

# GREEN ISLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB





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# COME PLAY RUGBY AT GREEN ISLAND

Looking for a change of scene?  
Want a new life experience?  
Looking for an awesome rugby club?

Then come play rugby with Green Island in Dunedin  
(New Zealand)...

Perhaps you live overseas and want to play rugby in  
New Zealand...or perhaps you are relocating to Dunedin for work,  
study or family...or it may just be that you are looking for a change  
of scene and a new life experience?

Either way...if you are looking to continue your rugby career down  
South... then you have come to the right place.  
We are a club that value and look after our players.

## **A Warm Welcome...**

Green Island is one of the most welcoming rugby clubs you will  
find on the planet. Green Island is a suburb of Dunedin,  
and our club is well entrenched in the local community.  
We love our footy and the comradery with it.  
We have a rich club culture, and extensive experience  
welcoming players from NZ or abroad to Green Island.



# INTRODUCTION

Established in 1884 and known as “The Grizzlies”, our colours are green, gold and black.

We have a thriving social membership - diverse in age, from young to mature, incorporating junior girls & boys (13yrs and under), senior woman & men’s teams, coaches, families, ex-players, supporters, sponsors and management committees.

Most of whom reside in Green Island or the neighbouring suburbs.

Our club is built on the fundamental values of:  
**FAMILY, PRIDE, DISCIPLINE, INTEGRITY & INCLUSIVITY**

We look to cater to all family members in the various events and functions organised.

We have a solid group of supporters, and no other local club experiences crowds like we do for our weekly prize giving's or planned events.

We are the most followed community rugby club in Dunedin and Otago, with over 5,000 people following our Facebook page.

We are also the only club with a mascot “Claws”, our Grizzly Bear!

Our clubhouse facilities are often used by the wider community, playing host to events such as weddings, funerals, birthdays and local business corporate events.

In recent years we have undertaken extensive facility upgrades to our clubhouse, including a new commercial grade kitchen, new in-ceiling heat pump systems, complete upgrade to both the Male & Female Toilets, new outdoor seating area, upgraded sound & PA System, Wi-Fi, as well as updating and improving the players changing rooms and installation of a players gym and installation of a Live Scrum Machine.



# CLUB INFORMATION

## **Our Club...**

Green Island is not just any old club... we are well entrenched in the local community and one of the most welcoming rugby clubs you will find on the planet. We love our footy and the camaraderie.

We have a rich club culture, and extensive experience of welcoming and settling players from all over the world. These players provide overwhelmingly positive feedback on their time with the club.

In fact, people describe our club as being one extended family.

Our players are humble and share a tight bond. Off the field we have a great social environment.

The club has an amazing band of loyal supporters, and it is common to see hundreds on the side-lines for home games on Miller Park.

## **Facilities...**

We have excellent playing fields, and all the training equipment one would expect. State of the art Hydraulic scrum machine, tackle bags, sprint ladders, poles, bibs, cones, hit pads, tackle crash mats, players gym etc



# CLUB INFORMATION

## Choices...

Selecting a rugby club can be tricky if you do not know the clubs or what they offer you personally.

If you are like us, you want to be part of a club that will provide you with opportunities that allow you to develop your playing skills and knowledge of the game. Just as importantly, you are likely to be looking for a club with personality plus - with an excellent social environment and positive club culture?

Well, the fact is that our club can deliver on all these facets...and more!

## A Family Club...

The club also has a strong family focus and a thriving junior club, one of the largest in Otago. In fact, people describe our club as being one extended family. The players are humble and share a tight bond. Our Senior-Junior inclusivity is second to none, with excellent Junior mentor-ship and, making us easily the best Junior Club going!

## Quality Rugby...

We welcome players of all abilities, to come join one of our teams: Premier, Premier Development, Premier Colts, Championship Colts, Senior, Women's & Junior teams.

The standard of rugby in Dunedin is excellent, and many players come here to develop their skill and knowledge of the game.



# CLUB INFORMATION

## A Decade of Triumph....

Over the past decade, Green Island Rugby Club has evolved from a passionate local club into a flagship of New Zealand Rugby. Our journey, driven by vision, determination, and exceptional achievements, reached a significant milestone with our recent recognition by the New Zealand Rugby Football Union (NZRFU).

In 2024, the club was honoured with the prestigious NZRFU NZ Rugby Club of the Year award—an outstanding achievement that reflects our commitment to excellence on and off the field.

