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Raft racing on the Outram Glen, cooking on fires, building soapbox derby cars, camping and sharpening their own knives— these are just some of the skills learned by the Saddle View Scout Group.

Under the supervision of leaders such as Denise Davison, the group has about 35 children involved in its three age divisions of keas (5-8 years), cubs (8-11 years) and scouts (11-14 years).

"We try and do a lot outdoors but in the winter we move indoors obviously," Ms Davison said.

The benefits for the children were huge, she said.

"On a social level, they get to interact with children from outside their school, and also the different ages as well as backgrounds. "I just love getting outdoors and getting back to nature and teaching kids to do things for themselves."



Do you have children who are interested in joining scouts? The SaddleView Scout Group is welcoming new members.

For enquiries, please email Denise Davision on <u>denise.davison@xtra.co.nz</u>. There's also more information at <u>www.scouts.nz</u>

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GGICN NEWS

What a busy time it has been getting back into the swing of things in Level 1. There were many projects underway prior to lock-down, which we are now getting back on top of. Further development of the Green Island Playground is top of mind, with a recent funding application sent to Otago Community Trust for the following:

- BBQ,
- stage area,
- shade sail,
- bin, and
- monument to house the ANZAC plaques.

The GGICN are still consulting with the DCC and ORC as to bus stops and road safety. We recently submitted a report to the council outlining our concerns with the Concord underpass area and the lack of footpaths for pedestrians and cyclists. We have also asked for a small round-a-bout to be installed at the Burnside off-ramp beside the new NPD Petrol station to reduce congestion at peak travel times. We have suggested for the buses to be taken off Main South Road and to be routed down Shand St. This will increase the number of parks available outside of our main shopping area - a great result for those of us who need a caffeine hit on the way to work!

If you would to have your say, please visit our Facebook page: Greater Green Island Community, and complete our survey. There is a \$100 voucher to be won.

Remember, if you have any questions or community concerns, please give me a call on 470 0814.

Ngā mihi maioha, Larna McCarthy Community Worker

Kai on the Coast



There's a smell of mouth-watering food, and echoes of friendly chatter when you wander past the Ocean View Hall, at the end of each month.

A group of community-minded residents meet for a shared meal on the last Friday, every month — and want to extend the invitation.

One of the organisers, Annice Smith, said the meal idea was initiated because "people felt a need to gather".

Approximately 25 people, plus children, have been attending over the past 18 months, she said.

"We all live separate lives so it's good to gather together at least once a month," Mrs Smith said.

Kai on the Coast meets from 6-7.30pm

For more information, please call Annice on 027 441 6929

The Greater Green Island Community Network is a registered charitable organisation. To find out more about our projects in the community, please visit www.greatergreenisland.nz. If you would like to support the work we do, a

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Brighton School's Mobile Education



Big Rock Primary School Students, from left, Thomas Weatherall, Milah Mewes, Stevie Kahui, Isabella Coatsworth, Jackson-Gray and Jacob Oldham.

The gears are shifting at Brighton's Big Rock Primary School, as students are treated to 15 new bikes and many adventurous learning activities ahead.

Thanks to \$7000 funding from Bike On New Zealand, a charity which promotes regular and equal access to bikes and tracks within the school environment, Big Rock Primary principal David Grant said the new bikes would be used for the annual Rail Trail cycling trip, as well as promoting road safety and bike care.

"School should be about opportunities and experiences because sometimes it's not always easy for families," Mr Grant said.

Growing confidence and "getting kids past their comfort zone" was an important part of education at Big Rock Primary School. "I think we (as a society) talk 'a lot' about screen time, but what are we actually doing about it?", he said.

This was a genuine attempt to encourage children away from devices and promote new interests, Mr Grant said.

Students as young as Year 3 had joined in biking activities in the past, the new bikes gave the opportunity for students to enjoy a new activity with friends.

"It's about having a supply of bikes. Every kid should be able to ride a bike," he said.

