

A community investment



From left, Luciana Hotton (4), Mazyad Al Hassan (4), James Lees (2) and Sina Faaumu (3) share a laugh at the puzzle table at the newly renovated early childhood centre, Family Ties Educare - Pine Hill

A "HUGE investment" by new owners at Pine Hill's early childhood centre has seen the centre double its roll and start a wait list for new children.

Family Ties Educare managing director Melissa Henderson says since taking over the centre last year the support from the community has been amazing and she is excited about the centre's future.

First up for the centre was the start of a "massive renovation project" which so far has included a new roof, upgrading electrical wiring, replacing rotten wood, doors, windows and aluminium joinery, plumbing work and repainting the exterior. Next on the list is a redevelopment of the playground.

"There's so much space, it's fantastic," she says. "It's massive with two to three outside areas that have grass, trees and natural shade. On one side is a perfect shady outdoor play area for summer, while the other side is too hot to use in summer, but will be warm and sunny during winter.

The centre currently has 25 children enrolled with four full-time teachers. "There is ample space for more children but Melissa says their philosophy is about quality childhood care, not quantity.

"For us this is an investment in this community to provide quality care to the children in this area." The centre has higher teacher to children ratios than what regulations require.

"We really believe for children to thrive they need time, space and pace - a nice slow time to potter and do their thing which allows children to learn at their own natural pace."

"We're still establishing our programme and getting it set up before we grow the numbers further."

The plan is to allow a year to establish their programme and use of spaces before starting on more renovation work on the interior, she says.

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Warm winter ahead for survey winner

DALMORE RESIDENT Jasmin Lamorie is the winner of the Valley Project's Cosy Homes survey and can look forward to some new home insulation up to the value of \$4000 this winter.

The survey was to help the Valley Project collect better data about homes in the Valley area to help the Cosy Homes team know where to concentrate their efforts.

The prize was put up by Techno Bond by Ellis Fibre, a Dunedin-based company that manufactures its own insulation, to add some extra incentive to encourage people to complete the survey.

Jasmin is very excited about the prize. While the ceiling of her home is already well insulated she hopes the company will be able to install underfloor insulation.

Pictured: Jasmin Lamorie with her two children, Azalea (4, left) and Ari (7).



Love our volunteers on Valentines Day

WHAT BETTER day to show our love and appreciation for all our volunteers who help to make our community a better place, than Valentine's Day.

The Valley Project would like to offer an open invitation to everybody – big or small – who has volunteered with any of our community groups or projects, to join us at the community rooms on 14 February at 1.30pm.

We will be having a thank-you afternoon tea which which will also be a lovely

opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new people involved in different projects.

Anybody who is interested in finding out more about volunteer opportunities with the Valley Project is welcome to come and join us as well.

To help us organise catering please rsvp to charlotte@northeastvalley.org

The Valley Project team looks forward to seeing you all.

Warm welcome to our new cleaner for rooms



From the editor: some changes for *Voice*

AS THE new year gets under way we already have some great community events in the pipeline to look forward to. I hope you can all make it along to our Love Your Volunteer thank-you afternoon tea on Valentine's Day and, of course, CreekFest is always a great day. We've had a few layout changes this

year to group ads together in directories. We hope this is going to make it easier for you to find an ad you might be looking for or to scan through for local services.

Here's to another year of great community collaboration ahead of us.

—Valley Voice editor Edith Leigh

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Emily Peterson has joined the Valley Project team to keep our community rooms sparkly shiny clean.

We would love for her to spend most of her time cleaning rather than washing dirty dishes so if you are using the community rooms please make sure you tidy up when you are finished.

Teens create new app for CreekFest

TWO VALLEY teenagers are hoping to launch a new app at CreekFest that will accompany the awa walks and provide all the details about the festival at the swipe of a fingertip.

The CreekFest discovery walks feature signage with pictures and information about points of interest, which are put up once a year during CreekFest. Now all that information will be available year-round through the app.

