

PINEHILL PANTRY FOR ALL TO PARTAKE

Early July this year it became clear that food security and sustainability were becoming increasingly more vital for the well-being of the communities here in our Valley and beyond. After consulting with community members and interested groups about how we might satiate these needs, a plan was soon hatched, one inspired by successes witnessed throughout Ōtepoti and the country.

A pertinent neighbourhood became apparent in Pine Hill. It was envisioned that a community Pātaka Kai food pantry would prove just the ticket to initiate food exchange and provide some healthy, food-smart autonomy for residents of the area. The pantry would also answer the call for the reduction of food waste while empowering Pine Hill to share resources and strengthen their communal connections. A “take what you need, leave what you can” philosophy, supported by local kaitiaki, steered the spirit of this endeavor with clear guidelines for what will help the pantry succeed. Excitement around this project quickly grew and we were in ample supply of supporters rearing to get stuck in!

After careful deliberation, it was agreed that Hislop Street near the Wilkinson Street Park would provide the perfect setting for the pantry. Quicker than you could say “Kai!”, members of the North Dunedin Shed went to work on a suitable structure for the task. Thanks to their ingenuity and materials donated by Cook Brothers Construction, the project had lift off! While the Shed set to work, ongoing consultations with the Dunedin City Council affirmed the suitability of the venture and permission was granted for installation to take place. *(story continued on page #11...)*



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... AND THAT'S A WRAP!

The office will be closed for the holidays starting **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH**, and will reopen in early February, 2023. Opening date to be determined - stay informed via Facebook **@ValleyProject**. As per usual, there will not be a January issue of the Valley Voice. Newsletter content and contributions, however, are graciously accepted at any time of the year. E-mail content to **voice@northeastvalley.org**.



THE FRED HOLLOWES COMMUNITY ROOM is available for hire throughout the holidays. It has a max capacity of 30 and is equipped with a kitchenette (microwave, sink, jug, dishes/cutlery, serving wares, fridge, etc.) tables, chairs, whiteboard, TV, and more.

Check the bookings calendar on our website for availability (www.northeastvalley.org/services/community-room-bookings), then book Fred Hollows by emailing **james@northeastvalley.org**



Mask wearing is voluntary practice for all staff and visitors of the Project. Disposable masks are available should you want one. Staff and room users continue to practice healthy habits such as hand and surface sanitisation. Please postpone your visit if you are unwell.

Free rapid antigen tests (RATs) are available upon request. Contact-free collection of a RAT pack or two can be organised by calling **03 473 8614** or by emailing **reception@northeastvalley.org**. To find your nearest testing location in the Southern district, call **0800 VIRUS19 (0800 847 8719)** or visit **wellsouth.nz**.



Community members are welcome to the Valley Project reception area for the provision of these services up until December 7th:

- free wifi use
- placement of notices
- trap hire
- newsletter advertising
- laminating
- printing & photocopying

RECEPTION HOURS

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A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

It has been super busy here at the VP... as usual. I am happy to step back into the governance role after the appointment of Jen Rodgers as the new manager at The Project. I'm sure the community will welcome her with open arms. Jen will be a great asset to the team and I can't wait to work with her.

We have also been very fortunate to be principle sponsors of the Great Kiwi Poster Competition. This is run by local artist, Bruce Mahalski, who highlights the need for environmental change. This is such an awesome initiative to give young people a voice and an opportunity to win prizes! It is entirely financed by grassroots fundraising. Donations are still needed to get the competition underway, so please head over to **<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/greatkiwipostercomp23>** and help turn the dream into reality.

Once again I would like to thank the community for their support. It is very heartening to see how the community rallies around one another in our times of need. I would like to especially thank the NEV Normal School and the staff for their continued support and work. You are fundamental to the existence of The Valley Project.

Before I sign off, how great does the Pine Hill Pantry look?! Please, a reminder to the community, that it is *only for food* and not for any other items. The pantry's manageability determines its longevity. Utilize op-shops for all non-edible goods.

