



Valley Project staff meet Green Party members Eugenie Sage and Francisco Hernandez.

COLOURING THE VALLEY GREEN - PARTY MEMBERS VISIT THE PROJECT

The 2023 General Election hype is well and truly underway with less than a month to go until voting commences October 2nd. Just before campaigning picked up pace, Otago Regional Councillor Alan Somerville was expeditious in coordinating an opportunity for the Valley Project to meet face-to-face with Green MP, Eugenie Sage, and Dunedin candidate, Francisco Hernandez. We were honoured by their eagerness to become acquainted with The Valley Project, and looked forward to hearing their perspectives.

We had prepared ourselves with various questions to ask Eugenie and Francisco, both of our own and those collected from community members. Unexpectedly, they had plenty for us, too! Their interest in and knowledge of the Valley Project was humbling and appreciated.

Once we turned the attention onto Eugenie and Francisco, we started off easy with an enquiry into their favourite native animals! Kererū and kea were their replies, which will have delighted our former and present Biodiversity Coordinators! We next learned that Francisco's political beginnings stem from an anarchist project while serving as 2013 OUSA President. 'Food Not Bombs' was a food rescue and redistribution initiative as much as it was a pursuit of systematic change. The free weekly breakfasts he established for uni students continue to this day. He said it was empowering to institutionalise volunteer action, scale it up using political process, and bring voice to the people from the smallest level. Eugenie jokes that her obnoxious younger brothers are to thank for her political passions. *(Continued on page #14...)*

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VALLEY VOICE 6-WEEK SCHEDULE

2023 ISSUE:	#8	#9	2024 #1	#2	#3	#4
CONTENT DUE:	September 27	November 8	January 17	February 28	April 10	May 24
DISTRIBUTION DATE:	October 21	December 2	February 10	March 23	May 4	June 15

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FRED HOLLOWES COMMUNITY ROOM has a max capacity of 30 and is equipped with a kitchenette (microwave, sink, jug, dishes/cutlery, serving wares, fridge, etc.) tables & chairs, whiteboard, TV, and more.

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CLINIC/QUIET ROOM is ideal for the provision of health and social services, or other one-on-one sessions.

Check the bookings calendar on our website for availability (www.northeastvalley.org/services/community-room-bookings), then book by emailing reception@northeastvalley.org.



Community Concession (public)	General (private)	Birthday Parties
\$15 - 23 per hour	\$23 - 35 per hour	\$15 - 20 per hour

The Quiet Room has a large block of availability between 7 September and 8 October, 2023. Get in quick to claim it! And the calendar for Fred Hollowes is currently wide open on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays over the next two months of September and October. Need space for a birthday party? Reunion? Games night?

A NOTE FROM OUR MANAGER

Tēnā koutou katoa - greetings everyone! I'm excited to welcome Jennie Wagner-Gorton to our team as the Open VUE Biodiversity Coordinator. Jennie has experience as an environmental educator, the calm presence of a teacher, and a background in community approach. She's already busy meeting people, overhauling the native plant nursery, and taking over the management of the community orchard from Transition Valley. Spring sees some of our kai resilience projects launch - check out details in this edition of the Valley Voice. Look out for opportunities to support and learn from these projects. As always, I am applying for funding to support our initiatives. The executive team has decided to establish a fundraising committee! Get in touch if you'd like to join. Forever and always, thanks to the wonderful Valley Project staff who facilitate great initiatives to support the community with small budgets, part-time hours, and very busy personal lives. Kia pai ō mahi - great work! Ngā mihi mahana. -- *Jen Rodgers, vpmanager@northeastvalley.org*

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TETRA PAK PUPPET SHOW

Blacks Road Cafe saves the planet! It will become a collection point (one of four in Dunedin) for food and beverage packages such as Tetra Pak. Yes! The recycling scheme is back, turning humble food packaging into building material. Drop off CLEAN flat packets during business hours only. We're celebrating with a show from Petra Puppet Productions! Giveaways, puppets, cafe food, music, and how-to's. Slice, sluce, and slide on down to Blacks Rd. Keep an eye on Valley Project Facebook page.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1 - 3pm | BLACKS ROAD GROCER, 178 North Rd.

what's ON?



ŌPOHO SCHOOL BOUTIQUE FAIR & MARKET DAY

Join us for our Boutique Fair and senior students' Market Day. The PTA is hosting a relaxed space with coffee, baking, plants, and books in the bottom school, while the Y4 - Y6 students run their fun-filled, creative market stalls in the top school. Bouncy castle on site. Sausage sizzle. Eftpos available. All funds raised will support a playground development. Bring along your keepecup and reusable bags.

SATURDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 11am - 2pm | ŌPOHO SCHOOL, 96 Signal Hill Rd.



FANCY WOMAN BIKE RIDE

Join a short, 5k colourful ride to celebrate the freedom and fun of riding a bicycle. Dress code: "Fancy"! Meet at the Steamer Basin by the Harbourside Grill in time for a 10.30am start. Destination is Marlow Park in St. Kilda. Bring a rug and a picnic for when we get there! OR, if you'd like company to ride from our end of town to the Steamer Basin, meet beside the bus stop on Great King Street by the Botanic Gardens, opposite the playing fields, at 10.05am. The more women who cycle, the more women will be encouraged to cycle. That said, everyone welcome!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 10:30am | Meet at the Steamer Basin by the Harbourside Grill



COMMUNITY DINNER

Spend an evening with local friends and whānau, take time to catch up in an easygoing space and enjoy a delicious meal together. The aim is to have a potluck of dishes shared by attendees while we provide the staples to make a well-rounded banquet. We'll be using Eventbrite to track RSVP's and confirm your meal contribution. Start thinking about your best dish for a starter, main course, or dessert! Email reception@northeastvalley.org to express your interest, and look for the event on the VP Facebook.

SATURDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 4:30 - 8pm | BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTRE, 270 North Road



NORTH DUNEDIN HERITAGE TOUR

The Southern Heritage Trust and the Rotary Club of Taieri are organising a tour of about 20 interesting historical buildings and places in North Dunedin, from Saint Andrew Street to Upper Junction. There will be a wide range of buildings and other historical places to visit. Devonshire Tea will be served for all participants from 2 - 4pm. Tickets available at the Valley Project and from trtoursnz.org. \$70pp.

SUNDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 10.30am - 4pm



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We'd love to hear from you! Send us your local photos, stories, announcements, etc. Next deadline for newsletter copy is 5 JULY, 2023.

Submissions later than this date cannot be guaranteed space. Please keep your contributions to 300 words or less. Advertising information available on the VP website.



STUDENT MAGAZINE STOCKED AT THE VP

The Valley Project is now supporting another icon of Dunedin's history: Critic Te Ārohi, the official magazine of Otago University Students' Association (OUSA). We will now be stocking the current magazines, as well as a number of archive issues!

With more than 24,000 students between the university and Otago Polytechnic, it's safe to assume we've still got quite a cohort of tertiary students living in North East Valley! In fact, New Zealand's 2008 census tells us over 50% of Valley residents are students. No doubt it would be handy to supply a student magazine here at Valley Project.

Critic Te Ārohi is the longest-running student news publication in New Zealand, starting in 1925. Students are employed as editors, writers, designers, and photographers, with a full-time editor (oh, what a dream for Valley Voice!). This is a magazine made by the students, for the students.

Critic Te Ārohi covers hot topics and provocative subject matter that are typically central to the student experience; topics you would not see covered in news, aimed at the general public! It's certainly no stranger to controversy. Expect taboo imagery and content if you decide to pick up a copy! Often times you'll also find subject matter applicable to our North-end community as a whole, like Fish 'n Chip shop ratings and tenancy laws. Plus, pick up some thrifty meal recipes and local shop deals.

Thanks to Critic Te Ārohi for providing your magazine to our community! Collect your weekly copy from Valley Project reception during opening hours, or have a peek inside the newstand on our veranda. Grab a copy of the latest Valley Voice while you're there and make an afternoon of local catch-up!

CHARY VOLUNTEER TRANSFORMED INTO SKILLED TRAPPER

I'm lucky to be part of two awesome teams: The Valley Project and City Sanctuary. Through my work I get to meet a variety of community members and work alongside a number of community groups. My role is to support new and existing backyard trappers and trapline volunteers on local reserves in Dunedin's northern suburbs of the City Sanctuary project area.

To trap safely, humanely, and efficiently requires care, which I aim to provide in my areas through initial trap training, check-ins, and trap maintenance. The main target species for the current project are possums and rats. We use kill traps approved by the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, and non-toxic lures. In the beginning I worked towards a goal of getting one in every ten households backyard trapping and establishing traplines in nearby reserves. This then became a more habitat targeted approach of establishing backyard trapping in properties with optimal habitat, and maintaining traplines in nearby reserves to reduce possum numbers to low levels.

I began my community trapping coordinator role in July 2021 and still thoroughly enjoy it! I get the privilege of seeing some wonderful views and beautiful homes as I work across private and public properties in Pine Hill, Liberton, Normanby, North East Valley, Ōpoho, and some of the Dalmore area. The City Sanctuary team supports me in these areas as it's quite a lot to cover. I install and service the traps to help reduce predation of our native species. Trap training is provided for all trappers to safely manage traps and appropriately dispose of catches. (Unfortunately, the odd dog sniffs out and digs up buried catches.) Monitoring methods are used such as chew cards or wax tags, as well as looking for possum claw marks, scat, and runs to determine the best trap placement.

Trapping pest predator species such as possums is crucial to the survival and preservation of our native taonga species. Possums in particular lack natural predators in NZ. The possums didn't come here by choice, but have adapted exceptionally well and unfortunately find a number of our native species easy pickings

for their omnivorous opportunistic eating habits. Reports of a greater presence of our native species is very reassuring that the collective trapping efforts are having a positive effect.

