

## SHOCKTOBER EVENT A SUCCESS IN GREEN ISLAND

On Saturday, the 12th of October, the Greater Green Island Community Network hosted its first-ever Shocktober event in conjunction with St Johns, and it was a resounding success! Held under sunny skies, the event attracted around 150 community members, all eager to learn about emergency preparedness and have some fun. Shocktober is St Johns' annual CPR and AED awareness campaign held each October, featuring public sessions for 3 Steps for Life training across Aotearoa.

In addition to St John's ambulance team, Otago Emergency Management was on hand, providing valuable information to attendees. St John's professionals led interactive sessions teaching CPR and the use of an AED, vital skills that could one day save a life.



Above: Raiven Creid, Jaedn Creid & Perry Ferguson



The event wasn't all serious business though. Families enjoyed a scavenger hunt for the kids, while Piata brought her artistic flair to the day with face painting. Casualty make-up artists added a touch of the dramatic by transforming attendees with realistic-looking injuries, such as bruises and gashes.

No community event is complete without a good sausage sizzle, and this one didn't disappoint - with free sausages sizzling away throughout the day.

Shocktober was a fantastic opportunity for locals to engage with emergency services and learn crucial skills while enjoying a fun day out. A huge thank you to St John's, Otago Emergency Management, and everyone who helped make the day a success!



Above: Demonstrators teaching how to do CPR, children exploring the St John ambulance, and facepainting fun!



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# GREATER GREEN ISLAND TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB CLOSES



On the 30th of September 2024 the Greater Green Island Town & Country Club was dissolved, and, as was required in its constitution, the remaining Club funds were distributed around eight local organisations.

In the past two years, over \$32,500 has been shared between the Green Island School Library redevelopment, the Otago Community Hospice, the Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club, NZ Red Cross (Taieri Branch), the Dunedin Fire Brigade Restoration Society, the Green Island Community Garden, St Peter Chanel School and the Saddle Hill Scout troop. Previously funds had been given to the new Cycle Track at the Abbotsford School and to fund the purchase of the barbeque at the Green Island Memorial Gardens.

The Town & Country Club was founded in the late 1970's and became incorporated in 1981. When its Clubrooms on land in Sunnyvale (now the home of the Kura Kaupapa Maori O Otepoti school) opened in 1989 the Club had four hundred members and a waiting list of locals wanting to join.

The land and clubrooms had been funded through much local fundraising and finished off with debentures and a mortgage that 'experts' said would be easily managed. The site at Sunnyvale had not been the club's first choice, being on then State Highway one with its entrance off the shortest stretch of 100 kph road in the country. This resulted in a couple of dings and many near misses. Like the other two

chartered clubs in Dunedin at the time, the Dunedin Metropolitan Club and the Mosgiel Town & Country Club, this was the only place that Dunedin City Council would allow us to build.

1989 was unfortunately also the year that the liquor licensing laws in New Zealand were relaxed, meaning suddenly there were a multitude of licensed premises around the country. This made it very hard for many groups to operate at a profit. The GGITCC was one of those that suffered from insufficient "bums on seats". It struggled through to August 1995 at which time the management committee decided it couldn't continue the way it was going and to sell its building and 18 acres of land to pay off the debts.

The club members were incorporated into the Green Island Bowling Club for several years as 'social playing members', before moving along to what was then called Arthur Daley's Tavern. When Dishna and Matt Dissanayake started Greenlands Café they welcomed the T&C members and gave them a warm and welcoming homebase.

At the club's annual general meeting last year, it was decided that we were all getting older and that it was time to call it a day. A small number of people who attended the final gathering at Greenlands in August 2024 had been members for the whole period of over 45 years.

All those present agreed that the biggest thing that they had enjoyed from being a club member was the friendship and comradely it offered. Because of this, many of the 61 final members have moved over to other Clubs within the ClubsNZ family.

## THE LIONS CLUB OF GREEN ISLAND PROJECTS REPORTS: COMMUNITY GARDEN TUNNEL HOUSE.

Community Garden Tunnel House. We finally got under way putting up the Tunnel House after waiting for the weather to settle down. It was a pretty straightforward build and thanks to the team that helped out. Unfortunately a few bits were missing from the kit and we are waiting for them to turn up so we can get finished. It is certainly looking the part, we just need the finishing touches - Brian Cromarty.



