

12 Days of Christmas Community Treasure Hunt

Christmas is just around the corner and the Greater Green Island Community Network are ready! The team have created '12 Days of Christmas — A Massive Community Treasure Hunt' that spans the width of the Greater Green Island Community.

Giant letters will be hidden in 12 locations around Greater Green Island. From Friday 10th December, a clue will be revealed each day to lead people to a new location, with different letters.

When unscrambled, the letters will create a secret Christmas phrase.

Community Worker Ben McKenzie said the communities' part was easy. "All you need to do is solve the clue, head to the location and find the hidden letters."

"We have prizes for all ages to encourage families and friend groups to get out hunting," Mr McKenzie said.

Get your camera out for a chance to win. There is a prize for everyone who collects photos of every letter and for the first person to send in a photo of the letters at the most recently revealed location. Spot prizes will be given out to people who guess the Christmas phrase correctly.

And there's no stress if you are unable get out on the day the clues are revealed. Mr McKenzie said that letters were going to stay out on location over the Christmas period to give people



an opportunity to explore Greater Green Island and complete the treasure hunt as a holiday activity.

Clues will be revealed between 10th and 21st December on the GGICN Facebook page, @ggicn12days on Instagram and <https://greenergreenisland.nz/projects/list/19>




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Plumbers, gas fitters and drainlayers.

The Greater Green Island Community Network is kindly supported by the following organisations:



Business and Trades – Supporting Local



Next Meeting: 7th Dec

Where: 5.30pm at Greenlands

No need to RSVP, just come along if you are interested.

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Play Hair



Meet Kelly from Green Island's Playhair, a hairdresser with 27 years experience in haircuts. Kelly also specialises in children's hair cuts—adding an entertainment value to the experience.

“My business is unique because I cater to children's haircutting needs. They can sit in a car to have their haircut and watch their favourite shows. I also do adults hair and provide all hairdresser services,” Kelly said.

The salon, which is located on Main South Rd, is certainly unlike any other, with toys and a big screen tv to help remove any angst or nerves from apprehensive children.

And as a local parent to four children, Kelly understands the importance of catering to all ages.

“I have lived in the Green Island area for 16 years and love the community feel. I have 4 children 3 of them have gone to school in Green Island and Abbotsford. I love the fact that as they were growing up they were always safe because there was always someone keeping an eye out. I also love and appreciate the fact the businesses in Green Island all care and support each other,” she said.

Kelly has owned Playhair for two years, and also brings her expertise to cutting adults hair.

“I love making people feel great, it is very rewarding.”

“The Green Island business area has a lot of potential to be a fantastic community shopping area. The people are friendly and welcoming to new businesses, which makes it a neat place run a business,” she said.

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New Community Noticeboard

Community connection is an important thread in the social fabric of an area, and a new noticeboard has been built to help increase knowledge and relationship.

Built by the Green Island Shed president, Bruce Comb with the help of other Shed members, the noticeboard is secured outside the Moyles Fresh Choice carpark.

“It feels good to see it up and in use. I love doing things like this. I’ve got a lot of thought for around here and enjoy helping out where I can,” Mr Comb said.

Fresh Choice owner John Moyle said the noticeboard would be well used.

“It’s excellent because we get asked regularly to place things but we don’t have the space,” Mr Moyle said.

Please see John Moyle for a noticeboard key, or contact Ben McKenzie on 027 376 2181.

A big thank you to the Green Island Shed team!

To contact the Green Island Shed, call Bruce on 027 624 470.



Shed president, Bruce Comb

New temperatures for garden



Community Garden managers Marion and Joe Thomas.

The temperature is heating up in the Green Island Community Garden tunnel house, thanks to a new cover over its frame.

The GGICN donated \$714 for the cover which will enable a sheltered and heated area for plants and propagation.

Garden manager Marion Thomas said the group is thrilled with the new addition, and thanked the GGICN for its donation.

“It’s absolutely amazing. It’s made a huge difference to the whole way we are working. It’s a huge asset,” she said.

And with the warmer temperatures in the tunnel house, watering has “upped the anti of work that’s involved”, she said.

