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GIJFC SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

It was a frosty start to the much-loved Green Island Junior Football Club seven-a-side tournament as hundreds of young footballers braved the cold to take part in the club's 50th anniversary event.

The tournament has become a treasured tradition for generations of local football families, and reaching the 50-year milestone was a proud moment for the club.

"It's a real legacy for Green Island," James said.

Adding to the sense of occasion was a special opening ceremony that paid tribute to the tournament's early days. Life member Ian Hand, one of the founding figures behind the event, reflected on how the idea first came together decades ago through conversations among football supporters wanting to create something special for local children and families.

To mark the anniversary, pipers led a march around the grounds alongside players carrying banners, echoing the very first tournaments held 50 years ago. Green and gold flares added to the celebration as spectators reminisced about the long history of the event.

The positive atmosphere of the day was reflected in the appreciative comments shared online afterwards.

"So well organised and appreciate all the volunteers to make it happen," "What a cool way to kick start the season!"

"These tournaments don't just happen and we are so grateful the kids can all have this awesome experience because of the hard work of all the committee behind the scenes."

"Green Island do a fantastic job of running this tournament and it's always a pleasure to take part. Huge congratulations to all teams that took to the frosty fields. It was an awesome day of football for both competitive and social teams. Huge thanks to all the coaches, managers and parents for making it possible for our teams to compete and thanks again to Green Island for hosting."

"So many good memories over the years. This year was no different, a great day of football and fun."

For many attending, the day was about far more than football. It was a chance to reconnect with old friends and see a new generation creating memories of their own.



Held at Sunnyvale, the milestone tournament brought together around 800 children from 126 teams across Otago and Southland for a day packed with football, friendship, and family fun.

Dedicated parents wrapped in scarves and puffer jackets could be heard reassuring young players that competing on frozen fields was all part of the "character-building" experience.

Even organisers admitted the icy conditions were among the coldest they had seen, with frost covering the

GIJFC players Declan Wright and Sam Moyle brave the frost at the early morning March past.
Photo: Nicola Macale.

grounds so heavily that the tournament logo specially painted onto the field was barely visible beneath the ice.

GIJFC president James Crawford said despite the freezing temperatures, the focus of the day remained simple: giving kids the chance to enjoy football with their mates.

"It's all about the kids having a great day out, enjoying the game, and hopefully wanting to come back again next year," he said.



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GREEN ISLAND LIONS CELEBRATING SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT



Pictured above: Trev Roberts- Lion's Club of Green Island president, presents John and Julie Moyle the Melvin Jones Fellowship award.

The April meeting of the Green Island Lions Club was a reminder of just how strong the spirit of service remains in our community.

Members from various clubs and community groups gathered for the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship award, the highest honour in Lions Clubs International. Named after Melvin Jones, the man who founded the organisation in 1917, the award recognises outstanding service to the community.

The award was presented to John Moyle, with his wife Julie acknowledged alongside him, celebrating their exceptional and long-standing contributions to the Green Island community.

This recognition was particularly special as John's parents, Lyndsay and Bev, were both past recipients of this award, highlighting a long-standing family commitment to service. Spanning three generations, the Moyle family's involvement reflects a deep connection to Green Island and a strong desire to give back to their community.

John, who described himself as being "humbled by the honour", spoke passionately about the enduring spirit of Green Island. He reflected on the dedication of people who consistently "put their hands up" to help, coach, support, and contribute, quietly shaping a stronger, more connected community.

The evening concluded with the presentation of a Melvin Jones Lions pin to Mr Moyle, symbolising not only service, but a genuine commitment to community wellbeing.

Formed in 1971, the Lions Club of Green Island proudly remains non-political and non-religious, with a clear focus on practical action and community support.

Over the past year, the club has distributed just over \$13,000 to various organisations, many of them in our community and directly supporting local initiatives.

The Melvin Jones award also requires a \$1,000 USD donation in John Moyle's name to the Lions Club's International Foundation. These funds remain within New Zealand for use when support is most needed.

The club continues to prioritise Green Island, offering support across a wide range of community groups and initiatives.

