

# GREEN ISLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB





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# COME PLAY RUGBY AT GREEN ISLAND

**Looking for a fresh start?  
Chasing a new life experience?  
Keen to join an awesome rugby club?**

Come play rugby with **Green Island RFC** in **Dunedin, New Zealand!**

Whether you're overseas and dreaming of playing rugby in NZ, moving to Dunedin for work, study, or family—or just after a change of scene—we'd love to hear from you.

If you're looking to continue your rugby journey in the South, you've found the right place. At Green Island, we value our players and take pride in supporting them on and off the field.

## **A True Southern Welcome**

We're one of the friendliest rugby clubs you'll find anywhere. Based in the tight-knit suburb of Green Island, Dunedin, we're deeply connected to our local community. We love our rugby, our culture, and the camaraderie that comes with it.

Join a club with a proud history and a big heart where players from all over NZ and the world have been welcomed into the fold.



# INTRODUCTION

Established in 1884 and proudly known as “*The Grizzlies*”, our club wears the colours of green, gold, and black with pride.

Green Island Rugby Football Club is more than just a rugby club we're a community hub with a thriving social membership. Our whānau includes everyone from juniors (13 and under), senior men's and women's teams, coaches, ex-players, families, supporters, sponsors, and committee members all united by a shared love of the game. Most of our members live in Green Island or the surrounding suburbs.

Our club is built on strong core values:

**FAMILY • PRIDE • DISCIPLINE • INTEGRITY • INCLUSIVITY**

We work hard to create a welcoming, family-friendly environment, with events and functions that cater to all ages. Our weekly prizegiving's and community events consistently draw big crowds — no other local club brings the same energy and support.

With over **5,000 followers on Facebook**, we're the most followed community rugby club in Dunedin and Otago. And we're the only club with its very own mascot — *Claws*, our beloved Grizzly Bear!

Our clubhouse is also a key asset to the wider community, hosting everything from weddings and birthdays to funerals and corporate functions.

In recent years, we've invested significantly in upgrading our clubhouse facilities to ensure a top-tier experience for players, members, and the wider community. Improvements include 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 Live Scrum Machine.



# CLUB INFORMATION

## Our Club

Green Island RFC isn't just any club, we're a proud, passionate part of our local community, and one of the most welcoming rugby clubs you'll find anywhere in the world.

We live and breathe footy, and we value the camaraderie that comes with it. Our club culture is rich and inclusive, built over generations and strengthened by the many players we've welcomed from across New Zealand and around the globe. Many describe their time here as being part of one big extended family — a home away from home.

Our players are humble, hardworking, and tightly bonded, and off the field, we enjoy a vibrant and social club environment. Our supporters are some of the most loyal around. It's not unusual to see hundreds lining the sidelines at Miller Park on game day, creating a real buzz.

## Our Facilities

We're proud of our top-quality playing and training facilities, which include:

Well-maintained playing fields

A state-of-the-art **hydraulic scrum machine**

A fully equipped **players' gym**

Tackle bags, hit pads, crash mats, sprint ladders, cones, bibs, and poles, everything needed for high-performance training

Whether you're a local or coming from abroad, you'll find Green Island RFC has everything you need to thrive both on and off the pitch.



# CLUB INFORMATION

## Your Club. Your Choice.

Choosing the right rugby club isn't always easy — especially if you're new to the area or don't know what each club has to offer. If you're like us, you're looking for more than just a team. You want a club that helps you grow your game, build lasting friendships, and become part of something bigger. A club with energy, personality, and a strong social culture.

That's exactly what Green Island RFC delivers — and more.

## A True Family Club

We're proud to have a strong family focus and one of the largest junior sections in Otago. Our club is often described as one big extended family, and we take that seriously. Our players are humble, tight-knit, and grounded. We foster strong connections between our senior and junior teams, with top-tier mentorship, regular interaction, and a culture of support that makes us stand out. Put simply, we're the best Club going.

## Rugby for Everyone

We welcome players of all abilities and backgrounds. Whether you're chasing high-level competition or simply want to enjoy the game, there's a place for you here.

Our teams include - Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, U20 Colts, U21 Colts, Women's, & Junior teams (U13 and under)

**Come join us at Green Island RFC  
where rugby meets whānau, and footy is more than just a 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/jEO3I5ZmbLQ?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 was 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 Overview

Our rugby calendar is structured to keep players in top shape and ready to compete:

**Off-Season Conditioning Program:** Begins in **November**

**Pre-Season Training:** Starts in **late January**

**Playing Season:** Runs from **late March to July/August**

Whether you're building fitness or sharpening skills, there's a full program to support your rugby development year-round.

## Employment Support

While we can't guarantee jobs, we have a fantastic track record of helping players find work through our strong local network of **sponsors, members, and club supporters.**

From casual to permanent roles skilled or unskilled our community often steps up to support new players. Many of our current members are working in jobs arranged through the club.

