

## **BOOK BUS BOUNDS AND ROUNDS**

For an impressive 73 years, a mobile library has been visiting the Gardens corner. It was one of the first ten stops commissioned by the Dunedin Public Libraries in the 1950's.

The Dunedin Bookbus service formed its roots during WWII and the post-war boom of Dunedin's suburbia. There was little financial capacity, space, and available staff for the already-strained Dunedin Public Libraries to expand the mobile service apace with the city's expansion. As an alternative, some community groups developed small volunteer-run libraries across the city, such as in Corstorpine, Middlemarch, Outram, St. Kilda, and Wakari. Only one, St. Kilda, still stands today, the others having fell victim to dwindling volunteer support and available real estate.

Providing a bookbus service was seen to fill the gap between city and suburban needs. So in 1950, at the cost of 175 pounds (~\$9,000NZD today), "Gertie" graced our streets. The retrofitted bus was described as a "light and airy little library", holding 1000



Librarian Jo Howard and a visitor aboard "Te Pahi Pukapuka" e-book bus.

books and even included a cozy children's nook at the rear. The initial service covered the Gardens corner and was dubbed the "housewife service" as it was primarily for the use of mothers and wives.

Over the next couple of decades the mobile library grew and modified according to the demands of the public. A stop was added for workers at the Roslyn Woollen Mill, and another at the Dunedin Hospital to provide library services directly to its patients. This also extended to other hospitals around the city. Thus, Dunedin became the only urban settlement in New Zealand with hospital staff employed specifically to liaise between the bookbus and hospital patients. (Continued on page #15...)



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## **HEY FRIENDS, HOW'RE YOU GETTING ON?**

We hope the school holidays went as you had hoped, if not better! And for those without school-age kids, we hope the holidays offered you just as much variation in your day-to-day, whether that meant more action in your workplace or less parking headaches. What made you smile?

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FRED HOLLOWS 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.

**TE PŪTAKE ROOM** is suitable for small meetings of up to 10 people. Available all hours over weekends and after 3:30pm on weekdays. The room is equipped with a kitchenette, heat pump, and TV w/HDMI.

**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 Consession (public)	General (private)	<b>Birthday Parties</b>
\$15 - 23 per hour	\$23 - 35 per hour	\$15 - 20 per hour

#### VALLEY VOICE 6-WEEK SCHEDULE

2023 ISSUE:	#7	#8	#9	<b>2024</b> #1
CONTENT DUE:	August 16	September 27	November 8	January 17
DISTRIBUTION DATE:	September 9	October 21	December 2	February 10

## A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIR

I am currently writing this while sitting beside the fire, watching the slopes of Signal Hill get a decent dusting of snow. It's hard to imagine that just last month we were still in T-shirt weather!

The Valley Project is busy as usual. We recently held our AGM where we celebrated what the community has been up to... a lot, to say the least. I am continually reminded of how much activity and how many projects our community fits into a year, and the drivers behind them such as the community gardens, parent-teacher associations, biodiversity groups, foodshare programmes, etc. This year we reported over 1000 volunteer hours were put into the community! That is remarkable! I can't offer enough thanks for the generous mahi of volunteers across this community. What you do for the groups you are involved in is huge and instrumental in maintaining a thriving community.

The Valley Project team was also kept busy by the addition of the Winter Warmers event, which is run in collaboration with Valley Baptist Community Trust. Next up is a community dinner! We are truly enjoying this partnership and look forward to more community events we can host together.

As the days are getting longer—even if by just a couple minutes at a time—be sure to get out there with nature. Have a walk through the Dunedin Botanic Garden which has just celebrated 160 years! We are super lucky to have the Gardens so close to us and to witness its seasonal changes. And why not challenge yourself to a hike up Mount Cargill from Bethune's Gully? The Crush the Cargill fundraising race will be here before you know it!

Stay warm and safe, friends! -- James Sutherland, james@northeastvalley.org



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### COMMUNITY POTLUCK

The Valley Baptist Community Centre, together with the Valley Project, will be hosting a community potluck dinner! We invite you to spend an evening with your family, friends, and neighbours, take time to catch up in an easygoing space, and enjoy a delicious meal together.

While some staples will be provided, we would love you to bring a dish that will suit you or your family's tastes and dietary requirements.

Bookings necessary to track RSVP's and to collate dishes. Search *Eventbrite* for *Valley Community Collections* to register. Paper forms will be made available at both The Project and Baptist Centre for those who are unable to book online.

Start thinking about an item or dish you would love to share as either a starter, main course, or dessert. For more info, keep an eye on Valley Project Facebook or email *reception@ northeastvalley.org* or *office@nevbctrust.org.* 

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help prepare and serve kai, for menu design, and for clean-up! Contact us asap!

Soon! Date to be determined - follow **(?)** @valleyproject VALLEY BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTRE, 270 North Road



### TEEN CINEMA AND SAY-SO

The Valley Project would like to invite rangatahi/youth between the ages of 12 and 18 to come along to our Teen Cinema Say-So. Like the name, we will be hosting not only a movie night, but we'll also be collecting your thoughts on what you want to see more of in the community. You will have the opportunity to pick what movie you watch. Dinner and snacks will be provided. RSVP's requested, but OK to show up on the night: *intern@northeastvalley.org* 

#### FRIDAY, 4 AUGUST, from 5:30pm VALLEY BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTRE, 270 North Road

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### **QIGONG WORKSHOP**

Qigong is a meditation practice originally from China. It uses still postures (sitting, standing, or lying down) as well as slow, smooth-flowing movements, and focus of the mind to help you enter into a deeply relaxed state.

In this workshop you will learn about the transformative practice of Qigong and its integration into daily life. Explore the concept of Qi (Chi) as the life force energy within your body. Discover simple exercises that promote relaxation, joy, and a sense of calm. Gain practical tools to cultivate inner harmony and well-being. Connect with like-minded individuals in a supportive environment.