Watch: Green Island 2024 Bunnings NZ Rugby Club of the Year

<https://youtu.be/obcj4HcFi2M?si=ytPHXkRevaugmsTi>

Additionally, the recent NZRFU video, “The Future of Rugby Clubs: A Plan in Action,” beautifully showcases the essence of our journey and the milestones we've achieved. We invite you to watch it and discover what has defined our path to success:

Watch: The Future of Rugby Clubs, A plan in action

<https://youtu.be/jEO3l5ZmbLQ?si=wCjAXNjbQsTXqN7X>

2024 was a landmark year for Green Island Rugby Club, highlighted by our Premier Men's team achieving a remarkable milestone by winning the 2024 Banner. This victory is not only a testament to our players' skills and dedication but also to the unwavering support of our committee, community, and the strategic vision that has guided us throughout these years.

Watch: 2024 Premier Season Highlights

<https://youtu.be/cwtUIZ08EZ4?si=U6bs7x5E1Gky3qMM>

The Banner victory, along with being awarded NZ Rugby Club of the Year, is the culmination of the relentless dedication from our committee, players, coaches, and supporters. We are honoured to be recognised as a flagship club and are excited for what the future holds.

As we look ahead, we are committed to continuing our legacy and inspiring the next generation of rugby stars.



# CLUB INFORMATION

## **Season...**

Our off season Conditioning Program kicks off in November,  
Pre-Season Program runs from late January,

The playing season runs from late March through to  
July/August.

## **Employment...**

While we cannot guarantee employment we have many  
sponsors, members and friends of the club that often assist  
with finding new player's employment.

Our club has an amazing record of finding players jobs, be  
they unskilled or skilled – permanent or temporary.

We have a huge following in the local community, and many  
of our supporters are only too happy to find roles for our  
members. Many of our existing players & members are in  
roles arranged by the club.

For those seeking to enter a Trade, we can help.  
We have placed many players into trades  
(Plumbers, Electricians, Builders etc.).



# CLUB INFORMATION

## **Accommodation...**

Housing and rentals are relatively inexpensive compared with other cities in New Zealand. We can often assist in finding short term accommodation for players when they first arrive, while they get themselves on their feet.

## **Living in Dunedin...**

Dunedin is a vibrant "university" city, so the city is usually buzzing with activity. The people are renowned for being friendly, especially in and around Green Island. The landscape is set against green hillside, and we have some of the world's most beautiful beaches and are just a few hours from the lakes and mountains. Another huge bonus if that there are virtually never traffic jams down here!

## **Interested in joining our club? ...**

If you are interested in coming to play at Green Island, please contact us. We'll be happy to run through questions you may have.

We look forward to you pulling on the strip and calling yourself a Grizzly!



**CLAWSUP!**



# RUGBY AT GREEN ISLAND

## 2025 Senior Teams:

### ► Division 1 - Premiers

Head Coach - Hayden Finch

Assistant Coaches - Matthew Lobb & Marty Banks

### ► Division 2

Head Coach - Stu Turner

Assistant Coaches - Taylor Moeahu, Terry Gough

### ► Division 3

Head Coach - Tim Moore

Assistant Coaches – Scott Flawn

### ► U20 Colts - Premier

Head Coach - Mat McCutcheon

Assistant Coaches - Mike Robertson, Sean Hurley, Michael Moffitt

### ► U21 Colts

**Green Team** - Mark Lucas, Jon Hall, Paul Barnes

**Gold Team** - Tony McFadgen, Thomas Dalley

### ► Women's Development

Head Coach – Margaret McKenzie



# RUGBY AT GREEN ISLAND

## Mentorship:

We take our role as mentors seriously.  
We ensure that the players receive quality coaching on the field.  
We provide them with the tools to become more skilled.  
We teach them to become more game savvy and more resilient.  
We teach them to respect what they have, & to embrace team culture.  
We integrate them into our club life and local community.  
We foster family balance and benevolence.

While we want great players at GI, true success for us is seeing players develop into great players and great people.  
All Blacks Ben Smith and Jackson Hemopo came through our Premier ranks, and it is fair to say they embody what it is to be a great Green Islander – hardworking and uncompromising, highly skilled on the field and yet lovely humble people off it.

## Team Camaraderie:

The thing that strikes our players and their parents most about coming to GI is the camaraderie.

Nobody is above the team, and the players are a tight knit group.  
Though they are close, they are also very welcoming.

## Transport:

Our club is located only 10 minutes from the city centre.  
For those players that require a ride, we have a club van that will drop players to/from training's & games.



