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## Roll up, roll up! Potatoes for sale!

Boiled, mashed, roasted, wedged or baked—whatever way you prefer your spuds, the team at the Green Island Community Garden have bags of Aotearoa’s stable veggie in grand supply.

The Garden’s annual potato dig is scheduled for Saturday, 5th March from 10am to midday, and promises to offer a fun - and pantry-filling event. Just bring a container and the friendly Garden team will fill it for \$2 a kilo.

Community gardener and Green Island resident Marcella Hoedemaker said the event was designed as a fun way to bring people together while also raising money for next year’s potato seeds.

“The purpose is that we get the community involved and that they come here and see what the opportunities are, and that they can dig their potatoes and we can gain some funding from it to buy new seed potatoes for next year,” Ms Hoedemaker said.

A member of the garden community for three and a half years, Ms Hoedemaker said she heard about the garden through a pamphlet and hasn’t looked back.

“Once you’re in, you’re hooked. It’s addictive. It’s wonderful to see what you sow and how it grows, and the knowledge that’s here. The friendships, too, everybody can do by their own personal capabilities, and if you can’t kneel or use the wheelbarrow, there are a lot of things you can do. There are heaps of opportunities for everyone.



The community garden has a core group of about 20 people, but it also engages with school groups and disability sectors. The Green Island Community Garden is located behind St Peter Chanel School, Main South Rd, Green Island. For more information, please call Marion Thomas on 021 263 1221.

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Discovering Michele Newman's Starfish Gallery is like finding a unique gem in an already spectacular countryside. Away from Brighton, and over its dusty backroads, Starfish Gallery is an oasis for photography and gift lovers, with its stylish interior and reasonable prices.

Ms Newman, who has worked as a Brighton-based photographer for 25 years, established her workshop and later gallery in her old shearing shed.

"I have always believed in stopping to take the photo. Things change and it is never the same when you go back and wish you had taken the shot. A lot of my original portfolio consists of older Dunedin landmarks that no longer exist or have changed dramatically so I am glad I captured them when I did," Ms Newman said.

"I can produce anything from large framed fine art prints, canvases, photo blocks to simple fridge magnets. I also work with art resin and wood and my speciality is ocean coastal designs on cheese boards, platters, trays and wall art. It's a medium that I still get excited about working with, it's so beautiful and has so many levels of creativity to explore," she said.

With inspiration drawn from the local coastal surrounds, Ms Newman describes her style as beachy, relaxed and coastal.

"Vibrant colours are a big theme in a lot of my work especially the ocean blues. "I love being able to be a creative and explore different ideas, colours, mediums while working from my home studio.

With covid bringing changing and challenging times, Ms Newman opens her gallery by appointment. "I am available most days just text 027 327 2866 or message me a time for a visit and if you are driving past just pop in I work in the studio most days," she said.



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**The date and location of the April meeting has yet to be confirmed, but will be advertised on the Greater Green Island Facebook page.**

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# GGICN News

The closure of Otago Road Services in 2021 left a gap in our community for students who catch buses to and from school everyday.

Otago Regional Council has provided support by altering some of their routes before and after school to accommodate Greater Green Island students. It was a bit of a bumpy start but we know that these alterations have been used well by students, with buses regularly full before and after school.

Route 40C has been extended and now services students from Greater Green Island getting to Bathgate Park, King's and Queen's High Schools. Route 70 has been extended from Green Island to continue to and from Kaikorai Valley College.

Leanne Stenhouse from Saddle Hill Community Board has done a lot of work to ensure that your feedback has been heard by ORC and that the changes worked for our students.

At GGICN we collated the feedback that you gave us and passed it on to Julian Phillips, transport implementation lead.

This is still not a perfect system, so we want to encourage feedback to the ORC. To keep up to date with changes visit <https://www.orc.govt.nz/public-transport/dunedin-buses/school-buses>

As GGICN continue to communicate with ORC about student transport we would like to know the follow from you:

1. What is working for you?
2. What changes to the buses would make student bus travel work better for you?

Email us at [admin@greatergreenisland.nz](mailto:admin@greatergreenisland.nz) to let us know.