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are always keen to assist our community in as many ways as we can. Don't hesitate to contact us! Nga mihi nui. -- James Sutherland

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<https://tinyurl.com/ValleyBookBonanzaDPL>

A special school holiday family event with Lego, crafts, and book swap. Bring pre-loved books for sharing. Refreshments provided.

Suitable for primary school aged children. Younger whānau members welcome, too. Under 14s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Whare Flat Folk Festival 30 Dec - 2 Jan Waiora Scout Camp, Dunedin

- Ensemble Sangineto
- Unsung Heroes
- The Eastern Sonia & Nigel
- Coppermine Junction
- Round the House & Mind the Dresser
- The Madillionaires Calla
- Butter Wouldn't Melt
- Lara Rose Mickey & Michelle
- Jonathan Robinson Ronel Hunter

www.whareflat.org.nz

FRESHLY CUT CHRISTMAS TREES

VALLEY PROJECT & YOUTHGROW FUNDRAISER

Valley Project Carpark, 262 North Rd.

Thursday, 8 December, 4 - 6pm

Proceeds go to Presbyterian Support Otago and the upcoming Valley Project CreekFest

OXFAM FUNDRAISER

Outside Dunedin Botanic Garden

Sat. & Sun. 17 - 18 Dec. ALL DAY

Proceeds go to safe water and sanitation efforts in the Pacific as part of the Oxfam Water for Survival Programme.



Community Christmas Carols

You're invited to a family-friendly evening filled with hope and joy on Sunday 18th December

Christmas Carols at 5pm followed by a free BBQ dinner

at Leith Bowling Club: 2 Duke Street, North Dunedin

Hosted by gracedunedin.org.nz



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www.givealittle.co.nz/northeastvalley

The opinions expressed in articles are the author's own and are not necessarily shared by the editor or Valley Project Team. Submitted articles may be edited at the editor's discretion.

We'd love to hear from you! Send us your local photos, stories, announcements, etc. Deadline for newsletter copy is the 15th of the month prior. Submissions later than the 15th cannot be guaranteed space. Please keep your contributions to 250 words or less.

CRUSH THE CARGILL 24-HOUR ENDURANCE RACE, NOVEMBER 2022



Despite persistent rain all 24 hours of the event, 94 humans and 8 canines endured the slippery slopes of Mount Cargill in the name of charity, self-discipline, and fun.

The annual Crush the Cargill fundraiser is directed by Steve Tripp, self-proclaimed long-distance addict and former Valley Project executive member. When he invited his mates for midnight gallops up and down the mountain back in 2017, he did not intend to make it a 'thing'. Overnight camping, coffee carts and catered breakfasts, merchandise sales, award ceremonies, and money raised in the thousands evolved from Steve's spontaneous personal challenge.

On the second morning of this year's race, Valley Project exec members James, Julie, and Rhada served up a feast for the runners coming off the mountain and for their supporters waiting at its base. In the final hours there were around a dozen folks still going hard, legs caked in mud. Other competitors had succumbed to injury or exhaustion by relentless wet weather. Many were satisfied having completed just a lap or two.

Steve Tripp ensured laughter along the way by donning a head-to-toe skeleton suit and making mischief on the trail. One participant chose to race in a wig and wetsuit and a surfboard to match. Sophie McLellan played bagpipes at dawn, reenergizing all that were present with her moving melodies.



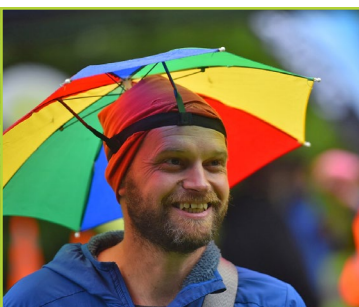
CRUSH THE CARGILL 2022 FINAL RESULTS

1 lap = 8.5km, 5 laps = a marathon,
18 laps = 153km (Valley Project to Waimate)

- Brandon Purdue:** 18 laps in 23 hours and 38 minutes!
 - Dom Harrison & Shannon Rhodes:** tied at 15 laps!
 - Natasha Walters:** 11, with a full night's sleep between laps!
 - Pascal Saker** won the Surfing Division with 6 laps
 - Stella McLean** broke record for Canine Division at 11 laps
 - Dave McLean** broke record for Over-65's at 11 laps
 - Jonah Smith** ran the fastest lap of the day in 48 minutes
 - Amy Weeden** 45th birthday spent running 7 laps in 12hrs.
- ~\$2500 raised for the Valley Project!



