



The Informer

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NEW COMMUNITY CONSTABLE FOR GREEN ISLAND

The role of the new Green Island community constable has been the talk of the town for weeks, as speculation mounted over who would fill the important community position. The community officially welcomes Senior Constable Mark Tuten to the role.

Within minutes of meeting Constable Tuten, it's easy to see how Greater Green Island has landed a great asset. Through the thick Scottish accent of Constable Tuten, his energy and passion for community vibrates.

"I've done 16 years on the front line in Dunedin Central, and then this opportunity came up and I grabbed it with both hands. The prospect of actually having a community to deal with and get to know people is ideal for me," Constable Tuten said.

Despite not living in Green Island, the suburb is very close to his family's heart as his wife grew up in the area. Constable Tuten said he had enjoyed introducing himself and becoming acquainted with local businesses and residents.

"I've been out and met as many people as I can so far. I've been able to speak to people and find out what their issues are," he said.

A former Radio Telegraphist with the Royal Signals in Britain, and later a truck driver, both here and in Scotland, Constable Tuten said he was a people person.

"Dealing with people is what I enjoy. I'm excited about the prospect of working here. This is going to be good. The longer I spend here, the better it's going to get, from what I see so far," he said.

Constable Tuten is quick to boast of his dream profession.

"I can see from an outsider's point of view that you could think "oh, I wouldn't want to do that" but if you have the right personality and right skills, you can achieve anything.



Photo above: Senior Constable Mark Tuten.

It's about being able to help people," he said.

The community response has been welcoming, he said.

"Everyone I have spoken to here has been lovely. I have felt very welcome. People have been very generous with their time. They have also been very appreciative if you do anything for any for them."

So what is Constable Tuten's advice for healthy communities?

"Stop and think before you say something that you may regret later on. Everything is so much easier with hindsight and sometimes our emotions just take over. We can say things that we don't particularly mean and they can have repercussions later on. So just be thoughtful, have some empathy for other people's situations. You don't always get the whole picture for what is happening in people's lives," he said.

Constable Tuten will be available at the Green Island Police Station from Monday to Friday from 6.30am to 2.30pm.

Don't miss Constable Tuten's monthly column in upcoming Informers.

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JOE AND DOUGH



Want the best coffee in town? Meet Lucas Miller (pictured above) from Joe and Dough in Ocean View.

There's something in the air in the morning rush hour in Ocean View, and we're not talking pollution. We're talking about the smell of the best coffee in town, with mouth-watering, freshly made doughnuts on the side.

Meet Lucas Miller from Joe and Dough, the friendly face in the bright yellow food cart beside the Ocean View church hall. Born in Canada, Mr Miller said a good coffee is the difference between a good and a bad day, and judging by the walkers and commuters who stop for a yarn and refreshment, Joe and Dough is offering just the ticket.

"I'm wanting to get some good coffee out there in Brighton and I'm a bit of a doughnut fan. When I was little I used to go to this market in Canada and had the best doughnuts, so I've just sort of copied that recipe. I just wanted to bring them to New Zealand which is pretty exciting. So that's where the idea came from," Mr Miller said.

In New Zealand since 2014, the former resident of Brighton, Mr Miller has a soft spot for the area.

"I love meeting all my neighbours. The locals have been loving it, I think. They have been really supportive which has been awesome."

Need a quick fix in the morning? Don't forget to pull over and have a chat with Lucas. He'll have you sorted for the day. Even better, buy one coffee and receive 3 mini doughnuts free with the voucher on this page.

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BRIGHTON'S LOBOFEST 2023 A SUCCESSFUL EVENT

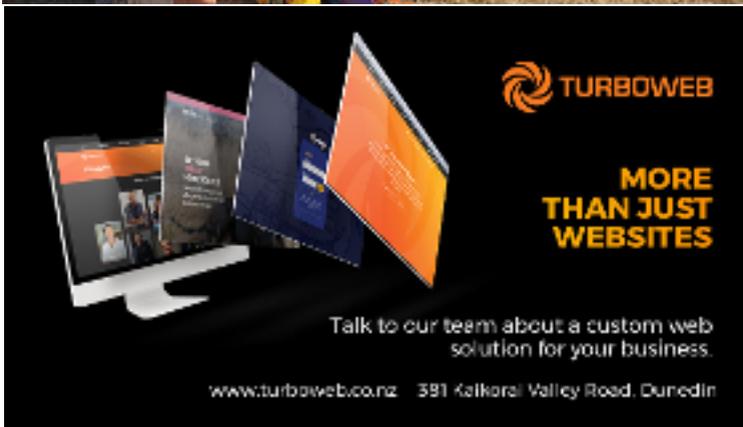
Over 600 people gathered at the Brighton property of Ed and Michelle Lobo, recently - not only for a stellar line up of musicians at the annual Lobofest, but also in support of fighting the council against the planned landfill in the area.