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We achieve this through:

- ◆ Facilitation of local projects and advocacy of local needs
- ◆ Connecting our community through events, website, newsletter and directory
- ◆ Supporting local clubs and groups

The Greater Green Island area includes: Green Island, Concord, Abbotsford, Fairfield, Waldronville, Westwood, Ocean View and Brighton.

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

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# Supergrans are on the budgeting case

Now more than ever, many are being hit with the rising living costs, rents and petrol. It's times like these, when organisations such as Supergrans come to the rescue with tips and workshops.

Supergrans Dunedin has been operating for 17 years, connecting people both young and old. The not-for-profit organisation offers mentoring through one-to-one work, as well as group workshops, covering skills such as sewing, cooking, gardening, growing your own food and communication.

Supergrans administrator and Brighton resident Rosanna Hill said the organisation also offers budgeting help.

"I think we can all agree that the cost of food is biting everyone at the moment," Ms Hill said.

"More and more people are needing to access food banks and this doesn't seem to be slowing down. Our cooking classes have become really popular over the past year and we are seeing an increase in the number of people wanting to come to learn to cook. We cook a range of dishes each class with a focus on food that is healthy, in season and budget friendly," Ms Hill said.

With a team of two part-time employees and about 40 volunteers, Ms Hill said the organisation's vision is to "help people to help themselves".

Supergrans also hold special one-off events for families during the school holidays. To help with budgeting and meal planning, Ms Hill shared some tips with the Informer.



- *Plan your menu for the week!*
- *Master a couple of basic sauces – a white sauce, a pasta sauce and a perhaps a stock.*
- *Choose vegetables and fruit that are in season.*
- *When you have time cook a few bulk recipes that freeze well such as soup, lasagne, macaroni cheese etc. freeze in small portions to avoid buying lunch during the week. Frozen meals can be a quick dinner fix on a busy night and avoid the temptation of take-aways.*
- *Write a shopping list that includes everything you need, research prices of items or estimate the cost and write down next to each item on your list. This way you have a good idea of total cost before you shop. Take a calculator when you shop and total up as you go.*
- *Avoid taking kids to the supermarket if you can as you may end up with unplanned extras.*
- *Buy basic necessities first.*
- *Try new recipes or experiment with substitutes. Recently I have been baking at home trying out recipes using oil rather than butter as the cost of butter is so high.*
- *Stretch out your meat to make it go further; for example you can add mashed tinned lentils to cooked mince in a shepherds pie or nacho mix. This also adds more fibre to your meals.*
- *A serving size of meat should be the size of the palm of your hand. It's better to eat less of a leaner, better quality meat.*
- *Join your local community garden – learn skills to grow your own food and access yummy fresh produce for free or a small cost.*
- *Follow Supergrans on Facebook for recipes and ideas!*



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# From your friendly Community Constable, Fred Jansen



With the number of roundabouts within the Greater Green Island vicinity, I thought it was a good time to check in with people about the road rules. It's important as one simple failure to indicate can result in an accident for many. Please take the time to read the diagrams below.

## Single-laned roundabouts:

If you are turning left at the first exit of a roundabout: signal left as you come up to the roundabout.



## Multi-laned roundabouts:



## Single-laned roundabouts:

If you are travelling more than halfway around a roundabout: signal right as you come up to the roundabout. Signal left as you pass the exit before the one you wish to take.



## Multi-laned roundabouts:

If you are going 'straight' through a roundabout:

don't signal as you come up to the roundabout, signal left as you pass the exit before the one you wish to take. At some small roundabouts it may not be possible to give three seconds warning, but it is courteous to give as much indication as you can.



## Single-laned roundabouts:



## Multi-laned roundabouts:



Look out for cyclists who may find it difficult to maintain a turn signal on a roundabout and are exempt from this requirement.