If you're looking to get into a trade, we can also help. We've successfully placed players into apprenticeships and jobs in trades such as Plumbing, Electrical, Building and more

When you join Green Island RFC, you're not just joining a club you're connecting with a supportive community that looks after its own.



# CLUB INFORMATION

## **Accommodation Support**

Compared to other New Zealand cities, Dunedin offers affordable housing and rental options. We're often able to assist new players with short-term accommodation when they first arrive, helping you get settled and on your feet quickly.

## **Living in Dunedin**

Dunedin is a vibrant university city, full of energy and character. It's known for its friendly locals, especially around the Green Island community.

Set against lush green hills and surrounded by some of the world's most stunning beaches, Dunedin also sits just a few hours from New Zealand's iconic lakes and mountains, perfect for weekend adventures. And best of all? No traffic jams! Life down here is easygoing and full of opportunity.

## **Keen to Join the Grizzlies?**

If you're interested in playing rugby with Green Island RFC, we'd love to hear from you. Get in touch with us, we're happy to answer any questions and help you take the next step.

We look forward to seeing you in green and gold and calling yourself a Grizzly.

**CLAWSUP!**



# RUGBY AT GREEN ISLAND

## Mentorship:

We take our role as mentors seriously, committed to developing not only skilled rugby players but well-rounded individuals.

We provide quality coaching to help players sharpen their skills.

We teach game awareness and build resilience on and off the field.

We instill respect for the club, the team culture, and the values we hold dear.

We actively integrate players into club life and the local community.

We encourage a healthy family balance and foster kindness and generosity.

While we aim to develop great players, **true success for us is seeing players grow into great people.**

## Team Camaraderie:

One of the first things players and their families notice at Green Island is the **genuine camaraderie.**

There are no egos here **nobody is above the team**, and the players form a tight-knit group that looks out for one another. Despite their close bonds, they're always **welcoming to new faces**, making it easy to feel part of the Grizzly family from day one.

## Transport:

Our club is located just **10 minutes from Dunedin's city centre**, making it easily accessible for players living anywhere in town.

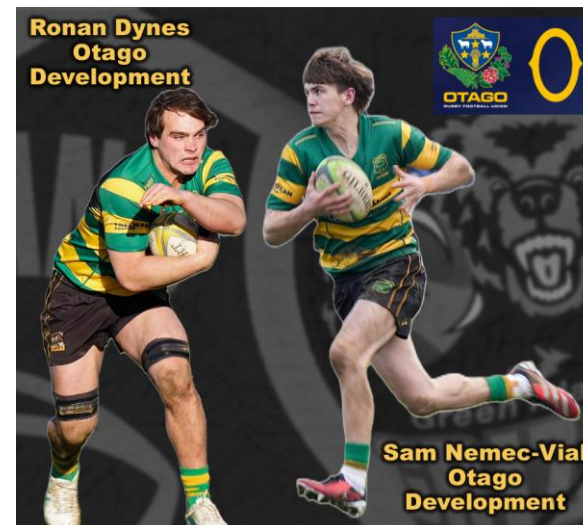
For those needing transport, we offer a **club van service** that provides pick-up and drop-off for **trainings and game days** — helping ensure everyone can stay involved, no matter their circumstances.



# 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

At Green Island Rugby Football Club, our vision is to promote rugby throughout the wider Green Island community, striving for excellence both on and off the field.

We aim to be a club that our players, members, and community can be truly proud of. We're committed to encouraging sporting participation and achievement, while preserving and strengthening our unique 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

At Green Island RFC, we pride ourselves on having an outstanding off-field culture that's just as important as what happens on the pitch.

*“What’s success? If you get your culture right, then no matter the result, you succeed, because you have a good time, enjoy the experience, and grow.”*

Take a moment to think about that: good times, enjoyment, experience, growth these are the cornerstones of a healthy club culture.

We host fantastic social events throughout the season, giving you the chance to connect, relax, and build lasting bonds with teammates all while strengthening our club spirit.

Because at Green Island, rugby is more than a game it's a way to grow, belong, and have a bloody good time doing it.

## **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

## State-of-the-Art Live Scrum Machine

Green Island RFC is proud to be one of the few clubs equipped with a **Silver Fern Live Scrum Machine**, housed in an **all-weather training room** with **artificial turf**.

Powered by **pneumatic rams**, the Live Scrum machine **accurately simulates the pressure and instability of an opposition scrum** including lateral movement. This realism allows players to experience match-like conditions in a controlled environment.