# RUGBY AT GREEN ISLAND

## Overseas Playing Opportunities:

Our club has extensive experience welcoming players from all over the world to Green Island. These visitors provide overwhelmingly positive feedback on their time with the club... and most are sad to leave (some even decide to stay!)

The Club has also recently developed a relationship with Toyota Verblitz in Japan.

Development players have been with us for a couple of seasons, and opportunities will be available for our players to also travel to Japan to develop with what is a very strong professional organisation.

This further establishes Green Island as a club with a pathway to professional opportunities overseas, as has been the case with Green Island players Woody Kirkwood, Ray Nu'u, Sean Jansen Michael Manson, Shane Fikken & Dylan Nel.



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WOODY KIRKWOOD

RAY NU'U



DYLAN NEL



Tom Marshall Sean Jansen



LEICESTER TIGERS  
v NEWCASTLE FALCONS

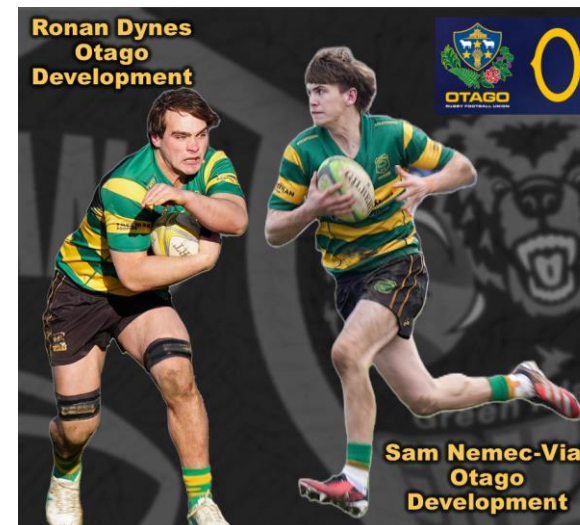
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14 CHRIS ASHTON  
13 MATT SCOTT  
12 JIMMY GOPPERTH  
11 HARRY POTTER  
10 FREDDIE BURNS  
9 BEN YOUNGS (VC)  
1 JAMES CRONIN  
2 CHARLIE CLARE  
3 DAV COLE (VC)  
4 HARRY WELLS  
5 ELI SNEYMAN  
6 GEORGE MARTIN  
7 HANRO LIEBENBERG  
8 SEAN JANSEN

TOM HORTON, JOE TAUFETE, FINN CARNDUFF, FRANCIS VAN WYK, WILL HURD, NEPHI LEATIGAGA, SAM EDWARDS, RICHARD WIGGLESWORTH, CAMERON HENDERSON, PHIL COKANASIGA, KINI MURIMURUVALU, SYDNEY HEGARTY, NEMANI MADOLO, HOSEA SAUMAKU, JAMES WHITCOMBE, FRANCIS VAN WYK, WILL HURD, NEPHI LEATIGAGA, SAM EDWARDS, RICHARD WIGGLESWORTH, CAMERON HENDERSON, PHIL COKANASIGA, KINI MURIMURUVALU, SYDNEY HEGARTY, NEMANI MADOLO, HOSEA SAUMAKU

# RUGBY AT GREEN ISLAND

## Representative Rugby:

We support our players desire to push their game to the next level, and we have various players currently representing the region and the country at various levels.



# CLUB CULTURE

Our vision is to promote rugby in the greater Green Island community, aiming for the highest standards both on and off the field, so we are a club that our players, members and community can be proud of.

We promote sporting participation and excellence while nurturing club culture.

Our objectives are to be a highly successful rugby club that provides a competitive and an enjoyable club environment for all our players and members, and to future proof our club with professional management, well-resourced teams and a winning attitude.

## Our Core Values:

### Respect:

Members are to respect the coaches, management and committee decisions

### Excellence:

Members are expected not only to meet the clubs code of conduct, but to show through exemplary actions on and off the field that ours is a club to be admired

### Selflessness:

Members are encouraged and expected to act with less concern for themselves than for the success of the joint activities of the club

### Responsibility:

Members are responsible for their own actions and ensuring they reflect the club in a positive manner

### Innovation:

The Club will be innovative in their event hosting and training methods, bringing a refreshing approach to the sport to create growth and develop the sport.

