



The Informer

June 2024 Edition

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AURORA AUSTRALIS LIGHTS UP THE REGION



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Above: Vivid and vibrant, magic colours captured above Waldronville courtesy of Dave Curtis.

Over the middle weekend in May, we were treated to a spectacular light show, with the appearance of Aurora Australis. Otherwise known as a 'solar tsunami,' this rare geomagnetic storm is a result of a series of explosions on the surface of the sun, which then throws out solar debris, lighting up the night sky in pink, purple and green hues, much to the delight of a number of local photographers.

This extraordinary event was last witnessed in 2003, so The Informer sends out a massive and hearty 'thank you' for these delightful photographic contributions, and encourages shutterbugs of all ages and abilities to keep watching the skies!

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Ōtokia Creek and Marsh Planting Day

Locals from the Brighton community and beyond recently gathered at the Ōtokia saltmarsh wetland for a day of planting, where, thanks to the efforts of community members, over 800 natives were planted. The Ōtokia Creek and Marsh Habitat Trust not only extends its heartiest thanks to those who made it, but also acknowledges the enthusiasm of Heidi and Phil, who own the land on McIntosh Road, as well as the funding received from the Lottery Grants Board and the Brighton community. The Brighton Trapping Project is working closely alongside the trust to ensure a predator-free marsh and creek area. If you want to get involved, please contact otokiatrust@gmail.com.



Above: Ōtokia Creek Planting Piece



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Please email your articles and stories in Word less than 250 words. Images need to be high quality 300DPI.

Alternatively you can contact John to discuss to help you write a story.

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COMMUNITY UNITES FOR ANZAC MEMORIAL SERVICES

Hundreds of community members gathered in the crisp early morning to attend the inaugural ANZAC Day service at the new family area of the Green Island Memorial Gardens. The event was a heartfelt tribute, beautifully organized by Roly Scott - former pastor of Caversham Baptist Church - along with the dedicated Dunedin Cadets unit.

The service featured a touching benediction delivered by young Noah Scott in both Maori and English, adding a meaningful cultural dimension to the ceremony. The soulful strains of the bagpipes (masterfully played by Sophie McLellan) created a poignant atmosphere, resonating deeply with all present.

Later in the day, another moving service took place at Green Park Cemetery, drawing a significant number of attendees. Both services served as fitting tributes to honour the brave service men and women remembered for their sacrifices through the years.

The community's turnout and the heartfelt ceremonies underscored the enduring spirit of remembrance and unity, making this year's ANZAC Day a truly memorable occasion for all involved.



Above: Sophie McLellan and some members of the "City of Dunedin Cadet Unit"



Above: "City of Dunedin Cadet Unit"



Above: Manea, Sam and Tawhiri Albert-Renata

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The Greater Green Island Community Network is a registered charitable organisation aiming to foster a strong community which works together to develop its own solutions – a community which is self-reliant, responsive, resilient, and sustainable – a community where neighbourhoods are again full of people we know as our neighbours..

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We're in the business of finding you books and magazines that you want to read. Welcome to the world of the Book Bus. Come and see us, we're not far from where you are

WHERE DO WE VISIT? Below is a list locations and times:

Abbotsford

Fri: 2.30pm - 2.50pm Abbotsford Road / Hunterville flats
Fri: 2.55pm - 4.00pm North Taieri Road / Exmouth Street

Brighton

Tue: 10.30am - 12.30pm Bath Street / Cole Street

Concord

Fri: 1.30pm - 2.15pm Emerson Street / Shopping Centre

Fairfield

Wed: 1.30pm - 2.45pm Old Brighton Road / Sickles Street

Green Island

Mon: 10.00am - 12.00pm Main South Road / Memorial Park

Waldronville

Tue: 3.00pm - 4.00pm Delta Drive / Vulcan Road

Ocean View

Tue: 1.45pm - 2.45pm Brighton Road (by Hall)

TOOTS' COLUMN

QUESTION TIME

In this issue, instead of Toots' providing advice, He is asking the community;

"do you have any questions with regard to his and/or policing work in our community? "



This is an opportunity for you to pose a question and receive a response from your local police official.

Questions should be short and to the point and emailed to Mark.Tuten@police.govt.nz.

YOUTH WORKERS BUILDING CONNECTIONS

Enthusiastic youth workers Noah Scott and Brianna Le have kicked off Term Two strongly. Noah and Bri are connecting with students at lunchtimes, whether by helping with a game of football, joining in with tag, or simply sitting and talking about what's going on. Their effectiveness is evident from the movie star-like status they have on the playground. They are also working alongside Abbotsford, Green Island, and Concord Schools on various initiatives to provide innovative ways to support the young people they engage with. The hope is that we can be sharing the love across all the schools in the area by the end of the year!



Above: Noah Scott Youth Worker

SUPPORT LOCAL – THE DOG WALKING COMPANY

“With winter on the way, why not let an experienced and enthusiastic dog lover take the stress (and shivers) out of caring for your canine companions?”