For more information about Bike on NZ, please visit https://bikeon.org.nz/

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- --day trips out of town.
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We enjoy our meetings, as we have speakers, demonstrators, games and fun, always a laugh.Plus competitions; flowers, baking, crafts. And raffles. Abbotsford is part of Mid Otago Federation, so we get togethers with other Wl's groups. For the likes of friendship days, competitions, movie afternoons.

We come under the New Zealand Federation of Women's Institute, their web site is www.wi.org.nz

Also on facebook. Abbotsford also has its own Facebook page {check us out}" abbotsford women's institute" I am sure we have something to interest most ladies, any age, young to old and in between. Great way to make friends, so come along and see if it's for you before joining. Always welcome. Promise not to frighten you off. We are not tea, jam and scones.

Any inquire's or questions, please phone Jo 4879045. Leave a message if not home and will phone you back. Or email joanne_kilgour@yahoo.com



Are you Prepared?

The Civil Defence, in partnership with the DCC, the Saddle Hill Community Board, Greater Green Island Community Network and Emergency Management Otago have released the Community Guide to Emergencies for the Saddle Hill—Green Island Area.

The plan outlines how to get ready and stay informed and lists the hazards that may occur in your area.

The most important part of your plan is to know your neighbours, as the community are the first responders.

The GGICN are currently working with Emergency Management Otago to distribute a copy to all the households covered by the plan.

You can download a copy of Emergency Plan at: www.otagocdem.govt.nz

www.otagocaem.govt.m.

Stepping up after Lockdown



Green Island gym, Flex Fitness, is stepping up the pace after weeks of Lockdown - and is welcoming everyone to join its 10,000 step challenge.

Club manager, Alyssa Houston, said the nationwide walking challenge was proving popular as people sought to improve their fitness and mental well-being.

About 93 people, including people who aren't gym members, were participating in the three week challenge, and the positive feedback had been encouraging, Ms Houston said.

"It's such an important thing to get people moving."

The focus was on people giving the challenge a go, and becoming involved, she said.

"That's the most important thing. It's the connecting of people with other people," Ms Houston said.

Those interested in the challenge can inquire at Flex Fitness.

"We are still getting people signing up for it. You are still welcome to jump on board," Ms Houston said.

Want to learn a new skill, or make new friends whilst working on a project?

The Green Island Shed is the perfect place, offering a workshop to mentor wood working, tool handling and construction.



Shed hours are:

Monday & Friday 10am—12pm

Saturday 10am to 1pm.

Phone David on 027 261 4414 for more details.

The Shed is located behind St Peter Chanel School.

Green Island Badminton Club



Green Island Badminton Club is delighted to announce the re-commencement of the 2020 season.

After only one week of our regular weekly club nights, we like many other clubs, found ourselves having to suspend the season due to Covid 19 and lock-down. Now having reached Level 1, relaxed

restrictions of Level 1, we feel it is safe to come out of hiding.

So if you have been feeling a little 'cabin fever', or may have been making, and eating, too much baking, dust of your racquet, grab your shoes, and join us at, Sunnyvale from 7:00pm any Monday from June 1st.



From your friendly Community Constable



Now we are at Level 1 and things return to normal, let us not forget to plan when we go out. Arrange transport to and from where you are going for a drink.

Let's stay kind to each other and show the friendliness we all showed on lockdown and not go back to some of the

frustrated behaviour we can be capable of.

Stay safe and look after each other out there!

Community Constable, Fred Jansen



Foodie Culture with Local Eateries



Triple Chocolate Brownie

Courtesy of Brenda and Gary, owners of the Food Room & Co., in Green Island.

Ingredients

370 g chocolate

Six eggs

370 g butter

1 cup cocoa powder

1 1/2 cups self raising flour

1/2 cup caster sugar

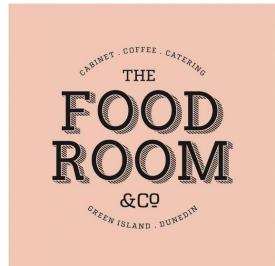
1 cup of chocolate buttons

1 cup white chocolate buttons.

