

Planning underway for the biggest GI event of the year

Most people aren't thinking about Christmas now—but there's always the exception. Talk to Alex McDonald, the new event organiser for the Green Island Christmas Market Day and you'll discover plans are well underway for a fabulous festive day.

Applications are open for stall operators, event brainstorming has begun, along with requests to DCC for road closures—you name it, the ball is rolling and Ms. McDonald is buzzing with energy as she manages this project.

The Otago Polytechnic Applied Management student, Ms. McDonald is working with community worker, Ben McKenzie, and has memories of attending the Green Island Market Day when she lived in Green Island.

"It's just really exciting and fun. The market is something I have loved going to in the past so to help out and make it happen again this year is nice," she said.

The Market Day was also a fantastic opportunity for small business to promote themselves, and allow the Green Island



area to shine more on the Dunedin stage.

"From previous years it's been a success for a lot of people and it's another way to get exposure for small businesses, and plus it's a good way to get involved in the community and share bits and bobs that you have to offer," Ms. McDonald said.

For more info, please email: alex@greenergreenisland.nz



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Congratulations to the wonderful team at the Green Island Vets for winning the 2021 New Zealand Vet Association Business Excellence Award, recently.

When Scott Drummond, the owner of Green Island Veterinary Clinic, heard that his clinic had won, his first response was complete surprise. The thought that crossed his mind was “How can we win a business excellence award, we don’t have a barcode scanner?”

The award was given for Business excellence supporting employee wellbeing, business innovation and great customer service.

Scott has owned the 100% small animal practice for 20 years. He and his employees had always done the very best for his customers to provide an excellent first line service. However, when Scott attended a business stream at the NZVA annual conference 3 years ago and heard Paul Ainsworth from the Lincoln Institute talk about business leadership, he realized there was a lot he did not know.

He decided that his team deserved a better leader and he

would invest in improving his skills.

Since then, Scott and his team have created a culture of shared values and he has “flipped the switch” and realized that the practice is about the team not the owner.

He has recognized the value part time work brings to the practice in terms flexibility and having fresh, motivated employees. He has also invested in clinical equipment such as video otoscopy, DR radiography, endoscopy and excellent dental equipment to help his vets and nurses work to a high standard. Retention of staff is good, moral high and the practice is busy servicing a growing loyal client base. Scott is pleased his team has been recognized.

Looking ahead, Scott feels the key challenges will be retention of highly skilled vets and nurses by valuing veterinary teams and the skills and compassion they bring to the communities they work in.

Once again, congratulations to the team at Green Island Veterinary Clinic. We’re lucky to have you in our community!

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Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: Fri, 20 August 8 - 9am

Where: The Food Room

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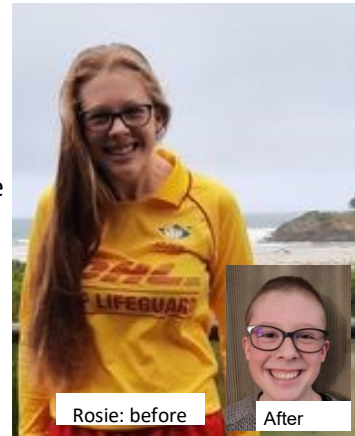
Monthly meetings and 3-4 social events annually

For more information about membership,

Phone Ben on 027 376 2181

A Close Shave Fundraiser

Brighton teenager and Surf Club volunteer lifeguard Rosie Davison had a close shave recently, confronting a less watery challenge for the local surf club.



The 16 year-old succumbed to a dare made four years ago, that if she could grow her hair past her waist, Rosie would shave her head. Little did she know, the time would come in one of Dunedin's bleakest winters.

But nothing was going to deter the Year 12 student, and Rosie decided to turn the dare into a fundraising challenge for the Brighton Surf Club.

Rosie set up a Givealittle page, and within a month raised \$1,261 for equipment and training purposes for the club.

And as for the dramatic loss of hair, Rosie said "surprisingly it's not that cold," adding that it was "freeing" to have 5 minute showers instead of the 25 mins needed to wash her hair.

The Columbia College student also took her challenge one step further, choosing to farewell her hair in front of an audience of peers, teachers and parents.

Well done Rosie! Top effort on fundraising for the Surf Club, too.



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Matariki 2021 - When the Community Shines!

Matariki celebrations sparkled with activity this year, as Concord's Dunedin City Baptist Church hosted hundreds of people to its event recently.

One of the organizer's, Zoie Kupenga, said planning for the event began in January with the brainstorming of ideas.

