

SPLASH OF COLOUR HONOURS MODERN MULTICULTURISM

It can't be missed! Travellers along northern George Street are now treated to a commanding collage of brilliantly coloured Ōtepoti Dunedin history and culture. With every journey beneath the Pine Hill Road/SH1 overpass, there is something to admire and reflect on; the city's native flora and fauna, its architectural highlights, Maori occupation and European settlement, current educational and recreational opportunities, and of course, the massive community effort behind this feat of artistry.

The spirited new mural took six years to bring to life, and is the second artwork on the same concrete canvas that has been commissioned by environmental advocacy group, Keep Ōtepoti Dunedin Beautiful (KDB). The project was conceived and fervently managed by Dunedin artist, activist, and museum director, Bruce Mahalski. Bruce simply could not pass up the "big canvas opportunity," believing a mural isn't finished until the whole wall is painted. The project came to full fruition when Otago Community Trust granted crucial funds on top of those already raised by KDB.

In 2024, students from seven local schools closest to the site were invited to design imagery for the seven individual letters of 'Ōtepoti'; the Tangata whenua original name for the region, to be "visually acknowledged in Te Reo for the first time" through the mural. Following workshops, competing students drew their interpretation of the modern multicultural society of their resident city. 14 winning submissions were selected by muralist, Koryu Aoshima, who was hand-picked by Bruce believing he is "the best professional muralist in the South Island."

Koryu artistically translated each school's winning entry into his grand design which he also seamlessly (Continued page #6...)



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A QUICK NOTE FROM OUR MANAGER

Kia ora i te hāpori whānui/hello community! We ended April by celebrating the awesome mahi under the banner of Ōtepoti Community Fruit Harvest (see more details on page 15). This project is all about access to kai and sharing of local produce. He kai kei āku ringaringa/There is food at the end of my own hands. Ngā mihi nui to everyone involved; volunteers, property owners, coordinators, funders and our partner, Our Food Network.

We have a few other wonderful events coming up soon. Mark your diaries for the Winter Warmer free clothing swap and lunch on 7th June. Note that this year it will be hosted at NEVN school hall. We will soon be taking clothing donations for the swap. Keep your eyes on our Facebook. We hope to see you at this very popular, all-ages event!

As always, please drop into our office and help yourself to free frozen meals thanks to the generosity of The Dunedin Bowling Club. They are also offering fresh, hot main meals, hearty salads, muesli and desserts delivered twice weekly to the Valley Project. For these, prices typically range between \$1.50 to \$6.50. See more here: thebowlingclub.co.nz/collections/delivery-orders.

Stay warm over these coming months! -- Jen Rodgers | vpmanager@northeastvalley.org



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2025 WINTER WARMER COMING UP

Come along to the completely **FREE** Winter Warmer Market and community lunch! Warm your bellies with hearty food and then find yourself some extra layers in the pre-loved clothing rummage! Make sure to bring your reusable bags.

The Dunedin Curtain Bank, WellSouth, Lisa the Eco Design Advisor, and other organisations will all be on hand to further assist your winter survival! They will be covering topics on keeping healthy and warm over winter, both inside and out!

The Valley Project will be accepting donations of clean, tidy, winter-appropriate apparel starting the week of May 27th. We hope to receive a good mix of men's, women's, and kids' clothing, as well as bedding, curtains, and winter accessories. Please drop off any donations with the VP staff at 262 North Road by 3pm, 5 June.

NEV Normal School Hall, 248 North Rd, Sat. 7 June, 10.30am - 1pm



SAVE OUR CENTRE

Thank you to everyone who has so far donated to the Save Our Centre campaign. The North East Valley Baptist Community Centre has been placed on the market by the Baptist Union as they review their property portfolios. The potential loss of this facility would be devastating for our community.

The working group, formed of The Valley Project, Valley Community Workspace, and Valley Baptist Community Centre, has created a plan to try and keep the former church in community ownership for generations to come. The plans for the space, which have been outlined in the recently published Special Edition Valley Voice, envision a space of huge potential for development for the community. More copies of the Special Edition are available at the Valley Project.

Further support in this campaign is crucial! If you would like to make a donation, 'buy a brick', or offer a loan to the group to secure the building, please get in touch asap: office@nevbctrust.org. Donate now through the Raisely site by scanning this QR code. 🙌



The working group will keep everyone updated on progress via our Facebook page **Save Our Centre**, The Valley Blog, and The Valley Voice. Once again, thanks immensely for your support! -- James Sutherland

save the dates

Crop Swap	Sun. 25 May
Winter Warmer	Sat. 7 June
NEV Litter Pick-Up	Thu. 5 June
NEV Garden Orientation	Sun. 8 June
Crop Swap	Sun. 29 June
NEV Garden Orientation	Sun. 6 July
Valley Resilience Festival	September

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We'd love to hear from you! Send us your local photos, stories, announcements, etc. Next deadline for newspaper copy is 4 JUNE, 2025.

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.



