

# Celebrate our awa



Gearing up for this year's CreekFest event are a few members of the team, from left, James Begg, Hinewai Broughton, Charlotte Wilson and Clare Cross, who have been working hard behind the scenes to organise live music, creek education stalls a Kids' Zone and food for the big day on Sunday 17 November at Chingford Park. See you there! (turn to page 4 for all the details).

## NAU MAI haere mai!

Celebrate with us for a day full of excitement, aroha and fun. Creekfest is a family-friendly celebration of our awa, Lindsay creek.

The celebration, which is run by our community, is on at Chingford Park from noon on Sunday 17 November.

The awa is at the heart of the valley and is important to mana whenua and a valued asset of our community. We love our creek, look after it through the year and celebrate it at Creekfest.

Come along for a fun community opportunity to learn and engage with environmental topics and practices that benefit the awa and us as residents, not to mention all the native

residents we're lucky to have here in the valley as well.

Alongside this, we have tons of activities and entertainment. There will be live bands, extensive children's activities and delicious kai.

Take a trip back in time to explore the background of Chingford Park, dip into the creek to discover the ecology and habitat the creek provides as well as other educational stalls, live music, face-painting, kids' zone, food trucks, sausage sizzle and more.

Roll up with your whānau, a picnic blanket (and kai), coffee cup, friends and some cash, as Eft-pis is limited. The event is free, but we welcome koha to help support the event costs.

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# Valley Project world's best place

**THE VALLEY** Project came top of the list of all the places in the world Netherlands student Marie Rutgers could have picked for her internship.

The International Business and Languages student says while corporate environments are more usual for internships, she wanted to go somewhere that was more about helping people and doing good for the environment.

When some friends in Dunedin suggested the Valley Project, and she got a friendly, enthusiastic response to her initial enquiry, she knew she had found the perfect fit.

During her time at the project Marie is assisting with organising CreekFest, looking at financial planning at the project and helping out with social media – she has reactivated our Instagram feed so be sure to follow the Valley Project.

"I'm very lucky to be working in such a great environment. Dunedin is very beautiful and easy to get around – apart from mountains everywhere – and people are always willing to help with everything." (I guess if you come from the Netherlands our hills would qualify as mountains! –Ed)

Marie will be at the Valley Project until 24 February and plans to travel around the South Island over the summer break.

Social and Community Work master's student James Begg is coming to the end of his 50-day internship and says his time here has been a great introduction to the world of community and social



*Having interns at the Valley Project is a huge help with all the work that happens out of our office. Marie Rutgers, left, has come to join us for six months all the way from the Netherlands, and James Begg is an Applied Masters student from the University of Otago.*

work.

"I've learned so much as it was all so new to me. But it's definitely strengthened my resolve to go into this sector."

Valley Project manager Tess Trotter says having interns/student placements is a boon to our community. "As well as another pair of hands to assist with day-to-day work and special events, we learn a lot from them too."

## Children to gift Christmas cheer

**THE VALLEY** Project will be working with schools and early childhood centres again this year to create and give out Christmas cards to residents in Ross Home and others in the community who may not otherwise receive any Christmas mail.

If you know of someone who would value a Christmas card from a child

this year, please ring 473 8614 or email [charlotte@northeastvalley.org](mailto:charlotte@northeastvalley.org) with their name and address.

The Christmas cards are all made by local children.

*Pictured: Ross Home residents were delighted to receive Christmas cards from children last year.*



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# Final call for Summer School tutors

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THE COMMUNITY Classroom has been busy taking an interesting and diverse range of enquiries from people interested in teaching classes for the inaugural Dunedin Summer School at the beginning of next year.

Coordinator Melissa Pronk is putting out the final call for people interested in running a session, class or workshop. Registrations need to be in by Tuesday 5 November for the class to be listed in printed marketing materials. Registrations can still be taken after this date but will only be marketed online on social media.

The idea of the Summer School is to offer community education for everyone, and to cover a broad range of subjects at low cost, says Melissa.