The app will feature a map with all the points of interest with pictures and the relevant information for each stop.

CreekFest co-organiser Wendy Tripp is excited about the new project, as a lot of work by volunteers has gone into collating information and making all the signage for the discovery walks.

Liam Sciafe says he was reading the *Valley Voice* while at Black's Road Green Grocers when a story about the Love the Lindsay group looking for people to help out caught his eye.

The idea of creating an app was something he could help with and before long he had brought his friend Linus on board too.

The pair have been working on the app during the school holidays and hope to have it ready in time for the CreekFest team to input all the information.

Linus Molteno was introduced to coding by his dad at the age of



Liam Sciafe (13, left) and Linus Molteno (14) are hoping a new app they are creating for CreekFest will be ready to launch at this year's event.

five, while Liam joined a programme run by university students about building websites, while he was still at primary school. Since then he has been self-taught and learning as he goes along.—Edith Leigh

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30 looms to move into valley workspace

NORTH EAST Valley is set to increase its arts presence with a new weaving studio with community access that will open this year.

Master weaver Christine Keller is busy renovating rooms at the Valley Community Workspace to shift the Loom Room from its current home at King Edward Court.

The Loom Room will occupy 20% of the workspace and house up to 30 looms. It will encompass three areas: a teaching space, Christine's studio, and looms available for people to rent for a specific project.

Students can learn how to weave at her weekly classes where they will complete a small project, and might then like to work on a bigger project, such as a blanket, over a few months, Christine says.

There are very few places teaching weaving in New Zealand, with only a little being taught at Massey University, she says.

Christine is excited about the opportunities for joint projects with other groups and businesses using the workspace at 11 Allen Street.

Already she has teamed up with MakerSpace who 3D-printed parts she needed to repair and upgrade 14 old looms that had been 'sitting in a pile' at the Southern Institute of Technology.

Current students and members of the workspace have already helped her with the renovations, but she would love some more help from the community. Even if people could give half a day, or



Master weaver Christine Keller at work renovating a weaving studio space at the Valley Community Workspace. She has learned to cut metal and router polystyrene as she lines the teaching room with old freezer panels, which will provide upcycled insulation, and would love some community help with the project.

one day, it would really help to get the weaving studio opened by the end of April, she says.

If you are interested in helping out or in joining a weaving class, contact Christine on mindmade@hotmail.com

Tablet makes sketching easy



Tablet sketches by Janet Smith

DRAWING ON a tablet has helped artist Janet Smith do more on-site sketching, especially in public.

"No one takes any notice of someone busy on their device," says Janet, who is a member of the Friday Art Group that meets at the Valley Project community rooms.

It's so easy to use, she says, and is an alternative to carrying around a sketchpad and pen or paints, especially when she is on holiday.

She draws directly on the screen of the tablet with a stylus and has access to multiple pen, pencil and brush tools, along with hundreds of instantly available colours.

Drawings can be finished onsite or at home, and pictures can be printed onto quality photographic paper for a good frameable print.

Janet's exhibition of tablet art runs until the end of March at the Dunedin Botanic Garden Information Centre.

New walk for CreekFest

This year's CreekFest will feature a new walk alongside our regular awa walk, and hopefully the launch of the new CreekFest phone app. Saturday 18 March will start with one, or both, discovery walks, with a new walk to discover where Selwyn Village is and explore the past life of this hillside and creek tributary. We'll also look at what is so special about the critters that live in the hillside springs and seepages. Good mobility is required for this hillside walk. Meet at 10am at the Selwyn St bridge.

Our established awa walk will have all your favourite awa walk memories plus a 'get up close to creek critters' with a magnifying glass (bring your own magnifier if possible), peka peka bird feeders, electric fishing and puppet 'rock opera'. Meet at 11am at the Pentland St playground. Chingford Park will have music, food, stalls and a kaumatua zone for the festival which gets underway at 1pm. Rock to Tahu and the Takahes, Jo Little and Jared Smith and Bullet Proof Convertible.

