

MCDONALD'S GREEN ISLAND SET FOR MID-MAY OPENING

The long-anticipated McDonald's Green Island is on track to open in mid-May. After last year's archaeological finds caused a brief delay, the restaurant build has progressed smoothly.

The new store will be a single-level restaurant with seating for around 60 diners and a dedicated playground for children under five. There will also be approximately 30 to 40 car parks available. A dual-lane drive-through has been included to reduce traffic build-up and increase efficiency, and the drive-through will be open 24 hours. For added safety, barriers will close off the restaurant car park after 10 p.m., with only the drive-through remaining open.

Justin Stonelake, the franchise owner, praised Hadley Fletcher, the site foreman from McIntosh Group. "Hadley has done an incredible job with the build so far," said Justin. "He's just been absolute gold." He also highlighted the significant number of local tradespeople involved, including builders and electricians, expressing the importance of hiring locals.

The new McDonald's will include several features to accommodate the growing demand for delivery services, including a purpose-built room for Uber Eats driver pick-ups and a separate drive-through window for coffee order pick-ups. The restaurant will also feature four initiation points (IP) in the kitchen to speed up food preparation and allow for a higher capacity of orders.



Hadley Fletcher of McIntosh Group and McDonald's Green Island owner Justin Stonelake

Justin is especially excited about the job opportunities the new McDonald's will bring to the community. The restaurant plans to hire 50 to 60 new staff members, including frontline crew, managers, and maintenance workers. Justin emphasized the importance of hiring locals to give back to the Green Island economy.

"We're especially excited to offer jobs to our local community," Justin said. "It's also a great opportunity for our local youth - as working for McDonald's gives them guaranteed hours with the flexibility to work around sports and other commitments."

With the opening just around the corner, job advertisements will begin appearing within the next month. If you're interested in applying, be sure to keep an eye out for announcements!



Artist's rendition of the exterior as seen from Main South Road.



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A DECADE OF GROWTH: GREEN ISLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY BBQ

This is a Youth Yaps article written by a young person in your community (with a little help from Bri). This weeks Article and Photography is brought to you by: Teawhiti Talalima, Bri & Carlos

Over 50 people gathered at the Green Island Community Garden on Saturday the 1st of February to celebrate its 10th anniversary with a fun BBQ.

The day was filled with sunshine and laughter as people mingled, played lawn games, and enjoyed delicious food. Guests indulged in burgers and sausages expertly grilled by Joe and Ben, paired with fresh vegetables straight from the garden. Marion also delighted everyone with a delicious zucchini chocolate cake—so rich and chocolatey that even the most devoted veggie skeptics were shocked to learn its secret ingredient!

Both Jules Hadine and Bishop Michael gave heartfelt speeches reflecting on the garden's incredible journey. What began as a small idea in a meeting ten years ago has flourished into the thriving community space it is today. We eagerly look forward to seeing how it continues to grow in the years ahead.

A huge thank you to Jules, Marion, Joe, and all our amazing volunteers for their hard work in organizing this wonderful event and for their ongoing dedication to the garden.

The community garden is open to everyone and runs on Tuesdays from 12 PM to 2 PM and Saturdays from 10 AM to 12 PM. To learn more, visit our Facebook page!



From Left: Marcella, Joe, Marion, Jules, Penny

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS WITH NEIGHBOURS AOTEAROA

Every March, Neighbours Aotearoa encourages neighbours to connect with each other, and get to know their community better. Neighbours Aotearoa takes place from 1-31 March 2025. Neighbour's Aotearoa encourage people to take a small (or big!) step to get to know their community. Whether it's two neighbours connecting for the first time over the fence or a whole street coming together for a clean-up - it's about creating meaningful connections that spark future relationships. Last year they saw record participation, and this year, they are celebrating 15 years of Neighbours Aotearoa, and hope to have even more participation! What can you do? Find out what events are on locally and join in the fun of connecting with your community! If there are no events on, you could consider starting your own event, which could be as small as a



neighbourhood barbeque, a street party, or even something bigger! If you're stuck for ideas, or want some help with working out how and where to start, feel free to contact us at the Greater Green Island Community Network - we can help guide you with your event planning! The DCC also has funding for community events, and are keen to ensure the community put these to good use. GGICN can be contacted on admin@greenergreenisland.nz. Neighbour's Aotearoa would love to know if you are planning an event, you can register your ideas - big or small - on their website <https://neighboursaotearoa.nz/register-your-idea>. Remember: Neighbour's Aotearoa is about connecting with the neighbours and creating a stronger community of people.