Open Valley Urban Ecosanctuary

HELP ERADICATE PEST SPECIES IN OUR URBAN ECOSANCTUARY

Join our urban ecosanctuary community in a vital initiative: a predator trapping program designed to protect our precious native species and restore the unique ecosystems that make North East Valley and New Zealand such a remarkable place to live.

Open Valley Urban Ecosanctuary is in need of volunteers who have noticed evidence of pests (rats, mice, possums, or mustelids) in their North East Valley backyards. You will be provided with the needed tools to engage in hands-on conservation efforts while also contributing to a research initiative aimed at gathering information regarding the impact domesticated pets have on predator species in backyard spaces. This program not only benefits our ecosystems but also promotes personal well-being and strengthens our community bonds. Volunteering as a team fosters connections and builds a sense of belonging, strengthening our community as we work towards preserving the natural heritage of New Zealand.

We are well aware of how time-poor everyone is these days; this year-long program will only take a few minutes per week (averaging less than an hour per month). Together, we can make a significant impact on improving our local biodiversity, creating greater ecological resilience, and fostering a deeper connection to our natural surroundings. To show our appreciation, all participating households will be given a voucher for a free plant/tree from the Open Valley Urban Ecosanctuary Propagation Nursery.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to be part of a community conservation effort. Your involvement matters, and together we can make a difference. Please call 473 8614 or email OpenVUE@northeastvalley.org if you can join your neighbours in this conservation initiative to protect our unique native wildlife in North East Valley. -- Jennie Wagner-Gorton

"NEV IS GOING TO THE BIRDS!" NZ GARDEN BIRD SURVEY 2025

Keen to connect with nature, flex your citizen science muscles, and help protect our feathered friends? The NZ Garden Bird Survey is back from 28 June to 6 July, and your backyard is a key research site!

Birds are fantastic indicators of ecosystem health. Your counts help scientists track trends in native and introduced species within our beautiful urban ecosanctuary and across Aotearoa.

You don't need to be a bird expert – just set aside one hour, find a comfy spot (thermos of tea optional but encouraged), and record the birds you see. Stuck between a tūi and a blackbird? No worries - gardenbirdssurvey.nz has easy ID guides, and we have a local expert from University of Otago who has generously offered to personally assist NEV community members complete counts in their backyards.

This is community research at its finest – a moment to pause, tune into nature, and be part of something bigger. Who knows? You might just spot a kererū doing loop-the-loops or a pīwakawaka showing off its aerial acrobatics.

So grab your binoculars, invite the whānau, and join thousands of others in this joyful backyard adventure. Let's count for conservation! Visit gardenbirdssurvey.nz for more information about the survey, or email openvue@northeastvalley.org if you would like assistance in your backyard count.

-- Jennie Wagner-Gorton

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for NEV Backyard Trapping Research Project

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

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Thursday, 05 June 10-11am
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Saturday, 07 June 10:30am-1pm
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Crop Swap NEV



LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 3-4pm
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GROW MORE IN LESS SPACE WITH VERTICAL GARDENING



Photo: Brent Riechers

Photo: Liza Ringgold

Have you ever stood in your garden and wondered “How can I grow more vegetables?” If you have, you probably tried to work out what area to expand your existing vegetable garden into. But how about using the large amount of free space you have available to you – by going upwards?

Vertical gardening has many benefits; small growing beds and containers, less soil preparation and digging, more plant variety in much less space, less weeding, less risk of plant diseases and pests thanks to improved air circulation, easier tending and harvesting (all at eye-level), and less bending over.

Also, vertically-grown vegetables taste better. Vine foliage collects more chlorophyll than a bush variety of the same vegetable, and produces better flavour.

This is a subject that could spread over many pages, but here are some of the main points to get you thinking about the possibilities for your garden:

SMALLER BEDS TO PREPARE AND MAINTAIN: You need a bed only as large as the root systems of the plants. With vertical gardening, you prepare only a small plot of soil. These beds require less compost, fertiliser and water, and a little mulch.

SUPPORTS AND TRELLISES ARE EASY TO MAKE, AND CHEAP TO BUY: You can make your own from straight branches or canes tied together in a criss-cross pattern, or buy ready-made trellises from hardware and garden shops. These can be just a few centimetres wide (enough for a couple of climbing beans), or they can extend for five or six metres. You can find a lot of information about trellis types, construction and usage online.

You can also make a pyramid support with three or four long vertical canes set a metre apart, which slope inwards and are tied together at their tops. With such an arrangement, you could potentially harvest the same amount of vegetables from a one-square-metre garden plot as you would from a conventional garden bed a metre wide and five metres long.

Another way of placing vertical supports is to make vertical trellises set across a long garden bed at intervals of two metres, so that you grow vegetables up the trellis with ground-growing vegetables (carrots, beetroot etc.) between them.