Teacher Jay Glubb has been practicing and teaching the style of Qigong called Yuan Qigong for a number of years and loves the many benefits it has bought to his life.

Includes complimentary tea, snacks, and handouts. Fee: \$40 unwaged, \$50 waged. Earlybird discount available before August 6th. Bookings essential!

Contact Jay: *bodymindqi@gmail.com* or *findingstillness.co.nz* 

SUNDAY, 13 AUGUST, 2 - 5pm VALLEY BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTRE, 270 North Road



## **ÖTEPOTI DUNEDIN HERITAGE FEST**

Scheduled 5 - 15 October. The Taieri Rotary, in partnership with The Southern Heritage Trust, are having a fantastic Open Home Tour focusing on some great historic and character homes and buildings of North East Valley!

Do you have a special character house that you would like to showcase, or any information or old photos of houses and the area of NEV? E-mail Alison Breese, Festival Coordinator, at *heritagefestival@southernheritage.org.nz* 

NORTH DUNEDIN HISTORIC HOMES TOUR, SUNDAY, 1 OCT. More info to come at trtoursnz.org/

The North East Valley Community Development Project (The Valley Project) is a registered charitable organisation that builds community connections and promotes the wellbeing of local families and whānau. If you like what we do, you can donate at:

## givealittle www.givealittle.co.nz/northeastvalley

The opinions expressed in articles are the author's own and are not necessarily shared by the editor or Valley Project Team. Submitted articles may be edited at the editor's discretion.

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.



## VCW LEASE OPPORTUNITY

The Valley Project Executive is on the hunt for a business or group that would like to rent a 23-square-metre space made available by the exit of a long standing tenant of the Valley Community Workspace (VCW) on Allen Street. Proposals now welcome.

The Executive would grant the space on the basis of some of the following conditions;

- Fit within the view of a community workspace
- Create opportunity for the community
- Follow the aims of a low carbon, sustainable thriving workspace/community
- Willing to work with neighbouring organisations
- Be a startup venture

The Executive is requesting written proposals for how the available space would be occupied, including the potential costs in addition to tenancy. Also include anything needing further discussion with The Project about this space.

The Project sees this opportunity as an investment for the community. At this time we are not prepared to commit funds to retrofitting. We expect all tenants of VCW to work closely with The Project over the coming years to achieve full building renewal.

Proposals due **1 August, 2023.** Tenant chosen by **10 August, 2023.** Lease issued no later than **11 August, 2023.** 

Send to the Chair of the Executive, James Sutherland: *james@northeastvalley.org* 

No late proposals will be accepted unless there are no applications made before the cut-off date.

We look forward to hearing from you.



-- Valley Project Executive



## **GOOD SORT ALLSORT AWARD**

A group of dedicated history gurus from around Dunedin nominated Christine George for recognition of her community involvement, especially in highlighting and protecting the military history of Dunedin. While Christine usually shines the spotlight on others, it now turns to her.

Christine is related to family members that fought first-hand in the World Wars. She has been employed by the War Pension Office for much of her working life, and so has developed a close bond with these returned servicemen.

Christine is a founding member of the Otago Military Historic Group which aims to protect the military history around Dunedin and wider Otago. She was instrumental in the restoration of the Upper Junction War Memorial. In addition to managing the project and the stakeholders involved, she provided many afternoon teas of 'good, old-fashioned baking' to the restoration crew. She spent much of her time researching those soldiers memorialised at Upper Junction, and trying to locate their living relatives. With assistance of Lox Kellas of the Dunedin RSA, information boards at the memorial are a result of those efforts.

Also a member of the Dunedin Remembrance Army, Christine partakes in the installation of white crosses on memorial graves. She says there is a lot of information one can get from grave-marker inscriptions alone. Christine knows every cemetery in the Dunedin City area having worked with the Remembrance Army to categorise, mark, and triage all war graves needing repair and painting. Along the way she's even found distant relatives of her own!

We at the Otago Military Historic Group, The Valley Project, North East Valley and communities across Otago, thank Christine George for her expertise, passion, dedication... and baking!

Next time you fancy a peaceful wander through the Upper Junction War Memorial or the Dunedin Northern Cemetery, be sure to admire the crosses and the hard work Christine Gorge has put into them in the effort to highlight an important part of our war service history. -- James Sutherland

nominate the next winner now 3



Do you know anyone that makes our community a better place to be, who is deserving of recognition for community services? Nominate them now for a Good Sort Allsort Award! We're accepting nominations from across North East Valley, Pine Hill, Ōpoho, Upper Junction, Normanby, and Dalmore.

Head to the Valley Project website to fill a form or drop into reception at 262 North Road to do so in person. Winners earn RJ's Licorice Allsorts, an interview, a certificate, a high tea at the end of the year, and a spot on the honour board!



### SURPRISING RHUBARB USES

Firstly, don't eat rhubarb leaves. While the colourful stalks are perfectly safe for consumption, the leaves should never be eaten. This is because the large leafy greens contain Oxalic acid. When eaten in large quantities, Oxalic acid may cause many stomach and kidney problems, and possibly even death.

**WEED-BARRIER AND MULCH:** Layering down a weed-barrier, such as cardboard or paper, and topping with mulch truly does lessen the big task of keeping the garden beds clear of weeds. Rhubarb's large, heart-shaped leaves are an effective weed-barrier, too. The leaves can be laid over garden footpaths, around the base of plants, and between rows.

For weed-suppression on the go, keep layering new rhubarb leaves on top of the older ones every time you harvest the stalks. The leaves will break down quickly, so keep at it as the season wears on. As the leaves decompose, they have the added benefit of enriching the soil.

**COMPOST:** Rhubarb leaves are a good source of nitrogen in the compost pile. This might seem counter-intuitive since the leaves are toxic. But the Oxalic acid in rhubarb leaves decomposes quickly, and won't harm the microbes which are working in the compost-heap.

