

Enjoying a Teddy Bear's Picnic Under a Sail of Shade



From left, Marlon (8), Leala (12), Sahara (5), Lucia (9), Caroline, Dom and Sarah (5) relax in picnic mode.



Enjoying the new shade are Georgia (7), and Laura (5), along with their furry friends.

If you went down to the Green Island Playground last month, you will have got a big surprise.

Many children joined Green Island Community Network's school holiday Teddy Bear Picnic on Wednesday, 21 April, celebrating not only the importance of cuddly, fluffy friends, but also the bright yellow shade sail covering the picnic area.

The new edition to the playground was made and installed by Garador business, who generously contributed to its provision. A huge thank you! And it was certainly appreciated by the users for relief from the surprise autumn heat.

Abbotsford resident Amanda Harrison is a frequent visitor to the playground with her three daughters, and said she was grateful for the shade sail.

"It's a welcome addition to an already amazing playground. It will benefit us as well as other families. We appreciate all the time and effort that has gone into the playground," Ms Harrison said.

Also, another big thank you to Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation for their grant of \$10,000 which made this all happen.



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Green Island's Main South Rd is booming with new businesses and local support, the new Super Liquor store being one of the many adding a new shine to the area.

The store's managing director, Sam Brabant-Gazeley is no stranger to the area - or the hospitality industry, for that matter. Ms Brabant-Gazeley used to work alongside her father, Richard Michael, in running the Green Island Commercial Tavern.

When its doors shut, along with all its 150 year history, due to the lease not being renewed, Ms Brabant-Gazeley decided to branch out and focus solely on liquor retail.

"My Dad is an incredible person and he's done so much for the community. Their (Richard, along with Sam's mother, Lisa Humphreys) support has enabled me to thrive and to do this," Ms Brabant-Gazeley said.

Opening the Super Liquor store presented no challenges.

"It's been a really, really easy transition," she said.

An Ocean View resident, Ms Brabant-Gazeley said the support from the community was amazing.

"Its (the business) has been very well received by the locals. We have had lots of lovely comments from everyone. We are very lucky. I couldn't imagine doing it anywhere else," she said.

Super Liquor Green Island not only sells alcohol, but Ms Brabant-Gazeley said the business is providing gift hampers for Mother's Day, combining alcohol with chocolate treats, and locally made gifts from Green Island store Vintage Honey's Parlour. Gift hampers can also be ordered for bride and grooms.

Have a special occasion? The team at Super Liquor will help.



Next Meeting:

Thursday 20 May, 5.30-6.30pm

The Village Green Café and Bar

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admin@greatergreenisland.nz

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Announcing new contact details for the Greater Green Island Community Network

Our new postal address is

PO Box 13006, Green Island, Dunedin 9054

To contact the Greater Green Island Community Worker

Please email: admin@greatergreenisland.nz

To contact the Informer Editor, Sasha Turner

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Brighton Community Hall	481 1787
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Brighton Bowling Club	481 1482
Island Park Golf Club	488 2258
Brighton Surf Life Saving Club	0274 342 221

What's next for the Green Island Playground?



Community Worker Larna McCarthy (left), and student intern Alex McDonald in the GI Playground.

We are even closer to our goal of having a BBQ for the Green Island Memorial Park and Recreational Area thanks to a generous donation of \$3000 from the Greater Green Island Business Association. Every year the Business Association donates the money raised from the Green Island Christmas Market Day raffles to local clubs and groups. As the raffle money from the 2019 the funds were donated to groups who applied to volunteer in the 2020 Market Day. Both the Greater Green Island Community Network and the Abbotsford Schools PTA received a generous fund. A big thank you to the Greater Green Island Business Association for giving back to the community.



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Local Author Named a Finalist in Book Awards.



When the Informer interviewed Wardronville author Terri Sinclair last year, she was in the midst of promoting her first young adult novel, *Follow Me In*.

Fast forward a few months, and Ms Sinclair is celebrating the novel being a finalist in the Sir Julius Vogel awards.

“It’s fantastic to get the exposure that comes with being a finalist for an award like this. The rating or appeal of a book is very subjective, but it’s rewarding to know enough people enjoyed reading *Follow Me In* to get it through to the finals,” Ms Sinclair said.

All the best from the team at Greater Green Island Community Network, Terri. Well done for your achievement.

Winners are likely to be announced in June.

Keep an eye out for the July edition of the Informer to find out how Ms Sinclair placed.

GGICN News



Those attending Green Island’s Anzac Day memorial service will have noticed the shift of the War Memorial Plaques. Whilst this significant area is still under construction—with some exciting plans coming to fruition, the GGICN moved the plaques, with permission, to the inside of the Memorial Gardens. This means that future services and reflections can exist away from traffic, and enable more people to safely observe.

Thank you to ArchiDesign for designing the memorial area for free and to SGC Services and Dunedin Monumental Masons Ltd. for setting up the temporary memorial area so quickly and for such a reasonable price. Also, a thank you to the DCC for working alongside us to make these fantastic upgrades.

