

IMPORTANT DATES

April

- Good Friday, 10th April. Easter Sunday, 12th April. Easter Monday, 13th April.
- Earth Day, 22nd April.
- Anzac Day, 25th April observed 27th April.
- School Holidays—Monday 13th to Sunday 26th April

Green Island Shed

Open every Saturday

10am—1pm

Shand Street, GI.

Green Island Community Garden Working Bees

Tuesdays 12pm-2pm

Saturdays 10am-12pm

Shand Street GI.

Greater Green Island Business Association Meeting

Friday 17th April

8-9 am The Food Room & Co

From Ocean View to the Vietnam War



For many, 21st birthdays are a planned celebration with family and close friends, but for Warren Harris, it was a different occasion – in the Vietnam War, having a casual 15c can of beer with fellow soldiers.

The Ocean View resident, and NZ veteran, served from 1970 to 1971, having diverse roles such as working with the Australian Civil Aid program, a gun number, driving trucks and a cook.

Mr Harris's path into the NZ Army followed that of his grandfather, William Harris, who was a trooper in Gallipoli and Warren's father, Stuart Harris, who served in the air force in WWII.

Raised in Ocean View, Mr Harris said a fond memory was working in the tiny and remote village of Tham Phouc, helping build a first aid centre.

"I used to get on well with the kids. They always hung

around for ration packs. The places they lived in were pretty basic," he said.

While there was variety, Mr Harris also said there were times of when it was difficult being away.

"In some ways you were restricted in your movements – what you could and couldn't do. There was a bit of boredom at the time.

"You missed your family, but you got plenty of letters so you were in constant contact. It was a big adventure because I had never been out of the country," Mr Harris said.

But the time also brought close friendships.

"It was like a big family in a way," he said.

Prior to every Anzac Day, Mr Harris enjoys delivering poppies at various destinations in Dunedin, and takes part in the Brighton Anzac Day Service.

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470 0814



Next Meeting:

Friday 17th April

8-9 am The Food Room & Co

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

Become a member of the Green Island Business Association, and develop your network and business.

Membership for the first year is *only* \$30

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GGICN's News in Brief

Based on recommendation from our trustees, we have decided to postpone both our Waldronville and Concord Neighbours Day events to a later date. The GGICN look forward to helping our communities host these events each year as we see how well they bring our neighbourhood together.

We will let you know when we will be running these events through our newsletter, Facebook page and a flyer drop.

You can still use the week of March 27 – April 5 2020, to celebrate Neighbours Day by checking on your neighbours to ensure that they have everything they need and that they are not feeling isolated. The GGICN would like to say a big thank you to our supporters of Neighbours Day:

Dunedin City Baptist Church
Dunedin City Council
Civil Defence
Concord Primary School
Concord Kindergarten
Island Park Golf Club
Jumpin Jacks Bouncy Castles & Jukebox Hire
Patti's & Cream Food Truck
Pippity Pop
Neighbourhood Support
Otago Polytechnic
Saddle Hill Community Board
The Dumpling Lady Food Truck
And all of our wonderful volunteers.

GGICN's New Committee Member

Matt Tobin

Welcome to Matt Tobin, a new addition to the Greater Green Island Community Network Committee.



I have been a member of the Lions Club of Green Island, and was involved in some projects I'm really proud of, including donating hi-vis vests to primary schools, and money to the Otago Community Hospice, among other organisations.

I worked with the Green Island Leos, who helped fund the Green Island playground and assisted local groups and charities.

Presently, I work with Seonaigh and Nicole to run Venture Squad, a new youth group focused on personal development and community service, which is made up of 15 awesome teens, aged 13 to 18 years.

I have been watching the effect the GGICN has had on the greater Green Island area for a few years now. Our community has greatly benefited from the work this group has put into it, and I wanted to get involved in the Committee to help the group continue to drive positive change in our community.