"There will be something for everyone! We have turned up some very talented people willing to share their knowledge with us. Those wanting to get more out of their garden this summer, focus on health, learn some new recipes and get creative are going to love the classes on offer."

A tiny taster of a few classes on offer include beekeeping workshops, soil and composting classes, seminar on gut health, interactive storytelling for kids, electric bike info session, vegan cooking, music classes and make your own knitted dishcloth.

"We will have more detailed information about all the classes in the next *Valley Voice*, but for now we are putting out the final call for people to register to run a class, session or workshop," says Melissa.

"We are still seeking more teachers for yoga, eco-design and building, tiny-home tours and upcycling skills. If you have other ideas we would love to hear from you as well."

The Summer School will run from 17 January to 2 February.

The exact details, such as time, location and cost for each class are up to the tutor, but the aim is to keep it affordable for the commu-



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nity. Each tutor keeps the class fees and pays a registration fee of between \$30 and \$50.

The Summer School is a collaboration between the Community Classroom and the Valley Project. The Valley Project community rooms may be available as a potential venue.

To register your class go to [bit.ly/DunedinSummerSchool](http://bit.ly/DunedinSummerSchool). If you would like some more information about teaching a class, contact Melissa at [communityclassroom.nz@gmail.com](mailto:communityclassroom.nz@gmail.com).

Be sure to follow the Community Classroom Facebook page to see all the classes once the programme is confirmed ([www.facebook.com/communityclassroom.nz](http://www.facebook.com/communityclassroom.nz)).—*Edith Leigh*

## Seed bank of locally adapted vegetable varieties

GROWING YOUR own food at home is great on so many levels. Its environmentally friendly, provides you with the freshest, best quality produce possible, saves money, and it's a fun and interesting hobby. Ōtepoti Urban Organics is a local group which aims to help anyone in the Dunedin and wider Coastal Otago bioregion to grow plentiful crops of food right in their own back yards.

Founded in 2008 by valley resident Bart Acres, the main goal of Ōtepoti Urban Organics is to look after a seed bank of locally adapted vegetable varieties. These varieties have been carefully selected and maintained year after year to do well in our local climate.

These seeds and an extensive gardening guide with lots of locally tailored tips and advice, are available on the [urbanorganics.org.nz](http://urbanorganics.org.nz) website.

The seed exchange works with local gardeners who have time and land to volunteer for the purposes of saving seeds. Each year our growers choose which varieties they would like to take stewardship of, and they are provided with all of the information they need to successfully save seeds from these crops to return back to the seed exchange.

These seeds then become available to the general public of the Otago region, at an affordable price.

Keep an eye out for workshops to do with growing from seed and seed saving (or even how to grow your own gourmet mushrooms!) in the coming months at the Valley Project community rooms.



*Ōtepoti Urban Organics founder and valley resident Bart Acres at home in his own garden.*

# Your guide to CreekFest 2019

## live music: local bands

THE MAIN stage will be a hive of entertainment once again this year, with local bands ready to rock with joyful serenades to the audience and environment.

First up will be The Whirling Eddy's playing a mix of funk, R&B, blues, old Rock & Roll and originals. Band leader Terry Ebeling says the band has a strong connection to North East Valley. "We are excited to be part of CreekFest."

Next on stage are Katharticus, with music ranging from Surf Punk to Post Rock and nearly everything inbetween.

They will be followed by the Koputai Peoples Party.

Also making an appearance this year is Amelia 'mischief' from Dunedin North Intermediate performing two original songs. Amelia and band performed at the Spring in the Valley Festival and was very well-received.



## awa education and activities

CREEKFEST IS all about discovery and exploration. What's beneath the surface of the creek and how can we help look after it?

Luckily we have plenty of local experts to share their knowledge in a fun and dynamic way . . .

