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THE ULTIMATE ENDURANCE TEST BRIGHTON BACKYARD ULTRA



Inaugural winners!

Earlier this month, The Brighton Backyard Ultra - an event that pushed the boundaries of endurance and showcased the indomitable spirit of its athletes - concluded its inaugural edition with great success. Amidst the challenges and triumphs, one name stood tall as the first-ever winner - Steve Anderson from South Canterbury, with Simon Cromarty from Dunedin as a remarkable assistant.

In a unique test of stamina and perseverance, 74 runners took on the demanding 6.7 km course, traversing the scenic beauty of Brighton. Mother Nature, in her capricious glory, threw everything from blizzard-like conditions on the first lap to bathing the course in brilliant sunshine on the second. As the night fell, runners navigated under the luminous glow of a full moon along the serene beach, adding an extra layer of mystique to the event.

Steve Anderson, hailing from South Canterbury, etched his name in the annals of the Brighton Backyard Ultra as the inaugural champion. Anderson's determination and grit were on full display as he completed an astounding 28 hours of relentless running, covering a staggering distance of over 180 kilometres.

However, the true magic of the event extended beyond the athletes. The Brighton community played an integral role, with school families generously volunteering their time throughout the weekend. Equally noteworthy were the students who stepped up, acting as marshals, countdown whistlers, and bell-ringers. Their spirited involvement not only elevated the atmosphere but also allowed them to witness firsthand the extraordinary feats of the athletes.

This inaugural Brighton Backyard Ultra marked the beginning of an exciting annual tradition. The event's ability to unite the community and provide a platform for athletes to push their limits is a testament to the power of sports in fostering camaraderie and personal growth.



When the going gets tough...

Importantly, this event served as a vital fundraiser for Big Rock Primary School Room 5, helping to support their upcoming school camp at Stewart Island in just a couple of weeks. The success of this event will directly benefit the students and contribute to an unforgettable camp experience.

The organizers are already looking forward to the next edition, building upon the success of this first event and creating a lasting legacy within the Brighton community.

- By Scott Weatherall



The competitors gather - 74 Runners prepare for the Ultra

ANNUAL CAN APPEAL GREEN ISLAND AND ABBOTSFORD

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COMMUNITY KŌRERO - INGRID LEARY

Welcome to Community Kōrero, a column where The Informer chats with a local identity. In the hot seat this month is recently re-elected MP for Taieri, Ingrid Leary.



Above: Ingrid Leary campaigning

The hard work paid off. So says returning Taieri MP Ingrid Leary who bucked the nationwide flip of electoral seats from red to blue in the recent general election. Taieri was the only mixed urban-rural general seat to stay with Labour. According to Leary, it was “a bitter-sweet victory,” given the national result.

“During the weeks leading up to the Election, I asked voters to judge me on my three years of service. I’m incredibly grateful that people have once again put their faith in me,” says Leary. She’s highly visible around Taieri – which runs from South Dunedin down to Kaka Point and across to Middlemarch -- often driving her distinctive red and silver MP van.

Recent community outings include having a go at lawn bowls at the Green Island Bowling Club Open Day, and running a Labour stall at the Greater Green Island Get Together, a family favourite with her 10-year-old son.

Born to a Dutch immigrant mother and fifth generation Irish New Zealander, Leary says her Dunedin roots go back generations. The bones of many of her father’s family lie in

the Anderson’s Bay cemetery. A university scholarship recipient, her father was one of the last graduates from the University of New Zealand’s medical school, before it morphed into Otago Medical School. Leary herself graduated in law from Otago and went on to study sociology while living and working in Fiji, then public policy in Wellington.

“My grandfather was a walking delegate with the Waterside Workers Union during the 1951 strikes, so the leftie values run deep. When he died young, my grandmother raised Dad and his five siblings in one of NZ’s first social houses introduced under the Micky Savage Labour Government. We were brought up to value fairness and contribution and I am teaching my own three children likewise.”

Leary says politics is a natural calling for someone whose career has spanned journalism, law and international development in the Pacific. She has seen the “fragility of democracy” and the “absolute importance” of having fair, transparent and strong democratic institutions.



Ingrid Leary outside her South Dunedin electorate office

Making the tax system fundamentally fairer is what she’d like for her legacy. In the meantime, she is focused on helping to build “a formidable Opposition” and continuing to be a strong advocate for her constituents through her offices in Mosgiel and South Dunedin.

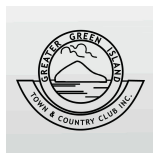
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YOUR MONTHLY **Harcourts** MARKET REVIEW

The stats are out for September sales, and they point to renewed confidence and good activity. The median value lifted back again to \$592,500 from \$555,000 the month previous. Perhaps one of the telling signs was the sharp reduction in number of days on the market. Dropping from 44 to 36, and no doubt a reflection of the increased open home activity from buyers who had already been pre-approved for lending.