I'm based in Dunedin, and started my business late last year. I'm very passionate about animals, but in particular dogs. I think it's a privilege & such fun to be able to hang with dogs as a job & take them out on daily adventures. Dunedin has so many great locations – I especially love the forest & seeing how happy the doggos are, out and about, having the best time! I love working with all different breeds & temperaments & feel there is a place for all dogs - even the sometimes-challenging ones.



LILLIPUT LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Brighton and Ocean View:

2 Scroggs Hill Road
1020 Brighton Road
60 Scroggs Hill Road
1056 Brighton Road
7 Seaview Road
779 Brighton Road
21 Scurr Road

Westwood:

576 Brighton Road

Waldronville:

21 Delta Drive
381 Brighton Road
3 Canberra Place

Fairfield:

7 Fry Street
35 Flower Street

Abbotsford:

17 John Street
41 Severn Street

Green Island

18A Brighton Road
3C Church Street
21 Edinburgh Street

Concord:

5 Thoreau Street

ALANA SAYS HER FAREWELL

It is with great sadness to advise that Alana Goldsack is leaving from her position as the Community Development Worker in the Greater Green Island Community Network, and opening the way for someone else to take up the baton.

Having reflected on her tenure, Alana commented that "it has been great working in a community that so evidently cares about their success and development...(and) it's encouraging to see a community so full of residents who care about building connection and resilience."

Alana has served the community since October 2021, and has instigated many projects and events in the greater Green Island area as well as keeping the community informed through "The Informer" and the Informer web site. Some of the aspects of her work include but not limited to are the likes of the Wheaka Project, has taken charge of organising events, has been an advocacy for the local community with the DCC, instigated an emergency programme, has pushed for beautification projects, and lots of other things behind the scene.

Co-worker Ben McKenzie had this to say about Alana's

imprint: "The entire team is excited and happy for Alana as she heads away on a new adventure. She has been an amazing asset to the community, from her support in community initiatives, advocacy, and organizing and hosting some amazing community



events. We will also miss having her around as a colleague, as she is a pretty awesome person to be around."

We in the Greater Green Island community thank Alana for not only her tireless efforts, but also her top quality banter and methodical, empathetic approach to community initiatives, and wish her nothing but the absolute best as she relocates to the North Island. Alana is going to relocate north to Palmerston North, and take up a position with Massey University, as an advocate for students. We all wish her well in her new venture up north

HARRAWAYS PROVIDES SOFT PLASTIC RECYCLING TO GREEN ISLAND

Harraways at 161 Main South Road have a Soft Plastics Recycling bin outside their office.

Just clean and gather your bags and wrappers and take them to Harraways!

Soft plastic CAN be recycled:

- grocery bags
- bread bags
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- bags which are contaminated with food or liquid
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MATARIKI WHANAU HUI

Connect, enjoy some kai, celebrate, remember, look ahead and learn together.

Friends & whanau, Everyone is welcome!

**SATURDAY
29TH JUNE
3PM-5.30PM**



There is no cost for this event but please bring a koha (food or money) for the Dunedin foodbank

DUNEDIN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
19 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, CONCORD



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YOUR MONTHLY **Harcourts** MARKET REVIEW

April 2024 delivered some stronger results when compared with April 2023. There were 161 sales, up 20% from 134 in April 2023. The median value also saw some lift, up from \$575,000 a year ago to \$629,000. However, with 24 sales over \$1M it may have had some impact on lifting the median sale price. The coming months will determine if this is the start of a trend or an anomaly in what has been a very stable market for median value over the last 12 months.

Some good news this week as BNZ and Kiwibank followed ASB in dropping some short term rates, a sign that banks may be starting to compete for available new business despite the fact that the Reserve Bank has not changed the official cash rate. This should provide further confidence to first home buyers because if they can afford repayment rates now on their mortgage, things will only get easier in the longer term. And they stop paying rent. They still have a good choice of property with Trademe showing 593 one bedroom or larger dwellings for sale.

It's a similar story for anyone looking to upgrade their current home. There has never been a better time as the relative difference in price will only grow further apart as the market starts to lift.

Investors are making a quiet return to the market, but it's surprising to us they largely continue to sit back and wait. The government has already confirmed changes to the brightline period, tax deductibility and tenancy laws which should all favour investment decisions. So while there are a good choice of properties at stable prices we see the canny investors starting to take more interest now. With looming changes to income to debt ratios, now is the perfect time to utilise the pre-approved finance and buy!

GREATER GREEN ISLAND APRIL

STATS **2024**

Average Dwelling Price

\$729,363

Number of sales

11

DUNEDIN APRIL

STATS **2024**

Median Dwelling Price

\$629,000

Number of sales

161

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DUNEDIN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH

DEVONSHIRE TEA

Saturday 15th June

@ DCBC - 19 Main South Road Concord

Sessions: 11.30am - 1pm or 1pm - 2.30pm

Ticket Price: \$25 single or \$60 family

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TAMARIKI PAGE



FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL ENVIRO SCHOOLS UPDATE

We have a huge thank you to say to all of those who have helped get our school vegetable gardens tidied up. Firstly, to David, for doing the hard mahi and getting on top of the weeds and long grass. Jennie from EnviroSchools has also lent a hand and Task Force Green from the DCC. We also had some enthusiastic children help in the last week of term. So thanks to everyone! Because of their help we are



ready to fix the beds up, get some soil and get planting.

