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COMMUNITY SHINES IN STAGE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Fundraising for the new BBQ and stage area in the Green Island Memorial Gardens is off to a flying start, with even Santa Claus gaining enthusiasm for the planned performance and cooking area. A popular attraction at the Green island Market Day Grotto, Santa said his elves had been busy scribbling names of local businesses, residents and charity foundations who had already donated significant amounts to the project.

"This is such a wonderful prelude to the Christmas season. The BBQ and stage will be such wonderful additions to the area, allowing people to come together and celebrate community. A huge thank you to those who have generously given to get this fundraising underway. You're definitely on my 'good' list," Mr Claus said.

With a \$15,000 grant from AAW Jones Charitable Trust and \$10,000 donated from the Green Island Town and Country Club, the project fundraising has kicked off - a momentum that the Greater Green Island Community Network hopes will continue into 2023. Added to this, community groups and local businesses, such as Tuapeka Gold Print, have contributed generously, donating goods for the fundraiser's Christmas raffle.

Community worker Ben McKenzie said the network is very grateful for support.

"It has been, and continues to be a busy time of writing funding applications for a project that has been a long time in the planning. To gain such a positive response early on is so encouraging. I think it's also reflective of the interest for



Photo: Santa Claus welcomes visitors to his grotto at the recent Green Island Market Day, but can't wait to steal the limelight on the new Green Island stage.

such a development. It's more than a feature in the gardens, as the stage and BBQ will draw people together and build community," Mr McKenzie said.

With the timing of commencement to come once the required funds are raised, Santa said he would work on his vocals in anticipation of a future Christmas performance. "I'm a bit nervous that I might miss my sleigh though. There are going to be many fun times ahead for the Greater Green Island Community.

If you would like to support this community project, you can donate to 03 1725 0121605 00 Westpac Mosgiel. Donation receipts can be requested at info@greenergreenisland.nz

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SUPPORT LOCAL: WELCOME TO MERAKI HAIR

Desperate for a new look this summer, with a fresh pampering of colour? Meraki Hair opened in Green Island recently, after moving from North East Valley - and there's been no looking back for owner Kim Robson who loves nothing more than revamping hairstyles and dazzling with colours.

Located at 46 Brighton Rd, Meraki Hair has been open since October, and Ms Robson said the support had been incredible.

"The locals have been amazing. There's been so much support. People have been driving past and looking in. It's been busy, it's been great. There has been so much support. It's been unbelievable," Ms Robson said.

A hairdresser for 27 years, Ms Robson said she was enjoying meeting the new clientele, adding to the clients who followed her to Green Island.

Working with fellow hairdresser Christine Sutherland, the duo have a great team approach, and strive make their clients feel comfortable as they deliver their service.

"People want to come here. They have seen that we are busy, that we have had clients coming and going all the time. Everyone is quite curious."

With Christine specialising in cutting and styling curly hair, Ms Robson adds her enthusiasm for styling with colour to the mix.

"I love colouring. I love balayage colouring and pop colours. I love people. I like making a difference. I just love, love hairdressing, I can't think of anything else I



Photo: Meraki Hair owner Kim Robson is thrilled to be in her new premises in Green Island

would rather do," she said.

Located in the former Tora Hair premises, the salon had a revamp before opening and also features photos of hair styles and colour by Ms Robson.

"I'm very lucky to have got this place. The landlord is amazing and very accommodating with me," Ms Robson said.

Please see advertisement for contact details. Meraki Hair will be closed for the Christmas holidays from December 23rd to January 10th.

Welcome to the business community, Meraki Hair. It's wonderful to have you in the Greater Green Island business community.



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Green Island businesses are an essential resource for the Greater Green Island Community.

Green Island businesses have been hit tough the last two months. Let's go out of our way to support them now so they are still around for use in the future.

GREEN ISLAND MARKET DAY

It may have been the drizzliest day of the week, but the weather didn't dampen the commitment of stall holders and shoppers alike on Green Island's annual market day.

Held earlier than usual, the event coincided with the re-opening of Green Island's Main South Road, and while stall holders were happily doing trade, business owners were seeing more sunshine than forecast.