VERTICAL POLES, POTS AND CONTAINERS FOR SMALL SPACES: Place a vertical post at your chosen spot, secured with wires or a bracket to a nearby wall or fence. Get out your carpentry tools (or persuade your neighbour to) and fit shelves all the way up the post. Then place pots filled with fertile soil on the shelves, and start growing. An alternative is to place a large pot filled with soil wherever you have a spare small space, place a pole in it, then secure a narrow length of trellis up the post.

Yet another alternative is to place small shelves for pots along a fence or wall at different heights. This can be particularly effective if your fence or wall catches a lot of sun and creates a warm area for your vegetable plants.

FEWER PESTS, DISEASES, AND PROBLEMS TO HANDLE: When you begin to garden vertically, you'll notice a difference in the

health of your plants. Pests and diseases are not as destructive because vines and crops are lifted off the ground and because air can circulate more freely between leaves and branches. Ripening fruit and vegetables remain clean, show fewer deformities, and are less susceptible to rot. You'll easily spot any diseases or insect infestations before they become widespread. Also, pruning is much easier with vertical gardens.

INCREASED YIELDS IN A SMALL SPACE: By concentrating on growing upward in columns rather than outward in rows, you're reducing the soil footprint needed to grow plants while encouraging denser growth. Most trellises and supports can accommodate plants growing on both sides. Typically, climbing varieties of vegetables (especially beans) produce far more than a dwarf bush variety – because they continue to produce for a long time (sometimes all season long), whereas bush varieties are often exhausted after a few weeks. When you look at world-record harvests for tomatoes, all the winning plants were staked to grow vertically, with some growing more than six metres high and producing hundreds of fruit.

Not all plants suitable for vertical gardening need to be self-climbing. Even low-growing plants like lettuces and peppers can be grown in a space-saving column by using pots stacked on small shelves placed up a pole.

VEGETABLES FOR VERTICAL GARDENING:

Many types of beans and peas: A single planting of beans will remain productive the entire growing season, provided that the pods are picked regularly to promote new flowering and pod formation.

Beets, cabbages, silver beet, chard, lettuce, and peppers can be planted in pots and on shelves or poles.

Cucumbers were intended by nature to climb with their grasping tendrils. They grow particularly well up a pyramid-shaped structure, which allows the fruit to hang down freely.

Melons, zucchini, pumpkins really benefit from vertical gardening, but ensure that the supports are strong. If the fruits grow particularly large and heavy, you may have to support them with netting tied to the supporting trellis.

All varieties of herbs can be grown in pots on shelves or poles.

Fruits: Blackberries, raspberries, grapes, and kiwifruit are ideal. Around the world, strawberries are often grown in tower-pots.

Apples, pears, plums, apricots, and peaches can all be espaliered; grown against wires or canes, and their pliable branches tied onto horizontal supports to grow along them.

-- Hector Guthrie



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Sun. 25 May 1pm	Sat. 14 June 9:30am	Sun. 6 July 1pm			
Sat. 31 May 9:30am	Sun. 22 June 1pm	Sat. 12 July 9:30am			

(...continued from front page.) integrated with the pre-existing—and evidently deeply cherished—"Fechner Cats" painting. It was always the intention of KDB to preserve the marching black cats as they hold sentiment for the group, too; it was their first ever project 36 years ago. In 1989, local illustrator, Cornelia Fechner, submitted the design which was then painted by students of Otago Girls High School. Koryu beautifully combined the old and new artwork, even bringing Cornelia's tree stump to life with a towering tree.

The completed Ōtepoti mural was officially unveiled on Sunday, 23 March, 2025. Beneath their assigned letter, students proudly posed with their original art submissions while a karakia was led by mana whenua from Kati Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki.

Prizegiving followed in Woodhaugh Gardens where KDB chairwoman, Cr Mandy Mayhem, graciously acknowledged everyone involved. For their winning entries, these students were gifted certificates, KDB swag, and passes to Orokonui Ecosanctuary: Frost Bas and Chelsea Seeley of George Street School, Mila Hinch, Scarlett Lane and Daniel Morgan of Ōpoho School, Jiachun (An Xin) Chang and Hannah Dewdney of Liberton, Esengo Pointe of Dunedin North Intermediate, Freddie Fraser, Beth Marslin and Sylvia Brook of Sacred Heart, Shahed Alibrahem and Isabella Duder of Pine Hill, and Jae Lafaele of North East Valley Normal.

Cr Mayhem revealed the mural was dedicated to the memory of Upoko David Tohurangi Ellison with the blessing of his whanau. She stated David was engaged in this mural process "every step of the way." He was historically well involved in the North East Valley community and its schools, as well as the Valley Project.

David's name, along with the students' and the many others that were a part of this beautification project, will be commemorated with a mounted plaque. Donations for this finishing touch are welcomed at givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-paint-a-welcome-to-the-city.

-- Krysha Brzuza



DUNEDIN NORTH PROBUS NEWS

Probus has been busy with the AGM and some great day trips while the weather was kind. The plans for the excursions were hatched during summer recess. Members of the committee got busy and brought these from being just nice ideas to realities.