Oxalic acid contains the elements of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, and these natural elements break down readily. Earthworms, bacteria and fungi will then break it down further. The finished humus will be safe to use all around the garden, including the vegetable patch.

-- Merylei Guthrie

### Y GROWING BUDS Y BUDDY GARDENING PROGRAMME

Valley Kai is running two buddy gardening programmes running ten weeks each. The first programme runs from the **2nd September until 11 November, 2023.** The second programme runs from **10th February until 14th April, 2024.** 

Right now, we are looking for twelve people to take part in the first programme. We need six experienced gardening 'Buddies' to help support six novice gardening 'Buds'.

The programme offers free, one-on-one support inside or outside your home to help grow your own kai. By the end of the ten weeks you'll have a range of practical, problemsolving skills, a new friend in your community, and a healthy bounty of homegrown produce to share with your neighbours!

Email Keri for more info: keri@northeastvalley.org



## FRESH AIR AND ART

We can last three weeks without food, four days without water, but mere minutes without air. In Te Ao Māori, hau is the breath or wind of life. Hau is the force that drives the entire world, not just human relations. Air, breath, and wind is the nebulous thing that connects all living beings.

A 2022 citizen art project with a theme of air quality was facilitated by artist Pam McKinlay (of NEV Community Gardens and the Dunedin School of Art) liaising with multiple community and school groups. The schools' "Insp-AIR-ation" project included a citizen science experiment which converted tailpipe emissions into carbon dioxide equivalent, then into the number of trees required to offset the emissions produced by passing cars. Reflecting on this activity resulted in the collaborative design and collective creation of fabric banners which embodied hopes, values, aspirations and inspirations on the notion of air.

A selection of the 60 fabric collages making up the banners have been displayed around town in public spaces including at Creekfest and Earth Day earlier this year. In recent school holidays, the full set of banners were on display at the science festival. Some collages have been published in the book *Tia kina te angi/Protect the Air*.

All fabrics used in the project were upcycled material from the Stitch Kitchen's Maker's Pantry. The Pantry is a "haven for creatives", stocked daily with second-hand crafting materials.





## ADVENTURES AT CHINGFORD PARK WITH OPOHO SCHOOL

After lots of organisation and planning by Clare and I, terrible improve stream health in the coming terms. weather meant we had to cancel our Term 1 attempt at this outing. Fortunately everything came together on 8th June when the senior ākonga of Ōpoho School had a wonderful morning at Chingford Park. With a frosty start making for a slippery walk, we made our way gingerly from Opoho to Chingford Park. We were thrilled with the reception that awaited us; all the wonderful people who were helping us with our experience as well as some extra visitors, and a warm pavilion!

Kā mihi nui ki a Kuini. We loved hearing the pūrakau about the luscious bush-covered north end and the kea that soared around the hills and down in the valley. Throughout the morning. we thought about ways the health and the inhabitants of the Lindsay would have been different hundreds of years ago.

Kia ora anō hoki ki a Taylor from Orokonui Ecosanctuary. Gumboots were on the gear list for the day, so lots of tauira were able to make the most of getting right into the middle of the creek to find macroinvertebrates to identify. Taylor had already been 'fishing' before we arrived and was able to show us kēkēwai/freshwater crayfish and galaxias up close. I'm not sure any of the groups were able to find more kekewai or galaxias, but we found lots of mayflies. Using an identification chart,

and with Taylor's help, we learnt that mayflies are sensitive to the quality of stream health. It appears that Lindsay Creek is in OK health, but could be better. We hope to be learning more about how to

## NATURE ART - GIVE IT A GO!

The whole top school walked down to Chingford Park. My first rotation was nature art so I will be focusing on that in this report. Maddy Enright gave

us a quick briefing on what we would be doing. First we walked around searching for things like pinecones, leaves, and twigs. Secondly, we made a shape out of the twigs, such as a face. Next we added details like leaves for eyebrows, pinecones for eyes, flax for the hair, and a medium rock for the nose. Lastly, we lined twigs end-to-end to form a neck. -- Jack and Max



Ann Barsby from the Southern Heritage Trust, and Celia Davies, long time North End resident and school grandparent, made for a wonderfully entertaining and informative duo as we learnt about Mr. Neil, the original Chingford homestead owner, and the building's slow deterioration after being gifted to the city. What a shame the homestead wasn't built from the same materials as the stables, otherwise we're sure it would still be standing today.

With gloved hands and beanies pulled over ears, the classes enjoyed the final two rotations of nature art and frisbee golf. Thanks for the use of the discs, Valley Project!

It was an action and learning packed morning, and our tamariki were grateful for the buses up the hill. We feel very fortunate for the learning experiences available to us right on our doorstep at Chingford Park. The day was made richer with the expertise and matauranga that was shared with us by our wonderful helpers.

Kā mihi nui ki a Kuini, Ann, Celia and Taylor. For Clare from Open VUE who helped organise much of the day, kia ora ano. It wouldn't have been possible without wonderful parent help!



Thanks for rugging up and joining us. We hope you learnt something new, too! Finally, thanks to PSP Curious Minds for supporting our Chingford Park mini Creekfest morning. -- Lucy Marr

### CHINGFORD PARK HISTORY

Way back in the 1800's there was a rich man called Percival Clay Neill (1842-1936). He was Irish. He

emigrated to Melbourne when he was 17. After making lots of money, he then came to Dunedin at the age of 21.

He bought the land that is now Chingford Park. He had a large mansion built at the top of the hill. It was made of wood. When Mr. Neill died, he gifted his house and land to the

Library ID 9382 Dunedin City Corporation. Sadly the house was not looked after well, so it deteriorated to the point it was demolished. That is why you can't see it today.

In the playground have you noticed the large concrete slab? That used to be a swimming pool! The council built it in 1940, but it blocked the creek so when it rained it flooded the area.

