

## ŌTEPOTI WINTER SPEEDCUBING TOURNAMENT

Across the weekend of August 12-13th, Green Island Bowling Club played host to Ōtepoti Winter - a tournament showcasing the best that Speedcubing has to offer.

For the uninitiated, Speedcubing involves solving a 3x3x3 Rubik's Cube - or other similar puzzles - as quickly as possible, and the Ōtepoti Winter event was chock full of highlights. In spite of it coinciding with the World Cubing Association Championships (in Incheon, South Korea), keen cubers came from Invercargill, Queenstown, Christchurch and Wellington to make it a memorable weekend.

Local lad Henry Eyles (12) organized the tournament, with 31 competitors ranging in age from 8 to "50ish," and his mother, Julia, spoke highly of a sport where the ability to organize a tournament in your own city "makes for a very open and inviting atmosphere." For contrast, last year's Oceania champs in Melbourne "had close to 1000 competitors, so the vibe is a touch more casual here," but certainly no less intense, as fingers furiously scurried across the faces of an assortment of cubes.



Above: Speedcubing spectators

Christchurch cuber Jasper Murray (17) is a two-time former World Record holder in Pyraminx (a pyramid-shaped puzzle), who was gunning to regain his title. Nevertheless, Jasper personifies the supportiveness inherent in the sport,



Above: Jasper mentoring Santiago at the Speedcubing event

noting that "my friend from the US has that (title) right now." Jasper's mother, Michelle Crowell continued: "quirky sports tend to foster more camaraderie, and Jasper particularly enjoys the mentoring aspect, encouraging the younger ones...it's a great opportunity for leadership."

Not only did competitors and supporters alike speak highly of the Bowling Club as a venue ("warm, just the right size - really promotes the friendly atmosphere, and Sarah and Lee were amazing to deal with"), but they bore witness to some impressive results: the 3x3 cube solve ranged from 6.84 seconds to 2 minutes 43.26 seconds, while there was an Oceanic Record broken by Jasper for Pyraminx (1.52 seconds which has him ranked 2nd in the world - the current world record is 1.51 seconds). More such events are slated to take place this year, open to all competitors regardless of experience and skill. So if you have an eye for detail, or are keen to meet like-minded people, check out <https://speedcubing.nz/>, pop down to the Public Library for their monthly Sunday afternoon 'Cube Club,' or watch the Netflix documentary 'The Speedcubers.'



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# COMMUNITY KÖRERO- ONYX U18 MARCHING TEAM

Welcome to Community Kōrero, where The Informer chats with a local identity. This month, we chat with champion marcher Amy Clarke.

Marching is much more than a pastime for Amy Clarke. The 16-year-old Abbotsford resident has been putting her best



Onyx Militaires in Australia enjoying the sights

foot forward since the age of 5, and says that she can't quite imagine her life without it. "When I was a little kid, my friend's mum was the coach of the marching team and my friend had invited me along to give it a go. I went

along to try and thought to myself that this would be something I can see myself doing committing to."

Such commitment has paid off for Amy. This past July, her and her troop - the Onyx Militaires Marching Team - headed to the Gold Coast to do more than catch some rays. After having won several national titles, they represented New Zealand as a champion Under-18 team, showing their prowess and wowing those on the other side of the Tasman at the inaugural 2023 Australia and New Zealand Drill Dance and Marching Tattoo.

Having been marching for the Onyx Under-18s for three seasons now, including acting as the Display Leader for the past two seasons, Amy sees this recent trip across the ditch as her greatest achievement in the sport to date, fondly

recalling the rush of "performing our display to a huge crowd of people," noting that "our team was very lucky to be picked to go, and it was beyond exciting." Still, she takes such achievements in her stride, successfully balancing her marching exploits with her high school studies as well as part-time work.

Amy credits her coaches for her enjoyment of and success with marching, and also sees merit in the social aspects of the sport: "The things I enjoy most about marching are getting to meet new people and becoming friends with them. I also enjoy helping others in my team become stronger and more confident with their counts or hand movements in display. I also enjoy travelling with the team to go to contests and competing against other teams." Based on such previous successes, the beat is sure to go on for Amy and the Onyx crew.



Onyx Militaires U18 ready to march on

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# GREEN ISLAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

## MONTHLY MEETING

Where: Food Room

When: 8:00am, Friday 22nd September 2023

# GREEN ISLAND BOWLING CLUB

INVITES YOU



Green Island Bowling Club are having a "Have a go" day. Happening on Sunday 8th October from 11 - 2pm. BBQ lunch provided.

Come along for a fun afternoon and give it a go!!!

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# TOOTS' COLUMN

Kia ora, people.

Spring is nearly here, and we can all see the light at the end of the tunnel.

This time of year brings its own problems, especially with driving conditions. As I'm sure all of you drivers are aware the sunstrike going up to Lookout Point can be absolutely blinding.



Senior Constable Mark  
(Toots) Tuten

There are a plethora of issues with this - slow trucks in the left-hand lane and you driving too fast, not being able to see and reacting too slowly to the conditions, and everyone suffering from sun blindness at the same time.