FRUIT TRIP TO ROXBURGH REGION, AND RETURN VIA THE LONELY GRAVES, MARCH 2025: Once the word went out to members via email, there was an immediate keen interest for the trip. To be well organised, an itinerary was produced. Departure was sharply punctual which allowed for a Lawrence coffee stop, plenty of time for visiting fruit and craft stalls, and a very relaxed lunch at Bengier Garden Café. The return trip via the track to the Lonely Graves historic site was also very interesting. The cost was reasonable and the weather was great.

LUNCH TRIP TO RIVERSTONE RESTAURANT AND CRAFT SHOPS, APRIL 2025: Again, once the word was out, the trip quickly filled. The itinerary included a Palmerston coffee stop, a visit to Rainbow Confectionary in Oamaru, and time to have a good browse around the craft shops in and around Riverstone Restaurant. The lunch was very relaxing and in a great setting which was enjoyed by all present. Producing an itinerary and starting on time prevented time delays, late return, etc. The club has not undertaken day trips like this for some time and ideas are already on the table for the coming Summer!



OUR ANNUAL AGM was held in March with a good attendance. President Frances Ross gave her annual State Of The Club report, and Treasurer Paul Nelson read the annual finance report. A new committee was elected for the 2025/26 year, after which two awards were presented.

The Bob Todd Trophy—donated by the Todd family after President Robert Todd passed away while in office in 2004—is for the person who gives an outstanding contribution to the club for the year. Secretary Peter Begg was awarded this for 2024/25.

A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Wayne Jefcoate for his very capable and steady hand as driver for both of our recent trips. A good driver contributes greatly to the relaxation on each of the trips. Members expressed significant appreciation for this.

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR THIS YEAR: In February, Mark Ryan, CEO of Summerset Retirement Village, presented an outstanding talk on retirement villages generally, as well as excellent information about Summerset. Also presented was the planning and legal steps to go through for moving to a retirement village, and a broad summary of probable costs. In March, Paul Pope, Councillor and Chairman of the Peninsula Community board, presented a very good series of slides on the early development of the city, including North East Valley, the harbour areas, how the city was before and soon after the gold rush at Gabriels Gully.

If you are near to retirement, or retired and appreciate some social contact, you may well enjoy the Probus Club environment. Contact Secretary Peter Begg: 455 1256 or peabee@xtra.co.nz

VALLEY ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: TWO FRIENDS FELT CREATIONS



Suzanne and Bronwyn, two friends with a shared passion for felting, have been crafting beautiful wool creations since 2022. Their collection includes a wide variety of handmade felted pieces, and they also offer commission work—specialising in recreating beloved pets in 3D.

What started as an impulse buy of a needle felting kit featuring a Pukeko quickly blossomed into a beloved hobby. As their homes filled with charming felted characters and they ran out of personal pets to recreate, they decided to take the next step. They launched a Facebook page to showcase their work to a wider audience. Both friends share a love for sculpting wool into 3D characters, finding inspiration in everything from a simple coaster on a coffee table to beloved children's book characters.

One of the challenges they encountered was sourcing the right materials. When the only Dunedin store catering to felters

closed, they had to search online. Fortunately, they discovered a variety of suppliers providing the core wool and the vibrant colours needed to bring their creations to life.


Commissioned pet recreations have become a popular part of their work, and each new project is a learning experience. The desire to achieve lifelike results has led them to explore advanced techniques, from constructing armatures for better structure, to crafting their own glass eyes for a perfect match. Mastering wool blending techniques is another essential skill for creating realistic fur textures. Thankfully, the felting community worldwide is generous with knowledge!

Of course, felting comes with its own unique hazards. As the duo quickly learned, watching a favourite TV show while felting is not advisable—the needles are extremely sharp, and a missed stab can lead to painful consequences!

Bronwyn particularly enjoys working on commissions, though they can be time-consuming. The pressure to capture a pet's likeness as accurately as possible is a challenge she embraces, but she balances it by creating fun little characters in-between projects. These playful creations provide a chance to practice different techniques and bring immense satisfaction when someone falls in love with and purchases a piece.

You can explore their work on Facebook or find their creations for sale at the Valley Project where 20% of all sales go back to support the VP. Bring home a one-of-a-kind felted treasure!

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ASHES TO ASHES: WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S HEALTH RISK

The neatly stacked firewood in our garage starts making its way up to our house in an accelerated fashion at this time of year. And as I watch ours and our neighbours' smoke starting to snake its way skyward from our chimneys I wonder: how good—or bad—is the Valley's air quality?

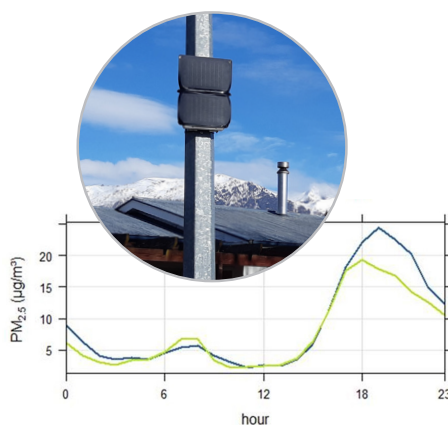
I'm guessing it's OK – with all the wind we get in the Valley, most smoke gets whisked away before you can say 'sodding nor'easter'! But what about those still winter evenings when the cold air sinks to the bottom of the Valley, holding the smoke down?

