

Dragon's Den idea a NZ first



Share Your Space is a way that Bronwyn Bay found to help parents juggling motherhood with business get a good few hours work in at a shared working space while their children are cared for on site.

AN IDEA pitched at the Valley Project's Dragon's Den event has now become reality and is leading the rest of the country in community innovation for working parents.

The Valley Project is collaborating with Share Your Space to offer a regular shared working space in the community rooms aimed at parents with the provision of a child-minding service on-site. The initiative runs on Mondays from 11.30am to 2.30pm.

Share Your Space founder Bronwyn Bay says, to her knowledge, this is the first shared working space in New Zealand that provides a child-minding service.

"A lot of us don't want to put our children in all day care. We just need a few hours, maybe once

or twice a week, and we can get screeds done." "Having the child-minding next door means we are right there if our child needs a cuddle or breast feeding."

The Valley Project is supporting the initiative and has a Memorandum of Understanding with Share Your Space, with a longer term goal that the idea will bring in a small income for the Project from the regular use of the community rooms.

Bronwyn says it is important to her that the initiative is community-led. With that in mind she ran a few pop-up shared working spaces to gather feedback from community members about what worked or didn't work for them.

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AED a lifesaver for our community

WE ARE very excited to now have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) available at the Valley Project .

It is currently housed in our office, but we are working on getting a box with breakable glass to keep it outside the community rooms so it will be available to our community 24/7.

What is an AED, you might ask? Think of those movie scenes where paddles are stuck to the chest of an unresponsive character and then someone shouts, "Clear!" – that's an AED.

Without getting too technical here, an AED is a portable medical device that can automatically assess a patient's heart rhythm. It judges whether defibrillation is needed and, if required, administers an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart.

Anyone can use an AED – you don't have to be qualified. It has voice and visual prompts to guide your through the rescue.

The majority of people suffering a sudden cardiac arrest can't be resuscitated using CPR alone, their survival rate drops with every minute they wait for an ambulance to turn up with an AED.

Performing first aid in an emergency situation is a scary scenario for anyone, but knowing you have an AED on hand to use in such an instance is a massive relief. It's kind of like a spare key for your home – you don't realise how much it means to have one until you really, really need it.—*Edith Leigh, Valley Voice editor*



Valley Project community coordinator Charlotte Wilson with the new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) now available at the community rooms.

From the Valley Project board chair:

OVER THE holidays I had some experiences that reminded me how much I appreciate community in general and this community in particular.

One great experience for me was running the Crush the Cargill event in December. There was so much support from local people. Some came and walked or ran with us, some donated, some just encouraged us in the build up to the event; Grid Coffee donated their coffee cart and coffee, and everyone had a bloody good time!

I also received lots of feedback about how much people appreciate the Valley Project and consider it a great and worthy cause to support. Thank you to all our board members, volunteers and community members for all the work you do in keeping this community alive in so many ways.

The year starts for the governance board with an assessment of our organisational structure and how we can make the best use of our resources and staff to achieve our vision. We will also be going through our strategic plan to work out how we go ahead, and plan to have this finalised before our Annual General Meeting.

In the meantime we look forward to our annual CreekFest event, which wouldn't happen without our community volunteers.—*Steve Tripp, Valley Project board chairman*

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Let CreekFest entertain & enlighten you

THERE WILL be something for everyone at this year's CreekFest event, with lots of fun educational activities centered around Lindsay Creek and its environment and a wonderful line-up of local Dunedin bands.

'Critters in the creek' will be the focus of Fish and Game and the Orokonui Ecosanctuary education team. We will have Forest and Bird's Kiwi Conservation Club on site for children who might be keen to get involved in conservation and find out more about the club.

'Dr Rock' – our local geologist – invites people to bring along their rock finds for identification.

Keep Dunedin Beautiful will be on site with the Dunedin City Council's Three Waters team to discuss the Valley's upcoming water and stormwater upgrade, while the Otago Regional Council will be focusing on hazards information and running a science creature photo competition.

