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LOCALS PLAN OUTDOOR SPRING CLEAN

Not everyone loves a spring clean, especially when it's other people's rubbish, but hats off to the many volunteers around Greater Green Island who are pitching in to spruce up their local vicinities this month.

Ocean View resident, Di Hamilton, along with her husband Dallas and their two girls, will be helping the Greater Green Island Community Network as we work together with Keep New Zealand Beautiful 2022. This year's initiative, Clean Up Week, is kicking off on Saturday,17th September and will run until Friday, 23rd September.

The Hamilton family registered their interest with the Network to lead volunteers in Ocean View as they felt strongly about protecting their local environment, and hope others will join them in their mission.

"We have a dog that we walk on the beach every day, sometimes twice a day and the kids love playing down there. We have noticed a lot more rubbish lying around sadly," Mrs Hamilton said.

Rubbish such as take away food wrappings, plastic, cigarette butts, empty beer bottles and cans was often found on the beach, but also on the road side.

"We quite often fill a bag while out walking," she said.

The national initiative provided an opportunity for residents to get involved, and take ownership of their areas.

Mrs Hamilton said while the initiative enabled a concentrated effort of removing waste, it was also an opportunity to educate younger generations.

"It's so important to teach our kids about caring for their local community and being a tidy Kiwi. They (the children) are often horrified about the amount of rubbish around. -



Above: Di Hamilton, together with daughters Lilly and Meadow, work to keep their streets litter-free.

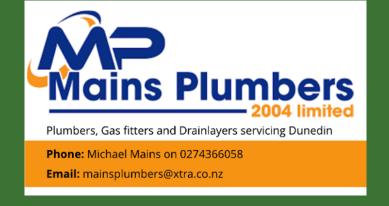
They can't understand why you wouldn't just find a rubbish bin! It' simple really," she said.

Community Worker Alana Goldsack is excited to see passionate community members running Clean Up events in seven areas around Greater Green Island, showing how much the community cares about beautification.

Are you interested in joining the in on Clean Up Week? Find the locations and dates on page 5, or email Alana at events@greatergreenisland.nz







SUPPORTING LOCAL - LEE'S WORKSHOP

When approaching Lee's Workshop in Green Island, you'll be greeted with a cheery "ello", without a doubt. Despite being in New Zealand since 1996, owner Lee Watkin hasn't lost his English accent, delivering a friendly and distinctive welcome to all customers.

Lee, together with his wife, Katherine Robertson, took over the workshop earlier this year, after working for previous owner, Merv Tikey since 1996. "It's nice to have my name above the door," Mr Watkin said.

One of the highlights of working in Green Island was knowing the clientele for so long and enjoying the relationships built over time, he said.

However, having the opportunity to run the business alongside Katherine was an added bonus, he said.

"It's great. There's the odd day when she could strangle me," he laughed, "but we get on well".

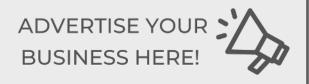
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Photo: Lee Watkin, and his wife, Katherine Robertson offer a friendly and thorough service in Green Island.



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ALL SAINTS FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

you would expect when you walk into Green Island's St Mark's Anglican Church, but Thursdays have a completely different flavour.

Reverend Jan Clark, along with Denise Wilson, offer the All Saints' Fruit and Vege produce distribution from their parish, benefiting local residents with reasonably priced fresh produce every Thursday morning.

The produce, which is pre-ordered on Mondays, is collected from All Saints' Church in Dunedin, and bagged ready for collection. Rev Clark said by purchasing only produce which has been ordered means prices are lower for families and individuals.

"[With pre-ordering], there's not much waste so they can do it as cheaply as possible," Rev Clark.

With the food prices rising, many families were having a hard time.

"Anything that helps you eat healthy and budget has got to be a good thing. People are looking for ways to make their pennies go further. My groceries seem to have gone through the roof, It's ridiculous," she said.

For more information about purchasing fresh produce through All Saints' Fruit and Vege, please visit All Saints'.

The fragrance of seasonal fruit and vegetables is not what Fruit and Veges - All Saints' Anglican Church - North <u>Dunedin</u> (www.allsaintsdn.org.nz) for ordering, produce and price information. Alternatively pop into St Mark's Anglican Church between 10.30 am and 11.30 am, and Jan and Denise will be happy to chat about the service.