Sitting around a fire feels like one of the most primal and natural things to do. But, burning wood or other fuel, like coal, releases a bunch of gases mixed with teeny-tiny particles of partially-burnt wood, aka smoke, and unsurprisingly breathing this in is not good for you.

Particles, or particulate matter in technical speak, that are less than 10 microns wide (PM-10 for short - about a fifth of the width of a human hair) can get stuck in your nose and throat, causing breathing difficulties for some. And particles less than 2.5 microns wide (PM-2.5) can get deeper into your lungs and even enter your bloodstream, causing lung cancer, heart problems, and possibly neurological disorders.

Sarah Harrison, the ORC's air quality scientist, says they don't regularly monitor air quality in North Dunedin. This is because air quality monitoring is really expensive and air quality is not as big an issue for us here compared to inland towns like Alexandra and Arrowtown. However, from July to September 2021

the ORC did some short-term PM-2.5 monitoring across the region, including at the Gardens corner and at the North Road/Calder Avenue intersection in the Valley. The results showed a typical 'home heating' signature, with PM-2.5 concentrations peaking in the evening,



The average air quality results across a day for Gardens corner (green line), and the corner of North Road and Calder Avenue (blue line), June to September 2021, showing a small morning peak in air pollution around 7-8am and a much larger evening peak. (Source: Otago Regional Council)

Two Outdoor Dust Information Nodes, (ODINs) like that pictured above, sat three metres up lamp posts in North East Valley silently inhaling the collective flatulence of NEV's chimneys (and car exhausts) for three months in the winter of 2021. (Source: niwa.co.nz)

with a smaller morning peak, indicating that most of the particles are coming from home fires. The Valley's air quality was pretty average - not terrible, but not great either, especially on still, cold

nights. But given there is no 'safe' level of particles, it makes you think twice about lighting a fire.

So, what to do? I, for one, spend every evening for six months of the year perched in front of our woodburner like an overgrown cat. ORC's data in regularly monitored locations show that air quality is slowly improving as less people burn coal, more homes are insulated, and old wood burners are replaced with more efficient ones. However, Sarah gave me some hot tips for belching less smoke:

- ✓ Make sure your wood is dry. That is, it has sat, chopped up, for at least a year before you burn it. That way, it will burn better and make less smoke.
- ✓ Burn only untreated, unpainted wood. Burning rubbish, particularly plastics, or treated/painted wood, sends all manner of nasties up the chimney for you and your neighbours to breathe in. Don't be that person.
- ✓ Place your wood in the fire so there is plenty of air around the logs, and make sure they are not too big. The more air the fire gets the better the wood burns, and the less smoke is made. Don't let the fire smoulder.
- ✓ Go outside sometimes and actually check how much smoke is coming out of your chimney (which should be not much, if any).

The ORC is currently reviewing its air quality strategy – a tricky balance of helping people stay healthy and helping them stay warm (and therefore...healthy). They did a pile of community consultation last year and are aiming to produce a new air quality plan in 2026. There's a lot more information on their website at rb.gy/ksdpma. -- Helen Jack

ORC REMINDS COMMUNITIES TO BURN DRY FIREWOOD THIS WINTER

Air quality becomes degraded during winter due to the use of wood burners combined with cold, calm weather, and the occurrence of inversion layers. ORC is currently running its annual **Burn Dry, Breathe Easy** campaign highlighting ways to ensure your firewood is dry for burning in winter, and the effects that burning wet wood and other items can have on air quality and the environment.

Woodsmoke pollution can be reduced when you burn only dry wood and keep your fire hot and not smouldering. Always make sure the wood you are burning is dry. It's better for you, your home, and the environment.

Find out more at:
ORC.GOV.NZ/BURNDRY



BURN DRY, BREATHE EASY TIPS:

- 🔥 Stock up on firewood before Christmas to allow it to dry out before the following winter.
- 🔥 Stack your firewood off the ground, out of the rain and with plenty of airflow so it dries faster.
- 🔥 Use a wood moisture meter to check if your firewood is dry enough to burn. Less than 25% moisture means more heat and reduced smoke.
- 🔥 A well-built fire of scrunched up paper/firelighters, kindling, and firewood with plenty of airflow ensures a well-heated home and less smoke.
- 🔥 Don't burn wet or green firewood, treated wood or household rubbish as they can release harmful toxins.
- 🔥 Reduce smoke overnight by making sure you can still see flames when you turn your fire down.

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UPPER JUNCTION REMEMBERS

For the past three years, Otago Military History Group (OMHG) has been running a community service at Upper Junction RSA Memorial since the group restored it in 2020. The memorial is located adjacent to the former Upper Junction School. A windswept hilltop site, it provides stunning Dunedin city views.

