



Spring Clean dream team

The Valley Spring Clean could not have happened without an awesome team of community volunteers. Here about half of the volunteer team takes a pause for a group photo at the end of a fantastic community effort. Read the full story on page three.

New site to propagate NEV-sourced natives

NATIVE SEEDS and seedlings sourced from the North East Valley area will be propagated at a new site to be given back to the community as part of efforts towards creating an urban eco-sanctuary in the valley.

The propagation site has been established on unused land behind Black's Road Grocer. The next step for the initiative will be to start ecosourcing native seeds and seedlings from the local valley area.

Currently, kōwhai trees are being looked after. These were donated to the community from the Otago Corrections Facility via Trees that Count, for volunteers and community plantings.

Open VUE educator Clare Cross is asking anybody who has any native seedlings appearing in their garden, or seed that could be propagated and returned to the community, to please get in touch.

She would also love to hear from community members who are interested in helping out with looking after the plants. Clare can be reached at openvue@northeastvalley.org

Land owner Colleen Townsend is excited about the new community initiative. "It is great to be able to get behind this wonderful community project by providing the use of the land," she says. Colleen and her Ray White colleague Jane Bokser also contributed funding towards the repairs at the site.

Repairs were carried out by North Dunedin Shed members, who donated their time to do the work, while a team of weeders cleared the area as part of the Valley Spring Clean.

The project is being led by Open VUE in collaboration with the Valley Project and the North East Valley Community Garden, with support from Colleen and Black's Road Grocer.

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Time to celebrate Lindsay Creek

CREEKFEST 2019 is coming up next month, so make sure you have the date saved in your calendar!

CreekFest is all about celebrating Puke Haukea, Lindsay Creek, at a fun-filled community festival.

This year's event will feature live music, face-painting, awesome activities, a kids' zone, interactive awa-inspired education stalls, food trucks, a sausage sizzle, awa discovery walk and more.

CreekFest is on from noon, Sunday 17 November at Chingford Park. All you need to bring is your picnic, blanket, coffee cup, friends and whānau. Koha appreciated, limited Eftpos.

We're still calling for volunteers to help out on the day so if you are keen to be involved with a community event fill out a volunteer form online at bit.ly/CreekFestVolunteer



Tahu Mackenzie Explores life in Lindsey Creek with children during last year's CreekFest event.

Valley Spring Clean action: more than 300 volunteer hours



Clockwise from top left, volunteers help take apart non-recyclable items for scrap metal, weeders busy filling a skip, Res.awesome volunteers weigh all unwanted goods and waste for audit before channelling it in the right direction, and North East Valley Normal School pupils are kept busy with their clothing swap. Photos: Jonny Visser | View more photos on the Valley Project Facebook page

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LAST MONTH'S Spring Clean was yet another fantastic event with SO MANY resourcefully awesome community champions!

We were absolutely blessed with fine weather and kind hearts for a full day of community-led action.

We counted over 300 volunteer hours for this event, which is a mammoth effort!

One of this year's highlights was the addition of new features, including a clothes swap led by the tamariki of Te Roopu Maanaki at North East Valley Normal school. These young primary school pupils showed great leadership in coordinating this large event with very little adult help – congratulations to them!

Another new initiative was the repair cafe at the Valley Community Workspace, where every item brought in on the day was able to be repaired.

And last, but by no means least, was the delicious kai provided for attendees by the North East Valley Normal School PTA, and for volunteers by the Kai Share team.

Well over 2000kg of household waste was diverted from landfill thanks to the efforts of Res.awesome in breaking down, channeling and reallocating resources on the day. It was a mammoth effort by this dedicated team of volunteers.

Two full 9m-skips of weeds were removed from across the community, and many new friends were made in the process.

This year's Spring Clean was a truly collaborative effort and we thank all those who participated.

A special mention must go to the waste minimisation team at Dunedin City Council. Their on-the-ground and funding assistance gave a great base for the community to work from!

Well done valley whānau.—Tess Trotter, Valley Project manager



Children search through unwanted secondhand items at the Valley Spring Clean. Photo: Jonny Visser

Film screening: *Paw and Claw*

OPEN VUE is hosting a free movie night and will be screening two 25-minute films from local film-makers, including one that has a special connection to North East Valley.