The three local bands that will provide an afternoon of entertainment start with Jo Little and Jared Smith with their distinctive soul and blues sound.

Next up is Bullet Proof Convertible, a three-piece ska/rockabilly band playing original tracks along with covers of artists such as Johnny Cash.



CreekFest and Open Valley Urban Ecosanctuary (Open VUE) volunteers are excited about the upcoming CreekFest event on 18 March.

Finishing the afternoon will be Tahu and the Takahas, a big band with soul that always provides great entertainment.

To finish up, everyone who is in the mood to "partay" is invited to the Normanby Tavern for more sounds, food and community spirit.

Investing in our great small city

We want your ideas on how to keep Dunedin moving ahead.

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Our 10 year plan outlines the services and activities we aim to provide, the things we want to do, how much we expect things to cost and what it all means for rates and debt.

To keep the city looking good and working well we want to keep replacing pipes and roads, but also build some new things. These include a bridge to open up the waterfront, the central city upgrade and improvements to the tertiary precinct.

Find out more

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Talk with Councillors: Councillors will be coming to an event or public place near you, for face-to-face conversations. See our website for details of where and when.



Hearings: You can also speak to all Councillors at the hearings on 9–13 April. To register for the hearings go to www.dunedin.govt.nz/10-year-plan or phone us on 03 477 4000.

Feedback closes at noon on Monday, 23 April.



Community fruit trees flourishing

MOST OF the community fruit trees in North East Valley and Pine Hill are looking good, with apples, pears and hazelnuts starting to mature. Fruit won't be ripe until later in March. Apples come off the tree easily with a light twist when they are ripe. Their pips inside will have turned brown.

Sometimes we see unripe fruit lying on the ground under the tree with human bite marks – people are still learning when it's the right time to pick! Fruit won't ripen off the tree if it's picked too early. So patience, Grasshopper!

The trees are still young, so there's not a lot of fruit yet. Please don't take all the fruit, just a few at this stage. Hopefully, in the future, with care from people in the neighbourhood, there will be a lot more to go around. This year there may

only be four walnuts on the tree, but in the future there could easily be 400!

Let us know if you can help care for the trees. It's very enjoyable to meet up with others for an hour's "work".

If anyone needs apples this season contact Kristen about community fruit picking. Tree owners in the neighbourhood who can't pick their trees but don't want the fruit to go to waste have kindly offered them for redistribution in the community.

Our Food Network helps to co-ordinate this as they also work to support local food resilience. Usually a bit of codlin moth to work around, but yummy, local and organic! Contact Kristen on 027 779 5481 or tv473ig@list.king.net.nz

—Our Food Network after Transition Valley 473



Regular Pine Hill volunteers Lynn Vare and Joanne Inder with a bag of thistles from the community orchard site by Pine Hill School.

Parish more than a garden and church building

COME AND see us. We are in your community. You may have seen our glorious display of roses over this summer. But we are more than a garden and a church with a steeple and a bell.

We are a community that gathers for mass (service) on Sundays at 9.30am in the church, and every day of the rest of the week in the presbytery, just in the gate of the church grounds. We have a liturgy (service) especially for children, held during our Sunday Mass.

After Sunday mass, about 10.30am, we meet in the church hall for morning tea and all are welcome to join us. During the rest of the week we have morning tea after mass at about 10.15am, also in the hall.

Can't make the mass time? Come and join us for a cuppa afterwards.

We also have a number of other activities during the week as follows:

- A youth group (Year 7 – 13) meets fortnightly on Thursdays.
- Mothers Prayers group meets second and fourth Monday of the month at 7pm in the hall.
- UFO group – meets to finish all those unfinished objects first Monday of the month in the hall at 130pm. No project? Just come and see what the others are doing.
- Gardeners who maintain our gardens.

We also have a number of reflection activities during the year. At the moment we are doing Gospel reflection around the season of Lent.