The meeting shows that Green Island's strength lies in its people and the volunteers who quietly make a lasting difference every day.

COMMUNITY EFFORT SCORES BASKETBALL HOOP FOR GREEN ISLAND

How many people does it take to install a single basketball hoop?

In Green Island it takes a whole community!

Greater Green Island Community Network has recently set up a basketball hoop outside our offices at 4 Howden Street for everyone to enjoy.

While the finished hoop may look simple, getting it in place has been a long process. The project involved consultation with nearby businesses and the local vestry around possible noise impacts, along with plenty of trial and error to create a sturdy but moveable base for the angled pole.

The hoop itself has been recycled from Fairfield Primary School after the school upgraded its basketball equipment. GGICN learned the hoop was being disposed of and approached the principal, who kindly gave permission for it to be reused within the community.

The project became a hands-on learning opportunity for local rangatahi, with YAG members Christopher, Mathias, and Joseph helping build the base by concreting it into a tyre and working out the correct angle for the pole. Youth workers Ilai and Riley also helped bring the project together, alongside advice and support from local tradies and other young people involved in the Youth Action Group.

The new hoop is already providing a fun space for both young people and adults to take a break, shoot some hoops, and enjoy being active outdoors.



Pictured above: GGICN Youth Worker Ilai gives the thumbs up to our new basketball hoop, alongside local youths Christopher and Mathias. Photo: Erin Dellow-Kane.

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April saw the Greater Green Island property market continue to perform steadily, with the suburb's holding their position well compared to the wider Dunedin market. While buyers are still being careful with their decisions and conscious of value, there remains consistent demand for quality homes in the area.

Family homes that are well maintained, modernised, sunny, and offer practical features such as good garaging and off-street parking are continuing to attract strong interest. A lower number of properties available for sale in Greater Green Island has also helped keep competition healthy and values relatively stable.

In comparison to the broader Dunedin market, the area is generally experiencing stronger activity at the more affordable end of the market, particularly among first-home buyers and families. Buyers continue to see good value in the suburb thanks to its convenient location, schooling options, community feel, and accessibility to the city.

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Dunedin Linedancers welcomes dancers of all ages and experience levels to their regular classes at Fairfield Hall, taught by Lorna Williams. Whether you're completely new to line dancing or already have experience, there's a class to suit everyone in a friendly and supportive environment.

Line dancing is a great way to stay active, meet new people, and enjoy a wide range of music styles.

All you need is comfortable shoes and a love of dancing.

Classes are held at Fairfield Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with beginner, improver, and intermediate sessions available.

Visitors to Dunedin are welcome to come along and join in.

The club also hosts an End of Month Social on the last Saturday of each month from 1pm-5pm at Fairfield Hall- a fun afternoon of music, dancing, and social connection.

Tuesday

- 2pm-3.30pm - Improvers
- 5pm-6.30pm - Improvers
- 6.30pm-7.45pm - Beginners
- 7.45pm-9pm - Intermediate

Thursday

- 12pm to 1 pm - Beginners
- 1pm-2.30pm - Improvers / Higher Improvers



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ST PETER CHANEL STUDENTS BECOME "TREE HEROES"



Pictured above: Isabella and Mika prepare new seedlings for planting.

Twenty-five enthusiastic tamariki from Years 4-6 at St Peter Chanel School rolled up their sleeves recently for a hands-on planting and education day with Loveday from the Ōtokia Creek Trust, learning about native trees, seed growth, and the importance of restoring local waterways.

The day began with an introduction to the Ōtokia Creek reforestation project, followed by discussions about why planting trees is important and the role native plants play in supporting both people and local wildlife. Students also explored the life cycle of a seed, the environmental conditions needed for germination, and learned several Te Reo Māori names for native species.

The tamariki then got stuck into a range of practical activities, including identifying native trees, sowing swamp ribbonwood seeds collected from the creek edge, and re-potting pittosporum seedlings into individual pots ready to grow on before being planted beside the creek. Students also created and decorated labels for the seed trays and classroom displays.

The children were highly engaged throughout the day and loved getting their hands dirty. Loveday said one of the highlights came when students learned the project had already planted 22,000 trees- and that the seeds they sowed that day could potentially add another 200 to the total.