What does Charlie the cat get up to when his owner is away? *Paw and Claw: Finding the balance between pets and wildlife*, by Tegan Good, explores how cats have impacted New Zealand's native wildlife and looks for a future where the two can live in harmony.

The second film, *The Silent Invader – Can it be stopped?* by Berenice Matthieu, takes the viewer to the coast to discover if the seaweed *Undaria* will take over New Zealand's oceans.

Undaria is spreading around the New Zealand coast, including in the pristine region of Fiordland.

Despite a team of dedicated divers desperately trying to stop this relentlessly invasive species, *Undaria* just keeps coming, and now the government isn't sure if the battle is worth the fight.

Can they find a way to win the war, or will New Zealand's oceans be taken over by this silent invader?

Bring along some kai at 6pm for an opportunity to meet the film-makers, and the films will start at 6.30pm. Popcorn and juice provided.

On Friday 11 October, 6pm, at Nga Maara Hall beside Sacred Heart School.



Michael Deaker
for ORC

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Rod Eales studio clear-out and sale

LOCAL ARTIST Rod Eales is holding an Art Sale and Open Studio over two weekends this month.

"It's time for a sort out and reclamation of space," says Eales. "Come and view, or view and buy at reduced prices."

Eales is a Dunedin figurative painter whose work has won several art awards, been exhibited throughout New Zealand and sold overseas.

Her long-standing interests lie in both cultural identity and the natural world. Eales has a passion for more intimate landscapes and an even greater passion for rock formations within the landscape.

Eales works in both acrylic and oils to create still lifes that reflect particular times and places within New Zealand's history and cultural setting. These include table-top settings adorned with tea items from the fifties and sixties, and two series of work looking at the history of the Crown Lynn Swan vase.

These works are built up of many, many layers of paint to create a depth and richness of colour.

Her current work is inspired by the garden which surrounds her studio. Flowers are sourced from far and wide, to be represented in a garden context, sometimes surreal and often created through a series of collages.

After a long period of working with iconic objects that contribute to



One of Rod Eales' works which are part of a studio clear-out.

the definition of ourselves as New Zealanders, working with natural forms again is a welcome new direction, she says.

The studio will be open over the weekends of 19–20 and 26–27 October from 10am–4pm at Evergreen, 20 Cleghorn St, Upper Junction.

Te Ao Māori main topic of friendly learning whānau

KIA ORA e te whānau whānui, koia nei nga mihi mano kia koutou mā. Koia nei he tono panui kia koutou, Nau mai haere mai ki te kaupapa hirahira nei, ā ko te kotahitaga i raro i te maru o te aroha me te māramataga.

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He kaupapa ano tenei, Kia piki, kia nuitia ai te Ao Māori mo tatau katoa e te whanau whanui! Ana! nau mai whakatau mai nei ki whare hapori o Pakihaukia hei te 6 a te po, ia Rāapa. Mauria mai he paku kai, he koha hoki, kei a koe te ahua o te koha nei. Ko te mea nui ko tou mana ki te kaupapa nei. Tau nei.

KIA ORA to my extended family, a thousand greetings to all of you. This is an invitation to all of you to come and be apart of our wee whānau.

What is it that we do? The number

one thing is oneness under the guidance of love and wisdom. How is it that we can achieve this? I believe through the process we call *whakawhanaungatanga* which, simply put, is the beginning of becoming family, or can otherwise be translated as greeting someone new.

The theory is if we come together within our community and get to know each other, then in time we can become one big whānau!

That's not all though; we do all this by creating a friendly learning environment and learn from each other. The main topic here is Te Ao Māori, so if any of this interests you, come along and be a part of it!

We have our hui every Wednesday at 6pm. Bring a small feed and a koha (not meaning only money; if you don't have money don't let that stop you from coming). The koha is up to you, whatever you feel is worth is what you give. In saying that, the greatest koha you can bring is yourself. Oti ra nau mai haere mai e te whānau.

Place to make friends

THE ENGLISH Conversation Group has become a place not only to practise or help someone practise English but a place to make friends.

The sharing of language and culture is two-way. The themes discussed so far have been 'supermarket shopping', 'cooking' and 'home'. The group meets from noon–2pm on Fridays at the Valley Project community rooms, 262 North Rd.