Visit the Kidzone for eco face-painting, puppets, art and science. All sorts of education events are planned including 'Dr Rock' – bring your own rock for geology expert Dr Nick Mortimer to identify and discuss. We are looking for volunteers and helpers. If you can volunteer some time or act as a marshal on 18 March please contact creekfest@northeastvalley.org. We also need help preparing and putting up discovery walk signs on and before 18 March. Contact Wendy on wendy@northeastvalley.org if you can help.

For regular updates watch our Facebook pages: Creekfest 2018 – Arohaina the Awa and the Valley Project events.—Wendy Tripp, CreekFest co-organiser

garden NEWS

Vegetables flourishing

BOGGY ACCESS to the compost bins, herbs and bean beds at the North East Valley Community Garden has been squelched with the help of a recent grant.



New garden edging at the NEV community Garden.

The grant, from the Dunedin City Council Neighbourhood Matching Grant committee, enabled the boggy areas to be gravelled, making life much easier for gardeners.

Garden sleepers and edging have also been replaced and new hand tools and gloves are being put to good use. A purchase and application of blood and bone along with the excellent weather and TLC from community gardeners has the vegetables flourishing.

Children enjoy garden

CHILDREN HAVE been helping out in the Dalmore Reserve Community Garden and delighting in seeing how much their potatoes have grown. It will be even more exciting when they get to eat them for dinner.



Children enjoy helping out in the garden.

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Learning Chinese made fun

CHINESE FOR Kiwis started with a small group of parents with a desire for their kids to learn Chinese in an engaging way. So together, over the course of a year, we put together a language club.



Every week a group of 10 to 15 children, from

ages 3 to 12 years, come together at Pine Hill School to learn basic Chinese through songs, stories, games and craft. The club has many kids with Chinese heritage, as well as Kiwis wanting to learn a language.

The Chinese for Kiwis principle is to use Western methods for Western learners. We focus on speaking, skills and confidence, and getting active while we learn. There are badges to collect and aspire to, and a club uniform to foster pride in being a Chinese speaker.

We had a great year in 2017, tweaking our club activities through parent feedback each term, and now we have a format which we think is great for our kids. Our hope is for Kiwi-Chinese families to have an avenue for their kids to be proud of their heritage and



Above right: Children enjoying games and activities at the Bear Cat Club which gives children the opportunity to learn basic Chinese through songs, stories, games and craft. Above left: Bonne Shotbolt enjoys helping children learn Chinese.

language, while also providing for beginner learners from our Kiwi community.

Our club has enjoyed many Chinese-speaking volunteers from the community who start the session by reading to the children.

Our Chinese ABC playgroup is taught by Renee Koh, a Kiwi-Chinese of Singaporean descent. The big kids' session, the Bear Cat Club, is taught by myself – Bonnie Shotbolt – a Kiwi who is a qualified English language teacher.

I decided to use my English language teaching training to help others begin their journey to learn Chinese. Having received such warm hospitality from Chinese people as I learnt Chinese Mandarin abroad, I am passionate about equipping New Zealanders to welcome migrants in the same spirit.

I believe that Chinese is a very important language for Kiwis to be learning.

On Thursdays mornings we will host a free, kid-friendly social morning of walking and talking in the Botanic Gardens. I would like to encourage Chinese migrants in the community to come along and use the opportunity to meet people.

—Bonnie Shotbolt

Bargains, baking, books and more at Monster Garage Sale

CHILDREN ARE eagerly awaiting the return of the Monster Garage Sale at Sacred Heart School this month.

The popular, bargain-filled garage sale is back again with baking, toys, books, coffee and Laser tag, among other great activities.