### Otago Museum

Find out about climate change and the importance of fresh water in our ecosystems with science educator, Amadeo, featuring a 20m eruption of a water volcano and an extreme weather storm demonstration with liquid nitrogen and boiling water.

### Dr Rock

Dr Rock is back to answer all your rock questions and general geological chit-chat. BYO rocks, minerals, fossils and curiosities for him to identify.

### Fish and Game

Check out the wonders of creatures living in the creek with their display tanks and electric fishing.

### Orokonui Ecosanctuary

Join the ecosanctuary education team on a creek discovery adventure. Find out more about the tiny invertebrate life that can be used to discover the health of the water.

### Heritage NZ

Find out about heritage listed locations in the valley and take a short guided walking tour of Chingford Park.



### Keep Dunedin Beautiful, EnviroSchools, DCC 3 Waters

Have a play with the enviro-scape to see exactly how every day activities affect our fresh water ecology.

### Otago Regional Council Trees that Count

Find out about how to tap into this project to plant millions more native trees in New Zealand to help tackle climate change and improve our environment.

### Community groups:

- OpenVUE
- North Dunedin Shed
- Valley Community Workspace
- North East Valley Community Garden
- North East Valley Playgroup
- Dunedin Electric Bikes
- Seed Swap

## Kids' Zone

THE INFAMOUS Creekfest Kids' Zone is amping up to be the young person's highlight of the year once again.

This year, there will be a Pōtae (Hat) Parade! Decorate a hat/cap/beanie with a creeksome creation and be part of the great Pōtae Parade – prizes for the cutest, the creepiest and most Creeky, to be awarded by the Queen Mother herself.

Everyone is welcome to join. Show your best and make sure to cap-tivate our jury. The parade will start in the Kid's Zone at 1.15pm, followed by a 'hatters' tea party.

Other kids' activities include:

- kids yoga
- old school carnival games
- icecreams
- face-painting

## Volunteering

We still need some extra pairs of hands on the day.

If you can loan an hour or so of your time before, during or after the event please contact Charlotte on 473 8614 or [charlotte@northeastvalley.org](mailto:charlotte@northeastvalley.org)

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# Riparian zone love

IF YOU find yourself walking along the Lindsay awa, see if you can identify the 'riparian zone' – a strip of vegetation that acts as a buffer between the land and water.

In healthy systems, riparian zones are made up of a thick undergrowth of small shrubs and grasses and taller canopy trees.

Riparian zones provide unique habitats for wildlife, such as birds, and protection for water systems. The roots of plants growing in riparian zones provide bank stability and act as a sieve, trapping contaminants like nutrients and sediments from surface water (runoff) before they reach the waterway.

Canopy trees act as a barrier to air contaminants and provide shade, which keeps water cool and reduces aquatic weed and algal growth. Less-weedy cooler water provides better habitat for many aquatic species. For example, native fish generally prefer water temperatures below 25°C.

Trees also provide bank stability and further filtration of nutrients, and increased bank stability reduces erosion, especially during flooding, ensuring streams remain clear of the sediments that can dramatically alter water courses and quality.

We can assess healthy waterways by sampling aquatic invertebrates where different species act as an indicator for water quality (known as the Macroinvertebrate Community Index or MCI).

To enhance riparian zones, we can remove weedy species and replant these with natives, for example, grasses like *Carex secta*, harakeke (flax), tī kōuka (cabbage tree) and mānuka. By planting natives and keeping on top of weedy species in riparian zones we can support a wide ecosystem.—Open VUE educator Clare Cross

## kids' corner

### Do you know what you use wai/water for?

Brainstorm all the ways water is used by your family or in your class at school. Guess what uses the most water.

To find out:

1. Make a bracelet from a cardboard roll, or a thick cardboard strip, about five centimetres wide, long enough to go around your wrist.
2. Draw horizontal lines around the bracelet and create a code for the different ways you use water, e.g. WH – wash hands, GW – drink glass of water, FT – flush toilet, D – dishes etc
3. Put a mark on the bracelet in the appropriate row each time water use occurs.
4. Combine your results with others in your family or class at the end of the day.
5. What was water used for most often? Was there much variation between different people?



