



N.E.V. NORMAL CELEBRATES SILVER ENVIROSCHOOL ACCREDITATION

Singing, gift-giving, and gratitude were plenteous at North East Valley Normal School during a celebratory assembly marking a major milestone in their Enviroschools journey. Last month, NEVNS was awarded the prestigious Silver Accreditation for incorporating the Enviroschools' Five Guiding Principles over the past twelve years across all areas of school life.

The nationwide, action-based environmental programme empowers Kiwi children to design and lead sustainability projects in their schools, neighborhoods, and country. 1,002 New Zealand early childhood centres and schools are current participants - a hundred are in Otago alone. The Enviroschools kaupapa is about creating a healthy, peaceful, sustainable world through learning and taking action together.

NEVNS became an Enviroschool in 2010, earning Bronze Accreditation eight years later for laying their foundations and committing to a long-term sustainability journey. Silver status has now been achieved

for developing, maintaining, and expanding on projects such as communications with the ORC and DCC around climate emergency, and participation in the School Strike for Climate with a haka for Papatūānuku. Unsupervised composting duties and organised game play are also contributors, as well as ongoing teaching and learning around sustainability, gardening activity and education, and integration of Māori culture and language.

Students are fully involved in planning and making decisions around actions, collaborating with countless school staff, whānau, community members, businesses, and organisations. In the honoured presence of Mayor Aaron Hawkins, *(continued on page #11...)*

THE 2022 LOCAL ELECTIONS

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There are still plenty of free rapid antigen tests (RATs) available for community members sharing a home with someone Covid-positive. Send a friend to reception to collect a RAT pack or two

for you anytime during our opening hours. Give us a ring if you'd prefer a contact-free pick-up (**03 473 8614**). You can even tap on our office door if the lights are on. To find your nearest testing location in the Southern district, call **0800 VIRUS19 (0800 847 8719)** or visit wellsouth.nz.

The Fred Hollows community room is available for hire without a capacity limit. Check the bookings calendar on our website (www.northeastvalley.org/services/community-room-bookings), then book Fred Hollows by emailing pip@nevn.school.nz or calling **03 473 8246**. Please practise healthy habits when using the room! Sanitise hands and surfaces, sneeze in your elbow, etc. The community thanks you!



Community members are welcome to the Valley Project reception area for the provision of these services:

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Run a business or group in the Northern end of Dunedin city? Join the Valley Project Community Directory! Listings are entirely free!

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A LETTER FROM OUR NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRPERSON, JAMES SUTHERLAND

Kia Ora koutou. You spoke... we listened. One of the outcomes from our recent AGM was that you, the readers of our Valley Voice, wanted to know about what we are up to at the Valley Project. So going forward you are going to be graced by a column written by me on behalf of the Executive which runs the governance and strategic side of the Valley Project. We are a group of around eight people who are highly qualified and give a massive amount of energy and time back to our community through the Project. Not only do I want to inform you with what we have been up to, but also highlight the good that is happening in the Valley.... to celebrate the best of us.

A new executive was formed after the previous AGM. I have been fortunate enough to take on the role as Chair of the Project, with Rob Thomson elected Deputy Chair, Marc Schalenberg as Treasurer, and Eleanor Linscott as Secretary. This is a hugely dynamic team, with further members offering a huge set of skills as well. Our key focus is getting the Valley Project strategic plan in place. This is an important bit of work which allows us to apply for critical funding and also set the direction for staff and the organisation to follow. To date, the staff and executive have worked collaboratively on the plan. We are hoping by next month to have this published for the community to view.

Alongside the strategic plan, we will be reviewing and creating new policies and procedures for the project. This is important for any organisation to strengthen areas of weakness and enhance others. This will again strengthen the workplace for our employees and users of our wonderful space.

On behalf of the executive, I would like to thank our staff for all their continued hard work. The work they do for our community is huge. I would also like to thank our funders for their continued support as a charity. Without the support of funders, the work we do for you would not be possible. If you would like to donate to us, please have a look at our givealittle page: www.givealittle.co.nz/northeastvalley.

Together as a community we can achieve great things. Remember to check in on one another, check on that friend you have not seen in a while, or on your elderly neighbour. It is connections that bond community and make it more cohesive and resilient. -- *Nga mihi nui, James*

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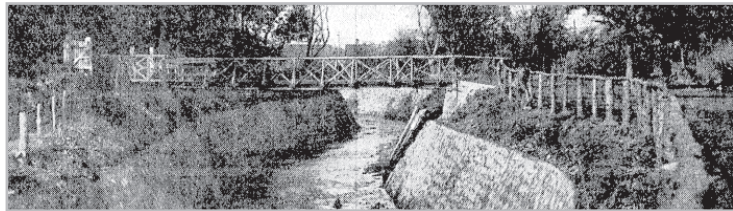
NUTRITION WORKSHOP 65YRS+

Proper nutrition, protein intake, & budget cooking for over-65's presented by Otago Uni master students. Register in person at the Valley Project or call Liam 027 722 7890.

