

GREEN ISLAND IN FULL BLOOM: LYNNE MARIE'S FLOWERS OPENS!



Lynne Turner (centre) with sister-in-law Leisa and brother Murray, surrounded by flowers inside the new shop.

Green Island is blossoming with the opening of a new florist Lynne Marie's Flowers, located at 189a Main South Road.

Owner Lynne Turner has devoted 35 years to the art of floristry and is thrilled to bring her passion to the heart of the community. "I opened my shop to provide a friendly, inspiring environment where people can always find one-of-a-kind, fresh arrangements for every occasion."

Stepping into Lynne Marie's Flowers, customers are greeted by a calm, welcoming atmosphere and sophisticated decor.

From custom designs to event arrangements and unique seasonal blooms, Lynne prides herself on creating memorable experiences, personal service and expert floral advice, not just transactions.

The shop isn't just about flowers- customers can also enjoy edible bouquets and a range of giftware, adding even more colour and charm to the space.

When asked about her favourite flower, Lynne admits a soft spot for Lily of the Valley, but she's excited about helping customers discover new favourites. "I love working with a wide variety of flowers and arrangements- it's a chance to be artistic and create something truly special."

Lynne has had enormous support in getting her dream off the ground. She is deeply grateful to her family for their encouragement, especially her brothers and nephews, whose skills in painting and joinery transformed the former dog groomers premises into a sophisticated space.

Her brothers and nephews completed the full shop fit-out, while loyal friends and customers were quick to lend a hand. She gives a heartfelt thanks to her brother Murray Turner and sister-in-law Leisa for their incredible support in making the opening possible.

As a proud single mother, Lynne hopes her journey inspires others. "You can do anything you set your mind to."

Having grown up in the area, Lynne is especially excited about joining the local business community. "Building lasting relationships and giving back to my hometown is incredibly important to me."

So, how can people support this brand-new local business? Lynne says the best way is simple: "Drop by, say hello, and see what I have in store. Sharing your experience and helping spread the word would mean the world to me."



Whether you're after a bespoke arrangement, a thoughtful gift, or simply want to step into a space filled with beauty and calm, Lynne Marie's Flowers is well worth a visit. The shop is open Monday to Friday, 8.30am-5.30pm, Saturdays 10am-1pm.



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YOUTH YAPS: The Youth Action Group Clean-up Brighton in the school holidays for Keep New Zealand Beautiful week.

This is a Youth Yaps article written by young people in your community (with a little help from Bri). This months article is brought to you by: Isabella Yeoman, Esme Grey, & Brianna Le.

Hi, this is Esme and Bella from the Youth Action Group, we recently hosted a Brighton Clean-up Day on the 24th of September. There were over 20 people who joined in with the Clean-up Day, even a local firefighter came to help! The weather was perfect for this activity, and we were able to clean Brighton Beach, Brighton Domain, and other local Brighton streets in the sunshine. We ended up filling over 12 rubbish bags, thanks to Keep New Zealand Beautiful, who sponsored us with free Rubbish bags, Gloves, Rubbish Pinchers, and MnMs. We found quite a few curious things while we were cleaning, including Tires, Bottles, Cat food, Robotics, a Half-Eaten Pie and more! In one ditch that we (Esme and Bella) cleaned, we filled over 4 bags of Rubbish! Thank you to all of the community members that came along and helped, we appreciate your support, and we hope we will see every one of you at our next Youth Action Group events.



To find out what the Youth Action Group gets up to, check out @wheako on Tik Tok

THANKS COASTAL UNITY!

The Greater Green Island Community Network would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Coastal Unity Parish for their generous donation towards our work in the community.



Several years ago, Church member Rod McNaughton kindly left a bequest with the instruction that the earned interest from its investment be used to support youth work in the local area. This year, the church's Resourcing for Mission Committee decided to share the interest across four local organisations, including our own.

We are deeply grateful for this support, which will help us continue to provide opportunities and resources for young people in our community. Ngā mihi nui to Coastal Unity Parish for investing in the future of our rangatahi and for their ongoing generosity.

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HAVE YOUR SAY!

We are still collating information from the recent Community Survey, but we need more input. So far we have received around 200 responses- help us hit 300 by the end of November! If you haven't completed this yet, please take 10 minutes to do so. What do you want to see in your community? If you want more public toilets, pop this in the survey... or more groups for older people... or parents groups??? It's up to you! Tell us, and we will advocate for you.