## NEV homes wanted

THE SHORTAGE of quality housing and family homes in the valley continues to be an issue judging by the amount of notices the *Valley Voice* has received this month from people looking for a house. Can you help?

### HOUSE WANTED FOR LOCAL FAMILY

Local family and cat seeking 3-bedroom home to rent from January 2020. Please contact Simone on 021 058 1493, 473 0011 or simone1969nz@yahoo.com.au

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### HOUSE WANTED FOR MATURE COUPLE

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### 2-BEDROOM HOUSE WANTED

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# Valley studios open for Art Trail



TEN WELL-KNOWN local artists will be generously opening their studios and workshops for the Annual Labour Party Art Trail this month.

For \$20 you can visit their galleries and studios and enjoy free refreshments in the Pioneer Hall at Port Chalmers.

This year we have a terrific and varied line-up which includes artists from North Dunedin to West Harbour. Jude Ansbacher in Norwood Street and Christine Keller of the Dunedin LoomRoom in Allen Street are located in North East Valley.

The trail starts (or finishes depending on your chosen route) with a colourful display of pottery at the Stuart Street Potters Co-operative, and an exhibition of Inge Doesburgh's paintings at the RDS Gallery. If you take the low road to Port Chalmers, the Port Line, you can visit Peter Nichols and view some of his amazing sculptures; Tony Williams, one of New Zealand's leading jewellers; Pav Pawlowicz's 'Wicked Carvings'; Robert Scott at the Pea Sea Art Gallery; and David Elliot, internationally recognised children's writer and illustrator. Over the hill and into North East Valley (the high road) are the studios of artists Rod Eales and Jude Ansbacher, and the LoomRoom of Christine Keller, master weaver and tutor.



Master weaver Christine Keller in her LoomRoom studio at the Valley Community Workspace.

The Art Trail is on Sunday 17 November from 10.30am-4pm.

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# Modern buildings in their time

WITH THE exception of the war memorial, the huge difference between the view of North East Valley School in the 1920s and of North East Valley Normal School today piqued my interest.

What happened to those beautiful stone buildings? Presumably they were demolished to make way for the present classroom blocks.

One has to wonder if there was any public outcry or community opposition to losing what was once boasted as 'the best buildings in the colony'.

As I began to delve into the history of Dunedin's second-oldest school my imagination was first caught by the lives of its very first pupils who walked long distances to sit in gloomy buildings.

The 1932 *North East Valley School Souvenir of the Eighty-first Anniversary Celebrations* says the first school was built in 1851 not far from where the "present Botanical Gardens" are situated. It opened with a roll of 31 and was erected and maintained at the expense of the settlers.

Interviews with those early pupils described it as gloomy, especially in winter, with its small windows. "Many of the children walked long, lonely distances through bush and scrub, and had to keep a wary watch for wild cattle."

After the Otago Education Board was established in 1856 the first state school was opened in 1858 in North East Valley on the present school site.

As rolls grew rapidly, a larger wooden school had to be built and was used until 1882 when the stone school was constructed, using stone from Woodhaugh.

The 1932 souvenir booklet noted the stone school was "credited as being one of the best buildings in the colony that could boast of being heated with the Ashbury Heating System".

Improvements to the school over the next 50 years included the addition of a large gymnasium, a new play area and the asphaltting of the central area which "provides an excellent, dry and clean drilling area". It was also noted the dilapidated paling fence, seen in the above photo, was replaced with "a stout ornamental concrete fence".

In the limited time I had available to research this column I found very little material about the demolition of the stone buildings or about the construction of the present "modern classroom block", as they were described in the 1976 *Souvenir Programme of the 125th Jubilee*.

In fact, the most interesting titbit I uncovered about the current buildings was that they were officially opened on decimal currency day – 10 July 1967 – and pupils were given a set of mint coins which included "some of the old and some of the new".



