



Prebbleton Life

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Prebbleton Domain

By Sandra Serra, Prebbleton Heritage Inc.

The upcoming event "Music in the Park" gave us the opportunity to give some background to how the Domain came to be and its development.

The Prebbleton Domain Board was gazetted in May 1880 under the Domain Act, 1860 to manage a recreation reserve for Prebbleton. Later that year in August, a meeting of the board was held at the Road Board office, where Mr H. W. Peryman was elected Chairman. Just over three acres of land was acquired from Mr Edward Prebble to be used as a Reserve with legal title vested in the Crown. Money was also allocated for fencing and the purchase of shrubs around the boundary.

The grand opening was set for December 23, 1880, with a holiday declared so the local children could attend as part of their annual school breakup treat. Many children and parents attended playing various games and "partook of the good things provided by the school committee". During the formal opening Mr Peryman presented Edward Prebble with a gold watch for his "munificent" generosity at making the land available, explaining that the Board had been struggling to find a suitable site. He went on to say that "in years to come, the value of the gift would perhaps be more fully understood. At present it was a recreation ground of which Prebbleton might well be proud". His words are even more relevant today; thank goodness for the foresight of these early residents.

In 1891 tenders were called for the grazing of sheep on the land, perhaps to raise funds while also maintaining the grass.

A pavilion was built by the Domain Board in 1911 and officially opened to coincide with the opening day of the newly formed Tennis Club. For many years this building was the only facility at the Domain and was used by all sports and by local groups to hold meetings.

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PREBBLETON DOMAIN BOARD.—A meeting of this Board was held on the 1st inst., at the Road Board office, Prebbleton. Present—Messrs H. W. Peryman, J. Maskrey, and S. C. Moule. Mr Peryman explained that the meeting called for the 10th June last, in accordance with the notice appearing in the Government "Gazette" of the 20th May, had lapsed through non attendance of members. In consequence of the recreation trust having been constituted a Board under the Domain Act, 1860, subject to regulations contained in the "Gazette" of the date referred to, it would be necessary to elect a chairman at this the first meeting of the new Board. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried—"That Mr Peryman be elected chairman of the Prebbleton Domain Board." Mr Moule was authorised to purchase shrubs to plant between the belt of forest trees, and the hon. sec. was requested to get the conveyance of the land executed as soon as possible. Several small accounts having been ordered to be paid the Board adjourned.

Press 3 July 1880 Domain Board Committee meeting

Aerial image of the Domain in 1960s and as it appears now



1950 Aerial photo of Prebbleton with the Domain pictured.

The aims of the association

To promote, preserve and protect the interests of the residents of Prebbleton District.

To support the efforts of any person, persons, association, or any other bodies, who may in the opinion of the association be working for the benefit of the Prebbleton District.

To foster social activities within the Prebbleton District if necessary.

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Update from the Chair



It seems like such a long time ago that we held the annual Christmas Market, Grotto and Carols. A huge thank you to all who attended and supported this event. Thank you to all our stallholders, it was an interesting array of goods this year! Finally, thank you to all those who helped organise, set-up, direct traffic, sell raffle tickets and pack-up at the end. It was great to see Cr Shefford and Cr Barnsley at the event and chatting with members of the community.

The **digital sign board** continues to be a challenge for our community, by the time this is published construction may have begun as while there was a pause in construction, the company can now continue. We have tried various avenues without success, and continue to talk with the SDC regarding the traffic safety concerns. A meeting with the digital signboard company (Vast Billboards) was unproductive and the Manager couldn't understand why we have an issue with this sign as we didn't complain when the sign went up near Tasman Fuels by the overbridge!! I took a summary of people's feedback from Facebook to this meeting but it fell on deaf ears.