Key features include:

**Adjustable pressure settings** to suit individual or team needs

**Instant feedback** through pressure gauges, helping identify strengths, discrepancies, and areas for improvement

Demonstrated **power gains of up to 25%** in a single session

**Safe, measurable, and repeatable** scrum training

**User-friendly** operation, just a switch and a dial, and you're ready

This cutting-edge equipment allows our forwards to **train smarter, improve faster, and scrum stronger**

Watch Video Here:

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



**SILVER  
FERN®**

**LIVE  
SCRUM**

# INNOVATION

## GPS Tracking Technology

At Green Island RFC, we embrace innovation to get the best out of our players. **GPS tracking technology** is a game-changer, evolving the way we train and perform by creating a **feedback-driven, high-performance environment**.

With GPS, coaches and players can clearly understand:

- Speed and endurance** levels
- Training load** and intensity
- Injury prevention** strategies
- Overall performance trends**

Without this data, coaching becomes guesswork risking overtraining or undertraining, which can lead to underperformance on game day. GPS eliminates that uncertainty.

For players, seeing their own stats is often a **real eye-opener**. It helps them understand what's required to perform at their best and allows them to **set personal benchmarks**, sparking friendly competition both within themselves and among teammates in similar positions.

Best of all, GPS enables **real-time performance feedback** from coaches, so players know exactly how they're tracking week to week ensuring continuous improvement and accountability.



**SPT**<sup>®</sup>  
SPORTS PERFORMANCE TRACKING<sup>™</sup>



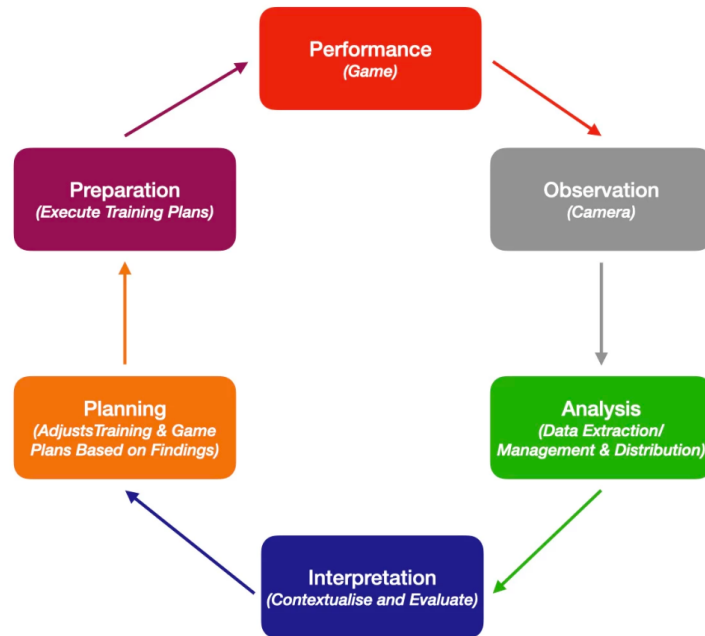
# INNOVATION

## 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

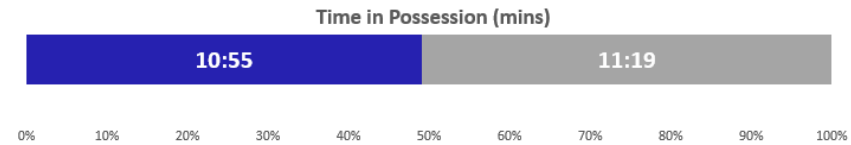
- ▶ Game filming
- ▶ Game analysis
- ▶ Player action analysis
- ▶ Game data
- ▶ Player data
- ▶ Video sharing platform



| 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          |
| <b>Referee</b> |                          |            |
| 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

## **Vevo Camera**

### **Smart Video Analysis for Smarter Rugby**

Green Island RFC uses the **Vevo Camera**, the world's first **portable AI-powered sports camera**, to elevate how we record, review, and analyse games and trainings.

With **automatic live streaming** via the **Vevo Live App**, we can broadcast matches in real time — no camera operator needed. Vevo captures a **full-pitch view**, allowing coaches and players to review footage just like watching a professional broadcast.

Key features include:

**Automatic highlights** of tries, conversions, lineouts, scrums, and penalty kicks

**Advanced analysis tools** to break down every movement and decision

Easy sharing of footage for feedback, player development, and club promotion

A powerful tool to help coaches **save time**, and players **reach their full potential**

With Vevo, we bring professional-level insight to grassroots rugby giving our teams every opportunity to grow, improve, and celebrate their best moments.



**vevo**



# SCHOLARSHIPS

In alignment with **Otago Rugby Football Union** guidelines, Green Island RFC is proud to offer a limited number of **player scholarships** each season.

These scholarships are available to selected players who are engaged in **full-time study** or working as a **trade apprentice**, up to a capped funding limit.

Each year, we typically award **5–6 scholarships** to nominated players who meet specific **criteria set by our coaching and management team**. Selection is based on a player's **commitment to the team and the club** — both on and off the field.

These scholarships reflect our ongoing investment in supporting players' personal and professional growth, alongside their rugby development.



# 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

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or

Look us up on



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YouTube



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