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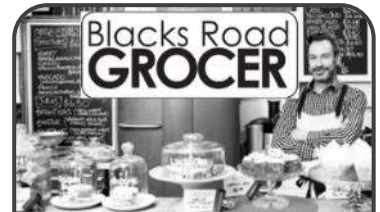
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Sycamore proposal

THE OPEN VUE group is looking into the number and location of sycamore trees around North East Valley.

Sycamore trees are an introduced exotic species from northern Europe. In New Zealand they are highly invasive and fast growing. In a worst case scenario they out-compete native vegetation, eventually resulting in botanically diverse areas becoming a monoculture. Seed production from mature trees is prolific and the winged seeds can travel long distances with the wind. Seedling numbers near parent trees almost has to be seen to be believed!

Sycamore trees provide little or no benefit to our native birds, and evidence also suggests they support certain pests such as wasps.

The overarching vision of Open VUE is to see kākā living in the valley. Kākā could spread from Orokonui Ecosanctuary to wider Dunedin through an ecologically rich wildlife corridor.

To achieve this we need to remove weed species that have little to no benefit to native wildlife and plant more native plants that support these awesome native birds as well as other bird species, lizards and invertebrates.

Chingford Park is a decent-sized area that has good potential to support native wildlife. However it has a lot sycamore trees and overall the park has in excess of 75% non-native trees.

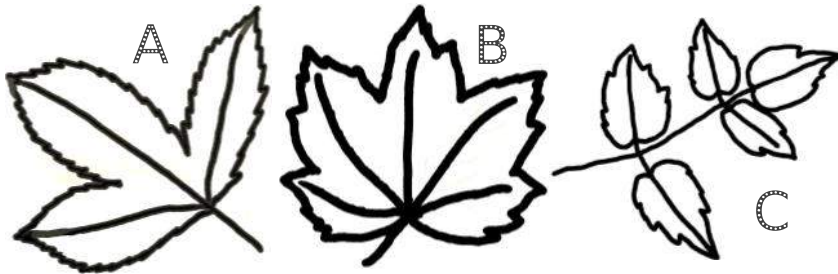
A good recent example of sycamore control work is around West Harbour. In particular, the strip of Ravensbourne between the cycle way and main road has been cleared of sycamores and replanted with natives.

Open VUE would like to hear feedback from the valley community about the level of support there is to remove sycamore trees from Chingford Park, followed up of course by a native tree planting programme.

Please email your support, 'YES' or 'NO', to openvue@northeastvalley.org
—Ben Nicholls

kids' corner

Fun fact: The winged seeds produced by sycamores are like tiny helicopters, and can travel long distances from the parent plant, especially during strong winds.



CAN YOU identify the sycamore leaf from this weedy line-up?

Sycamore leaves have serrated (spiky) edges, and have five separate sections on a single leaf.

Circle which leaf you think is the sycamore. The other leaves in this line up are also weeds. Check the answers below for which weeds they are. See if you can find out the colour of these leaves and colour them in!

(A) Banana passionfruit, (B) Sycamore, (C) Old Man's Beard



Christmas cards

THE VALLEY Project will be organising giving Christmas cards to the residents of Ross

Home again this year. We would like to extend this to people in the community who would appreciate receiving a card at Christmas.

If you know of someone in North East Valley, Opoho or Pinehill who would value a card this Christmas, please email charlotte@northeastvalley.org with their name and address.

The Christmas cards are made by children at local schools and early childhood centres.

Holiday workshop

THE VALLEY Spring Clean continues with some school holiday workshops. A Make Your Own Household Cleaners workshop is a great opportunity for people who are new to making household cleaners. It is also suitable for those who already make cleaners and want to extend their practice.

You will learn how to make household cleaners from simple ingredients such as baking soda, vinegar, pure soap and soap nuts.

The workshop is on Tuesday 15 October from 7–9pm. It is free but does require registration. Please email or call Maureen Howard at maureen@treedom.nz or 021 206 3593 to enrol

HortTalk: dune plants

NATIVE DUNE plant declined dramatically during the 20th century as marram grass and other exotic species spread around much of the New Zealand coast.

Associate professor Mike Hilton, of the University of Otago's Department of Geography, will be discussing the future of our native dune plants at the November HortTalk at Dunedin Botanic Gardens.

The talk is at noon in the Information Centre on Friday 1 November.

Don't forget to vote!

