

IMPORTANT DATES

June

- Queen's Birthday,
 Monday 1st June.
- World Environment Day, Friday 5th June.
- Shortest Day, Sunday
 21st June.

July

- Matariki, 13th –20th
 July
- Red Nose Day, Friday 31st of July.

Green Island Shed

Open every Saturday

10am—1pm

Shand Street, GI.

Green Island Community Garden

We are still under restrictions with Covid -19. At present just bring your own gloves and hand tools. No sharing of food and drink. Social distancing of 2 metres. No toilet facilities at the moment.

Garden Working Bees

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

Greater Green Island Informer June 2020

GGICN Community Survey - It's time to have your say



Because your opinion matters, we have worked to

- Install a playground
- Commission the Runciman St Tunnel Mural
- Successfully petition the DCC for round-abouts in Green Island, and have them installed

GGICN Community worker, Larna McCarthy discusses the survey with Otago Neighbourhood Support team Joy Davis, Jacqui Hyde and Lois Scott-Muir.

The 2020 Greater Green Island Community Network Survey is here – and now it's time to have your say.

Canvasing residents in Green Island, Concord, Abbotsford, Fairfield, Waldronville, Burnside, Ocean View, Westwood and Brighton communities, the survey results will provide direction for future GGICN projects.

Community worker Larna McCarthy said it was important that residents give feedback as this is used to consult organisations, such as the DCC, on issues specific to their neighbourhoods. For example, in the 2016 survey, Green Island residents identified issues with the layout of their roads and the volume of traffic. The GGICN were then able to use these results to consult with the DCC's Transport Team to have the three roundabouts installed on Main South Road.

"It is also important to find out how connected people feel, and if they have a sense of belonging in their community," Ms McCarthy said.

With the previous survey revealing 76% of participants experienced a sense of belonging in the community,

Ms McCarthy expected the response to increase this year.

"We believe that we will see an increase in these numbers due to the community spirit displayed during the lockdown period. It has been heartening to see neighbours greeting each other in the street and hosting street parties from the 'safety' of their bubbles," she said.

As a community-led organisation, the network exists to support locally-led projects and improvements in its nine suburbs.

Please take the time to complete our survey online on our Greater Green Island Facebook page, and share it with your neighbours. Your feedback is important to us. Don't forget to enter your contact details if you would like to be in the draw to win a \$100 voucher from a local Greater Green Island retailer for completing this survey. When the survey is closed, we will contact you if you have won.

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Where: The Food Room & Co

Larna on P 470 0814

Membership for the first year is only \$30

Choosing the Silver Lining

Walt Disney once wrote that 'the flower that blooms in adversity is the rarest and most beautiful of all'.

The compassion and connection that has emerged in the community through Lockdown is an incredible gift to carry forward. Although this time has been hard—and still

is, people have been able to re-establish a more solid community foundation.

There's no doubt. 2020 will be one of exceptional those years in history. The Covid-19 pandemic may be shaking us, grieving us, isolating us and robbing us of many things—but it is also re-molding the fabric of community life.

People have been considering others more, especially those

vulnerable and in need. Acts of kindness and generosity have increased. We have become more aware of our mental and physical well-being, and we have been actively connecting with both friends and strangers.

Street parties became a 'thing' - all within the safe social distancing parameters, of course. A cup of tea at each other's letterbox, enjoyed with a smile and wave, from neighbour to neighbour.

Through the hard times we will persevere and flourish.

Do you have any stories from the Lockdown period? Any photos of street gatherings? We would love to hear from you!

Changing Communities Street by Street

Otago Neighbourhood Support has seen an increase of interest since Lockdown as more people want to look out for their communities.

Regional co-ordinator Joy Davis said the response has been encouraging.

"It's inspirational, everyday, when you can see what people can do, want to do

and will do. It felt energizing and encouraging because it was community working together," Mrs Davis said.

As the levels shift and New Zealand adapted to "regular life" again, she hoped that people would continue to stop and reflect, and not forget what we have learnt through this period.

"People were more aware of those at home on their own. It also made us more aware of those in a smaller bubbles," Mrs Davis said.

The positive drive, concern and thoughtfulness of others had the potential to "turn this country around".

"When it comes from the people on the ground, it lasts," she said.

Working closely with NZ Police, Mrs Davis said police had also noticed a positive change.

"I know police have enjoyed this time with less crime and having more time to engage with the community."

There is no cost to join Neighbourhood Support.

Are you interested in knowing more about Neighbouhood Support? Please see the back page for more information.





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Community Worker Larna McCarthy

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Emerson Street Mural Design Applications



Winter may be stripping gardens of colour, but plans are well under way to brighten the Emerson Street Park in Concord.

