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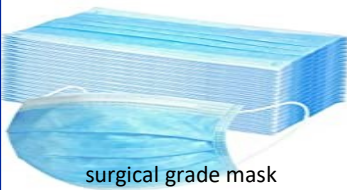
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Local resident recognised for achievements



There was no avoiding the limelight for one of Greater Green Island's key community-minded residents, recently.

Marion Thomas, who helps oversee the Green Island Community Garden, was recently nominated as an Outstanding Adult Learner during the Festival of Adult Learning on the 10th of September.

Presented by Mayor Aaron Hawkins, Ms Thomas received an award for her dedication towards education in gardening and landscaping.

An avid learner, Ms Thomas said she has always loved gardening, recalling at the age of 4 or 5, rushing out with a torch and jacket to check on her garden after returning home from the August holidays.

Ms Thomas said she started studying horticulture in 2006—when she was working full time as a nurse, completing papers from a variety of different education providers.

"Every time I had a chance to pick up another paper, I did it. I tried to squeeze everything in," Ms Thomas said.

Marion enjoys spending most Saturday mornings tending to the community gardens and helping other adults to learn food growing skills, as well as being employed as a gardener.

Marion also works regularly with children from Green Island Primary School, and has initiated learning opportunities with St Peter Chanel students and the Fairfield Primary School Community.

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Local Author Follows Dream To Success

Writing a book is no small feat but completing it in four weeks is a totally different challenge, says Waldronville author Terri Sinclair.

Ms Sinclair is celebrating the publication and launch of her first novel, *Follow Me In*, after taking part in a previous NaNoWriMo (the write a novel in the month of November challenge) – and she’s reveling in a dream come true.

“I love books and book covers and would describe myself as a bibliophile. Knowing my book might sit alongside others in libraries and on people’s personal bookshelves is both surreal and a dream come true,” Ms Sinclair said.

The NaNoWriMo challenge provided a platform to create the first draft, and to apply the discipline of writing daily.

“Once I started to write, the characters took on a life of their own and I had completed the first full draft within four weeks. It sat on my computer, untouched, for over a year. Another year’s worth of revisions down the track, I decided I was finally ready to share *Follow Me In* with people outside my own circle,” she said.

Follow Me In was long-listed for the Michael Gifkins Prize for an Unpublished Novel earlier this year.

“That gave me the confidence to turn my publishing dream into a reality,” she said.

Having a career in communications, Ms Sinclair said it “has been a dream of mine to channel that skillset into writing a novel. I never dreamt it would become a reality”.

Ms Sinclair’s dream – and plot for *Follow Me In*, started many years ago when she read an article about someone entering the real Zone (Chernobyl) and recording videos of what it looked like 20 years on.

“It made me wonder what it would be like to see videos of a town you had to abandon as a child, knowing you could never return. As I started to ponder this, the main character, 17 year-old Cary was born.

Follow Me In is a crossover young adult novel, meaning the target audience is 14years+.



“I love young adult novels, books about secrets and lies, and books featuring books. I also wanted to delve into the question of how much your understanding of your own history affects your sense of self so I incorporated all of these qualities in the story. I also love a good love story – so you will find one of those in there, too.

So, what was the most challenging aspect of writing *Follow Me In*?

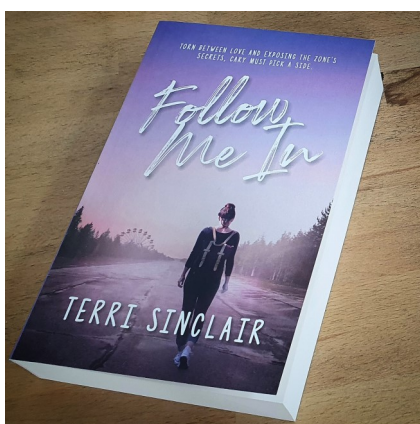
“Resisting the temptation to rewrite the same sentence or paragraph repetitively in the search for perfection. This habit curtails any chance you have of completing a writing project. NaNoWriMo made it possible to overcome this challenge. It forces you to get your entire story out without getting stuck in a loop. Once the story is out, you can focus on fine-tuning it,” Ms Sinclair said.

Currently planning book launches for *Follow Me In*, Ms Sinclair said she was already working on another novel.

“I have already written the first chapter of three completely different stories. I need to progress them to see which one comes to life. That means recommitting to giving up every moment possible to write. That’s hard to do with 6 and 4 year-old children, but I’m sure I’ll find a way.”

Follow Me In is available at Dunedin libraries, and can be bought through Epubs on Kindle, Kobo, Barnes and Noble, and iBooks, paperback from Amazon or directly from Terri at terrisinclairauthor.com

BOOK GIVE AWAY



Be quick, the Greater Green Island Community Network has ONE signed copy of *Follow Me In* to give away.