You may have noticed communications from SDC's Mayor and Councillors, especially on Facebook, regarding the work they have been undertaking on the **Annual Plan**. I understand they had a pile of reading for their holidays as they look to limit rate rises and what projects will be affordable. It's a tough job for them and we all get to have our say when they undertake the community consultation soon. As a pragmatist, I realise that this is definitely a situation where we can't have our proverbial cake and eat it too! I'm sure like me, many of you want to see lower rates increase but with that comes compromise. Keep an eye out for your opportunity to participate in the feedback.

The first PCA committee meeting for 2026 is this month, where we look forward to better understanding how we will work with our new councillors, as well as undertake our planning for 2026. If you have any issues you want to raise with the committee, please email prebbletoncommunityassn@gmail.com

Message from Orion

Orion sent an email to let the community know that they are completing survey work to inspect power poles in our area through to March. Their contractors are Connetics and will carry ID. They may need to enter some properties but will contact landowners. Any concerns phone 0800 363 9898.

In Print or online. Online at the Prebbleton Community Group Facebook page. Back issues available at www.pca.org.nz or for a copy by email please send your email details to prebbletonlife@gmail.com



Christmas Market

The annual market was held on Thursday 18th of December and featured a great range of craft stalls. Plenty of food stalls including a sellout sausage stand run by the good people from Ray White Town & Lifestyle with funds benefiting the Prebbleton Community Association. The Christmas Grotto at the cottage was again a big success.



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The proximity to the Prebbleton rail service facilitated ready access to the Domain from Christchurch and the Domain quickly became a popular destination for social and sports events from further afield and was where the school held its sports days.

The Domain Board arranged the installation and maintenance of tracks for cycling and running. In much later years motorcycle and greyhound racing also featured. In 1932 electricity was installed to allow the sports ground to be lit for night training.

The size of the Domain was expanded considerably in 1978 to become over ten hectares in size. A well was also drilled that year to a depth of between 250 and 300 feet to improve the quality of drinking water in the township. This was upgraded again several years ago and continues to provide us with water.

A Millennium Gateway was installed at the entrance during 2000 to commemorate the turn of the century, with painting and landscaping completed the following year. This is the main entrance to the grounds with several pedestrian access points around the perimeter.

The sports grounds have been further enhanced since 2010 with some shelter belts removed, others planted and a raised embankment created around part of the cricket field. A sealed pathway around the whole area makes it an all-weather circuit for everyone, able and disabled. Exercise equipment has been installed alongside the pathway, and the train themed playground is very popular. The most recent additions have been a Pump Track, a basketball hoop and more carparking.

The Domain is, and has been, the focus of many of our sports clubs, now complemented by the opening of Kakaha Park on Birchs Road in 2023. Just prior to WW2 there may have been a lawn bowling green put in. It didn't survive but if anyone has knowledge of this we would like to know.

Any feedback on this article or any other topic relating to Prebbleton history would be appreciated. Contact us by email prebbletonheritage@gmail.com



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Prebbleton Profile: FINN SURMAN

All Whites Football player and local Prebbleton Lad

Prebbleton Life caught up with Finn while he was home for Christmas.

Could you give us a brief history of your life and Football career?

I was born in Llantrisant near Cardiff, Wales and my parents returned to NZ when I was 15 months old.

We settled in Prebbleton soon after.

I played for Selwyn United Football Club, then the Phoenix Academy in 2019.

That led to my first professional contract with the Phoenix Football Club in Wellington as a defender; playing 53 games for them.

I have played 15 games for New Zealand from June 2023 until now.

I am currently under contract with the Portland Timbers in Portland, Oregon and play in the Major League Soccer (MLS) in the US as a defender.

I am now 22yrs old.

What first got you into your sport, and who inspired you along the way?

I got into football when I was at Prebbleton Primary School. A lot of us would play football at morning tea and lunchtime. When I was 10, my best friend Sam invited me to join his team in Selwyn and I have played ever since. It's not hard to find people who have inspired me along the way, but it's pretty difficult to look past my parents. I know the hours they put in to allow me to gain opportunities but also shaping me as a person, so it's a privilege to try to make them proud.

What does a typical training week look like for you?