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and WV editor Krysha Brzuza



THE GREAT KIWI POSTER COMPETITION 2023

A couple of years ago local artist, Bruce Mahalski, painted our carpark wall with a handsome falcon/kārearea. The mural has dressed up our neighbourhood and serves as a landmark for the Valley Project residence. As well as being an artist (and owner of the Dunedin Museum of Natural Mystery), Bruce also assists in organising an annual poster competition focused on young people and environmental issues. The Great Kiwi Poster Competition dresses pressing matters with creative, attention-grabbing flare that often gets New Zealand global attention.

Next year's national competition is titled *Protect our Future - Tiaki a Mātāhauriki*. This will have a similar theme to the most recent one (*We Can Do Better - Kia pai ake tātou!*), but in this 2023 iteration there will also be an adult category offered alongside the traditional 5-to-21-year-olds.

As stated on the official [@greatkiwipostercomp](#) Facebook page, "we want you to design a poster showing us the perfect future for Aotearoa. What would it look like and how could we achieve it?" Submitted posters should spread hope and positivity - the idea that it's not too late to fix broken systems and go forth in harmony with nature. We need to do a much better job of protecting our environment for the generations still to come.

Your poster can be about protecting and restoring our biodiversity, expanding our "carbon sinks" (reserve areas of

native bush and wetlands), empowering tangata whenua and local communities, or reducing consumption and dangerous emissions. It can include themes of expanding local food self-sufficiency or ensuring safe drinking water in all communities.

Four \$1000 prizes are on offer for winning poster creations, but if that's not motivation enough to get you going, those top posters will be presented in large-scale all over Aotearoa with the support of Phantom Billstickers printers. They'll be used to promote climate action events around the country, too. Additionally, they will be exhibited at the Otago Museum along with second-placing competitors.

Bruce and his team have already raised the majority of needed funds from a mixture of sponsorship and crowdfunding. Just a little bit more is needed to hit their target and make next year's competition a reality. The Valley Project has stepped in for the final push! We know well that North East Valley and its neighbours house a wealth of talent, across all ages, whom would be eager to either participate in or support the competition. We would be absolutely smitten if one of our own community members was selected a top designer!

It is hoped that the launch date for this next poster competition is at the beginning of the second school term (24 April) in 2023, with prize-giving and countrywide poster display at the end of the third term, 2023.



Help complete this final round of financing! Money raised will be used to pay for printing and installation of posters throughout NZ.

givealittle.co.nz/cause/greatkiwipostercomp23

Poster specifications and contact details: www.greatkiwiposter.com



KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE; WAITATI MUSIC FEST THRIVES

Over the hill from our humble neighbourhood, you'll find a village of the most creative and eclectic visionaries in all the land. On November 5th, these people came together to deliver one of Otago's most vibrant and colourful family-friendly events; Waitati Music Festival.

Twelve hours of powerful live music from local legends and rising stars; spanning genres from hip-hop to drum'n'bass, classic rock, and techno, along with live poetry, visual art installations, and delicious kai under the sun, meant there was a bit of something for everyone to fill their boots here. The field was tidy and immaculate, thanks to the mighty efforts of ResAwesome, fostering a culture of responsible waste management. This event was a true display of diverse and passionate community members putting their best foot forward to bring our dreams to life.

Normally Waitati Music Fest takes place in late February to round out the holiday season, but this shift to early November is a most welcome change to usher in a stunner of a summer! Be sure to follow Waitati Music Festival on Facebook to catch the next one! This is not one to miss for fans of live music, or if you and your family just love a good time under the sun.