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# OCTOBER'S IMMENSE RAINFALL AND FLOODING

On the 3rd-6th of October, over a period of 72 hours, the wider Saddle Hill community had over 200mm of rain, causing widespread flooding, slips, closed roads and damage. Members of the community helped with sandbagging, checked on neighbours and helped where they could. It was great to see people working together, adding updates to the community Facebook page and helping in practical ways. Major damage was done to the Ocean View stormwater culvert, this is currently being repaired. Roads are also being repaired with damage from slips being cleared and gravel washouts.

Positives from this period of time were seeing the community supporting each

other and putting into action the plans made at Emergency Management Otago community meetings, such as opening the Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club building to members of the public who were unable to be in their own homes. Saddle Hill Community Board provided regular and timely updates to inform the community of new developments, road closures and support available.

As the saying goes, strong people make strong communities and strong communities make strong people.

Paul Weir

Saddle Hill Community Board Chair



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# YOUR MONTHLY **Harcourts** MARKET REVIEW

The Reserve Bank has stepped things up by cutting the Official Cash Rate (OCR) by 0.50% as of 9th October.

This has had an immediate impact on interest rates, with all banks making fairly significant cuts to their floating and fixed rates.

The reserve Bank has one last OCR announcement this year (26th November) and as inflation appears to be back within target, so most economists are predicting a possible 0.75% reduction. If that happens then hold onto your seat as it will mean more interest rate cuts are on the way!

The recent drop in the Official Cash Rate (OCR) has been met with a positive response from Dunedin's real estate market. Lower interest rates are making property financing more accessible, encouraging both first-time homebuyers and investors to enter the market. The reduced borrowing costs have led to increased demand, boosting buyer confidence and driving sales activity.

This is great news all round, however especially encouraging if you are thinking of making a move before Christmas. The pre-Christmas market typically experiences a surge in buyer interest, as many potential buyers are eager to finalise purchases before the holidays or prepare for a fresh start in the new year. By listing now, vendors can take advantage of this active period driven by both the time of the year and the positive interest rates.

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## CORRECTION - FACTS ABOUT CHOKING

In last month's Informer we choked, there was an error in the first aid article regarding the Heimlich manoeuvre. Julie from First Aid Solutions kindly highlighted that this method is no longer taught due to its outdated and potentially harmful practices when dealing with choking incidents.



Choking remains a serious issue in New Zealand, where 24 children tragically lose their lives each year, and an average of 94 others are either hospitalised or die from unintentional choking. Many of us may have witnessed or been involved in such emergencies.

To ensure you are equipped with up-to-date knowledge and the right techniques, consider booking a first aid course at First Aid Solutions. After all, even the author of this article could use a refresher!



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# BACK YARD ULTRA 2024 - BIG ROCK PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Brighton, Dunedin – Scott Weatherall, Organiser of the Brighton Backyard Ultra, extends heartfelt thanks to all athletes, supporters, and sponsors for their generous contributions to this year's event.

The Brighton Backyard Ultra saw an outstanding turnout of 90 participants. Held on Saturday, September 28th, and Sunday, September 29th, participants took on a challenging course (covering sand, sand dunes, rocky foreshore, grass and formed footpaths) where the longest runners persevered for an impressive 31 hours, covering over 200 km—an extraordinary accomplishment.

The winner was Tom Turtle of Dunedin, with Andy Smith, also from Dunedin, taking the assist. Seventeen-year-old Rocky Allan, a Year 13 student at King's High School, finished in 3rd place, completing 24 yards/hours. Lydia Pattillo claimed the top women's position, achieving 22 yards/hours.

This event not only challenged participants but also raised crucial funds for Room 5's School Camp to Central Otago in late October 2024. Such support underscores the importance of community involvement in promoting educational and outdoor experiences for our students.

For this year's event to surpass 30 yards/hours and more than 200 km truly elevates the event and the local community, cementing its place as a worthy sanctioned event on the World Backyard Ultra calendar.

Looking ahead, the Brighton Backyard Ultra is excited to announce that the 2025 event is scheduled for September 27-28, 2025, promising another exhilarating experience for all involved.