In Portland, our weeks can change structure a lot. Going off a general Saturday - Saturday schedule, it would look like - Saturday Game, Sunday regeneration session/day

off, Monday day off, Tuesday team training and gym, Wednesday team training and gym, Thursday team training and gym, Friday team training, Saturday game. Of course, our game schedule dictates our training schedule. We have amazing staff at my club who are fantastic at determining the amount of training we need vs the rest that we need vs the gym that we need.

What has been the most memorable moment of your sporting career so far?

I have two most memorable moments.

Scoring a goal against Melbourne Victory when I was playing for the Wellington Phoenix. We won 1-0 after I scored in the 95th minute, which guaranteed our club's best ever finish to date and kept us top of the table at the time.

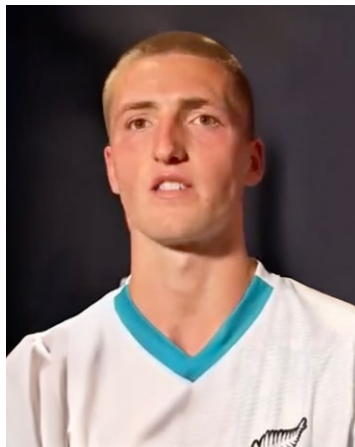
The other moment was captaining my club, Portland Timbers, for the first time against San Diego. I was told I was the youngest captain in club history, so it was a pretty cool moment where a lot of responsibility and trust was placed on me.

How do you stay motivated during tough times, injuries or setbacks?

I think that I try not to allow myself to let the situation take over. I make sure I never say poor me, instead trying to find something to work towards. I find that having a goal makes hard times a lot easier. I have the belief that if

there is a goal you truly want to achieve, you won't need motivation to push yourself to achieve it.

What advice would you give to young athletes in our community who dream of following in your footsteps? As cliché as it is, I believe you will never regret working hard. Whether that's in your sport or other facets of life, hard work can only benefit you.



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Note: Always make sure Emergency Services are activated through a 111 phone call as well. In practical terms, there are externally accessible defibrillators (ie available 24/7):



- at the entrance of the Prebbleton Rugby Clubrooms
- at the Changing Rooms entrance at Kakaha Park
- Fresh Choice have a defibrillator beside the notice board which is available when the Supermarket is open (ie 7 days 7am - 9.00pm)
- There are defibrillators at the reception areas of the Prebbleton Primary School and Lineage Logistics 482 Springs Road but these are only available during School or work hours.
- There are also listed 2 private addresses. 4 Cathcart Crescent ph 021 991 385 and 31 Central Avenue 0272324822 which may be available if in residence.



Thoughts On Valentine's Day

By David Martin

For many people, the aftermath of Christmas and New Year is something of an anti-climax as they return to their mundane lives. However, this month brings us the excitement of Valentine's Day which, this year, falls roughly in the middle of the period between Christmas and Easter.

Although the three events are celebrated in different ways, there is one strand which ties them all together and that one strand is LOVE.

According to the title of the Christina Rossetti poem, "Love Came Down at Christmas", and with reference to Easter, St John wrote that "God so loved the world that he gave His only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life". How fitting therefore, that St Valentine's day is sandwiched between these two major Christian celebrations?

Most people see Valentine's Day as a celebration of romance when, in fact, it all stems from his helping of a blind girl, Julia. He read her material from which she could learn. Whilst in prison for conducting marriages against the laws of Ancient Rome, he wrote a final note to Julia signed "From your Valentine". This inspired people to write their own messages of love on his feast day which is the date on which he was beaten, stoned and beheaded – February 14 270 AD.