Four artists have applied to GGICN, to paint a mural on the exterior of the Emerson Street playground's toilet block. The Network had planned to reveal the artists' submissions at the Concord Neighbours Day on March 29th, however the event was postponed to a later date due to Covid-19.

Instead, GGICN have featured each art submission on its website, https://greatergreenisland.nz/, displaying each artist's design. These have also been shared to the Greater Green Island Community Facebook page, along with a poll for our Facebook followers to vote their preference. Submissions are also featured below.

The poll finished on Friday, 22nd May, but the network is unable to announce the finalist until DCC signs off on the project.

Thank you to all those who shared their input.

The aim is to have the artist(s) begin work in July.



Artist: Kerry Lanauze



Artist: Loci



Artists: Jonathan Waters and Claire Rye

School's Back!



Happy reunions, busy drop-offs and roll calls, along with squirts of hand sanitiser - it was all there to greet Concord Primary School children when they returned to school recently.

One of seven Greater Great Island schools, Concord Primary School – like many around the country switched off the on-line learning and reverted to face-toface education at the end of May.

Principal Steve Turnball said the focus had been on wellbeing in the first week, and he was pleased with the positive start.

"It was really good. The positivity of the community has been great," Mr Turnball said.

After over six weeks of distance education, the teaching staff were pleased to return to school - as were the

"Kids looking forward to seeing their friends has been key (in the excitement)," he said. "It's great to get back into the school routine and I know the staff have been really looking forward to getting back to the classrooms.

"It's been a big learning curve. They have taken it (online technology) on board and floated with it, but to have the kids face to face in the classrooms, you can't beat that," Mr Turnbull said.

As for the adaption of new hygiene rules, the children had been compliant with the new 'normal' being a regular routine over lockdown.

"Social distancing has become a common term over the last month. They are very accepting," he said.

Approximately 90% of the school's students are attending, with some parents choosing to continue home schooling during Level 2.

Mr Turnball acknowledged the challenge for parents and caregivers to educate children in home environments, with the juggle of work and possible unemployment being an added load.

"Parents have done a great job of supporting their children over the past few weeks," he said.

Lilliput Libraries

Greater Green Island Locations



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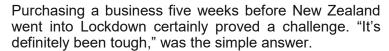
Getting Razor Sharp After Lockdown

If you suddenly hear the sound of silence on Green Island's Main South Rd. don't be alarmed - new barber Jarrod Stewart is probably just resting his clippers.

New owner of the Green Island Barber, Mr Stewart entered into Level 2 to a queue of male clientele, all eager to shed unruly hair.

With over 60 cuts a day, Mr Stewart was definitely making up for lost time,

however it hadn't always been this easy.



But Mr Stewart was excited about the journey ahead, he

"It's the style of barber's shop I had as a kid. It's the dream job."

Previously, Mr Stewart worked for Selwyn Grave, a Dunedin Barber shop. He was attracted to the simplicity of the barber's profession and set-up, compared to many contemporary hairdressers.

"It's a system that's so simple and has been around for so long. It is such a pleasure. I can keep it simple and enjoy myself."

Hours: Mon-Tues: 8am-4pm, Wed: 11am-7pm, Thurs-Fri: 8am-4pm



From your friendly Community Constable...

Barber Jarrod Stewart

Level 2 has allowed us all back to some form of normality in that many are back to work.

With that in mind, be aware of the need to defrost your windows before leaving home and also be aware of sunstrike

as the sun rises in the mornings and sunset in the evenings.

In particular be cautious around pedestrian crossings and on the crest of hills. Lookout Point and Saddle Hill has caught out many over the years.

Take care out there,

Community Constable, Fred Jansen



Foodie Culture with Local Eateries



Raw Carrot Cake

(Courtesy of Narelle Stewart, owner of the Green Island Café)

Ingredients

2 cups nuts & seeds (eg; pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, almonds, cashews, brazil nuts etc)

2 cups grated fresh carrots

½ cup date paste

1 cups coconut

½ cup dried fruit (raisins, sultanas etc)

1 Tbsp cinnamon

1 tsp mixed spice

½ cup coconut oil (melted)

Cashew Cream Topping:

1 cup soaked cashews

2 Tbsp lemon juice

½ cup brown rice syrup (or maple syrup)

Pinch salt

½ cup coconut oil (melted)

1 can coconut cream (chilled overnight – discard watery part and whip until thick)

Method

Blitz nuts & seeds in food processor until in crumbs. Add everything to a large bowl and mix well together. Take half of the mixture and blitz in food processer until blended down (no need for it to be super fine). Add back into the mixture and blend well (this is more successful and done thorough by hand).

Press into lined tin/container, chill while preparing frosting.