TUESDAY 16 AUGUST, 10.30am - 12pm

VALLEY PROJECT, FRED HOLLOWS ROOM, 262 NORTH ROAD

More info on page #5 of this newsletter



GET YOUR CREEK ON!

OpenVue is hosting a get-together to share history, stories, and photos of Lindsay Creek, as well as introduce the Lindsay Creek Project to the community. All welcome!

MONDAY 29 AUGUST, 7 - 9pm

VALLEY PROJECT, FRED HOLLOWS ROOM, 262 NORTH ROAD

More info on page #6 of this newsletter

VALLEY SPRING CLEAN RETURNING

We are super excited to announce that the great Valley Spring Clean is returning this year on **Saturday, 24th September**. If you're in the mood for a clear-out but want to ensure you're being responsible with what you no longer need, then the Spring Clean is for you. With support from Dunedin City Council, we aim to reduce sending waste to landfill. We'll have a team of dedicated volunteers assessing and diverting as much as possible away from the skip.

Workshops on minimising waste, repairing electronics, and repurposing/mending clothing will be happening on the day, as well as clothing swaps, weeding missions, and much more. We're aiming for a fun, family day with food, music, a sense of purpose, and most importantly a coming together of community. More details will be available in September's Valley Voice but circle this date on your calendar and start sorting out your garage and basement. You don't want to miss this one!



ONLINE SHOPPING IS HERE!

New World Gardens are excited to announce the launch of their new Online Shopping Service. New World Gardens Owner/Operators Julie and Craig Broderick have put together a dedicated team to operate the service. "It's a whole new department including a few current staff that were moved to Online, and the recruitment of some further staff to add to the team, which is really exciting," the couple said.

The Online Shopping Team have had specific training, spent time in the store getting to know the layout, and undertook a "Friends and Family" trial week in mid-June to test the systems prior to Go Live on June 20th. Customers can shop 24/7 and have their groceries delivered or collected at a time that suits them. Customers can create lists, leave notes for their personal shopper so they can customise the order, and can select fresh food just how they like it. Delivery or Click & Collect options are available.

Julie said the store is offering an extra service for their Click & Collect customers: "With our Click & Collect service we have a concierge who will bring the groceries out to your car, load the groceries into your boot - so we are just trying to replicate the service we have in store, and this has been overwhelmingly well received by all those that have utilised the service to date. There is no need for lockers or customers having to get out of their car!" There are now dedicated car parks at the front entrance for the ease of customers who choose Click & Collect.

"We're just excited to be able to offer our customers something that they have been wanting for a long time."

The online shopping delivery will initially be available to those in the North East Valley area and then in a couple of months we will be expanding to further locations.

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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. Deadline for newsletter copy is the 15th of the month prior. Submissions later than the 15th cannot be guaranteed space. Please keep your contributions to 250 words or less.

2022 LOCAL ELECTIONS TIMETABLE

Prepare to vote for a Mayor, 14 Councillors, Community Boards and the Otago Regional Council.

Friday 12 Aug. Nominations close 12noon.

Friday 16 Sept. Voting & special voting begins.

Saturday 8 Oct. Election day ending 12noon.

DCC Candidate Handbook and more:
www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/electoral-information

CANDIDATE MEETINGS IN OPOHO

Dates have been set for what are probably the most popular and liveliest Dunedin City Council candidate meetings - those held every three years at Ōpoho Church.

Half the candidates will line up on *Sunday, September 18*, from 7pm at the church, and half the following night, *September 19*. The meetings are timed to coincide with when electors receive their information booklets about the candidates.

Mask wearing will be required because of Covid, and it will be necessary not to cram the church as we have in other years.

More details about the meetings are scheduled for next month's Valley Voice. -- *Philip Somerville (aka The Cat in the Hat)*

STV SYSTEM - UNDERSTANDING SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE

STV means that voters are able to rank candidates in order of preference. In a nutshell, it's in the title - single transferable vote. Pick the person you most want to be elected onto the council, and in case they are not voted in, the second person you would most like to see on council, and so forth.

STV means that you have one vote, but can indicate your preferences for all the candidates. For your vote to be eligible you only need to vote for one person. You can number as many or as few candidates as you want. The number of vacancies and votes determines the quota a candidate must reach to be elected.

What happens is the popular candidates get voted in straight away, which sets a percentage of the vote the other candidates need to obtain. This quota is worked out by the total number of valid votes divided by the number of vacancies plus one.

To be clear, do you need to rank all the candidates? No, just pick a few people whom you would like to see representing you.