Email: greatergreeisland-community@gmail.com

GGICN NEWS

Last month I was invited to participate in the Dunedin Tunnels Trail Workshop to develop a business case for a cycle lane from the Caversham train tunnel to the Mosgiel train tunnel. This was an exciting opportunity to voice why the Greater Green Island Area should have safer non-motorised transport options linking us to Mosgiel and the town center.

From our online Community Survey 2020, we are hearing that our residents would like for our suburbs to be connected through better footpaths, a safer Concord underpass, and safer walking zones in 80-100km per/hr areas.

The DCCs Dunedin Social Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2023 outlines that we should have the ability to safely travel to our destinations:

'Dunedin people are connected to the places they need to go by safe, affordable and user-friendly transport options'.

During the workshop we discussed viable funding sources for the project and who would benefit most from the project. It was felt that there were three types of customers, the person commuting to work, recreational users, e.g. mothers with prams, families on bikes, and the potential for tourists if we can link to the Cromwell Rail Trail.

I see many great benefits for our community if our business case is successful. We have worked hard to make the main shopping area of Green Island a 'destination' point, with our playground, community Garden and Shed, and our shops and cafes. Many more opportunities could be explored, such as a cycle library and improvements to the walk from Main Road through both the Runciman St tunnel and Harraway's tunnel.

If you have any thoughts please call me on 470 0814

Larna McCarthy, Community Worker

Green Island Get Together



Welcome back to Level 1 – and to celebrate the Greater Green Island Community Network team are in event planning mode for the Greater Green Island Get Together.

Community Worker Larna McCarthy said the event was especially significant after a turbulent year because of Covid-19.

“The Greater Green Island Get Together allows us to celebrate what is unique about the Greater Green Island Area, through celebration of our education providers, clubs and groups. It also allows us to have various health and social services under one roof, where people can find out what support is available within Otago. With the uncertainty created for our community during the pandemic, this is a great way for them to see what is available to them,” Ms McCarthy said.

To book a FREE community stall, call Larna on 470 0814.



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Welcome Back to GGICN Committee Member

Amanda Reid

Welcome back to Amanda Reid! Amanda returned from maternity leave in October, and joined Larna McCarthy at GGICN.

What have been the highlights of your maternity leave?

Watching my children grow and play together. We just love to listen to them laughing.

How is little bubba doing now? My baby is great. She adores her big brother, she is pulling herself up on furniture, commando crawling everywhere, enjoys local group Mainly Music and she LOVES the mouse wheel in the Greater Green Island Playground. Her brother runs around in it while she slides alongside squealing.

Obviously some of that time was in Lockdown, how did you find this time? Highlights?

My highlight was having my husband and son home with us, they got to watch baby grow and develop. I also loved seeing neighbours out walking, biking, running and chatting (at safe distances). I loved the peace and quiet on the street with the lack of traffic and the increase of birdlife. I enjoyed the way neighbours looked out for one another, shopping for people who were at risk and checking in on people's wellbeing. I also think people had the chance to rediscover their local neighbourhoods physically (enjoying beaches, walks and bike tracks etc.) and also through supporting local businesses. All of these things are what the GGICN promotes - supporting people to connect with their neighbours and enjoy their local community - lockdown showed how strong our Greater Green Island Community is.

Lowlights? The stress and anxiety caused for families and individuals in Aotearoa with Covid 19 and job losses. Personally, I missed seeing my extended family.

What was it like stepping back from your role at GGICN? Very hard, because I love my job, but Larna has done excellent at

picking up the role very quickly. I also appreciate the way the Greater Green Island Informer team (Sasha and Lindsay) have taken on the whole process themselves. I am a bit of a micro manager, so it's good for me to step back and let other people go for it.

What did you miss?

Our fabulous committee members and working on community projects and events. I love the action and excitement.

What are you looking forward to getting your teeth stuck into on your return?

The BBQ and stage area in the Green Island Memorial Gardens, this was on hold last year while the conifer trees were being removed around the well. The trees were removed right when I went on maternity leave, so progress has been stalled. The Concord community require some support around pedestrian safety under the motorway bridge, going to Kaikorai Valley. I am also very excited to see what goals are set by the community through the latest Community Survey as this will set the community projects for the coming years.

Amanda can be contacted on 470 0814



Larna McCarthy and Amanda Reid



Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: Friday, 20th November, 8am—9am

Where: The Green Island Café

Guests: Dunedin Trails Group

No need to RSVP just come along if you are interested

For more information, please contact:

Larna McCarthy on 4700814 or larnam@psotago.org.nz

From your friendly Community Constable

Community Constable, Fred Jansen



We've had a few inquiries about firearms licences recently, whether it be change of address or renewal of licences, etc. There's a lot of helpful links online at <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/firearms-and-safety/new-zealand-firearms-licence-application>. There is also useful

information about firearms storage, safety, hunter safety, prohibited offensive weapons and the arms code. When in doubt, check it out!