Also in the old days there were no cars, so they used horses. Mr. Neill loved his horses and thought it was a good idea to build stables for them. The stables were built out of bluestone, unlike his house - that is why you can still see the stables.

Plus, fun fact! Kuini told us before the bush was cleared to make way for farmland, North East Valley used to be full of kea.

-- Abe, Leon, and Jonathan



## **CHERISHED CLARE TAKING FLIGHT**

The last five years have flown by and what an amazing five years they have been! I feel so fortunate to have been a part of the growth of the Open Valley Urban Ecosanctuary collaborative project (Open VUE).

In 2017 I was working as an educator with Orokonui Ecosanctuary to deliver an in-schools programme, teaching backyard wildlife (birds and predators in particular). Around the same time, The Steering Group was formed - a communitydriven, participatory science project. With Curious Minds funding in play, The Valley Project embraced this kaupapa as the foundation to Open VUE to which I was assigned.

The education programme introduced me to local schools, teachers, tamariki, and their whānau. When learning about predators, we all delighted in dressing up one of the children as a cat - a favourite from the Orokonui Ecosanctuary cupboard.

The following year, we were so lucky to be able to do the programme again, this time learning about lizards and invertebrates. Pupils made insects from recycled materials, as well as films, posters, lizard-shaped cookies, and artworks of sorts. The creativity, craftsmanship, and leadership demonstrated by the schools and tamariki was (is!) truly impressive to me.

The inter-school connections built upon nature are special and should be celebrated. One such instance was visiting Jonathan Rhodes Kindergarten with Pine Hill School pupils. The Pine Hill pupils presented to the younger children what they had been learning and led a workshop on setting up a tracking tunnel to record animal footprints. The visit was evidently successful when we went outside and the younger tamariki followed the pupils wherever they went, very curious about the tracking tunnel they were setting up together.

In those early years I got to know the community firstly through schools, then through Valley Project placement. It was through these connections that Open VUE started seeding itself throughout the wider community. There were planting and clean-up days, and visits to glow worms as part of Creeky Awesomeness certification. There were many birds counted, and backyard trapping began with a literal bang by

#### trapbox-making workshops!

The progress of plantings done in Chingford Park since 2019 is encouraging. What were tiny seedlings are now trees, some taller than me (although this isn't a hard feat!). How delightful it will be to visit Lindsay Creek again in five, ten, or 20 years and see how much more growth they have achieved.

In this last year or so, I've been getting to know Lindsay Creek a lot more. There are many people throughout the community that already have a strong relationship to the wai. It's been eye opening for me to dip my toes in, that is, connect with those special people, and so too, Lindsay Creek.

I think one of the greatest pleasures of working on the Open VUE project and at the Valley Project is successful collaboration and connectedness between individuals, organisations, and funders, fostered through a shared care and appreciation of the environment, natural spaces, and special wildlife here in the Valley. Thank you to all the tamariki who excitedly shared with me something you had seen or learnt in nature, and to anyone who shared a photo or story, or took wildlife-friendly action so we (people and wildlife) can enjoy this place together.

Lindsay Creek will always be very special to me. I will miss it dearly, just as much as I will the wonderful community here. I can't thank enough all whom I've connected with along the way, who have been supportive, passionate, and welcoming, especially those involved with the Lindsay Creek catchment. Long may it continue! I'm excited to see what happens next at the Valley Project and Open VUE. While I've loved working here, it's time for me to say farewell and take up a bit of travelling. *-- Clare Cross* 

The kids and I learnt a lot from Clare by going to working-bees at the Riparian Rhapsody in Chingford Park, open days at the Propagation Nursery on Blacks Road, and the many workshops she has run. Together with Clare and other volunteers we've made a noticeable positive impact along the Lindsay creek catchment. She has been an absolute wealth of knowledge and unshakable pillar of support for me and it has been an absolute privilege and delight working with her.

-- Emily Peterson

Te Kura o Ōpoho has had the pleasure of working with Clare since 2018. Our tauira have loved being part of the backyard biodiversity project and having the opportunities to be citizen scientists. You've created wonderful connections between tauira, kaiako, kura and other organisations to work together for the shared goals of our North End's biodiversity. How exciting to set up night vision cameras, put out bird feeders, and analyse chew cards! You graciously shared your time, knowledge and resources, and you've been wonderfully supportive of many of our kura's education for sustainability projects. We look forward to you seeing the fruits of your labours! Who knows which manu will be flying in the trees above Te Pahui o te Rangi Pohika/Signal Hill and Kapukataumahaka/Mt Cargill or swimming in the waters of Ōpoho, Ōwheo, and Lindsay Creek?!

-- Lucy Marr

I've been thinking about the forest and river birds we meet in our meanderings, and wondered "Which one is Clare?" Quiet, deeply observant, with a warm sense of humour. Quiet - a kererū? Naah, they're quiet but too pushy. Deeply observant - a heron watching the river pool, poised and patient? Mm, but serious. Warm sense of humour... how do I choose? Kākā - a bit too boisterous. Our backyard heihei/hens - hilarious at times. But Clare, we have worked it out. In our wildlife rehab days we nurtured and released a Little German owl. Quiet, full of delight and interest, playful, serious and eternally creative; our household was enriched forever. And that, dear Clare our little owl, is what you too have brought to our NEV community. Thank you, Little Owl, fly far and have great fun!

-- Kuini Scott

## COMMUNITY COP SHEDS LIGHT ON COP SHOP

Kia ora North Dunedin, I am Constable Tomas Hewson, your new community cop. Some rapid-fire info about me; I have been policing for about five years on the frontline in Dunedin. I reside locally with my wife and two-year-old daughter, and I have lived in North Dunedin for the past ten years or so. I grew up in Central Otago, around Wānaka, and moved to Dunedin to study a Physical Education degree at the University. My interests are predominantly family, sports, and gaming.