### Inspiration:

Our club has a rich history, and we lean on those members that have tasted success before us to provide inspiration to those that are yet to realise their potential

### Positivity:

The Club is an environment of positivity, each member will be encouraged to perform to the best of their abilities and make a positive contribution to the club in every way

### Commitment:

Members are expected to support each other and do their part for the development of the club - always striving to improve

### Passion:

With the above tenets in place, our club members become enthusiastic loyal stalwarts of the club, whether playing or supporting



# CLUB CULTURE

Our club has an excellent off field social environment.

“What’s Success? If you get your Culture Right, then no matter what the result, you get success, because you have a good time, you enjoy the whole experience and you grow”.

Think about that for a second – good time, enjoyment, experience, grow – key to any healthy culture. Fantastic social events for you to enjoy, have a good time and grow with fellow players & build on our club culture

## Club Functions

There are various events planned throughout the playing season, the highlight being the Annual Lip Sync event.

## Team Events

Management arrange for various team events and functions throughout the season. The focus is on having a bit of fun.



# INNOVATION: LIVE SCRUM MACHINE

Green Island is lucky enough to have a Silver Fern Live Scrum Machine located in an all-weather room with artificial grass

Powered by Pneumatic rams Live Scrum simulates the feel of an opposition Scrum.

Pneumatic Rams creates instability, including a capacity for lateral movement, thus simulating an opposition scrum.

Pressure can be controlled, adjusted and gauged to expose player(s) strengths, discrepancies and measure improvement.

This level of assessment makes it is easy to create a safe and powerful scrum.

The pressure gauge allows you to see improvement in you teams' efforts. You can see up to 25% power gains in one session.

Super Easy to Use - An on off switch and a dial, it literally takes 2 minutes to learn how to use Live Scrum.

Watch video here:

<https://youtu.be/qpOixbpffR8?si=5n5397vtbC0tbcCt>



**SILVER  
FERN®**

**LIVE  
SCRUM**

# INNOVATION: GPS PERFORMANCE TRACKING

GPS tracking evolves a team's performance culture, establishing a motivational feedback-driven performance environment.

Coaches and individuals can easily understand speed, endurance, injury prevention, and training load.

Without performance data, coaches work on assumptions. They risk overworking or underworking their players which can result in an under performing team on game day, negating their player's competitive instinct.

GPS provides players with a clear picture of their performance, which can be a real eye-opener for them. The results help them to gain a more complete understanding of what is required to perform at their best. Once players can see their stats, they are able to create performance benchmarks which not only create competition to beat themselves week to week, but competition to beat players in similar positions.

Coaches can provide real-time information and feedback to their players on how they're tracking week to week.

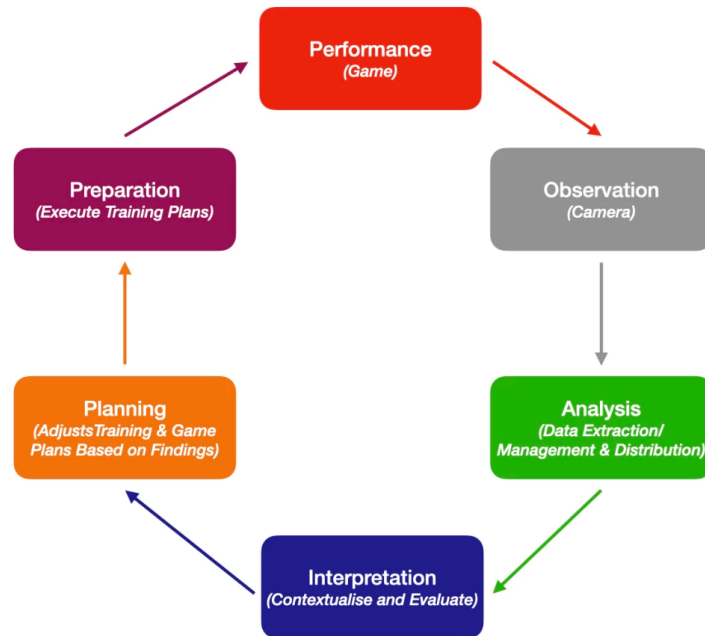


# INNOVATION: ELEVATE ANALYSIS

Performance analysis has become a fundamental component of elite sport around the world, it is the basis of knowledge creation by capturing both team and player performance data. Coaches & Players can utilise the game and performance insights from the analyses conducted to gain an advantage over opponents, better understand their own performance and ultimately improve.