Over 65 people attended the service this year. The service has been growing steadily over the recent years since the inception of annual services. This service is now an integral part of the North Dunedin ANZAC Day traditions.

The group restored the memorial in 2020 with the assistance of various community groups. The overgrown site, which hardly resembled a memorial, has now been landscaped, its structures repainted, and information panels installed.

Rededicated in 2021 by former Governor General Sir Jerry Matepare, the memorial has provided a space for members of the public to remember the sacrifices our locals made in the first World War.

An acknowledgment is also due to John and Mary-Jane Campbell, who have tended the site for many years. They have recently added a poppy mural on the side of their shed at the site boundary. The artwork is a beautiful addition and is worth a stop when travelling North Road through Upper Junction.

Once again, thank you to the OMHG for organising the service, and also to Mary-Jane and John Campbell for their continued guardianship of the site.

If you would like to get involved with the work OMHG does, please contact project@northeastvalley.org and we will put you in touch with their team. -- James Sutherland



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USE OF BUS BIKE RACKS RESUMED

Bike rack use on ORC's Orbus services in Dunedin have resumed as of 15 April. The use of bikes racks are permitted 24/7.

ORC's Transport Manager, Lorraine Cheyne, thanked the public for their patience and acknowledged the frustration felt by some passengers.

"We're very pleased to be able to resume the full bike rack service in Dunedin initially, and in Queenstown from the beginning of May, as all modifications to buses are completed," she says.

"Our teams and operators have been working hard to get recent changes implemented," she says.

The temporary night-time restriction on the use of bike racks on Dunedin and Queenstown buses started on 2 November, after NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) issued a safety notice.

At the time Ms Cheyne said the safety notice has brought to our attention that carrying bikes at night can potentially obscure headlamps on some bus models.

Although only some bus models were affected, Ms Cheyne said ORC had to restrict the use of bike racks on all buses, day and night, to ensure the buses carrying bikes still complied with the Land Transport rule on vehicle lighting.

She highlighted the NZTA directive was all about public safety. -- ORC



HAVE YOUR SAY ON CHANGES TO SH1

The NZ Transport Agency has developed a plan to make SH1 through Dunedin safer and easier for people to use, and now your feedback is requested until Friday, 23 May, 2025.

The plan focuses on the SH1 one-way system from the intersection at Pine Hill Road/Great King Street to the Andersons Bay Road/SH1 intersection at The Oval. It builds on earlier work in 2023, when it was decided to keep the existing one-way system.

There is ongoing concern about safety at the Pine Hill Road/Great King Street intersection where drivers have limited visibility which increases the risk of accidents.

Various options have been explored to improve safety while keeping traffic flowing smoothly. NZTA's preferred option involves realigning the SH1 Pine Hill Road uphill lane about 10 meters into a small area of the Town Belt to improve visibility and safety for drivers at the Pine Hill Road/Great King Street intersection. This will also make the intersection more efficient for those driving to North East Valley.

Other options considered: Moving the limit line (where vehicles must stop at an intersection) on Great King Street forward to improve driver visibility uphill; Add traffic signals to the intersection and new crossings for pedestrians and cyclists; Build an overpass over SH1.

Copies of the Dunedin Safety Improvements pamphlet are available at the Valley Project during reception hours. Find more at <http://nzta.govt.nz/sh-1dunedin-safety-improvements> or email sh1dunedin@ntza.govt.nz.



Photo: NZTA Facebook

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A: We are still in the process of trying to entice a fuel station back onto the property here at 134 North Road. Many suppliers have an electric vehicle department with which we could negotiate an installation of a charger or two for this community.

Unfortunately the bigger players in fuel don't see enough volume here in the Valley, so this has been tough going. We understand how valuable both a fuel station and electric vehicle charging station would be for Valley residents, so we won't be giving up on this any time soon!

As for residential charging, a registered electrician is required for installing a home charging device. They will ensure the charger is mounted appropriately and safely. They will do an electrical audit of your home and determine the type of charger you need based on the type of EV you own. They will provide you with certificates of compliance and electrical safety before the charger is employed.

When charging, it is unsafe to use extension cables, portable sockets or multi-boxes, a single socket to charge multiple vehicles at one time, and EV adaptors not supplied by your vehicle's manufacturer. It's not a good idea to charge on the street, either.

For EV owners without a driveway or garage, it's important to know that under the DCC's Rooding Bylaw, electric cords running across footpaths and grass berms must be consented. DCC supports use of EV's, but is concerned with footpath safety issues. If a cable causes injury, then the owner can be found liable. Best practice is to charge vehicles within your property, otherwise look for an alternative solution (a neighbour's house) or make use of public charging stations.

Remember EV's and hybrids are welcomed at DJ Auto. They still need tire rotations, after all, as well as maintenance of alignment, suspension, brakes, lights, window wipers, etc.