I understand there is some mystery surrounding the North Dunedin Police Station at 111 North Road. While it is still a police station, it is not 'open to the public' there is no front counter and the doors are locked. There's a chance you might catch an officer around the station, but if you are needing urgent assistance there is a free phone on the wall beside the front door which automatically dials 111, and the Dunedin Central Police Station remains open to the public at 25 Great King Street, Dunedin. The North Station is utilised by a few groups; the Digital Forensic Unit who are receiving and analysing the likes of phones/computers/devices, the Road Policing Team who are patrolling the highways and attending crashes, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Team who monitor commercial trucks as they travel through Dunedin, our Serious Crash investigator, and the Impairment Prevention Team who you should see out and about conducting drink driving checkpoints.

The North Dunedin Community Constable role was unmanned for a significant period of time as Brendan moved to another role last year. However, I am pleased to report that I am here now and look forward to properly engaging in the community and meeting the friendly faces that make up the awesome Valley community.





### JUST DOING OUR BIT!

Since forming in 2005 and becoming operational in 2006, Dunedin North Community Patrol volunteers have clocked up thousands of kilometres and volunteered thousands of hours carrying out twice-weekly patrols in our Northern area of the city. Police regard patrols as a valuable asset acting as 'extra eyes and ears' available in risky areas as an effective tool in the deterrence of criminal activity. Good local knowledge means patrols are a useful resource with the ability to combine with police and other community services to ensure our neighbourhoods are safe places to live in.

Patrol taskings as requested by police may include gathering information through note taking and recording signs of suspicious activity, watching out for stolen vehicles/property/ missing/wanted persons, assisting at accidents, crime scenes and fires. Patrols may also assist at community events including crowd control and monitoring parking sites. Patrols are carried out in residential, business and industrial areas to identify or deter likely criminal activity and there are regular security checks of schools, churches, community gardens and parks. The Uni Campus and student activity is part of our brief as we work alongside Campus Watch to ensure our students are not acting up too much as we look at the safety aspect of some activities.

In looking back over the last 17 years, we have always had great support from our local Police Liaison Officers, Trustpower who donated our first two patrol vehicles, AMI who initially sponsored vehicle insurance, and Hall Bros Transport for fuel support. Thanks also to local businesses, and the volunteers who willingly turn up to do their turn. Last year we funded our own vehicle thanks to Emma Gilmour and various generous

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trusts. Part of our on-board equipment now is our AED Unit and volunteers have completed updated first aid certification including use of the unit. Volunteers are happy to take on various roles in the running of our Trust, as well as rostered patrolling. Very often we have a younger volunteer who wishes to join the police force, so volunteering with patrol gives some worthwhile insight into the job while waiting acceptance – this means we often need a replacement and why we now are looking for new volunteers to come join us.

For anyone interested in how our nights on patrol go, we take prospective volunteers out as observers. Friday and Saturday are our usual nights out from 9pm until 1 or 2am.

If you want to make a difference in your community we welcome the public to our 17th AGM to be held at The Valley Project on Monday, August 7th at 7pm. For information, please call Garry Cranfield on *027 364 1485*.







### HOME BIRTH SUPPLIES

Pēpi Pools is the only Dunedin based birth pool and TENS (Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation) provider. We offer free local pick-up from Pine Hill and can ship nationwide. We are very passionate about supporting women to feel comfortable and positive wherever they choose to birth. Pēpi Pools is run by Hannah and Mat, parents to two boys. Hannah is a passionate natural birth advocate and loves supporting women in making their birth the best possible experience.

Pēpi Pools was established after a positive and empowering homebirth with their second son, sparking a desire to try and make positive homebirths more accessible in Dunedin.

Pēpi Pools' offers a range of options including differing pool sizes to suit most rooms. They come with everything needed for easy inflation, filling, and emptying.

Our TENS are a popular option of pain relief for women hoping for a low intervention birth, either at home or in hospital. Our obstetric TENS machines are specifically designed for use during labour and birth and are therefore a very effective form of pain relief. They are non-invasive, safe for mother and baby, easy to use, and allow you to remain active during labour. They are a very popular choice for women who want to avoid medications during labour.

Reach out with any questions by emailing *pepipoolsdunedin@gmail.com*. And check out our social media pages – just search *Pēpi Pools* on Facebook or Instagram.

## FAMILY ORTHODONTICS

Brace yourself for winter! Boost your smile confidence with a flawless set of teeth.

Professor Mauro Farella is embarking on an independent journey in orthodontics after twelve years of teaching in Dunedin. You may already know Mauro from the University Dental School, or through his wife, Carmen, who used to volunteer as a Valley Project receptionist. Their two children attend local schools, too – a family well engrained in the Valley community.

In his youth, Mauro had problems with his own teeth that greatly effected his selfesteem. He came to value the practice of orthodontics after regaining a confident smile which subsequently founded a career of dentistry in his native Italy.

Mauro loves teaching at the Uni, but he greatly misses the interactions he had with his own patients - and so Farella Orthodontics is borne! It boasts 30 years of clinical experience, cutting-edge technology for precise and efficient treatments, and a compassionate and skilled team dedicated to your comfort and satisfaction. Flexible financing options are available.

This winter, Valley residents are offered a limited-time, exclusive opportunity for a \*complimentary orthodontic consultation for both children and adults. Whether you're considering braces, aligners, or other orthodontic treatments, Mauro and his team will tailor a personalized plan just for you.

#### 📕 021.228.4895 ┥ farella.co.nz 🚯 FarellaOrthodontist

Level 5, Burns House, 10 George St.

\*Offer valid for new consultation appointments until 01/09/2023



### ORC REMINDER TO BURN DRY, BREATHE EASY

Air quality can vary immensely throughout Otago, depending on location and time of year. We accept we're able to enjoy good air quality most of the time. However, it is vital we improve air quality, where possible, to enable us to live in a healthier region.