Community Garden Report

We have had a bumper summer season with lots of yummy vegetables grown and harvested. The gardeners have been enjoying the sun, the company and the food. Blackcurrants were very prolific, salad vegies crisp and fresh, beans and courgettes eaten with almost every meal.

Our pumpkins are all harvested now and stored while they sweeten up. Anyone who wants to come to the garden is welcome on our workdays. We work together then harvest and share what is available on the day. You don’t need to bring any tools and there's usually a cuppa and a biscuit. It's a great place to learn about growing your own and sometimes we have spare seedlings available. Come for a wander through one day. Bring your picnic!!

The Green Island Community Garden is a garden run by the community for the community, where you literally reap what you sow! **Open weekly on Tuesdays 12pm-2pm and Saturdays 10am-12pm.** If you are interested in being involved give Marion a call on 0212631221 or check us out on Facebook /GreenIslandCommunityGarden.



Farewell to Larna McCarthy, our Lovely Community Worker

With every end comes a new beginning, but it doesn't make the goodbyes any easier as Greater Green Island Community Network farewells community worker Larna McCarthy.

Always a cheery face, with an enthusiastic heart for the area, Larna has given much to the community over the last five years, facilitating many activities and events, as well as successful lobbying for funding and marketing.

With a Bachelor in Physical Education, Larna has recently become the proud owner of 9Round Dunedin, a specialised gym, fitness center & health club dedicated to circuit training with an emphasis on kickboxing fitness training.

"I love helping people to reach their health and fitness goals and look forward to helping people reach their goals every day," Ms McCarthy said.

Working with the GGICN had been a special chapter, and Ms McCarthy said there was much to miss.

"I will miss getting to work in the community where I live and that I feel passionately about. I consider myself lucky to have had the opportunity to work alongside the community to realise their vision. I've had the opportunity to meet some very dedicated people who, like me, want the Greater Green Island

Area to thrive," she said.

Some highlights of Ms McCarthy's time included being part of the Community Survey 2020, organising events such as the Greater Green Island Get Together and the Emerson St Playground mural.

"It was unfortunate when I started the role that NZ went into Lockdown, however it did provide a unique opportunity for everyone to stop and re-assess what's important," she said.

Of the many projects, Ms McCarthy said her favourite project was "definitely the Park in the Dark event. It was wonderful to see all the families enjoying the playground in an 'unexpected' way—with many of the kids excited at being at a playground at night time."

"I would like to say a huge thank you to both the Greater Green Island Committee and Business Association – they are all such passionate and dedicated people. I have learnt so much from you all—all skills I will take with me into my own business."



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Our Tamariki



When St Peter Chanel School Year 1 student, Chloe, returned from Wellington recently, she came back sporting green fingers and an urge to do more for the environment.

As part of her stay, Chloe visited Te Papa's exhibition on the environment and sustainability, and was inspired.

Principal Clare Peters said Chloe wanted to contribute to the school's setting.

"She wanted to do something good for the planet and chose to donate two fruit trees to the school so we could eat our own fruit instead of buying it," Ms Peters said.



Green Island School students recently ditched their uniforms in favour of a mufti-day fundraising event.

Sporting the Highlander's rugby colours, blue and gold, the students raised \$228 for the Dunedin Children's Hospital.

Photographed above, are a group of students flanked by Highlander Marino Makaele Tu'u on the left and Te Ariki Ben-Nicholas on the right.

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

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Eli (5) enjoys one of nature's best playgrounds, Brighton Beach, over the school holidays.

Anzac Day 2021— Lest we forget

Last year, Lockdown stamped out any collective gatherings to acknowledge and remember those who served in WWI, instead red poppies were drawn and painted outside houses.

In 2021, we were able to gather and pay respects on April 25th, standing in silence and honour. With Anzac Day falling in the school holidays, many schools around Dunedin held a special service before the end of term. Green Island Primary School was one of these schools.

Principal Steve Hayward said the day is very significant for the school, and is marked each year.

“Green Island School is 168 years old this year and our school motto is ‘Respecting the Past, Building Our Future’. As part of that, we have a significant War Memorial Monument right at the main entrance to our school.

“It has the names of many of the fallen soldiers from the Greater Green Island area who made the ultimate sacrifice when serving for New Zealand in the past,” Mr Hayward said.



All classes learned about Anzac history, and the senior students were delegated the significant task of organising an ANZAC service as close to the date, each year.

“They do a great job which also includes sending out invitations to more than 30 neighbours from our nearby streets. In recent years, the number of members of the public attending our service has grown,” Mr Hayward said.

Lest We Forget



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2021 Otago Car Rally



Otago Car Rally 2021 saw cars speed and dust fly, as entrants raced to the finish line, down Big Stone Road and onto the Brighton Domain for the prize-giving ceremony last month.

Former WRC racer Hayden Paddon proved nothing was going to get in his way when he took his eighth Otago Rally Title despite having his Hyundai i20 AP4 having two punctures.

The rally which took place from April 16th—18th, covered 298km through Otago and was spilt into 14 stages.

Race enthusiasts took advantage of Big Stone Rd's high vantage points, and enjoyed the spectacular turns.