*For further inquiries or to learn more about how you can support future events, please contact Scott Weatherall at 027 4404 700.*

*The Brighton Backyard Ultra is an annual fundraising event organized by Big Rock Primary School to support educational initiatives and outdoor experiences for its students. Held in Brighton, New Zealand, the event challenges participants to test their endurance and resilience on a unique and demanding course.*



## FAIRFIELD SCHOOL 2024 PRODUCTION

There is nothing more heart-warming than to see full participation and smiling faces at our School Production. We are so very proud of all of the children and grateful for the support of parents and whānau who helped out with costumes, and joined us on our big night at the Regent Theatre. It certainly was a night to remember!



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We are a down to earth group of locals who meet once a month over a relaxed breakfast or dinner, we welcome your concerns and ideas.

If meetings aren't for you, you can still join for \$30 for your first year, you will be entitled to 25% discount on advertising in the Informer Newsletter and will receive the meeting minutes via email.

Let's work together and continue to build the Green Island Community Spirit.

**Contact:** [info@greenergreenisland.nz](mailto:info@greenergreenisland.nz) for the next meeting date and time. **For Updates** or questions please Contact or Follow us on **Facebook: Greater Green Island Community.**

## ST JOHN YOUTH - GREEN ISLAND CADETS AND PENGUINS: GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

Green Island St John Youth are proud to be growing their St John's youth division this year! Every Thursday night, they gather at the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa on Main South Road to run two exciting programs: Penguins (years 1-6) and Cadets (years 7-13).

Penguins meet from 6:00pm to 7:15pm and have been working towards their First Aid badge in Term 3. They've been learning vital skills, such as handling emergencies, calling 111, and how to treat different injuries or illnesses such as broken bones, sprains or strains, grazes and cuts, they've looked at where different emergencies can happen and what to do such as being at home, at school, or on their own. From cuts to broken bones, the young Penguins are ready to help when needed!

Meanwhile, the Cadets, meeting from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, in term 3 have focused on earning their Drill badge, which teaches formal events, uniform, and marching skills: aiming to produce a cadet who is proud, disciplined, able to follow instructions. The senior cadets have also been training hard for regional competitions, representing Green Island from September 27th to 29th, and competing against other cadets from around the South Island.

St John Youth are always excited to welcome new Penguins and Cadets into the Green Island family! If you're looking for a fun and supportive place to learn new leadership development skills, make friends, and be part of something special, come along and give it a try. With exciting badges, hands-on activities, and the chance to join in competitions, there's something for everyone. Join them on Thursday nights at the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa on Main South Road—new faces are always welcome! Please contact [bronson.blackbourn@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:bronson.blackbourn@stjohn.org.nz) for any queries.



Above: St John Youth visit the Civil Defence Bunker

# ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL



We are pleased to have the building work on the hall completed. The building has been earthquake-strengthened, the roof, high windows and spouting have all been replaced, and acoustic panelling has been added to the interior. The entrance doors have been replaced and accessibility ramps installed.

Please feel free to pop in and take a look any time. This work was all completed through our property grant from the Ministry of Education. The Board will now need to fund the sanding of the floors and installation of new ICT equipment, including a data projector, screen and upgraded sound system. We hope to be able to complete this work over the coming months.

The Bike Track project is now complete. Our sincere thanks to the Parent Committee for their ongoing efforts to raise the funds needed for such a significant project, one that will benefit not only our own students but also the wider Abbotsford community.



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# THE GREEN ISLAND SHED: BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH CRAFT

The Green Island Shed began after a local survey revealed interest in creating a men's shed. When David's wife volunteered him for the job, he took it on and found some land to get things started. The project quickly grew from there. Initially, two containers were secured through a grant, but one needed a new roof, and the second had to be



cut in half to be moved. Since then, the shed has been largely self-funded, with income coming from selling pallets for kindling at the rummage centre, as well as a contract with Puzzling World in Wānaka to produce their Einstein following faces .

The Green Island Shed also sells items made from recycled wood, including decorative Christmas trees and milk bottle crates. It's a space for everyone—two regular ladies are gaining valuable experience, and two homeschooled children enjoy learning and helping out.



The shed currently has around a dozen members, but it's open for more. It's a place where people can learn new skills, enjoy good company, and be part of a community group. They've even started holding BBQ lunches to thank their volunteers—a great initiative that brings everyone together. The Shed is open on Monday, Friday, and Saturday mornings, and welcomes new members!

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