A Palm Sunday celebration (the Sunday before Easter) at the Sacred Heart Parish in North East Valley. This year Palm Sunday is the 25 March.

After Easter we will have some DVDs and discussion on several aspects of the Catholic Faith.

On March 17 we will be getting together for a BBQ at 5pm to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Come dressed in green and bring an Irish joke or story to share, and a salad or dessert or meat for the BBQ. We will also be singing Irish songs. All welcome.

Our school, also known as Sacred Heart, celebrates mass in the church at least three or four times a school term and the community is welcome to join them.

Do you want to know more about what is happening at Sacred Heart Church? You can contact Kathleen on 021 161 0742, or the parish priest Fr Aidan on 47 38470.—Kathleen Currie

Community projects keep shed members busy



North Dunedin Shed members reinstall a cupboard at the community rooms. They made the cupboard bigger and readjusted the shelving to fit the needs of a new group using the rooms on a regular basis.

Valley Project community coordinator Charlotte Wilson says it's fantastic to have shed members doing so many projects around our community. "We are really lucky to have such a great group operating in our community."

The shed, just over the bridge on Bonnington St, is open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. New members are always welcome.

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I am a professional storyteller and along with the New Zealand Sea Lion Trust will share puppets, music, stories and a take-home puppet activity.

The show will be playing at all Dunedin City Libraries. Check seaweek.org.nz/events/otago/ for dates and times at each library. This show gets the royal SEAL of approval, arf, arf!—*Kaitrin McMullan*



North East Valley Normal School pupils enjoy a pre-show about sea lions with storyteller Kaitrin McMullan ahead of upcoming Sea Week from 3–11 March.

Football season gears up for 2018

HI AND welcome to the 2018 season with the Northern Junior AFC.

Registrations have already started. With New Zealand Football using a new software system, if you played for the club last year you should have received a user name and password from My-Comet. This allows you to go on line and purchase a product from the club, to enable you to play this season and pay later on line.

If you are new to the club and wish to play, or have questions, please contact Tony Galloway on 027 6931747 or email tony.gallo@xtra.co.nz.

The first games will start on 7 April but before then we have a couple of events to enjoy:

- Club Fun Day at Chingford Park, noon to 2pm, Sunday 11 March. Come meet your coach/team mates and other club members.
- Season begins on Saturday 7 April.
- Sammes Shield club tournament against Maori Hill on Sunday 29 April.

—*Andrew Bowen*

Music lessons for all ages

STUDENTS' EXCITEMENT, enthusiasm and those "eureka moments" are what Bevan Gardiner loves about teaching guitar, drums and singing lessons.

"It's very rewarding. I love inspiring students to play music," says the Pine Hill resident who teaches all ages. His youngest student is seven years and his oldest is 70.

Bevan found an unused guitar in his family's garage when he was six and he has never looked back. He has been a professional musician for the past ten years and plays and sings in about five different ensembles including various bands and duos. He has been performing a John Denver tribute show around New Zealand and Australia during the past decade.

Bevan finished his Bachelor of music in 2012 and has been teaching since then. He is accompanied at all his lessons by his guide dog, Faith.

Lessons for children are taught afterschool at Dunedin North Intermediate on Mondays through to Thursdays. To find out more and get in touch contact Bevan on bevan377@hotmail.com or phone 027 363 1376.—*Edith Leigh, Valley Voice editor*



Bevan Gardiner enjoys some time on the guitar at his Pine Hill home.

New afterschool music group at DNI

Musikids Dunedin is a new after-school activity for children from year two to year eight. It combines practical, hands-on music making, singing and games with creative music activities.

Musikids runs on Mondays at the Kazbah Dance Studio and on Thursdays at Dunedin North Intermediate in the technology lounge.

Contact Sarah Brown on 021 120 7268 or musikidsdunedin@gmail.com, or check out their Facebook page 'Musikidsdunedin'.

Workplace first aid course

WE ARE hoping to run a Workplace First Aid course in North East Valley if we can get enough participants.