All these issues can be avoided by following the following recommendations:

- Be aware that the sun will always rise in the east -it's been doing it for years and always comes over the top of Lookout Point, so be mindful

- Get ready with your sun visors and sunglasses (anti-glare ones are the best - they are constantly being peddled in the infomercials

- Make sure your windows are clean, especially inside. I know it's a particularly gnarly job, but it must be done. Some hot water and a wee drop of the Fairy Liquid will sort it out. Remember, it is imperative to dry it properly, without the streaks

- Keep your speed down and drive to the conditions. Nobody should be in that much of a rush to get to work in the morning. We all want to make it to the weekend.

I hope you all have a fantastic month; I am looking forward to seeing you at The Greater Green Island Get Together on Saturday September 9th.

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# KERBSIDE RECYCLING CHANGING IN 2024

Last month's Informer ran an article about work being done on designing a new state-of-the-art resource recovery park (RRP) at Green Island.

Most of the RRP's new facilities will support coming changes to our Dunedin City Council (DCC) kerbside recycling and rubbish collection service to the around 50,000 Ōtepoti Dunedin properties on collection routes.

From mid-2024, two new bins will be added to the existing kerbside collection service: a food scraps/garden waste bin; and a rubbish bin to replace the DCC pre-paid black plastic rubbish bags. The new bins will be delivered to households in early 2024.

## WHY ARE KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS CHANGING?

We held a city-wide consultation in 2020 about improving kerbside collection services to include food/garden waste and replacing rubbish bags with bins. Out of some 10,000 responses, over 9500 supported the changes.

Alongside the existing mixed recycling and glass recycling kerbside collection service, kerbside collection of food scraps and garden waste will be another simple way for households to reduce waste going to landfill, lower greenhouse gas emissions and improve our environment.

Plastic rubbish bags are bad for the environment as well as being a health and safety risk for the people doing collections. The new plastic wheelie bins for rubbish will be durable and recyclable, and because they're emptied by an automated arm on the collections truck, manual handling will be reduced, making it a safer option."

The Aotearoa New Zealand Waste Strategy brought out in March 2023 sets deadlines by which materials collected from households for recycling must be the same across the country. The kerbside service we'll have from mid-2024 aligns Ōtepoti Dunedin with the strategy guidelines ahead of time.

## WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW

Two full-time kerbside recycling bin inspectors have hit Dunedin's streets, helping you get your household's recycling super sorted.

The inspectors aim to praise, educate and help people make the best use of the recycling service we have now, before we add new bins next year.

The inspectors attach tags to the yellow-lidded bins that inform residents about the standard of their recycling. Green tags celebrate quality recycling, i.e., bins that only contain clean rigid plastics 1,2 and 5; paper and cardboard; and steel/aluminium tins and cans. Yellow tags are for when it's a wee bit wrong; the tag says what the problem is, but the bin still gets emptied. Red tags are for bins so contaminated they don't get emptied and explain why.



*Bin Inspectors have begun operating full-time, checking kerbside recycling and offering friendly advice to help everyone reduce waste and stop recyclable items from going to landfill.*

## LET'S GET IT SORTED

By downloading the 'DCC Kerbside Collection' app, you'll find out exactly what to put in your yellow-lidded mixed-recycling bin and the blue glass bin and what day to put them out for collection. You'll find the app on Google Play and the App Store

## FIND OUT MORE

We'll be talking to people about what's planned for the new Green Island Resource Recovery Park and landfill closure at our stall during the 'Greater Green Island Get Together' on Saturday, 9 September 2023.

Visit the DCC website to find out more about this and changes coming to the DCC kerbside recycling and rubbish collections.

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## ABBOTSFORD KINDERGARTEN GOES TO THE TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL



Abbotsford tamariki being a doctor

On Tuesday August 1st, 2023, we went on an excursion to the Teddy Bear Hospital. Prior to our trip, we had asked the children to bring a soft toy from home (who was unwell.) The purpose of this excursion was to

help the children understand that doctors help them when they are unwell, using their toys as their patients. Parents and whanau were asked to discuss with their child what was wrong with their toy like a tummy ache, headache and so on, providing an opportunity for the children to learn in a non-threatening way about what to expect when we go to the doctor, such as the doctors examining the soft toy and help make it better.



Taramiki administering first aid

## FAIRFIELD SCHOOL COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

Akoranga children made a tremendous impact in a short space of time earlier this month. Fulton Hogan have developed a walking track along the creek that runs from Old Brighton Road and behind the ends of Cockburn and Fry Streets. This will soon connect with Howorth Road. One sunny August afternoon, Fairfield school students, along with Fulton Hogan staff, planted a variety of over 400 trees and plants along the track. This was a great connection with our community, and children will walk this track in years to come, always remembering that they contributed to create such a space. Fairfield School sends enormous thanks to Fulton Hogan for this fabulous opportunity, as well as a track that the school will be sure to use into the future!