The concert boasted musicians such as The Black Seeds, together with many local musicians such as Ashlee Maxwell and Dennis Kahui, and was MC-ed by prominent environmentalist Tahu Mackenzie.

South Coast Neighbourhood Society spokesperson Sarah Ramsay said while the total amount of the proceeds raised was not yet available, the raffles alone raised \$2740.

Ms Ramsay said one of the big successes included the opportunity to educate festival goers about the local communities environmental fight to save Otokia Creek from potential pollution from the proposed landfill.

The community is preparing for the Environmental Court Mediation, proposed for April.



MEET OUR NEW YOUTH WORKER

Introducing Noah Scott, GGICN's latest addition to the team. Mr Scott joins Alana Goldsack in working with youth in Green Island School and Concord School with the Wheako Project.

A third year Otago University geography and biblical studies student, Mr Scott will be involved for 12 hours a week, preparing and running sessions for small groups of students - and he's excited.

"To be honest, it doesn't really feel like work because it is so much fun hanging out with young people. And you can see the impact that you have on them. They are just so excited to see you. It's very special to have that kind of impact on people. It's just a whole lot of fun. It's cool to just see their faces light up and remember who you are. They are always excited to see you, and then to create relationships with you."

A youth worker with Dunedin's Rock Solid, Mr Scott said he was also looking forward to engaging further with community development.

"There will be a whole lot to learn in how to do that best going about balancing the youth work and working in the community," he said.



Photo above: Youth Worker Noah Scott joins the team at GGICN.

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The Greater Green Island Community Network is a registered charitable organisation aiming to foster a strong community which works together to develop its own solutions - a community which is self-reliant, responsive, resilient, and sustainable - a community where neighbourhoods are again full of people we know as our neighbours..

THE FUTURE OF GREEN ISLAND LANDFILL

Dunedin City Council has started talking with Green Island residents about the future of Green Island landfill and the planned changes to the site in coming years.

Staged closure of the landfill Based on Dunedin's current waste disposal rates, the DCC expect that the Green Island landfill can keep taking our city's waste until about 2029. Between now and then, and as it continues to fill up, the landfill will be closed and capped in stages.

As current Otago Regional Council resource consents needed to operate a landfill at Green Island expire in October 2023, the DCC will soon be applying for replacement consents to continue to use the landfill until it closes completely.

A new resource recovery park A state-of-the-art resource recovery park to support a new kerbside bin collection service for the city is also planned for the site.



Future opportunities After the landfill has closed, opportunities could open up for recreational and environmental improvements in the area around it. Examples could include new public walking and biking tracks beside the Kalkorai Estuary. The DCC will be talking to you more about these ideas in the future.

Want to find out more? To find out more watch out for more pop-up information stands around Green Island or visit the DCC website.

FIND OUT MORE



www.dunedin.govt.nz/waste-futures

Help us build the plan for our city's Zero Carbon future.

We want to hear from you so we can get it right.

Ōtepoti Dunedin has a goal to become a Zero Carbon city by the year 2030.

Climate change is affecting our city in many ways. We have more extreme weather and the sea level is rising, which makes life harder not just for us humans, but for our treasured landscapes and wildlife too. By reducing our emissions here in Dunedin we're joining with communities all over the world, working towards a positive climate future.

The Dunedin City Council (DCC) is developing a plan that will set out the changes that Dunedin needs to become a Zero Carbon city, and the actions the DCC is going to take next to help make that happen. So that community's aspirations for a Zero Carbon Ōtepoti are reflected in the plan, we're welcoming input from people across the city.

The DCC is conducting an online survey this March, to help capture our community's perspectives on barriers and solutions to the changes ahead.

The survey will open **1 March 2023** on the DCC website: www.dunedin.govt.nz/zerocarbon
Any questions? Please contact ZeroCarbon@dcc.govt.nz or give us a call at (03) 477 4000

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WANT TO JOIN THE INFORMER TEAM?

Saying goodbye is always hard when a good thing comes to an end, and for *Informer* editor, Sasha Turner, leaving her role with the Greater Green Island Community Network is no exception. Having been on the team for over five years, Mrs Turner will be leaving her role to focus on her studies to become a counsellor. And now it's time to pass the baton on.



Photo above: Sasha Turner.

So what does this mean for the *Informer*? It means there is a fabulous employment opportunity for a community-minded and creative person to join the team.

Mrs Turner said that the role was a fulfilling way to serve the community, offering diversity and opportunities to meet Greater Green Island residents.

"I'm so thankful for the opportunity to work for such an awesome organisation and team. There's something really energising about being involved with community connection and development. I have learnt so much along the way, and had so much fun in the process. It's more than a job - it's been a privilege to meet people and hear their stories," Mrs Turner said.

Do you enjoy people and have a heart for building community connections? Do you enjoy interviewing and writing stories, with an interest in publishing and photography?

You could be the next Informer editor - and we would love to korero with you! Please email ben@greenergreenisland.nz



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Please email your articles and stories in Word less than 250 words. Images need to be high quality 300DPI.