Brighton residents, Ryder, George and Thomas with rally champion Hayden Paddon





The New Zealand Women's Institute celebrates 100 years in 2021.....

If you are looking to make friends, share experiences and learn new skills together... Then the WI is for you.

Abbotsford WI meets on the 4th Thursday of the month in Green Island. There are other WI's that meet through the month, from south Dunedin to north Dunedin.

A different meeting each month, with various activities:

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**fundraisers*

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**friendly Competitions*

**get togethers with other WI groups*

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**coffee mornings*

So why not give us a go. Come along and see if it's for you...

Contact Jo Kilgour {Abbotsford WI President}

joanne_kilgour@yahoo.com

www.wi.org.nz

Looking Back as we Move

Forward

This time last year, New Zealand was a very different place as we contemplated life in our Lockdown bubbles. We were separated from our neighbours, friends and families, supermarkets were experiencing the frenzy of panic buying, events were cancelled, and Zoom chats replaced staff meetings, parents grappled with homeschooling - as did the students - and our communities rallied around those people living on their own.

We learnt that a smile can speak a million words (or just about, you know what we mean), we experienced the power of community in working around the rules, and inventing new ways of socialising within the emergence of street parties.

We've seen a couple of shifts in Covid levels since then, with 2021 reminding us to be ever alert and responsible. We've seen the loss of business but a boom in support of local. There has been an acknowledgement of mental health as a serious issue, with concern for elderly being a priority.

Like anything though, when social settings normalize around us, it can be easy to move forward, not wanting to look back—to forget the trauma and uncertainty and focus on the positives ahead.

Loneliness and isolation has always existed. Covid-19 just magnified it.

The elderly are taonga, treasure in our community and if anything Covid-19 has highlighted the need to look out for them, especially if they live alone. We've lived through a stressful year, and for many of us, that can result in exhaustion, anxiety about the future, family breakdowns, loss of income and difficulties with mental health. There's never been a better time, one year on from Lockdown, to remind ourselves of the lessons learned - and to check in on our neighbours and people living alone.

Reaching out can make all the difference, which is why the Greater Green Island Community Network are here to support groups, businesses and individuals. Join us in making a difference.

Kicking up Turfs of Local Rugby Memories



The years may have rolled on, and the rugby boots may be hung up, but the memories and friendships still continue unite the former Green Island Colts Rugby team.

The former players celebrated its 50th reunion of their Australian tour, recently, at Greenlands, with past players coming from all over the country.

Captain and organizer Brian Dow said there was plenty of laughter and reminiscing about the tour.



Trees for Families

Sunday, 9 May | 11am

Every year, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Dunedin, Keep Dunedin Beautiful hosts Trees for Families.

With many families separated by current worldwide events, this is an opportunity to celebrate family milestones and commemorate loved ones who we may be apart from.

Trees cost \$20 each and must be pre-ordered. Limited trees available. Meet at harbour cycleway, Otago University Rowing Club end.

Register at www.dunedin.govt.nz/trees-for-families-registration

Event will only take place in Covid alert level 1.

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7 Fry St, Fairfield

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41 Severn St, Abbotsford

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

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

Share a book to for others to enjoy. .

Gumboot Friday 2021 - filling boots for free youth counselling services

Gumboot Friday is back for 2021, and it's time to support it, boots and all!

The fundraising drive for the mental health charity I Am Hope, is an annual appeal to raise money for counselling services for young people struggling with mental health.

Organisation ambassador and Brighton resident Scott Weatherall has been involved with I Am Hope since 2017.

"For me it's a great way to back up the Ambulance so to speak, and to positively raise awareness of mental health, to normalise mental health and share that we all have good and not so good days - and that's normal," Mr Weatherall said.

Statistics from the I Am Hope website revealed that 175 young people died by suicide last year, and it estimated another 3500 attempted to take their own lives.

Seeking help from a counsellor, and talking with others, is important, Mr Weatherall said.

"We should see going to talk to someone about our mental health as just as normal as going to the physio for our sore shoulder or the GP to get our blood pressure checked."

Donations raised from the previous Gumboot Friday 2019/20 totaled \$2 million, which funded 15,500 counselling sessions.

To help I Am Hope continue this work, please consider donating via Internet banking (search Gumboot Friday Appeal as a payee), in person at any Kiwibank branch or on Gumboot Friday via "Piggy-boots" at participating retailers and events.

For more information about Gumboot Friday, please go to www.iamhope.org.nz



I AM HOPE ambassador Scott Weatherall



GUMBOOT FRIDAY

It's a Dog's Life in Green Island



Greater Green Island dog owners are spoilt for choice when it comes to places to let their dogs roam, especially when there are so many beaches a stone's throw away. But what about if you don't want sand in your car? Well you go to the Green Island Dog Park, of course.

Tucked away at 9 Brighton Rd, just up from the roundabout, the Dog Park is a huge expanse of green, divided into two areas—one for smaller dogs, and the other for larger ones. There's even the Kaikorai Stream for water loving dogs, as well as plenty of hurdles, beams and tyres for those interested in dog training.

It's a hidden gem for dogs - and owners to mingle. Well worth a look. Enjoy!



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