My first role at the Valley Project was as the cleaner. Through this role I started volunteering with Open VUE at mainly weeding and propagation working bees which then led to trapping and becoming a community trapping coordinator. I knew practically nothing about trapping when I started. I remember seeing my first possum in a trap and thinking, "that's a really weird looking tree...whoa, there's a possum!" I even did the classic poking with a stick to make sure it's dead! I've received a lot of training and guidance from the City Sanctuary team, installed over 160 traps, cleared over 170 possums and 140 rats, and have even given possum skinning a couple of goes since then. (I've developed a preference for the ginger-furred ones.) My biggest catch weighed in at 4.3kg!

Along the way I have collected things I never thought I would find interest in, like fallen bird nests, vintage bottles, bird feathers, deceased rat specimens for studies, even a possum skull, skin, and scat. Rubbish is unfortunately prevalent in reserves, some of which I've collected (bottles), cleaned, and donated (crocery), or binned.

I love hearing trapping stories from other trappers, as well as their observations of greater bird presence. I also enjoy hearing some of the local history from residents whose families have lived here for generations. -- Emily Peterson





ECOLOGIST QUICK TO GET STUCK IN!

Kia ora, my name is Jennie Wagner-Gorton and I'm very excited to have joined the Valley Project as the Biodiversity Coordinator for the Open Valley Urban Ecosanctuary Project (aka Open VUE).

My family and I recently relocated from Australia, where I was an ecologist and environmental educator in the Canberra region. While I'm new to Aotearoa, I grew up on a saltwater estuary, and from an early age I've always felt a deep connection to nature and to protecting the environment no matter where my feet were planted.

I quite enjoy working with community groups and gaining knowledge from local experts. I'm keen to get my hands dirty working on citizen science projects and continuing the amazing habitat restoration programs Clare Cross began during her time here.

As a former science teacher, youth-led projects hold a special place in my heart; I'm eager to hear our young people's conservation ideas to maintain the beautiful Valley and Lindsay awa for future generations.

When I'm not hanging out with the lovely people at the Valley Project, you will often find me hiking with my family, foraging for fruit and mushrooms, or tinkering in my garden.



Welcome to The Project, Jennie! 😊



In preparation for spring, Valley Project staff recently got their gloves on to do a bit of weeding and tidying up at the propagation nursery.

PROPAGATION NURSERY REFRESH

As part of Open VUE's *Nature in the Neighbourhood* and habitat restoration initiatives, we've been kindly loaned a bit of land to propagate native plants for both community and backyard planting, and we've been quite fortunate to have Nicky Justice volunteer her time to help look after the nursery on a regular basis. The seedlings here have been lovingly grown from harvested seeds or donations from the community and residents' private gardens. All the plants grown here will find forever-homes within the Valley's urban ecosanctuary in ongoing efforts to promote biodiversity and preservation of species. If you would like more information about how you can volunteer at the nursery, or if you have native seedlings you'd like to donate, please contact openvue@northeastvalley.org.



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SPRING INTO ACTION

To help us turn our vision into a reality, the Open Valley Urban Ecosanctuary Project thrives on the hard work of our residents and volunteers who take action in their backyards and get involved in our community spaces.

Now that winter is drawing to a close and warmer weather is knocking on our doors, we will be needing volunteers to lend a hand in some of our ongoing habitat restoration projects, including community planting and weeding in Chingford Park, native plant propagation, and community clean-up days. Keep an eye on the Valley Project Facebook page for volunteer opportunities, visit northeastvalley.org, or email openvue@northeastvalley.org with any enquiries or to subscribe to the e-newsletter.

For info on how you can get involved in predator management with backyard monitoring and trapping, contact emily@northeastvalley.org or visit the Valley Project during opening hours.

ELEMENTS NATURE-BASED PLAY FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

A movement is spreading around the world to reconnect children with nature. A growing body of research suggests that a child's psychological and physical health improves when they spend time in nature. Elements is an outdoor programme for children that integrates sensory experiences, imagination, and creativity, and supports the healthy development of all children.

The more that children engage in self-directed play and take reasonable risks outdoors, the more they are equipped to be successful in home and school environments. At Elements children have the opportunity to play together, and independently, using stories, games and experiences to have fun, learn, develop, and explore. Elements' locations around NZ, including Dunedin, provide a unique sensory experience that is carefully designed to foster creativity, imagination and independent play in the great outdoors. Elements' Leaders are the champions of outdoor play and at the core of what we do.

Elements Education began six years ago in Christchurch and now offers programmes in a range of NZ towns and cities with a variety of curriculum for children from 2-13yrs. Programmes have been offered in Brighton and North East Valley during school holiday periods. Think making huts, climbing trees, water and mud play, as well as other nature-based activities and group games - a lot of fun while children are being active and creative. We encourage children to take age appropriate risks, try new things and challenge their bodies and mind in new ways in a safe environment. Our therapeutic activities and enriched natural environments are designed to ignite creativity, problem solving, and imagination in children.

Now is a good time to consider Elements for the upcoming holidays beginning September 23. Check out our Facebook [@elementsprogrammes](#) and website elementsnature.co.nz, or email elementsprogrammes@gmail.com.



VALLEY PROJECT SEED LIBRARY

The spring equinox is just around the corner. Time to start thinking about your summer gardens! Have you heard about our Seed Library? We recently held a successful seed swap event here at the Valley Project. Keen gardeners ranging in all levels of experience were able to participate and speak with some experts available on the day. Representatives from Ōtepoti Urban Organics, NEV Community Gardens, and the Garden Star Biodiversity Initiative were on hand to offer best practice advice.

Do you want a different variety of vegetables in your garden this year, but you missed the seed swap event? No worries; we've got you covered! Our seed library is available year-round. Stop by the Valley Project during opening hours and a staff member will point you in the right direction.

If you're just starting out on your gardening journey and not sure where to begin, we've just launched the Buddy Gardening programme! 📍 See next page for more information.



GOT CHOOKS? WANT 'EM?

Valley Kai is looking at running a Spring Chicken Tour (like a garden tour but for backyard chickens) to inspire folks who are interested in keeping healthy chooks primarily for kai (eggs, meat, improving garden soil, etc.)

We are looking for people in the Valley (or nearby) who keep healthy chickens and who may be willing to open their backyard in mid-October (date/s TBC) for a couple of hours for folks to look around their set-up. You could choose to be present to answer questions, or not. We'd love to have a wide variety of set-ups available to look at and are particularly keen to see low-cost, holistic systems in action like insect-farming, hatcheries, rotation 'grazing,' and any other simple systems for producing quality eggs, meat, and compost, and for keeping hens happy and healthy.

Attendees will need to register before receiving tour info and numbers will be limited. It would be great to have a few volunteers to help out on the day. If you're interested in either showcasing or assisting, contact Tamsin: **022 124 0525** or valleykai@northeastvalley.org.

To find out more, keep an eye on the Valley Project facebook page, email valleykai@northeastvalley.org to get a link, or scan the QR code above to go straight to the registration form.





HÜGELKULTUR: RECREATE THE FOREST FLOOR

Last time we talked about the lasagne method of establishing a new garden bed. This time we'll look at the Hügelkultur method (pronounced hoogle-cool-tour) which we are using in the latest raised bed built from old corrugated iron and wood.

Raised beds are great, but they do take quite a bit of soil to fill them up. I used Hügelkultur at home to set up three new, no-dig raised beds. It was brilliant as I found they didn't need so much watering over the hot summer.

The term Hügelkultur means a cultivated hill or mound. There are lots of different methods of building a Hügelkultur, but basically it is a pile of logs covered over in soil. The logs slowly decompose, releasing nutrients as well as making a great environment for the microbes and beneficial fungi that make up a healthy soil - just like you see in the bush.

I put plenty of cardboard at the bottom of the bed and then placed large old logs and bits of wood (rotten is great) and then covered these with soil. You need to make sure there are no big gaps or holes around the logs so push in the soil until the logs are really surrounded. Cover with more soil, then lasagne up the rest to the depth you want using pea straw, compost, ripped cardboard, paper... whatever you have to fill it up. We'll keep you posted on how the bed performs over summer. -- Lynn Vare

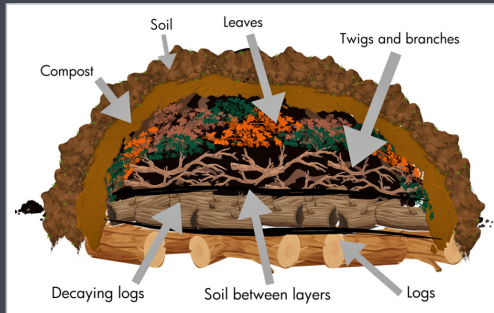


Illustration by garden blogger, Eric Johnson.

DALMORE RESERVE COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEES

Sat. 23 Sep. 10am	Sat. 21 Oct. 10am	Sat. 25 Nov. 10am
Sat. 7 Oct. 10am	Sat. 11 Nov. 10am	Sat. 9 Dec. 10am

N.E.V. COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEES

Sun. 17 Sep. 1pm	Sat. 7 Oct. 9:30am	Sun. 29 Oct. 1pm
Sat. 23 Sep. 9:30am	Sun. 15 Oct. 1pm	Sat. 4 Nov. 9:30am
Sun. 1 Oct. 1pm	Sat. 21 Oct. 9:30am	Sun. 12 Nov. 1pm

COMMUNITY FOOD CO-OP

Community food co-operatives are about making nutritious food more accessible. When groups of people buy in bulk directly from suppliers and take turns volunteering to manage the ordering, packing, and distributing, it is possible to buy quality food much cheaper than at the supermarket. There are hundreds of co-ops in Aotearoa - some are bulk-buying groups, some operate as a pop-up shop (i.e. opening weekly/ fortnightly) and some are open full-time. Many of them focus on organic and sustainable products which would otherwise be unaffordable.

Valley Kai is exploring what kinds of co-op could be possible and desirable in North East Valley and is eager to connect with anyone who might like to be involved. We are already working with All Saints Fruit & Veg to offer shelf-stable dry goods alongside their (super cheap!) fresh produce, either alongside pre-orders (and with possible delivery to distribution centres i.e. in Pine Hill), or as part of their pop-up shop on Thursday mornings.