# Our Tamariki



Green Island school pupils were seeing red last month—and for all the best reasons.

The school held a mufti day, asking students to leave their uniforms at home and colour themselves red in support of Tonga .

A total of \$309 was raised for the communities and schools affected by the recent tsunami earlier this year.

Principal Steve Hayward said all the students were behind the fundraiser.

Well done tamariki and staff, what an incredible effort.

Senior students at Big Rock Primary ventured out to Wairoa Scout Camp recently, enjoying education outside of the classroom.

The camp, which was centred on leadership skills, was a platform for seniors to learn to work closer with junior students throughout the year.

Principal David Grant said the senior children will identify areas of personal strength or high interest and then work with the younger children with these skills in subjects like P.E., Art, I.T etc.

“The purpose of the camp was to build on leadership skills, communication skills, problem solving as well as working with and listening to others,” Mr Grant said.



Pictured left, the annual day trip to Taieri Mouth for Big Rock Primary School students wasn't deterred this year, and the students, staff and parent helpers enjoyed a day of education in Aotearoa's great outdoors.

In the past, the entire school have ventured out for a day of bushwalks, kayaking and boating activities. However, this year groups of students were bused to the location, enjoying the water activities in allocated time slots, while complying with covid regulations.

Staff and parents were also in the water, with echoes of laughter heard.



***Do you have something you would like to share on the Tamariki Page? We would love to hear from you.***

*Please email:*

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# Introducing...Tim Lucas

A big welcome to Tim Lucas, the new principal of St Peter Chanel School, Green Island.

Stepping into the role late last year, Mr Lucas previously taught at Kavanagh College for the past 10 years, and is enjoying the new challenges of leading a smaller school.

“St Peter Chanel School is a friendly, supportive and warm place to work and to learn!” Mr Lucas said.



Fostering positive relationships with staff, student and the community, running ‘Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC)’ activities such as climbing local mountains and mountain biking with students in Naseby, learning with the students and leading the school in delivering our Special Character curriculum were some of the elements Mr Lucas enjoys about the role.

And as with any profession in 2022, there are the Covid challenges.

“Planning then having to constantly change school systems and events again and again has been frustrating and disruptive to the school and wider community. We have just postponed our awesome Year 5 & 6 camp to term four - I really feel for the kids!”, he said.

On a positive, Mr Lucas said there are so many bonuses about working in a smaller school.

“You know every student and their whānau well. You get to wear many different hats such as teacher, IT technician, turf manager, arborist, caretaker, plumber, accountant, etc.”

For enquiries, please email [principal@stpeterchanel.school.nz](mailto:principal@stpeterchanel.school.nz)

# A Community Goodsort



Normally children spend their time playing at their local playground, chores and cleaning being far from their minds.

Not Seth Elliot-Tressler, a local Ocean View resident. When playing at the Ocean View Recreation Reserve recently, he spotted the heavily graffitied tunnel in the playground.

The 10 year-old then traded his free time to the much more onerous task of cleaning for about 35 minutes.

“Doing it was actually quite boring, but when you look back and see what you did, you feel like you did something great,” Seth said.

Well done, Seth. Thanks for being a great community good sort! Great mahi!



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# Take part in Neighbours Day Aotearoa

Neighbours Day Aotearoa focuses on 10 days in March that encourage you to celebrate and connect with your neighbours. Whether the intention is big or small, it all makes a difference to build more connected and stronger neighbourhoods.

