

### NEW NAPHTALI HOME A PERFECT FIT

Long-time Valley residents will remember Naphtali from its original home in a large villa opposite the old Caltex at 131 North Road. Naphtali outgrew this space so moved up the road to the NEV Salvation Army Hall around 2018. When the Salvation Army needed their building back at the end of 2021, we went into a minor panic as we loved being there so much. However, it turned out to be a blessing in disguise as our new home is absolutely ideal.

After one year of patiently camping out up in Pine Hill at the St Mark's Church, we are now nestled back down in the Valley in what was formerly known as Youth Grow. We are surrounded by birdsong, fields of braying horses, and the sanctuary of Bethune's Gully.

For those of you unfamiliar, Naphtali is a fun place with a full programme providing for people with disabilities. At Naphtali people can enjoy being at the centre and socialising with others while baking, exercising in our gym, (Continued on page #5...)



Naphtali clients and staff taking a break from gardening and karaoke for a photo op in their new Normanby home.

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## A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIR

Merry Christmas to you all! What a year it has been! A tremendous thanks to all of our volunteers and supporters for your time, expertise, generosity, and dedication. You all have made so much possible for The Valley Project, and thus your community. May all your efforts be repaid in good karma and fortune!

The Valley Project team has been working hard to create an events calendar for what will be offered in 2024. This should not only help with planning, but also enable the community to prepare for approaching events and initiatives, whether as guests or participants. Trust me, there's a lot to look forward to next year! Stop by our website and register any volunteering interest: [www.northeastvalley.org/your-community/volunteer](http://www.northeastvalley.org/your-community/volunteer).

We recently hosted our first car boot market and art exhibition alongside a pre-loved clothing market. A huge thanks to the team and all the volunteers for pulling it off, and to the hundreds of community members that showed up! We would love to do it again!

We have also been consulting on the Community Plan which will guide The Project until 2030. We appreciate the community members who have attended and placed their ideas on paper. If you would like to feed further into this please email [james@northeastvalley.org](mailto:james@northeastvalley.org).

On behalf of The Valley Project Executive and staff, I would like to wish you a Meri Kirihimete me te tau hou. --James Sutherland

**Meri Kirihimete Whānau**  
From The Valley Project Executive

what's ON?

## WASTE DIVERSION DAY SET FOR 11 MAY, 2024

Never fear, you haven't missed our annual Waste Diversion Day (formerly known as Spring Clean), it's just been re-branded and moved to May 2024. Planning is already underway for the popular rubbish sorting and waste minimisation day. It will take place in the usual setting of the Valley Project and adjacent North East Valley Normal School on Saturday, 11 May, 2024, between 12noon to 3pm.

Thanks to the Dunedin City Council who have granted The Valley Project funding for another year, much of the expenses associated with the services offered will be covered. The Diversion Day is all about giving our community the option to responsibly recycle paint, metal, and selected electronic goods - the sort of stuff that isn't included in kerbside collection.

It's also a day of free community workshops for learning methods to reduce waste coming into your home.

Prepare to drop off your discarded electronics including monitors, computers, printers, screens, microwaves, vacuums, stereos, heat pumps, etc. We'll also be accepting metal and paint (as long as the containers are rust free) for recycling. The Valley Project will subsidise recycling costs. There may be a small fee per carload. For logistical reasons, we won't accept trailer-loads, van-loads, utes, or trucks.

Details are still being worked out regarding workshops, but you can bet on good vibes and the chance to rid yourself of those unused household items you held onto for responsible disposal!



## ROSS HOME WHĀNAU READY TO WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS



The new Macara Unit at Ross Home, a Presbyterian Support Otago (PSO) Enliven home, was opened back in October. It has been beautifully renovated, creating a warm and welcoming environment designed for older people who wish to live in a safe and connected community, and to be cared for by highly skilled health professionals.

The new 24-bed unit has been named after Betty Macara, a woman who lived in Ōpoho most of her life, belonged to the Ōpoho Presbyterian Church, was matron of Ross Home for many years, and then became a resident, passing away aged 102.

Ross Home Manager, Margaret Pearce, is proud that the renovated and refurbished unit will make a wonderful home for older people.

"Macara Unit, like the rest of Ross Home, will provide older people and their families with the reassurance that they are living in a safe place where their wellbeing is paramount, where they are staying connected and living their very best lives," says Margaret.

"We have worked hard to create a comfortable, fully equipped home with a team of highly skilled health professionals who not only have clinical expertise, but also have compassion and a commitment to provide the very best care for older people."