VOTING DOCUMENTS for local government elections have been posted to households and can be posted back once they are filled in. All voting documents must be at the council before voting closes at noon on Saturday 12 October.

Community action remembered at open day

SINCE THE Dundas St bridge closure, many valley residents will have done a few more trips up Lovelock Avenue recently.

The road curves – with a few hairpins – up through native bush, before levelling off over speed bumps near the stylish propagation building and offering glimpses of daffodils, dog walkers, rugby games and maybe some lawn bowlers.

These views would have been different if a 2008 proposal to realign Lovelock Ave to have it run parallel to the cemetery had eventuated. The bowls green was scheduled to be a carpark.

This stirred the Opoho community into action, and a meeting of 120 people at the bowls club gained considerable media focus in the *Otago Daily Times* and on *Channel 39*.

There was concern at the increased road steepness, potential winter ice issues, loss of a section of the bush drive and the demise of the picturesque Opoho Bowls Club.

The community saw the social value of the small club and the benefits for other groups and families to hire the clubrooms for meetings and social occasions. Many community members successfully voiced these concerns, complemented by a 140-strong



Magnus McGee enjoys the facilities at the Opoho Bowls Club.

petition in support of the Opoho Bowls Club, to the relevant council committee. Today the Opoho Bowls Club still has bowlers through summer, the Taieri Hockey Club uses the clubrooms in winter, and the community hires the facility regularly.

The club is holding an open day on Saturday 12 October at 1.30pm. Come along and have a go at bowling, no experience needed, and see the great little facility the community rallied to save.

—Maurice Kane

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Chambers St still recognisable 115 years later



The photo (left) is titled 'A view of Glenaven, North-East Valley, looking towards Opoho' and was published in the *Otago Witness* on 8 June 1904. The caption with it read: 'This new township was also, some two years ago, the site of Chinese gardens, and the rows of neat modern residences and fine wide street are evidence of the change which has been brought about in great measure by the advent of the electric trams.' The photo, right, shows the same view of Chambers Street today. It's interesting how much it looks the same, apart from obvious changes over 115 years, like tarseal, higher housing density and more greenery. The Methodist Church is still there but in a bigger, fancier brick building, and the 'fine wide street' has been narrowed by the many parked cars. Photo credits: *Otago Witness*, 8/6/1904, p.39, Hocken Collections, *Uare Taoka o Hākena*, University of Otago (left) and Edith Leigh (right).



Lindsay Creek home to rare isopod

"DID YOU know," Mr Jack asked me a few months ago, "that there is a rare isopod living in Lindsay Creek? It is one of the only places that it is found."

"No! Wow, that's cool!" I replied. Several seconds' pause. "Um, what's an isopod?"

Which is a question I'm sure most of you have too. Isopods are a type of crustacean (crustaceans include things like crabs, lobsters, shrimps and krill) and they've been kicking around Earth for 300 million years.

Their name comes from the Greek for 'equal foot', because their 14 tootsies are similar lengths. The tops of their bodies are made up of overlapping plates that protect it but also enable it to wiggle.

They can be as small as half a millimeter long or, in the case of deep-sea isopods, as large as half a metre – yikes! Some blind ones even live in groundwater.

ISOPOD FUN FACTS: they breathe through their legs, the girls have a water-filled 'brood pouch' under their bellies to grow their babies in, the boys have two willies and some of them eat their own poo.

There are over 10,000 different species of isopod and most live in the sea or on land (the landlubber isopods are our backyard slaters or woodlice). Only about 500 species live in fresh water and only around 20 of those are known in New Zealand, mostly in the eastern and southern South Island.

Our local isopod, *Austridotea benhami*, is one of New Zealand's rarest and has only ever been spotted in Lindsay Creek, Ross Creek

and Greenacres Stream on Otago Peninsula. It is little – only a centimetre or so long – and munches on bits of leaf, wood, bark, fungi, algae and the odd piece of insect.

Freshwater isopods are generally bottom dwellers who don't swim, which may explain why they are only found in small areas and don't get around much.

A. benhami was named by Professor G.E. Nicholls of the University of Western Australia in 1937. One could hazard a guess that he named it after Professor William Benham, a 'father of New Zealand zoology' who had just retired after almost 40 years at Otago University (although apparently Prof Benham was more an earthworm than an isopod kind of guy).