What a stunning inspiration to fuel the revival of our own Creek Fest... -- **Nate Laurie**



WHAT'S YOUR TAKE?

Help us create Otago's new Land and Water Regional Plan.

Together with Kāi Tahu, Otago Regional Council is developing a plan to set new rules and regulations on how we as a community look after our waterways throughout our region. This new plan will align with the Government's goal to improve water quality within one generation.

Te Mana o te Wai – the health of our waterways – is our priority.

In this area, the Leith and Lindsay Creek are bodies of freshwater you will know and may have an interest in. Join us to learn about the health of rivers, lakes, and streams, and give feedback on options to enhance and protect them for future generations.

The future of your unique and valuable waterways is in your hands.

If you use water to grow food for livestock or people...

If you're passionate about mahika kai and thriving freshwater habitats...

If hot days splashing in the river is your happy place...

We'd be grateful if you could attend and share your thoughts with us!

Join OpenVue at the 7pm meeting!



Otago Regional Council

DUNEDIN & COAST COMMUNITY MEETING

Dunedin Public Art Gallery
Thursday 8 Dec. 12noon & 7pm
www.orc.govt.nz/lwrp

A YEAR WELL SPENT - OPEN VUE '22 RECAP



Wow, it's already the end of 2022! Hasn't time flown by? We have had a super productive year, including spending more time on the Riparian Rhapsody planting site in Chingford Park, and expanding the area we are hoping to restore further along Lindsay Creek.

We've been working more closely with City Sanctuary to engage with landowners to start trapping on their land, and to facilitate running workshops and volunteer-led traplines in local reserves, namely Chingford Park. The North Dunedin shed has been instrumental, constructing a mountain of rat trap boxes for use within the catchment.

We are currently conducting research with the community into the health and flood protection of Lindsay Creek following a consultation evening earlier in the year. Local schools have

come on board to learn more about how we can take responsibility for the Creek and local history.

Plants that we have grown in our propagation nursery have been donated to many Valley residents for backyard planting. In April, we worked jointly with volunteer Kaitrin McMullan to build and then float model waka down the Creek as part of the Wild Dunedin festival. And it was exciting promoting the NZ Garden Bird Survey, as well as partnering with Birds NZ to deliver a bird identification workshop.

We are forever grateful to all of our volunteers, collaborators, funders, and supporters! Thanks for your encouragement, enthusiasm, expertise, loyalty, and the occasional hard labour! -- Clare Cross



KIDS CORNER Stick River Races

Can you race sticks down the river?

What to do: find a couple of small sticks on the ground and drop them into a flowing stream from a bridge or at the stream's edge. Try playing different games:

- 1) Which stick is the fastest? 2) Which stick is the slowest?
- 3) Just watch the sticks as they float down stream.

Think about how fish, bugs, or insects might live in the stream. Do you think they would prefer to live in fast flowing riffles, or slow moving pools?

This is based on the game "Poohsticks" played by Winnie-the-Pooh and his friends.

Always be careful when playing around water. Take an adult with you.

COMPOST AND WORM FARMING; PART 4

This December instalment of the exciting Valley Voice series of compost articles adds extra notes and context to previous months. August 2022 provided an overview of seaweed uses in the garden, September outlined worm farming, and October explained composting.

WORM FARMING: Different options are available for housing a worm farm, each having various pros and cons. The "how to do it" aspects of worm farming are brilliantly covered in the September issue.

A big draw card is the ability to collect worm juice. For this people typically use a system of stackable plastic trays available from most garden centres. Each tray has a mesh of holes, allowing worms to move around and juice to drip down to a collector. Simply add more trays depending on how many kitchen scraps you generate. An advantage here is the worm farm is mostly neat, tidy and easy to move around, plus it can be placed almost anywhere, even indoors.

