



The Informer

April 2024 Edition

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\$633,000 GIVEN TOWARDS YOUTH

The Greater Green Island Community Network excitedly announces a community funding grant of \$644,859 for the Wheako Project, courtesy of the Otago Community Trust.

The Wheako Project aims to holistically address the needs of Tamariki (children) and taiohi (youth) in the Greater Green Island area by strengthening connections across four key domains: schools, community, whānau, and the establishment of an intentional community space.



Concord School students take the lead in a planting project

"(Wheako) is an example of what can be achieved when our community, schools, and partners join forces with a shared vision," said Melanie McNatty of GGICN. "Through our collaborative efforts and leveraging the strengths of our partners and communities, we are creating an enriching environment that enables every young person to grow, thrive, and unlock their full potential. The Wheako Project is a testament to our commitment to investing in the future of our youth and our community."

"We are thrilled to receive this generous funding from the Otago Community Trust," said Ben McKenzie of GGICN.

"The Wheako Project represents our deep commitment to nurturing our region's young people and empowering them to thrive within a supportive, inclusive community environment."



Green Island School students working on their team work skills

In schools, the project will enhance peer relationships and foster a greater sense of belonging, especially for students facing

challenges. Youth workers will engage students during lunchtime, modelling positive relationships and creating an uplifting atmosphere.

The Wheako Project also emphasizes the importance of whānau involvement in supporting young people. Plans are underway to establish an intentional community space that will serve as a hub and safe haven for taiohi and their families. This space will host community services, after-school activities, and accessible learning opportunities.

The Greater Green Island Community Network extends its most heartfelt gratitude to the Otago Community Trust. For this amazing opportunity which will serve our community for many years to come.



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In early March, the Onyx Militaires U18s travelled to Hamilton to compete in the New Zealand Marching Championships. Facing tough competition from 11 other teams across the nation, we aimed high. During the qualifying round, we secured 3rd place in review. With only 6 spots available in the championship grade, we were determined to earn our place in both the Technical and Display categories.

Thankfully, our efforts paid off, as Onyx Militaires U18s successfully secured spots in the championship grade for both Technical and Display. When the championship day arrived, we delivered our most outstanding performance of the season, captivating both the audience and the judges with our routine.

LEST WE FORGET
ANZAC DAY
25TH APRIL

Dunedin Dawn Service: 6:15am at the Cenotaph

Brighton Service: 11 am service at Brighton Community Hall

Green Park Cemetery: 12 noon

Green Island Memorial Park: 11am at the Green Island Memorial Gardens



In the end, we achieved 6th place in the Technical category and tied for 5th place in Display among New Zealand teams. Our journey to the championships was filled with dedication and hard work, and we are proud of what we accomplished.

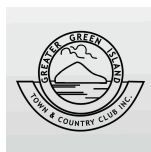
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The Greater Green Island Community Network is a registered charitable organisation aiming to foster a strong community which works together to develop its own solutions – a community which is self-reliant, responsive, resilient, and sustainable – a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

YOUR MONTHLY **Harcourts** MARKET REVIEW

The Dunedin median price for February was \$590,000, up from \$570,000 in February 2023, consistent with the last 12 months of results. It appears that our predictions Dunedin has found its new normal seem well founded, at least for now until we see any significant reductions in mortgage interest rates

A positive for sellers was the median number of days on the market at 39 which is 23 days fewer than last February. If you're currently for sale and taking much longer than this to sell, it may be time to revisit your asking price expectations, presentation or investment in marketing. There's little point staying on the market and helping other homes around you sell. Despite the large number of available homes for buyers to choose from (716 at this time) the median days and the number sold in February prove that buyers will act if they see value. There were 186 sales. A substantial increase of 39.8% compared to February 2023.

There are looming changes to government policy, but also reserve bank lending policy, and it will be interesting to see what affect these have on our market. In many ways they may balance each other out. The reintroduction of interest tax deductibility will help some investors, while the change to a 2 year bright line will ease some concerns over investment. However the introduction of debt to income ratios of 6 x income for owner-occupier lending and 7 x income for investment lending (with an exclusion for new homes) will no doubt affect the borrowing capacity of many smaller investors.

Our advice for buyers, act now. You have a great selection to choose from and prices seem unlikely to come down. Our advice for sellers, make sure your home is well presented and priced correctly so you can move on with your future plans while the market remains stable.

