



The Informer

December 2024 Edition

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BRIGHTON GALA DAY 2025: FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Get ready for an unforgettable day of fun, food, and festivities at the 29th Annual Brighton Gala Day! Join us at the Brighton Domain on Sunday, January 19th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., as this beloved free-entry event transforms into a vibrant community celebration. This year's Gala Day promises non-stop excitement for all, drawing 10,000-12,000 visitors for free-entry fun.

Explore 200 vibrant stalls, mouthwatering food everything from classic flavours. Entertainment? Amusement rides will while Otago Helicopters scenic flights (additional also be a visit from the this year.

Kids and families will love schedule, featuring live amusement rides, an education session from and plenty of surprises. it's a community effort volunteers from the Green Island Lions, and Surf Life Saving Otago, who will be collecting for the club throughout the event to raise much-needed funds for the event. Organiser, Colin Weatherall, contributes the success of the event to the wonderful volunteers.

Travel is a breeze with hourly buses and limited disability parking available (plan ahead!). Whether you're adventuring with friends or bringing the family, the Brighton Gala Day is your must-attend summer celebration. Don't miss this epic day of food, fun, and festivities!



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the day's packed entertainment, exciting science Tūhura Otago Museum, It's not just about fun – with many dedicated



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MERIDIAN MALL HOSTS THE GREEN ISLAND ART GROUP EXHIBITION

The Green Island Art Group hosted their Annual Affordable Art Exhibition at the Meridian Mall from October 17th to 20th, which was a resounding success. They had hundreds of paintings for sale, and the display was continuously restocked throughout the exhibition. The Meridian was abuzz with several other organizations, drawing a high volume of visitors over the four days.

The Art Group extend their heartfelt thanks to the Green Island Lions for their invaluable assistance in bringing equipment, setting up, and dismantling the exhibition. Their support was instrumental to the success of the event and was deeply appreciated by everyone involved. Events like these highlight the strong community spirit that makes Green Island special.

The Green Island Art Group are eagerly anticipating another year of creativity, learning, and camaraderie at their weekly Tuesday gatherings.



THANK YOU TO OUR LONG-TIME NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER



Above: Cheryl & Lindsay Aitchison

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Lindsay Aitchison, who has been a dedicated volunteer with our newsletter team since 2018. Lindsay brings his expertise every week, ensuring the layout of The Informer looks fantastic. His careful eye and creative touch make each edition shine. We are very grateful for Lindsay's input on the newsletter, as well as the interesting conversations that we get to partake in each visit.

A former quantity surveyor with 50 years of experience, Lindsay is also a proud member of the Green Island Art Club. Though he's currently recovering from surgery and unable to join us, we're eagerly awaiting his return. Get well soon, Lindsay—we can't wait to have you back with us!



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SANTA'S SPECIAL CHRISTMAS LETTER TO GREEN ISLAND

This year we asked Santa Claus to write us a letter all the way from the North Pole and he was happy to send a few words our way for the Informer newsletter.

With the Christmas season upon us, I wanted to take a moment to send a very special letter to all of you in Dunedin, New Zealand! I am looking forward to visiting you in a few weeks, and even though the snowy weather of the North Pole is very different from the Dunedin summer, I do enjoy a South Island Christmas!

There is nothing like flying over the Otago coastline on Christmas Eve, seeing the twinkling lights of Christmas decorations that light up Dunedin! This year I'm hoping some Kiwi kids put out some pavlova and mince pies for me!

Christmas preparations are underway here at the North Pole, our elves are working overtime to make sure the sleigh is ready, and the reindeer are getting their flight training in! I've loved reading the letters from tamariki in Dunedin, with lots of requests for rugby balls,

beach toys, and art supplies to keep all of you creative kids busy during the long Kiwi summer! I've seen lots of aroha in your letters, with stories of helping around the house,

being good friends, and showing care to others in your community. And, after my big night of deliveries, I'm taking a much-needed holiday at the beach with Mrs Claus, perhaps near Brighton or Ocean View this year! Nothing beats a quiet walk along the beach after the busy Christmas rush.