*The same view of North East Valley School in the 1920s compared with North East Valley Normal School today.*

*Top: North East Valley School and war memorial, circa 1920s, photographer unknown, Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa National Library of New Zealand.*

*Bottom: North East Valley Normal School principal John McKenzie stands outside the school entrance. Photo: Edith Leigh*

It is always fascinating to read about memories from pupils of earlier eras and how they compare to the lives of the present pupils.

In the 1976 souvenir booklet former pupils remember going down to Lindsay Creek for crawlies in the lunch hour, eating blackberry jam sandwiches wrapped in newspaper, and toilets that were "open to the sky and with walls not so high that the best boys couldn't get water over the top".

In 1968 the school became a normal school which began its continued close relationship with the Dunedin College of Education to help train teacher trainees.

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# valley garden journal



## Meet community gardener Merylei Guthrie

### What got you to your first working bee at the North East Valley Community Garden?

The vegetables are organically grown and I wanted to meet people in the community who shared my passion for gardening. I also wanted to learn more about vegetable growing.

### How long have you been working at the community garden?

One and a half years.

### What do you most enjoy about working at the community garden?

Mixing with interesting and like-minded people in a relaxed environment.

### Do you have a veggie garden at home?

I have a small vegetable garden at home which has a limited supply of produce. The community garden provides an abundance and variety of vegetables each season.

### What is your favourite time of the year in the garden?

Spring — it always enlivens me with new life in the flower and vegetable gardens.

### What is your favourite vegetable?

Leeks are my favourite vegetable and I have rarely eaten them in the past due to cost and limited space in our garden to grow them.

## Become a community gardener: November community garden working bees

### North East Valley Community Garden

Saturday 2 Nov: 9am–noon, Sunday 10 Nov: 1–4pm

Saturday 16 Nov: 9am–noon, Sunday 24 Nov: 1–4pm

### Pine Hill Community Garden

Check [www.facebook.com/DalmoreCommunityGardenPineHill](http://www.facebook.com/DalmoreCommunityGardenPineHill) for upcoming events and working bees

## The story of the missing memorial statue

INTERESTINGLY, I discovered that although the war memorial is the same in both of these two pictures, the 'Anzac' soldier atop the memorial was actually missing from his perch overlooking the valley for almost 40 years.

Fundraising, after WWI, to build a memorial in the valley had been so successful that as well as constructing the archway, the life-size marble statue of the World War I soldier was imported from Italy to grace its top.

A 1921 article from the *Otago Witness* described the "large crowd" that witnessed the unveiling of the memorial. "The Mayor (Mr W. Begg) said that through these gates 200 pupils of the school had passed who had taken part in the war and of these 120 had paid the supreme sacrifice," the article read.

In 1969 the statue was deemed an earthquake risk and taken down to spend the next 38 years in draughty hallways, broom cupboards and balconies.

Former pupil Helen Pitcher (née Mowat), in a letter to the school, remembered the statue sitting on the balcony of the old brick junior school overlooking the rockery and play areas. "I have an indelible memory of the white ghostly figure glimmering up there on a

bright moonlit night," she wrote.

Current school principal John McKenzie told the *Otago Daily Times* in 2007 that he undertook the project to reinstate the statue after seeing it in storage soon after arriving at the school earlier that year.

"My grandfather served in World War I and the statue's lemon squeezer hat reminded me of him," the article reported. "The school is the second-oldest in Dunedin and the arch is also one of the last links with the original stone buildings."

Generous donations from former pupils enabled the marble statue to be reinstated and re-dedicated in an Armistice Day ceremony on 11 November 2007.

Today North East Valley Normal School has a roll of 273 pupils, and the growth of the roll over the past few years has led the Ministry of Education to establish an enrolment zone for the school. The intent of enrolment zones is to guarantee children in the area a place in their local school.