"Their eyes lit up and they all yelled wow!" Loveday said. "They were so happy to be part of the mahi."

Each student received a certificate at the end of the workshop in recognition of their efforts and enthusiasm, with organisers praising the group's focus, curiosity, and positive attitude throughout the day.

The Ōtokia Creek Trust says similar workshops can be offered to other schools interested in environmental education and hands-on conservation activities. Schools keen to arrange a visit can email otokiatrust@gmail.com for more information.

HELP BRING COMFORT TO CHILDREN IN CARE THROUGH FOSTER HOPE'S ANNUAL PJ DRIVE

As the colder months settle in, Foster Hope New Zealand is once again launching its annual PJ Drive, collecting brand-new pyjamas, underwear, and dressing gowns for children entering care.

The donations help stock Foster Hope's backpacks, which are given to tamariki when they enter foster care- often at short notice and with very few belongings of their own. A warm pair of pyjamas or fresh underwear can make a huge difference during what can be a difficult and uncertain time.

Last year's supplies have now almost completely run out, and there is an urgent need for the following sizes: newborn, 3-6 months, 6-9 months, size 1, size 2, size 3, size 4, size 8, size 10, size 12, small, medium, and large.

Community support is greatly appreciated, and anyone in a position to help is encouraged to donate new items at the following drop-off locations:



- **Green Island:** Flex Fitness,
- **Mosgiel:** Property Brokers
- **Dunedin South:** Property Brokers
- **Dunedin Central:** Whitcoulls, Proctor Auctions, Wesley Jones Law

Every donation helps provide comfort, warmth, and dignity to children in care. Foster Hope says thank you to everyone able to support the drive and the important work they do for local families and young people.



Pyjama Drive

1 May - 30 June

Many children in foster care have never owned a brand new pair of pyjamas.

Your donation of new winter pyjamas helps children (ages 0 - 18) sleep comfortably as temperatures drop during winter months, offering them both warmth and reassurance that their community cares.



GIRFC HONOURS ANZAC DAY WITH SPECIAL TRIBUTE JERSEYS

Green Island Rugby Football Club marked this year's ANZAC Day with a powerful tribute both on and off the field, wearing specially designed commemorative jerseys for their division 1 "Battle of the Saddle" match against Taieri at Miller Park.

Senior club secretary Chris Laws said the inspiration first came about a couple of years ago when a team manager realised ANZAC Day would eventually fall on a Saturday, game day for the club's senior rugby matches, creating a meaningful opportunity for the club to honour the occasion.

Planning for the jerseys began late last year, with the club committee working closely alongside supplier Gilbert to bring the concept to life. "It was quite a process," Laws said.

"Several designs were put forward and eventually merged together into the final jersey. There was a lot of work involved in getting it just right."

The project was led by a committee member responsible for equipment and supplier liaison, with the wider committee helping refine the final look.

The finished design stayed true to the club's traditional green, gold and black colours while incorporating symbolic ANZAC imagery, including the silhouette of a World War I soldier, a memorial cross and a line of poppies.

The jersey was created as a one-off tribute to acknowledge the significance of ANZAC Day and recognise former club members who served in wartime, including those who lost their lives.

Green Island Rugby Club has a particularly strong connection to military service. During World War Two, the club reportedly had to suspend play because nearly all of its members were serving in the armed forces.

Before kick-off on ANZAC day, players from both Green Island and Taieri gathered together for a solemn moment of reflection honouring fallen soldiers and veterans.

The Ode of Remembrance from Laurence Binyon's poem *For the Fallen* was read aloud before the Last Post echoed across Miller Park.

Club members described the ceremony as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by servicemen and women, and the freedoms enjoyed because of them, saying they were proud to stand together as a club and community to honour that legacy.



Pictured above: Player Isaac McAuliffe, sporting the ANZAC tribute jersey, runs onto the field accompanied by a junior club member.

Photo: Nathan Hill- Hill Vsns Photography and Graphic Design.

The commemorative jerseys were later auctioned following the match, raising about \$20,000, with a donation being made to the Mosgiel RSA.

