbols in a hands-on experience. Whether you're a beginner or have experience, you'll create a beautiful keepsake to take home.

Where: Te Whare o Rukutia.20 Princes St, Central Dunedin

When: Saturday 20 July and Sunday 21 July 2024

Time options for both Saturday and Sunday:

- 1 hour workshop: 9am - 10 am (10cm wide diamond)
- 2 hour workshop: 11am - 1pm (25cm wide diamond)
- 3 hour workshop: 2pm - 5pm (40cm wide diamond)

NOTE: Ana's workshops are very popular and we expect them to fill up — we'll be running a waitlist for each filled session. **If you book into a workshop and can't attend, please email tickets@rukutia.nz ASAP to let us know so we can fill your slot.**



TAIMANE
Art workshop with Ana Teofilu



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BINGO

GREEN ISLAND BOWLING CLUB PRESENTS

Bingo Night

Saturday 27 July 2024

Doors open at 6pm

Games start at 7pm

Bar open

Super Bingo Prize \$\$\$

Lots of raffles to be won

Tickets \$15 for a book of 10 games/\$5 super house

Door sales available or to avoid disappointment, email to reserve your tickets on gibc@extra.co.nz

183 Main South Road, Green Island

BRIGHTON VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

With National Volunteer Week taking place last month, The Saddle Hill Community Board wishes to extend its most heartfelt gratitude to the Brighton Volunteer Fire Brigade, who work tirelessly to keep our community safe. They respond 24/7, 365 days of the year. We want to acknowledge what they give up to do this - dinners are cut short; work is left for others to pick up and sometimes precious moments are missed. Join us in thanking our volunteers for their dedication, and their whānau and employers, who support them to respond.

It is also fitting that this week fell during the brigade's 60th Jubilee. The Brighton Volunteer Fire Brigade has been proudly serving the local community for nearly 60 years. Since its inception, this dedicated group of volunteers has played a crucial role in fire protection and emergency response. Their commitment to safeguarding lives and property has made a significant impact on the community, and their tireless efforts deserve recognition and celebration. Ka pai to all the volunteers!

Bottom right: Brighton Volunteer Fire Brigade members Daryl, Phoebe, and Brian



A VIEW FROM THE HILL: THE SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD

The Saddle Community Board is a group of elected members representing the Coastal and Fairfield areas. We work with the community and the Dunedin City Council often advocating that we have a special piece of paradise. Here, they provide a couple of key community safety messages:



We have had a couple of residents reach out, raising concerns and asking if we could remind anyone out walking, dog walkers, running, and biking in the early morning or early evening, when it's dark or getting dark, to use lighting, high viz and even some reflectors. There have been a couple of near misses, and we do not want anyone to get hurt.

Often we are asked to ask local residents to please SLOW DOWN, we submit to the speed reviews, we ask the police to have an increased presence which we do.

But to be absolutely honest we need your help.

If you see dangerous driving please call *555 and report it ASAP, if you can get a car type, model and rego plate that's absolutely perfect.

But I think we can all take note and reflect on our personal habits and slow down.

Stay safe out there, team.

SLOW DOWN!

GREEN ISLAND Market Day

SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2024
MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREEN ISLAND
10:00AM - 1:00PM

Come Join Us for a Fun Family Day Out!
With Over 100 stalls, School Programmes, Food Trucks, Games,
Arts and Crafts, Candy Floss, Inflatables, Competitions, and
Santa's Grotto

SHOP LOCAL: SPELT FAIRFIELD



Check out the fantastic range of bakery goods on offer fresh each day.

They love to bake for the city that loves to eat, and now the good folks at Spelt Bakery have reached our community, setting up a second shop in Fairfield.

Famed for their artisan crafting of handmade sourdough breads, pies and pastries (and making a mean coffee, too boot), owner James and his highly professional and super-friendly staff have been based on Fairfield's old Main Road since late-November 2023, as well as being a fixture on Highgate since 2012. From this lofty position on the hill, Spelt has gained a reputation as passionate foodies who take the best quality and local ingredients and mix them together the old fashioned way, by hand with dedication, skill and love. And now, based in Fairfield, they can share their passion for good food with the Greater Green Island community.

You'll find them at 77 Main South Road, Fairfield, and operating Monday to Saturday, 7am - 2pm.



Fairfield
77 Main South Road, Fairfield
Mon - Sat 7am - 2pm

GREEN ISLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN

A garden run by the community for the community, where you literally reap what you sow!

TUESDAYS 12PM - 2PM // SATURDAYS 10AM - 12PM

Do you like getting your hands dirty?

We are looking for: Complete beginners; People looking for connection and friendship; Seasoned gardeners looking for volunteering opportunities

MAIA'S MUSINGS - NANOFEST 2024



With the school holidays fast approaching, our fearless Fairfield reporter Maia Hayden (11) looks forward to this year's Nanofest.

There are so many cool things to do in Dunedin during the school holidays. There are fun (and free) places like Tūhura (Otago Museum), Toitu, the Public Art Gallery or even the library. They have scavenger hunts and colouring in, and you can always learn some things, too.

One thing I am looking forward to is Nanofest. This is a festival all about science, and it includes things like robots, space, and even film-making. This year, there is even going to be a session all about sharks, and a chance to get a close look at a real-life meteorite, which is so exciting!

The best part of Nanofest is that it is family-friendly, so kids like me can go and learn and enjoy science, and also, it is absolutely free! It will be held from the 10th-14th July, next to Tūhura at the H.D. Skinner Annex building. Every day, there will be something new to explore and learn, and I am really looking forward to it.

*A detailed programme for the 2024 Nanofest can be found at <https://scifest.org.nz/programme>

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Nanofest

10th - 14th July
Tūhura - H.D. Skinner Annex

THE GREEN ISLAND SHED

- Learn new skills in wood working and tool handling
- Work on personal and community projects
- Make friends and new connections

- Mondays and Fridays 10am to 12pm
- Saturdays 10am - 1pm
- End of Shand Street, behind St Peter Chanel School

Contact Bruce 0276244070 for more information

KERBSIDE RECYCLING UPDATE

It's on – our new kerbside recycling and rubbish collection service is underway.

Let's all ace it and reduce the amount of waste to landfill by heaps. How? By only putting the correct items in each recycling bin.

Check the guide delivered with your new bins, or the new, free DCC Kerbside Collection app (found on Google Play or the App Store), or www.dunedin.govt.nz/recycle for all the information you need.

Remember, the contents of the new green-lidded food scraps and garden waste bins is composted and used by growers to put back into the earth to help plants grow – so it's super important to have zero contamination. Only put in food scraps, meat, bones, and seafood, garden waste, hair and animal fur. Never put any plastics, metals, or paper in your green-lidded bin or other household items.

Our friendly bin inspectors will be checking the green-lidded bin and the yellow-lidded mixed recycling bins and giving feedback to help us all get our kerbside recycling right. If you get a red-tag on your green-lidded bin and it's not emptied, it means there were too many

contaminating items inside. Just take in your bin, remove the incorrect items mentioned on the tag and put the bin out for collection the following week.

Check out our new videos about how to use all your recycling and rubbish bins, and see lots of frequently asked questions at:

www.dunedin.govt.nz/recycle



NEW BUILDING AT GREEN ISLAND LANDFILL

To support the new kerbside collection service, a new Organics Receivals Building (ORB) is being built at Green Island Landfill. It's where the green-lidded bin contents from kerbside collection will be shredded. At first the shredded material will go to a commercial composting facility at Timaru, but we plan to build our own at Green Island Landfill soon.



Above: The new Organics Receival Building (ORB) under construction at Green Island landfill (June 2024)