Above: Affordable fresh fruit and veges with Denise Wilson (left) and Rev. Jan Clark

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The Community Network Update

The Greater Green Island Community Network is in full swing preparing for events coming up in next three months.

We are excited to be supporting the community with Clean Up Week events happening right across Greater Green Island in September, check out https://www.knzb.org.nz/events/ or page five of this Informer edition for more information.

In October we are excited to host a Job Opportunities Event. We have invited a range of guests, including employers and Job Liaisons and Career Advisors, to inform you on Dunedin's in demand industries and what you need to do to get a job in these areas.

Green Island Market is back for another year. You might have noticed a slight date change. Saturday

19th November is the day to remember, we are very excited to once again have the street full of stalls and to celebrate the completion of Green Island roading upgrades.

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FAREWELL TO A LEADING CHAMPION

Long-serving Green Island School principal Steve Hayward will be signing off his last school reports this year as he retires after 42 years in education - taking his collection of 250 ties with him.

As a key and prominent figure in the Greater Green Island school network, Mr Hayward will be missed, but his continuing involvement in the Otago Outdoor Education Trust and as chair of the Greater Green Island Community Network will see his commitment remain in community development and outdoor education.

"I come from a family who were active in community things, so I have just carried that on," Mr Hayward said.

A passion for teaching has seen Mr Hayward's career begin at Reid Park, continuing at Corstorphine, Papakaio, Hilderthorpe, Ardgowan, Bradford school, and finally at Green Island Primary. Three of these schools had since closed, but long-standing friendships remained.

"I have made life-long friends," he said, including having the privilege of MC'ing former students' weddings.

"I just love my job. You couldn't do this if you didn't. I just love the variety. The children are different, but they are still the same. It is a vocation as opposed to a job in that sense," Mr Hayward said.

In his various positions, Mr Hayward said he has seen huge changes under the 15 ministers of education, the biggest being the move from the Otago Education Board to the implementation of Tomorrow's Schools in 1989.

"It's been exciting being a self-managing school, having the board of school parents having a say about things," Mr Hayward said.

Working with the staff and alongside the children and their

families had been rewarding for Mr Hayward.

"I've really enjoyed the children and their families that I have been associated with and the wonderful staff. You can't do this job if you aren't here for the right reasons," he said.

But it's the early starts and late finishes that wouldn't be missed. The demanding role of principal had its challenges, but Mr Hayward credited his wife, Phillippa and support over career.



two children for their Photo: Principal Steve Hayward outside his Green Island School

"I couldn't have done it without them [my family]. It impacts them," he said.

As 2023 approached, Mr Hayward said he was looking forward to enjoying walking, biking and fishing - and possibly learning the bagpipes "but might shelve my thoughts of playing them and play golf instead. I think my wife agrees".

Thank you, Steve for all your brilliant mahi. Happy retirement.

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TWILIGHT BOWLS3FIVE

13th October - 3rd November 2022 (4 Thursday nights) Starting at 5:45pm. Two games of approx. 1hr 15 min each. \$10 per player, per night includes supper. Bar services available

Teams of 3 players, made up of 1 bowler and 2 nonbowlers. Make up a team with friends, family, or neighbours, or we can help you find some team mates just get in contact. Bowls can be provided if needed.

Prizes each night with an overall tournament winner on the final night.

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Enjoy music and beverages while playing. No experience necessary. Great intro into the great game of bowls.

Register with Green Island Bowling Club, 283 Main South Road, Green Island on gibc@xtra.co.nz or phone Sarah on 021 146 5877

WELCOME JAMES

A warm welcome to the newest member of the Greater Green Island Community Network - James Crawford. It's great to have you on board James!

As a Fairfield resident, James lives with his wife, Rachel

and their three children, and enjoys being involved with community events and projects.

"I was lucky enough to be involved with Mountain Biking Otago for several years and that gave me a good understanding of community development and how a like minded and dedicated team can achieve a lot for their community," Mr Crawford Photo: James Crawford.



And with a "hard sell" from GGICN's chairperson, Steve Hayward, Mr Crawford joined the Network in August, and is looking forward to being involved in the community more, outside of role as project manager with the Logic Group.