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HARRAWAY'S SOFT PLASTICS RECYCLING

Soft plastics can be a frustrating addition to our household rubbish but there are options to get these out of our rubbish bins and reduce the amount of non-recyclable products we are throwing out. To help you solve this issue, Harraways at 161 Main South Road have a Soft Plastics Recycling bin outside the front of their office.

Harraways are a very committed Soft Plastics Recycling Scheme member and as part of that they have negotiated a permanent placement of the bin, and its placement is promoted within the NZ network of promoted locations. Link below (click on 'Dunedin' and you will proudly see 'Harraway's

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Soft plastic bin located outside Harraways main office



DUNEDIN SCHOOLS GET ACTIVE FOR MOVE IT MARCH

Active travel is a great way for tamariki to get to and from school, promoting fitness, independence, and community connection. However, we know busy roads can be a challenge, especially during peak school hours. That's why the DCC and local schools are teaming up this March for the Move It March campaign, aimed at encouraging safe, active travel options like walking, biking, and scootering.



The highlight of the month is Walk to School Day on Wednesday, 12 March. Scout, the popular active travel mascot, will also visit local schools to spread the excitement and get kids moving.

Schools across the Greater Green Island area will be participating in this fun campaign. Anna Taylor from St Peter Chanel School shared how they're embracing the campaign: "We're encouraging our students to find ways to travel to school by walking or wheeling. The kids are excited about Scout's visit, and we'll spend a lunchtime with their 'wheels,' playing and having fun together. We're also organizing a 'walking bus,' where staff will meet students at a community spot and walk to school together."

To keep the momentum going, the school will run spot prize giveaways and host a month-long active travel challenge to inspire students to make walking or wheeling a regular habit.

With so many fun activities and community support, Move It March is set to be a fantastic month for active travel in Dunedin!

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YOUR MONTHLY **Harcourts** MARKET REVIEW

The Dunedin real estate market in January 2025 showed stability, with a median sale price of \$608,000 and steady sales volume. Looking ahead to February and March, there are positive signs that could benefit both buyers and sellers.

Inventory levels are increasing, with 851 properties listed on Realestate.co.nz, (as at 20/02) giving buyers more options. While prices have softened over the past year, recent trends suggest the market is finding its footing, with a 9.05% price recovery since the January 2023 low. This upward momentum could continue into early 2025, especially as interest rates stabilise and buyer confidence returns.

For sellers, well-presented homes in desirable areas remain in demand, particularly in the \$1 million-plus range.

The rental market is also strengthening, with median rents rising by 12.2% to \$550 per week, which may encourage investor activity.

Overall, February and March are likely to see a steady, slightly positive market, with moderate price stability and continued buyer interest. While challenges remain, the outlook suggests a balanced environment with opportunities for both buyers and sellers.

GREATER GREEN ISLAND

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Average Dwelling Price

\$481,800

Number of sales

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STATS **January**
Median Dwelling Price

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Number of sales

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TOOTS' COLUMN

Greetings people, I hope you're all doing well and enjoying this glorious weather, even if it has come a little too late.



Senior Constable Mark
"Toots" Tuten

Things are going pretty good in Green Island, nothing serious to report and no patterns of criminality. I have to say it has been a pleasure to police here for the past two years. You have a community spirit that is missing in other places.

I've had the pleasure of policing the students for the past week for the "O" and "FLO (flat orientation) week. I don't think I could last two weeks of partying and drinking at my age, but the students seem to love it. Everything is so much more organised than when I first started policing in Dunedin. It was breaking up fights and arresting people constantly for two weeks. Not these days though. The vast majority of the students realise that we are there to look after them and appreciate our presence. I do struggle having to listen to their (so called) music for hours on end. Still, it's great when it's all over.

A wee reminder about the police numbers: *555, 105 & 111. If you're out driving and see some bad driving, report it on *555. A registration number and a description of the driving will do. These reports do get followed up on, even if it is to give the offending drivers some advice. Ring 105 if there has been an incident or offence that has happen in the past and there is no danger to anyone and of course ring 111 if it's an emergency or something is happening at the time of the call.