We are also interested to hear from anyone who might like some support to set up a buying group with friends or neighbours, perhaps for the purpose of accessing specific (otherwise unaffordable) goods like organics, allergen-friendly, or culturally relevant goods.

Finally, we are very keen to hear from anyone who may know of a local premise that could possibly be used as a physical kai hub and home for 'all things food co-op.' This would need to be a space large and weather-proof enough to accommodate storage of bulk dry goods and somewhere that we could access for nil or minimal rent (perhaps just paying for power) so that the mark-up on goods is kept to an absolute minimum. This could mean using part of a shared building or setting up on the private premises of a generous benefactor!

If anything here is of interest, contact Tamsin at valleykai@northeastvalley.org to stay in the loop. We plan to organise an informal meeting sometime in September to see what is emerging, get people together, and get some balls rolling.

GROWING BUDS - BUDDY GARDENING PROGRAMME

Growing Buds, our local buddy gardening programme, is a free ten-week course giving participants access to low cost, healthy kai for themselves and the wider community. The first programme is underway, going until 11 Nov. 2023. Email keri@northeastvalley.org in case there's room to jump in. The second programme runs 10th Feb. until 14th April, 2024.

SECOND MODULE: SUCCESSIVE CROPPING

You can harvest crops all year round, you just need to do some initial planning and a little groundwork and you'll be enjoying fresh, free, homegrown kai 365 days a year. Let us help you plan! Meet on the Valley Project veranda for an al fresco workshop Saturday, 9 September from 3-5pm!

UPCOMING MODULES

3. Putting Soul into Soil - producing nutritious kai from healthy soil
4. Garden Treasures - repurposing junk into your garden design
5. Companion Sowing - the what, where and with whom of beneficial planting
6. Community collaboration - creating networks to share knowledge, skills, and time
7. Grow It Forward - harvesting, storing, and sharing your backyard bounty
8. Creative Cooking - creative ideas in the kitchen
9. Future Focus - ideas for a sustainable garden buddy future in the valley
10. Celebration Lunch!
11. Open Day - view some of the inaugural Growing Buds gardens. Get inspired for next year's programme!

f Keep an eye on the Valley Project Facebook page for Growing Buds learning opportunities in September & October!

SACRED HEART ENGAGED AND SPIRITED

MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

Sacred Heart School came together for three special celebrations to mark Matariki this year. The children performed for the community in a play based on the legend of Matariki, with kapa haka items weaved through. Following this performance we shared kai together. The children also came together for a Matariki breakfast. This was a fun family event enjoyed by all ages.

Matariki represents new life. At Sacred Heart we wanted to mark this occasion and decided to plant fruit trees. This will remind us each year about new beginnings.

SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY

Sacred Heart School joined all of the Catholic Kahui Ako schools (Catholic schools around Dunedin) in a Social Justice Day. We walked along to the Botanical Gardens to collect rubbish. Children also donated toiletries, food, or winter clothing to St. Vincent de Paul which will go out to families still in need this winter.

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DUNEDIN NORTH PROBUS NEWS

INSIGHT INTO THE 'OTHER SIDE' OF THE GEORGE ST. REDEVELOPMENT

The Probus Club of Dunedin North were very privileged to have two key Dunedin City Council representatives who oversee this major upgrade and re-design project attend our August meeting to give a presentation. Glen Hazleton, Overseer for the project, and Jed Casey, Co-Ordinator of community communications, gave an excellent view from an 'inside' perspective. This gave insight into aspects on which the average George Street punter would have little or no idea, such as the huge challenges of replacing infrastructure while keeping all the underground services connected...something most of us would never ponder on. Car parking, and being able to go about our business each day are all that many of us are concerned about.

It is fair to say the project has tried the patience of many in our community over recent years, so this presentation was effective in providing some balance, especially in that there was so much to cover in the available time, and there was little room for debating areas of controversy, which differ for the many demographics in our community. However, many aspects of the work were clarified with the aid of screened photographs and layout plans showing current progress.

It was good to get more understanding of the excellent effort made to maintain good public relations and community connections during the completion of the project.

CLUB MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

The club's coffee morning social meetings have been very popular, especially during winter months, a time when we can sit with a hot coffee or drink of choice with perhaps a tasty treat out of the food cabinet, and enjoy convivial conversation about trending community issues, or our own recent worthy achievements. It is a great way to socialise and correct the ills of the world, which somehow seems a slightly better place after such a gathering!

These coffee mornings are held on the Monday two weeks after our regular meetings, and are a great substitute for other outings and trips which can be a challenge over winter.

If you are nearing retirement or are retired, Probus may be a good way for you to meet new people and enjoy great guest speakers. Members very much look forward to the presence of new Ladies and Gentlemen who may like to join. For further information email Peter, peabee@xtra.co.nz, or phone 03 455 1256. -- Peter Begg



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SPRING INTO CYCLING

The signs of spring are everywhere! The weather is slowly getting warmer, the new Ara te Moana cycleway affords vehicle-free cycling between Dunedin and Port Chalmers, and finally some signs of common sense are emerging in the current urban speed limits proposal put out for consultation by the Dunedin City Council. It is all positive for cycling so we at the Valley Cycle Workshop, now operating under the Valley Project, are looking forward to a busy and productive spring and summer.

So what to do? Take the friends or family cycling along the new path and be part of the community of users contributing to diverse and respectful use of a fantastic facility. Might be an idea to take your time, keep left, warn of overtaking, and be wary of dogs on or off leads.

Support the City Council's intention to introduce speed limits more appropriate to many narrow streets in Dunedin. Every time I look west along Selwyn Street in the Valley and see the End School Zone sign with a 50kmh symbol, I shake my head at the silliness of the message, however, the council's general push for lower speed limits on narrow suburban streets deserves our support to make them safer for residents, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Spring cleaning is the time when those old bikes that have been hanging around for years get the heave-ho, whether by sale, being put out on the street corner with a "free to a good home" sign, or by donating to one of the Community Bike Workshops. At the Valley Cycle Workshop we welcome donations of gently-used or well-used-and well-maintained bicycles, or older bicycles that have been looked after and stored inside, and also other bicycle related tools or equipment that may be used or recycled - we thank you! Older bikes can be perfectly functional, incredibly cheap to run, and fun to work on at the Valley Cycle Workshop.

There are also those other bikes that have not had a good time - rusted and encrusted. The best destination for those is one of the three main metal recyclers in Dunedin; Everitts on Wilkie Road, Sims Metals on Wharf Street, and Otago Metal Industries on Brighton Road in Green Island.

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Valley Project manager, Jen Rodgers, with friends at the celebration of Dunedin's Ara te Moana cycleway

NEVN WAR MEMORIAL CONTINUED: THE STATUE'S MOBILE CAREER

The NEVN School memorial soldier has had an interesting mobile career. His movements tell a story about the changing public attitude toward memorialising war. He has not always been on top of the arch; in fact, the arch itself barely made it through the sixties.

When my eldest son started school at NEVNS in 2002, the soldier from the memorial was located at the base of the stairs in the two-story block closest to North Road. The children would routinely file past the marble warrior on their way upstairs to the school assembly. Some children felt spooked by the soldier and playground myths circulated about this 'ghostly' figure. Yet, it was as though he stood there to remind the pupils of their forebears, of their sacrifice and legacy. The warrior in this position was far more in-your-face than he is on the arch. The intimacy of this location made the soldier an in-house memorial, yet he was hidden from the public eye and as the centenary of the World War One approached this didn't seem right.

In the 1960's the warrior was shifted, from the arch, to the first story veranda of the old infant block. From there he looked out over the playground, keeping a martial eye on the children below. What was he doing there? Why had he been removed from the arch in the first place?

There was a very pragmatic reason and there was a political reason. The political reason was conveniently obscured by the practical one; the sixties was a decade full of unrest and controversy.

The Vietnam War provides background to the changing societal view of war memorials throughout New Zealand. Instead of being sites of grief, pride, and imperial devotion, war memorials became the focus of anti-war protests. There was a clash of ideologies between those who wanted to reinforce the values of the empire, the virtues of courage, valour and self-sacrifice, and those who increasingly saw war as a barbaric and ultimately futile endeavour driven by greed and lust for power.

While the protest movement was gaining momentum, the arch at the school was beginning to decay. Health and safety inspectors (yes, they had them way back then) deemed the archway unsafe and demanded that the soldier be removed before he fell from his perch. The school board was faced with an expensive dilemma. The soldier needed to come down and the arch itself needed expensive repairs. All options were considered. The arch could be removed. It could be repaired, or it could be replaced by a cairn using the stones from the arch. The cairn option had merit as it

was cheaper, and money was tight for the school. Eventually, however, the decision was made to restore the arch but the cost of replacing the soldier meant he would need to find a new home.

With the anti-war sentiment rising in the sixties, it was difficult for the school board to justify the expense of restoring the memorial. Keeping the soldier on the veranda of the infant block was a political compromise. A growing number of people in the community would not have appreciated the reinstatement of a symbol of war. The 'glory' days of war memorials and ANZAC parades had passed, and the warrior remained in the shadows, out of the public gaze until there was another mood change in the early part of the twenty-first century.

In the meantime, however, the old brick infant block was pulled down and for a while the soldier became a ward of the NZ Army and was housed in the army hall at Kensington. Perhaps, he was put there for his own protection. Was there a fear that this symbol of war might become a focus of protest and a disturber of the peace? Perhaps a reader of the Valley Voice can fill in some of the gaps in the story of our moving monument. If so, we'd love to hear from you. At some point, I'm not sure when, and for some reason, I'm not sure why, the soldier was

ISLINGTON ECE HIDDEN SAVIOUR FOR BOTH PARENT AND CHILD



I discovered Islington by chance five years ago. There was a waiting list and no advertising to back up the fabulous things I had heard about it. I popped by with directions from my friend and found a hidden oasis at 16a Islington Street in North East Valley. I quickly signed up my eldest.

My third child is now enrolled so I know my time with Islington is getting closer to being over. I feel the need to sing its praises for future parents needing a break - to give them a chance to find people/community to lean on or just a fabulous place to leave their child during the day.

