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STUDENTS SHINE ON NEW COMMUNITY STAGE



Six years of hard work and fundraising came to fruition on the last Friday of Term One when the Stage and BBQ at Green Island Memorial Park was opened.

The rainy day was no deterrent to the students of Green Island School and St Peter Chanel School who each provided incredible opening kapa haka and waiata performances to the strong crowd that gathered. The ribbon was cut by RSA president Kevin Weir and Green Island Primary School student, Olivia. Greater Green Island Chairman Steven Hayward and former Community Constable Fred Jansen spoke on the journey of getting the project completed and the delight in seeing its completion. Funders and Business Partners of the project were formally acknowledged by Mr Hayward before attendees enjoyed an afternoon of fun.

Green Island Lions cooked and served hundreds of sausages generously donated by Moyle's Fresh Choice. Harcourts Dunedin ran an assortment of lawn games with children enjoying rounds of corn hole, giant jenga and scavenger hunts while they excitedly waited for their turn with Pīata Face Painting.

The Stage and BBQ project was the second stage of the community led Green Island Memorial Park developments. The first stage, the under 6-year old playground, designed

by the kids of Greater Green Island, opened November 2018.

This project was only possible because of the generous financial support of the community and also the following organisations:

NZ Lotteries; Greater Green Island Business Association; Green Island Town and Country Club; AAW Jones Trust; Harcourts Foundation; Chan's Cards; St Johns Youth

The organisations who have provided in-kind support include: DCC Parks and Recreation; Stewart Construction; Logic Group; Archi Design; Stevenson Tua'i Architectural Consultants; RSA; Green Island Lions







GREEN ISLAND AUTOS PASS ON THE KEYS

After 23 years of dedicated service to the Greater Green Island community, Wayne and Jan Tall - the proud owners of Green Island Autos - have decided to put down the tools. With a bittersweet mix of nostalgia and excitement for what is next, they bid farewell to the bustling garage they've called home for over two decades.

For Wayne, he always knew what he was going to do, with a passion for fixing cars and motorbikes fuelling journey ever since. "I always go since I was 16," he Tall. reminisces, reflecting on the fulfilling years spent serving loyal customers. With no regrets, Wayne cherishes the memories of honest hard work and genuine connections forged within the

community. Jan, equally devoted to the business and its patrons, fondly recalls the joy of interacting with customers and being an integral part of the community fabric. Together, Wayne and

Jan have cultivated a reputation for not only excellent

craftsmanship but also unwavering integrity.

While the Talls bid farewell to the daily operations, they aren't entirely stepping away from their beloved trade.



knew I wanted to make things Above: Julia and Mark Connor are taking over the reigns from Wayne and Jan

Wayne intends to only pick up the tools for his own vehicles and they look forward to a well-deserved Overseas Experience.

Stepping into the shoes of the esteemed founders are Mark and Julia Connor, a couple deeply rooted in the Green Island Autos legacy. Mark, the first apprentice under Wayne's tutelage back in 2003, recalls the surreal feeling of returning to the garage where his automotive journey began. Welcomed by a breathtaking sunrise on his first day as the new owner, embraced Mark the with responsibility

characteristic humility and determination.

For Mark and Julia, the acquisition marks the culmination of years of hard work and dedication. With their two children now at an age where they can actively contribute, the Connors eagerly look forward to continuing the tradition of excellent service and community engagement.

As Green Island Autos undergoes this transition, the spirit of dedication and integrity instilled by Wayne and Jan Tall will undoubtedly live on, ensuring that the automotive needs of the Greater Green Island community remains in good hands for years to come.

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COMMUNITY KÖRERO- GILL MARSHALL

This month's korero is a community call-to-arms, courtesy of IHC Volunteer Coordinator Gill Marshall

It is IHC's 75th anniversary year of supporting people with intellectual disabilities to live their best lives, whether that is at home, in residential care or out and about in their communities. The One to One Friendship Programme is donation-funded and its aim is to match a volunteer with an adult (over 17) with an intellectual disability, based on their shared interests, to develop a genuine friendship and to support them out and about in their community. The Programme has been running in Dunedin since 2018 and recently there has been an increase in the number of referrals for friends and we are actively seeking committed volunteers. No experience is necessary, as training and support is given. Just a caring heart and time to commit.

IHC's Volunteer Friendship Programme matches a person who has an intellectual disability with a volunteer friend, and they both choose how to spend their time together by doing the things they enjoy.

Volunteer Coordinator, Gill Marshall is on the lookout for new volunteers in the Dunedin area. "Having a great social life is important for us all – to be able to get out and about doing things with friends," says Gill. "Sometimes people with an intellectual disability need support with this, and we've found through this Programme that connecting with others socially has huge health benefits."