The Greater Green Island Community Network is a registered charitable organisation. To find out more about our projects in the community, please visit www.greatergreenisland.nz. If you would like to support the work we do, a donation would be appreciated to 03 1725 0121605 00 Westpac Mosgiel.

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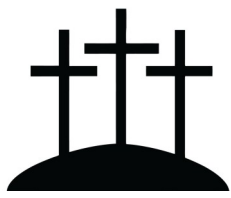
Monday-Fridays 10am to 3pm

Community Worker Larna McCarthy

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Articles are free for community groups and clubs (not for profit) and events in the Greater Green Island Suburbs. Please email your articles and stories in Word documents and images/posters in JPEG files. Alternatively you can contact Sasha or Larna to help you write a story, please phone 4700814. Advertising can be purchased by contacting Sasha Turner via email.



Easter Church Services

(Services may change, please contact your local church)



Coastal Unity St Margaret's Church, Green Island

208 Main South Road, ph 487 6308

Easter Sunday, I lam, with morning tea served at 10.30am.

FUEL Church, Fairfield

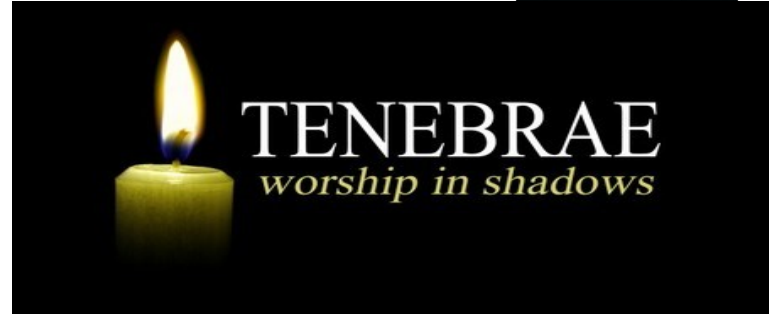
Due to not meeting in school term time, FUEL will be holding its Easter Service early, on the **5th of April**. All welcome to join for breakfast at 8.30am.

Service starts at 9am.

78 Main Rd,

Fairfield

Ph. 489 6308



Thursday 9th April, 7pm
St Mark's
27 Shand St. Green Island,

Good Friday 10th April, 2019
9.30am Join with Mornington Churches
Walk with the Cross

This year we begin at St Mary's Anglican Church 3 Whitby St, Mornington, walk to the Methodist Church then the Presbyterian Church and finish at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

Easter Day – 12th April, 2019.

7.30 am Brighton Beach
Sunrise Service

Followed by Communion & Breakfast at St Margarets's Anglican Church 4 Seaview Road, Brighton.

For more information phone Jan Clark 0273515171



Find the Greater Green Island "Easter Rocks" to Win a Chocolate Egg

The Easter bunny will be dropping off coloured stones, multiple times, between Monday 13 to Friday 17 April. Keep an eye out. If you find the rock, phone us on 4700814 or message us on Facebook to collect your prize. Limit of one rock per person. Keep an eye on our Facebook (Greater Green Island Community) page for updates.

- Lambert Street Playground, Abbotsford
- Emerson Street Playground, Concord
- Mulford Park, Concord
- Abbotsford Playground, Seven St
- Braid's Hill Park, 880 Brighton Rd, Ocean View
- Matthew St Playground, Abbotsford

- Brighton Domain Playground, Brighton
- Elwyn Crescent Park, Green Island
- Delta Drive Playground, Waldronville
- Shand Street Park, Green Island
- Walton Park, Edith Street, Fairfield
- Fairplay Street Park, Fairfield
- GI Playground, Main South Rd, Green Island

Keeping it Sustainable

There was a lot of talk about rubbish in Green Island last month —but in a positive way.

About 15 people met at the Green Island Garden for a Sustainable Living workshop on Saturday, March 7th.

Hosted by the Dunedin City Council, the free event focused on composting at home, recycling, waste minimisation, energy and water conservation.