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returned to the custody of the school and held in detention until the time was right for his liberation.

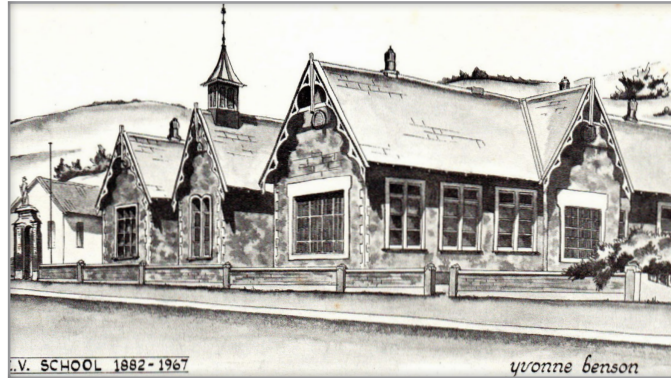
When John McKenzie was appointed principal at NEVN School, in 2007 he recalls encountering the soldier and his 'lemon squeezer' hat which evoked the memory of his own grandfather who wore the same style hat and served in France, during World War One.

It seemed disrespectful, to John, that the old digger was not in his proper place atop the arch, and public sentiment was with the principal. Local businessman Doug Hall happened to be driving passed the school one day when John and I, (I was on the school board), were examining the bereft archway. Doug pulled over for a chat and asked what we were up to. Upon learning that we had hoped to reinstate the soldier he generously and enthusiastically offered his services and his crane. John wrote a wee story for the ODT and soon members of the community were stepping up with donations to make it happen.

The mood had shifted again. ANZAC services around the country were becoming popular once more especially among young people who were discovering the stories of the servicemen and servicewoman from their own families. People were now able

to remember with pride the heroic acts of their ancestors without necessarily glorifying war or empire.

The soldier was reinstated and unveiled at a ceremony on Armistice Day at 11am on November 11, 2007. The memorial service was lead by the neighbouring Baptist Church with input from the RSA, some of the school's ex-pupils, and other



A sketch of the school as it looked between 1882 and 1969. The soldier can be seen on top of the arch so it is after 1921. The white building at the left side of the picture is the old Baptist church. The new church was opened in the 1950's and this one, which is near the current school playground, was pulled down soon after.

local dignitaries. Notably, the soldier was reinstated without his gun repaired. The barrel had apparently been broke years before by university students climbing over the archway. At the time this broken rifle seemed symbolic. The soldier was in his rightful place and the community was

free to remember with pride the service and sacrifice of the 120 young men from the school who had paid the ultimate price for king and country. On the other hand, the soldier had been disarmed as if to say war was not the answer and that the time of sending our young people to their death had long since passed.

In time for ANZAC Day 2023, further restoration work was completed on the memorial and the soldier was returned to his former glory with his weapon refurbished. This latest act indicates another step change in public sentiment. With the passing of time, we are now able to remember (some) of our history warts and all. We can recall that real men with real guns went to fight other real men with real guns and many died for a cause that they and our ancestors at home truly believed in. We can remember this, and remember those who served with pride, and at the same time recognise the futility of war and the need to constantly work for

peaceful ways to resolve our differences. After all, those who don't remember their history are doomed to repeat it. I trust the soldier will now rest in place and the souls whom he represents will smile gently on those who walk by and give him a glance of gratitude. -- Steve O'Connor


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DEAR MARY OF BIRDS NZ

I was unable to attend your workshop in Dunedin on 18 June, but hope you will be interested in my encounter on 9 August with what I am sure was a juvenile falcon. I came upon it at dusk on a narrow bush path tearing into a recently killed wood pigeon, rather larger than itself.

It had a solid dark brown back with lighter speckled body, longish tail and no colour that I could see in the dusk. A short curved beak, quite tall legs, though they might have been extended by the tugging. When it finally acknowledged my presence some 10 metres off it chose not to fly, but to run awkwardly further along the path, alternately hopping and waddling. Rather like a kea.

When it finally took off it was more like a hop into the air, so that I couldn't see under the wings. It then hopped higher, vertically, with just a flutter of wings until it was well over my head, but too dark under the canopy to see the facial features except the small curved beak (no overlapping on the beak like keas). It made a series of 'kuk' sounds which were not quite like a blackbird.

We sat it out for about 20 minutes then it came down in hops and flutters, landing about the same distance away and proceeding an ungainly manner towards its prey. Punctuated by hops, but seemingly confident. As I had no camera with me and it grew increasingly dark and I left the gory scene after about 10 minutes.

Returning the next day at midday I ran into closer pile of wood-pigeon feathers, again about 10 metres from the original lot. The path was clear between the two piles, so it was not the original one dragged. Both carcasses had no bones left, but 1 wing on each, one still with meat attached.

High up in the trees was what I think the perpetrator, but it was surrounded by bellbirds and fantails and other small birds going about their business. The Tūi were all singing in the background. This bird looked the same as the night before, but was obviously not a threat. It was going 'kuk-kuk-kuk' like a blackbird, but not. And I could not see its beak profile in the high canopy. Eventually it flew away horizontally. I still couldn't see the wingspan in the canopy.

Now, this is not a bird I have met before, and it answers to the physical appearance of a juvenile bush falcon, but my trusted Falla/Simpson/Turbott makes no mention of the strange gait - stumbling, waddling, hopping - that made the encounter so unique.

Can you comment?

-- Islay Little



DEAR DUNEDIN TAXI SERVICES

My name is Debbie. I am from Invercargill, and I have trouble walking unaided so have to use a walker or wheelchair to get around with. I had a fall late last year due to a wheel breaking off my walker while I was sitting on it. I fell hard onto my hip, which resulted in going in for an emergency hip replacement operation a few months later. I couldn't get my walker fixed (still isn't) so have resorted to getting around by wheelchair.

Midway through the year I took my wheelchair to Dunedin to use while my son went in for a spinal operation at Dunedin Hospital. I stayed in the wonderful Oamaru House from which I taxied to the hospital and back every day for five days.

In those five days I lost all faith in Dunedin's taxi services. Often I was sent the wrong taxi to accommodate my wheelchair. Some boots were smaller than others, so the drivers were troubled in fitting my folded wheelchair. I experienced a lot of attitude from them over this.

I also couldn't get into a van taxi due to my immobility. No step extension or step stool was offered. What taxi firm doesn't own a stool?! Having just had major surgery myself and staying alone in Dunedin, as well as the worry of my son and his operation, was a lot for me.

One late night waiting outside the hospital for my taxi, I felt vulnerable sitting out in the cold and in the dark. When it finally arrived, AGAIN it was the wrong taxi. This driver was especially rude. He said, "well it's not far to walk," meaning why can't I just walk to the Oamaru House? If I could walk that short distance, why would I ask for taxi services?

I lost it and broke down, saying, "fine, I will have to walk then," and took off in tears down the street. I couldn't stop crying. Along the way, as I was sitting down to rest my back, a lovely, kind young lady came up to me and asked if I was OK. I burst into tears and uttered "No!" She said she had heard how rude the taxi driver was and found it appalling! She then preceded to push me all the way to the Oamaru House. She was my guardian angel coming to my rescue!

Although I didn't catch her name, I want to thank her so much for coming to my aid that night (you will know who you are!) I am so grateful there are good people out there! Thanks for your kindness to a stranger.

The next morning when I had composed myself, I rung the taxi company and told them what had happened, and they too were appalled by the driver's actions. I didn't have any trouble with taxis after that, but Dunedin, please remember to practice compassion for others, and do consider their varying abilities! -- Debbie Ramsay

VALLEY VOICE CORRECTION

In the bookbus article last month it was mentioned that all Dunedin community libraries no longer exist apart from Saint Kilda's. That is incorrect. The Outram and Macandrew Bay libraries are very much alive and kicking!

The Outram Public Library service is approaching its 150th birthday and a big celebration is planned for 2025!



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COMPUTERS AGAINST ISOLATION TRUST

The ability to connect with the outside world can be a challenging experience for people who are socially isolated. Helping overcome that isolation is charitable trust Computers Against Isolation. The trust provides free computers for people who, for a variety of reasons, find it difficult to participate in society.

Computers Against Isolation was founded in 2000 by Wolfgang Wolf, a former advertising agency creative director and company owner who experienced a major stroke which left him in a wheelchair, barely able to stand or talk and unable to write. He conceived the idea of the trust to help others like himself who found themselves in a position where interacting with the outside world for a number of different reasons became a challenge.

In my role as a Social Worker, I often work with people who are socially isolated due to effects of childhood trauma and the struggles that, unfortunately, are associated with that. Often people who experience childhood trauma also undergo unpleasant community and support service interactions, and often their only option can be to withdraw from society as a form of self-protection.

I was fortunate enough to recently be able to pass on a free laptop computer to one of my North Dunedin clients. His previous computer became broken and he could not afford another one. The gentleman had a very traumatic childhood and due to chronic social anxiety is isolated in his home. The computer assists him to not only have a meaningful activity but also a connection to the world. He has an amazing talent and is able to use the laptop to record and play musical pieces that he has written, as well as work on his novel.

Having a computer and internet access not only helped reduce his sense of isolation but it also acted as a tool to support his extremely talented creative outlet. My client, who does not want to be identified, is very grateful to Computers Against Isolation. The gentleman attains a great sense of satisfaction and reward from his artistic endeavours, and the laptop from Computers Against Isolation has enabled that to happen again. -- *Phil Sunitsch, Social Worker*



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The Trust aims at providing disabled New Zealanders with Internet-ready computers. Traditionally computers have a limited life cycle before they become obsolete. Many companies and individuals upgrade their computers on a more or less regular basis. These are the computers we try to obtain. In addition to donated computers we buy ex-lease products. And we also graciously accept cash donations on our Givealittle profile. Get a 33% New Zealand charitable giving tax credit on donations over five dollars.

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(...continued from front page.) Often she would find refuge from them in the trees, thus developing a deep love of nature. She spent much of her youth playing in a Tāmaki Makaurau gully, which is why Eugenie took particular interest in our Lindsay Creek projects. She says kids connecting with nature at an early age is really important to establish a love for it, and leads to taking action to preserve and protect it.