"As well as being the current presiding member at St Peter Chanel school, Rachel and I are usually ferrying our children between sports games and practices. I can usually be found at Sunnyvale or Walton Park encouraging a Green Island team far too loudly," he said.

Welcome to the team James!



OUR TAMARIKI

PUBLISHED POET EYEING A CAREER AS AUTHOR



Step into the mind of Big Rock Primary School Student Cameron Walters, and you will be greeted with a vivid imagination of fantasy, trees, jungles and animals - and a love of writing.

The Year 6 student was recently one of 10 young writers selected by the Otago Daily Times for its recent Extra Tāpiri edition. Cameron wrote a poem titled 'It's not a leaf...'

On learning of her selection, Cameron said she was very excited.

"It felt really cool. It was awesome," she said.

The poem which was written in class, was a fun exercise. "I had a lot of ideas because I have a great imagination. It's active all the time," Cameron said.

With a 900 word story on the cards, Cameron said she wants to pursue her love of writing as a career. Watch this space! Well done Cameron.

KEEPING ROAD SAFE

St Peter Chanel school had some big visitors at school recently, in the form of Fulton Hogan trucks.

Grant Pellowe and Gabi McFarlane from Fulton Hogan visited the school to talk to the students about road safety. It was a timely visit considering the roadworks in Green Island and around the school. Subjects covered included: the weight of trucks, driver blindspots, time and distance it takes for a truck to stop. This session completed the school's Health & Safety Education Week.





DRUMMING FUN

Kindergartens are normally noisy places at the best of times, and the Abbotsford Kindergarten is certainly no exception, especially recently.



The tamariki have been invited to participate in the Multicultural Performances celebrating the Mid-Autumn festival and the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and New Zealand.

In preparation the tamariki have been practicing waist drumming alongside kaiako (teachers), the Dunedin Senior Chinese Association, working hard to perfect synchronised drumming skills.

All the best for your performance Abbotsford Kindergarten!

Tamariki Page

Share stories about the children in our community.

We would love to hear from you!



Send stories, photos, and ideas to informer@greatergreenisland.nz

STUDENT ON PLACEMENT

There's a new hand on deck at the Greater Green Island Community Network, and with the building momentum of future events, we're thrilled to have Niamh's help.

A third year Otago University social work student, Ms McLean began her work placement with the Network, last month, and has quickly swung into the gear of community development, working alongside community workers, Ben and Alana.

"It's a big learning curve, learning all the practical aspects. I feel like this really is quite diverse. There are lots of different aspects which keeps it exciting," Ms McLean said.

Working with the Network until the end of October, Ms

will McLean be shadowing Ben and Alana, helping with office administration, community

engagement, planning the Market Day and assisting with social media.

With many options ahead, Ms McLean said she was unsure about which avenue of social work she would take in the future.



Photo: Niamh McLean at work in the

"I don't have any set GGICN office fields or organisations.

At the moment, I'm interested in community work and youth work but I'm pretty open to trying new fields," she said.

It's great to have you on board, Niamh.

INTRODUCING LINDSAY

Meet Lindsay Aitchison. Lindsay has been a volunteer for the Greater Green Island Informer for four years after being

roped into the team by former community worker Amanda Reid.

Lindsay has previously worked in the building industry for over 50 years as a quantity surveyor across Otago region calculating cost and resources for constructions buildings.

With his past experience Lindsay was able to convert his skills Photo: Lindsay Aitchison design and



organization into working behind the scenes of the Informer meticulously formatting and organizing articles, advertising, photos, and layout to help develop and ensure the Informer runs smoothly.

Lindsay says the Informer is a great way for him to stay busy and also to "contribute to the Green Island community". When Lindsay isn't helping with the Informer, he can be found enjoying some of his time at the Green Island Art Club.

If you or anyone you know is interested in helping out and contributing to the community like Lindsay, contact us on Facebook, email, phone or come in and have a chat. We would love to meet you and hear your ideas about growing great communities.



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GARDEN GOSSIP

September is a time when we are creeping towards the warmer temperatures, and looking forward to the upcoming months of planting, colour and edible gardens. It's also a good time to turn the soil and aerate patches of ground earmarked for planting.