We also need to say thank you to Bunnings Warehouse Dunedin for donating a retractable

hose reel to the school. This will make watering by the garden so much easier.

And finally - thank you to the community for their gumboot donations. This will help the students continue to use the garden when the winter mud arrives.

Keep an eye on the Enviro Corner this term. We have a few exciting things in the pipeline.



CAVY FEVER HITS GREEN ISLAND

The Green Island Civic Hall recently played host to the Otago Cavy Club's Autumn Guinea Pig Show. A space for both exhibiting Purebred cavies and showing off family pets (with a designated 'Cuddle Corner' for good measure), there was enough cuteness to ward off the late-May chills.

While ribbons were awarded at various grades, the emphasis was squarely on learning about different breeds, conditioning and caring for cavies, as well as the opportunity to adopt a cavy, and it was clear that owners and spectators alike enjoyed all the show had to offer. One spectator noted that it was "one of the cutest ways to spend a Sunday" they could remember - ka pai, Otago Cavy Club!



Above: Essential guinea pig care information. Right: Jemma Holdaway with her Guinea Pig Red

GREEN ISLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN

A garden run by the community for the community, where you literally reap what you sow!

TUESDAYS 12PM - 2PM // SATURDAYS 10AM - 12PM

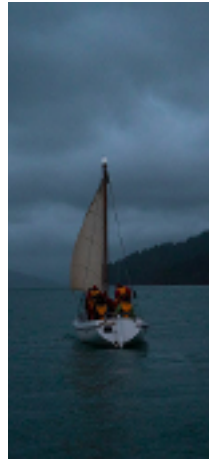
Do you like getting your hands dirty?

We are looking for: Complete beginners; People looking for connection and friendship; Seasoned gardeners looking for volunteering opportunities

End of Shand Street, Green IslandCall: Sharon - 027 255 1821facebook.com/greenislandcommunitygarden

OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Otago Community Trust is thrilled to announce it is investing \$105,000 in Youth Development through Outward Bound Scholarships for students across the Otago region. The funding comes under the Trust's Thriving Children and Young People focus area.



The substantial grant will enable students from Otago schools and youth training organisations to attend Outward Bound's acclaimed 21-day Mind Body Soul or Classic courses held in the breathtaking wilderness of the Marlborough Sounds. Through challenging outdoor expeditions and activities like sailing, kayaking, high ropes courses, tramping, community service projects and environmental education, Outward Bound uses an experiential learning model to develop critical lifeskills in participants.

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MAIA'S MUSINGS - DUNEDIN MIDWINTER CARNIVAL

This month, our intrepid Fairfield correspondent Maia Hayden (11) looks ahead to the Dunedin Midwinter Carnival, which will be held at First church on June 21st and 22nd.

The Midwinter Carnival is coming, and I am so excited! I love seeing the lantern displays in the Meridian Mall, because that means that people have been hard at work getting ready for the event.

I really loved last year's theme, which was 'The Enchanted Forest,' because I got to sit with the Ice Queen from 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' movie and book, and the display inside the church – the characters from 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' – were so breathtaking. I enjoyed the dance acts, too – they made me feel really warm on such a cold night.

This year, not only is my dance group from Black and White

Dance Studios performing, but the theme is 'Creatures of the Deep,' which means that the lanterns and special effects are going to look amazing. It's really great that so many people help support this event by making lanterns that look like jellyfish, fish, penguins and boats, and also that so many volunteers help to make it a fun night for lots of families.

Tickets for the Dunedin Midwinter Carnival are on sale now, at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, with under-threes free. Family passes cost \$25. Lantern making workshops will be held on June 8-9 and 15-16 at the Meridian Mall. All participants in the workshop (and their lanterns) will gain free admission to the carnival, as well as be invited to take part in the procession.



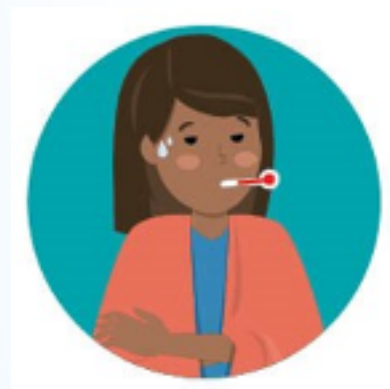
Above: the lights and wonders of the carnival. Images supplied by Maia from her trip to the mid-winter carnival last year.

PREVENTING WINTER ILLNESS

Colds, flu and other respiratory illness are common in schools during winter. Here are some simple tips to prevent the spread of illness:

- Wash and dry hands regularly, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing, and using the toilet
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow - not your hand
- Regularly clean high-touch surfaces - door handles, taps, table tops, phones, computer keyboards, and so on
- You should keep your child at home from school if they are too sick to learn and need time to rest and recover
- Get a flu jab NOW - it's FREE for people who are pregnant, over 65s, and people with a higher risk of getting very sick. Check with your healthcare provider to see if you are eligible

For more information see:
info.health.nz/pregnancy-children/childhood-conditions/



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