Otago Regional Council is reminding communities to ensure your firewood is dry for burning in winter, and of the effects that burning wet wood and other items can have on the environment. The Council is encouraging residents to consider the health of those in their area when using wood burners. Woodsmoke pollution can be reduced when residents burn only dry wood and keep their fire hot and not smouldering.

Air quality often degrades during winter due to increased domestic heating emissions, cold calm weather, and the occurrence of inversion layers. ORC monitoring sites measure tiny particles in the air, including those from vehicle and industry emissions, and combustion; however, the main source in Otago is home heating emissions.

For more details and further Burn Dry, Breathe Easy tips, please visit www.orc.govt.nz/bdbe.

### BUCCLEUGH STREET SLIMMER AFTER SLIP

heavens opened. The downpour was brief but intense – 19mm of rain fell between 4 and 5pm at the Otago Regional Council's Pine Hill rain gauge. That might not

sound a lot compared to the North Island's recent outrageous +40mm one-hour rainfall intensities, but it matched

the one-hour rainfall record for Pine Hill set in 2005. (Even in Dunedin's one-in-100-year floods back in 2015, much more rain fell overall, but the one-hour rainfall intensity didn't exceed 15mm/hour at Pine Hill.)

With that much rain falling all at once it's surprising that more of Pine Hill or Ōpoho didn't come down to meet the Valley, but it did take its toll on the first zig of Buccleugh Street. A piece of sodden slope slipped away into the rhododendrons below, nibbling away at the edge of the road above.

Not only did the landslide start to undermine the road, but it also damaged a stormwater pipe. Stormwater and landslides are not a good combo so Dunedin City Council closed the road that evening so the pipe could be repaired. The road was reopened to residents a couple of days later, but it is still

On the afternoon of Sunday, 14 May, the closed to through traffic – so what's the haps? I'm missing my twice-daily adventure along Buccleugh and Barclay streets to take Master lack to daycare.

> While it would be nice to have a quick fix, having the land literally slide out from almost under the road is a bit of

> > a longer-fix situation - you literally have to replace the lost land with something. The road peeps at the Council are planning to construct a piled retaining wall to rebuild and stabilise the slope, and this is the sort of thing you want to engineer properly. After the wall is designed, the Council has to choose a contractor to do the work, and then get building consent from the Council in a marvellous (but necessary) paper-shuffle-go-round.

> > The Council hopes to have the retaining wall built in the next few months. In the meantime, the road

is down to one lane at the slip (although describing the road as two lanes beforehand was fairly generous) and is open for residents only. The road will be closed to through traffic until the repairs are done to reduce the load at the top of the landslide. No one wants to see an already precariously narrow stretch of road clinging to the hillside deteriorate into a bus-trip-through-the-Andes goat track.

Stand by for an update in the next Valley Voice! -- Helen Jack

### NEVN WAR MEMORIAL: SCALE OF THE HUMAN LOSS NOT FORGOTTEN

undertaken on the NEVN School War Memorial I thought about what it was like 102 years ago when the arch was first unveiled. The idea for a memorial was first floated in 1916 by George Calder, a former mayor of NEV and chair of the school committee. Thousands of Kiwi soldiers had been deployed to Europe to fight for king and country. Scores of them were former NEV school pupils. Eventually, 260 'old boys' would serve in World War One.

Calder, as well as once being the mayor, was an elder at the Baptist Church; which was located just metres from where the arch would be built. Calder was religious, a passionate imperialist, and a military man who served in the North Dunedin Volunteers and the South District Rangers. He reflected a common view at the time that education should prepare children to fear God and honour the king, which meant boys needed to be prepared for military service. Under Calder's watch the school had its own military units.

The school, with a role of 602 pupils, had three institutions of military reproduction. In 1916 there were 120 boys in the navy league, there was a cadet rifle corps of 76 boys, and there was also a large fife and drum band. The latter was used to lead out the pupils in marching parades including the opening of the memorial arch and in the ANZAC day services that followed.

When the recent restoration work was Fighting and dying for the collective good fêtes, and fairs. When the memorial was was certainly a strong feature of the mindset when the memorial was mooted and built. However, this religious, military and imperial spirit was not sufficient to quell the raw grief that also motivated the need for a memorial.

> When Calder proposed the arch, he could not have anticipated that the names of 121 fallen soldiers would be etched on its marble plaques. The school committee began to record the names of the fallen in the minutes of their monthly meeting, but as the numbers grew this practiced stopped. In last two years of the war, the names were not recorded as one assumes the intention has been since 1916. Rather, we find in the records notes such as this: "The committee regret that the Great War is still raging, and many more ex-pupils have laid down their lives for king and country. To the bereaved ones the committee extend their heartfelt sympathy." It is evident that the toll of the war was being felt at home and perhaps so much so that it seemed inappropriate to turn the School Committee Minute Book into a record of the carnage. If they had kept up the practice, they would have added an average four names at each monthly meeting - four young sons of North East Valley.

The memorial project gained momentum in 1919 as the community rallied behind the fundraising effort with donations, unveiled on ANZAC day 1921 it was fully paid for, with surplus funds set aside for an annual ANZAC essay contest. There was a large conventional ceremony to mark the unveiling, yet perhaps the most poignant moment was when Mrs. Ansell unfurled the Union Jack. Against the background of male, religious, civic, and military ritual, she represented the grief suffered by the community but especially the mothers who had lost their sons.

A correspondent to the ODT wrote: "I would suggest that the most fitting person to unveil the memorial arch in the North-East Valley is one of the mothers who made a great sacrifice. I am given to understand there is one mother in the North-East Valley district who lost three sons... It would be a gracious act, appreciated by all mothers who lost loved ones... I am, etc., Mother of One Who Did Not Return."