As the 1976 souvenir booklet stated: "The school has always been a focal point for the district. It is very dear to the hearts of hundreds."  
—Edith Leigh

# Classifieds and community notices (for non-profits)

## fitness & health

### CONTRA DANCE

7.30pm, Mon, \$2, 52 Dundas St. Ph. 473 8640 for more information.

### DUNEDIN ACROYOGA

Combining acrobatics and yoga, no partner needed. Beginners classes available. 6-9pm, Tue, Opoho Presbyterian Church, 50 Signal Hill Rd. Facebook or email joeske@gmail.com

### DUNEDIN BMX CLUB

Race night, Forrester Park BMX track, 6pm, Thur.

### FOLK DANCING FOR FUN

Baptist Church, 270 North Rd, 10am-11.30am, Fri, \$4. Ph Yvonne 455 2406, stured1@yahoo.co.nz

### HEALING MEDITATION

Guided healing meditation, last Sun of the month, 4-5pm, community rooms, 262 North Rd, \$10. Beginners welcome. Ph Jay 027 584 4537 or bodymindqi@gmail.com

### 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, Nga Maara hall. Contact Kenneth Dunedin@shaolinkungfu.co.nz or 022 094 6357.

### LEARN TAEKWONDO

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.nnz or contact Joshua for venue at enquiries@enablinglove.nz

### ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Informal group to practice speaking with a native English speaker (this is not an English class), new topics each week, meet new people, 12-2pm, community rooms.

### 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.allsaints.dn.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.

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## Belleknowes Golf Club

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

Come & enjoy our fantastic 9-hole golf course on Lawson Street  
Twilight golf starts October

## 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.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/DalmoreCommunityGardenPineHill) for upcoming events & working bees, [dalmorecommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## VALLEY VOICE

Copy deadline for December issue is 18 Nov. No issue in January. Email [voice@northeastvalley.org](mailto:voice@northeastvalley.org)

## NEIGHBOUR SUPPORT

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

Gardener available, light

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Priority for groups and activities in the Valley Voice readership area. Email [voice@northeastvalley.org](mailto:voice@northeastvalley.org)

Please keep notices brief. They may be edited to fit the space.

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## 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](mailto:jefreyhrobinson@yahoo.co.nz)

## LOG SPLITTER

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## HAIRDRESSER

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

## 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 [sinclairs@snap.net.nz](mailto:sinclairs@snap.net.nz)

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

**NEV Baptist**, 270 North Road, 10.30am.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Need an MP?  
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# Conversation 'humming'



The English Conversation group sharing kai and chat at the Valley Project community rooms.

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COMMUNITY MEMBERS who are not confident English speakers are not only improving their conversation skills but forming new friendships through an informal group that meets weekly.

Valley Project community worker Charlotte Wilson says that the conversation group started a few months ago and is "humming along". "The group has a nice vibe and energy.

"It's quite exciting because real friendships are starting to form. Some people meet up outside the group and have visited each other in their homes.

The weekly meeting is an informal setting to help people practise their English conversation skills in a friendly, warm environment. It is not a teaching class.

Each week the group has a different topic to talk about such as family, the home, supermarket shopping, cooking and how different cultures celebrate events and other occasions.

The group is also exploring ideas to meet in different places in the valley or even in people's homes. Currently meetings are held at the Valley Project community rooms from noon-2pm on Fridays.

Everybody is welcome to come along whether they want to improve their English conversation skills, or are a native speaker keen to help others and meet new people.

For more information contact Charlotte on 473 8614 or email [charlotte@northeastvalley.org](mailto:charlotte@northeastvalley.org).

## What's on

### CreekFest 2019

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


### art trail

Check out some local artists during the annual Labour Party Art Trail. On Sunday 17 November, 10.30am-4pm.

### got a local event?

We can help you publicise your event if it is happening in our readership area - North East Valley, Opoho and Pine Hill. Get in touch with the Valley Voice editor on [voice@northeastvalley.org](mailto:voice@northeastvalley.org)

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