So, wow, it is cool, and our teeny-tiny unique isopod is yet another reason for us to celebrate and take care of our awa.

Speaking of awa aroha – come on down to Creekfest 2019 at Chingford Park on Sunday 17 November, or even better, volunteer to help out!

If you are itching to know more about *Austridotea benhami* you can fish out Chadderton et al, 2003, 'Distribution, Ecology, and Conservation Status of Freshwater Idoteidae (Isopoda) in Southern New Zealand', *Journal of the Royal Society of New Zealand* 33(2):529.

—North East Valley scientist Helen Jack



Our local resident freshwater isopod, *Austridotea benhami*. Well... I'm sure its mother loves it. (Source: Chadderton et al, 2003)

School fair offers family fun day out



LOOKING FOR a fun-family-day out on Saturday 2 November?

Join the Ōpoho School community at their school fair from 11am– 2pm at 96 Signal Hill Rd. There will be something for everyone. Entertainment for the young includes an amazing cardboard arcade games, bouncy castles, face painting and more.

Some classes have also been busy preparing creative crafts and baking. You can even decorate your own gingerbread person!

Enjoy real coffee while the children are entertained or visit the café, international food stalls, cake stall or sausage sizzle for a bite to eat and drink.

Buy a raffle ticket for the many wonderful laden hampers that are up for grabs or try your luck at the tombola.

As a green-gold enviroschool, sustainability is practiced so at this fair there will be secondhand stalls including books, clothing, toys and white elephant. You're sure to pick up a bargain at these stalls.

Remember to bring your own reusable bags. Eftpos is available.—*Lucy Marr*



Opoho School pupils work on their cardboard arcade games for the school fair coming up at the start of November.

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Opoho Playcentre is open Monday to Friday from 9am–noon during school terms. We welcome new enrolments. Come join the fun.—*Stacey Wilson*

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Hat-making school holiday creative fun



Modelling some creative hats during the Spring Clean kids' activities.

JOIN THE second workshop to make your own crazy, creative hat or crown and then you can take part in the great Pōtae (hat) Parade at CreekFest. There will be prizes for the creekiest, cutest, most creative hats. All materials are provided but bring your own hat if you want to and a koha.

The workshop is on at the Valley Project community rooms, 2–3.30pm, Thursday 10 October. All welcome.

—*Kaitrin McMullan*

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Korean martial art, supportive environment, family friendly. Training Mon, Thur, Pine Hill School hall, 6-7.30pm. To register email dunedinolympictkd@hotmail.co.nz

NAKAJIMA JUDO CLUB.

Weekly evening class for all levels and ages, ph. Keri 021 027 93683.

QIGONG

Classes, Sun, 4-5pm, community rooms, 262 North Rd, cost \$10, last Sunday of the month is a healing meditation. Contact Jay 027 584 4537, bodymindqi@gmail.com

PARKRUN

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

SPAN NEV

Stretch 'n' flex, low-impact exercise, fun and friendship, community rooms, 262 North Rd, 10am-11am, Tue, over-65s, \$4. Ph 473 9311.

STEADY AS YOU GO

(Age Concern) Gentle balance and strength exercises, NEV Baptist Church, 10.30am-11.30am, Mon, and Pine Hill School Library, 11am, Thur.

SPORTS AEROBICS

Competitive aerobics and casual fitness classes. No previous experience required. Training held at DNI Fri and Sun. Working towards NZCAF regionals next August. Contact rebeccafishernz@yahoo.co.nz

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/ couple, Nga Maara hall, 6pm-7pm, Thu. Ph. Marilyn 473 7829.

ZEN MEDITATION

With the Dunedin Zen group. Meet 7pm Weds, St Martin's Church in the downstairs room.

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, for more info contact adairbruce@hotmail.com

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

COMPUTER CLASS

A free class to learn how to use computers, 10.30am-noon, Weds, community rooms.

FREE LITERACY COURSE

For more information contact Ana & Marg at Literacy Aotearoa, 477 2055.

FRENCH TUTOR

Beginner to advanced, 30 years experience, hourly rate, ph 473 0159 evenings.

INDOOR BOWLS

Play indoor bowls at the NEV Bowling Club, 139 North Rd, Thurs, 1.30pm start. Ph. Jack for more info 473 9565.