Then while attending the University of Auckland, New Zealand's second McDonald's restaurant popped up on Queen Street. Eugenie involved herself in protests against their food chain, and later against ZAP milk drinks for their introduction of tetra pak containers. It was at university—getting involved with others and taking action on environmental issues—that Eugenie learned the power in connection. She admits her protesting was not effective until becoming a minister in the waste space.

On behalf of the Open Valley Urban Ecosanctuary branch of the Valley Project, we next asked what support the Green Party proposes to provide for communities in order to carry out or fulfil their policies for climate change, freshwater ecosystems, and environmental protection.

"The Greens," they responded, "are committed to investing in community organisations because of the way in which they can build more resilient communities, connect people, and create that sense of place and belonging. So when we were in government last term, we made sure there was secure funding in the environment space, including the Jobs For Nature programme. As needs change, then policies and programme funding can change, but the secure funding over three, four, or ten years is quite critical to provide that stability."

Quite a few of the Green Party policies are interlinked, as in they have similar goals, so we wanted to know how they would facilitate the relationships between policies and the people working on them.

"The Parliamentary Commissioner of Environment did a major piece of work showing that the country doesn't invest enough in environmental reporting - there are a whole lot of information gaps. Unless you have good information, you can't have good policy. Agencies get quite a lot of public funding, but there's not a clear track between what the funding is invested in and what the outcomes are. In the biodiversity space, it's really hard, because you can't touch and monitor all the wildlife populations, so the money gets spent on weed and pest control. We need better baseline information about the state of nature, and James Shaw, our colleague, is doing some work in that space and towards new legislation, but we do need more integration. The Public Service Act has been passed, which encourages government agencies to work together when having separate findings. That is still a work in progress."

As for their thoughts on electric cars and charging stations—a

hot debate in North East Valley currently—Eugenie and Francisco generally support electric over ICE (internal combustion engines) but would prefer greater investment made in public transport systems. They explain an electric car still takes up road space, that they're good for carbon outcomes, but don't decongest roads. The focus is on improving public transport, including the push for it to be free, alongside improving communities for safer cycling and walking.

And in the hopes to boost public transport, renewable energy is already well considered. In the Emissions Reduction Plan, which the Greens helped move along, it is written that councils can't procure any more fossil fuel vehicles from 2025 onwards - only hydrogen-fueled and electric moving forward. They would love to see more support around how regional councils and transport authorities can actually implement that underground. "Majority government has mandated councils but haven't necessarily put forward the funding support," Francisco states.

As MP Julie Anna Genter said in response to Labour's roading policy for the Auckland Harbour Crossing, "Money doesn't grow on trees, but apparently it does grow on roads."

Eugenie stresses that the Greens need to be a strong part of the next government because of that push for safer cycling, walking, and improved public transport rather than big, new motorways. Keep in mind the Valley community has the highest pedestrian activity in Dunedin, second to the city's business district, as well as the highest concentration of schools.

Francisco adds, "when polled, only 30% of New Zealanders said they'd prefer spending on more roads compared to improving our transport system, which is totally against the kind of narrative that you hear in mainstream media. We're locked into the current transport system because of the choices that past politicians and banks made. By getting more Greens into Parliament, we can break the cycle!"

So how much scope will a single vote give the Greens as a minor party? "Every single vote counts,"

Eugenie emphasises. "If we increase our party vote, we're more likely to have MP's and Labour would then depend on us, which strengthens our negotiation position in order to get good policies through."

Francisco agrees it's the party vote that really shapes the direction of the next government. "We're really lucky in New Zealand to have a political system in which your vote counts wherever you are in the country. If you want good stuff like free dental, if you want working people to get tax cuts and wealthy people to be taxed fairly on their income, then the way you get that is by party vote... and Green!"

You read that right. Free dental. They've made the commitment in their campaign and have a plan for its funding.

The decision is with you, the voters, as to who is elected and what policies can be promoted. Go well. -- *Krysha Brzuza*



BUS STOP IN PROGRESS

The ORC recently updated us on the Gardens Corner northbound bus stop, which was relocated from North Rd. around the corner to Bank St. After many months with no protection from the elements for passengers waiting at this key location, a shelter with seating is due to be built at the Bank Street bus stop in the coming weeks - watch this space!

FARE CHANGES

Bus fares for adults 25yrs+ are now \$2 with a registered Bee Card, \$3 without. *With card*, kids up to 12yrs ride free, 13-18yrs are .60c, and 19-24yrs are \$1... otherwise \$3pp without card. Free Bee Card offer ends 30/9/23. orc.govt.nz/fares

FAREWELL, DAVE CLARK!

My time as Dunedin's representative is quickly coming to an end.

Last year I made the decision to retire at the upcoming election. While I know I've made the right decision, there are many aspects of the role I will miss.

Twelve years ago I first ran as the local MP for the then Dunedin North electorate, replacing Pete Hodgson. I was motivated to run to stop the growing inequalities facing New Zealanders. Looking back, I'm proud of the work done by our Labour government to address child poverty – although of course there is still much more to do.

As a new MP in opposition, I was able to Mondayise Waitangi and ANZAC Day with the support of Parliament. This was a great opportunity to learn Parliamentary process and pass a bill against the majority Government. As Minister of Health I instigated a generational review of the health system; our Government took mental health seriously for the first time investing over \$1 billion to make frontline services free and widely available; and we created the New Zealand Cancer Agency.

One thing I'm especially glad to have played a part in is securing agreement and the initial \$1.3 billion for the New Dunedin Hospital. In the years before 2017, it seemed no-one was willing to commit to the rebuild, let alone fund it. Thankfully, that is all now ancient history. People in the South deserve the best healthcare and the best most modern hospital in New Zealand. They are going to get it.

Together we saved Invermay; with more than 12,000 residents signing a petition to save the Mosgiel AgResearch campus.

The Dunedin-based gaming initiative, the Centre of Digital Excellence (CODE), was something I first dreamt up and worked on in opposition. It was later refined in Government and funded, and has enjoyed strong success thanks to the talented locals who drive it.

As Minister of Commerce, I'm proud of the work I did drafting the World-First Grocery Bill that is forcing the supermarket duopoly to open up their wholesale arms to would-be competitors. Kiwis deserve a fair deal at the checkout.

These few examples highlight some of the opportunities I've been entrusted with on your behalf. Thank you.

It has been an honour and a privilege to be elected as the local member of parliament in four successive elections. It's my hope that this strong Labour support will continue for my successor Hon Rachel Brooking. I've known Rachel for many years and consider her an excellent candidate to take the Dunedin seat forward. She holds strong Labour values, and has a passion and determination to fight for environmental and climate justice.

I'll continue my role as the local MP right up until election night, and can be contacted until then should you need help from me or my office.

I want to thank all of you who have given me feedback over the years. Local representatives are only as good as the feedback they receive from their communities.

-- David Clark



HELLO, RACHEL BROOKING?

As many of you might already be aware, I'm running as the candidate to be the Member of Parliament for Dunedin at October's general election.

This follows the retirement of good friend and staunch Dunedin advocate, David Clark.

David has fought hard for the city of Dunedin, especially those here in Dunedin North. If elected, I hope to continue his strong work in the community.

For those who don't know me, I'm currently a list MP based in Dunedin and the wider Otago region, after being elected to Parliament in 2020. Since then, I have been made Minister for Oceans and Fisheries, Food Safety, and Associate Minister for the Environment and Immigration.

While this means I have a lot of work to do in Wellington, I am a proud advocate for the South and I love and care deeply about Dunedin and its people.

My home is Dunedin and my connections to the city run deep.

I have lived and worked in Dunedin nearly all my life, attending kindergarten through to secondary school here, and graduating from the University of Otago.

I worked most of my professional career in the city and have 20 years experience as a resource management and local government lawyer. I understand business, the community, the environment, and good governance.

I also have a particular interest in the environment and the effects of climate change.

In my opinion, it is the people that make Dunedin the best electorate in the country. I see no better place in New Zealand to run as the local member of parliament. -- Rachel Brooking



UPCOMING POLITICAL FORUM

The Cat in the Hat (aka Philip Somerville in his Dr Seuss headgear) will be back to host another lively Dunedin electorate candidate forum at Ōpoho Church. It's on the Sunday night before the general election, October 8, starting sharp at 7pm.

Alex Braae from the The Spinoff, writing after the meeting three years ago, described the event as the hottest ticket in town:

"For decades, the Ōpoho Presbyterian Church in Dunedin has been hosting an election forum that hits a perfect balance between entertaining and informing. And the community has responded – at last night's event, every pew was packed and people were jammed into every spare corner. Some election debates transcend simply putting candidates in front of potential voters, and become must-attend events in and of themselves."

thespinoff.co.nz/politics/28-09-2020/how-a-dunedin-election-debate-became-the-hottest-ticket-in-town

The bellowing "stag caller" will again be in action to keep candidates strictly to time. A low-key koha opportunity will be available. All donations, cash or non-perishable food, will go to the Presbyterian Support Food Bank. Mask-wearing welcome. Everyone is welcome!

art, craft & music

ART CLASSES

For all levels. Casual attendance welcome, tutor Anneloes Douglas, community rooms, 10am-noon, Thur. ☎ 027 307 7034 📞 467 9993 ✉ anneloes.douglas@xtra.co.nz

ART CLASSES

Continuous class, newcomers welcome, 1-3pm, Wed, community rooms; 1-3pm, Thurs, St Peter's Church Hall, Caversham; 7-9pm, Thurs, Logan Park High School, \$15 per session. 📞 Friederike 482 2025

ART FIBRE DUNEDIN

Bring lunch and required supplies, 10am-2pm, second Sunday of each month, community rooms. ☎ Megan 027 245 8605 🌐 artfibredunedin.blogspot.com

CELLO LESSONS

All welcome. What works for you is best! Some instrument hire options available. NEV based. 4 years cello teaching experience & a performance degree. Also open to performance opportunities. ☎ Ellen 027 430 7739 ✉ ellen.walters@gmail.com

