

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### December 2017

- Green Island
   Christmas Market
   Day, 2nd Dec
- Food Bank Drive, 4th Dec
- International Volunteers Day, 5th Dec
- Friends of Fairfield School Christmas Night Market, 7th Dec
- RDA's Christmas Show, 9th Dec
- Fairfield Hall Christmas Market, 10th Dec
- Last Knit and Natter for this year, 13th Dec
- Festival of Lessons and Carols, 17th Dec
- Free Christmas Family Event, 18th Dec
- Christmas on the Domain, 21st Dec

#### January 2018

- Registration for the GGI Rhythymic Gymnastics Club, 27th Jan
- Brighton Gala Day, 28th Jan

## Greater Green Island Informer December 2017—January 2018

## **Talented Youth In Local Art Classes**





Left above: Mila, Javara and Oliver enjoy afternoon tea before beginning their work. Right top: Izzy signs her beautiful beach painting. Right bottom: Olivia and Izzy.

The Green Island Art Gallery at 194a Main South road is a stunning gallery with local artists' work on display and for sale. What people don't necessarily know is that the gallery is also a teaching studio for children and youth of all ages. Genny Hanning is the Gallery Director and together with her son, Justin, they offer young people from around Dunedin the opportunity to explore their creativity and extend their artistic skills. Each Wednesday afternoon Jenny and Justin run an art group which begins with an afternoon tea at 3.30pm. The price of the classes is \$20 each week but this includes the afternoon tea, paints and brushes. Oliver who is a fantastic cartoonist said "I like coming for the food, the drawing and the talking". If you are interested in the classes please text Genny on 027 2000510 or pop into the gallery to have a look. While you are in there check out the great local talent and gifts.

## **Greater GREEN Island**

The Greater Green Island Community Network is currently working on a social enterprise idea to sell environmentallyfriendly products. Items would be sold locally with all profits being used in the community. This would help us raise funds so we can continue with the work we're doing as well as helping the local environment. Any feedback is welcome on 4700814 or email leanness@psotago.org.nz.

The GGICN is kindly supported by the following organisations:

Abbotsford, Brighton, Burnside, Concord, Fairfield, Green Island, Waldronville, Ocean View and Westwood







FamilyWorks

## **Crackerjax Early Learning Centre Activities**

Over the past few weeks, the children at Crackerjax have been involved in a variety of activities, ranging from planting and maintaining the vegetable garden. In the lead up to Christmas, the children have also been busy making Christmas crafts, decorations and practising their songs in readiness for the end of year Christmas party.

Through these types of activities the children are experiencing an environment where connecting links with the family and wider world are affirmed and extended.



# Your Community Garden

The Community Gardeners attended the November Fairfield Markets to sell Tomatoes, beans, corn and courgette seedlings. All proceeds from the sales went into buying supplies for the garden.

- "There are so many things you can do with courgette plant they are a very cost effective vegetable and easy to grow".
- Marion and Jules are happy to answer any questions about gardening, they enjoy sharing tips.



#### The Green Island Community Garden is open to all interested community members.

Marion Thomas is a dedicated committee member who will be at the garden every **Tuesday**, **12pm to 2pm and most Saturdays**, **10am-12pm**—updates will be posted on the Green Island Community Garden Facebook page.

The garden is at the end of Shand street, behind St Peter Chanel School and Memorial Gardens.

## Greater Green Island Rhythmic Gymnastics Club Inc.

Registration Day Saturday 27th January 2018, 1-3pm at the Caledonian Gym, Andersons Bay Road, South Dunedin. All new members welcome.

For further information contact Email: ggigymclub@gmail.com or visit our website: www.ggirhythmic.co.nz



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### **Keeping It Real With Fred**

Be patient this "Stressmas." Plan ahead and don't indulge too much. Merry Christmas, everyone.

Fred Jansen, Senior Community Constable.

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Greenland's Café and Restaurant are holding a weekly **Pool Competition** on Mondays at 6.30pm.

\$5 Entry with 20% of the entry fee donated to a local charity.

# Fairfield Hall Craft Market 10th December

10am - 1pm Fairfield Community Hall (10 Fairplay St, Fairfield)

Fiona: 027 715 0522 childrenmarket@outlook.co.nz

### **Paint Donated For Playground**



A big thanks to Peter McKinlay for the donation of Valspar paint for the Edward Street Playground. The paint will be used by an Abbotsford artist to create a castle out of a bare concrete wall at the back of the playground. Your kindness is very much appreciated by all the local youth and families.