While the heroic military endeavours of the fallen were front at centre in the 1921 ANZAC Day service, the scale of the human loss was not forgotten. With 121 names on the arch there were a lot of grieving mothers in our district. It seems Mrs. Ansell was not a grieving mother herself, however the sheer travesty of the war had a symbolic moment in 1921 and would come to dominate commemorations decades late. And that is another story. -- Steve O'Connor



## DUNEDIN NORTH PROBUS NEWS

Since officially becoming a combined Club for both Ladies and Gentlemen back in May, we have had considerable interest in the form of new enquiries and new members. On the very day that we voted for this change we had a visiting lady approach us about joining. She is now a member and was the very first lady to belong to Dunedin North Probus in its 40 years of existence. This is quite a milestone for the club and a special commemorative certificate was presented to her at our last meeting. Frances Ross will always be 'Our First Lady.'



Since this occurred, we have had enquiries from three further ladies about joining, one of which has already joined at our July meeting. The Club welcomes both Ladies and Gentlemen so it is very pleasing to see this level of interest.

Our Guest Speaker in July was Andrew Dunn, from Parkinsons NZ. He spoke on the variety of ways the condition can manifest itself, how it is treated with modern drugs, and ways that those who suffer it can live their lives very well and positively with good management. A special guest who accompanied him, Heather, from the very active local branch of Parkinsons NZ based in Mosgiel also told her story as to her association with Parkinsons NZ, relating a few stories about experiences of people in everyday situations.

After this presentation there were many questions from the floor, indicating keen interest in this subject. A few knew of people both within and outside their families with the condition.

If you are coming up to retirement or indeed are retired and are looking for more social contact, please contact Peter Begg Probus meetings may be the ideal thing for you.

-- Peter Begg, peabee@xtra.co.nz



## advertisements ngá pánui hokohoko

# art, craft & music

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. **S** 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 Se 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. Substant of the state of the state of the state of the state the state of the state of

#### **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**

#### **MUSIC LESSONS**

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

#### LEARN TROMBONE

From winner of Dunedin Youth Jazz Festival best trombone, and Otago Rockquest best musician - contact Finnbarr ☐ 027 356 2881 or Se fin.mckinlay@gmail.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, nonbinary, 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: **Q** 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 St. Email Peter ➡ peterd0n@ yahoo.com

#### CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU OTEPOTI | 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 G CABDunedin 155 Princes Street

#### 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

#### **COMMUNITY PATROL**

Dunedin North Community Patrol. Assisting Police to ensure our communities are safe to live in. Volunteers welcome. Call Garry for more info: **Q** 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

#### **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**

#### LEGAL ADVICE

#### **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

### 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

New members welcome. Open Wed and Sat mornings, 35 Bonnington Street, over the bridge. Find us on: • North Dunedin Shed Society Inc.

#### **NEV JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

#### **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

#### **TREASURER NEEDED**

Friends of the Dunedin Botanic Garden seeking new Treasurer who will also be member of the Friends committee. Contact Guy Frederick (current Treasurer) for more info: ■ accounts@friendsdbg.co.nz or □ 027 679 3523

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

CREST train at the Botanic Garden. Can you help? Volunteers needed for driving, ticketing, commentary, maintenance. Crestrides.org.nz or CR 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 **Q** 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. **Q** 0508 858 858 or visit **Q** 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

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE, Mon. 7–8.30pm, Õpoho Scout Hall, 128 Opoho Rd.

BALFOLK IMMERSION (mix of various Balfolk dances). Tues. 7–8.30pm, Sacred Heart School (Nga Maara Hall), 63 North Rd.

BALFOLK ET CONTREDANSES (for people who want to go further - group dances only). Wed. 7–8.30pm, Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd.

All classes offer blocks of 5 consecutive classes (dates at **?** Balfolk Dunedin). \$40/ block, \$10 casual. No booking, experience, or partners required.

#### TOITŪ BALFOLK MINIBAL

An afternoon to dance together. Sunday, 27 August, 2–3.30pm in the Josephine Foyer of Toitū Otago Settlers Museum, 31 Queens Garden. FREE!

#### **REGENCY BALL**

An opportunity to step into the Jane Austen era. Join our Monday classes and get ready to twirl and sway like a true Regency character. Planned for September (info in next issue).

#### **BAL D'HIVER**

A night of community, fun, and social dancing. Embrace the groove, live in the moment, and dance your heart out! Sat. 26 Aug. NEV Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd.

Contact Kate Grace balfolkdunedin@gmail.com

#### **CONTRA DANCE**

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

#### 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

#### DUNEDIN BMX CLUB

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

#### 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.

#### FOLK DANCING FOR FUN

#### **INDOOR BOWLS**

Play indoor bowls at the NEV Bowling Club, 139 North Rd, Thurs, 1.30pm start. **C** 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

#### **MASSAGE 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 & MINDFULNESS

#### **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: 🖵 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. **Q** 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. chontelkimiia@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). Lowtech 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

Where children are cherished and individuality is recognised & valued. Independent NFP. High-quality education for 2–5yrs, small session sizes up to 20 children, wellresourced 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 silington.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 **1** 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**

#### **NEV GAME DEV CLUB**

#### **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. 10 Aug, 14 Sep, 12 Oct, 9 Nov, 7 Dec. ■ nevn.pta@gmail.com

#### **NEV PLAYGROUP**

#### **ŌPOHO PLAYCENTRE**

#### **ŌPOHO SCOUTS**

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

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#### **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. **Q** 020 4079 5727 or go to unedinchristadelphians.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 🖵 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. 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 **v** sanfeillet@gmail.com

#### **REO MÃORI**

Reo Māori teaching or tutoring for adults. Groups or individuals. John Birnie: **S** 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 guiet, 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

#### BABYSITTER

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### 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

### **INTERESTED IN** ADVERTISING WITH CLASSIFIEDS?



To add or update a listing please email voice@northeastvalley.org before the 15th of the month.

