

Tunneling a Vision for the Community Garden

The Green Island Community Garden team can be forgiven for having tunnel vision, after being donated a generous addition for propagation and growing.

The tunnel house, which requires a cover, doors and a new base, is the new fundraising project for the community garden team. A 'rebuilt' goal of \$365 has been set, and the members are preparing fundraising ventures.

One of the Garden organisers, Joe Thomas said the group was thrilled to receive the donation.

"It will make a big difference to the garden in preparation for propagation of plants and getting early crops growing and making things a lot better for the gardening community to share from," Mr Thomas said.

The Community Garden, which has been operating for six years, is a haven for avid community-minded gardeners—and it also provides a platform for locals who want to learn



how to grow fruit, vegetables and other plants.

"We do a fair bit of fundraising to keep the garden self sufficient. We sell small plants, and this tunnel house will help us grow more plants for sale," Mr Thomas said.

The next fundraising event will be at the Fairfield Artisan Market, on Sunday, 8th August from 11am—2pm, at the Fairfield Hall.

For enquiries about the Garden, call Marion on 021 263 1221



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Geared up for local service



When you arrive at Green Island Auto Service Centre, you'll receive a friendly greeting from the office manager Jan, and Rosie, the miniature schnauzer, who perfects the role of assistant office manager, warming the couch for any prospective customer.

Jan and Wayne have been operating the business for 15 years in Green Island, and their children grew up here, attending the local kindergarten and school.

"We love the community feel of Green Island and how friendly everyone is," Jan said.

The couple have seen a lot of change over the years, and still say that it's a fantastic place to run a business as they service Abbotsford, Green Island, Fairfield, Concord and all the way to Taieri Mouth.

"It's just got busier and busier. It's fantastic to have more cafes, a gym, boutique shops, petrol stations along with all the other successful businesses running in Green Island," Jan said.

Come and see the team at the Green Island Auto Service
for a WOF for *only* \$55

Concord School - turning heads with a splash of colour

Concord School has been given a splash of colour and some artistic flair thanks to the Ministry of Education's Creative in Schools Project. Principal Steve Turnbull said the school was fortunate to have local artists Dee O'Malley and Jemima Pedro working with the school to create two murals in the school grounds.

Mr Turnbull said the murals had different themes, one portraying sports and games, and one reflecting the natural environment, Saddle Hill, Kaikorai Stream and the Matariki star constellation.

"Our next stage is for the children to record the journey of making them through waiata, stories, poems, plays and other soundbites.

Dee is recording them and they will be linked to a series of QR codes on both murals. Using this material each class will present a 30-minute show on Oar FM radio," he said.



Keeping the home fire burning



Winter is here, so the crew at the Green Island Shed have just the ticket to ignite some warmth. At \$10 a bag, the Shed is selling kindling—and would have to help heat local homes. For inquiries, please ring 027 624 4070

The Green Island Shed Report.

There has been a lot happening since our last report. David has been very busy on a play hut which is ready to deliver depending on the weather. On Friday, 11th June we had Greg Inch in to dig a trench to put a field drain in and on Saturday some of the Shed team filled in with pebbles ready for Greg to finish off. We hope the drain works well and we have less water around the shed. Bruce Cromb, Shed President



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For the love of Community

Tena Koutou! A huge welcome to those new residents in Greater Green Island.

For those who are unfamiliar with Greater Green Island Community Network, we're a group of fun-loving people (mostly volunteers) who are committed to the community voice, spirit, needs and future. Established in 2013, our vision just keeps growing, as does our list of projects achieved.

We cover nine suburbs, including Green Island, Abbotsford, Burnside, Brighton, Concord, Burnside, Fairfield, Westwood, Ocean View and Waldronville. We love our communities and the people in them!

Remember to follow our Facebook page Greater Green Island Community for important community notices and events, and look out for the monthly issues of the Informer for local news.

If you have project ideas, and/or want to be involved, or simply want to say hi—we would love to meet you! Just email Ben, our awesome community worker at ben@greenergreenisland.nz

From your friendly Community Constable, Fred Jansen



We're waking up to colder mornings now, and Jack Frost has visited a few times leaving danger on our roads and walkways. Please be careful. It's a good idea to start the day's journey a little earlier to avoid rushing. Black ice and frost can be hidden, especially by blinding early sunlight, so breathe, take your time and navigate those areas slowly.

Also, please take care when getting the morning paper. It's easy to slip and fall, and the Emergency Department do see a number of wrist injuries from falls at this time of year.

The sunshine can be particularly strong on the eyes in the mornings and late afternoons so it's important that we all drive with caution.

From the Committee Chairman

Steve Hayward

As Chairman of the Greater Green Island Community Network, it has been an absolute pleasure to see our group of community minded volunteers, work together on a number of different projects, over the past 8 or 9 years. In that time, we have been able to work alongside a number of different organisations like the DCC, Bendigo Sports and Charity Foundation, Otago Community Trust, Presbyterian Support, NZ Police, local churches and businesses etc. We wouldn't be able to do a fraction of this on our own but together we have proven that the **TEAM** approach works – **Together Each Achieves More**. Our talented Community Workers, Amanda Reid, Larna McCarthy and Sasha Turner, have been the backbone for our group over the past 5 years. We thank them so much as we now welcome aboard Mr Ben McKenzie as our new worker, ably assisted by Alex McDonald (Polytech Student).