Method

Microwave chocolate, butter and caster sugar and melt together. Add the eggs, cocoa powder, self raising flour and white and chocolate buttons. Mix together thoroughly. Pour into greased baking tray bake at 180 for 17-19mins fan bake.





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Responding to the Call

If you see Brighton resident Simon Laing with bags under his eyes – go easy, it's likely that he, along with members of the Brighton Volunteer Fire Brigade, has responded to a night call out.

A builder by trade, Mr Laing sleeps with his pager under his pillow so not to disturb his partner and family, should an emergency arise. And it often does for the 18 member brigade. All volunteers, the Brighton Fire Brigade services suburbs from Taieri Mouth to Waldronville, assisting in medical incidents, car accidents, bush fires and house blazes.

"The night calls are very hard. It's getting back to sleep which is demanding when you get lots of calls. The medical side of it is the hardest part of the job because you see people at their lowest point quite often but it's also when people need you the most," Mr Laing said.

The comradery and passion for the community was a huge draw card in Mr Laing's decision to join the brigade.

"This group of people here are here because they want to do something for the township and as such, they do anything for each other," Mr Laing said.

A Brighton resident of two years, Mr Laing said one of the reasons he and his partner chose Brighton, was that they were looking for a community they could engage with – and that included volunteering.

"This was top of my list," he said.

After approaching the organisation, Mr Laing was advised to come to the station on Tuesday nights, for their training and discussions – and he hasn't looked back.

"The training started almost immediately because the more experienced people in the brigade took you under their wing and by doing the training exercises, they showed you the ropes."

An intensive five-day course in Christchurch also followed. "I've always been very practical so I thought my skills would lend itself well to the job."

Often first on the scene, Mr Laing said there was no time to think about how you were feeling while you were attending the job.



"We talk it out as a group after the job. In the days following we ring around the group and support each other. Our partners are a huge part of the fire brigade because they support us. Also they have to put up with a lot. People forget that, we couldn't do it without them," Mr Laing said. The biggest job Mr Laing attended, was a recent property fire on Brighton's Big Stone Rd. It was then, his skills were tested. "It wasn't until five minutes after arriving and I was in the breathing apparatus and fighting the fire with a hose that it occurred to me that I had reached that skill level that I could just get on with the job.

Mr Laing acknowledged the siren, which is loud for some community members, may be frustrating, but the work of the service was crucial to the community well-being, he said. The brigade currently attend 80-90 calls a year. Approximately one third of those are medical needs. Sadly, some of those medical call outs are to attempted suicides. "When you hear the siren go often, I know it's an inconvenience but, please, bear in mind that someone is having a really bad day and needs our help," Mr Laing said.

Game On!!!!! Sports are back on the turf



It's game on for many sports teams now that restrictions have lifted - and there's energy to burn!

Pictured left, Green Island Hawks recently played Mosgiel Nitros at the Dunedin Oval, winning 5—3.

Are you new to the Greater Green Island area? Are you interested in joining a club or sports group?

Make sure you check out our Community Directory for all the contacts.

https://greatergreenisland.nz/aboutnewsletter/greatergreen-island-community-directory-2019-pdf-version/

OUR TAMARIKI



Ava Creasy, 7 years, of Concord Primary School. Holding her treat from the Colouring-In Competition featured in the June edition of the Informer

William Nicol of Fairfield Primary School raised \$2440 for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer research. You can help William reach his target of \$2500 at his fundraising page : https://shaveforacure.everydayhero.com/nz/william-nicol-spage

Top right—Fairfield Primary School Principal Gregg Lees shaving William's hair. Bottom right—William with his Shave for a Cure certificate.