Elevate Analysis provide us end-to-end

- ▶ Game filming
- ▶ Game analysis
- ▶ Player action analysis
- ▶ Game data
- ▶ Player data
- ▶ Video sharing platform



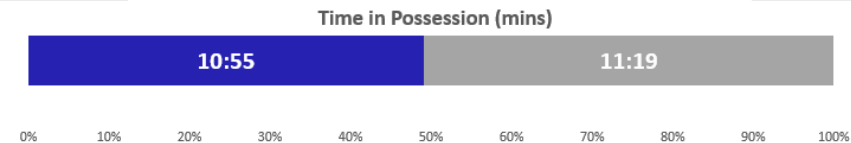
R06 - Green Island 30-22 University

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ANALYSIS

Green Island	
Position	Player Name
1	Ben Lopas
2	Heath MacEwan
3	Zion Tofilau Lui
4	Richard Buchanan
5	Jared Williams
6	Shane Fikken
7	Ronan Dynes
8	Atu Katoa
9	Devin Stapley
10	Finn Hurley
11	Bradley McPate
12	Jesse Vaafusuaga
13	Riley Lucas
14	Nelson Yorston
15	Mosese Palelei
16	Matt Watts
17	Matthew McCutcheon
18	Kail Spooner
19	Brett Kingsbury
20	Jone Naivalulevu
21	Inoke Naivalulevu
22	Meihana Schooner

Green Island		University
49%	Possession (%)	51%
10:55	Possession (Mins)	11:19
4	Tries Scored	3
2	Conversions Kicked	2
4	Conversion Attempts	3
2	Penalties Kicked	1
3	Penalty Kick Attempts	2
4	Total Goals Kicked	3
8	Total Goal Kick Attempts	5
50%	Goal Kick Success	60%
23	Kicks in Play	17
92%	Gainline %	83%
3	Turnovers Won	3
3	Turnovers Conceded	4
45	Breakdowns Won	58
82%	Fast Ball %	78%
8	Penalties Conceded	15
0	Yellow Cards	1
Referee		
Logan Whitty		

University	
Position	Player Name
1	Hironobu Kasuya
2	Eamon Flannery
3	Steve Salelea
4	Ale Aho
5	Mitchell Tinnock
6	Will Riley
7	Aaron Withy
8	Will Stodart
9	Brad Campbell
10	Jacob Waikari-Jones
11	Jeremiah Asi
12	Robert Fridd
13	Hugo Lynch
14	Mac Harris
15	Jermaine Pepe
16	Ben Masterton
17	Charles Engelbrecht
18	Oliver Gardiner
19	Louis Magalogo
20	Amedeo Ventresca
21	Blake Forward
22	Isaiah Opai



ELEVATE  
ANALYSIS

# INNOVATION: VEO CAMERA

Veio Camera is the world's first portable AI camera that can automatically live stream matches via the Veio Live App

Record trainings or games with the ultimate rugby camera and use the powerful tools to analyse and improve every move.

Veio provides a full view of the pitch, allowing you to rewatch the games as you are used to seeing them on TV.

Veio helps teams, players and coaches progress and save time with innovative tools.

With Veio's analysis features, you have the best opportunities to fulfil every player's potential and easily share the greatest moments.

AI automatically highlights tries, conversions, penalty kicks at goal, line-outs and scrums.



# SCHOLARSHIPS

In accordance with Otago Rugby Football Union guidelines, we can issue selected club players with scholarships each season.

These funds can be awarded to a player that is in a full-time study or a trade apprentice (to a capped limit).

Each season we typically provide 5 or 6 scholarships to nominated players, but only if they meet the coaching & management team criteria

These take into account player commitment to the team and club, both on and off the field.





# SUMMARY

- ▶ Join a Club On The Rise!
- ▶ Quality Coaching & Management.
- ▶ Passion for Player Development.
- ▶ First Class Training & Fitness Programs.
- ▶ Video Analysis & GPS Tracking.
- ▶ Excellent Technology & Club Facility's.
- ▶ We Can Help You Reach Your Rugby Goals.
- ▶ FREE Shuttle To Training & Fixtures.
- ▶ FREE Club Gym With 24hr Access.
- ▶ FREE Physiotherapy Treatment of Rugby Injury's at SportsMed Mosgiel. I.e. No ACC Levy charge for registered Green Island Players.
- ▶ Thursday Evening Club Meals After Training.
- ▶ Exciting Social Events Calendar.
- ▶ Family Values & Culture, Otago's #1 Community Club.
- ▶ Best Community Support!
- ▶ 2024 Banner Winning Club!!
- ▶ 2024 NZ Rugby Club of the Year

For more info check out our website

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or

Look us up on



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YouTube



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