I want to remind everyone to keep spreading kindness and holiday cheer: lend a hand to your neighbours, share some delicious kai with friends, and show a little extra aroha to your family this holiday season. These small acts make a big difference!

I am really looking forward to visiting you all in Dunedin this year – keep an eye out for me on Christmas Eve as the reindeer and I fly through!

Meri Kirihimete, Dunedin - Santa



Santa & Mrs Claus

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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 real estate market currently presents an exciting window of opportunity for buyers, with prices continuing to be fairly stable. The median property price sits at a reasonable \$620,000, creating a unique moment for buyers to act with confidence.

What's more, Dunedin's long-term growth trajectory is encouraging. Property values here have appreciated consistently, averaging around 5.42% annually over the last two decades, signalling solid potential for future gains. Many suburbs also offer excellent rental yields, making it a smart choice for investors looking to secure steady income.

Falling interest rates are here! And there is (hopefully) further relief on the horizon for the many households stretched to their limit by recent high interest rates. The Reserve Bank dropped the OCR during its last two OCR announcements and that saw all banks cutting interest rates, with one getting as low as 5.59% for 12 months. And the expectation from most economists is that the next OCR announcement will also see a drop, which means rates should continue to fall relatively quickly over the coming months.

Given the recent market adjustments and Dunedin's continued appeal as a lifestyle destination, now is a fantastic time for buyers to secure a property before demand and prices are expected to pick up again. Whether you're a first-time buyer, wanting to upsize your family home or an investor, Dunedin offers both opportunity and value.

GREATER GREEN ISLAND

STATS **October**

Average Dwelling Price

\$627,312

Number of sales

16

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STATS **October**

Median Dwelling Price

\$620,000

Number of sales

171

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TOOTS' COLUMN

Greetings people,

Congratulations motorists. Since my last column in the Informer, there has been a significant decrease in out-of-date regos and WOF's on my favoured route whilst doing my rounds in the morning. It's amazing what a wee "heads up" will do. BUT.....!



Senior Constable Mark "Toots" Tuten

There is some significant speeding, especially through Waldronville in the morning. Try and look at things from the point of view of the people living on the main road. I know you are all trying to get to work, but there is a safety issue here.

I can't help but notice motorists slamming on the anchors when they see me parked up as they come over the rise in the road. The speed limit is 60kmh, please stick to it, one of the alternatives is a personal meeting with me in the morning, or even worse you might harm someone. Not really worth it just to get to work, is it? Lecture over.

I've had a few enquiries at the front desk recently with people saying that they didn't want to trouble the police by reporting what they considered to be trivial things. If you want to report something that has happened in the past ring 105 or go online. If something is occurring in the present ring 111. We are here to help you. Remember Safer Communities Together.

We've got the Can appeal coming up on the 2nd of December and the Market Day on the 7th of December. I'll be there so come and say hello, I won't bite I promise.

Hope you have a great month.

Stay safe.

Toots

UPDATE FROM SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD

Kia ora,

2024 has passed by already and we are almost at Christmas!

SHCB has had a busy year so far. Youth ambassador awards, Civil Defence Emergency Management Meetings and Training, Community Board meetings, supporting local organisations through SHCB funding and also being on the ground helping out in the latest heavy rain / flooding crisis.



Paul Weir

The SHCB wishes a safe and Merry Christmas and New Years to you all and that you can all enjoy a nice holiday with family and friends.

Nga mihi, Paul Weir, SHCB Chair



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WHAT'S ON THIS CHRISTMAS?