AFFORDABLE ART EXHIBITION SUCCESS!

The Green Island Art Group Affordable Art Exhibition at the Meridian Mall has wrapped up- and what an incredible four days it was! We're thrilled to share that more than 200 pieces of beautiful art found new homes.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along, supported our local artists, and took home a favourite piece.

We're already feeling inspired and can't wait to start creating new works for our next exhibition!



A selection of the art exhibition displayed at Meridian Mall.



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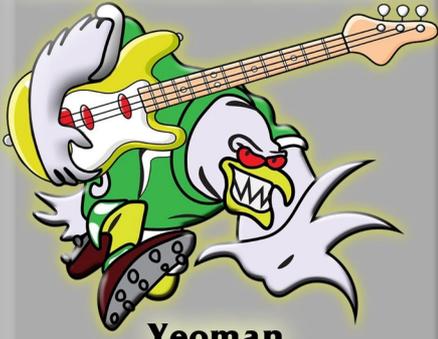
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LOCAL MARKET REVIEW**

The Greater Green Island housing market is active with homes selling steadily and strong buyer interest across the area. Open homes are drawing strong numbers again, multi-offer situations are back, and cash buyers have returned—meaning buyers are starting to miss out on properties as competition heats up and desirable homes are snapped up quickly.

First-home buyers are in a great position to step onto the property ladder, especially with the recent OCR drop making borrowing more accessible helping to ease the cost of finance and giving buyers more confidence. With a range of properties available and strong demand in the area, Green Island continues to offer fantastic opportunities for those looking to secure their first home or invest in a well-connected and vibrant community.

If you'd like an update on your property's value, I'd love to provide you with a no-obligation appraisal.

GREATER GREEN ISLAND	DUNEDIN
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Average Dwelling Price	Median Dwelling Price
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Number of sales	Number of sales
20	194

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**BRIGHTON BACKYARD ULTRA:
TOM TURTLE TAKES THE WIN!**

This year's Brighton Backyard Ultra, held on Saturday 27th September 2025, once again delivered an incredible display of endurance and community camaraderie.



Overall winner Tom Turtle is cheered on by kids!

Last year's winner Tom Turtle proved his abilities again, achieving 29 yards/hours, covering almost 200km. Lydia Pattillo completed an impressive 20 yards (over 130km), and Scott Rogers pushed through to 28 yards (over 187km). Both Lydia and Tom were presented with a pounamu tiki, acknowledging their outstanding mahi.

A huge thank you goes to Sebastian and the Leith Harrier and Athletic Club- Sebastian worked hard to compile the official results, available here:

<https://www.webscorer.com/race?raceid=407791>

The event continues to put community at its heart. This year it partnered with King's High School- Lions' Sport-Cross Country, helping the team with new uniforms. Runners also donated over 60 pairs of pre-loved shoes to the Dunedin Night Shelter.

The Brighton Community Group fired up the BBQ to fundraise for the Brighton Pump Track Project, which was a great success thanks to everyone's support.

The first yard dress-up theme added extra fun, with the Shirley Family rocking retro tracksuits and plenty of other crazy outfits to amuse everyone.



Pictured above: #37 Grace Gardner & #112 Ruby Crowe join in the fun!

Below: Runners combat the rugged terrain of Brighton Beach.

Sponsors, volunteers, and support crews played a huge part in making the event possible. Their time, generosity, and good humour helped create another unforgettable weekend on the Brighton coast. Special thanks go to the Brighton Surf Life Saving Club Facility & Venue Hire and the Dunedin City Council for their ongoing support.

Save the Date: The next Brighton Backyard Ultra "Running in Paradise" will be held on Saturday 19th September 2026, continuing until the last runner is standing.



Above: A crowd of competitors gather at Brighton Beach.

Below: Rach, Ethan & Greig Shirley sport retro tracksuits.



GREEN ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY PARK UPGRADE STARTS

State-of-the-art upgrades have begun at the Green Island Resource Recovery Park (GIRRP).

The Dunedin City Council (DCC) made a start in September and expects the project to be complete in late 2029.

At first, work will concentrate on installing services such as water, power, drainage and roading.

You can expect to see excavation for building foundations.

Some pine trees will be removed from the GIRRP site because they are located within the future building footprint of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) building.