IHC is committed to providing ongoing training for its volunteers, for example attending first aid courses or learning sign language. All volunteers have access to IHC on-line learning materials too.

Gill says it's about recognising our volunteers and having fun as well. "Volunteer recognition is key and it's important to us to acknowledge the time and effort people put in."

"Throughout the year we host a range of events to celebrate

"Ciarra and I are friends now – it really doesn't feel like I'm volunteering."

– Brianna, Ashburton





To find out more about volunteering for IHC call:

0800 442 442

or visit

Ihc.org.nz/volunteer

To register your interest and a volunteer coordinator in your area will get back to you.

these wonderful friendships."

This year will see new events and new friendships being formed. Although there is an initial time commitment for volunteers to cover recruitment and training, this investment leads to successful friendship matches based on shared interests.

"Volunteers benefit by knowing that they enrich the life and wellbeing of a person with an intellectual disability and will also gain a new friend in the process."

Are you keen to make a positive change in someone's life and gain a new friend in the process?

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ANOTHER BUMPER SEASON FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN MARRED BY THEFT

The Green Island Community Garden has been buzzing with activity this summer, as members of the community come together to tend to the garden and enjoy its fruitful harvests.

Gardening maestro Marion Thomas noted "It was great to have Green Island School students down here a few

weeks ago harvesting apples with us, that they then took to camp." This hands-on experience connecting youth with the food they eat embodies the Community Garden's ethos

of sharing and community support.



A recent working bee proved to be incredibly productive, yielding an impressive 150kg of potatoes. The 60kg surplus was generously shared with members of the community.



This excitement was overshadowed at the end of April when someone helped themselves to pumpkins, rhubarb, parsnips, carrots, courgettes, and leeks. Not only stealing the vegetables, but destroying remaining crops and leaving a mess. This especially saddened Thomas "We have a very basic concept, help and harvest, but if someone was

really desperate they can just come and talk to us and we would do them up a box, we donate to several charities."

The community garden, always welcoming new helpers, invites interested individuals to join the 8-12 volunteers on Saturdays from 10am to 12pm and Tuesdays from 12pm to 2pm. Experience ranges from seasoned professional to those holding a trowel for the first time. Whether you can spare an hour or the entire session, you will share in that day's harvest and the camaraderie of the gardeners.

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YOUR MONTHLY Harcourts **MARKET REVIEW**

How much difference does another month make? When it comes to median value the answer is very little. For the second month in a row the median value stayed stable at \$595,000. This is now 12 months in a row of similar median values. Median days to sell improved from last month to 30 days, and there was a noticeable increase in the number of properties sold with 154 in March versus 134 in February.

What has changed significantly however is the large number of properties for sale. At the time of writing this report there are currently 749 properties for sale in Dunedin. This is consistent with the national trend, and the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand reports a 23.9% increase in listings compared to March. So it's fair to say that buyers are spoiled for choice. It wouldn't be surprising to see that have a negative impact on sales prices, however the positive here is that the median values are staying stable.

Predictions for interest rate cuts next year will help further stabilise current prices, and 2024 will be seen by many first home buyers as their best opportunity to buy into the market.

Investors continue to largely sit on the sidelines, but with impending changes to tax deductibility and tenancy laws, we feel it's only a matter of time before they start to re-enter the market and buy. Mortgage brokers report high interest in fixing a mortgagee for 12 months, in the belief that the rates will have improved slightly when it comes time to re-fix.

Moving, upgrading or downgrading, continue to be the other active part of the market as home owners take the opportunity to make a change while they can enjoy a wider range of options to consider.

GREATER GREEN ISLAND MARCH

STATS 2024

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SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD -EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Last month, Brighton Surf Club played host to a training meeting involving a variety of groups from our area and beyond. Led by Paula Cathie, the Emergency Management Team Leader from Otago Civil Defence and Emergency Management, members of the Saddle Hill Community Board, Southern Coastal Response Group, Brighton Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Greater Green Island Community Network embarked on a table top training exercise.



For those in attendance not only did they meet new people and make connections, but it was an evening of learning vital skills and keeping minds fresh around emergency management for when emergencies in our area happen.

Ka pai for all the mahi, and ensuring that we as a community will be well looked after when disaster strikes.

FAIRFIELD GROUP FITNESS

Even though our Step and Pump lasses are full for Term 2, there are spaces available in Saturday morning Combo Classes.

Combo is a combination of both Step and Pump! It's a fun choreographed class for improving your cardiovascular fitness, muscle and bone strength. It's an effective, professional, 45 min class, which is perfect for looking after yourself before heading off to



your other Saturday commitments. All ages and stages welcome!

TERM TWO DETAILS 8.30am-9.15am Saturday (beginning May 4th) \$76.50 (9 classes) Fairfield School Hall

For further info or to sign up, send a message to us through Facebook. Go for it!