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| Thursday 5 December, 6-8.30pm | Christmas in the Park Night Market , Fairfield Community Hall |
| Saturday 7 December, 10am-1pm | Green Island Market Day , Main South Road, Green Island |
| Sunday 15 December, 11am | Christmas Carols on the Lawn Dunedin City Baptist Church, 19 Main South Road, Concord |
| Sunday 15th December, 10&10.30am | Morning tea & Christmas service The Lighthouse Baptist Church, 222 Main South Road, Green Island |
| Sunday 22 December, 10am | Intergenerational Christmas themed service Coastal Unity Presbyterian Parish, 208 Main South Rd, Green Island |
| Sunday 22 December, 10.30am | Christmas Celebration St Mark's Anglican Church, 27 Shand St, Green Island |
| Wednesday 25 December, 9am | Christmas Day Service St Margaret's Anglican Church, 4 Seaview Road, Brighton |
| Wednesday 25 December, 10-11am | Christmas Day Service Dunedin City Baptist Church, 19 Main South Road, Concord |
| Wednesday 25 December, 10-11am | Christmas Service
Coastal Unity Presbyterian Parish, 208 Main South Rd, Green Island |
| Sunday 19 January, 10am-5pm | Brighton Gala Day , Brighton Domain, Brighton |

INGRID'S INPUT

As the year draws to a close it is particularly distressing that the Government is choosing to cut hospital budgets around the country and more specifically threaten the delivery of our much-needed Dunedin Hospital, which is vital to our community. The cuts are going too far. This isn't



Ingrid Leary

what New Zealanders voted for. New Zealanders were promised no cuts to the frontline, and continued investment in health and education. We were promised a hospital, to not only deal with life-threatening illness and injury, but to also train future generations of medical staff. Instead, we're seeing costs mounting up day on day as our New Hospital is delayed. On top of this, the Government is continuing with its consultation to reduce sick leave for part-time workers. This would disproportionately affect disabled people and women – including mothers – as they are more likely to be working part-time. When people have enough sick leave, they can stay home when they're unwell. This protects other workers, businesses, and our health system. Last year when Prime Minister Luxon was asked if he would reduce sick leave, he said "absolutely not". The Government now choosing to reduce sick leave is both an attack on those vulnerable and yet another campaign promise National has broken.

My goal next year and through into 2026 is to continue to stand up for Kiwis, fight for the most vulnerable, and hold this Government to account. I want to wish every reader of "The Informer"- Seasons Greetings! Please keep safe on the roads and on our beaches. I look forward to catching up with you in 2025.

KEEP THE KIDS BUSY THIS SUMMER!

The summer school holidays can feel long when you're looking for ways to keep kids entertained, so here are some fun and easy ideas to keep them happy and active right here in our community!

Explore local museums and galleries, Toitū Otago Settlers Museum is a great place to learn about the history of the area and has some fun and interactive areas for the kids to explore. Tūhura Otago Museum often have special movies on offer, as well as craft sessions during school holidays. Or, try a visit to the art gallery to spark some creativity!

How about hopping on a bus for an adventure somewhere new, catching the bus can be a fun outing in itself! Grab a Bee Card, and remember, kids under 12 travel for free (as long as they use a registered Bee card). We enjoy hopping on the 77 into town—it's a simple, exciting way to switch things up, but there are plenty of other interesting places to adventure to.

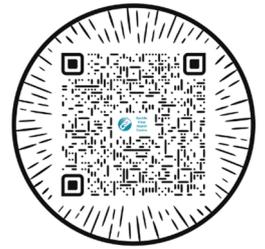
Make a mini outing to a local dairy for ice cream, or swing by the fish & chip shop for a classic Kiwi treat. Pack these up for a day at one of our public playgrounds or explore

SADDLE VIEW HEALTH



Saddle View Health is pleased to welcome any new patients wishing to enrol.

We are proud to serve the greater Green Island community from our purpose-built health centre, built in 2023, which is welcoming and easily accessible. We are centrally located at the northern end of Green Island and have plenty of onsite parking.



Our experienced team of practitioners, nurses, health professionals and admins are happy to help you and your whānau.

To find out more about us, our services and our fees or to enrol, head to our website

<https://saddleview.health>

You can also enrol by scanning the QR code above and completing your enrolment online.

different school playgrounds—try a new one each week! Or, spend a day at one of our beautiful beaches building sandcastles, swimming in the cool ocean, or catching some waves on a boogie board, you can explore the rock pools and discover some interesting sealife!