Fairfield School ākonga and Fulton Hogan staff collaborate

## MAIA'S MUSINGS

In this month's column, *The Informer's* intrepid Fairfield correspondent, Maia Hayden (10), talks about her recent experience at the 2023 Hip Hop Unite NZ Otago Schools Competition, held at Trinity College.

On August 6th, there was a regional hip hop dance competition held right here in Ōtepoti. I was lucky enough to be a part of it with my dance school, Black & White Dance Studio, which is in Kaikorai Valley.



Imperfectly Perfect photo courtesy of Black and White dance studios

I have been at Black & White since 2019 doing hip hop, contemporary and jazz dancing. It was very exciting to get ready for a big competition – my very first one! The group, called

Imperfectly Perfect, had been preparing since February so we could be ready for the regionals!

There are six people in my dance crew, and we were all feeling nervous but excited as we arrived at Trinity College. It felt really good to see so many people cheering for us, and that is one of the things I like about dancing – how we all encourage each other.

There were five teams in our division, and the competition was very close. At the end of all the dances, there was a prizegiving. The judges awarded us second place! We were all so happy, because the first two teams qualified for the National Hip Hop Dance Championships, which will be held in Dunedin on September 2nd. We are all so excited to perform in a National competition, so we can see a lot of other dancers from all around Aotearoa. Our teacher, Angelina was so proud of us – it was the first time that dancers from Black & White have made it to a National competition. The judges even called us “teenyboppers” because we were the youngest in our division!

Imperfectly perfect would like to thank Angelina and Kayden, our coaches and choreographers, who believed in us and gave us the confidence we needed to give it our best shot.





# YOUR MONTHLY **Harcourts** MARKET REVIEW

There has been a significant jump in median value, from \$585,000 to \$625,000 in July. However it is important to note this was on a smaller number of sales of 117, so often a smaller pool can result in anomalies. The coming months will determine if this is a trend or a blip in the statistics.

One change to note was the drop in median days to sell which dropped from 49 in June to 39 in July. However a shortage of listings might be driving a bit more urgency from buyers as the number of available listings dropped from a high of over 700 in March to 459 at the time of writing this report.

Agents are noticing an upward trend in the number of open home visitors, and in the latest Tony Alexander report on the New Zealand real estate market he comments on a small amount of FOMO returning to the market (fear of missing out). With large positive migration numbers, it might not be too long before we see this put pressure back on house prices.

It is certainly playing out that way in the Dunedin rental market with high occupancy rates, and low numbers of available properties to rent. Pressure remains on the local rental market with occupancy levels incredibly high, leaving very few properties available for rent. With investor buyers largely absent from the market at the moment, and a number of them choosing to sell in the face of higher interest costs and lack of tax deductibility, this shortage of rental properties is likely to get worse. That's good news for first home buyers however who will have a steady stream of homes to consider.

All in all, the local market remains balanced between buyer and seller. Well presented and correctly priced properties continue to sell. But correctly priced is the key, as buyers weight up the cost of those mortgage repayments with no downward trend in interest rates yet to show on the horizon.

## GREATER GREEN ISLAND JUNE

STATS **2023**  
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Average Dwelling Price

**\$638,615**

Number of sales

**13**

## DUNEDIN JUNE

STATS **2023**  
DUNEDIN

Median Dwelling Price

**\$625,000**

Number of sales

**117**

## SUPER-STOP CONSULTATION OUTCOME



Residents and stakeholders from the Greater Green Island area have responded to the proposed "Super Stop" plan for outside the old Commercial Tavern in Green Island.

Feedback received during consultation generally showed support for relocating the northbound bus "Super Stop." However, the primary concerns centred around the urgent need for a public toilet at that end of town, either at the proposed stop location or near the Memorial Gardens. Other focal points included ensuring access to neighbouring commercial properties and providing sufficient enclosed shelters for passenger comfort, given the exposed nature of the area.

Additional requests encompassed improved service to Abbotsford by extending peak times by an extra half hour to accommodate adults avoiding the school rush, and the suggestion of a more frequent yet smaller service to Brighton. The demand for transparent planning was consistent, with local businesses seeking clear plans to provide informed feedback.

This comprehensive feedback has been compiled and forwarded to both the Otago Regional Council (ORC) and Dunedin City Council (DCC). The community anticipates favorable results that prioritize safety, accessibility, and the overall well-being of the residents.

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Club members at a painting demonstration

Once a year we have a competition with different themes; this year's being a two-colour only painting. Members are given their colours and have to use their imagination to paint something using only these two colours, plus white. This makes us all think outside the box and we are looking forward to some very interesting art next month!

Each year we have an AFFORDABLE ART EXHIBITION at the Meridian Mall which has proved extremely popular. The public look forward to this exhibition that enables them to add to their art collection, and they enjoy spending time perusing hundreds of available paintings. This is a great opportunity to get your early Christmas presents, birthday gifts, or just something nice for around your home. The members work for months to ensure we have an excellent

display and we have been told it adds a lot of vibrancy around the Meridian. The variety of art on display is always amazing and we receive numerous comments each year as to the quality of our work.



Meridian Art Display



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