GREATER GREEN ISLAND FEBRUARY STATS 2024	DUNEDIN FEBRUARY STATS 2024
Average Dwelling Price	Median Dwelling Price
\$627,357	\$590,000
Number of sales	Number of sales
14	186



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TOOTS' COLUMN

Greetings, people.

This has been an interesting month, from a policing point of view.

I had the pleasure of policing the students for their "O & FLO (flat orientation for those who are not converse with the student terminology), helped police the Pink concert and, finally, spoke at the Emergency Management meetings.



Senior Constable Mark
(Toots) Tuten

It can be a benefit to be a community police officer when dealing with the students. You find yourself constantly giving advice to the inebriated among them about what would be in their best interests to do or what not to do. On the whole, they took this advice on board and had a fantastic time. These events are organised well in advance and to the credit of everyone involved, tend to run quite smoothly.

I could not believe that people were queuing up from 4pm to get into the Pink concert (she wasn't due on stage until 9pm). 36,000! Some crowd. Bar one or two miscreants, the behaviour and atmosphere were fantastic, and the only complaint was the cold weather (people still go to these things without a jacket, you should know what Dunedin weather is like by now.) Sorry for sounding like a Dad there.

The emergency meetings didn't quite get the same crowds as Pink. I was speaking about the role of police in emergency situations and how people can look after themselves. As I was speaking, it occurred to me that we are probably guilty of being inadequately prepared for the worst (I had a wee look in the pantry when I got home and realised that 2 tins of chopped tomatoes and a tin of coconut cream will not sustain me for long in the case of an emergency)..

My advice would be, get out there and attend these meetings - you never know, you might learn something.

Stay safe, Toots



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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)

LILLIPUT LIBRARY LOCATIONS



In addition to the formal library services provided by the Dunedin City Library, there are sprinkled around the Green Island and local suburbs small Lilliput Libraries. These are a free take a book, replace a book swap service which are easily accessible to the public. Below is a list of local locations

Abbotsford:

17 John Street
 41 Severn Street

Waldronville:

21 Delta Drive
 381 Brighton Road
 3 Canberra Place

Fairfield:

7 Fry Street
 35 Flower Street

Ocean View:

779 Brighton Road

Scroggs Hill:

21 Scurr Road

Green Island:

18A Brighton Road
 3C Church Street

21 Edinburgh Street

Brighton:

2 Scroggs Hill Road
 1020 Brighton Road
 60 Scroggs Hill Road
 1056 Brighton Road

7 Seaview Road

Concord:

5 Thoreau Street

Westwood:

576 Brighton Road

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING

In March, a group gathered at Green Island School for an Emergency Management meeting. Constable Mark Tuten (Toots) explained the police's role, stressing the need for centralized management during city-wide disasters. Claire Charleton from Emergency Management Otago discussed their work, highlighting Greater Green Island's risk of liquefaction, flooding, and landslides, underscoring the importance of preparedness.



Attendees discussed the resources available locally and the importance of individual readiness in building community resilience. The key message was clear: everyone can play a small but vital role in emergencies, contributing to the community's overall resilience.

Stay tuned for future sessions as the community continues to focus on emergency preparedness.

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FIRESIDE CLUB

The Green Island Fireside Club welcomes new members in the 65+ age group. It's held each Thursday, 1-3pm at the Janet Cameron Hall, on Shand Street along from Moyles supermarket. We play card games, including Euchre and 500. or, you can join the social table to chat, puzzle or knit. This is followed by afternoon tea.



Congratulations to father and son duo Keith and Wayne Facer, winners of the new Euchre Trophy in the recent tournament.

INGRID'S INSIGHTS

Welcome to our new quarterly column, where MP for Taieri, Ingrid Leary, casts her eye over local happenings, and gives her take on the goings-on in her electorate.

So proud of the young men from King's High School, who ran for 24 hours one weekend in March to raise money for mental health. It's a first for the school, which is planning to roll this out every year. The Year 13 and 12 students have collected sponsorship for Gumboot Friday and they reckon getting together for a bit of an all-nighter on the track at the school grounds is not a bad way to spend a weekend night. Congrats to teacher Jeremy White and all involved. I salute you as local MP and also as Opposition Spokesperson for Mental Health.



In more sobering news, it has been shocking and heartbreaking to see the ruthless cuts to public services in health and primary industries. This shaving to the bone will most certainly impact frontline services despite the Government's hollow reassurances. My thoughts are with the many people impacted, especially in the health sector which is so core to our city.