I prefer to use a second-hand standard cylindrical compost bin as a worm farm, located out in the garden. Worms don't like light, so need to be in a bin with no ventilation holes in its sides. A main disadvantage here is you can't collect worm juice. However, I work around this

by placing the bin in the middle of a vegetable garden bed, hence worm juice flows directly from under the bin into growing areas. Planting veges up against the bin will allow roots to grow underneath it, reaching the vermicast (casting of earthworms) on their own. The bin can be moved around your garden every so often, fertilizing different areas.

All sorts of material gets thrown in, eg. pizza boxes, green waste, and woodchips. Even a dead duck struck by a car went into it - reduced to bones in a month or so. It appears the worms are very fast to neutralize food scraps, so rodents have never been an issue. Food scraps from the kitchen always go directly into a worm farm and not the open compost heap, otherwise neighbourhood cats will be attracted to what I jokingly call "TV for cats!"

They will sit there for hours awaiting tasty scavengers.

Yet another option is used car tyres; simply stack them up in your garden as high as is needed. They are abundant and free, after all! I've noticed a standard rubbish bin lid neatly fits into the sidewall of a 17-inch tyre.

HOT COMPOSTING: The important concept here is when the compost is forked out into garden beds, no weeds subsequently come up as they are sterilized by the heat. Also, it's full of

worms, so lots of organic matter is going into the soil - guaranteed transformative for any vegetable garden! Gather seed raising mix or potting mix by leaning your bin over and shoveling the vermicast out from underneath.

Generally, you need a volume of at least a cubic meter of green (nitrogen based) and brown (carbon based) material to generate a decent amount of heat. Most gardeners have lots of green, but hardly any brown. I often have to haul ute-loads of woodchips to my garden.

To generate maximum heat, ideally you need to layer up the stack in one day, with fresh green material like grass clippings. A catcher full of grass forms one layer, followed by a bucketful of woodchips. Repeat. Extras such as seaweed and comfrey can be added to lift your compost to another level. A thermometer can be used to monitor temperatures. Visit to see this in action at the NEV Community Gardens.

I have witnessed a homeowner living in Ngaruawahia, bring in twelve cubic meters of woodchips and fresh green material, then install flexible plastic pipes throughout the stack. The heat generated is sufficient to have free hot showers for about six months, depending on how big the stack is! -- **Ben Nicholls**



THE BENEFITS OF MULCHING

As we move towards the longest and warmest days of the year, we can prepare for faster growth in our garden patch. Now is the best time to consider mulching your garden. It can save you a great deal of time and energy in the coming months.

Mulching will prevent soil from drying out and allow young plants to put their roots down deeply, all this to your advantage as you will not have to water as often. Another benefit is that it will help in reducing the growth of weeds, which is always a good thing. When you add a layer of mulch to your garden it is like spreading a layer of insulation, keeping the soil cool during those hot days and warm when it is cooler.

There are many organic materials that can be used for mulching, much of which can be collected free of charge and with very little effort. I have outlined the varieties of mulch that we use at the Community Gardens.

Mulch now! Keeping those pesky weeds at bay. Spend less time watering and watch your garden thrive. -- **Gail Royce**

COMPOST is one of our main mulches, made on-site by a small dedicated group of gardeners.

PEA STRAW is a mulch we have to pay for. We're always after a free or cheaper source.

ANIMAL MANURE, both horse and cow, are relatively easy to find. Most people are quite agreeable to letting you scoop the poop from their paddocks.

LAWN CLIPPINGS can be used but spread them thinly.

PINE NEEDLES can be used but should be spread thinly, too.

SEAWEED is another good mulch. It can be collected from beaches around Dunedin, as well as from the harbour.

DRY LEAVES can be collected and stockpiled at the end of Autumn. By Spring they will have rotted down for mulching.

STACK BOTTOM makes a great mulch if you know a farmer who has an old hay bale lying around.



N.E.V. COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEES					
Sat. 3	Dec. 9.30am	Sun. 25	Dec. 1pm	Sat. 14	Jan. 9.30am
Sun. 11	Dec. 1pm	Sat. 31	Dec. 9.30am	Sun. 22	Jan. 1pm
Sat. 17	Dec. 9.30am	Sun. 8	Jan. 1pm	Sat. 28	Jan. 9.30am



WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF USING SLUG AND SNAIL BAIT?