Garden summer hours: Saturdays, 9-noon, Tuesdays, 11-2pm.

For more information, please call Marion on 021 263 1221.



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Racing for a cause

There was fireworks, racing, and a “massive” fundraising effort for the Gumboot Day Fund, at the Beachlands Speedway recently.

I AM HOPE ambassador, Scott Weatherall said he was thrilled with \$2000 raised at the event.

“It was so great for to share the I AM HOPE message with the amazing drivers, support crew and volunteers at Beachlands Speedway recently as well as give a give overview of our I AM HOPE message and what the Gumboot Day Fund is all about with the crowd. It was a great night.”

Beachlands committee member Gareth Kelk said the committee was “really behind giving back to the community”.

Beachlands planned to have regular fundraising for charities.



Keeping our playground tidy



Huge thanks to Envirowaste for its generosity and community-mindedness in lending a rubbish bin to the Green Island Playground.

Customer Services supervisor Nichola Prince said the Green Island based company liked to support community needs.

The rubbish bin has been a welcome addition to the popular area, and was being used regularly by picnic goers in the playground. Thank you Envirowaste!

Brighton Gala Day 2022

The signs are up around Greater Green Island, and organisation is kicking into full swing as the Brighton Gala Day prepares for its annual buzz.

Held on the 23rd of January, the day promises an event full of fun and positivity, after a year of many cancelled community and sporting events.

Organiser Colin Weatherall said he was expecting a crowd of 10,000 people over the day.”

Attendance-wise, my heart tells me we will be absolutely swamped. We have a whole lot of people keen to get out and about,” Mr Weatherall said.

The organisers have also seen a “surge” install inquiries.

Live music, laser games, fairground rides, stalls, food, pipe bands, police and vintage fire trucks are some of the features of the Gala Day - which is planned “responsibly with the covid pressures.

“We are expecting people to respect space and distances,” Mr Weatherall said, as well as creating an atmosphere where “people cut loose and have some fun”.

The not-for-profit event is supported by the Community Lottery, Bendigo Trust and Green Island Lions.



More canned food needed



It's a busy time of year for many people, especially Mosgiel Foodbank coordinator Michelle Kerr.

With covid and national level changes affecting how organisations operate, the Mosgiel Foodbank, along with other charities, could not operate their annual food collection drives. With the need for food only increasing, a little extra work was required.

The Mosgiel Foodbank volunteers stationed themselves at various locations throughout the Greater Green Island suburbs in late November, and residents donated food.

"I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed. It's been amazing," Ms Kerr said.

Impacted by mortgage rates and increasing rents, more working families were seeking help, she said.

"I think it's really tough out there."

The Foodbank had "oodles of dry food" but was in need of canned food. If you can donate, please call 0225462610.

Are you finding it hard to put food on the table each week?

Did you know about the Mosgiel Foodbank?

Located at 2 Wickliffe St, the Mosgiel Foodbank is available to those in need of groceries and other supplies.

Hours: Monday—Friday from 10—11.45am.

Please mosgielfoodbank@gmail.com or txt or phone. 0225462610, and the co-ordinator Michelle Kerr will get back to you as soon as is possible. If you have never been to the Mosgiel Foodbank before, proof of Id and address is required.

Neighbourhood Support

It has been another challenging year.

At Neighbourhood Support we have a phrase *Reach out, Look out, Help out* The Covid 19 pandemic has seen neighbours all over NZ do just that.

As we get closer to Christmas, some people may be going away, some may be having family visit and some, will be on their own. Do *Reach out, Look out & Help out* to these folk. It can be as simple as card in their mailbox, or asking them over for a cuppa, offering to help in some other way, a smile and a brief chat over the fence. These may seem like small actions for us, but they make a huge impact for those on their own

Plus, knowing your neighbours over this period can really pay dividends if you are heading away on holiday.

Police and their partner agencies such as Neighbourhood Support, Community Patrols and Campus Watch to name a few, will be on the lookout for any unusual activities in our communities, but they need your help and support.