ITALIAN CLASSES

Exp teacher, native speaker of Italian ph Antonella 027 341 8312, 473 0832 antonella.vecchiato@gmail.com

LEARN ENGLISH

English for daily life and work. Free and low cost courses. Contact Tamara or Felicity at English Language Partners 455 5266, dunedin@englishlanguage.org.nz

SPANISH

Looking for Spanish conversational tutoring in NEV, perhaps a weekly small group? Ph Ana 021 0243 3071.

SPANISH LESSONS

Learn Spanish in a fast and fun way. All levels and wide time availability. Ph Luana 027 284 7836 or luana.suarez26@gmail.com

STAND-UP COMEDY

Open mic at Inch Bar, 1st & 3rd Thursday every month. Comedy workshop classes every other Thursday, open to all skill levels. For more info contact reuben@dunedincomedy.co.nz

art, craft & music

ART CLASSES

For all levels, casual attendance welcome, tutor Anneloes Douglas, community rooms, 10am-noon, Thur and 6pm-8pm, Fri. Ph 027 307 7034, 467 9993, anneloes.douglas@xtra.co.nz

ART CLASSES

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

KNITTING SQUAD

BYO knitting or crocheting, or come & learn, community rooms, 1pm-3pm, Wed. Ph Marjory 473 7751.

ART FIBRE DUNEDIN

Bring lunch and requirements, 10am-3pm, second Sun each month, community rooms, Ph Viv 473 0343, www.artfibredunedin.blogspot.com.

DUNEDIN FIDDLE CLUB

Community rooms, 7.30pm, Wed.

MUSIC LESSONS

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

SENIOR MUSOS

Retired musicians who put on music for an afternoon at the Normanby Bistro. Scones, jam & cream \$3, 3rd Thurs of the month from 2pm.

SOUNDS NOR'EASTERLY

Do you enjoy singing with a group? Why not join your local community choir? All ages and abilities welcome. DNI design lobby every Tues, 7.30-8.45pm. Email Clare for more info clare-n-don@clear.net.nz

UKULELE SESSIONS

Wed, 7-8.30pm, Baptist Church, 280 North Rd. Just turn up or text Adrienne 027 389 2574 for more info.

VALLEY BLUEGRASS JAM

Monthly jam session at the Normanby Bistro, 3rd Sun of the month from 2pm.

WOMEN'S ART GROUP

An art & craft group aimed at helping new Dunedin residents learn & share skills & connect with others. Tues, 1pm, 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, ph 020 4079 5727 or www.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. Contact Peter on peterd0n@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY ACCOUNTING

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

ENABLING LOVE

Looking for friendship and social connection? 18-45 years welcome to our weekly coffee group, Thurs, 1-2pm. More at www.enablinglove.nz or contact Joshua for venue at enquiries@enablinglove.nz

DUNEDIN REFUGEE

Dunedin Refugee Centre, meet community rooms, 262 North Rd, 9.30-11.30am, Fri. Ph Afife 473 8944.

FRUIT & VEGES CO-OP

Fresh fruit and veges at wholesale prices with All Saints Fruit and Veges Co-op. Small, med, large weekly bags. Order at St Martins, 194 North Rd, Thur, 4.30pm, or sign up online fruit.vege.allsaintsdn.org.nz or

LEGAL ADVICE

Free at Community Law Otago, legal advice by qualified lawyers, practical solutions, 11am-12.30pm Mon-Fri, 5.30-7pm Mon, Fri and 2-3.30pm Mon, Floor 1, 169 Princes St, 474 1922.

MEN'S PROBUS

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

Classifieds and community notices (for non-profits)

Belleknowes Golf Club

Green fees \$15
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Come & enjoy our fantastic 9-hole golf course on Lawson Street
Twilight golf starts October

COMMUNITY GARDEN

North East Valley, the top paddock behind North East Valley Normal School, working bees every weekend alternating Saturday 9.30am-noon and Sundays 1-4pm. All welcome.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Pine Hill, Dalmore Reserve entrance on Allenby Ave, check www.facebook.com/DalmoreCommunityGardenPineHill for upcoming events & working bees, dalmorecommunitygarden@gmail.com

DUNEDIN MAKERSPACE

Work on project, watch others and chat, 1pm-5pm, Sat; organised talks, 7pm, Thur, Valley Community Work-space, 11 Allen St.