Community Worker Larna McCarthy said a high-

light was making the compost, and learning about how to create the carbon and nitrogen layers.



“In the sustainability section we learnt about what household items we could use to reduce the number of items going to landfill. For example, you can refill your cleaning bottles at Taste Nature, buy local produce at the Dunedin Farmers Market, and take your own containers to Bin Inn to buy items like flour, pasta, spices and more,” Ms McCarthy said.

In the current climate, with so much need to reduce waste and re-evaluate lifestyle habits, Ms McCarthy said she highly recommended this workshop.

“I believe that if everyone tries to live just a little bit more sustainably, together we will have a huge impact. It will also work to help support our local businesses,” she said.



A message from your friendly Community Policeman, Fred Jansen.

People, we are all dealing with the outbreak of Coronavirus. Get your guidelines from the World Health Organisation or NZ

Ministry of Health, and not from social media. Hysteria will help no one. Remember there is enough supplies for everyone. The best advice I have heard is deal with people as if YOU have it, and keep distance and wash hands with soap. Cough into your elbow, etc. Support each other and keep an eye on neighbours who may not be able to get out and get supplies. Take a breath, keep calm and carry on.

Are you interested in finding out more about sustainable living? The DCC has a subscription to Sustainable Living Aotearoa that you can access from their website dunedin.govt.nz

Green Island Art Group



Storage Space wanted.

The Green Island Art Club is seeking for space to store art screen display panels

When stacked they occupy a floor area of approximately 1400 wide x 600 deep and stand 1800 high.

The space would need to be in an internal dry location. These panels are used once or twice a year.

If you can help Please contact Bruce Cromb

Phone 03 488 1465

Looking out for our neighbours

The #viralkindness campaign has posted the below cards that you can pop in your neighbours letter box to let them know that you are available to help.

Snip them out, and let people in your street know that you're there for support.

Let's keep up the community spirit.

HELLO! If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is

I live locally at

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Picking up shopping Posting mail

A friendly phone call Urgent supplies

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- 3c Church Street, Green Island
- 21 Edinburgh Street, Green Island
- 21 Delta Drive, Waldronville
- 381 Brighton Road, Waldronville
- 3 Canberra Place Place, Waldronville
- 2 Scroggs Hill Road, Brighton
- 60 Scroggs Hill Road, Brighton
- 1020 Brighton Road, Brighton
- 576 Brighton Road, Westwood
- 35 Flower St, Fairfield
- 7 Fry St, Fairfield
- 17 John St, Abbotsford
- 41 Severn St, Abbotsford

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

Take a book.

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

Share it.

Return it to this or any other Lilliput Library (they're scattered around Dunedin), or pass it on to a friend.

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 David on 027 261 4414 for more details.

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



Our Tamariki



Fairfield School Weet-Bix Tryathlon competitors



William, Alexis and CC enjoy the Big Rock Primary School Pet Day



Fairfield residents, Jett and Caleb compete in the Weet-Bix Tryathlon

If you have a story, photo or article for the next edition please email this to greatergreenislandcommunity@gmail.com by the 15th of the month. If you would like to receive this newsletter via your email please go to www.greenergreenisland.nz, scroll to the bottom of the homepage and sign up. Alternatively you can read the newsletter online via our website www.greenergreenisland.nz.

ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

By Lawrence Binyon

E kore rātou e kaumātuatia
Pēnei i a tātou kua mahue nei
E kore hoki rātou e ngoikore
Ahakoa pehea i ngā āhuatanga o te wā
I te hekenga atu o te rā
Tae noa ki te aranga mai i te ata
Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou
Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them
We will remember them.

A photograph of a vast field of red poppies stretching to the horizon. The sky is a warm, golden yellow, indicating a sunset or sunrise. The sun is a bright, glowing orb just above the horizon line. The poppies are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The overall mood is peaceful and commemorative.

Lest We Forget