Kids enjoying Brighton Beach

How about taking the kids for a swim at Moana Pool or Te Puna o Whakaehu - a day at the pool is always a hit! Whether they're

learning to swim or just splashing around, it's a great way to stay cool and active. Another fun activity is to simply grab some lunch and have a picnic in the park – nothing beats a good picnic with family and friends. There are plenty of beautiful walks to do, such as the walks around Ross Creek Reservoir, as well as bike rides in the region.

These ideas are easy, affordable, and a great way to make special memories with your kids over the summer. Enjoy the sunshine, have fun, and make the most of our wonderful community!

CONCORD SCHOOL

FAREWELL TO JACQUI SEQUE AFTER 36 YEARS



On the 13th November Concord School farewelled long-serving teacher Jacqui Seque, at a special assembly, to thank her for her 36 years at Concord School, and wish her well on her exciting new journey. She is spent her final time at school with her class at the School's museum sleepover.

BIG ROCK SCHOOL

As part of the Senior Aquatics Programme a few of the children had the opportunity to experience a SCUBA lesson with Dive Otago. What an amazing experience!



GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE

The William Pike Challenge was created to equip teachers with the resources, skills, inspiration and knowledge to help ākonga step into their lives with confidence and courage.

Year 7 & 8 students from GI School have been creating some innovative passion projects as part of their William Pike Challenge. These projects are an exciting opportunity for these young learners to explore their interests.

During this challenge, students were able to choose a project that ignited their passion, whether it be in environmental conservation, community service, or innovative technology. They have learnt valuable skills such as teamwork, research, and project management, all while having fun and making a positive impact.



FAIRFIELD SCHOOL



The Junior School had their amazing school production in mid-November - with the whole junior school performing in front of their many of their family members - what fantastic support from the school community! The entire show was created by the children, everything from the theme, props,

costumes and dances. The teachers were even convinced to get up and dance!

ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL



The school-wide production of 'Abbotsford's Got Talent' was performed at the Regent Theatre on Thursday 14th November. All of the students got involved and had an incredible time, the show was outstanding! Well done students and teachers for the amazing efforts to get this epic show done.

JOIN OUR GIRLGUIDING COMMUNITY

GirlGuiding is coming to GGI in 2025!

Meeting on a Monday evening from February in Abbotsford, GGNZ is all about empowering women of all ages to develop confidence and leadership while having fun! Contact us to secure your girls spot.

Email: youthenrolmentssi@ggnz.org.nz

GirlGuiding New Zealand



GREATER GREEN ISLAND COMMUNITY NETWORK UPDATE

STEVE STEPS DOWN AS CHAIR



Steve Hayward, always getting involved.

When the Greater Green Island Community Network (GGICN) began in 2013, Steve Hayward stepped into the role of Chair with growing enthusiasm. Recognising the importance of a strong and resilient community for the children and families of his school, he has led the organisation with skill and wisdom. The GGICN extends its heartfelt gratitude to Steve, who is stepping down after an incredible time and the helm.

Steve has been a champion of GGICN's mission to enhance the wellbeing, belonging, and resilience of the Greater Green Island community. Under his leadership, the network has grown, becoming an organisation that does what it says it will do, connecting people, fostering collaboration, and inspiring positive change. Key achievements for the community include, the Memorial Gardens playground, the construction of three roundabouts, comprehensive community surveys, and advocacy that elevated the area's needs to the DCC.

Steve's attitude of "only complain if you have a solution and want to do something about it" and "always look to the positive" have left a positive mark on the neighbourhood, a community he deeply believes in and continues to support.

As we note Steve's remarkable contributions, we welcome Melanie McNatty and James Crawford as Co-Chairs. Their combined experience promise to continue to guide GGICN into the future. The team have also welcomed aboard Rachelle Williamson who is coordinating the Informer and upcoming events for the community.



Rachelle Williamson

Rachelle comes to the community through her placement as a Social Work Student earlier in the year.

WHEAKO PROJECT UPDATE



Brianna & Noah from Wheako team

The Wheako project, which supports tamariki and taiohi (children and youth), has had a year of growth and

connection. Highlights include impactful work alongside Abbotsford, Concord, and Green Island Schools. Our youth workers Noah and Brianna are looking to 2025, we aim to expand our reach to more schools in the area and extend our after-school programmes to engage even more young people. If you're a community member interested in helping us bring these opportunities to life, we'd love to hear from you!