Our positive, common sense, "roll your sleeves up" approach, has seen the development of a flourishing Community Garden, fantastic "Shed", children's playground by Moyles, 3 major roundabouts, local youth painting the Runciman Street underpass etc. Community responses from the recent, comprehensive survey, will help guide us for the next 3 years. Keep an eye out for some more road safety improvements, changes on our main street and connection to the new bike network that incorporates the old railway tunnels at Caversham and Chain Hills. The future is so exciting.

Steve Hayward



Green Island Playground Opening August 2019

Greater Green Island Committee Members

Steve Hayward

As the principal of Green Island School, I'm passionate about the surrounding communities and seeing positive change for our generation, but also for the generations to come.

We have a great team on our committee; people who are excited about enhancing our neighbourhoods, and ensuring local voices are heard.



Ben McKenzie

I have been the community worker for 5 weeks. In amongst my 15 hours for the community I also train youth workers in the city and co-ordinate Accelerator, an integrated practice programme between 10 community agencies in Dunedin.



Amanda Reid

I am a Social Worker, supporting people with injuries to reach their goals of wellbeing. I was previously one of the GGI Community Workers for 5 years, and I have been a committee member since April 2021. I enjoy how passionate and positive everyone is. I enjoy the various skills people have and how we all work together to make the community's goals into reality.



Jan Clark

I am the local Anglican priest serving in Brighton, Green Island, St Kilda and Mornington. I have been part of the Network since it began. I believe the network is important for the community because it enables the people to connect, express wishes and concerns and work together to achieve goals. What we can do together is greater than what we can achieve as individuals.



Melanie McNatty

I'm a local Fairfield resident, and a champion of community development for the city.

I have a background in not-for-profit, with many years experience in legal, advocacy, social work and community development both here in Dunedin and previously in Invercargill.

I'm passionate about seeing communities empowered to their own decisions and do things for themselves.



Fred Jansen

As a Community Constable, I work in the Green Island Police Station. I enjoy working with the GGICN Committee as there are no egos or personal agendas—we just get stuff done. It's important to stand and advocate for the local area. The Greater Green Island Community is a good place, there's no reason why we can't make it better!



Hamish Black

I am a Procurement Advisor at the Dunedin City Council. I have been on the committee for 2 years as a resident of Concord. The Committee are all passionate people who are motivated by making positive changes for our local community. It is inspiring being around people who are so totally committed to the community and have a 'can do' attitude to grassroots initiatives.



Matt Tobin

I've been working with the GGICN team for over a year now. I live in Green Island, and my day job is in the printing industry. For the past few years I've help to run Venture Squad, a community youth group from the greater Green Island area. I've enjoyed working with the GGICN to help bring some really exciting positive changes to the area, and I'm looking forward to seeing future projects develop.



Our Tamariki



Abbotsford School students put their design groove on, recently, with senior students participating in the EPro8 Challenge. Students took part in tasks designed around science and engineering. The school had two teams make it through the qualifying stage and participate in the semi-finals. Principal Stephanie Madden said students applied themselves very well with their co-operation, problem-solving, and innovative ideas.

Congratulations to all involved. Well done!



Children from Abbotsford Kindergarten have been embracing diversity in culture.

From exploring who they are, where they are from and how heritage and cultures play a huge part in being global citizens, the tamariki have learnt a lot about mana whenua.

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

Email: Informer@greatergreenisland.org.nz



Students from Concord school celebrate their sports and games mural



St Peter Chanel School didn't let global travel restrictions prevent students from learning about another culture, recently.

The school celebrated Samoan Language Week, last month, indulging in the tropical colours and fruits and vegies of Pasifika countries. Principal Claire Peters said the school's tamariki learnt Samoan greetings and farewells, as well as enjoying Samoan dance and songs.





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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.

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Neighbourhood Support NZ's, capable team in Wellington support us with resources, policy, legal compliances, and other things.

Our membership connects us to Neighbourhood Support groups across the country. Across Otago we have thousands of households as members.

Otago Neighbourhood Support brings people and neighbourhoods together to create safe, resilient, and connected communities

We do this on a street level, via community events, and at a higher community development level.

This involves partnerships with New Zealand Police, Civil Defence Emergency Management, Fire and Emergency New Zealand, the Dunedin City Council and community groups.

Being involved in Neighbourhood Support comes in many shapes and forms

You could meet regularly, or as needed, stay connected online or by email, host barbecues or events, volunteer to be a street coordinator, undertake some neighbourhood projects, or even start your own group.

Whatever works best for you and your community!

There have been many membership inquiries from Green Island /Abbotsford. You may have received a letter box drop from our community contacts Junaid Qureshi or Dom Wills. If you would like a *Join Now Form* or more information, please contact:

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Junaid Qureshi: jaqned@gmail.com 021 3561 153

Regional Coordinator Joy Davis coordinator@nsotago.nz 027 476 6047

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