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A New Playground on our Map

Shrieks of delight from children, along with cheers of applause from the Greater Green Island Community Network, echo through Concord as play equipment returns to Mulford Park.

After petitioning the DCC for a few years, the GGICN is celebrating the instalment of a new playground.

Community Worker Amanda Reid said she was thrilled as it "looks so vibrant and inviting now".

The new playground is part of a \$1million upgrade of 52 of Dunedin's playgrounds, and included an eight-metre tunnel slide.

"I think they (the council) did a fantastic job

listening to the community and responded to the need of the community for a good play space," she said.

The Concord children, and visitors, now had a safe place to mingle and play, Mrs Reid said.

"It's a playground again."

Recently the DCC asked the community for their thoughts on playground and skatepark facilities in Dunedin. The results of their survey will be published as part of their Strategic Plan for upgrading these facilities over the next 10 years.

Thank you to all our readers who took part in this survey. We look forward to seeing our playgrounds upgraded.



Left: Lily Black of Concord Right: Niko and Theodoros of Concord

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Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: Friday, 18th September 8am-9am

Where: The Green Island Café

Guest Speakers from the Dunedin Tunnels Trail Project will be presenting on their concept.

The Dunedin Tunnels Trail Project will connect Dunedin's urban cycle and active travel network with Mosgiel and beyond utilising the decommissioned Chain Hills and Caversham rail tunnels.

No need to RSVP just come along if you are interested

For more information, please contact:

Larna McCarthy on 4700814 or larnam@psotago.org.nz

Facebook: The Greater Green Island Business Association

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Disability Information Service (DIS) has been serving the Otago community since 1989. Our service is for people with disability, older people, their families/whanau and the community.

DIS provides a range of services including:

- Free disability and health information and advice
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- Mobile Service covering North, South and Central Otago
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You can contact the friendly team at DIS on

Phone: (03) 471 6152

Toll Free: 0800 115 891

Email: info@disabilityinfo.co.nz

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GGICN NEWS

As I write this, the flurry of announcements is coming fast and heavy. We knew this time would come again, in the form of a second wave – but boy, that little reprieve from Covid-19 gave a small taste of what reality was/is. The waves and smiles became hugs. The texts and phone calls became potluck dinners. We could communicate again like it was 2019.

And then all of a sudden, we are here again. Let's be stronger and kinder for it.

Our mental, emotional, spiritual and physical components are all essential to our well-being. It's okay to feel anxious. It's normal to be feel uncertain, and it's completely fine to feel scared. This is a huge time for us all – but we will get through this, again.

Check in with your neighbours. Check in with those living alone or with a disability. Actually, let's just keeping checking in with everyone – as we all know, everyone responds differently to change. Even those who appear strong, can struggle inwardly.

Make sure you keep an eye out on Facebook as we will be posting lots of updates. We have some exciting plans on the horizon, and we are always brainstorming new ideas. Remember, you can always message us if you have community concerns and ideas.

Sadly, we had to postpone the Emerson Playground Mural Grand Opening – but rest assured, we will celebrate again.

Hang in there everyone. We will get through this. We're all in this together.

Sasha Turner

Newsletter Editor

Engineers of the Future

A success story from Green Island Primary School Students.

A couple of weeks ago, a group of Green Island School Year 5 and 6 Students were lucky enough to go along to the EPro8 Challenge in Dunedin. "My team of 4 came in 1st Place, this means we get to go to the Otago Finals to be held in late August. The EPro8 Challenge is where we work in a team to solve problems using engineering. We are feeling excited, nervous and very proud'. - Riham Aboud Agha, Shakaia Anderson, Libby Ralston and Regan Sasse (pictured below).

The EPro8 Challenge is an engineering and problem solving competition. Every year over 10,000 students from 800 schools from throughout New Zealand take part.