The Macara Unit provides hospital-level care, something that is in high and growing demand as New Zealand's population ages and more people are unable to remain in their own homes. Enliven Director, Sally O'Connor, says Ross Home is PSO's largest Enliven care home with 124 bedrooms.

"Providing quality care to older people is something we have been doing for a very long time and it is a privilege for us to look after our vulnerable residents."

Are you interested in joining our Enliven family at Ross Home or would like to enquire for a parent? For more information or to arrange a visit, contact Ross Home Manager, Margaret Pearce, on 03 473 0029 or email [margaret.pearce@psotago.org.nz](mailto:margaret.pearce@psotago.org.nz).

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# DIY GARDENING TOOLS

Chingford Park Riparian Rhapsody Working Bees are in full swing. Thanks to all who've turned up so far to help. A fair bit of progress has been made in the endless cycle of weeds that we've all grown accustomed to this time of year. We've also been quite lucky to have some knowledgeable community members lend a hand, pass along some interesting information, and teach us a few new tricks.

This past working bee we tested out a few tool ideas brought to us by community members and staff. Our dedicated volunteer, Ben Nicholls, built a handy golf club scythe aimed for use by children or people who find crouching down a bit difficult. It was constructed by drilling holes into the head of a nine iron, and used bolts to connect a less than sharp blade to the crown. The blade sat flush with the face of the club. Six year-old volunteer, Jack, tested the prototype and gave rave reviews. While this prototype seemed to be more on the fun side than efficient, it did help Ben in the development process to know how far out to extend the blade. We suspect extending the blade a couple millimetres will make this DIY tool extremely useful in hacking the weeds at our future working bees.

Another tool suggested to us for weed whacking was a simple bread knife. And thanks to the lovely people at Rummage in Green Island, we got our hands on three! Using the very scientific method of handing people tools and everyone just hacking away at the weeds with a miniature sickle, cutting with shears, and chopping with the bread knife, it was decided that the bread knife was the clear winner. Not only did it cut the tall grass and weeds easier, it was also easier to hold and we had fewer worries about people hurting themselves.

Do you have any DIY garden tool ideas you'd like to share with the community? Would you like to show them off at one of our working bees? Send your ideas to [openvue@northeastvalley.org](mailto:openvue@northeastvalley.org). We'll be posting all of these nifty tools and prototypes on our social media. We would also love for you to show them off in person at our working bees so others can learn from your inventiveness. Join our volunteer mailing list by emailing Open VUE, visiting [northeastvalley.org](http://northeastvalley.org), or calling 03 473 8614.

-- Jennie Wagner-Gorton



## NEVER A DILL MOMENT IN THE GARDEN

It's hard to believe this is our last article for the Valley Voice this year. The time seems to have flown by! Looking back over our Facebook page, it's nice to remember what we've done this year at the Dalmore Reserve Community Garden.

New raised beds were installed by garden member, Keith. We achieved a quality of compost that resembles chocolate cake crumbs. Fruit trees donated by Our Food Network were planted this year. Fat fruit is now forming for the first time on the peach tree! The growth and spread of the berry patch is an indicator of the progress of the garden.

I'm reminded of the crops that worked and those that didn't. Weather is such an influence on the success of a garden. As disappointing as it is when a crop sometimes fails, it is simply a part of the process we must accept.

We learned not to put in any Elderflower wood into a Hügeltkultur garden as it will regrow! We also learned to never leave carrot seed uncovered—the birds will scratch up the whole lot. And never turn your back on a parsnip! When you've given up on the seeds you planted, months later they may appear, at which point you'll have already dug over most of the area you originally sowed!

But, there are always those wonderful moments of gathering a nice feed of vegetables and herbs lovingly grown, and this is worth all the effort. We're looking forward to some raspberries for Christmas and gooseberries very soon. Last year we picked them when they were fat and a bit coloured but not quite ripe. They cooked up perfectly into jam and relish. At the moment we're busy making Elderflower cordial—so delicious and there are tons of trees around the wider Pine Hill area you can forage. Recipes are aplenty online, so why not pick some and give it a go - karawhūia!