Having recently looked into usage of slug and snail bait, I found some interesting ingredients used to achieve their outcomes.

Some slug and snail bait products use active ingredients such as *metaldehyde*, while others use *iron EDTA complex* or *iron phosphate*. I found that *iron EDTA complex* or *iron phosphate* is effective in controlling slugs and snails, yet considerably less toxic to pets, birds, humans than *metaldehyde*. Since *iron EDTA complex* or *iron phosphate* is much less toxic, problems are only likely if an animal has eaten a significant quantity, which should be difficult to achieve.

Metaldehyde, on the other hand, is soluble and stable in water, becoming 'semi-permanent' in aquatic environments. Highly soluble in soil, it easily runs off in wet conditions into drains, streams, surface water areas, etc. For example, measurable levels are present in certain surface water courses and reservoirs across the UK, causing issues for supply of potable water. Hence it's usage is controversial, mainly due to water quality risks plus animal welfare concerns. These factors led to the British Government banning all use of metaldehyde pellets outdoors dating 31st March 2022!

Metaldehyde is also very dangerous, even in small quantities, to most pets, particularly dogs which often like to sniff around looking for interesting things to eat. There have been local cases of dog poisonings within recent months. Pellets may include ingredients such as bran, flour, cereals, and molasses to help attract pests. This also gives them a tendency to attract domestic pets. A bitter tasting agent is added as a deterrent, however this doesn't put off all animals. Vets advise there is no antidote. It all depends on the quantity ingested.

These products are available cheaply in supermarkets and garden centers across New Zealand, including here in Dunedin. Appropriate storage and usage is important. See warning signs on the packets! Pellets are supplied in a simple cardboard box - dampness or rough handling can easily damage the cardboard leaving it open for pets to access.

I feel it is important to highlight the use of slug and snail baits that use *iron EDTA complex* or *iron phosphate*, and proceed with great caution when using any others. Check that *metaldehyde* is not an active ingredient. -- Ben Nicholls

Read more on slug and snail bait in these suggested articles:

Review of the Molluscicide Metaldehyde in the Environment
pubs.rsc.org/en/content/articlehtml/2017/ew/c7ew00039a

Iron Phosphate Slug Bait - How Dangerous is it in the Garden?
hostalibrary.org/firstlook/RRIronPhosphate.htm



LIQUID PAPER BOARD RECYCLING SUPPORT FOR NEV

Liquid paper board cartons (commonly known as tetra paks) are able to be recycled in Dunedin. OneCoast is looking for a business or group in North East Valley that would be able to facilitate the collection in the Valley.

Recycling for liquid paper board cartons (LPB) in Dunedin has grown substantially since it started in February of this year. Beginning as a small endeavour to support the community's recycling efforts, OneCoast has increased its capacity to collect LPB's destined to become sustainable building materials through the business saveBOARD.

"There was a need for people in the community to be able to recycle their milk and juice cartons," says Leisa de Klerk, the coordinator of LPB collection in Dunedin. "We started off collecting around 200 a month and then two months later we hit 2750 once word got out. The response was incredible."

LPB cartons cannot be recycled through the Dunedin City Council yellow recycling bins, as their systems cannot differentiate between the cartons and cardboards.

"Working in the community meant that we knew transport and cost was always going to be a barrier to those that wanted to recycle," says Leisa. "It was important to us that collection points were established across the city so that people didn't have to travel great carbon distances to recycle."

Starting with five collection points, the system has grown to nine with at least three more coming. They range across the city from Waikouaiti to Milton. However, there is currently no collection point for North East Valley.

Collection points need a small space to home a bin into which people can put their clean and flattened LPB cartons. These would be collected once a week or fortnight by a volunteer, then transported to a central collection hub. All marketing would be provided by the LPB team and visibility for the campaign would be shared with OneCoast and saveBOARD.

"There is a little bit of education needed for the customers of the business or group who are bringing in the LPB cartons," says Leisa. "Between 10-30% of cartons returned aren't in recyclable condition, so if the collection point is able to have those conversations, it is really helpful."