Blitz cashews with lemon juice in food processer until very fine paste (a little patience but it will break right down until if you rub it between your fingers. It should be smooth with no crumbs). Add syrup, salt and coconut oil and blitz well together (this is a good time to taste and adjust any additional ingredients to your preference). Transfer to a bowl and fold in whipped coconut cream until fully combined. Spread onto carrot mixture and return to fridge for at least 2-3 hours to set.

To make date paste:

Chop dates, soak in just enough hot water to cover and leave for at least 20mins.



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lovely Community Worker, Larna McCarthy on 470 0814 or pop into the Green Island Police Station.

Bricks cost \$80 each.

Helpful Health Websites and Numbers

https://covid19.govt.nz/

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https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/covid-19/

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Taking on a business in Lockdown



Buying a business at any time is a big undertaking, but try signing up prior to Lockdown, and the adrenaline is much higher.

Ask the owner of new eatery, Green Island Café, Narelle Stewart, and she knows the journey all too well. "I can say now it is a really exciting decision I made, but I do remember that week before the move into Level 3 felt like a rollercoaster of emotions when presented with the future for the café and the important choice needed to keep the doors open and offer employment for a few of us," Ms Stewart said.

Located beside the Post Shop, the Green Island Café is one of a number of bustling eateries on Main South Rd, Green Island.

Ms Stewart said she felt grateful for the support and positive feedback received in the first few weeks.

"There was so much to do, not only setting up a new company and all the transition needed but also dealing with the requirements to be able to open during the levels of Covid 19," she said.

Despite the busyness, there was plenty of positives.

"What does excite me the most about the Café is the people. It is such a great location and has a unique atmosphere. It has so much potential for a comfortable place to hang out and enjoy time catching up with friends, and I am so passionate to create and serve a variety of delicious food and a great cup of coffee," Ms Stewart said.

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Our Tamariki



Ocean View resident Flynn Blanchard (5) enjoys fresh air and nature while on a biking adventure.



Children from Little Rock Preschool (pictured above) were among the many youngsters who enjoyed returning to their early childhood centres recently.

The Little Rock Preschool children especially enjoyed arriving to find a refurbished learning area and verandah.



Brighton resident Leo Henderson (4) enjoyed visiting the Brighton Domain playground when it opened under Level 2 last month.



Elise Blanchard (3) shows her best cheeky grin



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KIDS ACTIVITY PAGE

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Loving Beyond the Social Distancing

GGICN Committee member, and Anglican Priest Jan Clark normally has a lot of "face-face" contact with the 150 families in her parishes, but Covid-19 has changed her work significantly over the past few months.

Despite the challenges of Lockdown and social distancing requirements, her love and pastoral care for those in need is not confined.

"Love and care - these are gifts from God, in my personal opinion. That's the stuff that will get us through the hard times," Rev Clark said.

Churches, along with other public gatherings, had been required to alter their form of communication in the wake of Covid-19, and Lockdown. The church bells may not have been chiming, but phones were ringing hot with pastoral care.

"We have a couple of people who have lost husbands over Lockdown. It was really tough not going to be with people in the bereavement," Rev Clark said.

Pre-covid-19, home visits were a regular feature of her week, with Rev Clark also leading worship services in rest homes, funerals, involvement with the after-school care program and the fruit and vegetable distribution, as well as the regular Sunday services.

"All of that was put on hold so you had to find totally different ways of engaging," she said.

With many elderly in her congregations,

Rev Clark said she would ring, "spending a lot of time asking how people are feeling."

Rev Clark said older people had a fair degree of resilience, "but the isolation was pretty hard on people though."



However, the impact of Covid-19 had highlighted many positives in the community, with a strong sense of belonging and community spirit being shown, she said.

"One of the things that Covid-19 has shown is how humans are pretty amazing. You would go out for walks and people would smile and wave."

There was much excitement when Level 2 conditions meant groups of no more than 10 people could meet.

"It was so emotional seeing people gathering, even just that little group. When you have the enforced separation for a while, you realise more just how precious people are," she said.



Garden Gossip

With Green Island's Community Gardener Marion Claver Thomas

It's a quiet time for your plants but a great time to work on the soil.

Compost can be spread around all your garden beds. Don't need to dig it in, the weather will do this for you. Pea straw on top will help as well.

If you have a sheltered area for vegetables you can look at planting early cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage and lettuce from early August. I sow seed for these plants in July for planting out in late August in the Community Garden and cover each plant with a cut off 2L juice bottle to protect them from the weather, and any pesky slugs and snails.

Garlic needs to be planted as soon as possible. Rust has been a big problem for us so this year we're planting in a new place, planting further apart and into soil that hasn't had new compost added. Our broad beans are growing strongly. They can be planted to grow through winter or planted in early spring. The key with them is to have them flowering when the weather is warm enough for the insects/bees to be out and about and pollinating them. Too early and they flower but no beans.

Happy Gardening, Marion

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