The course will be on Saturday 7 April from 9am to 3pm at the Valley Baptist Community Centre.

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A c1920s photo looking down North East Valley taken from above Rhodes Terrace. The quarry is the steep rock face at the end of the spur coming down from the right. Photo: Postcard, Box-309-004. Te Uare Taoka o Hākena - The Hocken Collections, University of Otago.

WHEN I look across the valley to the verdant faces of the Quarry Garden, covered in trees, it is hard to imagine that it was once a scene of noisy and dangerous industry.

A quarry that regularly disrupted the valley with weekly window-rattling blasts to break up the rock, bits of which, in the early days, occasionally became missiles peppering the nearby shops, factories, homes, and backyards (and the school on at least one occasion!).

North East Valley quarry, also known as Calder's quarry and later Palmer's quarry, was one of the first quarries in Dunedin, opening before 1880. Aggregate – small bits of rock – was needed for developing the city, in particular its roads.

The quarry started off life as a 13-million-year-old knob of an unusual volcanic rock called phonolite, which means 'sounding stone' because of the ringing noise it makes if you hit a nice, unfractured piece of it with a hammer.

I was hoping there might be something exciting about phonolite that makes it an exceptional aggregate. So I asked Tony Hunter (whose father Jim bought the quarry in the 1950s and who still lives in the valley) why the phonolite in particular was quarried.

Tony explained that while phonolite is nice and hard, the site was probably chosen for the same reason that quarry sites are chosen today: because it was handy. It was simply a convenient rock face next to the creek.

Early on the quarry was a vertical face much closer to the creek, with men dangling down on ropes to drill holes in the rock by

hand for blasting. Later the quarry was one of the first to cut benches, which made working the quarry much less life-threatening.

Over 100 years the hill was munched away, bit by bit, and eventually five to six million tonnes of rock was carted away from the site.

My other question for Tony was: where did all the rock end up? After being blown up, the bits of rock were taken to a crusher and pounded into aggregate. These little bits of North East Valley were spread along the roads of Dunedin and cemented into concrete for all manner of structures, including the new hospital block built in the late 1970s. It was never used as building stone.

Eventually Jim Hunter decided that he didn't need to operate both his Valley quarry and Logan Point quarry, and because the Valley quarry was more bothersome to its neighbours, it closed in 1980.

The quarry today is a far cry from the bare rock face. Jim decided to pretty it up into an award-winning quarry garden. During the 1990s the quarry pit was filled in, levelled and grassed, 200 cubic metres of topsoil and 500 tonnes of compost mix were bought in, and over 35,000 shrubs and trees were planted, making it one of the prettiest spots in the Valley.

Information for this story also came from Gary Blackman's 2003 *Valley Voice* column on the quarry, and numerous *Otago Daily Times* articles.—*Helen Jack, Valley resident and scientist*

Come and meet some phonolite in person on the Awa Discovery Walk, part of Creekfest on Sunday 18 March.

Shared working space for parents underway

"WE HAVE set it up as a social enterprise. Once it is fully booked it will pay for itself. We want it to be community orientated

and to meet a community need, but not be reliant on the community to operate." Anyone can make use of the shared working space whether they are a parent or not. To find out more about costs or to

book in check out the 'ShareYourSpace' Facebook page or head to shareyourgold.com and click on the Share Your Space section.—*Edith Leigh, Valley Voice editor*

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Bee garden puts on a showy display



Abundant lettuces at the Dalmore Reserve Community Garden.

RHUBARB, LETTUCE, carrots and beetroot have been doing really well this summer at the Dalmore Reserve Community Garden in Pine Hill.

The strawberry bed has been extended in the hope of a bigger crop next year.

Borage and cornflowers transplanted into the front bee garden have been putting on a great show.

All welcome to join us at our working bees. Check our Facebook page 'Dalmore Reserve Bandit Gardeners' for dates and times.

community gardens

NORTH EAST VALLEY

The top paddock behind North East Valley Normal School, working bees every weekend, alternating Saturdays 9am–noon and Sundays 1–4pm, all welcome.