Keep it simple. Single transferable vote. -- *Mandy Mayhem Bullock*



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VEGAN HOT POTS RED LENTIL SOUP

We conclude this series of vegan soup recipes with a hearty and healthy winter warmer, Red Lentil Soup. Comforting. Simple. Flavourful. Thanks goes to local food inspiration page, Many Hands Kitchen, for keeping our bellies full and our palate pleased over these past four months! Facebook: @ManyHandsKitchen



♡ ♡ ♡ Red Lentil Soup ♡ ♡ ♡
Put 6 cups of water in a large pot ~
rinse 1.5 cups of red lentils thoroughly
and add to the pot. Next add a 5cm
piece of ginger, thinly sliced and peeled ~
and 4 cloves of sliced garlic ~ then
3 bay leaves. Turn heat up and cover.

Next prepare 2 carrots, grated, around
1 cup ~ diced celery, around 1 cup
and 1 cup of canned tomatoes.
Add them to the pot, bring to the
boil and stir ~ reduce the heat
and simmer, covered for 15 mins or
until the lentils are soft/tender.

Next heat a saucepan, add oil ~
around 2 tablespoons ~ then sauté
1 cup of diced onions until lightly
browned. Then add 2 tsp of cumin ~
2 tsp of coriander and ½ a tsp of
cayenne pepper ~ sauté for a minute
stirring continuously. Then add onions
to the soup pot. Remove bay leaves
before serving. Add salt, pepper and
lemon juice to your taste ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡

EATING WELL FOR THE OVER-65'S

4th year Master students in Advanced Nutrition Practice are holding a nutrition workshop at the Valley Project for community members aged 65 and older. They will be presenting on proper nutrition, protein intake, budget cooking, cooking for one, and whatever else you want to learn about when it comes to eating well at your age.

If you feel like an informative morning out with peers, be sure to register as soon as possible as spaces are limited. Pop into the Valley Project anytime between Tuesday – Thursday, 10am – 2pm to sign up to this workshop and to answer a couple of questions around possible topics covered. Conversely, ring Liam on 027 722 7890 Monday – Thursday, and he can fill the registration form out for you.

10:30am - 12pm
TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST
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SEAWEED USES FOR AROUND HOME

Here are some ideas from the North East Valley Community Garden:

COMPOST SEAWEED. Seaweed is a broad-spectrum fertiliser that promotes plant growth, and is rich in a range of micro and macro nutrients. It is a rich source of potassium and magnesium. Trace elements (nutrients that plants require in small quantities) including iron, manganese, zinc, and boron are also found in seaweed. These are often not found in other fertilisers. It is also completely biodegradable, breaks down quickly, and is harmless to the environment.

When adding seaweed to the compost heap or bin, don't add too much at one time. If you add too much seaweed at once to your heap, it can become slimy and anaerobic. Be sure to add plenty of carbon-rich fibrous material at the same time, and keep layering brown and green material as you build up your heap. Remember to add enough water to your compost heap to keep it moist.

USE SEAWEED AS A MULCH. Seaweed can be used to great effect as a garden mulch. It can protect the soil surface from nutrient leaching, erosion, and frost. It helps to maintain moisture in the soil by reducing evaporation. It functions as a slow-release fertiliser which enriches soil over time. Seaweed also reduces weed growth therefore limiting the need for manual weeding.

Some people are concerned about the salt content in seaweed. If you are, consider hosing it off before adding it to your garden.

MAKE A LIQUID FERTILISER. A seaweed liquid plant feed can be great for giving plants a quick boost, especially so for fruiting plants.

How to make seaweed into a liquid feed: Gather your seaweed. Rinse off excess salt. Fill a bucket three-quarters full with water, and add as much seaweed as will fit. Weigh down the seaweed to keep it under the water. Place a lid on the bucket. Stir the mix every few days. Leave it for two to three months if possible.

Strain and dilute with three parts water to one part of the mix. Add any leftover solids to the compost heap. Place seaweed tea in a watering can, and use it around the base of your plants, or spray it on as a foliar feed. -- Merylei Guthrie

N.E.V. COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEES

Sun. Aug 7	1pm	Sun. Sep 4	1pm
Sat. Aug 13	9.30am	Sat. Sep 10	9.30am
Sun. Aug 21	1pm	Sun. Sep 18	1pm
Sat. Aug 27	9.30am	Sat. Sep 24	9.30am