There has been a lot of rain this month and things have grown lush in the warmth that happens every other day. We hope your gardens are flourishing, too, and if you have any time to come and help wrangle our never-ending crop of weeds, we'd love to see you at one of our working bees. -- Lynn Vare

### DALMORE RESERVE COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEES

Sat. 9 Dec. 10am	Sat. 13 Jan. 10am	Sat. 10 Feb. 10am
Sat. 23 Dec. 10am	Sat. 27 Jan. 10am	Sat. 24 Feb. 10am

### N.E.V. COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEES

Sun. 10 Dec. 1pm	Sat. 30 Dec. 9:30am	Sun. 21 Jan. 1pm
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(...continued from front cover.) using computers, gardening, singing, making art, or enjoying some sensory modulation activities. People also use Naphtali as a base to get out and about to do activities such as fishing, shopping, and exploring the community.

The Naphtali whānau absolutely love the new place. We have had a lot of comments along the lines of, "I love it!" (Alex); "We finally have a home!" (Ben); "Wow, flash!" (Heather); And a long contented nod of approval from Isaac. They especially enjoy a nice wide open space to wander around and take in nature. Everyone has a wish list and is inspired in some way by the new environment.

The new Naphtali hub suits us down to a 'T'! We have excellent access to the building. The bathrooms are accessible to wheelchair users, and the outdoor space is accessible to all clients who want to enjoy some fresh air. Additionally, the space has been renovated to meet our needs. Overall the Naphtali whānau really appreciate and feel valued by the fact that we have a such an

incredible space for them to come to each day that is modern, warm, inspiring, and light. Our clients especially love the big kitchen which we have never had before! Our cooking group can gather around the big island and there is a great amount of storage and wonderful new appliances. The art room is another favourite. Members of the public will remember this as the old shop space. With its high ceiling and light and airy feel, our artists are inspired and already busy at work. We are also starting up our hot houses and seeing what interesting tropical varieties of fruit and veges we can experiment with, some ideas being watermelon, kiwifruit, and a banana tree.

With all our new space and the vast potential for the property, we are planning to be open for community engagement in the near future, so look for news on this in future issues of the Valley Voice. For now we are just going to settle in, have a party and call it a year! We at Naphtali wish you all a very merry Christmas!

-- Matthew Sanson, Service Coordinator



## A DECADE OF WEAVING WONDERS!

The Loom Room began in late 2013 after my partner, Sam, and I collected a TradeMe purchase of six transportable little looms from Christchurch. For three hours weekly, I taught loom weaving in the Fred Hollows community room at the Valley Project. At first, I had five students whom would transport loom kits and supplies to and from each class. So too did I, along with a box of books, a box of wool, and an array of tools. We made do with what we had on the day.



When demand for my classes grew, I sought a space where looms and materials could stay put. Between 2014 and 2018, I housed the operation within two rooms at King Edward Court. On Easter of 2018, we moved into the present custom-built premises at the Valley Community Workspace at 11 Allen Street.

Come by the Loom Room and check out our current projects. We are open to the public most Saturday mornings from 10am to 1pm. The studio is slightly hidden as it is the last door, just beside Lindsay Creek, and we have yet to hang up signage.

In the last weekend of October, current and former students met in the Community Gallery to celebrate weavings from over the past decade. The variety of creations ranged from scarves and jackets, to tablecloths, placemats, and blankets. Recently the first rug was completed! Some weavers are creating pieces for practical use while others are creating art. I am very proud of everyone's work. My teaching philosophy is that of a community of learners. Everyone is a student and everyone can be a teacher as well.

I wish to thank all of the students and friends who have come through my classes over the years... around 150 of you! And I wish to acknowledge Sam especially, who helped me make this dream come true.

The first two terms in 2024 will start January 30-31, and February 1st, as well as March 26-28. In the first term I might run five groups, one more than our regular four weekly groups. Classes are held in 8-weeks terms and run three hours per week either Wed/Thu mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm, or Tue/Wed/Thu evenings from 6 to 9pm. Currently all classes are designed for adults and you must be at least 16 years-old to join.

The weaving classes have been made possible with the support of Dunedin City Council creative community scheme. THANKS TO ALL FOR SUPPORTING US! -- Christine Keller

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# ACCLAIMED REALTOR HANDING OVER KEYS TO BUSINESS PARTNER

Long-time Ray White realtor, Jane Bokser, has traded in her seven-day work weeks for seven-day weekends. For this North Dunedin property specialist, retirement has officially commenced with full devotion to her husband, gardening, and her two year-old grandson.

Although Jane is moving on, she is not moving out of the Valley. She intends to remain a loyal resident as she has been for over two decades - a bond that surely played a part in Jane's career successes. Her distinct profile will no longer adorn billboards and newspapers hereafter, but Jane hopes to stay familiar as an active community member.