With the theme being Kai Connections, we've jotted down a few ways you and your neighbours can take part:

**Drop off some kai or fresh produce from the garden**

**Crop swap or cook-off**



**Share a cuppa or recipe**

**Share a skill  
(fillet a fish, make a chutney)**

**Make a community recipe pegboard**

**Make a community curbside vege garden with your neighbour**

**Host a picnic, BBQ, potluck, afternoon tea, or community breakfast**

**Organise a pickling or preserving event**



**Build a pataka kai  
(community pantry)**

## 18-27 March 2022

To find out more or to register your event, head to our website: [neighboursday.org.nz](https://neighboursday.org.nz)

Have a question? Flick us an email at: [kiaora@neighboursday.org.nz](mailto:kiaora@neighboursday.org.nz)

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18-27 March 2022

# Keeping Connected

Here are some things you can do to keep our community connected and safe during this time:

- Introduce yourself to your neighbours
- Let neighbours know you can pick up groceries/ medication for them if they need to self-isolate.
- Make a meal for a vulnerable neighbour.
- Volunteer to go on GGICN's informal delivery list for dropping supplies to local people who are isolating.
- If you are worried about yourself or someone else in your community, please let someone know or get in touch with us and we can connect you/them with someone who can help.

**Wanna keep in the know? Follow Greater Green Island Community Network on its new Instagram for all the news and connections.**



# Neighbourhood Support Otago

For Otago Neighbourhood Support (ONS), every day is Neighbours' Day, but in these uncertain Omicron times, it is great to have a focus (Neighbours Day Aotearoa – March 18<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>) to be even more intentional about connecting with our neighbours.



ONS is part of a nationwide community led movement that brings people and neighbourhoods together to create safe resilient and connected communities. We work alongside Police and other partners to equip neighbourhoods improve safety, be prepared in emergencies and support one another to make our communities even better places to live!

In the next few weeks there is a very strong possibility some of us will be self-isolating. So how best can we be prepared at home and in our Neighbourhoods? Who are our support networks? A Neighbourhood Support Network would be very useful, so if you are not in one, why not get one going? It is very simple, and you will have support from myself and the team at Neighbourhood Support NZ. There are some in your area and there is no cost to join.

Or we can help you get a group and networks established, to ensure support is at hand. We have many resources available to our members, such as our "Neighbourhood Plan" or our "Kia Ora Neighbour" flyer. Simply print off a few fliers, fill in and pop into your neighbours' letterbox as a friendly reminder that you are available to help.

Check out our Facebook page: Neighbourhood Support Otago, or our website <https://nsotago.nz/> and as member of Otago Neighbourhood Support, you will have access to all the resources in the members' Toolkit on the NSNZ website <https://neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz/>

ONS was partnering with others to run some Neighbours Day events, but Omicron has put those on hold, look out for them later in the year. In the meantime, we are focussing on supporting our members, partners and wider communities. We are all in this together

**Nau te rourou, naku te rourou, ka ora te manuhiri.** - with your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive.

Joy Davis, regional Co-ordinator

A flyer for 'KAI CONNECTIONS' celebrating community and sharing food. It features a colorful illustration of various fruits and vegetables. The text includes: 'Neighbours Day Aotearoa 18-27 March 2022', 'Greater Green Island Community Network' logo, 'Keen to connect with your neighbours?', 'If you would like your street to have a get together or meal for Neighbours Day Aotearoa, get in touch!', 'Celebrate and Connect! We can help you plan and access funding.', and 'Email us at [events@greatergreenisland.nz](mailto:events@greatergreenisland.nz) or call 0212286934 to get started!'.

# Keep your Garden Blooming with the Lions Club of Green Island

If you happen to visit 'Rummage' at the Green Island land fill, have a look for the garden supplies stall out in front. The garden supplies stall is a fundraiser for the Green Island Lions Club and sells bagged sawdust and smaller bags of Blood & Bone, Nitrophoska, Superphosphate and Lime.

The club has been selling sawdust at the Green Island Landfill for 40 years and has been actively supporting the Green Island Community for over 50 years.

Another major fundraiser for the club is our catering caravan which will often be seen selling hot food at large events such as the Green Island Market Day. Unfortunately the Covid situation has closed many events lately and the Brighton Gala Day will probably be the last time we will be cooking in the caravan for some time.