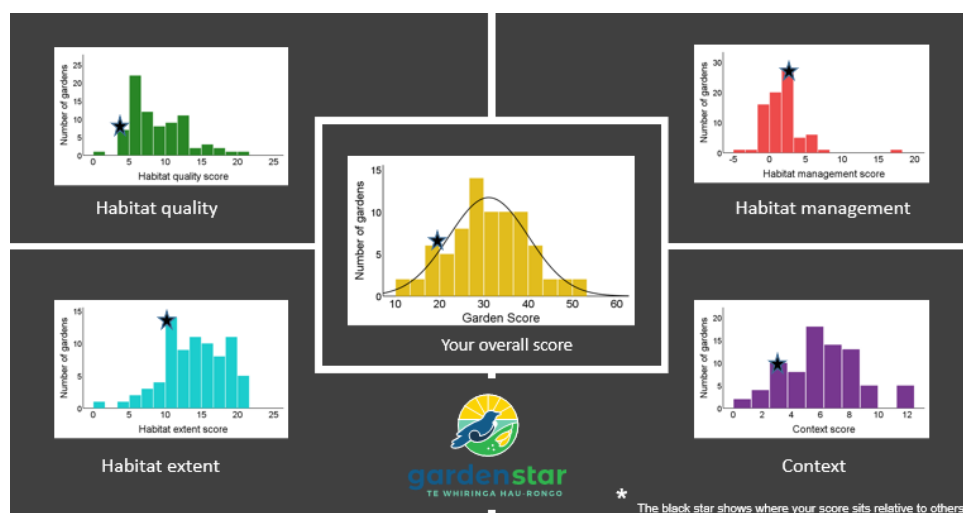
GARDENSTAR – TWO YEARS ON...

Gardenstar is a scheme for rating the biodiversity value of private gardens, that we hope will help promote urban biodiversity in NZ cities. Gardens collectively cover a large proportion of our cities (36% in Dunedin), so their landscaping and management has a huge impact on biodiversity. Even small

spaces can be valuable habitat for small species of invertebrates, or as steppingstones for mobile species. Two years ago, N.E. Valley residents answered our call for gardens to test the performance of our rating tool, along with others across Dunedin and in the Whakatipu Basin.

The Gardenstar rating process collects information on four aspects of your garden: (1) "habitat extent" is the amount of permeable surface; (2) "habitat quality" is calculated from the areas covered by native or non-native vegetation of different heights; (3) "habitat management" looks at activities such as pest control, pesticide use, wildlife enhancement (e.g. insect hotels), and the presence of free-roaming cats; and (4) "landscape context" takes into account clumping of vegetation, and connections with neighbourhood trees and activities. All this information is crunched down into a single figure for each category and an overall score.

The figure below shows the feedback we gave to the householders in our study. The score for a property (the black star) is shown relative to the distribution of all the scores from ~100 gardens. This garden received a low overall score due to poor habitat quality, and a low proportion of permeable surface. Here our feedback suggested planting groups of native species and creating habitats for animals. Overall, Dunedin gardens had higher scores than many in the Whakatipu Basin, reflecting recent medium-density housing developments near Queenstown. We'd like to see Gardenstar become a nation-wide initiative. There seems to be real enthusiasm for the concept; the challenge will be in persuading councils to support it as a way to enhance the biodiversity value of gardens - our own private national parks. -- Yolanda van Heezik



THIS OPEN VUE PAGE WILL BE TAKING A BREAK NEXT MONTH. SEE YOU AGAIN IN OCTOBER!

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GET YOUR CREEK ON!

Do you have a story, special photograph, or know any history on Lindsay Creek that you wouldn't mind sharing with the community? Send what you've got to openvue@northeastvalley.org, or bring it along to the get-together planned at the end of this month. We hope it will be one rich in exchange of all-things Lindsay, and will include an introduction to the upcoming Lindsay Creek Project.

MONDAY 29 AUGUST, 7 - 9pm
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We are incredibly grateful for the support from the Participatory Science Platform (PSP) funding for this project.

Peka Peka

Birdfeeders are back in stock at the Valley Project!

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What to do: Grab a bag and go outside. Pick up any litter or rubbish you come across. Wear gloves to do so, or use some tongs. Dump your collected waste into a nearby rubbish bin or into your own bin at home. Make sure to take an adult with you, and to wash your hands with soap and water afterwards.



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Otago Regional Council is currently running its annual Burn Dry Breathe Easy campaign highlighting ways to ensure your firewood is dry in time for winter, and the effects that burning wet wood and other items can have on the environment.

The Council hopes this campaign will encourage residents to consider their health and that of others 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. Thermally efficient homes with good insulation can potentially reduce woodsmoke pollution as well.

Keep an eye out for ORC's Burn Dry Breathe Easy tips on their Facebook page, or to find out more, visit www.orc.govt.nz/bdbe.

What not to burn: treated wood, offcuts from building sites, old decking, rubbish, green waste, plastic, clothes, electronics, and disposable nappies.



CONNOR'S COLUMN: A NZ SPORTS HALL OF FAMER

Bruce McLaren was the founder of the McLaren F1 Team. His love for cars started at a young age, as his parents owned a gas station in Remuera, Auckland. He soon started motor racing in local hill climbs at the age of 14, after his father bought an Austin Seven for £110.