BRIGHTON PUMP TRACK CONSULTATION



Shane Turner with a group of local bike enthusiasts

The Brighton Pump Track Steering Group is moving forward with plans for a bike pump track in Brighton, aiming to create an active recreation hub for the community. As the group enters the consultation phase, they are seeking formal

community support to bring this concept to fruition. We encourage you to share your thoughts and lend your support to this exciting initiative.



Map of proposed Brighton pump track

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE DCC PLACE-BASED FUND

We're thrilled to announce that GGICN has received \$44,000 from the Dunedin City Council Place-Based Fund. This funding secures our ability to continue essential community development work, including local events, partnerships, and initiatives that build connections and opportunities for everyone in the Greater Green Island area.

To Steve, thank you for your inspiring leadership. To our community, thank you for your ongoing support. Together, let's continue making Greater Green Island a wonderful place to live.



For updates or to get involved, visit our website or connect with us on social media. www.greatergreenisland.nz

SAVE THE DATE!

Green Island Garden's 10th Birthday BBQ All Ages - Midday February 1st 2025



Expressions of interest to Marion: 021 263 1221

GET SET FOR SUMMER SAFETY



SAFER BOATING

Make sure safety is your first priority if you're going out on the water this summer. Before going out, check the weather conditions, your vessel and all your gear, including safety and communication equipment.

BOATING SAFETY CODE

1. Wear your lifejacket
2. Take two waterproof ways to call for help
3. Check the marine weather forecast
4. Avoid alcohol
5. Be a responsible skipper

IF IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF FRESHWATER PESTS

Lagarosiphon, didymo and lake snow are the three major freshwater pests present in Otago, and they can spread from a single drop of water or plant fragment. When you're out on the water this summer — boating, paddle boarding, kayaking, or swimming — make sure before you move between waterways, you always **Check, Clean and Dry** any clothing and equipment to prevent freshwater pests hitchhiking from one waterway to another.

When you leave a waterway, check there's no plant material attached to your boat, trailer, clothes or footwear.

Let's all do our bit to protect Otago's waterways.



CAN I SWIM HERE?

Every summer ORC's environmental monitoring team checks 36 popular swimming spots around Otago for bacteria and/or algae to see if they're safe to swim in.

SWIM SMART CHECKLIST:

- Avoid swimming for 48 hours after heavy rain, as runoff can be washed into waterways.
- Follow any warning signs.
- Check the water is clean and clear.
- Stay away from any pipes, culverts, and flocks of birds.
- Check for hazards.
- Learn how to spot toxic algae and know the hotspots for blooms in Otago.
- Check your local swim spot and plan your trip with the latest information.

**STAY SAFE
THIS SUMMER**

Find out more: orc.govt.nz/summersafety

HOST YOUR OWN NEIGHBOURHOOD GET-TOGETHER



Abbotsford community members enjoying a neighbourhood get-together.

Bringing your neighbours together for a community event is a wonderful way to strengthen connections, celebrate diversity, and create a sense of belonging. With support and resources from the Dunedin City Council (DCC), organising a neighbourhood gathering is easier than you might think.

Neighbourhood events play a key role in fostering community well-being. They help connect people, support diversity, and promote healthy, safe communities. Using our city's parks and public spaces for gatherings also highlights the value of Dunedin's beautiful recreational facilities, making them a perfect setting for your next event.

Amanda Reid, an experienced community organiser, gave us a few tips on where to start and how to get the ball rolling when planning your community event. She stresses the importance of getting the word out early. Advertising is key, and she recommends using local community Facebook pages, school and kindergarten noticeboards, or placing posters in well-visited locations. Door-knocking is also a great way to invite neighbours personally—it breaks the ice and makes the event feel more inclusive. Amanda suggests advertising your event multiple times to ensure people notice it and plan to attend.