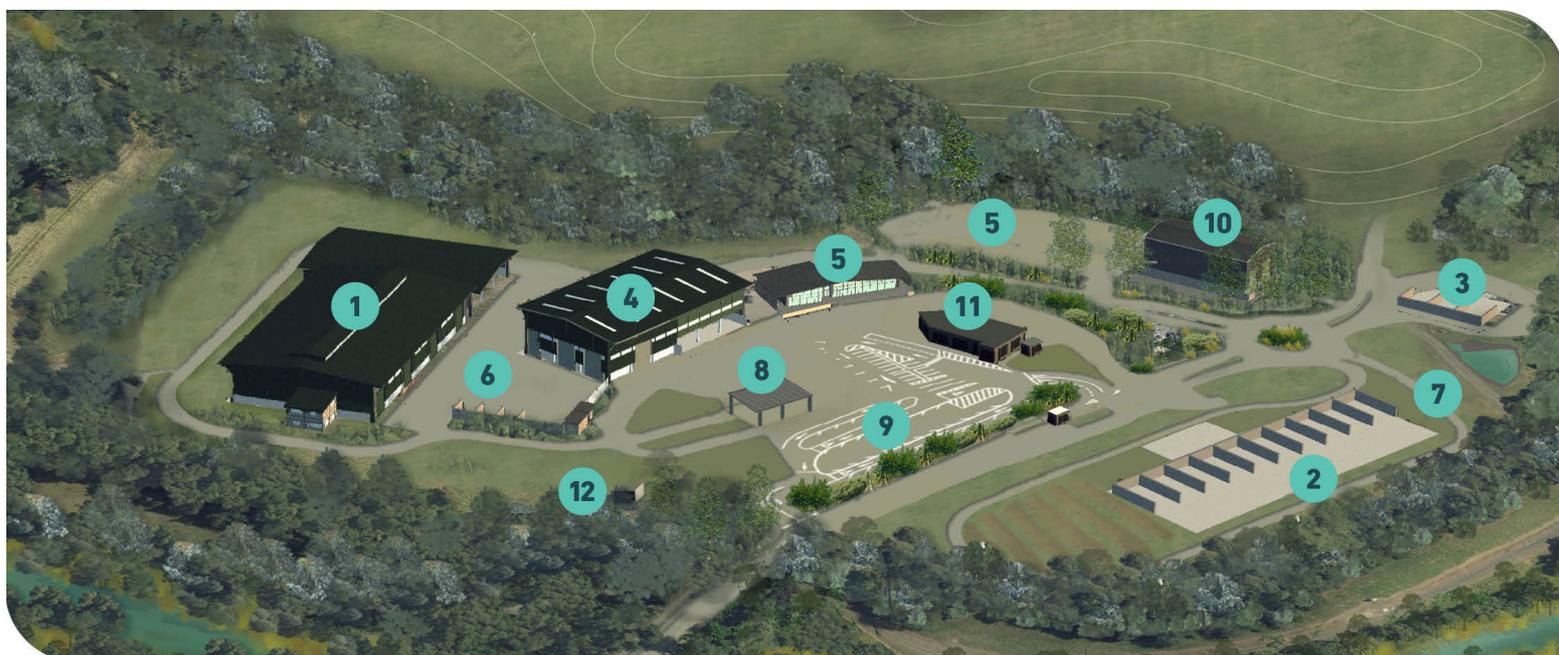
You will also see shingle piled on the MRF footprint. The weight of the shingle is a ground 'preload' preparation. The shingle will be removed just before the MRF concrete pad is poured.

We aim to keep noise and dust to a minimum and construction will take place within normal working hours.

All existing Green Island Landfill and GIRRP public services will continue during the redevelopment, but as work progresses people can expect some directional changes when accessing some public areas.

The DCC's 9 year plan includes \$78 million for the GIRRP upgrade. It will enable us to cease transporting about 5000 tonnes of mixed recycling and 16,000 tonnes of compostable material each year to Timaru for processing. All that processing will be done here instead, reducing transport costs and carbon emissions.

While the GIRRP is being redeveloped, the adjacent Green Island Landfill will be capped in stages in preparation for its closure around 2029-30.



WHAT'S BEING BUILT:

1. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to sort and bale items from yellow-lidded mixed recycling bins for resale.
2. Composting facility for shredded food scraps and garden waste.
3. Upgraded bunkers for recyclable glass sorting and storage.
4. Upgraded transfer station to sort and prepare general waste for transfer to landfill.
5. Kerbside collections truck park and office.

6. Construction and demolition waste sorting area.
7. Roads and services such as water and power to new buildings.
8. Repositioned green/garden waste drop off area.