Also sadly, I have been inundated with messages of disabled people and their carers in the Taieri electorate who have been traumatised by the callous cuts this Government is making to their support. Make no mistake, the sudden change to the criteria is nothing but a cut to services which are essential for the well-being of members of the community. The decisions were made overnight without consultation and communicated appallingly on a website leaving people confused and distressed. Many impacted people have allowed me to share their stories publicly and I want to thank them for speaking out. We will continue to fight this issue until we get movement on it.


To end more positively: here's a media photo of me draping my colleague Grant Robertson in a Rwandan tribal blanket at his Valedictory. It was gifted to me by a chief on my visit there last year, acknowledging the Scottish heritage of Otago. He told me it was to be handed from leader to leader "showing that the work is never done." I can't think of anyone more deserving right now than Dunedin's favourite son, soon to be back with us as Otago University Vice Chancellor.





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SHOP LOCAL: MINDFUL FASHION

Mindful Fashion has recently emerged in the old blank building, in an effort to add a little glamour to your Main South Road shopping experience. The owner, Tania, takes us through what you can expect.

Ko Tarawera te maunga - Tarawera is my mountain.

Rotomahana ki roto - Rotomahana is my lake.

Ko Te Arawa te Waka - Te Arawa is my ancestral canoe.

Ko Tūhourangi te Marae - Tūhourangi is my traditional meeting place.

Ko Tūhourangi te iwi - Tūhourangi is my tribe

Ko Tania toku ingoa - my name is Tania.

Mindful Fashion is something that's been on my mind for years and all of a sudden it has become a reality. For me the name represents how important it is to just feel good. I want everyone who comes to the wee shop on 220 Main South Road to feel welcome, warm and relaxed, have a laugh (or not) have a sit down and chat (or not) sing along to the best Playlist and buy some great quality clothing at bargain prices, always. My hope would be that you are leaving the shop having had a nice experience.



For more updates, follow Mindful Fashion on Facebook.

Pictured: Mindful Fashion - Epic clothing at not so epic prices.

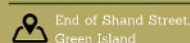


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TAMARIKI PAGE

MAIA'S MUSINGS

Our intrepid Fairfield reporter Maia Hayden (almost 11) took in the sights, sounds and smells of the recent Moana Nui festival.



The crowd at Moana Nui

The Moana Nui event was held at the end of March, and it was an amazing experience! It was held at Forsyth Barr Stadium, and it was all about sharing and celebrating Pacific culture. We could hear the drumming from the time we walked towards the stadium, and when we got there, it was amazing and colourful.

A lot of different countries were represented, and it was a good chance to learn about the different people who make up our community. Everyone was so friendly, and it was great to see people from my school, as well as some locals from the Green Island area.



Maia at Wan Tok Village

I loved watching the dancers from the Cook Islands, and it was awesome hearing the crowd cheer them on. Dad and I also really enjoyed the food - we ate Maori hangi, siaine lolo'i from Tonga (which is cooked bananas in cream), and a Tuvaluan chocolate-filled doughnut called a funafuna. They all smelt and tasted delicious!



Filimone, Talita and Tevita Uili leading the crowd in prayer

Overall, it was such a fun day, and it made me think about how lucky we are to have all sorts of different food and even people in our community. I can't wait until Moana Nui 2025!

THINGS TO DO THIS WITH THE KIDS THESE HOLIDAYS

With the holidays coming up fast approaching, you may be wondering 'What will I do with my kids for two whole weeks!' Well no fear, because we are here to help. Here is a short list of some activities and events around Dunedin these holidays.

FREE ideas:

- Explore Toitū Otago Settlers Museum
- Explore Tūhua Otago Museum (They also have a holiday club running check their website: otagomuseum.nz)
- Bring a packed lunch to a park (the Botanic gardens are great for this)
- Tunnel Beach Track (for older kids)
- Walk up or checkout Signal Hill
- Go for a hike up Baldwin Street
- A Day trip to Aramoana
- Check out the Art Museum
- Check out the mosaic art work in Waldronville and Ocean View
- Ross Creek walk
- Day trip to Taieri Mouth
- Check out the Dunedin Public Library, they have amazing programmes running over the Holiday period.

Low cost ideas:

- Swim in the warm waters of Moana or Mosgiel Pool
- Walk around the Orokonui Ecosanctuary
- Make sure to bring a jacket to the Dunedin Ice Skating Rink
- Play some mini-golf at Wal's Plant and Fun Land

Check out the Wild Dunedin website for their programme which has a huge range of events happening over this period as well. www.wilddunedin.nz

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