



The Informer

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BRIGHTON'S GALA DAY SURPASSES EXPECTATIONS



A crowd of nearly 10,000 flocked to the Brighton Domain, to soak up not only the last vestiges of pre-school sunshine, but also a wide array of stalls and activities for the annual Brighton Gala Day late January.

With a steady flow of people throughout the day, there was nary a dull moment at the domain, crowds soaked up live music, carnival rides and of course, the gorgeous late January weather.

Regular attendee Angel Hedges noted "I'm here with my mates, and it's great to see the domain so packed, and with such a good range of things for both young and old to do. This year it has certainly surpassed my expectations." She

added, "it's so awesome to have the gala day back after covid, and I can't wait to keep on coming back."

Not only were those in attendance entertained, but they also had the chance to donate to the Brighton Surf Life Saving Club, which had raised thousands of dollars by day's end.

Thank you to the wonderful and committed organisers of the annual event - Colin and Ann Weatherall, Scott and Justine Weatherall, as well as the veritable army of other organisers and volunteers - your time, enthusiasm, and downright passion for your community is nothing short of incredible, and not to mention much appreciated.



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Hedges



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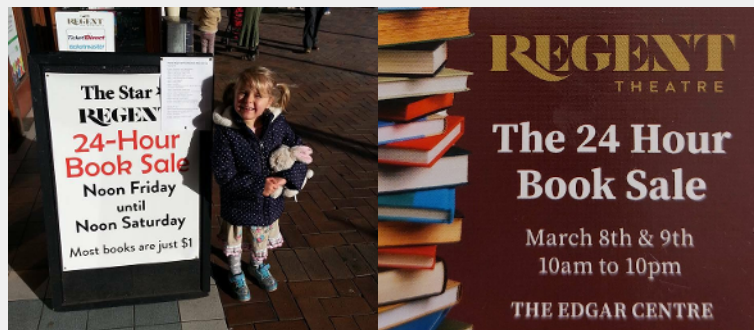
Our intrepid Fairfield reporter - and full-time bookworm - Maia Hayden (10) counts down the days until the 2024 Regent 24 Hour Book Sale.

The Regent 24 Hour Book Sale will happen again next month (March 8th and 9th), and I am so excited. I can remember going to my first one in 2016 (when I was 3), and I found a dog encyclopedia, which I still have. I love the atmosphere, and seeing all the books laid out for people to buy.

Like last year, they will hold the sale at the Edgar Centre on Friday and Saturday, from 10 am to 10pm each day. This is good, as it means that you can get home early and read the cool books that you all find!

I really like how much room there is at the new venue. It's awesome when the organisers keep bringing out new books. This means that there is something for everybody. And the best bit is that most books are only \$1.

The money raised will help the Regent Theatre, which is a really good cause, as a lot of fun activities take place there throughout the year. So, be sure to head along to the Edgar Centre on Friday March 8th and Saturday March 9th (10am to 10pm each day), and grab some good, cheap books to read, as well as help out the city!



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

"Many hands make light work" was Marion Thomas' quote of the day on Saturday 17th February. This sentiment rang very true as the dedicated crew of volunteers at the Green Island Community Garden worked hard. Thousands of potatoes were harvested in just a couple of hours for the annual Big Spud Dig.

Throughout the day many locals arrived to buy one of the six varieties on sale. Proceeds of the Big Spud Dig is going towards the purchase of 2025's seed potatoes.

All in all, lots of sun, good company, a cup of tea and a bumper harvest made it a great day.



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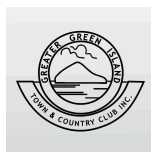
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The Greater Green Island Community Network is a registered charitable organisation aiming to foster a strong community which works together to develop its own solutions – a community which is self-reliant, responsive, resilient, and sustainable – a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

YOUR MONTHLY **Harcourts** MARKET REVIEW

As expected, the median sale value took a downward turn for the month of January, falling from \$610,000 the month previous, to \$575,000. But don't panic. January traditionally sees a lower volume of sales as locals take the school holidays away and aren't concentrating on buying or selling property. This lower volume can bring a fluctuation to median values and there were just 84 sales for the month compared to 178 in December.

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 > But this median value is also right in line with the previous 11 months which has seen them range backwards and forwards from \$550,000 - \$630,000 over various months. This tends to confirm that Dunedin has entered a period of price stability which makes sense when you consider interest rates have done much the same thing. We will need to see some quantitative downward trend in interest rates before we see pressure come back on house prices for existing homes. Until then expect section demand to remain fairly quiet.

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 > It's not bad news however, as a stable market allows buyers to make informed decisions and we are still seeing great demand across various price bands. We have seen competitive auctions and busy multi offers on some listings. If a home is well presented and the sellers expectations are in line with buyers then they will sell well. So that makes it a great time to consider upgrading their current home, and for first home buyers to make their move.

