



Greater Green Island
Community Network

The Informer

September 2026

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GREEN ISLAND SIBERIAN BEARS FINISH UNBEATEN SEASON!



The Green Island Grizzlies Rugby Team- Siberian Bears Team celebrate a fantastic season. Photo: supplied.

The Green Island Grizzlies Year 3 rugby team, known as the Siberian Bears, have had an incredible season- and they have finished it unbeaten!

Earlier this year the team won their year group at the Taieri 7s, and they have now added another achievement to their season after taking out the Millers Flat 7s competition.

With the season now officially complete, the Siberian Bears can celebrate an impressive unbeaten record- something they have actually maintained for several seasons!

The team is made up of a fantastic group of young players from St Peter Chanel, Fairfield and Wakari schools.

Despite coming from three different schools, the kids have formed a close-knit group and developed great friendships along the way.

The team is proudly coached by Cameron Holmes and Hayden Kirk, who have supported the players throughout the season, helping them strengthen their skills, confidence and teamwork.

Congratulations to the Green Island Siberian Bears!

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Spring Is Looking Promising

The Dunedin property market continues to show positive signs, with the median sale price edging up again and sales activity lifting from June. Buyer activity is holding steady, while available stock has tightened – a positive sign as we head towards the traditionally busier spring market.

Here in Green Island, the longer-term picture is particularly encouraging. The 12-month rolling median sale price has climbed to \$575,000, up from \$555,000 at the beginning of the year. Homes are selling in a median of 35 days, which is seven days faster than across the Dunedin market. Recent sales also show there is activity across a range of price points, with homes selling from the \$500,000s through to higher-value properties above \$1 million.

With spring just around the corner, now is a great time to start thinking about your next move. Getting your Green Island property prepared early and being one of the first homes on the market could give you a valuable head start, putting you in front of buyers who have been waiting through winter.

Thinking about selling this spring? Don't wait for spring to arrive – get prepared now. If you're curious about what your Green Island property could be worth in today's market, I'd love to provide you with an up-to-date, no-obligation appraisal.

JULY STATS

GREATER GREEN ISLAND	
Rolling 12 month avg Price	Number of Sales
\$575,000	17

DUNEDIN	
Median Dwelling Price	Number of Sales
\$619,000	163

If you're thinking of selling, get in touch for a free appraisal. You never know, we may just have the buyer ready to "say YES to your address"!

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TOOTS' COLUMN

Greetings people, it's nice to be back again after my wee hiatus.

I was dealing with an incident a couple of weeks ago that got me thinking.

There are times in the morning when we are getting things ready for work/school etc. when we do things without giving them much thought.

What I am talking about it putting your phone on the roof of your car as you are getting organised. You have the intention to only leave it there for a second or two, while you sort things out, but It is all too easily forgotten about and then low and behold, you've driven off with the phone on the roof, the phone is slowly creeping its way down the back of car and then suddenly bouncing on the road, with you being oblivious to the fact.

Luckily, the phone was found (undamaged) and returned to the owner who was somewhat relieved.

The point is that we keep all our vital security on our phones these days, banking details, passwords and all those contact details that you've managed to accumulate over the years.

Our phones are so important to us. So, when you are in a rush in the morning and consider for a millisecond about putting your phone on the roof of your car, stop, don't do it, find an alternative place to put it. You'll thank me for it.

I have been getting quite a few visits at the station with people wanting to enquire about possible scam texts/emails. If you receive any of these and you think they are a bit dodgy, you can either come down to the station, and I can sort them out for you, or you can do the following: do not reply to the message. Delete the message and block the number. All phones are different these days, so a quick internet search will sort you out.

Right then, I've nearly approached my word limit, so here's your amazing fact for the month:

Venus is the only planet in the solar system that rotates in a clockwise direction. There's always one.

Stay safe people.



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UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER

2026

7th -11th Sept - Otago Polyfest Week
Breeze Arena at the Edgar Centre

15th Sept - Talking Cafe- 1-3pm at St Marks

18th- 25th Sept - Keep Dunedin Beautiful Week

until 14th Sept - Good in the Hood
Vote for Youth Action Group at Z

19th Sept - Brighton Backyard Ultra

FUTURE EVENTS:

1st Oct - Positive Ageing Expo

5th December - Green Island Market Day

Sunday 17th January 2027 - Brighton Gala Day

To include your event, please email: informer@greenergreenisland.nz

CAN TAB COLLECTION RAISES MONEY FOR KIDNEY KIDS

Did you know that something as small as a can tab can help make a big difference?

The Greater Green Island Community Network is proud to be a local collection point for aluminium can tabs as part of the "Hope in a Can" Lions Clubs of New Zealand Kan Tabs programme, which raises funds for Kidney Kids NZ.