This extremely affordable, fun family event is Sacred Heart School's major fundraiser for the year. Come along and check out

the bargains and support this super school on Saturday 10 February from 10.30am to 1pm at 63 North Road.

If you have goods to donate for the garage sale, drop-offs can be made during school hours in the first week of February. Check the school's Facebook page for a drop-off time in the weekend prior to the event.—Diane Cooney, Sacred Heart School



Valley Project board members Steve Tripp and Nolan Hill on one of many summits Mt Cargill

Marathon effort on Mt Cargill

VALLEY PROJECT chairman Steve Tripp has taken the lead for his community raising about \$2000 for the community-led project by spending 24 hours running up and down Mt Cargill.

He made it to the top 12 times, enjoying "beautiful stars" and a sunrise along the

way. Four runners took part for the whole 24 hours of the unofficial event while another 30 joined for various periods of time.

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Borrow-bike scheme powers up

ELECTRIC BIKE expert Nathan Parker hopes a new scheme to allow North East Valley residents to borrow an electric bike for errands around town will see more people out of cars and on bikes.

The 'borrow-bike' is available to members of the Valley Community Workspace and Valley Card holders.

"If we want to get cities greener then electric bikes is the way," says Nathan.

The electric bike makes it easy to do errands even if they are on the other side of Dunedin, and if people have never ridden an electric bike before it takes only a few minutes to learn how.

Dunedin Electric Bikes is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 9am to 2pm and until 5pm on Fridays.

If you don't have your Valley Card yet, they can be purchased at the Valley Project office, Black's Road Green Grocer and Bloomin Gorgeous. The card gives you access to various discounts with local businesses and is a fundraiser for the Valley Project. The cost



Dunedin Electric Bikes co-owner Nathan Parker wants to get more people out of cars and onto bikes with a new bike borrow scheme for Valley Community Workspace member and Valley Card holders.

is \$20, or \$10 unwaged. Find more details on the Valley Project website northeastvalley.org



Free home insulation available

KIA ORA koutou *Valley Voice* readers

Happy new year! Let's start things off with great news.

The Cosy Homes Charitable Trust and Otago Community Trust have joined forces to boost the Government's subsidised insulation scheme to make it FREE for many Otago residents and we want North East Valley, along with all Dunedin residents, to hear about it.

The government's Warm Up NZ programme offers a 50% subsidy to homeowners with Community Services Cards, but this was simply not being taken up in our region because affordability is such an issue.

As third-party funders for this programme in Otago, our two trusts came together and decided to boost the subsidy to 100% to ensure all our allocated subsidies are taken up before the end of June.

There is no catch. This is truly free for those meeting the eligibility criteria, which are broad:

- If you own your home and it was built before 2000, and you have a Community Services Card or a Gold Card with a Community Services Card endorsement, you are eligible for FREE ceiling and underfloor insulation where accessible.
- If you are a landlord, and your main tenant has a CSC, and the house was built before 2000, Cosy Homes and Otago Community Trust will boost your subsidy to 75% for ceiling and underfloor insulation where accessible. As the landlord you pay 25%.

- If you have a respiratory condition, and you're within \$20,000 of the CSC income limit for your household size (see Cosy Homes' website for income limits), and your house was built before 2000, medical referrals are available (when signed off by a medical professional).



Jordana Whyte

Subsidies are available for a limited time, on a first-in, first-served basis and are available Otago-wide.

Let's spread this good news far and wide. Please ask if you have any questions at all. Head to our Cosy Homes website, cosyhomes.org.nz, for more information.

Many thanks – ngā mihi nui, *Jordana Whyte*, project manager

The referral process is simple.

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Centre upgrade an investment in Pine Hill community

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THE CENTRE has established a great relationship with Pine Hill School, says

Melissa. As well as having access to their facilities such as the library, hall and grounds, they are also invited to join school events such as picnics with the school com-

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"It's really exciting. I love coming up to this centre."—*Edith Leigh*

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spaces available

SPACE PROGRAMME

For any mums with new babies we still have spaces available in our next SPACE (Supporting Parents Alongside Children's Education) group.