The key to having a rich and productive veggie garden is to plan – and planning involves considering what has been planted in previous seasons. Rotation of crops is key and can make all the difference to the success of veggies.

Crop rotation is the practice of growing a series of different types of crops in the same area across a sequence of growing seasons. It reduces reliance on one set of nutrients, pest and weed pressure, and the probability of developing resistant pests and weeds.

To help plan your garden and group plants in preferred lots, consider the rotating these groupings below each season.

Group 1: Brassicas and salad greens: e.g cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, lettuce, silverbeet and rocket.

Group 2: peas, beans, celery and onion.

Group 3: Potatoes, yams, pumpkins, carrots and courgettes.

Happy planning!



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BRIGHTON'S ŌTOKIA CREEK AND MARSH HABITAT TRUST WINS AWARD

The members of Brighton's Ōtokia Creek and Marsh Habitat Trust are usually found gumboot deep in re-planting, but the recent 2022 Keep Dunedin Beautiful Awards group under a spotlight of recognition.

Winners of the Taylor Community Pride Shield, the Trust was recognised for its vision and efforts in re-planting, protecting, and restoring native growth along the Ōtokia Creek and in its marshlands.

Trust chairperson Simon Laing said the group was thrilled to receive the award, yet "also actually quite surprised as there were many outstanding nominees."



Photo: Ōtokia Creek and Marshlands

The Trust was formed in 2020, with a vision to "restore the native flora and fauna of the Ōtokia Creek, improve amenity, such as cutting walking tracks along its banks so that people may enjoy the Ōtokia's beauty, and pass a better legacy onto future generations", Mr Laing said.

With a Board of five volunteer trustees and approximately 24 local residents, the group meet for Sunday morning working bees and organise community planting days.

There was a temptation in the vision for restoration to



Photo: Members of the Ōtokia Creek and Marsh Trust

quicken the pace, but Mr Laing said the group kept to a sustainable model for its work.

"The Trust's board regularly have to remind each other that we are running a marathon, not a sprint. Although there is an urgent need to plant native trees, de-stock our waterways, and trap predators to halt the biodiversity crisis, and to offset carbon emissions, our vision will not be realised for hundreds of years. This is why we have spent so much time and money in the beginning to set up a sustainable model for our work," he said.

When the Trust weren't growing and planting tree seedlings, it challenges the Dunedin City Council's proposal for the Smooth Hill Landfill at the creek's headwaters.

"Given what we now know about nasty bioaccumulative chemicals and their impact on people and the environment, it would devastate our waterway. The landfill would jeopardise Dunedin families' ability to swim in the Ōtokia Lagoon and Brighton Beach and as a Trust we want people to be able to the Ōtokia even more, not less," Mr Laing said.

To find out more about the Ōtokia Creek and Marsh Habitat, please email otokiatrust@gmail.com.

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI - MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK 2022

The initiative of Māori Language Week is a government sponsored drive aimed at encouraging New Zealanders to learn and enjoy the native language of Aotearoa more. This year, we celebrate te reo Māori being recognised as an official language for 35 years.

Here at Greater Green Island Community Network, we seek to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi in our workplace and interactions in community development, acknowledging the significance and beauty of te reo Māori in doing so. The Māori language has an important place in our culture and we embrace the journey of improving our own knowledge. In recent editions of The Informer, we have included a te reo Māori column because we want to share the love of the language and

engage our vision of biculturalism. In doing so, we have also regretfully made our own mistakes and acknowledge in our learning that we too are on a journey of growth.

We look forward to stepping forward and learning more, incorporating more te reo Māori in our workplace

and in The Informer Join us on this journey in celebrating Te Reo Māori.