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Green Island Art Group mid-Winter Lunch



The Green Island Art Group held their annual Mid-Winter (Post Covid) lunch on the 28th July. They had a great turnout with about 33 members attending, and this year the venue was at the new Spitfire Restaurant in the Mosgiel RSA. The food was excellent and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. "We would thoroughly recommend large groups at this venue as there was plenty of room and the service was excellent" Mr Aitchison said.

The club has an active membership and meets each Tuesday in the Janet Cameron Centre In Green Island, and enjoys a variety of art and painting styles and has a friendly social interaction.

For Further Information contact Bev Brenssell on 488 1828.



Green Island Bowling Club

Green Island Bowling club welcomes all members of the community to come along. The clubrooms are open <u>from 4pm</u> <u>- 7pm on a Friday</u> all year round for a social gathering all members of the public welcome.

We will be holding our club open day on the <u>Saturday the</u> <u>26th September at 1.30pm.</u> Come along give it a go and see if you're interested.

It's Souper Soup Monday!



It's Souper Soup Monday at Brighton's primary school!

Big Rock Primary School students have warmed their bellies with bowlfuls of soup in the lunch breaks recently.

Organised by a group of parents, Souper Soup Mondays provide a free extra nutritional treat for the students every fortnight, and the response has been lip-licking good from students and staff alike.

One of the organisers, Lisa Russell, said the idea started from conversations with parents about giving students a little nutritional boost over the winter months.

"It's a great chance to get some fresh veggies and warm food into their diets, and to enjoy eating kai together. Many have tried soup who might not normally at home, and some have even come back for seconds," Ms Russell said.

Thanks to the generous donation of vegetables from Bidfood Dunedin, the team of parents have taken turns to produce and dish the soup.

"It's been an amazing team effort, giving parents a chance to be involved as well," she said.

Principal David Grant said the students were loving the soups, which so far included pumpkin and chicken and veggie soup.

"I was over the moon that parents would be so keen to give up their own time to source the ingredients for the soup, make the soup and then more time in serving. It's unreal. The soup has been souper, the kids are loving it and so are the staff. It really is a genuinely kind and meaningful thing to do, and I suppose a real reflection of the families within our school and wider community. A massive thank you to everyone involved," Mr Grant said.

Farewell to GGICN Committee's Ray of Sunshine -Jules Haldane

It isn't so much of a goodbye, but a "see you round", from outgoing GGICN Committee member Jules Haldane.

One of the founding members of the Committee, Ms Haldane said the decision to leave the Network was not an easy one and there was much "too-ing and fro-ing" for several weeks.

"I have really enjoyed the camaraderie and the friendships formed while also contributing to making Greater Green Island the friendly wee community it is today. We really are so lucky to have the community we have. We seemed to be a bit neglected by the DCC and to give the people a voice became very important and we have achieved that," Ms Haldane said.

With new committee members jumping on board, Ms Haldane said it "just seemed like a good time to evolve. We (my family and I) will still be around to volunteer and help out when needed though," she said.

So, what's next for Ms Haldane?

"I have started with a business called "Teagues Cleaning" and we have recently created from that "Teagues Green Team" which I am managing. I do love being out with nature and helping people realise their garden dreams, or revitalising unloved gardens by mowing, planting and pruning.

I am also tutoring beading for a great initiative called 'Canbead' run by CanInspire, and I am involved annually with "Berwick Outdoor Experience" and the fantastic team that make that happen," she said.

Ms Haldane's positive energy and passion for the community continues to be an inspiration for all.

"I believe we are all here to contribute and to give back in one way or another and if I can use my skills and life experiences to help others then I am happy," she said.

Committee Chairman Steve Hayward thanked Jules for all her hard work and commitment.

"You helped make our streets safer and more attractive, brought more businesses into the area, and held events to bring our neighbours together. You also helped the community to accomplish their vision of building their own playground at the Green Island Memorial Grounds – no small feat," Mr Hayward said.

Ms Haldane would certainly be missed, he said.

"Through this process you have become a cherished friend to us all. We will miss you both as a friend and a committee member and wish you the best of luck with your future endeavours."

Mr Hayward also extended thanks to Ms Haldane's family.