ENLIVEN DAY CLUB

Ross Home, drivers and help with activities needed, light food preparation. Tues, Wed & Fri, ph Maybank 473 0890.

LADIES' PROBUS CLUB

Meets 10am, first Mon each month, NEV Bowling Clubrooms. New members welcome. For more info ph 455 6683.

NEED A JP?

Contact Colin Lind to arrange to meet, ph 473 7174 or 027 733 0066 or colin@lind.co.nz.

NORTH DUNEDIN SHED

New members welcome. Open Wed and Sat mornings 35 Bonnington St over bridge. Find us on Facebook: North Dunedin Shed Society Inc

MULTICULTURAL GROUP

Women's multicultural group, make new friends, speakers, cooking, outings. Community rooms, 10am-noon, Fri, ph Afife 473 8944.

NEIGHBOUR SUPPORT

Create safer, more caring communities. For more info and local contacts ph Lois on 456 0857 or neighbourhoodsupport@gmail.com.

REFUGEE CENTRE

Mon, 9-11am, Dunedin Community House, 301 Moray Pl. Coordinator Afife, ph 027 419 3125 or email afife.harris@gmail.com To volunteer at centre please get in touch.

trading corner

BABYSITTER

Experienced 23 year old, have worked with children of all ages. Ph Kelly 027 697 9194 .

BABYSITTER

High school student available for babysitting evenings and weekends. Ph Laura 027 905 9911 after 4pm.

BABYSITTER IN NEV

Experienced, 26 year old, children of all ages. Wide hourly availability. Ph Luana 027 284 7836 or luana.suarez62@gmail.com

CAKE BAKER

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

CLEANER WANTED

For one-off/spring clean, \$20/hr. Ph Lucy 027 321 7797.

COMPUTERS

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

GARDENER WANTED

We need a gardener for some light weeding, etc. Ph Gail 022 083 2258.

KNIFE SHARPENING

Mobile knife sharpening service for house knives, \$15/knife. Ph. 022 416 5446.

HOUSE-SITTER

House sitter available over summer. Currently free from Oct-early Feb. Book early for Xmas, 13yrs experience house sitting & looking after pets

around Dunedin. I can mow lawns & take you to airport, 56 -yr-old male, quiet, non drinking, non-smoker. Contact jefreyhrobinson@yahoo.co.nz

IRIS RHIZOMES

Irises, bearded, mostly purple, some yellow, large number of rhizomes to give away. Come help dig up what you would like. Ph Christine 020 4185 2350.

LOG SPLITTER

Commercial power Briggs & Stratton Model 12000 Vanguard. Local pick up & delivery with full tank, \$50/day. User responsibility, ph 473 0393.

HAIRDRESSER

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

HOUSE WANTED

House to rent or room in established house wanted, with garage, rural or urban, for mature male, works, skis & studies, non smoker, no pets, references. Home owner in BOP, ph Gordon 027 444 3820

ROOM WANTED

Living space wanted for mature female, keen community person, respectful & active. A room in a house, studio room, granny flat, lined shed - anything considered. Experienced house sitter with references. Ph Rose 022 302 1287.

NOTICES

Email voice@northeastvalley.org
Priority for valley groups.

for families, kids & teens

ACTIVE MUSIC

For 0-5yrs, with Yvette, 10.30am Wed, Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd, ph 473 9413 or nevplaygroup@gmail.com

DUNEDIN TOY LIBRARY

A vibrant toy library for children from birth to 7 years. Huge range of toys, ride-ons, dress ups, puzzles, games. St Martin's Hall, Northumberland St, 3.30-4pm Wed, and 10-11.30am Sat.

GIRLS BRIGADE

Dunedin Girls Brigade Company, all girls, from age 5 up welcome, 6-7.30pm, Wed, St Marks Presbyterian Church Hall, 304 Pine Hill Rd.

MT CARGILL GIRLGUIDES

Pippins, brownies, guides and ranger groups in the valley, ph 0800 222 292 or info@girlguiding.org.nz

OPOHO PLAYCENTRE

Sessions for 0-6 year olds, 9am-noon, Mon-Fri, school terms, 28A Signal Hill Rd. Visitors welcome, ph 473 0819 or email opoho.playcentre@yahoo.com

OPOHO SCOUTS

Keas, 5.30pm-6.30pm, Tues; Cubs, 6pm-7.30pm, Thur; Scouts, 7pm-8.30pm, Wed. Opoho Scout Den, ph Kevin 0800 SCOUTS.