Alternatively you can contact Sasha to discuss to help you write a story.

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GARDEN GOSSIP

Now more than ever, thanks to the rising cost of food, people are dipping their thumbs outside their comfort zones and eyeing the vision of growing their own vegetables.

What people don't realise is, that veggie gardens don't have to be big nor do they have to be a permanent feature in a rented property. If you are short of space, potting individual lettuce plants or herbs, grow just the treat on decks or small spaces. Just be sure to keep them well watered, especially in exposed conditions.

Box gardens are another good way of managing veggie gardens in small spaces, and they have added benefits of allowing easier weed control and water retention. However, timber can be expensive and if DIY doesn't excite you, growing veggies in tyres offers a great alternative.

Happy gardening!



ARE YOU PREPARED?

We have just been witnessing possibly one of the greatest natural disasters for New Zealand in the form of Cyclone Gabrielle. The media have captured images of total heartbreaking devastation,, and our hearts go to those who have lost loved ones and those remaining missing. This event was totally unexpected, and we have seen access to supplies of food, water, power and phone and internet connections became unavailable to many. If your home is destroyed or uninhabitable as is the case of many in this event, things can become beyond your control. These events have also served as a reminder to think about our survival kits, emergency plans and food supplies. We are encouraged to have enough food and supplies available for at least three days. So what do we need?

Water – It is recommended that you have nine litres of water for each person in your household. Use saved large soft drink or juice bottles. Give them a good clean and fill with water from the tap. Remember to replace water at least every 6 months.

Food – A supply of long lasting food, ie can foods, dry packaged food etc. preferably food that does not necessary require cooking (in case your power or gas supply is cut off). Don't forget food for infants and pets. Suggest these supplies be kept rotating, ie keep using the oldest foods and replenish with the new to try and keep them reasonably up to date. To build up a stock, just quietly build up an emergency supply by just adding an extra item to your weekly shop (not such a strain on your budget)

General – Items such as toilet paper, torches, batteries, battery powered radio, buckets for emergency toilet, hand cleaner, and cash (if internet or electronic banking is down)

Provide a location to store these provisions and inform everyone in the household, so all can access if required.

If you would like to donate money to assist those in need those who have been affected by the Cyclone Gabrielle, you can donate to the red cross on "www.redcross.org.nz/support-us/our-current-appeals/"



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5 to 8 years of age

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STORIES FROM OUR TAMARIKI



Thank you to Abbotsford School Room 3 students for sending through the above self-portraits. From left, meet Laekyn, Lachlan and Gracie!

ST PETER CHANEL'S BRIGHTON BEACH DAY

BY JOSIE TUAI (9)

It was the worst day to go to the beach, it was cold and there was lots of rain. Maddy, Olivia and Gabby (the lifeguards) were very nice. The first thing we did was we went into the classroom and the lifeguards introduced themselves. After that we got a tour of the BSLSC. (Brighton Surf Life Saving Club). My class (Puawai) went with Gabby to the first aid room. Next we went to see Maddy in the ibr room which is probably my favourite room because of all the cool gadgets they get to use there. After that, Olivia took us to the equipment room. Olivia showed us the really old knee lifesaving boards. They were incredible. Next we went upstairs into the classroom and learnt some rules about being in the water.

When morning tea was over, the seniors went with Gabby to play some games and learn more about the water and rips. After all of that we were all very hungry so we had lunch. It took a while to get everyone into our wetsuits but we got there in the end. This is my favorite part.... WATER TIME. We paid our respects by thanking them with the haka and then it was home time.



Above: St Peter Chanel students hit the beach.

PET DAY AT BIG ROCK PRIMARY

BY CAMERON WALTERS (11)

Every year, there is a special occasion where you can bring your pets to school. We call it Pet Day. There are weird and wonderful activities, such as Pet Day ping pong: trying to bounce a ping pong ball into a cup, face painting, Mini golf, Corn hole: throwing wheat bags into a hole, and a Tiger bouncy castle.



Above: Big Rock Primary's Pet Day

When I got to school, the morning was ramping up with dogs, cats, bunnies, and guinea pigs. Some of the pets included a cute, grey bunny called Olive. She is roughly 1 year old, and absolutely loves hay. An English bulldog called Chorizo, who is fourteen weeks old, is a chocolate colour. A border collie called Beau who competes in obedience. Zeus is a springer spaniel who can jump through hoops, and loves the beach. Cinder is a black bunny and loves eating raspberry leaves. Marley the black lab who is described by his owner Kade "He's our doorbell".

Then the interesting but spectacular. Archie, the cat with two extra toes on each foot! He's eight months old and loves climbing trees, probably because of the extra grip! He loves showers, too. He was the overall winner on the day, and impressed the judges with his personality, and those extra toes!

This yearly tradition is quite exciting and should be one for the history books. Our school is very lucky to have a principal, teachers and parents to arrange these things for us.

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