"They have walked this journey alongside of you, helping out behind the scenes and at events," he said.



GENERAL ELECTION 2020

The Prime Minister has set the revised date for the election as Saturday 17th October. This date was put back due to the COVID-19 infection. It is important that every one eligible take the opportunity to cast their vote. This then determines who governs the country for the next three years.

In addition to casting your vote, you will also be taking part in two referendums, these are the "end of life" referendum and the "cannabis" referendum. These will have a profound effect on the lives of everyone in this country. It is important that you take this opportunity to have your say. You will be able to cast your vote from Saturday the 3rd of October, up until 7pm the 17th October. HAVE YOUR SAY



Mask Sewing Workshop

With local gatherings currently postponed, the GGICN community workers have changed their stitch – literally – to meet needs.

A mask making workshop was held at Green Island's St Mark's Church on Saturday, 22nd August, with attendees guided in making their own protection against the Covid-19 infection.

Community Worker Amanda Reid said it was wonderful to connect with residents on a practical level, and help make "an essential item" for people.

"Unfortunately, we are living in a time where we all need to take more precautions for the sake of everyone's wellbeing. This workshop provided a little silver lining because it enabled people to come together, enjoy a project and even try something they wouldn't normally do," she said.

The social climate might have changed a little, but the purpose of GGICN remained the same, with outreach and community/ business minded work being its motivation.

"This is a time where we find different ways to come together, and curtail events to meet the needs of the community," Mrs Reid said.

Mrs Reid said there were no more workshops booked at present, but if there was a demand then more could be organised.

Donations of fabric and elastic were also welcome, Mrs Reid said.

For more inquiries, please ring 4700814 and leave your details.



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.

Green Island - Fairfield Men's Probus Club

Friendship, fellowship and fun in retirement. We welcome you to join our group and meet new and old friends.

Listen to interesting speakers and participate in group outings.

We meet first Wednesday of every month at 9.30am at the Fairfield Bowling Club, 84 Main Fairfield Road

Phone Stewart on 481 1797 for more information.

From your friendly Community Constable Community Constable, Fred Jansen



Unfortunately, there has been some vandalism in the Green Island Memorial Gardens recently, resulting in two rose bushes needing to be replaced behind the bus stop.

The Memorial Gardens are of great significance to our community, and it's important this place, like any other, is

treated with respect. If anyone has seen anything, or has any information that can assist, please come and see me.

Call 105 or go online to **105.police.govt.nz**

NON-EMERGENCY Ohotata Kore

The New Bus Card



Things are changing. From the 1st of September the new "Bee" Card will replace the present "GoCard".

From the 1st of September bus fares will be charged again and customers will need credit on their Bee Card to pay for travel. You will still have the option to pay in cash, however, the Bee Card will give you discounted fares.

You can order your Bee Card online at

www.BeeCard.co.nz and top it up straight away, or you can pick up a FREE Bee Card on the bus or from the Otago Regional Council offices. The Bee Card will be free of charge for the next couple of months.

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Brighton Bowling Club Report on the 2019 - 20 Season

Apart from the unexpected arrival of Covid 19, Brighton has enjoyed a very successful bowling season.

In a recent Interclub Competition, it won, by a margin of 10 points, its flagship event, the Saturday Morning 7s Section 4. As a result, Brighton has been promoted to the higher level Section 3 for next season. Another major success was the win in the Saturday afternoon Optional Mixed Triples. Also very satisfying was a third placing in



the new Junior 3Fives which is a pressured quick firing event. In two of our remaining competitions we gained upper table rankings. Factors contributing to our success included a great team spirit on our newly upgraded Green, and excellent progress by our several newer members, male and female.

Further afield we were competitive in Dunedin Centre events. Our club Singles Champion, Keith McFadyen (pictured), reached the semi – finals of the Champion of Champions Singles. Keith gained further prominence, recently, by being re – elected at the AGM as President for the third consecutive year. He will be accompanied by a full team of experienced officers.