February dates: Sun 4 Mar, Sat 10 Mar, Sun 18 Mar, Sat 24 Mar.

PINE HILL

Dalmore Reserve entrance on Allenby Ave. Working bee dates on Facebook page: Dalmore Reserve Bandit Gardeners. Contact dalmorecommunitygarden@gmail.com

Garden news on page five

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, 10.45am

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

Opoho Presbyterian, 50 Signal Hill Rd, 10am

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Sessions for 0–6 year olds, 9am–noon, Mon–Fri, school terms, 28A Signal Hill Rd. Visitors welcome. For more info 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.

SPACE PROGRAMME

Programme to support new parents through first year of child's development (Supporting Parents Alongside Children's Education). Valley Baptist Church. Contact Amy on 473 0014 or space.valleybaptist@gmail.com

NEV PLAYGROUP

Come along with your children 0–4 years, Baptist Hall, 270 North Rd, 9am–3pm, Tue, Wed. Ph Michael 473 0572.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

RUDOLF STEINER

Dunedin Rudolf Steiner playgroups, Te Whare Ako Marie, Pinehill and Maia. A sanctuary of creative play for children from birth to kindergarten and a place of peace and friendship for parents. Groups meet weekly, term time. For more info contact 471 2163 or dunedin-steinerplaygroup@gmail.com

YOUNG PARENTS

Young Parents Group Te Roopuu Maatua Maahuri, where young parents come together to share and support each other. For parents who had their first child before 26 years. Children welcome. 1–2.30pm, Thurs, community rooms. Ph. Susan 021 550 737.

TINKER SCHOOL

Afterschool courses, Mon–Fri, 3–5.30pm, 347 North Rd. Ph Andrew 021 982 216.

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 jooske@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

LEARN TAEKWONDO

Korean martial art, supportive environment, family friendly. Training Mon, Thur, Pine Hill School hall, 6–7.30pm. For more details and to register email dunedinolympictkd@hotmail.co.nz

MEDITATION

Meditation and mindfulness afternoon workshop every two weeks, ph 021 035 2392, www.meditatenz.com

NAKAJIMA JUDO CLUB.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Priority given to valley groups, email voice@northeastvalley.org



Classifieds and community notices (for non-profits)

DUNEDIN ELECTRIC BIKES

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Valley Community Workspace
11 Allen St
Tues-Thurs, Sat 9am-2pm
Fri 9am-5pm. Message us on Facebook
or ph Nathan Parker 027 214 8294

QIGONG

Classes in Yuan Gong, Ans 027 756 8383, yuangongdunedin@gmail.com Jay 027 584 4537, www.bodymindqi.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 4739311. Last class end Nov, restart in Feb.

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 Rebecca rebeccafishernz@yahoo.co.nz

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.

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.

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

COMPUTER CLASS

A free class to learn how to use computers, 10am-noon, Weds, community rooms.

FREE LITERACY COURSE

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

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LEARN ITALIAN

Planning a trip to Italy this year? Fun, communicative lessons Ph. Samantha 021 0831 8408.

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, 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

SEA OF FAITH

St Johns Church Hall (cnr Wright St and Highgate), 6-7.30pm, third Thur each month. Enquiries ph. 473 0031.

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, Caveisham; 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 Normaby Bistro. Scones, jam & cream \$3, Thurs 15 Feb, 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

VALLEY BLUEGRASS JAM

Monthly jam session at the Normanby Bistro, Sun 19 Feb, 2pm.

community groups

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. 3.30-7pm, Tues, and 9am-12.30pm, Sat, Valley Community Workspace, 11 Allen St. Contact Peter on peterd0n@yahoo.com

DUNEDIN MAKERSPACE

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

MEN'S PROBUS

NEV bowling club, 10am, 2nd Mon each month, new members welcome. Ph Don 473 7544.

NORTH DUNEDIN SHED

New members welcome. Open Wed and Sat mornings Bonnington St over bridge. Ph Paul 474 0060 or 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.