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Saturday 31st January

Sequence Dancing
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7.30pm - 10.30pm
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Sunday 1st February

Music in the Park
Prebbleton Domain Playground
1pm - 4pm



**Summer
in Selwyn**

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Thursday 5th February

Selwyn Libraries Mobile Unit Visit
Prebbleton Public Hall
2.30pm - 4pm

Saturday 7th February

Working Bee
Prebbleton Nature Park
8.00am - 12.30pm

Sunday 15th February

Giving Garden Festival
Broadfield Gardens
250 Selwyn Road
10am - 3pm
Entry Fee - Gold Coin Donation

Friday 27th February

Friday Friends
All Saints' Tosswill Lounge
2pm
prebbletoncommunityassn@gmail.com

Thursday 5th March

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Prebbleton Public Hall
2.30pm - 4pm

Saturday 7th March

Working Bee
Prebbleton Nature Park
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www.facebook.com/groups/pflincoln

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KIM HILL HOT TOPIC

SOIL TO BRAIN

Rethinking our connection

26th of March 2026, S1, Lincoln University
Doors open 6:30pm

Panellists:

Julia Rucklidge | University of Canterbury
Pablo Gregorini | Lincoln University
Carolyn Lister | Bioeconomy Science Institute
Hadee Thompson-Morrison | Bioeconomy Science Institute



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Selwyn Trap Library

Saturday 28th February,
10 am - 12 pm
Lincoln Farmers & Craft
Market

<https://events.humanitix.com/selwyn-trap-library-2026>

or contact selwyntraplibrary@gmail.com

Come and see us for free trap hire and advice. We will lend you the right type of trap to remove pests like rats, hedgehogs, possums, and stoats. We can also advise you on bait and the best location for your trap. The library is usually open on the last Saturday of every month.

Responsible Business Network - Marketing Strategies for Sustainable Selwyn Businesses

Thursday 5th March, 5.30 pm - 8.30 pm
Lincoln Event Centre

The Selwyn Responsible Business Network warmly invites you to a marketing workshop dedicated exclusively to businesses committed to environmental and social initiatives. This workshop is designed to empower Selwyn businesses who are already doing amazing environmental and community work but need the tools to effectively share their story, build trust, and attract conscious customers.

See Humanitix

<https://events.humanitix.com/rbn-marketing> or
contact Maree, rbacoordinator@gmail.com.

Kim Hill Hot Topic - Soil To Brain

Thursday 26th March, 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Lincoln University

Join us for another thought-provoking "Hot Topic" discussion with Kim Hill! This year's topic is Soil To Brain - Rethinking Our Connection. Kim Hill will lead a panel of experts to delve into the issues. Once the panel has deliberated their views, the audience will be invited to question panel members. The evening is always a well-attended, stimulating and enjoyable occasion; all are welcome.

See Humanitix

<https://events.humanitix.com/soil-to-brain>

Earth Hour

Saturday 28th March, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Venue to be confirmed

Join us to celebrate Earth Hour 2026 with a lantern walk and other activities, proving that the best kind of fun doesn't require electricity.

See Humanitix <https://events.humanitix.com/lincoln-earth-hour-2026>

or contact Dave, projectmanagerlet@gmail.com.



What You Will Learn

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- Create content that is compelling and trustworthy.
- Build your story using your values to create engaging narratives.

Expert Speakers

Jo O'Brien | Marketing Advisor, Selwyn District Council
Fleur Harris | NZ Word Trees
Charlotte Cook | Capa Collective

Date: Thursday 5th March

Time: 5.30 PM for drinks and nibbles, 6 PM start

Venue: Lincoln Event Centre

Cost: FREE

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Prebbleton Life Stories Writers Group

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Dawn Eagle
021 256 5885

Prebbleton Tuesday Pilates

Prebbleton School Hall
Karen Eade 021 269 2391

Prebbleton Women's Institute

4th Tuesday of every month 1:00pm
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Wednesdays 7pm - Broadfield Reserve
Thursdays 7pm - Lincoln Event Centre
Saturdays 10am - Broadfield Reserve
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John Hamilton
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Prebbleton Cricket

Greg McCarthy
029 283 8505

Prebbleton Rugby

Sarah Forster
ph 021 237 7344
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Prebbleton Public Hall
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