The proceeds help Kidney Kids provide support, resources, family activities and camps for children living with kidney disease. Around 3,600 can tabs make one kilogram, so every tab collected adds up and helps make a difference.

As a community organisation, GGICN is making it easy for locals to get involved by providing a convenient place to drop off your can tabs. We will then pass these on to the Lions Club for recycling.

Simply remove the tab each time you open a drink can,

save your tabs in a container at home, and bring your collection to the Greater Green Island Community Network office at 4 Howden St.

Our local Green Island Lions Club prefers to collect whole aluminium cans where possible, and would love to hear from you if you are able to provide these.

For large can donations, please contact:

Green Island Lions Club Secretary Chris May:

022 027 7261 or email: sec.gilions@gmail.com

to arrange collection.

So, next time you crack open a can, save the tab!

Bring it along to GGICN or contact the Lions Club, and help turn small tabs into big hope for Kiwi children and their families.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.resene.co.nz/comn/whatsnew/kantabs.htm>

Resene Supports Kan Tabs – Hope in a Can.



GGICN Youth Worker Riley Horne adds his can tab to the collection tin.

BRIGHTON GALA DAY
2027
Sunday 17th January
Brighton Domain

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239 South Road

10.30am - 11.30am

Gold Coin Donation



For information and to register, contact:
manager.dunedin@brain-injury.org.nz

Brain Injury Otago phone: 03 471 6156

MAJOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT DUNEDIN RIDING FOR THE DISABLED



Dunedin Riding for the Disabled (DRDA) in Fairfield has had a busy and transformative winter. During term time, the dedicated team of eight horses, three coaching staff, a horse technician, and a wonderful army of volunteers support up to 40 riders each week. To keep this vital service running smoothly, the infrastructure requires regular upgrades.



During July, the horses took a well-deserved break while the focus shifted to essential site maintenance.

As a result, DRDA now has:

- Much drier arena access and underfoot conditions
- More efficient paddocking
- A resource shed closer to the office
- A dangerous derelict building removed
- A repurposed container on site for dry feed
- A new roof over expensive saddlery and equipment

The management team is incredibly grateful to local businesses who provided financial backing, machinery, and in-kind assistance to make this possible.

DRDA relies entirely on this community support.

For those looking to make a meaningful difference, opportunities include:

- Sponsoring a Horse: by helping to cover purchase or ongoing feeding and animal health costs.
- Volunteering Time: with the team of volunteers who help the riders and care for the horses
- Making a Donation



To get involved or learn more, visit the website at: www.rdadunedin.org.nz

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ULTRA**



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A Backyard Ultra is a test of endurance, determination and resilience.
6.75km loop, on the hour, every hour.
You have one hour to complete each loop.
Keep going for as long as you can.
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SATURDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ENTRY FEE
\$50

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QUESTIONS?
Contact Scott
027 4404 790

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to enter now!

AROHA KAIKORAI VALLEY PREDATOR TRAPPING EXPANDS

Aroha Kaikorai Valley (AKV) is a very active group, taking care of the community and the environment around the Kaikorai Stream.

They began as a small group based on Kaikorai Valley Road, but over the years have expanded across the Kaikorai catchment.

Last year AKV won the Community Pride award at the Keep Dunedin Beautiful awards ceremony because of their efforts to improve the health of the stream.



Jodi and Shams Khan learn the techniques of trapping with trustee Paul Southworth.

They've installed predator traps in back yards, removed rubbish from nature reserves, run practical sessions on measuring water quality, and participated in bird counts.

Now they're growing outwards to include Green Island, Concord and Abbotsford. If you'd like to come on board, there are a number of ways to be involved.

They hold monthly meetings on every second Thursday of every month from 5.30 - 6.30pm, where they invite an interesting guest speaker to come along and teach them something new.



Trustee Barb Long installs a possum trap.

They would also love to help reduce the number of rats and possums in the Greater Green Island area, including in your back yard.

New trapper Jodi Lloyd sets a rat trap.
Photos supplied by AKV.




Field worker Phil Hardman maintains a trap in a public reserve.

Contact connect@akv.nz if you'd like to host a trap or be involved with the group. See their website akv.nz for more information.

KEEP DUNEDIN BEAUTIFUL WEEK

Keep Dunedin Beautiful Week 18th-25th September is a great opportunity for everyone to get out and tidy up their own small corner of Aotearoa.

The annual event encourages community groups, schools and individuals to come together and make a positive difference in their local area.

In partnership with Dunedin City Council and Waste Management, Keep Dunedin Beautiful supports local groups with clean-up gear, including reusable gloves, collection sacks, rubbish grabbers and hi-vis vests.

They can also help groups choose a suitable location, organise logistics and rubbish removal, and work out health and safety plans.