After a few years of winning races with a variety of cars, he found himself flying to Europe on a "Driver to Europe" scholarship. Soon his career launched, winning big races and moving onto becoming the youngest Grand Prix Winner for the Formula One race at Sebring, USA in 1959. He was just 21. He started the McLaren Cars company in 1963, which now produces hundreds of luxury road cars in Woking, England.

Sadly on the 2nd June 1970, tragedy struck. Bruce was killed in a testing accident at Goodwood, England, in his own race car design. He was only 32.

His name lives on in the McLaren Racing team and in the Formula One team which has a successful past, involving great drivers such as Bruce himself, Denny Hulme, Ayrton Senna, Mika Häkkinen, and Lewis Hamilton, to name a few. He's an inaugural member of the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame, has a racing circuit in Taupō named after him, as well as an intermediate school that sits on Bruce McLaren Road in the West Auckland suburb of McLaren Park.

"I feel life is measured in achievement, not in years alone."
Bruce McLaren. -- *Connor Fa'asega*



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STAND-UP COMEDY

Open mic at Inch Bar, 1st and last Wed. Comedy workshop Mondays 5–7pm at George Street McDonalds. 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 text Adrienne ☎ 027 389 2574 for more info.

WOMEN'S ART GROUP

Art & craft group aimed at helping new Dunedin residents learn & share skills & connect with others. Fridays 11.30–1pm, Valley Project community rooms, 262 North Rd.

community

BIBLE HOUR

Friendly small group Bible learning over morning tea, Sun, 9.30am, DNI (tech area) during school terms. All welcome, free. ☎ 020 4079 5727 or 🌐 dunedinchristadelphians.org

BIKE WORKSHOP

Get help, use our workshop. Bikes available for koha, 3.30–6pm Tues, and 9.30am–12.30pm Sat. Valley Community Workspace, 11 Allen St. Email Peter ✉ peterd0n@yahoo.com

OP-SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Cat Rescue Dunedin is seeking volunteers to help in our North Rd. Charity Shop. Must commit to 3-hr shift, likely Mon. or Wed. Please call into shop Tues. mornings to speak with manager or contact Raewyn: ✉ raewynalexander@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ACCOUNTING

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

COMMUNITY PATROL

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

COMMUNITY STUDY CIRCLE

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

DALMORE RESERVE COMMUNITY GARDEN

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

DUNEDIN MAKERSPACE

Work on projects, watch others and chat, 1–5pm, Saturdays; organised talks, 7pm, Thurs, Valley Community Workspace, 11 Allen Street.

ENABLING LOVE

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

FRUIT & VEGES NFP

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

LEGAL ADVICE

Free legal advice from Community Law Otago, available by apptmnt. Legal advice by qualified lawyers, practical solutions. 📞 03 474 1922 or email ✉ reception@dcl.org.nz to make an appointment.

MEN'S PROBUS

NEV bowling club, 10am, 2nd Mon ea. month, new members welcome. 📞 Peter 455 1256, ✉ peabee@xtra.co.nz or 📞 Don 473 7544

MISSING PET BIRD

Young albino ringneck parrot. Pure white with a red beak and very friendly. Missing from Dalmeny St. ☎ 022 649 5606

NEED A JP?

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

Create safer, more caring communities. For info and local contacts 📞 Davis 456 0857 or ☎ 027 476 6047 or email: ✉ coordinator@nsotago.nz

NEV COMMUNITY GARDEN

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

NORTH DUNEDIN SHED

New members welcome. Open Wed

and Sat mornings, 35 Bonnington St., over the bridge. Find us on:

📍 North Dunedin Shed Society Inc.

STARJAM NFT

A fun, creative, & positive NFP organisation running music and dance-based workshops for youth with disabilities ages 6–25yrs. Locations in Dunedin & Mosgiel. Visit 🌐 starjam.org for more information or contact Fiona ✉ Dunedin@starjam.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

WILD DALMORE RESERVE

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

employment

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

36yo female looking for employment between 10am and 2pm weekdays, a range of skills and experience: customer service/admin/accounts/courier driving/dental assisting. ☎ 022 649 5606

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

fitness & health

BALFOLK DANCE CLASSES

Nga Maara Hall, 63 North Rd., Tuesdays 7–8.30pm. \$10 per class. No bookings required. ☎ Michael 021 050 5882 ✉ balfolkdunedin@gmail.com

BELLEKNOWES GOLF CLUB

Green fees \$15
\$10/player after 4pm
Come & enjoy our fantastic 9-hole golf course on Lawson St. Spectacular views over the city. Call Secretary, Christina King
📞 03 467 9499

DUNEDIN BMX CLUB

Race night, Forrester Park BMX track, 5:30pm, Thursdays.