First home buyers continue to make up a large part of the market, buoyed by the fact they are still not competing with many investors. However there is a demand for quality homes also, with 11 sales in excess of \$1m, and approximately 30% of the sales over \$750,000.

At the coal face we are seeing increased numbers of multi offers, with some buyers choosing to offer cash and unconditional to strengthen their position.

This would suggest Auction would be an excellent method of sale to consider if you are selling.

Nationally, large immigration numbers combined with a drop in building consents and activity points to a looming shortfall in available homes.

This will in turn put pressure on supply of rental properties, and with investors buyers largely absent since the government removed tax deductibility, there will no doubt be some upward pressure on rents, and potentially house prices in some regions.

There seems to be some renewed interest in sections, and a shortage of choice will encourage some buyers back to the thought of building. Historically, Dunedin enters a long period of house price stability following a correction, and for the last 12 months we have seen a fairly consistent median value, averaging \$584,000.

GREATER GREEN ISLAND SEPTEMBER

STATS **2023**

Average Dwelling Price

\$615,150

Number of sales

20

DUNEDIN SEPTEMBER

STATS **2023**

Median Dwelling Price

\$592,500

Number of sales

132



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TOOTS' COLUMN

Kia ora, people.

It's amazing what a bit of sun does to cheer you up. Personally, I am looking forward to longer days, getting my Vespa on the road for summer and honing my golf skills - a handicap of 13 suggests I haven't quite managed it quite yet!



Senior Constable Mark
(Toots) Tuten

I'm sure you'll all have your own things to look forward to, or finally find yourself with time to get on with those DIY jobs that you have been putting off because it was raining/too cold.

It will all start with an innocent trip to your local hardware outlet to get your materials and tools.

Beware! If you are anything like me, you will walk out with far more materials than you intended to buy and a veritable cornucopia of power tools, some of which you have no idea what they are intended for - but you bought it on the off chance that one day you might need it.

Now, like all good kiwis do, I am sure you will have purchased all the safety gear required to get the job done and watched all the You Tube videos in an effort to upskill yourself. A word of warning, though: it won't be as easy as they make it look.

I must, however, ask my fellow DIY'ers to do a simple thing - put some identifying mark on your tools. A name/phone number/photograph of the serial number, or whatever. A permanent marker is ideal. It makes it a lot more difficult for nefarious people to on sell your tools if they are plastered with someone else's name.

Oh, and make sure you keep your garages and sheds secure; you've worked hard for those tools. Look after them.

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KERBSIDE RECYCLING 2024 UPDATE

Change is coming to your kerbside collection services to help us all reduce waste to landfill.

From July next year, a food scraps and garden waste bin, and a rubbish bin will be added to the collection service Dunedin City Council provides to Ōtepoti Dunedin properties.

All residences will receive a 140L red-lidded wheelie bin for rubbish, replacing the pre-paid black plastic rubbish bags.

Properties with one or two houses will get a 140L green-lidded food and garden waste wheelie bin.

Properties with three or more houses will receive a green-lidded 23L food scraps bin and the rubbish bin.

All homes will get a small kitchen bench top bin for gathering food scraps.

Green-lidded bins will be collected weekly and red-lidded bins will be collected fortnightly for most of Dunedin. (The only exception will be the tertiary area, where all bins are collected every week to help keep it tidy and safe.)

We will still collect yellow-lidded mixed recycling and blue glass recycling bins as usual.

We plan to deliver the new bins and an information booklet over March, April and May 2024. Rates charges for the full service will be confirmed in January, but we estimate this to be about \$320-\$340.

How did we sort out what green-lidded bins you'll receive?

Basically, most properties with one or two houses have a garden and will suit a 140L food and garden waste bin. Most properties with three or more households don't have much/any garden, and each household would therefore suit the smaller 23L food scraps bin. We've selected your bin size to suit the number of houses on the property. We'll let you know soon how to confirm what bins you will get.

We aren't running a 'choose your bin' campaign, because we have learned from past Dunedin bin rollouts and other cities' recent kerbside collection experience that when property owners are asked to choose their bin-size there are two issues.

Firstly, not many people make a choice, so most properties receive a default set anyway. Secondly, people who do choose their bins often change their minds, sometimes more than once, which is costly in terms of time and resources as staff and contractors adjust delivery details.

If, after a 'settling in period' ending in February 2025, you find the bins we gave you aren't suitable, you will be able to change your bin-size option.

Our new service will match the Government's standardised kerbside recycling strategy, helping reduce waste to landfill and greenhouse gas emissions.

For updates, download the free DCC Kerbside Collection app or check <http://dunedin.govt.nz/kerbside-changes>.



The green lidded bin (far left) is similar to the 23 litre food scraps bin householders in units or apartments with no or little garden will receive. The red-lidded rubbish bin is the same 140 litre size as the rubbish wheelie bin all Dunedin households will receive next year. Eighty percent of Dunedin properties have one or two houses and a garden, so they'll receive a 140 litre green lidded food and garden waste wheelie bin (not pictured).