>> SIGN UP FOR TERM 2!

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD: PAMPERED PAWS PET SERVICES



Having freshly opened her first-ever pet grooming store Pampered Paws Pet Services at 189A Main South Road in Green Island, Charlotte Couch is a born and bred animal lover, raised on a Highcliff farm on the Otago Peninsula.

She became a qualified vet

nurse almost 20 years ago and worked in small animal vet

clinics both here in Dunedin and in Melbourne, Australia. A hiatus from the industry saw her walk a different path; however, the flame never dimmed and was the key driver for her motivation to branch out and kick-start a new career in an area she's always been passionate about – you guessed it, pet grooming. "It is something I

have always had an interest in, so, with the support of my partner Audry and some mates, I took the leap of faith; I went and studied the intricacies of pet



grooming over in Queensland, Australia, in 2020," she said. "It's just taken off from there."

"I am so glad I did; it is so rewarding, and I just love meeting so many people from different walks of life, along

with their precious fur babies." If you want

your pet pampered, pop into the shop for yarn, so be sure to pop into the freshly-lit shop and say hi and give her pooch Loki a pat while you're at it – he's firmly fixed on coming to work each day, and who could blame him?



GREEN ISLAND ART GROUP

Charlotte Couch CertVN, DipDG

Tuesdays at Janet Cameron Hall is always a hive of creativity. The Green Island Art Group has been meeting there since 1978.



The Art Group are always keen to welcome new members into their friendly and arty group. "If you have an interest in art, or have previously painted, or never ever painted,

this is a great opportunity for you to meet new people and learn new skills." notes group member Bev Brenssell.

The group bring in tutors several times a year and members also give tutorials on their particular expertise. These opportunities are a great time to find all the hidden talents you didn't know you had! The Art Group goes beyond just art - they are a social group who watch out for each other.

Green Island Art Group meet every Tuesday from 9.30am to noon at the Cameron Hall, Green Island.

Not sure if it's for you? Why not come along and have a look any Tuesday and see what we do. Call Bev on (Cell) 021 1754646 or (Home) 488 1828





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TAMARIKI PAGE

DANIEL THE SPANIEL TEACHES DOG **SAFETY**

Recently, Dunedin City Council Animal Control officers visited Fairfield School, with special 'paw pal' Daniel the Spaniel.

The visit was part of a school dog safety progamme to teach our tamariki dog safety skills, including how to approach a dog, and what to do if attacked.

Donned in his best hi-vis. Daniel had his tail wagging as he showed his good boy skills for the children of Fairfield, and is looking forward to visiting 18 other Ōtepoti schools this year to help teach Fairfield School students getting our tamariki about dog safety.



hands on with Daniel

Find out more about dog safety education and being a good canine citizen at https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/ services/dogs/dog-safety-education (you'd be barking mad to miss out!)

KIDS BRAVE THE RAIN FOR WOODEN **EASTER EGGS**

The rain did little to deter Greater Green Island tamariki on Good Friday. 120 Easter Eggs were hidden around 12 parks and kids came out in force to find one to take home.

Homes were quiet for a little moment while children concentrated on decorating their treasure. There were six patterns to find, having been designed and made by a local 12 year old.

This event was only possible because of the help of community volunteers, nine locals acting as the Easter Bunny, hiding the eggs in parks near to them.



MAIA'S MUSINGS

This month, our newly-minted Fairfield 11 year-old correspondent Maia Hayden talks to us about National Pet Month.

May is National Pet Month, and as a pet lover, I can't wait to get involved! Even though it only goes for a month, it's still really important to love and care for your pets all year around.

There are lots of ways you can help celebrate.If you can spare some money, maybe you could donate to your local animal shelter or the SPCA. Or, even do what I have done, and offer to help walk and exercise your neighbours' pets if they have dogs, there are so many cool places to take



them in the Greater Green Island area. I really loved taking my dog Zakumi to Blackhead Beach.

If you're lucky enough to already have your own fluffy (or not so fluffy) friend at home, pamper them by maybe taking them to the groomers, or spoil them with their favourite animal treats.

You could even buy a new

pet! It is a good idea to get on from the SPCA, as a lot of the animals there have been treated badly, and that means that you're giving a scared animal a new, loving home.

So follow these tips, and show your pets that you really love them this May.





- · Learn new skills in wood working and tool handling
- Work on personal and community projects
- Make friends and new connections
- Mondays and Fridays 10am to 12pm
- Saturdáys 10am 1pm
- End of Shand Street, behind St Peter Chanel School

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Alana has served the community since October 2021, and has been involved in many projects and events in the Greater Green Island area. Some aspects of her work include but not limited to are the likes of the Wheako Project, community beautification, emergency preparedness, community events, community advocacy to the DCC.

Alana is relocating to the North Island. We wish her well in her new venture.

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