The DCC offers additional support through its Neighbourhood Matching Grant, which provides up to \$500

for activities and projects that bring communities together. Grants can cover expenses such as hiring an ice cream truck, organising children's activities like face painting, or purchasing supplies and equipment. Volunteer hours can also count toward the funding, making it a flexible and accessible option for many communities. The DCC recommends connecting with a DCC Community Advisor for guidance on submitting a grant application and maximising your funding opportunities.

Amanda's own experience in organising neighbourhood events shows how effective teamwork can be. Her events often began with a simple message posted on a local community Facebook page, asking for volunteers to help plan. Over a coffee meeting, the group would brainstorm ideas and divide responsibilities, ensuring that everyone felt involved and the workload was manageable.

When planning your event, consider hosting it in one of Dunedin's many public parks or reserves. These spaces are easily accessible, free to book through the DCC website, and offer the perfect setting for community gatherings. While street parties may sound appealing, they often involve costly and complex road closures, so parks are a more practical choice. If you're using public spaces, don't forget to submit a health and safety plan - the Greater Green Island Community Network (GGICN) can provide helpful advice on preparing one if you get stuck.

Icebreaker activities can help make the event a success by encouraging neighbours to interact. Simple tools like name tags or games such as neighbourhood bingo are excellent conversation starters. Prompts like "find someone who enjoys gardening" or "meet someone with a green fence" create fun opportunities for people to connect in a relaxed setting.

Hosting a neighbourhood get-together doesn't have to be overwhelming. Start small, invite your neighbours, and focus on creating an inclusive and welcoming environment. With a bit of planning, the support of your community, and resources from the DCC, you can create an event that strengthens local connections and fosters a true sense of belonging.

Carols on the Lawn

A family friendly event!

Sunday 15th December
@ 11am



Carol Singing
Free Sausage Sizzle
Lawn Games
And More!

Remember your
picnic blanket!



Dunedin City Baptist Church, 19 Main South Road, Concord

Dunedin City Baptist Church

Christmas Service
Wednesday 25th December
10am - 11am

COME AND CELEBRATE
CHRISTMAS WITH US.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

DUNEDIN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 19 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, CONCORD

THE FUTURE OF GREEN ISLAND LANDFILL – LATEST NEWS

DCC KERBSIDE COLLECTION

It is now nearly six months since the Dunedin City Council (DCC) rolled out the new kerbside recycling and rubbish collection service across the city.



The new service includes new red-lidded rubbish bins and green-lidded bins for food scraps and garden waste, as well as yellow-lidded bins for general recycling and blue crates for glass.

We recommend downloading the DCC Kerbside Collection App (via Google Play or the App Store), for all your kerbside collection information.

The app includes a calendar showing what bins go out and when, plus collection day reminders and alerts if there are changes due to holidays or bad weather. It also has handy information about what you can and can't put in your bins and will make it easier to report a missed bin collection and request new, additional or replacement bins or repairs.

CLOSURE OF THE GREEN ISLAND LANDFILL

DCC has applied to the Otago Regional Council (ORC) for resource consent to continue to use the Green Island landfill until it closes completely. The ORC publicly notified the DCC consent application on 16 November 2024.

Visit the ORC website for copies of the DCC Green Island landfill consent application documents and details of how to make a submission. The submission period closes at 5pm on 13 December 2024.

HAVE YOUR SAY

To support the new collection service, DCC is making changes to the use and operation of Green Island landfill site. These changes include planning for the future closure of the Green Island landfill.

It is expected, based on current waste disposal rates, that the Green Island landfill can keep taking our city's waste until around 2029. Between now and then the landfill will be closed and capped in stages. The first stage of the closure is complete, with the area capped and grassed.

When the landfill is completely closed, there will be opportunities for recreational use in the area around it. Examples could be walking and biking tracks beside the Kaikorai Stream and Estuary. These ideas were popular with the Green Island community when DCC held information sessions about the closure of Green Island landfill at local venues and events. There will be lots of opportunity in coming years to help DCC develop these ideas.