DIAL-A-PIPER

Available for any functions including birthdays, weddings, funerals, Haggis Address, etc. Feel free to contact me to discuss your function. Can travel. 📞 03 473 0045 or ☎ 027 473 0060 ✉ thepiper50@gmail.com

DUNEDIN FIDDLE CLUB

Mostly Celtic tunes, mostly fiddles. New players always welcome! Wednesdays 7.30pm at The Valley Project community rooms. Just drop in or ✉ anna.bowen1@gmail.com

FOLK CLUB OPEN MIC NIGHT

Songs, tunes and convivial company every Thursday from 7.30pm. Come and join the supportive circle to play or listen. Dunedin Folk Club, 80 Lovelock Ave. ✉ info@nefc.org.nz

GROUP DRUM LESSONS

Learn to play djembe, cajon, percussion with a focus on enjoyment, finding your sound, and jamming. Jamie: ✉ drumwithjamie@gmail.com ☎ 027 550 2858

KIDS ART CLASS

Thinkit Art offers dynamic and enriching after school term art classes for 7-15yo. Focus is on enriching creativity & exploring who you are as an artist. Book Now: Kiri Scott Artist - Oniyonkid. 📷 @thinkitart ☎ 021 118 9882 📧 @thinkitartfeuerstein.art ✉ Thinkit.fie@yahoo.com

MUSIC LESSONS

Celtic style flute, tin whistle, and guitar lessons by Rennie Pearson. ✉ rennie.pearson@gmail.com 🌐 renniepearsonmusic.com

MUSIC LESSONS

Guitar, drums, singing, with professional musician. All ages. Contact Bevan: ☎ 027 363 1376 or ✉ bevan37@hotmail.com

PAD-MAKING WORKING BEE

Interested in plastic-free period products? Like to sew? Learn to make sustainable period products for you and whānau. Contact ✉ sewon@christinekeller.co.nz

SHE CHOIR DUNEDIN

A non-auditioned, collaborative choir welcoming women, non-binary, and genderqueer people. We rehearse Wednesdays during term times, 6.15-7.30pm at DNI. No prior contact or experience needed - just turn up and sing with us! 📧 @shechoirdunedin

SOUNDS NOR'EASTERLY

Do you enjoy singing with a group? Why not join your local community choir? All ages and abilities welcome. DNI design lobby every Tues, 7.30-8.45pm. Email Marion for info ✉ marion.okane68@gmail.com

STAND-UP COMEDY

Open mic at Inch Bar, every Tuesday and penultimate Wednesday. Open to all skill levels. Contact ✉ reuben@dunedincomedy.co.nz

UKULELE SESSIONS

Wed, 7-8.30pm, Valley Baptist Community Centre, 280 North Rd. Just turn up or call/text Mary for more info: ☎ 027 929 9813

community

ALZHEIMERS OTAGO

If you are concerned about your own memory loss or supporting someone with dementia, we are here for you. Contact us about our free support for individuals, carers and families. 📞 03 471 6154 ✉ Still.Me@alzheimersotago.org.nz 🌐 www.alzheimersotago.org.nz

BALMACEWEN LIONS CLUB

Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays at Otago Golf Club: 125 Balmacewen Rd, Dunedin. New members welcome! Contact Secretary Russell Hancox: 📞 03 467 5126 (evenings)

BIKE WORKSHOP

Get help, use our workshop. Bikes available for koha, 3.30-5.30pm Tues, and 9.30am-12.30pm Sat. Valley Community Workspace, 11 Allen Street. Email Peter: ✉ peterd0n@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY ACCOUNTING

Dunedin Community Accounting provides free accounting training & advice for non-profits in Otago. For more info call ☎ 0800 113 160, ✉ kiaora@dca.org.nz 🌐 www.dca.org.nz

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU ŌTEPOTI | DUNEDIN

Free, confidential, independent information & advice. Know your rights, how to take action and how to access the services you need. For ANYONE about ANYTHING! 📞 03 471 6166 or 0800 367 222 🌐 www.cab.org.nz 📍 CABDunedin 155 Princes Street

COMMUNITY PATROL

Dunedin North Community Patrol. Assisting Police to ensure our communities are safe to live in. Volunteers welcome. Call Garry for more info: ☎ 027 364 1485

COMMUNITY STUDY CIRCLE

Baha'i Spiritual Training. Develop your capacity to offer service to your community as a result of exploring spiritual concepts and how to apply them to everyday life. Strictly no charge. Ring or text Ash: ☎ 022 615 6115

DALMORE RESERVE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Join us fortnightly at the garden on Allenby Ave., Pinehill. All welcome. Tools provided. Check Facebook for dates/times or ✉ dalmorecommunitygarden@gmail.com

DUNEDIN CURTAIN BANK

Open again for 2023! Got a StudentID, Community Services card, or SuperGold card with CSC? See us at 174 Princes St. 9-4pm Mon-Thurs. or apply online: 🌐 www.dunedincurtainbank.org.nz

DUNEDIN NORTH PROBUS

Now accepting women's membership! NEV bowling club, 10am, 2nd Monday each month. Peter ✉ peabee@xtra.co.nz or 📞 455 1256 or 📞 Don 473 7544

ENABLING LOVE

Looking for friendship & social connection? 18-65 years welcome to weekly coffee group at Otago Museum Cafe, Thurs, 1-2pm. More at 🌐 enablinglove.nz or email Joshua for venue: ✉ enquiries@enablinglove.nz

FRUIT & VEGES NFP

Fresh fruit and veges at wholesale prices with All Saints Fruit and Veges. Small, med, family weekly bags. Order at St Martins, 194 North Rd, Thur, 4.30pm, or sign up online: 🌐 fruit.vege.allsaintsdsn.org.nz

GARDEN SPACE AVAILABLE

Owner of good sized garden wishing to freely share it with someone who can benefit from and utilise the space for gardening. Contact: ✉ caitlin.lester@gmail.com

LEGAL ADVICE

Free legal advice at Community Law Otago, available by appointment. Legal advice by qualified lawyers, practical solutions. Appointments now available at the Valley Project on Tuesdays from 11am. 📞 03 474 1922 or ✉ reception@dcl.org.nz

NEED A JP?

The Valley Project offers walk-in JP services for affidavits, document certification, KiwiSaver withdrawals, immigration, etc. Every Sat. 11am - 1pm.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

Create safer, more caring communities. For info and local contacts: ✉ coordinator@nsotago.nz 📞 03 456 0857

NEV COMMUNITY GARDEN

North East Valley Community Garden, directly behind NEV school. Pay us a visit! We meet every wknd: 1st & 2nd Saturdays 9.30-12pm, 2nd & 4th Sundays 1-4pm.

NORTH DUNEDIN SHED

Open Wed and Sat mornings, 35 Bonnington Street, over the bridge. Membership Full until New Year. 📍 North Dunedin Shed Society Inc.

NEV JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Pine Hill resident, Colin Lind, available for JP services. Flexible days and hours. 📞 03 473 7174 ✉ colinlind@hotmail.com

OP-SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Cat Rescue Dunedin is seeking volunteers to help in our North Rd. Charity Shop. Please call into shop Tues. mornings to speak with manager or contact Raewyn: ✉ raewynalexander@gmail.com

TRUST SECRETARY NEEDED

CREST train needs an interested person who wants to see this community service continue. Main tasks are giving notices and minute keeping at monthly meetings. Suitable for experienced person or new volunteer. ☎ 027 589 4846 ✉ crestforu52@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CREST train at the Botanic Garden. Can you help? Volunteers needed for driving, ticketing, commentary, maintenance. 🌐 crestrides.org.nz or ☎ Rodger 027 471 4902

WILD DALMORE RESERVE

Help us protect and restore the native biodiversity of Dalmore Reserve. We meet most Sunday afternoons. Entrance at 20 Allenby Ave, Pine Hill. Contact us through 📍 Wild Dalmore Reserve or phone/text ☎ 021 206 3593 for info.

employment

BEDTIME SUPPORT POSITION AVAILABLE

Seeking person w/initiative to assist a young disabled man with evening routine: personal care & household tasks. Must be physically strong as transfer assistance required. 8.45-9.45pm, 4-on/4-off roster. Position based in NEV. Applications w/CV + references to ✉ Tessa.Brown@ccsDisabilityAction.org.nz

WORKBRIDGE

A FREE specialised service assisting work-ready people with any health conditions/learning difficulties/injuries to find suitable employment. All aspects of vocational prep provided – CV's, cover letters, job search, interview skills, placement. Once employed, support continued 12 months more. ☎ 0508 858 858 or visit workbridge.co.nz

fitness & health

ADULT YOGA CLASSES OPOHO SCHOOL

Fiona Johannessen, experienced yoga teacher of all ages & levels. Needing time to focus on breathing and moving mindfully? This might be for you! Tues. 7.30–8.30pm (school term). \$10 casual rate. All levels welcome. ✉ Fiona: sweetfee77@gmail.com

BALFOLK DANCE CLASSES & EVENTS

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

Beginner: Mondays 6–7pm (+1/2 hour with intermediate class), Ōpoho Scout Hall, 128 Ōpoho Road.

Beginner: Tuesdays 10–11.30am Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Road.

Intermediate: Mondays, 7–8.30pm, Ōpoho Scout Hall.

BALFOLK IMMERSION

Tuesdays 7–8.30pm, Sacred Heart School (Nga Maara Hall), 63 North Road.

All classes offer blocks of 5 consecutive classes. \$40/block. \$10 casual attendance.

No prior bookings, experience or partner are required. Beginners most welcome.

JOSEPHINE MINI BAL

An afternoon to enjoy the chance of dancing together. Last Sunday of each month: Sunday 24 September & Sunday 29 October & Sunday 26 November. 2–3.30pm in the sun-filled Josephine Foyer of Toitū Otago Settlers Museum, 31 Queens Garden. FREE!

JANE AUSTEN DANCE

Start preparing now for an unforgettable experience. Join one of our English Country Dance classes and get ready to twirl and sway like a true Regency character! Sat. 26 Sept. Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd.