WHAT WILL REMAIN:

9. Recycling drop off area.
10. Organics receival building.
11. Rummage shop.
12. Education centre

MEET YOUR NEWLY ELECTED SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD

The votes are in! Your new Saddle Hill Community Board has been officially elected- bringing together a mix of familiar faces and fresh voices, all passionate about representing our local area. Together, the new board represents a great mix of experience, energy, and community pride- all ready to get to work for the people of the Saddle Hill area.

John Moyle:



A long-time Green Island local and owner of Fresh Choice, John returns to the board with his trademark community spirit and humour. He's been a driving force behind the ANZAC services at Green Island for the past 15 years.

Vianney Santagati:



After narrowly missing out three years ago, Vianney joins the board determined to protect local roading and recreation areas from flooding and erosion. She's passionate about proactive community engagement and building new opportunities for locals to connect.

Paul Weir:



Re-elected Paul Weir remains focused on practical improvements that make a real difference- from playground facilities to flood prevention work. He's also a familiar face helping during civil defence events, from sandbagging to road updates.

Barry (Baza) McLellan:



A first-time member, Baza brings a fresh perspective and a strong desire to serve. He's keen to learn from experienced board members and continue pushing for sensible, long-term solutions to issues like coastal erosion and landfill concerns.

Tracey Boereboom:



Tracey is passionate about community involvement- organising Neighbourhood Days, supporting Neighbourhood Watch, and volunteering with local sports clubs. She's committed to improving road safety, bus stops, and transport connections across the district.

Lianna MacFarlane:



Also newly elected, Lianna is well known for speaking up at local meetings and advocating for stronger communication between council and community. She's passionate about ensuring local voices are heard loud and clear on key issues.

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GGIRGC TRIP TO GYMNASTICS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Greater Green Island Rhythmic Gymnastics Nationals Team 2025 with their medals.

Greater Green Island Rhythmic Gymnastics Club (GGIRGC) recently had 10 Gymnasts qualify to represent Otago at the Gymnastics National Championships in Auckland in the recent school holidays.

GGIRGC had 3 individuals and 2 groups attend, and came away with some great results: In Level 6 Mila Ung finished 13th overall. In Level 7 Kate Miller got 3rd in Hoop, 8th in Clubs finishing 9th overall.

In Level 7 Amber Rasmussen got 6th in Ball, 8th in Hoop finishing 8th Overall. The Grade 3 Putting on the Ritz Group came away with a 3rd Overall and Falling in Love Grade 4 Group finished 6th overall.

Special mention to our biggest cheerleader Ruby Payne who was unable to compete due to injury but qualified as a Level 6 and Grade 4 Group Member.

The girls had a very long week away in Auckland but represented Otago with pride

and we are very proud of their achievements. They have worked extremely hard all year and come away with major improvements, finishing on a high with some of the best routines they have had all year.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the Green Island Businesses that contributed to our Bingo and Quiz fundraising nights with raffle prizes- your support is greatly appreciated.

GIJFC PLAYER RECOGNITION- INTERNATIONAL CAMP SELECTION



Pictured left to right: George McAlevey, Ali McBride, Josh Jamison.

The Green Island Junior Football Club would like to extend a huge congratulations to Josh Jamison, Ali McBride, and George McAlevey on their outstanding achievement this year.

These three talented young players attended the Regional George Cowie, West Ham Football Camp, where their hard work, skill, and dedication did not go unnoticed.

As a result of their impressive performances, they were identified and selected to attend a prestigious four-day International West Ham Camp on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.

This is a fantastic opportunity and a well deserved recognition of their efforts and potential. The club is extremely proud of their accomplishments and looks forward to seeing what the future holds for each of them. Well done, lads!



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I help MSD clients into work by providing supportive job coaching with CV's, cover letters, interviews, career planning, market guidance and advice. I also provide job placement assistance by connecting MSD clients with employers who are hiring.

I facilitate and coordinate a programme called 'Kapa Mahi' which is designed to improve the employability of MSD clients aged 18 to 24. The programme provides clients with resources, tools and supports to succeed in a challenging labour market and beyond.

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This isn't for the faint of heart- many challengers have tried, but only a daring few have succeeded. If you beat the clock, you'll earn serious bragging rights and your name on the Biggie's Wall of Fame.

Whether you're there to take the challenge or just to cheer someone on, it's all part of the fun at Green Island's go-to pizza spot.

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