All LPB cartons should be cleaned, cut open, and flattened before putting into collection bins. Lids can remain on.

Interested businesses or groups can reach the lpb team by emailing recycling@onecoast.org. Learn more about OneCoast agency at www.onecoast.org. -- Leisa de Klerk



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TIPS FOR 2023 AND GIFTS FOR CHARITY

RayWhite

Despite the current media doom and gloom, for us, it is business as usual. 98 sales have been recorded in the wider North East Valley area from January this year. While it has generally been taking a bit longer for properties to sell, we are currently marketing a variety of listings in the area with good numbers attending the open homes.

Preparation is the key for achieving a good result, both for vendors and purchasers. Vendors who present their properties well are more likely to attract people through the door. It is well worth considering dressing your property for sale or allowing us to arrange experts to add extras. They would give your property some zing and take it to the next level. Whether you choose full or partial dressing, the modest outlay can reap a wonderful reward.

Furthermore, vendors providing as much information as possible enhances their chances of achieving a faster result. Providing relevant reports and certificates for the home enables purchasers to quickly work through the confirmation process.

Like-wise, it is important for the purchasers to approach their bank or broker as early as possible, so that they are well prepared for an application when they wish to make an offer.

On a brighter note for purchasers, the banks have recently changed a number of conditions for broader incomes, allowing buyers to borrow more and spend more.

We have long been proud supporters of our local community and now we would like to invite you to support our annual "Little Ray of Giving" Appeal. Each year Ray White supports Anglican Family Care with donations of Christmas gifts for children. If you would like to contribute to this, we invite you to drop your gifts into the Blacks Road Grocer from 1st December onwards.

We are always open to talk to anyone who may wish to discuss any real estate queries or requires an appraisal. Feel free to call Colleen or Jane - we will be available over the holiday season.



Colleen Townsend 027 226 5482
Jane Bokser 027 473 6221

We wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a safe and prosperous NEW YEAR!



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YOUTHGROW RETURNS TO ROOTS

YouthGrow retail Garden Centre closes its doors but the YouthGrow Youth Development Programme lives on!

Like me you may have scored a gardening bargain a few weekends back at the YouthGrow garden centre sale, and are now wondering what's next for YouthGrow's Youth Development Programme. The programme is run by Presbyterian Support Otago and will continue on, despite the closure of the retail garden centre.


The YouthGrow programme provides a vital service for young people/Rangitahi to help them grow hope for the future, learn real life practical skills, develop the self-confidence to succeed in life, learning, and employment, and to be connected to community.

When the Valley Project spoke to YouthGrow manager David Pirie, he said "Our priority is to deliver youth development in Dunedin. Horticulture will still be an element of what we do here, but as part of the total youth-focused experience at YouthGrow, we also offer practical activities like small woodwork projects, and adventure-based learning."

David went on to say that "we recognise our youth are part of our wider community. YouthGrow appreciates the support that the North East Valley community has provided over the years, and the relationships that has created. We'll continue to adapt our focus and we also see ourselves as being a contributor to kai resilience in the Valley."

This year the Valley Project is pleased to be collaborating with YouthGrow to bring you a Christmas pine tree sale. The trees have been grown at YouthGrow and will be on sale at the Valley Project rooms on North Road on the 8th of December from 4pm till 6pm. Please bring cash and drive into the school carpark to collect your tree (which will be freshly cut). Proceeds will be shared equally with Presbyterian Support Otago's foodbank and the Valley Project's Creek Fest (being held in March 2023).

If you missed the recent closing down sale and are yet to dig in potatoes or tomatoes, feel free to drop into the reception at the Valley Project rooms/Te Pūtaka (by the 9th of December) where you can pick up (for a gold coin) seed potatoes or tomato plants lovingly donated by YouthGrow.



A youth development programme offered by Family Works, a Presbyterian Support Otago service. Life ready, work ready. An alternative education pathway.



