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THE ROUNDABOUT IS FINALLY OPEN!



Photo: Newly landscaped and ready to go. The new roundabout at the Eastern entrance to the Green Island Main South Road.

If you listened closely, you could have heard the sighs of relief from Green Island retailers last month when Main South Rd re-opened, introducing new activity to what had become a quiet thoroughfare.

The opening was ahead of schedule as the construction of the roundabout at Church St and Main South Rd was completed on September 22nd.

A Dunedin City Council spokesperson said the council acknowledged the disruption caused as underground infrastructure was renewed, new footpaths constructed, pedestrian crossings and the new roundabout was installed.

"We thank the local community and businesses for their ongoing patience, and encourage the community to continue to shop local and support Green Island businesses."

Green Island Business Association Anthony Duthrie said the

businesses had been hugely affected by the closures, which had seen Main South Rd partially or fully closed over the past eight months.

"It's been an economical disaster for Green Island for all the businesses getting through, but it looks like everyone survived," Mr Duthrie said.

With the road re-opening, he hoped trade would increase.

"Thank you to those people who have made an effort to support Green Island businesses even though it's been hard to get through," Mr Duthrie said.

Coinciding with the road opening, the Otago Regional Council buses also returned to the original route helping improve travel times through the area.

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Here in Greater Green Island, we are the lucky ones. Not only do we have great communities but we have a thriving supermarket in the vicinity. In this month's local business profile, we meet John and Julie Moyle, the community-minded owners of Fresh Choice Moyles and discover a history spanning three generations in the grocery business.

Chatting with John, it's evident that owning Fresh Choice Moyles is more than just operating a business, it's a passion and something enriched in family history and community heart.

The Moyle family is in its 85th year in the grocery industry, growing initially from his grandfather's (Eric Moyle) store in Waipahi, near Gore. A move in the early 1950s saw a small store open in Abbotsford, and soon after, his son, Lyndsay (John's father) bought the buildings on the current Night 'n' Day site. 1977 saw significant change, and Lyndsay and his wife, Beverley, built Dunedin's then third biggest supermarket on what is now the site of Flex Fitness, with John vividly recalling the first day of opening.

"One of the best things is that I was seven when my father built that supermarket across the road. I had grown up in the dairy and he took me there before opening day and I couldn't believe the size of it. It was all brand new," Mr Moyle said.

Fast forward to 2015, and Mr Moyle was standing in front of newly built Fresh Choice Moyles across the road with his own seven-year-old son. "The look of his eye was "wow" – and I got it because it was exactly the same as I had. That was awesome."

The move to the new site, formerly the Royal Hotel and the Otago Road Services Depot, was not without work.

"It took six years to get everything over the line to build," he



Photo: John and Julie Moyle outside the family business.

said, but only six months to build.

"It consumed my life. I was adamant that I wanted to make it work and function. It was quite amazing to get in here. It was like "I've done it now, now what?"

The community connections and customers are important to the Moyle family, and outside raising four children, the couple support many local groups, particularly the Green Island Football Club and the Green Island Cricket Club.

"Because we live in the community, and I've grown up in it, we get people who have shopped here for three generations.

"We put a lot of emphasis on customer service and trying to retain a lot of the loyal identity but it's harder the bigger and more people, and more staff you get," Mr Moyle said.

Despite being in the upstairs office, Mr Moyle said he still loves the floor duties and steps in when he can.

"I still get a thrill out of stacking shelves. It's not everyone's cup of tea. It's what makes me feel good. It's good for my mental health, although I don't do it every often," Mr Moyle said.

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LOCAL INITIATIVE TO GET ALONGSIDE SCHOOLS

Greater Green Island Community Network community workers Ben McKenzie and Alana Goldsack have found themselves back at school this year, ditching the laptops and the office attire, and taking education to a relational level.

The initiative was gifted the name Wheako, this means a shared experience. The team approached a number of Greater Green Island schools earlier this year with the idea of engaging students in relational youth development activities.

Wheako emerged as an opportunity to fill "a need left in the void that this created and other needs that may have been unmet by this service," Mr McKenzie said.

The initiative, which is currently underway in Concord Primary School and Green Island School, aims to increase attendance, resilience, leadership and social engagement in students, while strengthening community connections within schools. The aim was also to help student prepare in the transitioning from primary school environments to those of intermediate or high school.

"The intention was not to roll out a programme, but rather have a relational presence within schools that can address needs in a way which is appropriate to the young person, their family, the school, and the community in which they are situated," Mr McKenzie said.

Reflecting on the pilot period, Mr McKenzie said some of the highlights included getting to know the students, having some fun, and creating strategies to make change through conversation and activity.



Photo: Green Island School students enjoy the Wheako programme.

Green Island School principal Steve Hayward said the responses from the students had been positive, including the appreciation of "getting to know others in a different kind of way," "nice tutors," and enjoying "the opportunity to learn new things, like working with plants".

Concord Primary School principal Steve Turnbull said the some of the benefits of the programme have been the relationships built between the community workers and the students.