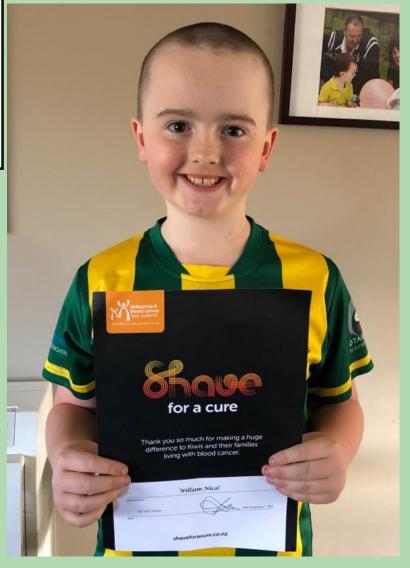








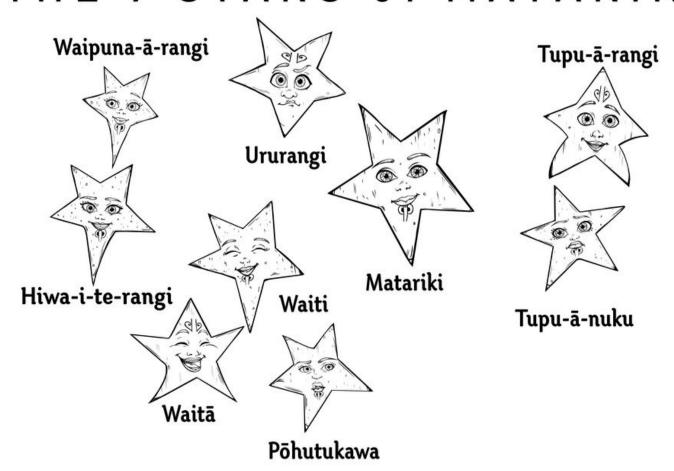




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TE IWI O MATARIKI THE 9 STARS of MATARIKI



What is Matariki?

Matariki is the Māori name for a cluster of stars which is visible in our night sky at a specific time of the year. In June/July, Matariki will re-appear in the dawn sky – signalling the start of the Māori New Year.

It is a time to celebrate new life, to remember those who've passed and to plan for the future. And it's a time to spend with whānau and friends – to enjoy kai (food), waiata (song), tākaro (games) and haka.

Our tūpuna (ancestors) would look to Matariki for help with their harvesting. When Matariki disappeared in April/May, it was time to preserve crops for the winter season. When it re-appeared in June/July, tūpuna would read the stars to predict the upcoming season – clear and bright stars promised a warm and abundant winter while hazy stars warned of a bleak winter. Because Māori follow the Māori lunar calendar, not the European calendar, the dates for Matariki change every year.

Whakatauki, Proverb

'Matariki hunga nui' 'Matariki of many people'

People gather together at Matariki festivities to celebrate the passing of one year and the new year to come.

Garden Gossip

With Green Island's Community Gardener **Marion Claver Thomas**

Introducing the Spring into Spring event at the Green Island Community Garden!

Do you want to grow your own vegetables this season?

Not sure where to start? Are you already a great gardener and would like to join us in promoting healthy food for families?

Come to the Green Island Community Garden and see what we are all about. Meet the gardeners. Find out what you can be doing in your garden now to get the best out of it over the growing season to feed you and your family. We have a very simple philosophy. Come and help for an hour or so and take home a few vegetables. There are jobs for all abilities and

We can also help with supplying seed if you only want 12 lettuces and not a packet of 1000!!! It's easy to grow from seed, and so inexpensive.

So come along on Saturday 1st August, from 11am -1pm. We will be in the St Peter Chanel Hall if wet.

A FREE plant for everyone and a sausage of the BBQ. We would love to see you there. Volunteering is good for the soul and gardening is even better.

Marion Thomas.



Green Island Playgroup

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What: to come and meet with other families and whanau in

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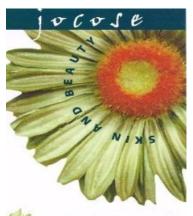
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