"The purpose of the event was to celebrate Matariki and bring people together so it was great to do that with the wider community," Ms. Kupenga said.

Such was the success and positive community spirit, organisers were already thinking about hosting another event next year.

"We want to do even better next year," Ms. Kupenga said.

The June event included performances from local schools, Maori craft activities, the Otago Museum StarLab, guest speakers and shared kai.



"We were buzzing about it at the end of the night. It was a great atmosphere. I was a bit nervous no one would come, but it turned out really well. We were so pleased," Ms. Kupenga said.

A lot of people stayed the whole time as there was so much to do and see.

"We are very thankful to everyone who came to support this, and to all the volunteers who were part of it," she said.



The Pipes and Drums of Dunedin Inc.

TO ALL EVENT ORGANISERS...

The above band is looking to be a bit more active in our community.

If there are organisations running events that would like to include us, we would love to be part of your event.

We are a small Band with lots of enthusiasm and would enjoy being out in our community displaying our Scottish Heritage, and hopefully encourage new members to join us.

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The Green Island Shed, building friendship in projects

Tucked away behind St Peter Chanel School in Green Island is a very special sanctuary, a place surrounded by nature with the hum of companionship - and the odd power tool. It is the Green Island Shed, the meeting ground of many like-minded individuals who share enthusiasm in making woodcraft and other items. Established in 2017, it modeled itself on the Men's Shed on the Taieri, creating a place to nurture mental health.

Years later, with a solid reputation in the Greater Green Island communities, the Informer caught up with Shed member David Mackle and Shed president Bruce Comb, for a tour of the premises and chat about why the Shed is so successful.

Mr. Comb said the friendship and fun was key to the operation, and it provided "somewhere for retired people to meet as well".

"Often women would go out for coffee, but men wouldn't probably do that, whereas they can feel free to come here - and still get their coffee," he said.

With 15 members in the group, including a couple who travelled from Dunedin centre, the Shed welcomed any like-minded individuals to join.

"We run exactly the same way as the Men's Shed, but we feel that might exclude women," Mr. Comb said.

There is currently one female member, but there have been others in the past.



Green Island Shed Members on site



With a large working space, which includes two containers and an adjoining workroom, there is plenty of room to potter on projects. Projects have included: predator traps for Bird Rescue, BBQ tables, Community Fruit and Vegie Stands, Lilliput libraries, bird feeders, buddy seats for local schools—just to name a few.

As with any work area, there are health and safety conditions, and this is an issue Bruce and David consider seriously, with stringent measures in place. For example, no one can work on the tools alone.

Want to learn a new skill, or make new friends whilst working on a project?

The Green Island Shed is the perfect place, offering a workshop to mentor wood working, tool handling and construction.

Monday and Friday 10am to 12pm, and Saturday 10am to 1pm. Phone Bruce on 027 624 4070 for more details.

The Shed is located at the end of Shand St, behind St Peter Chanel School.



Our Tamariki



You're never too old to jump in puddles, especially when the sun finally makes an appearance in the winter schools holidays.

Brothers Thomas and George Weatherall hit the Brighton Domain Carpark during the July holidays—creating a splash before taking a mid winter swim.

Brrrrrr! That's one way to help with the washing!!!



Who doesn't love a fun a tree climb? Siblings Elise and Flynn Blanchard enjoyed hugging a tree or two in Ocean View, recently.

Do you have something you would like to share on the Tamariki Page? We would love to hear from you.

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There are some very useful resources available such as www.netsafe.org.nz which provides information about everything from bullying online, scamming to tips for parents and youth. They also have a free helpline 0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723) and can be emailed at help@netsafe.org.nz

But remember, if you're in danger or a crime is being committed, call 111 immediately.

Keep safe and warm,

Cheers,

Fred

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The Greater Green Island Business Association Presents

THE GREEN ISLAND MARKET DAY

Saturday 4 December | 10:00am-1:00pm

The annual Green Island Market Day is back and better than ever!

Main South Rd will once again be covered in new stalls, yummy food trucks and awesome entertainment, a family-friendly event you just can't miss! Brought to you by the Greater Green Island Business Association.

All proceeds from the market will be donated to the groups that volunteer on the day and any other upcoming community events.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Stall registrations for the Green Island Market Day opens on the 1st of July and close on the 1st of November.

There are two stall types available:

Regular 3x3m Stall: \$45.00

Food Truck Stall: \$90.00

80+ stalls are available this year!

To register for a Market Day stall, email alex@greenergreenisland.nz
or
fill out a hard copy form, which you can collect from Jan at the Green Island Auto Service Centre.

Event under new management