PINEHILL COFFEE & CAKE

Morning tea outing to Dunedin café, last Wed of each month. Ph Carolyn 477 7115 for more info.

REFUGEE & MIGRANT 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.

TWILIGHT TINKERING CLASSES

Mon & Thurs, 7-9pm, 347 North Rd, Ph Andrew 021 982 216

trading corner

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

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

CAT LOVER WANTED

Valley resident seeks cat lover to feed our 2 cats (Oliver & Simon) when we go away for long weekends. If interested ph Mike 027 476 5267.

COMPUTER SERVICES

Trouble-shooting, tuition, low rates. Ph Dave 473 9542, 022 635 9414 or email davemaxz@actrix.co.nz

FOR SALE

Two tub chairs, brown leather, new condition. \$120 each or \$220 both. Offers considered. Ph Kathy 473 7115.

KNIFE SHARPENING

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

HOUSE-SITTER

Quiet 54-year-old male, non-drinker, non-smoker, part-time research assistant at Uni. Looks after pets, mows lawns etc. Ph. 027 4467 915 or email jeffreyhobinson@yahoo.co.nz

HOUSE-SITTER AVAILABLE

Pets/lawns/mail/cleaning. No charge either way. Responsible mature female. Txt 021 038 4058.

LOG SPLITTER FOR HIRE

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

SENIORS HAIRDRESSING

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

WANTED

For cash buyer, NEV area, sun side house with rural views (any condition) or building block. Contact by text 021 147 4075.

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Potato impresses gardeners

SIX-YEAR-OLD JACKSON East was amazed when he dug up an unusual potato at the North East Valley Community Garden last month.

The potato was so large, with numerous protuberances that gardeners commented "we should stick it in the *Valley Voice*" – so here it is. This alien is believed to be a Desiree potato which weighed in at a whopping 0.95kg.

The garden is looking very tidy after our February working bees which had the best attendance yet.

Vegetables have been growing well in the amazing weather so all our workers have taken home lots of produce each time.

We all love our morning and afternoon teas too. Come and join us or just meet up at the gardens and have a look around.—*Mark Dyer and Jenny Roxburgh, garden volunteers*



Jackson East (6) was thrilled with this alien he dug up during a working bee at the North East Valley Community Garden.

Bistro to temporarily close

THE NORMANBY Tavern owners, Richard and Susanne Dagg, are saddened that they have to close their bistro until further notice.

The tavern will continue to operate as usual, but the bistro side of the business is not enjoying enough patronage to make it feasible to keep it running.

"We know we have great food and great prices, but we just haven't managed to build enough local awareness of our services.

"We are sorry to see it happen as well," says Richard. The plan is to re-open again in the future, although they don't yet know what sort of format that will take, he says.

All of their pre-booked commitments will still go ahead, including the CreekFest after-party. The bistro will be offering four or five meal options and there will be live music in the bar from 6pm to 8pm after the festival finishes at Chingford Park.

"We're really looking forward to it," says Richard. "This is the sort of local stuff we love to be involved with."

CreekFest event volunteers needed

Creekfest needs you. Would you be interested in volunteering for a couple of hours on Sunday 18 March? Possible roles include site setup and pack down, gate attendant, Kidzone and creek health and safety attendants. Contact Lorena on 027 465 1867 or creekfest@northeastvalley.org if you can help.

what's on

club fun day

Northern Junior AFC fun day at Chingford Park. Meet club members and your team. Sunday 11 March, noon–2pm.

CreekFest

It's all about celebrating Lindsay Creek! Join us for a day of discovery walks, educational activities and live music on Sunday 18 March. Discovery walks 10am & 11am Festival, Chingford Park, 1–4pm.

Sunday sounds

Mosgiel Brass, 1–2pm, 11 March; Country concert, 1–2.30pm, 18 March; Reggae concert, 1–2.30pm, 25 March
On at the Dunedin Botanic Garden bandstand