GREATER GREEN ISLAND JANUARY

STATS **2024**

Average Dwelling Price

\$601,000

Number of sales

7

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Median Dwelling Price

\$575,000

Number of sales

84



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TOOTS' COLUMN

Greetings, people.

I've been Green Island's Community Constable for a year now and I'm ever so slowing finding my feet.

There are no set rules to follow for this job, you have to find your own way of dealing with the issues you have been allotted.



Senior Constable Mark
(Toots) Tuten

Take neighbours at war for instance. Meet the clients, understand the issues/complaints/irritations etc. Then try and find some common ground so that both parties can take the first step towards sorting out the problem.

Neighbours at war invariably involve continued annoying behaviour that does not reach the level of criminality (and therefore should not have the need for the inclusion of a police officer; but it does). It's my job to navigate the fine line between attempting to help the situation and not to be seen to be one-sided.

Multiple visits are sometimes needed to convince some clients that maybe a backwards step (or sideways) is sometimes the best option.

These issues are only sorted out with the cooperation of both parties. There can be resentment when one party is not happy with the outcome, and resentment is the mortal enemy of all Community Constables.

My advice is think before you say or do anything in the heat of the moment. You really don't want it to be the start of something you didn't really want to start in the first place. It's so much easier to get on with your neighbours. Go on, give them a wave next time you see them (try smiling when you do it as well).

Anyway, I'm still loving it here. Don't be a stranger, pop in and see me at the station.

Stay safe. - Toots



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COMMUNITY KŌRERO

Welcome to this month's Community Kōrero, where **The Informer** yarns with a local identity. This month, rugby legend **Marty Banks** finds himself in the hot seat.

There are many adjectives to describe Marty Banks – journeyman, Super Rugby Champion, folk hero, battler with an x-factor – but the most immediate thing to notice about the newest coach at the Green Island Rugby Club is his eagerness to give back.



With a playing history that reads more like an excerpt from a spy novel – globetrotting from the West Coast to the beautiful Tasman region, with stints in Siberia and Italy, a heroic quest with the Highlanders in 2015, and iconic status in the

equally iconic metropolis of Invercargill – the veteran first five-eighth (now based in Waldronville) has a wealth of experience from which to draw upon, and is keen to get back to “grassroots enjoyment, finding a balance,” trying to conjure up “drills and activities which engage all levels, with our massive spread of ages and abilities, especially for guys who work 40-50 hours a week, then turn up to practice.”

Coaching has appealed to Banks for a while, adding another dimension to his experiences, and with the opportunity to “(mentor) other Marty Bankses,” and “just pitching in where needed, really, jumping on the other side to see what it looks like.” His fiancé Michelle, adds “he was fizzing after his first training, drawing up plays on his i-pad (and) excited to be involved.”



When asked if the pinnacle of his career is the drop goal that iced the Highlanders' maiden Super Rugby title, Banks is quick to refer back to 2006, when he turned out for boyhood club Reefton alongside his father and brothers - testament to the fact that, in spite of all he's achieved in the sport he loves, he's still “a country boy at heart,” albeit “with a couple more grey hairs.” His move to Miller Park should suit him down to the ground, then; certainly, Michelle suggests that “for Marty, giving back's always been important,” while he himself is looking forward to bolstering the whole Grizzlies community – “it's not just about winning games, it's wanting to contribute to a team that cares about its people.”

GREATER GREEN ISLAND EASTER EGG HUNT

Find one of **120** wooden Easter Egg cut outs

FRIDAY, 29TH MARCH

10:00AM ONWARDS

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Concord - Emerson Street Playground, Mulford Park

Green Island - Memorial Park, Elwyn Crescent Park

Abbotsford - Matthew Street Playground, Lambert Street Playground, Severn Street Playground

Fairfield - Skatepark, Walton Park

Waldronville - Delta Drive Park

Ocean View - Ocean View / Braids Hill reserve playground

Brighton - Domain park

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We are looking for some keen Easter egg hidiers this year to adopt a local Greater Green Island park and help us hide the eggs. Just get in touch adopt a park and hide the eggs before 10am Easter Friday!

Maybe you are a budding artist and want to help us do some designs?

If you want to get involved contact us at events@greatergreenisland.nz or contact us through our website: Greatergreenisland.nz

STAFF CHANGES AT SADDLE VIEW HEALTH CENTRE



Saddle View Medical Centre: 242 Main South Road, Green Island

We at Saddle View Health Center are loving our new building and hope you have had an opportunity to visit us here by now, six months on, and love it as much as we do.