MĀORI TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI LANGUAGE 12-18 MAHURU 2021 | 12-18 SEPTEMBER 2022



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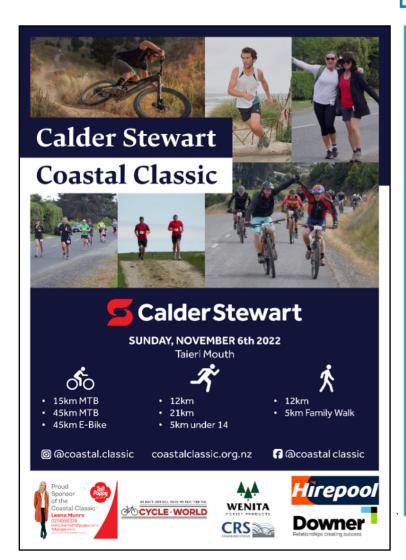
GREEN ISLAND ART GROUP MID YEAR LUNCH



The Green Island Art Group, while it was in recession, during the height of the pandemic, is now back in full swing, meeting every Tuesday at the Janet Cameron centre. It has been enjoyable coming out of isolation and meeting in the company of fellow members.

On 12th July we had a very enjoyable mid-winter lunch at The Village Green, Sunnyvale Sports Ground, with 28 members braving probably the worst day we have had in months! Just as well there is so much parking close to the building! The menu was amazing with a great variety of food to suit everyone and we had a thoroughly enjoyable get-together".

By Lindsay Aitchison





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FAIRFIELD SCHOOL CELEBRATES 150 YEARS



Photo: Fairfield School 2022 Staff photo

Fairfield School stepped back in time recently as it celebrated its 150th anniversary.

Uniforms were ditched as students dressed up in Victorian era clothing with staff also donning formal attire. The syllabus was rich in history, including landmarks, events, industry, and significant families.

Principal Greg Lees said "it was a significant milestone made all the more special by the efforts of children, staff and the whole community. The day has created memories for Fairfield School children for a lifetime, and what can be more important than that".

Many attempts had been made to stage this celebration as a "community event" but due to Covid this was not possible.

"Children and staff dressed in Victorian period costumes on the day - it was amazing how much the school community got behind this celebration," Mr Lees said. Previously named Walton School on its opening in 1872, it was initially located in Walton Mission House, Green Island before moving to the site of the Fairfield store on Main South Rd. On January 1st, 1951, a fire destroyed the school, and the 130 pupils continued their education in the old school house. In 1951, the Education Board bought the five acres on Sickels Street, and Fairfield School was opened on 17th March, 1953.

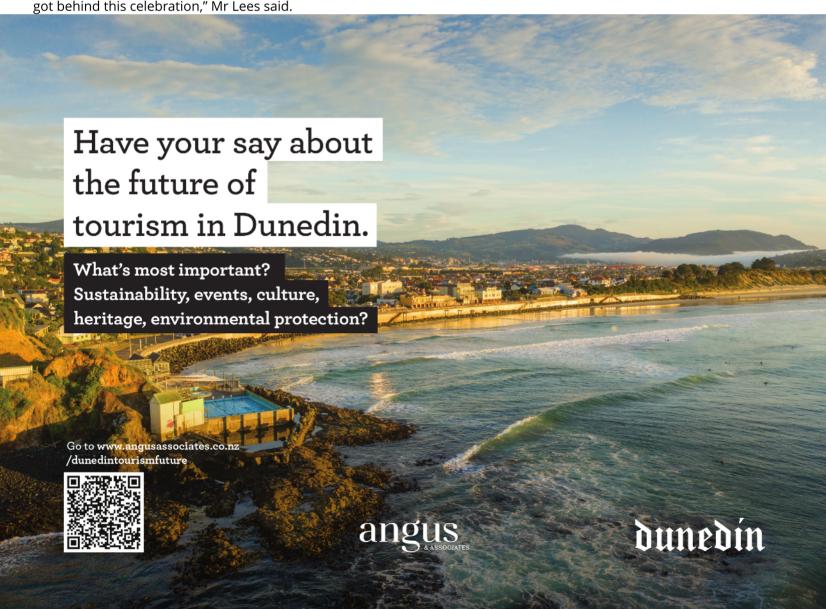
Mr Lees, the principal at the school for the past five years, said plans were in place to hold an open afternoon early in February 2023. This would also coincide with an official opening of a \$3.5



million refurbishment *Photo: Fairfield School students celebrate* of the original school *old-school style.* block from 1953.

"Fairfield School is a special place to work because we have amazing teaching and support staff. They are good at their job and more importantly they are just genuinely great people who put children first," Mr Lees said.

Congratulations Fairfield School on your significant anniversary and celebration. It's wonderful to see you shine.



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