

Star Struck in Park in the Dark



Left, Fire dancers from Flow State Productions entertain. Right, Luke Little (7) star gazes.

The winter chill didn't deter crowds of star struck children and adults at the Greater Green Island Community Network's first major event since lockdown.

GGICN hosted Park in the Dark at the Green Island Playground last month, coinciding with Matariki celebrations.

Thanks to members of Dunedin Astronomical Society, people were able to view the crescent moon, Jupiter, Saturn and star clusters through telescopes.

Community worker and organiser Larna McCarthy said the event was a success, with approximately 120 people attending on July 17th.

Ms McCarthy said it was wonderful to see people come together for the occasion, and have some Friday night fun.

"The kids were so excited about being at the park at night time. It was something different for them. There were lots of smiling faces. It was such a feel-good event," she said.

Flow State Productions wowed the crowd with fire dancing, offering free lessons with unlit poi, hula hoop and staff as well.

"I enjoyed doing the workshop— unfortunately hula hooping is not like riding a bike," Ms McCarthy said.

Special thanks to Green Island youth group Venture Squad for organising free hot drinks.



Zach Turner (4) and Octivia Wheelan (3) enjoy the Green Island Playground by night.



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GGICN NEWS

Following on from last month, the upgrades to the Green Island Playground are still top of mind. We have been successful in our application to the Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation for some funding towards this project.

We are very grateful to have support from foundations such as these, as they are helping us to grow our community. We are also grateful to the local Commercial Tavern for ensuring that gaming funds are kept in the community, and are available through foundations such as Bendigo.

Based upon feed back from the local community, with some design in mind by Garador Otago and with funding behind us, we will now apply to the Dunedin City Council for consent to construct and install shade sails to protect part of the Playground. This facility will enhance the play ground area and provide protection against the hot sun for the families using this playground.

Once installed, our plan is to hold another Teddy Bears Picnic under cover from the hot sun. Keep an eye on the Greater Green Island Facebook Page for more details.

If you think your organisation could benefit from gaming funds, visit **Bendigovalley.co.nz** for more information

Remember, if you have any questions or community concerns, please give me a call on 470 0814.

Ngā mihi maioha,
Larna McCarthy
Community Worker



Brighton Residents Say NO to Rubbish

Brighton residents packed their local hall recently, opposing a proposed landfill for Big Stone Rd, and demanded more community consultation from the Dunedin City Council.

Over 120 residents listened to meeting organiser and Big Stone Rd resident, Sarah Ramsay, Saddle Hill Community Board chairperson Scott Weatherall, DCC acting chief executive Sandy Graham and infrastructure services general manager Simon Drew, and had the opportunity to voice their concerns.

Reservations for the site include: increased traffic, air and land pollution, fire hazards, and potential leaking in the Otokia Stream which flows into Brighton Beach.

Community members are invited to speak at a public forum before an August 5 meeting when DCC councillors would consider consultation on the proposal. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/STOPBigStoneLandfill>



The Greater Green Island Community Network is a registered charitable organisation. To find out more about our projects in the community, please visit www.greenergreenisland.nz. If you would like to support the work we do, a donation would be appreciated to

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P 470 0814

Articles are free for events, community groups and clubs that are not for profit in the Greater Green Island Suburbs. Please email your articles and stories in Word documents and images/posters in JPEG files. Advertising can be purchased by contacting Sasha Turner via email.

Book Bus

Thank you to Helena Bailey, Dunedin Public Library, for stopping by the Park in the Dark before her 6-7pm shift at Main South Road / Jenkins Street .

It was great to see groups of young children having a look at the books on offer and having a chat to Helena about their favourite books.

The Bookbus visits seven of the Greater Green Island suburbs weekly. You can even order your books online and pick them up from the Bookbus.

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Tue: 3.00pm - 4.00pm



A Healthy Munch on a New Lunch



Pictured, Liam, 8, enjoys the free lunches.

When the lunch bell rings at Concord Primary School, there's a moment of anticipation as the students open their daily lunches provided by the Government's Free and Healthy School Lunches.

One of nine Dunedin schools receiving the lunches, Concord Primary School students are enjoying the variety and healthy options delivered daily by local business Kaans.

Principal Steve Turnbull said the lunches consisted of items such as fruit, salads, yoghurts, wraps, bacon and egg pies, rice and chicken—along with treats such as muffins and slices.

“There's plenty of food which is great.” he said.

The food was delivered in recyclable containers.

Mr Turnbull said the program, which had been under way for about six weeks, was a positive input for the school community.

“I teach in the afternoons and I have noticed they have more energy and zing,” he said.

To find out more about the government's Free and Healthy School Lunches Program, visit <https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/overall-strategies-and-policies/wellbeing-in-education/free-and-healthy-school-lunches/>

Senior Net

We Are Back!

SeniorNet have commenced their drop-in sessions on Monday afternoon, from 1-3pm, to provide assistance to those members who are having problems with their devices. Our morning sessions will be delayed until we have more clement weather....roll on Spring. We look forward to seeing you, and helping you with your problems. Bring your phone and/or computer with you.

Anyone interested in joining can get information from the helpers during this time at our Learning Centre. 222 Main South Road, Green Island, or by phoning the president, Anne Rodger, at 477-2774.