While Taieri claimed the win on the scoreboard, defeating Green Island 40-24, the occasion itself was a memorable and respectful tribute to ANZAC Day traditions.

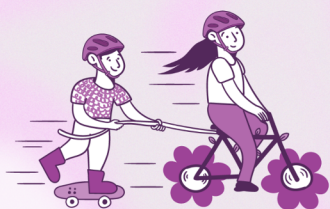
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Check if you are eligible for a rates rebate by visiting the New Zealand Government website and using the rates rebate calculator.

You need to apply by 30 June 2026 for the 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026 rating year.

Download the rates rebate application form from the New Zealand Government website:

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INGRID LEARY: PETITION CALLS FOR FAIRER RETIREMENT VILLAGE REPAYMENT RULES

While Green Island itself does not have a retirement village, many local families are closely connected to villages in nearby Mosgiel.

What is becoming clear is that when residents leave, there is no legally required time-frame for repayment of their capital - i.e. their own money!



Pictured from left: Retirement Village Residents Association rep Bruce Abbott speaks alongside Taieri MP Ingrid Leary, and RVRA national president Brian Peat. Image: supplied.

In most cases, repayment only occurs once the unit is relicensed. That process can take months or even years. During that time, residents, or their estates are left waiting for money that is rightfully theirs- often while facing aged care costs, medical expenses, or the need to settle estates.

The Government has proposed a maximum 12-month repayment time-frame. However, this would apply only to future residents. Around 55,000 New Zealanders already living in retirement villages would not be covered.

This creates a two-tier system. At present, all residents face the same uncertainty. Under the proposal, some would have a 12-month limit, while existing residents would continue without any guaranteed timeframe. Access to basic protections would depend entirely on when someone entered a village.

My Member's Bill addresses this directly. It provides:

- ▶ Full repayment within three months of the occupation right agreement ending
- ▶ An interim payment of either 10% of capital or \$50,000 within five working days
- ▶ Interest payable on overdue amounts
- ▶ Mandatory public disclosure of repayment time-frames

The three-month time-frame reflects public expectations. Consumer NZ research shows that 83 percent of New Zealanders support repayment within this period. It also avoids 12 months becoming the default rather than the maximum.

I also want to acknowledge the work of Brian Peat, a Mosgiel resident and President of the Retirement Village Residents Association, who has advocated tirelessly on this issue and helped bring residents' experiences to light.

This issue is affecting families now, including those connected to our Green Island community.

I am asking people to support the Consumer NZ petition calling for a three-month repayment time-frame.

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YOUNG PERFORMERS SHINE ON STAGE AT YAG TALENT SHOW



Kate Moyle (above) and Brooke Payne (right) impress the audience with their singing talents.



The Green Island Youth Action Group hit all the right notes at its recent talent show, giving young performers the chance to shine on stage and build confidence in front of a supportive crowd.

Hosted and presented by YAG members, the event showcased the energy, creativity and courage of local young people.

Twelve acts ranging in age from just seven through to sixteen years old stepped onto the Fairfield Hall stage throughout the day.

The audience was treated to a variety of performances, including singing, guitar, comedy, piano and even a tiny drummer rocking out to Queens of the Stone Age.

It was fantastic to see so many young people stepping outside their comfort zones and taking part, while members of the Youth Action Group confidently took charge of running the event, presenting to the crowd, and controlling the sound desk.

In the under 12 section, Brooke Payne took out first place singing, Josh de Thierry scored second- playing guitar and



Lenix and Ajax with their certificates and prizes. Photo: Ilai Elekana Manū.

singing, while Isaac Horwood took out the third spot with an amazing piano performance.

In the over 12 category, Ajax Banstola won first place for his polished comedy act, with Lenix Gawn placing second for singing and Kate Moyle taking third place, also for singing.

The event was a great opportunity for young people to support each other, build confidence, and share their talents with the community.

The standard of performances and wide range of talents made the competition incredibly difficult to judge.

A big thank you goes to all the performers, organisers, whānau and community members who helped make the event such a success.

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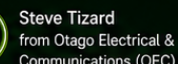
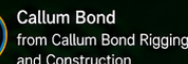
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