Throughout the year there are a number of other fundraisers or hands on projects which support the local community. The



Club is made up of men and women from a wide range of backgrounds in the Greater Green Island area. Many are still in the workforce, while others are retired and the amount of time people commit to club projects is entirely up to them. If you would like to have some fun while putting some of your time back into the community, come along to a meeting and get to know the Green Island Lions. They are a good group of people and membership is rewarding and plenty of fun.

Ken looks after our membership, give him a ring on 027 667 1157 or have a chat to Merv at Tikeys service station and he will point you in the right direction.

The Club gets involved in a number of fundraising or hands on projects throughout the year and we also include some social activities.



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# Garden Gossip

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Packed full of goodies—and freely available thanks to our coastal doorstep, seaweed is high in potassium, nitrogen, phosphate and magnesium, and plants just love it!

So next time you're going to the beach, grab a bucket and take a little home with you. You don't need much for a good fertiliser.

Rinse the seaweed well to remove excess salt, then place it in a bucket, cover with water and let it sit—ideally in a place away from your house unless you can tolerate a little pong.

The seaweed needs to decompose for this fertiliser so let it sit for about eight weeks in a dark place. Dilute to a ratio of 1:2.

Seaweed can also be chopped and dug straight into the garden soil to improve before planting out. Seaweed fertilizer is great for improving dry areas of your garden because it contains alginic acid which is really good at holding onto water in the soil.

Happy fertilising and growing!



Want to learn a new skill, or make new friends whilst working on a project?

The Green Island Shed is the perfect place, offering a workshop to mentor wood working, tool handling and construction.

Monday and Friday 10am to 12pm, and Saturday 10am to 1pm. Phone Bruce on 027 624 4070 for more details.

The Shed is located at the end of Shand St, behind St Peter Chanel School.



# Lilliput Libraries



## Greater Green Island Locations

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3c Church Street, Green Island

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Next time you're out, check out a Lilliput Library

**Take a book.**

If you see something you'd like to read, take it.

**Share a book to for others to enjoy. .**

**Aotearoa New Zealand is now managing Covid-19 under phase three. This means our traffic light levels stay the same, but there is now an updated guide to self-isolation.**

For more info, please visit: [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)

## Updated guide to self-isolation



You will need to self-isolate from others if you:

are positive for COVID-19

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You must isolate at home or in suitable alternative accommodation. If you test positive for COVID-19, a health professional will help you decide if managed isolation is suitable for you.

Isolate for 10 days from when you test positive

Isolate for 10 days

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Financial support may be available - check our website to find out what you may be eligible for: [Covid19.govt.nz/financial-support/](http://Covid19.govt.nz/financial-support/)

This information is accurate as at 24 February 2022. However, it may be updated if phases of the Omicron response change. For the most up to date information, please visit our website at [www.Covid19.govt.nz](http://www.Covid19.govt.nz)

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# GREEN ISLAND ROAD SAFETY WORK STARTING SOON

A major road safety improvement project in Green Island will soon get underway, after the Dunedin City Council first takes the opportunity to renew some critical underground infrastructure in the area.

The \$2.4 million project will happen in stages from mid-March (on or around 15 March) to approximately mid-October 2022.

It involves the installation of a roundabout and new kerbs and footpaths at the intersection of Main South Road and Church Street, and the raising of three pedestrian crossings on Main South Road.

Before the road safety work, the DCC will also be renewing water and sewerage pipes in the vicinity of the Main South Road and Church Street intersection. This will avoid having to dig this area up again in the near future.

The DCC and its contracting partner, Fulton Hogan, are working hard to minimise disruption during construction.

During the pipe renewals and new kerb and footpath work at the Main South/Church Street intersection, from mid-March to approximately mid-August, one way traffic flow only (travelling east towards Dunedin) will be in place on Main South Road between Jenkins Street and Church Street (see map below).



During the construction of the roundabout, from approximately mid-August to mid-October a full road closure will be in place at the intersection of Main South Road and Church Street.

More information about the project is online at [www.dunedin.govt.nz](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz) and regular updates will be published in this newsletter.



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