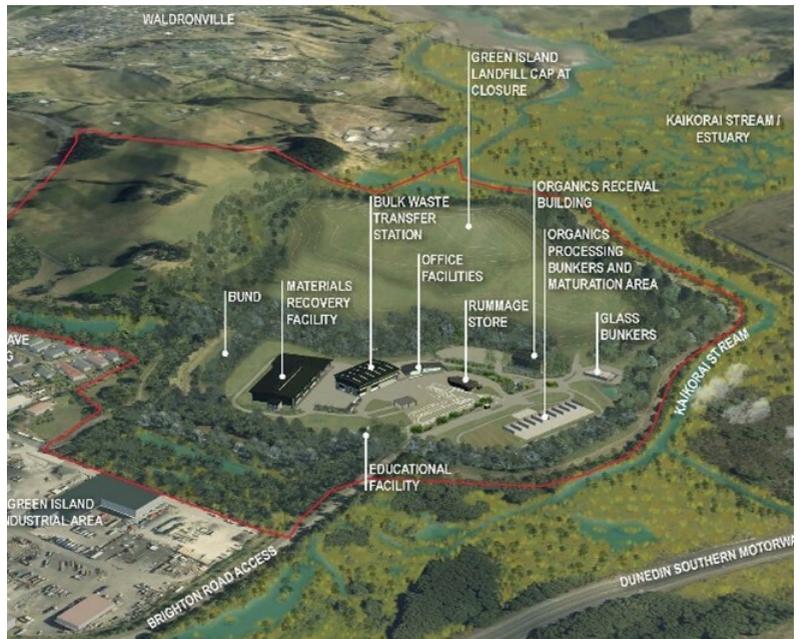
NEW GREEN ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY PARK

Together with the staged closure of the Green Island landfill, plans to develop a new resource recovery park (RRP) at the site are also progressing.

An organics reception building (ORB) was constructed earlier in 2024 to receive and shred material collected from the green-lidded bins before it is transferred to a state-of-the-art composting facility, which is also planned for the site. Until this new facility is built, the shredded material is being trucked to a composting facility at Timaru.

Other new RRP facilities planned include a new building to sort the general recycling collected in the yellow-lidded bins and a dedicated area where rubbish collected in the red-lidded bins can be sorted before being transferred to landfill.

The DCC needs resource consents for some of these new activities and lodged an application with ORC earlier in the 2024. Subject to the outcome of the consent process, which is to be completed by the end of 2024, it is anticipated that construction will start on the new RRP buildings next year.



Planned layout of Green Island landfill at closure, including the new Green Island Resource Recovery Park.

Parts of the site will remain open to the public and several of the existing facilities will stay, including: the Rummage Store; public drop-off areas for general waste, garden waste and recycling; and the education centre.

You can find out more about what is planned and keep up to date with latest news by visiting the [DCC website](#).

IN AN EMERGENCY

I te wā ohotata

GET PREPARED

Me takatū



Know Your Hazards

- In Otago we have a lot of natural hazards.
- Learn what to do before, during, and after each type of emergency.
- For local hazard information, visit the online **Otago Natural Hazards Portal**.



Create a Household Emergency Plan

- Create a plan to protect you, your loved ones, and pets.
- Know how to leave your home, where to meet, and how to stay in contact if separated.
- Think about any unique needs of your household such as disabilities, babies or elder people.



Have Emergency Supplies at Home

Prepare an emergency kit with:

- Non-perishable food and water for at least 7 days.
- First aid supplies and medications.
- Flashlights, batteries, and a battery-powered radio.



Put together a Grab Bag

- Have a grab bag in case you need to evacuate in a hurry. A grab bag is a small bag with essential supplies.
- It might have walking shoes and warm clothes, water and snack food, hand sanitiser, a phone charger, cash, and copies of important documents and photo ID.



Stay Informed

- It's important to know the different ways you can stay informed during an emergency.
- For local updates, check the council's website and social media.
- If the power goes out, a radio can help you keep up to date with the news.



Keep Connected

- Knowing your neighbours means you're more likely to help each other in an emergency.
- You might have neighbours who need extra help in an emergency, like older people, those with disabilities or people with English as a second language.