

## Survey results reveals connected communities in Lockdown

The Greater Green Island Community Network 2020 Survey has revealed most residents experienced positive connections and support during last year's lockdown.

The survey attracted views of 409 residents—an increase from the previous survey in 2016, and it canvassed many issues including how our communities fared when New Zealand went through six weeks of lockdown.

While many found the experience socially challenging, it was encouraging to hear of community connections and an awareness of looking out for each other.

In response to what people enjoyed about lockdown, contributors mentioned: "The community walking and communicating.....Having fence time with neighbours and no time restrictions.....Spending more time with my family... Time working from home seeing my own environment, (being) healthier and being able to focus on work" as some of the standout memories.



Survey participants, Dallas and Di Hamilton found their Ocean View community very connected and supportive in lockdown.

But as with all lockdowns, we know that isolation exists and employment and mental health can suffer.

This is *why* the GGICN exists—to continue to build greater support and connection. Together, we've got this!

**We can't wait to share all the survey results in the October Informer. Don't miss it!**



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There's a business in Green Island which prides itself on providing some of the best life support to companies in Otago and Southland – literally.

Meet Meditrain Otago manager Julie Walker, one of the many business professionals based in the area.

A former chef, Ms Walker has been delivering First Aid services for the past 16 years, and is passionate about selling and educating about medical supplies.

"I enjoy being able to give someone some lifesaving skills so they may be able to help save someone. It's about empowering people with the skills and knowledge to be a life saver," Ms Walker said.

Meditrain offer first aid training courses from basic CPR and workplace first aid to advanced life support for medical professionals. They go into a businesses to deliver onsite training while also offering public course training at Meditrain rooms in Green Island.

"We also stock and sell first aid supplies and kits. You can come in and buy an off-the-shelf kit, or for business we can come onsite to restock your existing kits. We are NZQA accredited to assess this training and our advanced courses are NZQA approved and meet the requirements for Advanced ALS as endorsed by the RCGPNZ."

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# Learning Life Skills



Lockdown brings opportunities to learn new skills and hobbies. For Brighton girls, Lexi and Stella, they chose to master their culinary skills, helping with cooking every night since school finished.

Well done girls!



# Greater Green Island Informer

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Next Meeting: Friday, 16th Sept, from 5.30 — 6.30pm

Where: To be confirmed.

Due to the uncertainty of level changes, we are awaiting further information. Please contact community worker Ben on 027 376 2181 to find out more information.

No need to RSVP just come along if you are interested

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## Garden Gossip

At the Community Garden we have started sowing lettuce and broccoli seeds, etc but the ground is too cold to plant seeds direct. If you have a sheltered spot you can put in a few early lettuces but the growth will be slow until the weather warms up. It's too soon to plant courgettes, pumpkins and corn seeds.

They may start to grow but unless you are planting them in a heated hothouse they won't survive a frost. We'll plant them later next month and put them in the garden mid-November.

If we are not restricted by COVID we are having a Seed Sowing Saturday on Sept 4th from 10am till noon at the Garden. Come and plant some seeds to take home for your own garden. A

gold coin donation will cover costs. We are also at the Fairfield Market on the 2nd Sunday of each month

until Xmas if you are looking for some plants. Join us at the Community Garden any Tuesday noon -2pm, or Saturday

10am until noon, behind St Peter Chanel

School. Lots to learn and lots to share. - Marion Claver Thomas



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# GGICN News

It's exciting, revealing— and it's much more positive than many midday news report at present. That's right, the 2020 Greater Green Island Community Survey data has been collated—and it's looking sharp and reflective of communities who are passionate about input, involvement and direction.

We shared a snippet of the results on the front page, but look out for the October edition as we'll give you the exclusive run down. Thank you to all who participated in the survey. Every single response is important and lends itself to future goal setting and community advocacy.

With new funding applications under way, we plan to continue lobbying on traffic and speed management, especially in the Green Island area. We are always looking to beautify the area more, and we can't wait to inject a bit more colour in to the area.

On keeping the area clean, we have been receiving a number of complaints about dog poo on pavements. Please remember to take a plastic bag with you when taking your pooch for a walk. We love responsible dog owners—and the thought of a \$300 fine is never nice.

Take good care! See you after Lockdown!

## Helpful Health Websites and Numbers

<https://covid19.govt.nz/>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/covid-19/>

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# Community Worker Report

Kia ora everyone,

It's been a busy first month or two, settling into my role as the Greater Green Island community worker. As with any new position, the first

chunk of time involves getting a feel

of the position and how operations flow, etc. It's certainly been a great start, and I'm enjoying the role.

And now, we're in Lockdown – so that's just added a whole new dimension.

We have some incredible people here in the community, and I know I have yet to meet many more. There's a depth to the community spirit here which reveals an eagerness to be connected, and to help others. Working together, I'm excited to continue to build on this, brainstorm new ideas and see Greater Green Island Community Network explore new ways of connecting.

From the desk front, I've been busy chipping away at funding applications for 2022. It seems a long way off, but it's creeping up quickly. As a non-for-profit organisation, we rely on successful grants and donations to continue the awesome work of the Network. It's a big job which carries much weight in terms of what we can achieve as an organisation, so I've been very much 'head down, tail up'.

Thank you for your support as I dive into this role. If you have any ideas, or want to volunteer with the team at Greater Green Island Community Network, please flick me an email at [ben@greenergreenisland.nz](mailto:ben@greenergreenisland.nz). I'd love to hear from you!

In the meantime, stay well and calm in this season of Lockdown and level changes. We've got this!

Cheers,

Ben





# Our Tamariki

Who's that baby bear in the window? The one with the gorgeous eyes?

Passers by in Green Island can be forgiven for taking a double take recently as this toddler joined his furry friends in the fun of lockdown window displays.

Below, sunny days and outdoor adventures.



*Do you have something you would like to share on the Tamariki Page? We would love to hear from you.*

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### WHEN:

Saturday 18th  
September at  
7:00pm at the  
Green Island  
Bowling Club

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Come along for a fun afternoon and give it a go!!!

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## From your friendly Community Constable, Fred Jansen



*At the time of writing this column, we'll all be in Level 4 Lockdown. Self-isolating in our bubbles, hand sanitising, face masks, 2 metre distancing, contact tracing – we have been here before, and hopefully we will be out the other side soon. In 2020, we made a huge effort to check in with elderly, those living alone and those with disabilities.*

*There was kindness and consideration on a grand scale. Because we have been here before, we know that the effects of social distancing were felt by many, even those living in big bubbles. Domestic violence increased, as did anxiety in different age groups, and financial stress featured in many minds. Lockdowns have brought out the best in some people but have also carved out some very hard times. Let's look out for each other. Pick up the phone and check in. Remember how you think a person is coping may be completely different on the inside.*

*There's one major difference with this Lockdown though. Vaccinations. They're available, and the process is simple. Log on to <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines> to book at your nearest vaccination location or phone the COVID Vaccination Healthline on [0800 28 29 26](tel:0800282926). For your health, and the health of those around you, please vaccinate.*

*Stay well.*

*Fred.*

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