"The positive relationships are the cornerstone to being able to address any student issues or anxieties," Mr Turnbull said.

THE COMMUNITY NETWORK UPDATE

There's nothing quite like seeing communities come together for a good cause, and that's exactly what happened throughout Greater Green Island suburbs last month. Jumping on the Keep New Zealand Beautiful annual clean up campaign, the Network team were stoked by the number of residents who volunteered their time to organise local teams to clean up litter from roadsides and parks. A huge thank you to all involved. Thanks also to Green Island business Best Bargain for donating the rubbish claws - they saved many backs from bending over.



Christmas will be coming early for the Network team, thanks to the help of Turboweb. The GGICN website is in the process of being re-designed and we can't wait to launch the new look. A huge thank you to Turboweb for your great mahi.



Photo: Tracey Boereboom, together with a group of eager Waldronville children take their magic touch to local streets.

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BRIGHTON'S GROWING GARDEN CLUB

When Brighton resident Karen Musk sowed the seed for a local garden club, she was surprised to reap such a positive response.

An avid gardener, Mrs Musk said she had wanted to join a garden club to meet like-minded people, but options were "a little too formal for me".

"After many months of pondering with the idea, I asked my husband what he thought of the idea of seeing if anyone in our community was interested in creating a fun, supportive gardening club. He didn't laugh as I thought he might so I put a post on the Brighton/ Ocean View community page to see if there was any interest. The response blew me away so I started the Brighton Garden Club page," Mrs Musk said.

The Club now has over 100 members and welcomes all levels of gardeners.

"I am hoping the club will evolve as people share ideas etc. Some people have mentioned they need help to get started so we will offer advice and encouragement. My only warning is gardening is addictive, but a healthy addiction," she said.

With gardening advice and tips given online, Mrs Musk said she hoped to plan regular meet ups every four weeks, featuring a regular swap table for plants, seeds, produce and anything garden related.

"Gardening is so rewarding I love growing edibles and flowers as both give me pleasure.

I love being outside and connecting with nature," she said.

For those not on Facebook, please contact Karen on

0274919177 and contact details can be added to a phone list to keep them up to date with meetings.



Photo: Karen Musk, the inspiration behind the Brighton Garden Club.

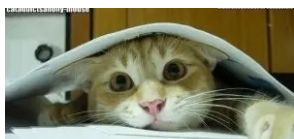
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LET'S GET PUMPED FOR BRIGHTON PUMP TRACK



Photo: Big Rock Primary School students band together in support of a proposed pump track for their area.

Community support is building momentum for a proposed bike pump track in Brighton.

Organiser and Brighton resident Shane Turner has been canvassing local families, as well as those in the outer suburbs, about the prospect of the track being built on or near the Brighton Domain.

"The responses have been overwhelming, with a very positive response of over 130 members on the Brighton Pump Track Project Facebook page. Talking with other families around Brighton, people are very supportive of the project," Mr Turner said.

A father of two young boys, Mr Turner said the idea grew from the awareness of limited safe places for children to learn to ride their bikes in the seaside community.

"Currently there is nowhere in Brighton where kids can safely learn to ride their bikes. Bike tracks and pump tracks are great places for children to gain confidence and learn the basic skills of riding. At the moment, we have to travel to Fairfield, Mosgiel or town," Mr Turner said.

With plans to present a draft plan to the Dunedin City Council, Mr Turner said the next step was to consult with Dr Scarlett Hagan, from BikeSchool in viewing potential sites. Saddle Hill Community Board chairman Scott Weatherall, along with Greater Green Island Community Network committee member James Crawford, have also expressed interest in the project.

"There's no argument, Brighton is becoming an increasingly popular destination. Not just for weekenders, but families are flocking to the seaside settlement to bring up their young families. We have a domain that is underutilised and provides the perfect space for families to enjoy," Mr Turner said.

Big Rock Primary School principal David Grant said the school placed importance on the development of biking confidence, and this proposal would fit well with the bike development program.

"The addition of a pump track could help bridge the learning

and development gap from learning to ride a bike on footpaths courts etc- to mountain biking on actual tracks. It would be a great 'next learning step' to not only increase skill level but also confidence," Mr Grant said.

The potential location was also favoured as "with it being potentially close to the school, the ease of use would allow much more frequent use, particularly for the younger or less experienced riders", he said.

To support this project and follow its progress, please like the Brighton Pump Track Project on facebook.

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UKULELE JAM

About 20 students from Concord Primary School added to their music repertoire recently, when they joined the 2022 Ukulele Jam, learning to strum to Bob Marley and the Wailers, Three Little Birds, and Guns 'n' Roses, Sweet Child of Mine.

The annual event, which is normally a one-day outing, was split over six days; the first being held at Kaikorai Valley College with Concord Primary School, Balaclava School and Mornington School.

Principal Steve Turnbull said the event was an important part of the school's music programme where students learn to read and play music on the ukulele.



Photo: Concord Primary School students get with the jam!