Koha is appreciated, but not essential, for classifieds.

If you would like to make a donation, the Valley Project bank account number is 03-1726-0005606-000 **Reference: VVDonation** 



What does an editor and a farmer have in common?

They both make good crops.



This is an asset to our community; we are fortunate to have the bookbus visit us the following days:

GARDENS: Opoho Rd. / Shopping Centre Friday 11am -12.15pm

NORTH EAST VALLEY: North Rd. / Watts Rd. Thursday 1.30pm - 2.45pm

**OPOHO: Signal Hill Rd. / Farguharson St.** Thursday 3.15pm - 4.30pm

PINE HILL: Pine Hill Rd. / Forrester Ave. Thursday 6pm - 7pm

(...continued from front page.) As hospital stays became shorter, the need for an inpatient library service was reduced before finally being axed not long ago.

"Gertie" provided 17 years of service before being replaced in 1968 with a purpose-built vehicle named "Victoria". With the amalgamation of borough councils and boards in 1989, Dunedin City became the largest metropolitan area in the country. The mobile library then expanded further to ensure that everyone in the newly reformed city had access, even more so as the National Library Country Service was being restructured. It was seen as a "high impact, low-cost solution, " so two more diesel-powered bookbuses joined the party; "PT" and "PQ". Together, all three buses covered 48 stops around the city.

In recent years, high maintenance costs marked PT and PQ for replacement by the country's first electric bookbus. "Te Pahi Pukapuka" was the start of a "worldclass book service that has continually been provided to Dunedin residents," as stated by Helena Bailey, mobile service chief guru. The prototype e-bookbus holds 2000 books and is better designed for accessibility. You can now get your pram and walker inside, whereas in the older buses, steps were discouraging for many. Helena says she can even get a whole class of kids inside!

Four times a week our Valley communities are visited by Te Pahi Pukapuka. This part of its route is operated by Jo Howard, longest standing Dunedin librarian at 20+ years! Jo offers all the services the central library does; book hires, returns, requests, and recommendations, as well as new memberships and assistance. Pet registrations can be done on the bus, too. Wifi is available for all of the above, plus downloading e-books. Generally, the bookbus is a rather personalised service! For those who find it difficult to visit one of the libraries or buses, Home Service Bags can be delivered with the help of volunteer couriers. Find out more at *dunedinlibraries.govt.nz*.

Jo and Helena found the transition from diesel to electric to be a steep learning curve. Instead of side mirrors, the bus is equipped with video screens, which has taken a bit of getting used to. They often catch themselves reaching for the gear handles that no longer exist. And this new bus is far larger than the previous. Turning and parking can be trying, sometimes enough to cancel the stop completely.

Remember this e-bookbus is the first of its kind. While hiccups are expected, there is much to celebrate! In addition to accessibility and twice the books, Te Pahi Pukapuka is well heated for comfortable browsing. Helena is particularly grateful for this as the bus doors are open to the elements for most of her shifts. Padded seating throughout the bus is appreciated by readers who simply can't wait to dive into a new story. All hireable contents of the bus are in constant rotation, so collections will never get tired.

The Bookbus Mobile Library is a highly valued service provided for our communites, especailly for those who face barriers reaching the city centre. As modern technology continues to place challenges on the reading community, it is important that we support this resource. If you have never hopped onto a bookbus before, today is a good day to do so! Experience a state-of-the-

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What is Tu Manawa?

This fund exists to activate our tamariki/children and

rangatahi/teens through play,

active recreation and sport.

It has an emphasis on

understanding the needs of our

youth and delivering what they

want to do to be active.

art, low-carbon technology in the company of exceptionally lovely and knowledgeable library staff.

-- James Sutherland

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North East Valley Normal School and Sport Otago are working together on a project called Neighbourhood Play Systems (NPS). This project is all about evaluating and assessing play opportunities for tamariki in the community of North East Valley. We wish to approach the community to develop an understanding of play through the eyes of the tamariki by using in-school sessions and community insights. Play refers to more that just playtime at school, and can be an anywhere and anytime activity.

If you live, work, or have tamariki that learn in NEV, we would appreciate if you could take approximately 7-10 minutes to complete a survey. If you don't have any children,



try to answer the questions for those NEV tamariki involved in your life, perhaps nieces and nephews, cousins, or friends' children.

If you have questions or would like more information about the NPS, or if you would like to understand what we mean by play, please contact Georgia Clarke, Play Lead at Sport Otago: gclarke@sportotago.co.nz.





### THE VARIOUS LIBRARY FORMS: MINI EDITION

Lilliput Libraries was initially the 2015 Poems in the Waiting Room project. The first Lilliput Library was installed at 21 Hunt St. when my neighbours, Jan and Murray, offered to be Guardians. At that stage I thought If I could find another nine Lilliput Library Guardians, I would consider the project a success!

Even after the demise of Poems in the Waiting Room, Lilliput Libraries continue to thrive. I'm happy to provide 'top up' or 'start up' boxes of books for Guardians, email Lilliput Library construction plans, direct interested Guardians to a local MENZ Shed, and offer any other support required. The Taieri Blokes have played a huge part in the success of Lilliput Libraries - we appreciate their ongoing commitment and good humour. They've made well over 100 Lilliputs in standard and extralarge sizes.

Currently there are 158 Lilliput Libraries in Dunedin and 350 throughout New Zealand - even two now in Australia! See the map: *lilliput-libraries.netlify.app*.

Book donations may be left at Resene Colorshop on Crawford Street or on the porch of 19 Hunt Street, Andersons Bay. We don't need textbooks, tatty books, books which are ripped/coverless, old, outdated and weary. This is not being fussy, just respectful of our readers.

You can also donate towards the cost of constructing more libraries for the community. Visit *lilliputlibraries*. wordpress.com to do so.

-- Ruth Arnison



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