## **Start Planning Now For**

Turn your Greater Green Island Street into a Neighbourhood in March 2018. Why not host a street event, start a street Facebook page, share contact details, share garden tools and produce or just have a cup of tea with your next door neighbour. Resources including invites, posters and contact sheets are available on the website: www.neighboursday.org.nz.



2. Follow up with

Regularly chat about your ideas,

make a plan and delegate tasks.

keep in touch in the weeks

leading up to Neighbours Day

Gather contact details so you can

neighbours

weekend.

#### Neighbours Day Aotearoa - a weekend to kickstart turning your street into a neighbourhood

Neighbours Day is an annual celebration of neighbourliness that happens all over New Zealand over the last weekend of March.

Neighbours Day encourages all people to get to know their neighbours or spend time with them to build connections that last all year round.

Neighbours Day was launched in 2009 by Lifewise in Auckland and went nationwide in 2011.

Neighbours Day is steered by five neighbourhood-passionate organisations : Lifewise, Mental Health Foundation of NZ, Neighbourhood Support NZ, Inspiring Communities and Public Libraries of NZ.

Neighbours Day provides the opportunity, inspiration and support to make it easy for you to connect with your neighbours.

Local neighbourhoods and organisations get creative and make Neighbours Day their own.

Want to know more and get involved? Visit www.neighboursday.org.nz

#### Your poadmap to neighbourliness Five steps to help you connect with your neighbours this year!

#### 1. Start simple

If you know your neighbours, ask for their ideas and assistance with organising your activity. If you don't, introduce yourself or do a flyer drop with your contact details asking for help. Keep your activities simple and easy, saying hello over the fence is just as important as hosting a get together. Most importantly, have fun!

> 3. Organise invitations Download an invitation template in our Resources section of the website or make your own. Drop them into letterboxes at least two weeks before or go door-to-door to invite them in person. Go with a buddy to be safe.

#### 4. Remind everyone again Keep your neighbours involved and take up offers of help. A few

offers of help. A few days before the event, drop a reminder in letter boxes or make a sign like this one!

**5.** Be a great host and plan to stay in touch Arrive early to set up and welcome people, look out for those people that don't know anyone and introduce them to neighbours you know. Collect neighbours contact details (if they are happy to share them) so you can keep in contact year round.

Turn your street into a neighbourhood! Keep in touch and build momentum for neighbourly activities all year round

## **Playground Funding Still Building**

A function was held on November 1, with all the wonderful sponsors in the Commercial Tavern Hunting and Fishing Competition. The money gained from the event was donated to the Greater Green Island Community Playground—a total of \$1,150. Also received was a large cheque from Bendigo Trust for \$20,000. Thank you also to the Flex Fitness Gym for their donation of \$250. All contributions are helping us achieve the goal of the Greater Green Island playground being installed in March-April, 2018. Photo: Richard Michael from the Commercial, hands Steve Hayward (GGICN Chairperson) the cheques.



### **Newsletter Delivery**

The Greater Green Island Informer has become increasingly popular and community members have been asking if it will be delivered to their homes. Unfortunately we do not have enough funding to print copies to deliver to the nine communities in the area every month. Instead we deliver to one community each month. Alternatively, you can pick up your own copy at the majority of the shops in all of the communities. Another way to read the newsletter is to read it on our website or sign up for it to be delivered to your email address in a PDF format. If you would like view or sign up please see the link on our website

www.greatergreenisland.nz

## Anzac Project - Help Needed

A community member is doing an Anzac Project. For the project a large map (approx. 1940) of the Greater Green Island area is required. Does anyone have one or know where he could get one? If so please contact Graeme Middlemiss on Cell 0220901405 or email gmiddlemiss@actrix.co.nz.





Hi Ladies, looking for a fun group where you can make friends and have fun? Come check us out. The Abbotsford Women's Institute meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. We meet in Green Island. We are a fun group of ladies with many interests, including craft group in the winter months, coffee mornings, choir, outings, day trips and lunch out. Our meetings are more of a reason to get together. We have speakers, demonstrators and fun.

Abbotsford is part of Mid Otago Federation, and NZ Federation of Women's Institute. Web site <u>www.wi.org.nz.</u> We are on facebook. " Abbotsford Women's Institute".

I am sure we have something to interest most ladies, any age
 young to old and in between. So give us a go, come along see
 if it's for you before joining. All ages always welcome.

Any inquires or questions please phone Jo 4879045, email joanne\_kilgour@yahoo.com.