PLAYGROUP

Leith Valley Church, Malvern St, 10am-noon, school terms, ph Julia 027 635 8181.

PRESCHOOL MUSIC

At Opoho School, 9am-9.30am, Fri, during school term, Room 3, gold coin, drop in, ph 473 8019.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Variety of classes with stories, crafts, songs and more. Ages 4-18, 9.30am Sun (term time only), DNI (tech area). All welcome, no charge, ph 020 4079 5727 or www.dunedinchristadelphians.org

SPACE FOR BABIES

Programs run by registered ECE teachers supporting families through their first year with a new baby, school terms, 12.30-2.30pm, day TBC, Valley Baptist Community Centre, ph 473 0014 or space.valleybaptist@gmail.com

NEV PLAYGROUP

For 0-5yrs, variety experiences to enhance development of your child, meet other local young families, free morning tea & lunch provided, Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd, 9am-2.30pm Tue & Wed, ph 473 9413 or nevplaygroup@gmail.com

RUDOLF STEINER PLAYGROUPS

Te Whare Ako Marie, Pinehill & Maia. A sanctuary for creative play for children from birth to kindergarten, a place of peace & friendship for parents. Groups meet weekly, term time, ph 471 2163 or dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

THE BREAST ROOM

Free peer support and help around breastfeeding. All parents welcome. Every Wed, 10.30am-12.30pm, community rooms, 262 North Rd.

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

St Thomas', Raleigh St and Pine Hill Rd, children & family service, 4.30pm, 3rd Sunday

Opoho Presbyterian, 50 Signal Hill Rd, 10am


NEV Presbyterian, community rooms, 9.30am, first, third and fourth Sundays, cafe service, contact Cameron Sinclair on sinclair@snap.net.nz

St Mark's Presbyterian, 304 Pine Hill Rd, 10am

NEV Baptist, 270 North Road, 10.30am.

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The Step Sisters, Ruth Arnison, left, and Sheryl McCammon, middle, have almost finished their Poems on Steps project near the top of Baldwin St.

THE STEP Sisters may have set the record for the slowest ascent of Baldwin St, but they have only three more steps to go as valley residents wait for the last few words of the poem they are painting to be revealed.

Ruth Arnison and Sheryl McCammon are the team behind the Poems on Steps and every summer they paint poems at three or four locations around the city on steps and benches.

They are also the founders of Poems in Waiting Rooms, Pocket Poems and the Lilliput Libraries.

The Baldwin St poem has been a fantastic experience, says Ruth. "I love any site where there's people going by to chat to and we have had plenty of tourists and locals. We've handed out lots of pocket poems." Pocket poems are small poems on a business card-sized piece of card.

There's also quite a few regulars walking up and down the street, she says, and one lady in particular kept telling them 'don't tell me the words, I want to wait to see them appear'.

Ruth looks after the traffic management and PR for each project, while Sheryl does the painting.

When choosing steps for poems they look for steps that are even and not too chipped. Then have go through the process of applying for resource consent from Dunedin City Council.

Ruth says she has always loved reading and poetry and was formerly a librarian. Once they have picked a new site she will read through lots of poems looking for one that suits the site and isn't too long.

Ruth considers the valley her "second home" as she works here at Knox College. "I love the valley and all the shop keepers here. It's a very special place."—*Edith Leigh*

What's on

Paw and Claw

Movie night with Open VUE screening Paw and Claw and The Silent Invader. Bring some kai along at 6pm, films start 6.30pm, Friday 11 October, Nga Maara Hall.

open day

Opoho Bowls Club open day, from 1.30pm, Saturday 12 October.

holiday workshop

Come and learn how to make your own household cleaners using simple ingredients. Tuesday 15 October, 7-9pm. Please register (details page six)

studio sale

Pick up a bargain at local artist Rod Eale's studio clear out. Open two weekends, 19-20 and 26-27 October, 10am-4pm, EVERGREEN, 20 Cleghorn St, Upper Junction.

CreekFest 2019

Celebrate Puke Haukea, the Lindsay Creek at a fun-filled community festival, CreekFest. From noon, Sunday 17 November, Chingford Park.