Photo: Local residents dress to cheer in wet market day weather.

Despite the rain, market goers enjoyed the food stalls, and entertainment, making the most of an event which has been tainted by COVID in the past couple of years.



Photo: The Green Island School Choir takes to the stage



BRIGHTON GALA DAY 2023



Photo: Colin Weatherall gears up for one of Brighton's biggest attractions.

The advertising is up, and it's all systems go for the annual Brighton Gala Day 2023, an event which draws in visitors from as far as Invercargill each year.

Now in its 27th year, event organiser Colin Weatherall said the day promised a showcase of family fun, with plenty of stalls, entertainment and helicopter rides. Performances by magician and comedian Jonathan Ussher, the Otago Museum and the NZ Fire Service will also feature, with others to be confirmed.

"We try and create the environment where people can come and have a good day out," Mr Weatherall said.

Supporting community was a main driver of the event, and Mr Weatherall said he looked forward the day.

"We love the community and support the community, and will continue to do it while we can," he said.



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SCOTT WEATHERALL

Ask newly awarded 'Kiwibank 100 Local Heroes of the Year' recipient, Scott Weatherall, how he feels about his selection, and you'll likely be brushed off with a joke and no fuss.



Photo: Scott Weatherall.

The Brighton resident wears many hats in the community - Deputy Chair on the Saddle Hill Community Board (serving as chairperson for seven years prior), I AM HOPE ambassador, volunteer surf life guard and funding assistant at Brighton Surf Life Club, St John's paramedic, Berwick Outdoor lead instructor, honorary Fish and Game ranger and Big Rock Primary School board of trustees chairperson. Chatting to Mr Weatherall, it's clear that recognition is not something he pursues.

"It's about giving a little back - so many people have supported and mentored me - from my Mum and Dad to others in the community and the amazing opportunities I have had along the way. I truly only do what I enjoy doing," Mr Weatherall said.

Married to award-winning photographer Justine Weatherall, together they have two sons, Tommy and George, and have an active family involvement in community.

"I love that my boys and wife Justine enjoy giving to the community too and obviously my wider family," he said.

To be selected as one of the Kiwibank 100 Local Hero Medallists was humbling, he said.

"But (I'm) equally embarrassed - I only do what I enjoy doing and I have the privilege to do what I do with many other amazing people," Mr Weatherall said.

Celebrating the acknowledgement was a low-key affair in the Weatherall household, with a touch of humour.

"I don't get carried away with that sort of stuff. The boys thought it was funny because I normally don't get medals," Mr Weatherall said.



**GREEN ISLAND
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South Link Health Group

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A note to our valued community and patients -

As we approach the busy Christmas Holiday period, please plan ahead to you get your script requests and appointments booked in with our team in plenty of time. Do not leave them until the last minute as we are also very busy. This makes it easier for us to help you and everyone else.

Please call us two weeks in advance to book appointments.

We have limited appointments available and are affected by staff shortages. We have recently farewelled one doctor and Dr Then is leaving us at the end of the year along with our registrars.

Our team is committed to providing you with the primary care you need when you need it and will continue to do our best for you and your family.

Come and try out our new Robo Doc and sign up to Manage-My-Health for easy script requests and access to results.

Season Greetings,

from Green Island Medical Centre



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- Monthly network meetings
- Social events (2/3 a year)
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NEWS FROM SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD

A new triennium is upon us as Saddle Hill Community Board enters the 2022 - 2025 period.

Before the October elections we said farewell to the awesome, hard working Leanne Stenhouse who has been part of the SHCB for 9 years.



*Photo: Saddle Hill
Community Board
chairperson Paul Weir*

Back on the board is Keith McFadyen, Scott Weatherall, Christina McBratney, John Moyle, Paul Weir and we welcome Pim Allen who will be a great member to have on the team. We have a good geographical spread of board members across our area which is great.

As we are coming into the end of the year with school holidays, Christmas and New Year just around the corner the Board wish you all a safe relaxing break.