Why not get together with a group of neighbours, friends or family and choose a street, reserve or area in your community that could use some attention? A few people, a couple of hours and a little community spirit can make a big difference!

Check out the info on DCC website:
<https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/community-support/keep-dunedin-beautiful>

Follow Keep Dunedin Beautiful on Facebook and Instagram.



The Greater Green Island Youth Action Group will be organising another community clean-up, following their successful Brighton Beach rubbish haul during Keep Dunedin Beautiful Week in 2025. Photo: Brianna Le.

GOOD IN THE HOOD

Use your Good in the Hood token at Z Petrol Station to vote for our Youth Action Group!

Your vote helps young people in our community build confidence, develop leadership skills and gain valuable experience while creating activities, events and projects they actually want to be part of.

Help YAG turn great ideas into action!



YOUR VOTE MATTERS:

ENROL FOR THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Your voice matters, and one of the most important ways to have your say is by voting.

With the 2026 NZ General Election coming up on November 7th, it's important to make sure you're enrolled to vote.

This year there has been a change in legislation that means you can no longer enrol at the same time you vote.

This means you need to enrol by the 25th of October to ensure you can vote in this year's general election.

It's easy to enrol, check, or update your enrolment details. You can do this online at vote.nz using your NZ passport, NZ driver licence or verified RealMe ID. If you don't have one of these forms of ID, you can still enrol by completing an enrolment form online and having it sent to you to sign and return, or by downloading a blank enrolment form or having one posted to you.

We can help too! We have paper enrolment forms available at our office at 4 Howden Street, Green Island, if you would prefer to enrol using a paper form or need some extra information.

Everyone 18 or older needs to enrol to vote. If you're 17 you can fill out an enrolment now and you'll automatically be enrolled on your birthday. If you turn 18 on or before election day you can vote in this year's election!

While you must enrol by Sunday 25 October, if you enrol by Sunday 4 October, you'll also receive an EasyVote card making voting faster and easier. If you provide your email address your EasyVote card can be sent to you by email.

There are also plenty of paid job opportunities around Election Day, making it a great chance for young people to get involved, gain work experience and play a part in the democratic process. Find out more about election jobs at: <https://work.elections.nz/home>

Make sure you're enrolled and ready to have your say. Your vote is your voice, use it!



OASIS CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

TUESDAYS 3-4.30PM
during term time

St Mark's Church, one third & Howden Streets, Green Island

Attendance is FREE

Craft, Games, Baking, Storytelling & Fun for all primary school age children

For more information
Ph: Catherine 021 1433474 or Jan 017 3515171
or just turn up on the day and bring a completed form.



GREEN ISLAND ART GROUP

1978 - 2026

It is hard to believe that our group has now been together for 48 years, and even more remarkable that we still have two of our founding members with us.



The Green Island Art Group continues to thrive and remains an exceptionally popular group for anyone who enjoys painting, friendship and creativity.

Each year it just seems to go from strength to strength.

Now well into 2026, we continue to enjoy our weekly get-togethers, catching up with friends while doing what we love most- painting, chatting and sharing ideas.

In July, one of our newer members, Janet Pribble, tutored the group in values and shading.

Her enthusiasm and expertise made for a thoroughly enjoyable day, and many of us stepped outside our comfort zones to try watercolours for the very first time.



Pictured above: Janet Pribble shares her knowledge with the Green Island Art Group. Photo: supplied.

We are now looking forward to our Annual Group Competition in September. Members are already working on this year's themed entries, and it is exciting to see everyone continuing to develop their skills, challenge themselves and explore new techniques.

Another highlight of our year is our Annual Affordable Art Exhibition, which will once again be held at Meridian Mall from 15-18 October (Thursday to Sunday).

This exhibition has grown significantly over the years and has become a popular event for both artists and the public, offering a wonderful opportunity for people throughout Otago to purchase affordable artwork while supporting local artists.

Pictured below: The Green Island Art Group tries out new techniques, tutored by Janet Pribble. Photo: supplied.



Talking Café



What is AI, and what do I need to know about it?

Tuesday, 15th September
1pm - 3pm

Venue:

St Mark's Church lounge
Shand Street, Green Island

For further information:

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P 03 479 5054
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Green Island Art Group



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OCTOBER
Thursday 15th to
Sunday 18th

**AT THE MERIDIAN
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Any queries, call Bev on 021 1754646

Positive Ageing EXPO 2026

TOGETHER ACROSS TIME

Join us for an interactive day bringing generations together

Thursday 1 October 2026, 10am - 2pm

19 Main South Road, Concord
Dunedin City Baptist Church (DCBC)

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The Greater Green Island Community Network is a registered charity committed to building a strong community that works together to develop its own solutions - to develop a community where neighbourhoods are once again full of people we know as OUR neighbours.

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