FOLK DANCING FOR FUN

Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Road, 10–11.30am,

Fridays, \$4. ☎ Yvonne 455 2406,
✉ stureid1@yahoo.co.nz

INDOOR BOWLS

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

KUNG FU

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

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.

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–11.30am, Mon, and Pine Hill School Library, 11am, Thur.

TANNOCK GLEN

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

THREE LEFT FEET

Social dance group, no experience or partners necessary. European dance – folk and traditional, \$5 or \$7.50 per couple, Nga Maara hall, 6–7pm, Thursdays. ☎ Marilyn 0274 463 358

YOGA IN THE VALLEY

Instructor Adair Bruce, 6–7pm, Mon & Fri, DNI designspace; 9.15–10.15am, Mon & Wed, 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

for families, kids, and teens

AURORA TAMARIKI EARLY YEARS CARE AND KINDERGARTEN

Childcare for 0-5-year-olds inspired

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DUNEDIN CITY TOY LIBRARY

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

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

FARSI LANGUAGE PLAYGROUP

For those wishing to immerse their young ones in the language. Playgroup runs fortnightly on a Sunday afternoon.

✉ farsi.playgroup@nevbctrust.org

LEGO AND CRAFT CLUB

Calling Valley kids years 6–8! Join us at the Valley Baptist Community Centre on the 3rd Wed. of every month, 3–4.30pm (excl. school holidays). This low-tech club is the opportunity for you to get creative with Lego and craft. There are also books to look at and to borrow with a Dunedin Public Library card.

MAINLY MUSIC

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

MT CARGILL GIRLGUIDES

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

NEV NORMAL SCHOOL PTA

New members always welcome. Fundraiser ideas needed to help kids and school. Meeting schedule: 11 Aug, 15 Sept, 20 Oct, 17 Nov, 8 Dec. ✉ nevn.pta@gmail.com

NEV PLAYGROUP

For 0–5yrs, variety of experiences to enhance development of your child and meet other local young families. Free morning tea and lunch provided for adults. Please supply child's morning tea. Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd, 9am–12pm Wed. ✉ nevplaygroup@gmail.com

NORTH GAME DEV CLUB

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

OPOHO PLAYCENTRE

A nurturing play space for 0-6 yr-olds where children and their whanau

attend together. Focus is on child-led learning through play. Come make friends, play, learn, and grow. Three free visits. 28A Signal Hill Road. Mon-Fri 9am–12pm following school term times. Find us on Facebook, contact us at ✉ opoho@playcentre.org.nz, or ☎ 027 880 2365

OPOHO SCOUTS

Keas, 4–5pm, Tues; Cubs, 6pm–7.30pm, Thur; Scouts, 6–8pm, Wed. Opoho 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, 12.30–2.30pm, day TBC, Valley Baptist Community Centre.

✉ space.valleybaptist@gmail.com ☎ 021 150 9165 or

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Variety of classes with stories, crafts, songs, and more. Ages 4–18yrs, 9.30am Sun (term time only), DNI (tech area). All welcome! No charge.

☎ 020 4079 5727 or go to ☎ dunedinchristadelphians.org

TECHTIME

Primary ages 7+. Work on IT tutorials. Wednesdays, 3.30–5.30pm at the Valley Baptist Community Centre.

☎ @com2tech ☎ com2.tech ✉ office@com2.tech

further education

CITIZENS ADVICE

Dunedin Citizens Advice Bureau – a free confidential service for all. We can help with tenancy problems, employment issues, consumer problems & host of other issues. Rodgers House, 155 Princes St, ☎ 471 6166 ☎ cab.org.nz

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

A community-led group that offers a range of free classes to upskill our communities in communications technology and online safety. Wed. 10.30am–12.30pm at Valley Project or Wed. 3.30–5pm at the Valley Baptist Community Centre. ✉ office@com2.tech ☎ com2.tech ☎ @com2tech ☎ 027 256 9182

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

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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 ✉ dunedin@englishlanguage.org.nz

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

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housing

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trading corner

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

BABYSITTER

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

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

OH PEONY PHOTOGRAPHY

For business: products, social media content, personal branding, conceptual, short video, reels, stop motion, etc. At your location or in studio. For Family: portraits, engagement, maternity, child milestone, cake smash, newborn. ✉ heidi.ohpeonyphoto@gmail.com ☎ ohpeonyphoto.mypixieset.com/

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TOP SOIL WANTED

Top soil wanted for the North East Valley Community Garden. If you have any to give away, contact Janice Bridgman ☎ 03 473 7076 or ☎ 027 674 7788

VENUS FLY TRAPS

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church services

SALVATION ARMY

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

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC

89 North Rd, Mass 9.30am

GLENAVEN METHODIST

7 Chambers St, 11am

PACIFIC ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN

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

ANGLICAN: ST MARTIN'S

194 North Rd, 10.30am

OPOHO PRESBYTERIAN

50 Signal Hill Rd, 10am

NEV PRESBYTERIAN

Community rooms, 9.30am, 11st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays, cafe service, contact Shona McDonald: ☎ 453 0145

ST MARK'S PRESBYTERIAN

304 Pine Hill Rd, 10am

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.