If you wish to contact us, this is the Board's website address that has contact details for all the elected board members. <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/community-boards/saddle-hill>

Ngā mihi, Paul Weir - Chairperson



Christmas Eve Service

St Margaret's Anglican Church

4 Seaview Rd, Brighton

Start time: 7pm.

Christmas Day Service

St Mark's Anglican Church

27 Shand St, Green Island

Start time: 9am

DUNEDIN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Christmas Service

Sunday 25th December 10am - 11am



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GARDEN GOSSIP

With the warmer temperatures over summer and, let's face it, a few wet days thrown in, weeds can go crazy in their plug for our attention.

Mulching has so many advantages in the garden, especially over the warmer months, as it slows weed growth and retains soil moisture. It also feeds our soils living microorganisms with nutrients. The waste from these tiny microbes also creates nutrients for the soil. Types of mulch include: woodchips, pea straw, leaves and grass clippings.

However, it's important to be mindful of the quantity of mulch distributed. Too much mulch (a layer of three inches or more) can bury and suffocate plants, and water and oxygen cannot reach the roots.

Mulching near plant stems also attracts pests such as slugs, snails and tunnelling rodents as the mulch creates the perfect home for them. Try sprinkling wood ashes around the base of precious plants to keep the slugs and snails away.

Happy Gardening!



Christmas/ New Year Holiday Hours

The team are taking a break over the Christmas holidays. The office will be closed from the 23rd of December through to the 16th of January. We wish you all an awesome and recharging time over the Christmas period.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Continuing with this series of being prepared for unexpected events that can throw us into a state of emergency, let us look at things we can do to help us being prepared. We need to work on the assumption that the emergency services may not be able to come to our aid for at least three days, should assistance be delayed. In such cases you may be without power, water and the ability to acquire supplies. Also phone and internet communications may be down. While this sounds extreme, and generally unlikely, using the good old scout motto "Be Prepared" is important.

In this issue we look at the make up of emergency First Aid Kit, and what's necessary to survive for several days on your own. It's important to have first aid dressings for some major injuries in case you are not receiving emergency help quickly.

The following is a guide of what should be included in an emergency first aid kit:

Safety Pins : Accident Blanket : Eye pads : Specimen Bag : Non Adherent dressings assorted : Saline Solution : Island Dressings assorted : Wound Dressing # 14 : Conforming Bandages assorted : First Aid Hints Book : Gloves : Crepe Bandages assorted : Tape : CPR Face Shield : Notebook & Pencil: Triangular Bandage : Plasters : Combine Dressings : Tweezers : Antiseptic Cream : Wound Cleansing Wipes.

The above list of first aid items kindly provided by

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OUR TAMARIKI

SUMMER IS HERE, BIKES ARE OUT!



Photo: Concord students take education outdoors.

Concord school Year 5 and 6 students have oiled the chains and pumped their bike tyres, maximising outdoor education in the warmer weather.

As part of mountain bike extension training, the students explored the K9 and Spooky Forrest Trails in Forrester Park, recently.

ABBOTSFORD'S SHINING STARS



Photo: Lights, camera, action! Abbotsford students take their musical to the city.

Budding performers took to Dunedin's centre stage this year, as Abbotsford School students wowed audiences at the Regent Theatre with the musical 'A Night at the Museum; Abbotsford sleeps over'.

Tamariki Page

We would love to hear from you!

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

SURF'S UP FOR FAIRFIELD STUDENTS



Photo: Fairfield School students ditch the uniforms for wetsuits in summer time learning.

Fairfield School senior students have participated in the Brighton Beach day in conjunction with the Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club.

This day was all about education and fun, with students exploring how to be safe in the surf and extending their knowledge of rips all while allowing them to know their limits when out in the waves.

The Surf Lifesavers shared their expertise and allowed the students to explore the Club and the equipment that could one day save their lives. Fairfield pupils relished the opportunity to explore swimming in the sea, bodyboarding and participating in games that involved the rescue tubes. All activities were aimed at empowering the students and providing them with ways to keep themselves and others safe when exploring our local community and beaches.



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