Seventeen years ago Jane Bokser joined forces with another Valley realtor and resident, Colleen Townsend. Their clientele would often crossover into each other's "zones", as defined by Northwards and Southwards of James Street, and based on which half their own homes were located. Ultimately, they chose collaboration over competition which resulted in a solid business relationship and a rewarding, ongoing friendship.

Colleen is frequently asked what makes their partnership operate so well. "Unless you're mother and son, father and daughter, husband and wife, most real estate partnerships don't work. Ours did. We had something—a compatibility—that was quite unique and special. We never had one cross word between each other in seventeen years!"

A shared sense of humour is a likely factor, too. Jane and Colleen reminisced of days when they were so engrossed in delightful conversation and in making one another laugh they would have to drive around the block until they were composed

again for meeting with clients. They agree that it is important to indulge in the moment.

"I remember it was almost like party time at some open homes together. You get people coming through you knew, the same people shopping. And it was just such a lovely, friendly vibe, with lots of fun had," says Colleen.



Jane's connection to the Valley Project began in the organisation's earlier years. She was called upon as an agent to assist in the possibility of purchasing the old post office for a social enterprise. Throughout the years, she and Colleen have also supported Ōpoho School, Salvation Army, and the North Dunedin Shed.

"People have been pretty loyal to us," says Jane. "We are always promoting the Valley, how great its community spirit is, and that you are well supported as a local." Colleen chimes in that she shares the Valley Voice newspaper as evidence of that. "There's a buzz that we have here. An eclectic mix," she proudly adds.

Jane will be missed in the world of real estate, and her shoes will be hard to fill, but business must carry on for Colleen Townsend and the Ray White Dunedin team. Colleen remains dedicated to delivering professional, top-class service. Her reputation has been built on a long history of stating things as they are and then delivering on the commitments she makes. Her enthusiasm of, experience with, and love for the collective 'Valley' makes her a valuable asset to this community.

So if you're thinking of selling or want to know how much your home is worth, Colleen is now your go-to! **027 226 5482** or [colleen.townsend@raywhite.com](mailto:colleen.townsend@raywhite.com). -- Krysha Brzuza

## A YEAR OF RESILIENCE AND GROWTH IN OUR LOCAL PROPERTY MARKET

Firstly, compliments of the season to all our Valley Voice readers.

The year 2023 has been one of the most interesting from a property perspective. From a low point in the first half of the year as purchasers were coming to terms with the new mortgage rate environment, we have noted a steady lift in market activity from around July onwards. This activity has been dominated by two groups:

**FIRST HOME BUYERS:** typically have a maximum budget of around \$500,000. They have been out in force, with many saying they've been looking for a while, but there's a lack of tidy homes at that price point. As such, any good homes at this price range have generally sold quickly, with multiple offers being common.

Following the election, the sentiment has changed with many now panicking to purchase a home before investors inevitably re-enter the market. On that note we are now seeing evidence of investors, including ex-patriot Kiwis, revisiting investment options.

**NEW RESIDENTS:** predominantly other Kiwis, often from the North Island, seeking to move to Dunedin. If we had 10 people

at an open-home, we could virtually guarantee that probably 2 – 4 of those would be from out of town. Interestingly, there seem to be a number of Aucklanders cashing up and moving south to escape "peak flooding/weather events", "peak congestion" and "peak crime". These people are typically looking for homes in the \$500,000 to \$1M price range, in a good suburb. It is also notable how many cashed-up purchasers are on the hunt, ready and willing to buy.

Good homes suitable for these groups are highly sought after and an experienced, prudent agent will construct a marketing campaign designed to achieve the best price by leveraging against this competitive environment.

Because we also have a dominant presence in the local townhouse market, we are seeing many 'downsizers' wanting to transition from the large family home on a big section. These people are typically cash buyers seeking something modern, warm, low maintenance and easy care, with some storage and a garage - ideally single level or with a lift because of mobility issues associated with aging. Homes meeting these criteria are

incredibly scarce and when something suitable does come to market they are hotly contested.

Sale prices are now approaching the same levels they were a few years ago. For example, the NEV median sale price (averaged over last 12 months of available data) was \$478,400 versus \$480,313 three years ago. Anecdotal evidence also suggests that with the arrival of the Spring/Summer 'selling season', quality homes are selling relatively quickly, and the market is undoubtedly on an upward trend.

With sun, light and proximity to amenities being uppermost in the minds of many purchasers, suburbs like Ōpoho and NEV continue to be in strong demand and sell quickly. A recently sold cottage in NEV attracted six offers in its first week of marketing! As such, if you're considering selling your property be very careful not to undersell it; it may be worth more than you think!