I'm saying this because I meet so many people who have a reticence to call police about thing because they seem to think we have enough on our plate already. Its our job to deal with these things and we can only police with your assistance. Stay safe, Toots

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COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE



Cr Kevin Gilbert and Paul Weir from SHCB

Kia ora, In January it was great to be at the Brighton Gala day with Cr Kevin Gilbert in our SHCB tent to meet and talk with people and hear their ideas and concerns. Always a good day out at Brighton Gala day.

Good to see The Ocean View new culvert been put in and completed. Thanks to DCC and Fulton Hogan for getting this done. Keep an eye out for Saddle Hill Community Board events and opportunities coming up.

The SHCB Youth Ambassador Award entry forms will be available. The award is for high achievers in either sport, academic or cultural areas aged 13 to 18 who live in the Saddle Hill Community Board area of Waldronville, Westwood, Ocean View, Brighton, Kuri Bush and Fairfield. There is a \$1000 prize pool.

SHCB also has funding available for groups in the Saddle Hill Community Board area. So get in touch if you have a local project that benefits the community and need funding.

Also lastly a huge thank you to our emergency services and surf lifesavers for working through the holiday and summer period while many of us got to enjoy everything our area has to offer. Ngā mihi, Paul Weir - SHCB Chair

GREEN ISLAND RUGBY CLUB NAMED 2024 NZ RUGBY CLUB OF THE YEAR



The Green Island Rugby Club named the Bunnings NZ Rugby Club of the Year 2024.

Green Island Rugby Club has been named the 2024 Bunnings New Zealand Rugby Club of the Year, an honour that recognizes the dedication and passion of its entire rugby community.

This prestigious award reflects the club's strong sense of whānau and the ongoing efforts of everyone involved—junior and senior players, families, members, volunteers, and sponsors. Whether based in Green Island, across Dunedin, or further afield, the club's supporters have been a vital part of its journey.

The club's success is the culmination of years of hard work and determination from past and present members. As they celebrate their 140th year, it's clear that Green Island Rugby's enduring dedication has paid off. As the old saying goes, "Good things take time."

Congratulations to Green Island Rugby Club on this well-deserved achievement!

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BERWICK OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

The Lions Club of Green Island is looking to sponsor someone from the Greater Green Island Area to participate in this year's Berwick Outdoor Experience, which is being held in early May.

The Berwick Outdoor Experience supports participants to realise their own potential. It is a not-for-profit course and is open to people aged 18 or over, aiming to help people to step out of their comfort zones and participate in non-competitive tasks, within an encouraging and supportive environment. Participants will learn a range of skills from teamwork, leadership, confidence building, across a wide range of activities such as: first aid, tramping, abseiling, kayaking, and more! Undertaking the Outdoor Experience creates a huge sense of achievement for many participants – it's an experience well worth doing!

For more information visit <https://www.berwickoutdoorexperience.co.nz/>. If you or someone you know are interested in being sponsored, please contact Trev Roberts from the Green Island Lions on 021 072 8093, or email trevrobgi@gmail.com.



Lions Club of Green Island



A group of participants in the 2019 Berwick Outdoor Experience

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GREEN ISLAND ZONE SUBSTATION UPDATE



Aurora Energy have provided an update on the upgrade to the Green Island zone substation. This work will future proof the network and strengthen the electricity supply for 4,300 customers in the wider Green Island area, from Concord to Ocean View. This project is part of the wider five-year work programme in which they are investing \$560 million to upgrade the electricity network in Dunedin, Central Otago/Wānaka, and Tāhuna Queenstown.



Aurora have completed the second stage of this project (construction works), which involved the construction of the new building, driveways, fences, flood protection, and transformer area, and took place over a ten-month period in 2024.

The contractor returned early in January 2025 to assemble the transformers, forecast to take two weeks. Following this, there will be no activity on site until April 2025, when the third and final stage of the project (electrical works) begins. During this time there will be a noticeable increase in truck movements and traffic management in front of the Boomer Street entrances while equipment is being delivered. There will be minimal impact on the surrounding area, as the new driveways have been designed for easy access to and from site. During the commissioning of the equipment, in the second half of 2025, there will be limited parking and access through Boomer Street. Although the work is mostly on the footpath, Boomer Street will be reduced to one lane for up to two months to ensure the safety of our contractor and the public.

Aurora will continue to keep the community updated as the work programme progresses. If you have any questions, send an enquiry through their website or call 0800 22 00 05.

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