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Property Insights from the Front Line

It's been an interesting few months. Global uncertainty—sparked in part by the so-called 'Trump effect'—has dented confidence for some. But despite the headlines, people are still buying and selling homes. If you're transacting in the same market, your net position often works out much the same.

Well-presented, realistically priced homes—backed by targeted, professional marketing—are still selling well. Our team has recently sold four properties over \$1.5 million, including one to a Singapore-based buyer who purchased after watching our

creative video and a Zoom walkthrough.

First-home buyers remain active, with strong demand for well-maintained, warm, family-friendly homes—especially in the hill suburbs. Many are avoiding the designated flood zones of South Dunedin, and sunny, north-facing properties in Opoho and The Valley are in hot demand. If you're selling in these areas and your home's well presented, chances are it will attract strong interest—and my job is to help you get the best possible result.

Market Statistics – Last 12 Months

Opoho, NEV, Mount Cargill & Upper Junction

Number of Sales	95				
Median Sale Price	\$527,000	1 yr ago \$500,000	3 yrs ago \$580,000	5 yrs ago \$406,000	
By number of bedrooms	1	2	3	4	5+
	\$420,000	\$450,000	\$534,000	\$575,000	\$699,000

If you're thinking about selling—or just want to talk property—I'd be happy to meet for a chat, whether that's at your home or over a coffee at somewhere like the Blacks Road Grocer (my local favourite)

“Do I need a written appraisal before signing with an agent?”

Yes—this is not only best practice, it's also required. Before you sign an agency agreement, your agent must provide a written appraisal that reflects current market conditions and is supported by recent comparable sales. If no close comparisons exist, the agent should explain this clearly in the appraisal.

It's important to note that a proper appraisal isn't something that can be done remotely. A good agent will visit your home in person, note its key features—like double glazing, renovations, or outdoor improvements—and then provide a realistic estimate based on real market data.

More than that, a professional agent will take the time to sit down with you and talk through the appraisal. You'll have a chance to ask questions or point out anything that might have been missed. This isn't just about the number—it's also your chance to get a sense of the agent's attention to detail, communication skills, and how they're likely to handle your sale.

“Should I get a LIM before putting my property on the market?”

Short answer—yes. While it's not mandatory, supplying a current LIM (Land Information Memorandum) before your home goes on the market is a smart move.

A LIM is a council-issued report that outlines key facts about your property—things like building consents, zoning, flood risk, and any outstanding issues. Providing this upfront signals transparency and helps build trust with potential buyers.

It also helps avoid nasty surprises. If a buyer uncovers something unexpected—like unconsented work or a flood risk—late in the process, they may ask for a price reduction, delay the settlement, or even pull out. Supplying a LIM early gives you the chance to clarify or resolve these issues before they become deal-breakers.

It can also speed up the process. A LIM can take up to 10 working days to order. By having it ready to go, you enable buyers to act more quickly—reducing delays and uncertainty.

Some issues in a LIM can also affect a buyer's ability to get insurance or finance. Being upfront about any risks helps reduce last-minute complications and protects you from post-sale disputes.

So while not legally required, providing a current LIM is a smart, proactive step that helps make the process smoother, faster, and more transparent for everyone involved.

Let's Catch Up

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Peter Gale is a long-time Ōpoho resident; and also the agent/licensee and advisor for NZ Property Solutions

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THREE LEFT FEET

Social dance group. No experience or partners necessary. Folk & traditional European dance. \$5 or \$7.50 per...

couple, Nga Maara hall, 6-7pm Thursdays. ☎ Marilyn 027 446 3358

WEKA WELLNESS

Community mental health sessions, Mondays 6-8pm at WEKA hub, 31 Stafford St. level 2. Follow us on FB to keep updated 🌐 WEKADUNEDIN ✉ wekadunedin@gmail.com

ZEN MEDITATION

Traditional Zen for experienced & beginners. 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

families, kids, and teens

AURORA TAMARIKI EARLY YEARS CARE AND KINDY

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GO! YOUTH GROUP

Group for youth in school years 7-13. Meet 6pm Saturdays during school terms in Hope Church hall, 304 Pine Hill Road. Games, food, activities, outings. Beckha ☎ 022 023 5249 or Carlos ☎ 027 646 4628.

INTERGENERATIONAL PLAYGROUP

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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. ✉ nevn.pta@gmail.com

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NEV PLAYGROUP

0-5yrs, variety of experiences to enhance child development and meet other local families. Free morning tea and lunch provided for adults. Please supply child's morning tea. Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd, 9.30am-1.30pm Wednesdays. ✉ nev.playgroup@nevbctrust.org

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ŌPOHO SCOUTS

Keas, 4-5pm, Tuesdays; Cubs, 6pm-7.30pm, Thursdays; 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 Sundays (term time only) DNI (tech area). All welcome! No charge. ☎ 020 4079 5727 or go to 🌐 dunedinchristadelphians.org

further education

BEGINNER ENGLISH FOR CHINESE

Beginner English conversation group for senior Chinese new to English language. Shared meal. Small contribution to costs. Improve simple conversation. No English necessary. Tian: ☎ 029 02 0009 68 🌐 254783519@qq.com