Come on in and visit, give RoboDoc a go (just ask one of the reception team to help), or make an appointment with one of our nurses, Linda, Nat, Kerrie or Chris, to check your health record for any recalls due.

We have had some staff changes in the last six months, with new doctors with Dr Poppy McKay, Dr Fiona Morrison and Dr Isla Karetai having joined us. At the end of February we said goodbye to Dr Astrid Windfuhr, as she takes her well-deserved retirement. Congratulations to our Nurse Practitioners Kirstin Bright who recently became qualified and to Fiona C who we have welcomed to the team. Kirstin and Fiona work with our GPs to issue your repeats scripts so we can keep our GP appointments free. We farewelled Mel from our reception team and welcomed Jess to join Wanda, Jan, & Karen and Jacqui.

Welcome to the new babies born recently. We look forward to meeting them at their six-week check. Remember, we have our sleep expert, Stacey, on hand if you need any help or advice with your little ones.

We all hope you are having a lovely summer and steering clear of any illness, but if you do get unwell or injured, give us a call and we'll sort you out.

The Team at Saddle View Health Centre

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WILD DUNEDIN FESTIVAL 2024

The Wild Dunedin team are thrilled to announce that our popular Festival is on again in the school holidays, 19 - 28 April.

This year our Festival is focusing on huarere/weather. What makes Dunedin's weather special? How can I plan my vegetable garden and orchard for the changing weather? Why are clouds important for Orokonui Ecosanctuary? These and many other questions will be answered for you along with the opportunity to visit many home and community open gardens including the Green Island Community Garden, workshops on composting and permaculture, deals on wildlife tourism trips, and much more.

Old favourites such as Suzy Cato's event for children with the Wildlife Hospital, Wildlife ER, sessions on bees, yoga, plogging, diving in a kelp forest, deals on indoor bouldering, bird watching and sessions on bird photography - there's something for everyone at this year's Festival.

Libraries, Tūhura Otago Museum and Toitūare all hosting many events, there will be fine dining at three restaurants, boat trips, a session on making gin, and opportunities to help yellow-eyed penguins. Bookings are open for a Wild Night Masquerade at Larnach Castle with transport provided from town, in support of yellow-eyed penguins.

To book for the Wild Night go to www.wilddunedin.nz.

To keep up to date and see the programme when it's live, become a Friend of Wild Dunedin on the website. Follow us on Facebook at NZ Festival of Nature.




The Informer is always looking for more community news, clubs or events updates, and stories, if you can help (or lend us a hand delivering the newsletter, please get in touch!





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MEMORIAL GARDENS STAGE AND BBQ ON ITS WAY!

After bountiful community support and fundraising, some last minute changes we are excited to announce that the Green Island Memorial Park Stage and BBQ construction is well underway!

Under the experienced hand of the team at Stewart Construction, work started in January and is expected to be completed by Easter.

It is great seeing the progress each day, the pagoda is already up for the BBQ and frame in place for the stage.

The opening will be on the 12th of April, both the stage and BBQ will be operational in time for ANZAC day services.



The team are quickly putting together the stage and BBQ above.

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March
5:30 PM
Abbotsford School

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SUMMER IN OUR BACKYARD

February has continued to provide stunning sunny days -
here are some of our lovely locals enjoying local beaches.



TAMARIKI PAGE

FAIRFIELD SCHOOL TREE PLANTING



Fairfield School work hard with Fulton Hogan tree planting a new track together.

On Thursday February 8th, the intermediate Year 7 and 8 students at Fairfield School went to visit the new track in Fairfield that has been developed by Fulton Hogan.

The Fulton Hogan staff talked to us about the mahi we will have to do that day, and then in groups of four we got straight into it. All groups had a shovel with them and we had to dig holes in marked areas. The four classes split in half to work in different sections with different plants. After we dug the holes, we had to place the plant in and then cover the area around the plant with dirt and mulch. After all the holes had plants in them, we had to cover all empty spots with the leftover mulch.

By the end of it everyone had their own jobs, such as refilling other people's buckets, spreading, planting, and packing the soil. We started just before 11:30, and finished at 12:45. Afterwards, we were sent in groups to wash our hands and get a free ice cream from Frosty J.

We were all very happy to be able to help Fulton Hogan with the planting, and we hope that everyone can enjoy the track and the plants that we planted into the future!

By Austin B and Eva McL

ST. PETER CHANEL SCHOOL CAMP

The Year 5 and 6 students from St. Peter Chanel school had a wonderful time at Tirohanga Camp. We had fantastic weather and spent the week filling every moment being active and outdoors. Some of the highlights were orienteering, the obstacle course, a challenging bush walk, some very fancy bivvy making, roasting marshmallows on a campfire, and hunting for yabbies and huhu grubs!



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