Anne Rodger,
President.

NZ Election 2020: September 19th

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Where: Coastal Unity Church, 208 Main South Rd, Green Island

Cost: Gold coin donation

Bring: Please bring changing supplies and a snack and drink for your child(ren)

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Foodie Culture

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Thai Pumpkin Soup. - Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp Olive Oil
- 1 Onion, chopped finely
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 medium pumpkin
- 2 cups of water
- 1 can of coconut cream
- 1 or 2 fresh/dried chillis (red)
- 1 Tbsp lemongrass
- 1 Tbsp fish sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste.

Method

Heat oil in a pot. Gently cook onion, sugar and garlic until soft. Add all the other ingredients. Simmer until pumpkin is soft (approximately 20mins). Puree with a whizz stick.

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Emerson Street's Grand Unveiling

If you have driven along Emerson Street lately, you will have been struck by a blaze of colour and the groove of music.

Artists Claire Rye and Jonny Waters have been working hard and transforming the grey exterior of the public toilet walls into a mural of inspiration.

The two Dunedin artists were successful in their submissions to GGICN and DCC to pursue the project.

Mr Waters, who headed the youth project with the Runciman Tunnel Mural, said he was "stoked" to be working on another community project.

Mr Waters said Concord offered the "perfect mix of residential housing and greenery" - and they wanted the mural to reflect that.

And the response from the local community has been very positive, he said.

"We've started having conversations with people who are locals. They are all stoked."

Like any project, there has been months of planning involved.

"There's a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes that people don't realise goes into it," Mr Waters said.

But team work helps, as Ms Rye said the pair have worked on a number of youth projects over the past five years.

"We were just really excited to get our designs up. It's the first project where we have done our own designs together," Ms Rye said.

Both artists have been "chipping away" on the mural on Saturdays, as they both have full-time jobs, Monday to Friday.

"It's a pleasure to get these projects where you get to work in such a public place," Ms Rye said.



Emerson Street Mural Grand Opening

Friday 14 August

3.30pm to 4.30pm

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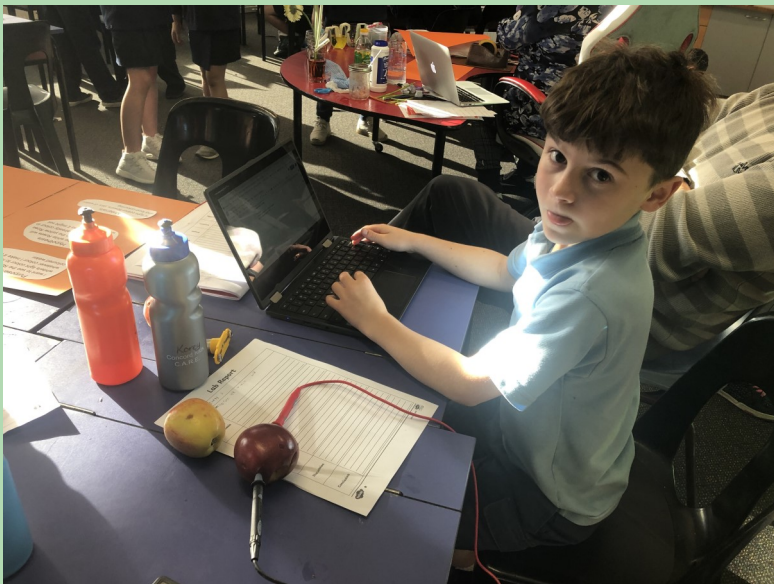


Concord Primary School students turned into budding scientists recently.

Far right: Aleeya (10) and below left, Carter (10) take a scientific approach to learning.

Centre: Abbotsford Primary School students enjoy a visit from the Otago Highlanders.

Bottom: Game On for some Abbotsford Primary School students as they celebrated success in a school activity competition.



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Marion Claver Thomas with helper, Zach Turner

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To celebrate, the Community Garden has some bulbs to give away. Generously given to the GGICN, the daffodil and snow drop bulbs are the perfect plant for little ones to enjoy planting.

Community Gardener Marion Claver Thomas said the bulbs are sitting in sawdust and, even though they have already sprouted, they will transplant well.

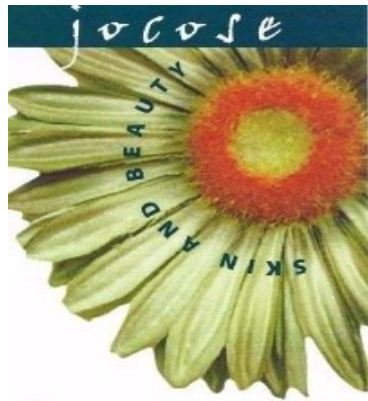
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Want to Get Involved?

Does organising the biggest calendar event for Greater Green Island sounds interesting to you?

If yes, the Greater Green Island Business Association (GGIBA) are always looking for new members to join their team of socially minded, local business owners.

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If you are interested in volunteering to the Market Day, contact: greenislandmarket@gmail.com.

If you would like to find out more about the GGIBA, contact: Julie Walker on: julie@firstaidsolutions.co.nz.