Clean Up Week 2020

7-13 SEPTEMBER

Our neighbourhoods had a little spring clean recently, with the nationwide Clean Up Week 2020, from 7-13th September.

Community groups and schools, such as the Saddle View Cubs Group, Green Island Primary School and local Community Care Trust residents, participated in the exercise.

Last year over 52,000 volunteers picked up 507,400kgs of litter nationwide.

Missed the opportunity? Don't hesitate to get out there and make tidying our suburbs a social event.

Let's Keep New Zealand Beautiful!

Below: Community Care Trust cleaning up rubbish along the Brighton coastline



Above: Green Island Primary School Students gloved up and went on a scavenger hunt for rubbish, recently.

Eager participants of the Clean Up Week 2020, the students joined others in cleaning up the local area.

Surf's Up: Brighton Surf Club Open Day



Summer's on it's way, and the Brighton Surf Club is gearing up for a paddle, splash and an information session at its upcoming open day.

Block off Sunday, 1st November, from 1 – 2.30pm in your diaries, the club is preparing to showcase the opportunities for Junior Surf Club, and take registrations.

Weather permitting, attendees (children and adults alike) are also encouraged to bring their wetsuits.

For more info, please call Danny on 021 805953



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Register now for the 2020 / 2021 season:

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Boys and girls of all ages and abilities welcome for the following grades:

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Section 5 - a soft ball intro to cricket played on a Saturday morning for players aged 6 - 7 years

Section 4 - soft ball cricket played on a Saturday morning for players aged 8 - 9 years

JUNIOR CRICKET

Section 3 - intro to hard ball cricket played on a Friday evening for players aged 9 - 10 years

Section 2 - hard ball cricket played on a Friday evening for players aged 10 - 11 years

Section 1 - full rules hard ball cricket played on a Saturday morning for players aged 11 - 13 years

Premier - competitive cricket played on a Saturday morning for rep level players aged 12 - 13 years

For more information contact Aaron Warrington on 021 044 1490 or email: gijuniorcricket@gmail.com

Green Island

Art Group

MERIDIAN ART EXHIBITION



AFFORDABLE ART

OCTOBER 15th to the 18th (Thursday to Sunday)

The Green Island Art Group will have a good variety and display of **AFFORDABLE** Art available at our **ANNUAL MERIDIAN ART EXHIBITION** which is being held from OCTOBER 15th to the 18th (Thursday to Sunday). This is

a very popular and successful event, so please keep this date in mind, and feel free to call into the Meridian to see what is available or just come in for a chat and a look around our art.

For any further information, please phone Bev on 488-1828 or email to

bbrensell@icloud.com



GREEN ISLAND MARKET DAY

SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER

10am-1pm



The annual Green Island Market Day will be held again on Saturday 05 December 2020, with a COVID-19 postponement date of Saturday 20 February 2021.

Registrations open 01 October 2020.

**To apply, please email:
greenislandmarket@gmail.com**

**Stall sizes 3m x 3m = \$45
Food Stalls = \$90**

Last year's event attracted over 4000 people and the proceeds from the market are being donated to groups who volunteer at the upcoming Market Day.

Please note: Aerial photography and media will be carried out that this event.

Community Garden



'Tis the season to plant veges!

The Green Island Community Garden is a garden located at the end of Shand Street in Green Island. It is a garden run by the community for the community, where you literally reap what you sow!

The Community Garden is open weekly on:

Tuesdays 12pm - 2pm and Saturdays 10am - 12pm

If you are interested in being involved in the garden give Mari-ona a call on 021 263 1221

Find them on Facebook at [GreenIslandCommunityGarden](https://www.facebook.com/GreenIslandCommunityGarden)

OUR TAMARIKI



September's Greater Green Island Schools Cross Country may have lacked the cheers of parents due to Level 2 restrictions, but that didn't stop Waldon Park neighbours offering support from roof tops.

Pictured above, Big Rock Primary students tackle the course.

Life's a Beach— especially when you have a dog for company on Ocean View Beach.

Meadow (9) and Lily (5) Hamilton brave the chilly sea breeze and enjoy their Labrador Zuma.



Grace Laven-Gray (9) of Brighton, beside one of her art pieces at the Big Rock Primary School Art and Technology Extravaganza, recently.



Green Island Playgroup

Join us for Green Island Playgroup!

What: to come and meet with other families and whanau in the local Green Island community

When: Thursdays 9.30am – 11am – starting 15th October

Where: St Margaret's Presbyterian Church, 208 Main South Rd

Cost: Gold coin donation

Bring: Please bring changing supplies and a snack and drink for your child(ren)

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information please contact Nikita Choveaux on 027 247 5931 or email nikita.choveaux@plunket.org.nz

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