All classes and events on Eventfinda and Facebook:

✉ BALFOLKDunedin

✉ balfolkdunedin@gmail.com

BELLEKNOWES GOLF CLUB

Green fees \$15
\$10/player after 4pm

Come & enjoy our fantastic 9-hole golf course on Lawson St. Spectacular views over the city. Call Secretary, Christina King: ☎ 03 467 9499

CONTRA DANCE

Every Monday 7.30–9pm. Valley Baptist Community Centre, corner Calder Street. \$3. No partner required. ☎ 0211854566

DUNEDIN BMX CLUB

Race night, Forrester Park BMX track, 5.30pm, Thursdays.

FOLK DANCING FOR FUN

Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Road, 10–11.30am, Fridays, \$4. ☎ Yvonne 455 2406, ✉ stureid1@yahoo.co.nz

INDOOR BOWLS

Play indoor bowls at the NEV Bowling Club, 139 North Rd, Thurs, 1.30pm start. ☎ Terry Boylan 473 0049

KUNG FU

Fitness, discipline and self defence. Classes for 7–12 years Wed, 5–6pm, Sun, 3–4pm, teen & adult classes, Wed, 6–7.30pm, Sun, 4–5.30pm, Sacred Heart School, 63 North Rd. Contact Kenneth ☎ 021 0242 38 ✉ Dunedin@shaolinkungfu.co.nz

MESSAGE FOR WOMEN

with Uschi Heyd. Book your session online www.kindliving.co.nz or call/text ☎ Uschi 027 360 0238 Mention the Valley Voice to receive a 10% discount on your first massage.

MEDITATION FUNDAMENTALS

Discover the ART OF WISDOM. 12wk 'FUNDAMENTALS OF MEDITATION' courses consist of 'Theory and Practice.' One cannot go without the other. Classes run on koha participation, run all year, and are level based. Contact Colleen Robb: ✉ ciga.nz.dunedin@gmail.com or ☎ 021-0228-7258.

MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS

4-hr meditation and mindfulness workshops designed to simplify and clarify everything you need to know to meditate effectively. ☎ 0210 352 392 www.meditatenz.com

ORTHO-BIONOMY

In pain or discomfort? Had surgery or injuries? Ortho-Bionomy is a gentle way to help you in the process of maintaining balance or accessing your resources during your recovery! For info & bookings: www.juliafast.nz

PARKRUN

Free, weekly timed 5km run/walk, Sat, Botanic Gardens. Meet at café, 8am summer, 9am winter. Go to parkrun.co.nz for more info.

STEADY AS YOU GO

(Age Concern) Gentle balance and

strength exercises, Valley Baptist Community Centre 10.30am Mondays, Opoho Church hall 1.30pm Tuesdays, and Pine Hill School Library 11am Thursdays.

TANNOCK GLEN

The 3.5 acre garden of the Dunedin Rhododendron Group is situated in Torridon Street, Ōpoho. Members of the public are invited to visit at any time. Dogs permitted on a lead.

THREE LEFT FEET

Social dance group, no experience or partners necessary. European dance – folk and traditional, \$5 or \$7.50 per couple, Nga Maara hall, 6–7pm, Thursdays. ☎ Marilyn 027 446 3358

YOGA IN THE VALLEY

Instructor Adair Bruce, 6–7pm, Fridays, DNI designspace; 9.15–10.15am Wednesdays, community rooms. \$10 waged, \$8 unwaged. More info ✉ adairbruce@hotmail.com

ZEN MEDITATION

Traditional Zen for beginners and those experienced. All welcome. 7pm Thur. Quaker Rooms, 15 Park St., Dunedin North. Koha please. 6wk beginners courses through the year. 7-day retreat on Quarantine Island annually. ☎ Glenn 473 6256

ZUMBA CLASSES

FREE first class - bring a friend and dance your Wednesday blues away with instructors Alanna and Chontel. \$7 walk-in rate, \$30 for x5 classes. Wed. 6.30pm, Knox College, Cameron Hall, 3 Arden Street. ✉ chontelkimia@hotmail.co.nz

for families, kids, and teens

AURORA TAMARIKI EARLY YEARS CARE AND KINDERGARTEN

Childcare for 0-5yr-olds inspired by Rudolf Steiner and Emma Pikler, offering homely rhythms, seasonal songs/stories, and natural space for children to learn and grow. Organic vegetarian kai provided. 351 Pine Hill Road. auroratamariki.co.nz

DUNEDIN CITY TOY LIBRARY

A vibrant toy library for children from birth to 7yrs. Huge range of toys, ride-ons, dress-ups, puzzles, and games. Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Road, 3.15–4pm Wednesdays and 10–11.30am Saturdays.

DUNEDIN PUBLIC LIBRARY VALLEY LEGO & CRAFT CLUB

Years 6–8! Valley Baptist Community Centre on 3rd Wed. of every month, 3–4.30pm (excl. school hols). Low-tech club is the opportunity for you to get creative w/Lego & craft. Also books to read/borrow with a Dunedin Public Library card.



DUNEDIN RUDOLF STEINER PLAYGROUP

Te Whare Ako Marie. A sanctuary for creative play for children from birth to kindergarten. A place of peace and friendship for parents. Groups meet weekly, term time. Contact us for times and days ☎ 471 2163 or ✉ dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

ISLINGTON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

Independent NFP. High-quality education for 2–5yrs, small session sizes up to 20 children, well-resourced play space, & new nature playground. Extended hours: Mon–Fri 8.30am–2.30pm. Book a visit to discover this treasure, hidden in the heart of the Valley. ☎ 03 473 7490 ✉ islington.ecc@gmail.com islington.org.nz

MAINLY MUSIC

Leith Valley Church, Malvern St, Wednesday 10am, \$4. Contact: Fran ☎ 467 9208 (Leith Valley Church Phone No) or ☎ 027 456 1188

MT CARGILL GIRLGUIDES

Pippins, brownies, guides, & ranger groups in the valley. ☎ 0800 222 292 or ✉ info@girlguidingnz.org.nz

NEV CODE CLUB

Primary ages 7–10yrs. Held term time Mondays 3.15–5pm in the Valley Baptist Community Centre tech space, 270 North Road. Join us for some code club projects and some friendly games. Meet some like minded techy friends. FREE to attend ✉ com2tech com2.tech ✉ office@com2.tech

NEV GAME DEV CLUB

Intermediate tamariki learn to build their own video games. Tuesdays, 3.30–5pm at the Valley Baptist Community Centre. ✉ com2tech ✉ office@com2.tech com2.tech

NEV NORMAL SCHOOL PTA

Monthly meetings at Valley Project on a Thursday evening. Anyone interested in being of service to this wonderful school is welcomed. 14 Sep, 12 Oct, 9 Nov, 7 Dec. ✉ nevn.pta@gmail.com

NEV PLAYGROUP

For 0–5yrs, variety of experiences to enhance development of your child and meet other local young families. Free morning tea and lunch provided for adults. Please supply child's morning tea. Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd, 9am–2.30pm Wednesdays ✉ nev.playgroup@nevbctrust.org

ŌPOHO PLAYCENTRE

Nurturing play space for 0–6year olds where children and their whānau attend together. Focus is on child-led learning through play. Make friends, play, learn, & grow. 3 free visits. 28A Signal Hill Rd. Mon–Fri 9am–12pm, school terms. ✉ opoho.playcentre ✉ opoho@playcentre.org.nz or ☎ 027 880 2365

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ŌPOHO SCOUTS

Keas, 4–5pm, Tues; Cubs, 6pm–7.30pm, Thur; Scouts, 6–8pm, Wed. Ōpoho Scout Den. ✉ Shane: opoho@group.scouts.nz

SPACE FOR YOU AND YOUR BABY

Programs run by registered ECE teachers supporting families through their 1st year with new baby. School terms at Valley Baptist Community Centre. ☎ 021 150 9165 or ✉ space@nevbctrust.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Variety of classes with stories, crafts, songs, and more. Ages 4–18yrs, 9.30am Sun (term time only), DNI (tech area). All welcome! No charge. ☎ 020 4079 5727 or go to dunedinchristadelphians.org

further education

BEGINNER ENGLISH FOR CHINESE

Join our beginner English conversation group for senior Chinese new to English language. Shared meal. Small contribution to costs. Great way to improve simple conversation. No English necessary. Tian: ☎ 029 02 0009 68 ☎ 254783519@qq.com

COGNITIVE ENHANCEMENT

Thinkit Feuerstein is a cognitive enhancing program for individuals with learning differences. Enriching thinking and learning skills for ages 5+ to adults. Private sessions held in North East Valley/Dunedin Schools. Book Now: Tutor Kiri Scott, certified practitioner in Feuerstein method. ☎ 021 118 9882 ☎ www.icelp.info ✉ Thinkit.fie@yahoo.com

COM2TECH DIGI DROP-IN

A community-led group that offers a range of free classes to upskill our communities in communications technology and online safety. 12.30–2.30pm every Monday at Valley Project ☎ com2tech ✉ office@com2.tech ☎ com2.tech ☎ 027 256 9182

GERMAN LANGUAGE LESSONS WANTED

Beginner level required. I'm on a seven day streak on Duolingo, so I have some basic knowledge. Txt or phone ☎ 027 710 7077 Danke!