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FORSYTH BARR

SACRED HEART HAS A NEW SWING!

When the opportunity arose last year to possibly be able to purchase a swing for our school playground it was met with great excitement! We had surveyed our community around what new ideas people wanted to see in our playground, and following this we had recently installed some new rainbow radical climbing rings and some musical instruments, but the hotly desired swing remained on the list as a lofty financial goal for our wee school. We also had a working priority of how we could make our playground accessible to all, with one of our students unable to use any of the current playground equipment. And so, the project was kicked into action.

There were a number of dots to connect with funding, quotes, purchasing, ordering, waiting... It has taken a few months to come together... But with the amazing support of Sport Otago, Sport New Zealand, Alexander McMillan Trust and Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation, we have been able to make this dream a reality. Our school community is so grateful to these organisations for their support and such generous funding to enable this invaluable accessible play opportunity.

Play is a huge part of our school, and an integral part of the well-being of our tamariki. In the break times, before, during, and after school, the playground is always busy with groups of children of all ages playing together. It is so exciting to think we now have this equipment that provides a play opportunity for all. An inclusive play space that allows one of our students who was missing out, to be able to play, and also play with and alongside her peers. This will also have direct benefits to the wider community who frequently use our school and hall facilities.

Thank you again to Sport Otago, Sport New Zealand, Alexander McMillan Trust and Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation for supporting this project.

He aha te mea nui? Māku e kii atu, he tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.

What is the most important thing in the world? Well, let me tell you, it is people, it is people, it is people. -- *Gina Preece*



CHRISTMAS MARKET BOOKINGS

The North East Valley Normal School PTA is organising a Christmas Craft Market to raise funds for the school! Mark your calendars for *Sunday, November 20th, 2-5pm*.

Crafters can request to book a table to sell their crafts and wares. We would love to see a wide variety of stalls with different wares to make it interesting for everyone! Therefore, we are asking crafters to fill out a digital form in which they can choose a preferred booking and specify what they will be selling. After the selection, crafters will be notified that they can have a spot. Booking form: <https://forms.gle/fAoB3uufyaX88DP9A>

Alternatively, crafters can email nevn.pta@gmail.com with any questions or booking requests.

SAFER STREETS WORKS

The DCC have completed road safety improvements around NEV Normal School as part of their Safer School Streets projects. The North Road pedestrian crossing has been upgraded, school-zone speed limits have dropped to 30km, and new signage is now installed.

Longworth Street has also undergone significant changes, including new parking restrictions which some have found a tad confusing. Marilyn Johnson of the DCC clarifies the "no stopping" zones now active on Longworth and a portion of North Road beside the school entrance:

During the peak of school drop-off and pick-up times (between 8:30 - 9:30am and 2:45 - 3:45pm, Monday through Friday), parking is allowable for no more than five minutes for the purpose of dropping off or picking up children to and from school. Outside of these times and days, these spaces revert back to unlimited parking.
www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/roads-and-footpaths/projects/safer-school-streets



(...continued from front page) many of them were shown due appreciation at the assembly. Senior syndicate teacher, Theresa Bowen, led the way by first thanking Enviroschool facilitator, Jennie Upton. Next, the school's extraordinary groundskeeper, Carl Teunissen, was acknowledged as "probably one of the most important people at [NEVNS]," and was given a gift voucher along with greeting cards handmade by admiring students. Professionally produced posters illustrating the school's take on the five Enviroschool Guiding Principals (headed Climate Challenge) were gifted to the teachers. Packets of hand-collected and delicately packaged flower seeds were distributed to all 170 families whose tamariki attend North East Valley Normal school!

Expressions of appreciation did not stop there! The school's affectionately named "Enviromums" were presented with potted Kowhai trees for their mahi running garden classes at the neighbouring Community Gardens. Every Tuesday during school terms, Sarah Frampton, Karin Ludwig, Vicki Hodge, KJ Davies, Anna Read, and Emma Allen literally connect kids with the land by teaching them hands-on about soil, composting, and planting. YouthGrow's Lucy Parsons was present as well as she and the team at the local garden centre often donate seedlings to the school.

As much as she tried to shy away from it, Theresa Bowen also received recognition for her Enviroschool dedication. "If it weren't for her, North East Valley Normal School wouldn't have gone for silver!"