"The ukulele is easier to play for students compared to the guitar and they have a real purpose to learn the songs ready to present at the Ukulele Jam. The students are learning the different cords, correct timing and working with and helping each other. It was great to see the positive attitude, enthusiasm and dedication to practising from all the students involved," Mr Turnbull said.

SOUPER SOUP TUESDAYS

Winter may have produced some gnarly temperatures, but luckily for students at Big Rock Primary School, their bellies were kept warm with nourishing soup, thanks to the generosity of Bidfood and parents.

Each Tuesday over the last school term, students have had the option to experience Souper Soup Tuesdays, lining up to sample a variety of different soups, an addition to their lunches.

The idea was pitched a couple of years ago, and each year Bidfood has generously donated and supplied the ingredients for the soups, with parents volunteering their time to cook and serve.



Photo: Big Rock Primary School students (from left) Ryder Hurring, Maizy King and Maddie Popping, give the Souper Soup the thumbs up.

Big Rock Primary School principal David Grant said the soup has been very well received by the students. "It has been great to see parents rallying with support from Bidfood to provide the soup. Things like that are a great testament to those involved," Mr Grant said.

Tamariki Page

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GOLD MEDALIST VISIT

Green Island School students were dazzled with gold recently, during a visit from Bryony Botha, New Zealand gold medallist cyclist.

Taking the track by storm in the recent Commonwealth Games, Bryony's visit was supported by local Green Island company, Harraways.

Principal Steve Hayward said Bryony was an example of an outstanding New Zealander and was an inspiration to listen to. Botha, who is 24 years old, won her first gold medal, placing a record time of 3:18.45 in the 3000m race.



Photo: Year 4 student, Zanaeyah Potts sports the cycling racing suit, beside gold medallist Bryony Botha.



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There are now many courtesy crossings throughout Dunedin, and three are being installed at the Main South Road and Church Street intersection in Green Island. This is part of a major project with a new roundabout being constructed at the intersection. The courtesy crossings will be raised, improving pedestrian safety by slowing traffic down and increasing the visibility of pedestrians.

Other improvements being made in the area include the construction of new raised pedestrian crossings near Green Island Memorial Park, Green Island Civic Hall and at Green Island Boutique Pharmacy.

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GARDEN GOSSIP

Wahoo! The sun is out so that means the soil will be warming up for that luscious veggie garden. There's nothing like a fresh salad straight out of the garden.

Now is the perfect time to think about accompanying dishes for the BBQ season - and you can't go past the classic kiwi potato salad, or a pot of new potatoes drizzled in butter and mint sauce. That's right - it's time get your spuds in!

Seed potatoes, of various varieties, are available in garden stores now.

To prepare your soil, boost with organic matter and sheep pellets. Lie your seed potatoes in a dry, dark space and allow shoots to grow about 20 - 40mm long before planting.

Place seeds approximately 250mm apart in furrows and cover with up to 50mm of soil.

Mound your potatoes as shoots grow to approximately 300mm tall. This protects them and encourages tuber development.

Water the potato plants well, and when the vines have died - enjoy digging the harvest.

Happy gardening!



CLUB'S WINNING CARDS

The skilled Abbotsford duo of Wayne and Al took the trophy in a close final in the recent 500 card's competition.

Cheryl Tapp and Judith Mann from Green Island came in 2nd place, with Peter Buchanan and Phil Mason in 3rd place. congratulations to all placeholders.



Photo: Phil Mason and Peter Buchanan.

The club provides a friendly environment for cards, indoor bowls, raffles and afternoon tea for those 55+ for a small \$2 door fee and \$10 yearly subscription.

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THE GREEN ISLAND SHED ANNUAL MEETING

On September 3rd, we held our annual general meeting and the following were elected to the committee:

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Secretary: Natalia Yates;
Treasurer: David Mackle.

Committee: Robert Batchelor,
Brian Kane, Brian Boyd, Tom Coster, Raimo Kuparinen.

In the coming year we hope to get the main work area completed and suitable for all activities. Still to finish is the engineers' shop and the storage shed next to the timber rack. - Bruce Cromb



A SCOUTING ADVENTURE



Photo: Saddlevue Scouts set out on a mission to see glowworms.

With lighter evenings, the Saddlevue Scout Group seized the opportunity to explore the great outdoors.

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COMMUNITY GARDEN INSPIRES INTEREST

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Part of an initiative to introduce local school students to growing their own produce, Ms Thomas has been offering practical workshops, teaching the basics of growing from seed.

"It's been awesome, just building the connection with the kids. And if only one of them shows an interest in gardening, that's one more than before," Ms Thomas said.

Each student was able to take eight different potted seeds home.

Fairfield School teacher Christine Dally said all of the



Photo: Fairfield students sowing seeds.

students were excited for the opportunity to plant their seeds.

"They looked at the different shapes of the seeds and had the opportunity to ask questions about growing plants from a seed, discuss what the seeds will become and share their ideas about what vegetables are tasty," Ms Dally said.



Photo: Marion and Ben discussing the finer points of seed sowing to enthusiastic Fairfield Students.



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