The Brighton Gala Day is celebrating its **28th year on Sunday 21st January**. This is a staple in Dunedin's annual calendar. The day is a showcase of family fun, with plenty of stalls, food and entertainment.

STALL HOLDERS REGISTER NOW!

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GREEN ISLAND MARKET DAY

The annual Green Island Market Day is back on Main South Road. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 2nd, from 10 am to 1 pm.



Greater Green Island Business Association chair Antony Duthie and committee member Jan Tall get the signs ready to put up

With 110 stalls, there's something for everyone, including delicious food, handcrafted jewellery, art, skincare, home decor, crafts and fundraising stalls. Green Island Business Association member Callie Scoullar, shared her enthusiasm for the event, saying "We're looking forward to seeing the happy smiles on the faces of those attending on both sides of the stalls. And yes, the sun WILL shine this year!"

On Jenkins Street you will find school performances. while Santa will be in his grotto, ready to hear Christmas wishes. Don't miss this family-friendly event!



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GREEN ISLAND BOWLING CLUB – 'HAVE A GO' OPEN DAY



The Green Island Bowling Club "Have a Go Day" was held on Sunday October 8th, and it was a great success in spite of the weather. The turnout was most pleasing, with many people of different ages coming along to give the game of lifetime a go - the BBQ lunch also went down a treat!

The Green Island Bowling Club was established in 1887 with a total of 12 male members. Since then, it has steadily grown to be a central part of the Green Island community with approximately 65 full playing members. In fact the club won Club of the Year for the Dunedin area for the 2022/2023 season. This was the culmination of the members working together to increase their social media presence, establishing a website, and creating a strategic



plan that will help keep guiding the club to success over the upcoming years.

The club is a friendly, welcoming one, and new members are always welcome. Social memberships available if you want to just have a roll up every so often, play in monthly Sunday tournaments, and have a drink at the club. Full memberships are also available, where you can get fully involved playing against other clubs throughout the Dunedin area, whether that be throughout the week or at the weekend. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Ibbotson (President) ongibc@xtra.co.nz.

Abbotsford Scout Group and The Brighton Trapping Project

Go the Scouts in Abbotsford! The Brighton Trapping Project has teamed up with this very enthusiastic bunch of nature heroes. They have recently been learning about protecting our native wildlife by trapping introduced predators (although BTP coordinators Claudia and Emma (pictured giving the demonstration) swear these tamariki already knew most of what they were told - they're so switched on! Later on in the month, they will be helping the BTP build 30 rat trap tunnels. These tunnels help our backyard trappers catch rats in a manner that's safe for wildlife and domestic pets. So stay tuned...there will be a whole new batch of rat traps with tunnels available for Brighton and Ocean View residents very shortly!



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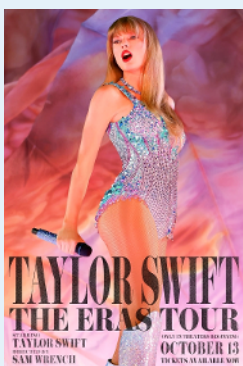
With spring in the air, what better way to celebrate the return of the St. Peter Chanel School carnival! After a three-year covid-enforced layoff, the organisers were thankful to be able to dip their toes back into the family fun, as were the locals, who turned up in their droves to make the school grounds hum. The Carnival committee wishes to thank all the amazing volunteers whose mahi made the carnival such a success, as well as the wonderful businesses who sponsored the event – without their donations, there would be no carnival.

ST PETER CHANEL 'YOUNG VINNIES'

The SPC Young Vinnies are a group of year 5/6 children who are led by Charlotte (Youth Coordinator for Young Vinnies) from Trinity with the help of Jo Bell from St Vincent De Paul. They have organised can and food drives and made a delicious curry. These items are then given to St Vincent De Paul to give out to people in need. The children love living our school values - we shine, we share, we care!



MAIA'S MUSINGS



Taylor Swift's epic new concert film 'The Eras Tour' is taking the world by storm.

Our fearless Fairfield reporter Maia Hayden (10) was among hundreds of local 'Swifties' who attended a screening during its opening weekend.

Taylor Swift is a great singer, and I was so excited to go and see her new concert movie called The Eras Tour. It is a movie which was recorded at one of her American concerts, and it was really good to watch. It felt like I was really there!

She played all of her famous songs, and I really enjoyed her different costumes and all the instruments she played. Her back up dancers were amazing too. It was a really long movie (2 hours and 48 minutes), but it was great to hear

everyone in the theatre singing along. That's how you could tell they were all enjoying it.

Even my dad – who kept asking if this is the part where Kanye West (whoever that is)

comes out – said he was impressed. "It's a real showcase of her range, and just what a good songwriter she really is" he said. His favourite song was 'Willow,' where Taylor and her dancers were dressed like witches. Mine was 'Trouble' because it's a banger, but I loved 'Shake It Off' too.

If you love Taylor's music, then this is definitely the movie for you!



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