INSPIRING MATHS CLASSES

Affordable creative maths classes and maths art after school at my home in North East Valley. ☎ Inspiring Maths Classes ✉ Sandra.Dunedin@gmail.com



ITALIAN CLASSES

Experienced teacher, native speaker of Italian. Small groups, all levels, from absolute beginners to advanced and conversation. ☎ 027 341 8312 or ☎ 473 0832 ✉ antonella.vecchiato@gmail.com italianclasses.co.nz

LEARN ENGLISH

English for daily life and work. Free and low cost courses. Please contact one of our staff at English Language Partners: ☎ 455 5266 or via email

MATHS MADE EASY

Experienced maths teacher, recently retired. Primary and secondary certified. Montessori trained. Private tutoring at your home or mine and Zoom as another option. Different strategies to help your child achieve success. ☎ Diane 021 357 565 ✉ dvalavanis@aol.com

NATIVE FRENCH TUTOR

Conversation, preparation for exams, for adults and children. Hourly rate. French Up Your Life! ☎ Sandrine 021 107 5814 or ✉ sanfeillet@gmail.com

REO MĀORI

Reo Māori teaching or tutoring for adults. Groups or individuals. John Birnie: ✉ johnbirnie@hotmail.com or ☎ 021 236 3765

VOCAL TEACHER

I live in the Valley but work from my studio on Vogel Street. I currently have times available on Tuesday and limited times available on Monday. All ages, all skill levels. Starts from \$30 a lesson. Text for more info/to book: ☎ 022 122 3405

housing

SELF-CONTAINED UNIT

Looking for a one bedroom flat/self contained unit or studio room. Unfurnished. Up to \$320 p/w. In a quiet, safe building with no smokers. Quiet, reliable tenant. I have autism. Text ☎ 022 034 6290

trading corner

BABYSITTER

10 years of childcare experience. Full drivers licence. Have worked with twins. ☎ Kelly 027 697 9194

CAKE BAKER

Home-baked cakes large/small for your pleasure. Made to order. Price list available. ☎ 473 0159 (evenings)

CHIMNEY SWEEPS

Top Hat Chimney Sweeps offering single flue cleans for \$100 or two neighbouring houses for \$85 each. FREE glass door clean. Replacement services on firebrick, door seal, and baffles. Text Luke ☎ 027 332 2915

COMPUTERS

I fix computers! Low rates, great service, Windows, Linux, Mac, Android. ☎ Matt 022 048 0012

DAVE'S COMPUTER SERVICE

Troubleshooting & tuition. Low rates. Free optimisation software. ☎ Dave 022 635 9414

DOG WALKING FUNDRAISER

Raising funds for Scouts jamboree. \$10 for 30min., \$15 for 45min., \$20 for 1hr. Cash only. Weekends only. Up to 2 walks per client per day. ✉ lincolnfentiman@gmail.com ☎ Lincoln 021 137 2306

FARELLA ORTHODONTICS

Offering Valley residents limited-time complimentary consultations for children and adults. Cutting-edge tech. 30yrs clinical experience. Flexible financing options. ☎ 021 228 4895 ☎ farella.co.nz

GARAGE SALE

City move necessitates a cleanse! Garage sale on Saturday, 16 September 8am-noon, 40 Glendining Ave. A bit of everything and something for everyone!

GARDENER

Gardener available, light weeding/trimming, winter rose pruning. Very experienced, \$30 per hour. ☎ 473 0159 (evenings)

GARDENER/LANDSCAPER

☎ Backblokgardens.nz. Section clearing, tree pruning/shaping, planting, custom planters, retaining walls. ☎ 021 023 44 938

HAIRDRESSER

Retired senior hairdresser providing service for seniors. Your home or mine. Dunedin North only, ☎ Helen 467 9644 or ☎ 021 104 1011

HOUSE SITTER AVAILABLE

Woman in early sixties looking for a house-sit in NEV for one month or longer. A writer. Enjoys looking after cats, dogs, and gardens. Written references, from previous house-sits, and police check available. Rhian: ✉ rhian.galnz@gmail.com

JESCARGO CARPET REPAIRS

Domestic and commercial carpet repairs. No job too small. 100% local. ☎ Jesa 022 012 1194 ✉ jescargo_carpet@outlook.com

NEV LASER ENGRAVING

Want something personalised? Get it laser engraved. Wood, ceramic, acrylic & more. Call and see if we can help. 11 Allen St. North East Valley. ☎ Jeff 021 957 369

PEASTRAW FUNDRAISER

Only \$14 a bale! Or x10 bales for \$110. Great for your garden. Support NEVN School! Order online, pick up in Valley. ☎ tinyurl.com/NEVNPeaStraw

LOCAL HANDYMAN & LANDSCAPER

Fencing, Decks, Retaining and all types of Concrete and Paving. For a free quote contact Liam George on ☎ 027 239 0220 or ✉ email Lg.contracting98@gmail.com

NEV LAWN & GARDENS

Lawns, edges, hedges, gardens, bushes, trees, weeds and green waste removal. Consultation & quote: ☎ Steve 027 424 1828

MATURE BABYSITTER

I'm a mother with grown-up children, (full driver's licence) now available for babysitting. Minimum of three hours and also able to help with homework! ☎ Pauline 027 717 0282

OH PEONY PHOTOGRAPHY

At your location or in studio. Portraits, engagement, maternity, child milestone, cake smash, newborn. Products, social media, personal branding, conceptual, etc. ✉ heidi.ohpeonyphoto@gmail.com ☎ ohpeonyphoto.mypixieset.com/

SCRAP METAL COLLECTION

Seeking your scrap metal you have rusting away or cluttering up the shed, etc. Can do small to medium size loads. ☎ JT: 027 206 1725

VEGGIE SEEDLINGS

Boutique selection of veggie seedlings available September onwards, grown locally in Pine Hill. Varieties suited to southern climates selected where possible. Email for details, pre-orders welcomed. ✉ freerangegardener@gmail.com ☎ Vanessa 022 305 5281

VENUS FLY TRAPS

Large caliber plants. Five times as big as those sold by the shops and are \$4.00 cheaper. Growing instructions included. \$10. ☎ Pat 473 0159 (PM)

church services

ANGLICAN: ST MARTIN'S

194 North Rd, 10.30am

GLENAVEN METHODIST

7 Chambers St, 11am

LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN

George St. Normal School Hall, 10am

ŌPOHO PRESBYTERIAN

50 Signal Hill Rd, 10am

PACIFIC ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN

160 North Rd. English, 11am on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays; Cook Island 9.30am; Samoan 11am, 4th and 5th Sundays

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC

89 North Rd, Mass 9.30am

SALVATION ARMY

43 North Rd, community worker only, Mark O'Donnell

To add or update a listing please email voice@northeastvalley.org

Koha is appreciated, but not essential, for classifieds.

Make donations to the Valley Project bank account: **03-1726-0005606-000** Reference: **VVDonation**

2023 GREAT KIWI POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

It gives me huge pleasure to announce the four category winners for this year's Great Kiwi Poster Competition.

Our three highly experienced judges had an extremely tough time working through the almost 200 eligible entries as the overall quality was amazingly high this year! I really wish we could reward more people for their outstanding efforts!

A massive 'Thank You' to everyone who entered, our judges, our individual sponsors on GiveALittle, and our major sponsors Phantom Billstickers, New Zealand's Biological Heritage, Hell Pizza, and Our Climate Declaration. Thanks also to the support from The Valley Project and Tūhura Otago Museum.

There will be an exhibition of the winning posters and the runners up in each section at the Museum in February 2024.

The four winning posters will also be pasted up in the main cities of Aotearoa by our most excellent sponsor, Phantom Billstickers! Additionally, their creators will be awarded \$1000 each.

This year's poster theme was Protect Our Future ("Tiaki a Mātāhauariki") which asked for a look into a perfect Aotearoa and how it could be achieved, whether by local food self-sufficiency, safe drinking water, biodiversity protection, reduction in consumption and emissions, etc.

The four age group category winners with judges comments are below, as well as some of the highly commended entries. Go to www.greatkiwiposter.com/Kiwi-Winners to see them all. And while you're there, check out the *Escape the Vape* winners, too! www.greatkiwiposter.com/ETV-Winners. -- Bruce Mahalski

CATEGORY WINNERS



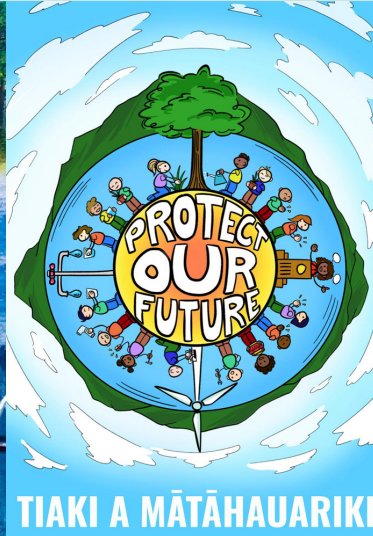
JUNIOR (Ages 5 - 10)
WINNER: MARIA SAGIDULLINA
 Judged by Kezia Field

Sophisticated usage of wet media with a strong painterly approach. Powerful focal point. Strong Māori motif around the whole artwork allowing its own frame. Conceptually powerful messaging: this stunning artwork gives us hope and visually shows manaakitanga about the future of a planet.



INTERMEDIATE (Ages 11 - 14)
WINNER: DANIELLE WU
 Judged by Fifi Colston

The message is simple yet emotionally strong with global warming threatening extinction of species. Beautifully hand painted in dry brushed acrylics, the overall design, illustration, type placement and rendering are very pleasing and works beautifully as a poster.



SENIOR (Ages 15 - 21)
WINNER: CINDY HUANG
 Judged by Michel Tuffery

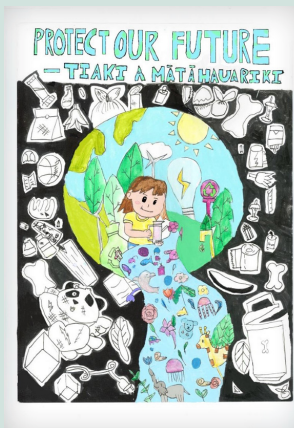
This poster is straight to the point. Creator used a diverse range reflecting who our community is, making it highly relatable. The visual message and solutions are all there, of collective solution being necessary. Well balanced with visual imagery, excellent synergy. Strong composition.



ADULT (Ages 22+)
WINNER: LEONI JOUBERT
 Judged by Michel Tuffery

Beautiful abstract composition which kept me looking right around the image. There's enough visual content that is self-explanatory and the artist has incorporated interesting elements to draw viewers into the message regardless of limited use in the palette.

HIGHLY COMMENDED ENTRIES



Jennie Xu



Tessa Sherlock



Riwon Kim



Mia Chenyu Zhou



Bronwyn Copeland



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