### Serving Hands Osteopathy Advice



Are you a swimmer? Are you thinking about swimming but are unable to? Some of the benefits of swimming are so compelling. A new study of over 80,000 people done in England has highlighted the health benefits of swimming. Some of the important benefits include:

- Swimming is low impact but high reward.
- Swimming is good for people of any age (3+ months, 18+ years, 65+ years) for their health and well being.
- Swimming is uniquely placed to support people throughout their entire life.
- Swimming lowers the risk of early death by 28 per cent.
- Swimming lessons help children to develop skills quicker.

Swimming and aquatic activity is not only safe, but also cost effective. When your Physio or Osteopath tells you about swimming; they want you to get better!!! Kesh Sampath.

> Serving Hands Osteopathy Green Island Wellness Centre 2 Jenkins Street. Email: kesava.sampath@gmail.com Phone: 03 488 3388

## Our Local Good Sort



Our local good sort this month is Dominic who shaved his head to raise money for cancer research and treatments. Dominic lost his Grandfather to cancer and decided to take some action to help other families. Dominic said he "did it for Grandad". Well done.

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Friends of Fairfield School

# CHRISTMAS Night Market

Fairfield School Hall Thursday 7th December, 7pm - 9pm Tickets \$5 from School Office

Door Sales. EFTPOS Available.

Raffles and spot prizes on the night. A variety of exciting stalls including Jewellery, Coffee, Candles, Flowers, Beauty Therapy, Pottery, Oamaru Stone, Christmas Decorations, Clothing, Preserves, Refreshments

Come along and do some Christmas shopping!!





Knit and natter, craft and crochet?

### Or perhaps want to learn?

A group of like minded people meet at **Greenlands Cafe and Restaurant**, (old Arthur Daley's), Main South Road, Green Island, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

1-3pm

Contact Pip on 0274892558

Last day for 2017 is December 13th, First Day for 2018 is January 24th

## DECEMBER 5TH IS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY **Thank you GGICH Volunteers!** (YOU ARE APPRECIATED)



Sasha helps us immensely with the editing of the Greater Green Island Informer Newsletter.



Kama delivers the newsletter to the Green Island and Concord businesses each month. Kama is sometimes accompanied by her mother who we call "Mrs Claus" due to her dress ups.

#### We would also like to thank:

- Disa for her time and skills with the website .
- Brian, Lesley, Graham and Jeremy for their help each month delivering the newsletters and for help to top up Lilliput libraries.
- Lily-Grace and Sarah-Lee for help with posters and sorting Lilliput library books.

So many community members have volunteered time and skills this year to help with fundraising and events.

THANK YOU ALL! There are too many of you to name! You are all great community contributors.





Brent and Gail volunteer weekly for the Greater Green Island Food Distribution which helps families with food.



Below is a picture of fabulous people who volunteer at the Green Island Shed, Green Island Leos and the Greater Green Island Community Garden. All of these wonderful people continually give to various projects and events within GGI. THANK YOU ALL!



# CHRISTMAS ON THE DOMAIN



### 21 DECEMBER 2017 | FROM 5.30PM Brighton Domain, Dunedin

No alcohol or glass bottles are permitted on the domain

Christmas on the Domain is a local, community event which offers the opportunity to get together for some laid-back, kiwi Christmas fun! Bring along your picnic tea, grab some hot food, coffee or ice-cream, meet new people, listen to and sing along with some amazing local entertainers but most importantly hang out and have some fun!!! It's a great chance to catch up with and meet people within our gorgeous seaside community and surrounding areas. By Justine Weatherall.



### **BRIGHTON GALA DAY**

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### Sunday 28th January, 2018

10 am - 5 pm Brighton Domain - Brighton Road - Brighton

FREE ADMISSION to members of the public Fun day for the whole family Amusement rides - entertainment - food - crafts - 150+ stalls





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# Christmas Celebration

AT GREENLAND'S CAFE AND RESTAURANT 215 MAIN SOUTH ROAD GREEN ISLAND DECEMBER 13TH 2017 5.30PM NIBBLES PROVIDED

HOSTED BY THE



THE GREATER GREEN ISLAND

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

MAIN SOUTH ROAD G.ISLAND

Brought to you by the Anglican

Churches of Greater Green Island

Catholic and Presbyterian

17 DECEMBER AT 7PM ¥ ST MARGARETS CHURCH,



All GGI Businesses and Organisations Welcome

RSVP to leannes@psotago.org.nz or phone 4700814 by Dec 5th