In terms of crime prevention, looking after a neighbouring property cannot be underestimated. Mowing a lawn, parking your car in their driveway, clearing mail can give the impression not only that someone is home, but the address is being cared for. The effects of burglary on a family can be devastating and long lasting so we all need to take positive steps to prevent this from happening as best we can.

From all of us at Otago Neighbourhood Support, we wish you a happy and safe Christmas break, special times with family and friends and may you enjoy a well-earned rest.

Joy.

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The Greater Green Island Community Network wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!

Our Tamariki



Fairfield School students turfed away their regular school shoes in favour of gumboots, recently.

The school raised over \$550 for the 'I AM Hope' foundation on Gumboot Friday, last month. The proceeds from the multi-day will go to funding counsellors in New Zealand primary schools.

Principal Greg Lees said it was an important and worthwhile cause.



With so many things cancelled or postponed, Big Rock was determined that as many things as possible could be planned for the children to get Out and About. As such they have had camps at Berwick (Year 5-6), SCUBA diving, Survivor Camp, Stewart Island Camp (Year 7-8), Mystery Solving Races on bikes (Cluedo on Wheels) as well as Big Day Outs in town for the younger classes.



Do you have something you would like to share on the Tamariki Page?

We would love to hear from you.

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Garden Gossip

December is a great month for planting seedlings. It's also a time of year when the temperatures can soar and conditions can be dry. Be mindful of when you water plants, with early morning and evening being optimal times. Apply water on the soil around plants rather than watering with a sprinkler as less water will evaporate.

If the weather is windy and dry, it won't hurt to give more mature plants a hose down as dust blown can form a fine layer of dust which can minimise the photosynthesis process. Also, pests such as aphids and spider mites can be given a shove with a good hosing down.

If you are re-planting your vegetable patch, it's a good idea to rotate the planting layout. Always follow the crop with a crop of a different family to avoid disease.

Do you want a bee-friendly garden? The locals bees will love you! The following plants are a huge draw card for bees, even more so if there is an area of specific planting one metre in diameter. Flowers such as asters, sunflowers, zinnias, cosmos and dandelions are a major attraction as are basil, bee balm (monarda), catmint, lavender, lemon balm, mint, rosemary, sage and other salvias, as well as thyme.

Happy summer gardening!



From your friendly Community Constable, Fred Jansen



I would like to address the use of cell phones while driving. I have noticed an increase in people looking down as they drive. Distracted driving is one of a group of reasons for crashes. The question I would like people to ponder is this. Look around your home at your family now. How would you feel if one of them was crashed into because the other driver was distracted by their phone?

Modern cars are generally fitted with Bluetooth. If you don't have the time to pull over and answer the phone then the call is not worth taking. You could answer the call and put it on speaker before moving off again. It is a \$150 fine and incurs demerits. None of us can afford to work a day for nothing these days to pay fines.

Have a great family Xmas and keep safe,
Fred

Do you love being involved in the
community?

Do you enjoy walking?

The team at Greater Green Island Community are seeking more wonderful volunteers to help with the delivery of the Informer each month. Does this sound like you?

Please email Sasha at Informer@greenergreenisland.nz

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The Greater Green Island Community Network is a registered charitable organisation. To find out more about our projects in the community, please visit www.greenergreenisland.nz.

If you would like to support the work we do, a donation would be appreciated.

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Connecting our community through events,
website, newsletter & directory.

Supporting local clubs and groups.

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local needs.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Greater Green Island Community Treasure Hunt 10th - 21st December



Starting **10TH DECEMBER** GGICN will hide the letters of a secret festive phrase in 12 mystery locations around the Greater Green Island community.

For **12 DAYS** we will release a daily clue that will lead you to one of the mystery locations.

Your job: Solve the clue, head to the location
and find the hidden letters!

Follow the clues via: Greater Green Island Facebook page, QR code, Instagram or <https://greatergreenisland.nz/projects/list/19>



GGICN12DAYS

PRIZES: Take photos of all the letters or be the first person to send a photo of the letter at the most recently revealed location to receive an exclusive 12 days of Christmas token and other goodies.

Spot prizes for correct guesses of the secret phrase.

Send your photos through to:
12days@greatergreenisland.nz