Finally, the school itself was gifted two pear trees, a Nashi tree, and a framed Silver Accreditation certificate. Senior students then performed a moving haka that thundered through the hall. Mayor Aaron Hawkins closed the special occasion by formally thanking all parties involved, adding that, "every time I come into the Valley, I feel a wee bit jealous of the strength of the community here."

-- *Krysha Brzuza*



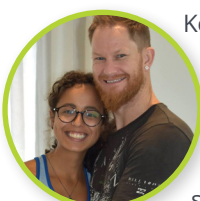
SAY HELLO TO SOME OF OUR NEW STAFF AND EXECUTIVES!

Kia ora, I'm **JAMES SUTHERLAND**, your new Chair of the Valley Project for this year. I have around 6yrs experience in the governance setting. Currently I sit on the board of Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust, along with being a peer supporter for the organisation as well. I've been involved with the Valley Project for 3yrs now. Last year I was secretary for the executive. I'm deeply passionate about the connections of our community and what binds us together as the best suburb in Dunedin. I'm sure all of you can attest to that. A fun fact about me is that I have biked up Baldwin Street on an electric bike! If you have any ways you want to see your community improved, hit me up.



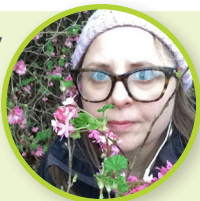
Hi! I am **JULIE BRODERICK**, the new Owner/Operator of New World Gardens (along with my husband Craig!) and I'm very excited about being part of the North East Valley Community. Along with our three children, we have recently moved from South Otago where I was well involved in many organisations through the children's schooling and sporting groups, as well as a Women in Business group. What I hope to achieve on the Valley Project Exec is the provision of a connection to the businesses within the area and to look at where we can assist and support this incredible organisation to ensure that the needs of our community are met.

Kia ora! I'm **LIAM DELL** and I'm very happy to have joined the Valley Project as the new Community Development Co-ordinator. I come from a background of not-for-profit and charity advocacy, as well as community health and harm-reduction practice. I look forward to contributing to the team and collaborating with them and the community to create new opportunities, sustain successful initiatives, and promote communal events. I'm eager to meet with you and discuss advocacy and event opportunities, or whatever it is that is on your mind! In my spare time I like to make music, practice photography, go to gigs, and travel. I base myself in St. Clair where I can be close to the beach and friends.



Ko Kapukataumahaka te maunga e rū nei taku ngākau. Ko Puke Hau Kea te awa e mahea nei aku māharahara. Nō Ōtepoti ahau. Ko **ROSS BENNETT** ahau. E mihi ana ki ngā tohu o nehe, o Ōtepoti e noho nei au. Nō reira, tēnā koutou katoa. Kia ora koutou, my name is Ross Bennett and I'm very proud to be selected to the Executive Board for the Valley Project in 2022. I was born and bred in Ōpoho. I was a teacher at NEVNS last year but have taken a year off to study for my Masters of Contemporary Education. My fiancé, Wallnely, and I have a cosy house in Crown Street that's slowly filling with animals. Most days you can see us being dragged around the neighbourhood by our dog, Lārica. We really love the sense of community that NEV has. My hopes are to assist the VP and the Valley community using my education experience.

Kia ora, my name is **RADHA FORREST** and I'm continuing on the board this term. I've been involved with The Valley Project for a number of years, starting as a volunteer receptionist and volunteering with various projects, to then joining the board. The Valley is a wonderful place to live and work, and I have enjoyed seeing the project grow, change, and adapt over the last few years. I'm enthusiastic about where The Valley Project is headed and look forward to continuing my Valley Project journey in supporting our vibrant and well connected community. In my spare time I enjoy gardening, nature walks, and trying to keep my houseplants alive.



Kia ora, I'm **MARC SCHALLENBERG** and I'm happy to be a new member of the Executive of the Valley Project (the new Treasurer) and to help build the resilience of our great community and create opportunities for people to meet and work together for the common good. I am a freshwater scientist, based at the University of Otago. Using my freshwater expertise, I've worked with many community groups and have found it has been very rewarding – a win-win situation! Previously I've had governance roles as Chairperson and Treasurer of a school board and as the President of the New Zealand Freshwater Sciences Society. I'm also currently the new Secretary of the North Dunedin Shed Society. I'm impressed with the calibre of both the people on the Exec and with the Valley Project's hard-working and committed staff. I really look forward to serving my community and to working with some old friends and many new faces.



CERI JENKINS has been part of the Valley for 25 years residing in Ōpoho. Ceri brings a huge range of skills and life experience to the table, particularly around hardship and understanding her community's needs. Ceri also has a strong understanding of the power of volunteer work and how rewarding it can be. Volunteering can lead to significant self-growth and building of social networks. She has a passion for the environment and the circular economy. A fun fact: Ceri is the Welsh spelling of 'Keri' in recognition of her Welsh roots.



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