Our smallish club in its very special seaside location is very welcoming to new members of all ages in either player or social categories. Experience the clubhouse facilities, make new friends and enjoy the excitement of bowls, all at low cost. Find out more about our club by contacting Denyse 4811787, Alex 4811696 or John 027 2308112.

John Hart (Editor and Selector)

Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy reading the Informer each month? Would you like see it delivered in your suburb?

We are looking for volunteers to deliver the newsletter to their neighbours. We currently print 1000 issues of the Informer each month and would like to rotate distribution through each of our nine suburbs.

Ideally, we would like a volunteer from each suburb who would deliver to different streets each month.

Phone Larna on 470 0814 for more information.

Alternatively you can read the newsletter online via our website www.greatergreenisland.nz.

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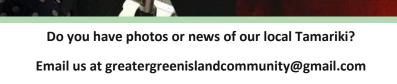
Little Rock Preschool Matariki Celebrations

Brighton's Little Rock Preschool put a shine on what has been, undoubtedly an abnormal first half of the year, with its Matariki celebrations.

Children, teachers and whānau gathered to mark the Māori New Year, recently, adding an extra glow in the night hours as they walked the streets with their lanterns.

Centre director Karen McCauley said the event was awesome.

"The tamariki had great fun making their lanterns and helping us peel and chop veges for the boil up in preparation for our celebrations. We shared the special purpose of Matariki with a story, songs and kai, ending with a beautiful hīkoi in the moonlight with our lanterns around our community," she said.

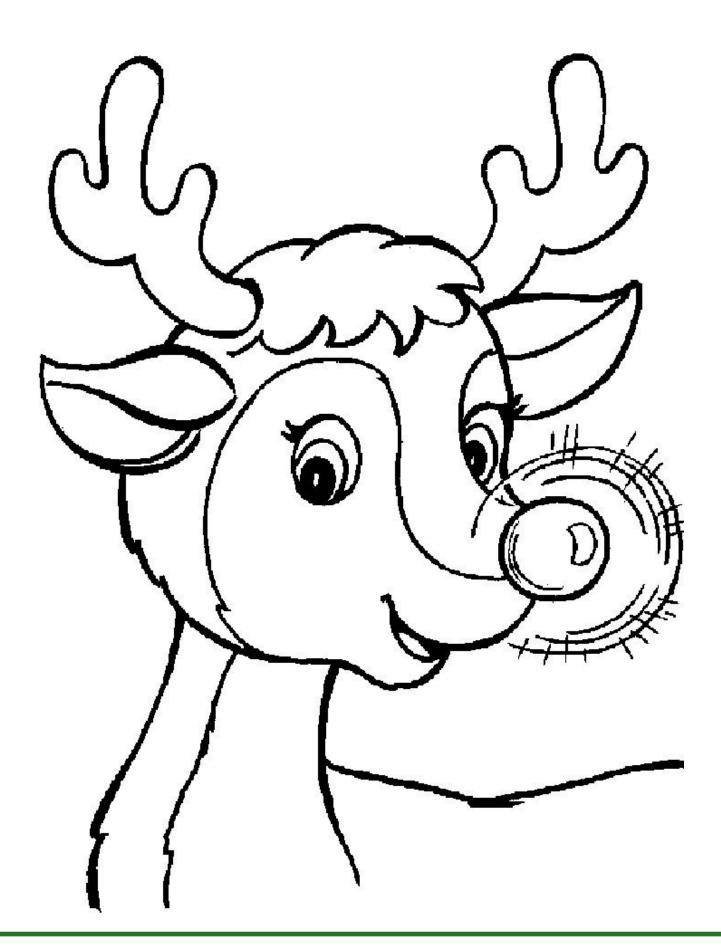


Green Island Christmas Market Day Colouring Competition

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Kindergarten : _____

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Green Island Christmas Market day Colouring Competition

Name: _____ Age Group : 5 - 8 Years

School : _____

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Green Island Christmas Market Day Colouring Competition

_____ Age Group :9 - 12 Years

Name: _____

School : _____

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