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing break. I look forward to seeing you in 2024! -- **Peter Gale, Ōpoho resident and the Licensee and Advisor for New Zealand Property Solutions.**



# URGENT CHRISTMAS CALL TO SUPPORT FAMILIES IN NEED IN OTAGO



The Catalytic Foundation is calling on Kiwis to participate in their annual Christmas Shoebox Project which provides a respite for families living in hardship across Aotearoa, bringing with it a touch of magic for the holiday season.

The Catalytic Foundation connects businesses and communities throughout the country to help drive social and environmental change. For the 4th year, their Christmas Shoebox Project strives to galvanise the masses to donate gifts and essentials which are then assembled into boxes, gift wrapped, and delivered to families in need in time for Christmas.

"Since the campaign's inception, we've distributed 8685 Christmas boxes of gifts to families in need. This year, due to the

cost-of-living crisis, the need is higher than ever before which is why we're striving for a record year and are calling on the whole of Otago to lend a helping hand", says Catalytic Foundation CEO Teresa Moore.

The Christmas Shoebox Project accepts only new donated items and requests the items be something to love, to play with, to wear, for school, and essential items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap etc.

This year, with the support from the NZ Team from Olympics and Commonwealth Games and PlaceMakers, there's a special emphasis on sports gear and uniforms in time for Christmas. Sports equipment can be donated at PlaceMakers' branches countrywide.

The Catalytic Foundation works with over forty participating community charities across NZ. These local organisations are then able to pinpoint the community needs around them which ensures the donated goods via the Christmas Shoebox Project go where they're needed most.

Silou Temoana from Oamaru Pacific Island Community Group Inc. says, "we are seeing more and more families coming through our doors for welfare assistance because of rising cost of living, from food prices to rents and mortgages. We also have an educational programme where we have parents share the hardships and challenges that the families are going through. Normally when families have

tight finances, the children's needs are sometimes the first to go, so it would be great to have something for the children for Christmas".

"Stories from our participating charities like this are endless - many children are living in households where parents are needing to make the heartbreaking choice between food or a gift at Christmas time and the Christmas Shoebox Project is there to ensure that isn't the case", adds Teresa Moore.

Please consider a purposeful gift this holiday season and know you're making an impact. Help us spread the holiday cheer to families in need this year.

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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 Marion for info ✉ marion.okane68@gmail.com

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### UKULELE SESSIONS

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## community

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### NEED A JP?

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### NEV COMMUNITY GARDEN

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### NORTH DUNEDIN SHED

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### NEV JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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### WILD DALMORE RESERVE

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## employment

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LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN  
George St. Normal School Hall, 10am

ŌPOHO PRESBYTERIAN  
50 Signal Hill Rd, 10am

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC  
89 North Rd, Mass 9.30am

PACIFIC ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN  
160 North Rd. English, 11am on 1st,

2nd, and 3rd Sundays; Cook Island 9.30am; Samoan 11am, 4th and 5th Sundays

### SALVATION ARMY

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

To add or update a listing please email [voice@northeastvalley.org](mailto:voice@northeastvalley.org)

Koha is appreciated for classified listings.

Make donations to the Valley

Project bank account:

03-1726-0005606-000

Reference: VVDonation



### PORT CHALMERS LIBRARY & DCC SERVICE CENTRE

Cnr Beach & Grey Street

The library will be open all through the holiday period except for the statutory days.

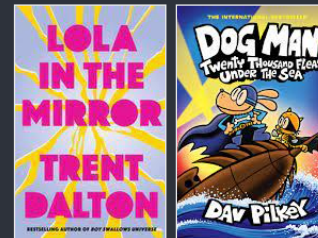
We have plenty of great books and magazines for borrowing! All DVD's are now also free to borrow!

Ask us about the Children's Summer Reading Program for some fun activities over the holidays!

A BIG THANK YOU to the Nautical Knitters for all the blankets they have made for the community this year! The knitters meet at the library on Thursday evenings from 6.30 - 8pm. Beginner and experienced knitters welcome.

Congratulations to Julie Berentson and Miriam Vollweiler, recent winners of the blanket draw!

New books at the library:

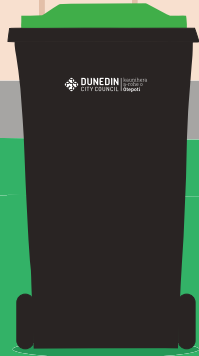




# NEW KERBSIDE BINS

1 JULY 2024

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OR a 23L food scraps bin



PLUS every household receives a 140L rubbish bin



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## WHAT'S CHANGING?