COM2TECH DIGI DROP-IN

Community-led group offering range of free classes to upskill communities in communications technology & online safety. 10am-12pm Mondays at Valley Project. ✉ office@com2.tech 🌐 com2.tech com2tech ☎ 027 256 9182

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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 NEValley/Dunedin schools. Tutor Kiri Scott, certified practitioner in Feuerstein method. ☎ 021 118 9882 🌐 www.icelp.info ✉ Thinkit.fie@yahoo.com

INSPIRING MATHS CLASSES

In Term 3 Inspiring Maths Classes is moving to St Clair. New home has a dedicated teaching space, its own entrance, simpler parking, and easy bus access. For more info: 📍 Inspiring Maths Classes 🌐 inspiringmaths.blogspot.com ✉ Sandra.Dunedin@gmail.com

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wanted to help me improve my French. Txt Pauline ☎ 027 717 0282

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housing

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1 bedroom self-contained cottage or flat with garden space, up to \$300pw. Tidy, reliable tenant. Can provide references. ☎ Stacy 028 464 9681

trading corner

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BABYSITTER

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

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GARAGE WANTED

Dry and secure for single car, preferably in Ōpoho or thereabouts. ☎ Douglas 021 1567 667 or ✉ dczeadin1@gmail.com

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

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VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR LIGHT MOWING/WEEDING

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WELDING REPAIRS

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church services

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George St. Normal School Hall, 10am

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END OF SEASON BLISS

Tamanuiterā helps us celebrate the end of the Ōtepoti Community Fruit Harvest season anō/again.

As a community we have just celebrated the completion of the 2024/2025 harvest season. This project was all about the sharing and redistribution of locally picked fruit from those whom had bounteous crop onto those with limited access to free, healthy kai.

This year we had two lovely and diligent coordinators, Angus and Karena, who connected volunteer pickers with fruit tree owners. They ensured fruit collections made their way to the people, often via the Pātaka Kai Open Food Pantries, and also through the Bowling Club and preserving workshops. Angus and Karena spent many hours frequently monitoring the ripeness of trees, coordinating pickers, and delivering and redistributing the fruit. Ngā mihi nui ki a korua/ Big thanks to you both!

Gratitude is also due to Our Food Network for managing this initiative alongside The Valley Project. Another successful season is also thanks to our collective funders (DCC, The Otago Healthcare Trust, and Lotteries) and all of the volunteers who put in a total of 113.7 hours of mahi. And of course, thank you to the tree owners for sharing their produce with the wider community - we are all very grateful!

We really lucked out on gloriously hot weather on the 27th April when we hosted the Harvest Festival at North East Valley Normal School. It was a way for community members, who may not have been involved in the actual harvesting, to 'taste the fruits of its labour' through apple pressing and a preserves competition.

This year volunteers at the festival pressed 170 litres of juice while dancing along to wonderful original and cover songs by local musicians. Festival guests, too, enjoyed the musical talents of Rohana Weaver, Paul Allen, James Dignan, and George Warren.

The second annual 'Jam Off' produced a number of hits among taster-testers, too. Competition winners were Susi with a savoury cucumber relish and Ani with sweet kiwifruit marmalade.

In the midst of the festival and just as the juicing supply ran out, volunteers were tipped off about a neighbouring tree still dripping with apples. A final fruit pick spontaneously commenced and the apple press got back to work not long after.

This project was a positive and successful collaborative undertaking. Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini/Success is not the work of one, but the work of many. -- *Jen Rodgers*

The Community Fruit Harvest email and phone will not be monitored until next season, but email harvest@ourfoodnetwork.org.nz with your details anytime if you want to add your fruit tree to the picking list or if you would like to become a volunteer picker later this year.



Photos: Hakan Oktay & Krysha Brzuza



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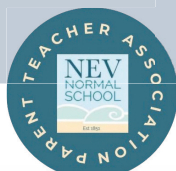
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MIDWINTER MAGIC EMERGING FROM DEPTHS OF VALLEY DEN

Iconic Dunedin event, The Dunedin Midwinter Carnival, returns this June 27 and 28, transforming First Church and surrounding grounds into a luminous celebration of light and imagination with the theme *Wings of Wonder*.

Fly into the winter night, where wonder knows no bounds and shimmering lanterns take flight. From our own native birds and mythical creatures that soar through the sky, to the graceful wings of butterflies.

Let your imagination take wing as you weave through thoughtfully curated lantern displays. Roving costumed performers will manoeuvre through the crowds. Brophy Aerials will be frolicking high in the trees. Our lantern processions will wind around through the grounds. Plus live music and local dance troupes, too.

The ever popular projections will radiate from First Church and Burns Hall, and there will be new interactive elements thanks to the collaboration between the Carnival and Otago Polytechnic College of Art, Design & Architecture.

Community workshops will be held at the Meridian Mall, with new adult Wine and Design workshops at Tūhura Otago Museum later at the end of May.

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