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community gardens

NORTH EAST VALLEY

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

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

PINE HILL

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

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CHINESE FOR KIWIS

Bear Cats Club and Chinese ABC playgroups for children to learn Chinese. Tues, 3.30-4.30pm, Pine Hill School, 11 Hislop St. Ph 021 589 075 or www.chineseforkiwis.co.nz

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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, 10-11am 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.

MINI MUSIC GROUP

Preschool music and movement session, 9.15-9.45am, Mon, Nga Maara Hall, Sacred Heart School, school terms, gold coin. All welcome.

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. 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, \$3, 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, \$3. 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.

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

NEV Presbyterian, 224 North Rd, 9.30am cafe service

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

NEV Baptist, 270 North Road, 10.30am.



Classifieds and community notices (for non-profits)

DUNEDIN ELECTRIC BIKES

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Check them out at
Valley Community Workspace
11 Allen St, Fri and Sat mornings

Message us on Facebook
or ph Nathan Parker 027 214 8294

QIGONG

Classes in Yuan Gong, Ans 027 756 8383, yuangongdunedin@gmail.com Yang 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, fourth 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@extra.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.

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 information and local Neighbourhood Support contact details contact Lois on 456 0857 or neighbourhoodsupport@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Priority given to valley groups, emailvoice@northeastvalley.org

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

trading corner

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

Experienced 22 year old, have worked with children of all ages. Ph. Kelly 027 697 9194.

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

17 year old with extensive first aid training and experience with children of all ages. References available. Kyra Ph. 0221507349

COMPUTER SERVICES

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

FOR SALE

Wooden bookcase, 1.2m tall, 1m wide, \$60. Ph 473 1434.

KNIFE SHARPENING

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

HANDYWOMAN

Handywoman available. What do you need help with? Create, fix, install, maintain, revamp it - in garden or house. Ph Ren 027 465 1867.

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.

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Pogo stick challenge raises more than \$10,000

Pogo-ing up the world's steepest street was "very hard" but he felt great at the end, says North East Valley resident Harry Willis. The 11-year-old raised more than \$8000 for Ronald McDonald House.

POGO-STICKING UP the world's steepest street was hard work but 11-year-old Harry Willis says it felt fantastic to have raised more than \$10,000 for Ronald McDonald House in Christchurch.

When his four-year-old sister was diagnosed with cancer last year the charity house was his family's home away from home. It also meant that Harry and his brother and father could be close to his sister and mother while visiting from Dunedin.

"I wanted to spend as much time with my family as I could," Harry says.

Harry first started playing around on a pogo stick when his brother was given one for Christmas and the idea to bounce his way to the top of Baldwin St just popped into his head one day.

He trained on his family's driveway and the steep streets of North East Valley where he lives.

Although he featured on national television, the best part was being able to say thank you to Ronald McDonald House in such a positive way. His fundraising page is on everydayhero for donations:

<https://give.everydayhero.com/nz/pogo-stick-up-baldwin-street-boy>



Darcie Willis (then 4) during treatment for cancer in Christchurch last year.

Photo: supplied

holiday hours

garage sale

Monster garage sale at Sacred Heart School, bargains, baking, books, coffee, children's activities, Sat 10 Feb, 10.30am-1pm. Donations can be dropped off during school hours.

Love your Volunteer

Thank you afternoon tea for all our volunteers, Wed 14 Feb, 1.30pm, community rooms. Open invitation, please rsvp charlotte@northeastvalley.org

tablet art

An exhibition by artist Janet Smith at the Dunedin Botanic Garden Information Centre. On until the end of March.

CreekFest

Discovery walks, festival with lots of fun and free activities, live music, Sun 18 March. Discovery walks 10am & 11am Festival, Chingford Park, 1-4pm.