From 1 July 2024, we're improving your kerbside recycling and rubbish service. These changes are to help us all reduce waste and protect the environment.

### NEW BINS

If you are on a kerbside collection route we'll deliver **two new bins** to your home before the service starts. **In March, April or May 2024**, you'll receive:



Either a 140L green-lidded bin for recycling food scraps and garden waste

or



a small 23L green-lidded food scraps bin (for households on properties with 3 or more houses/units that have little or no garden). All households in the tertiary area will get this bin

and



every household gets a 140L red bin for rubbish, replacing the DCC black bags.

### COSTS

The DCC rates cost for the full four-bin service will be confirmed by February 2024, but we expect it to be around \$320 to \$340 per year.



#### KITCHEN BENCHTOP BIN

When we deliver your two new bins, you will receive a 6L kitchen bench top bin for gathering food scraps. Inside it you'll find an information booklet about kerbside collection.

### KEEPING YOU INFORMED

For more information and updates:

[www.dunedin.govt.nz/kerbside-changes](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/kerbside-changes)

Call (03) 477 4000

Or download the free **DCC Kerbside Collection** app



## PREPARE FOR ENCOUNTERS AS SEA LIONS SETTLE IN

Summer is kicking off around Ōtepoti Dunedin, and with that comes sea lion season!

Walking along beaches in the Otago and Southland area you may come across individual or groups of sea lions. This can be exciting but it is very important to keep a distance of at least 20 metres between you and the nearest sea lion for both your own and the sea lion's safety. Dogs must be controlled by leads within 20 metres of sea lions or any other coastal wildlife.

Sea lion pups and yearlings can be very inquisitive and at times can approach people out of curiosity. If this happens, back away slowly and try to be as uninteresting as you possibly can!

Whilst numbers of sea lions are increasing on the New Zealand mainland, they are still an endangered species numbering less than 12,000, so it is a privilege for us to be sharing our beaches and coastline



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with them. If you have any concerns for a sea lion (or any other native wildlife), contact **0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468)** in the first instance.

If you are keen to help out in terms of volunteering, or have any other concerns/questions, please feel free to reach out to us at [info@sealiontrust.org.nz](mailto:info@sealiontrust.org.nz) or check out our website at [www.sealiontrust.org.nz](http://www.sealiontrust.org.nz). Meri Kirihimete and enjoy your time admiring our taonga species from a distance!





# MERCHANTS, MELODIES & MASTERPIECES

In November The Valley Project team pulled the community together from many directions to host the Valley Market Day. This event ran alongside the recurring Preloved Clothing Market to make for a big community day out on the block! The sun was shining, the smiles were abundant, and there were sweet deals to be found at every step, from toys to books, clothing and jewellery, homewares, furniture, crafts, plants and more!

For the Valley Project's first art exhibition, twenty local artists submitted a total of 80 works! Their range was as diverse as the market stall offerings. Along with the classic paint on canvas, there were 3D sculpture contour maps, ceramic creature figurines, upcycled textile tapestries, film prints, photography, woodcuts, and stitchwork!

Music is one of those universal connectors; it has a way of bonding strangers and forging connections through wonderful experiences. North East Valley, and Dunedin at large, is home to a staggering amount of musical talent, and we were thrilled to host a community jam session at the Market Day. We had a team of musicians bring their groove and their instruments, big and small. It was heart-warming to see kids and adults alike come pick up a random shaker, or take to the mic and join the fun!

Never underestimate the miracles that people power can achieve. We are super grateful for the volunteers who helped at the Valley Market Day! Volunteers really are the special sauce that defines a community experience. It means the world to us that we can give our community members a place for their passions and dedication at the Valley Project.

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped at the Market Day, from the parking coordinators to stall assistants, BBQ-ers, musicians, photographers, medical personnel, and more. Thanks as well to the NEV Community Gardens and Trade Aid for joining us! We would love to have you all back for the next big one! And finally, a big thanks to the generosity of Deep Creek Deli and New World for supplying BBQ kai for Valley Project fundraising.

What kind of activities would you like to see more of? Art exhibitions? Car boot markets? Raffle drives? Community stalls? More jam sessions? We have given a few things a go this year, so we'd like to invite you all to help make these awesome experiences happen again in 2024! Email your thoughts to [reception@northeastvalley.org](mailto:reception@northeastvalley.org). -- Nate Laurie



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