03 473 1334 | 146 Norwood Street, Normanby | youthgrow@psotago.org.nz | www.youthgrow.org.nz

CONNOR'S COLUMN: 24TH YEAR FOR DUNEDIN SANTA PARADE

New Zealand annual Santa Parades started in the early 1900's, first held in Wellington, Auckland, and Christchurch. One year in Christchurch, Santa arrived on an elephant. A few years later, in 1937, he parachuted into the Auckland domain. In his years of getting to parades, he's had some extraordinary experiences.

Dunedin's Santa parade has been going for 24 years. The floats often included are Jack and the Beanstalk, Barbie, a giant toy robot, lifesize dragon, Disney Cars characters (they squirt water, so watch out!), and at the end of the parade, Santa, the man himself. -- Connor Fa'asega

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 3PM

The parade route starts at The Regent 24-hour Night and Day on George street and travels straight down the main street, through the Octagon centre and finishes in Moray Place South by The First Church.

<http://dunedinsantaparade.co.nz/>



(...continued from front page.) Enter the children of Pine Hill who, under the supervision of resourceful Pinehill community members, Hine Wai and Jess, painted the pantry on the grounds of the Project. They chose a beautiful sky blue and adorned the pantry with stencils of fresh produce fruit and vegetables. With these flourishes in place, a group of helpful volunteers from the Shed, the Project, and the wider community, all assisted in securing the pantry in its forever-home on Hislop. The feeling of excitement was palpable! With local tamariki and passionate community groups pitching in, the world felt like our oyster!

The response from the neighbourhood has been immediate, with the pantry quickly finding itself full of produce to be shared. Many members of the community stepped forward to volunteer a watchful eye and provide insight into the needs of the community. This inspiring reaction gives us immense excitement that the goals of the project will be achieved!

This project encapsulates a hope that we may come together in a spirit of generosity through the act of sharing, helping us to recognise the ethics of compassion, altruism and equity that binds us all together in our communities in Aotearoa. As projects of this nature are ever developing and are not static in their nature, we may see a few teething problems while the community adjusts to the benefits of the pantry. Improvements and helpful alterations are always at the forefront of our ambitions for what this project can become. We have greatly enjoyed hearing your thoughts for its future and hope that this beautiful collaboration will stand to symbolise the power of our community and our ability to sustain one another while walking the path of life together.

So many people and organisations are to thank for this achievement – the North Dunedin Shed and its members, The Dunedin City Council, Bunnings Warehouse Dunedin, Pine Hill School, KJ Davies, Kate Vercoe, Hine Wai, Jess, the children of Pine Hill, Marc Schallenberg, and of course the Pine Hill community as guardians of this pantry.

This story might lead some to ponder where the Valley Project kai pantry has gone. Well, don't fret! A newer, grander design is currently under construction, so keep your eyes on our social media for updates. -- *Liam Dell*



the VALLEY Project

PĀTAKA KAI OPEN FOOD PANTRY GUIDELINES

Please only donate food you would eat yourself. Take what you need and leave some for others.

We welcome donations of:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Unopened dried goods
- Canned & long life foods

Please avoid donating:

- Raw meat or fish
- Opened goods
- Frozen foods
- Glass containers

Tidy up the pantry when needed, please!
We encourage you to check the expiry date and condition of the food you collect and to take personal responsibility for what you eat



A CASE OF WINTER WHIPLASH

It felt like the first decent snow we'd had in years. The MetService threats of snow down to sea level had finally come good. Angus, one of their friendly forecasters, nicely explained on the FaceTwit how a blast of cold air from the Antarctic Ice Sheet, which normally would be blown off to the east by the roaring forties, had a clear run up to us to deliver a slice of winter in October.

As Miss Jack and I were trudging down North Road in the snow with our leaky shoes and cold toes, I had one important question - why does snow stay on grass so much longer than on footpaths and roads?

A quick search provided the physics I was after: asphalt and concrete tend to hold more heat than soil, plus that warmth from the ground takes longer to reach the snow on the grass than the snow on the asphalt or concrete, so it settles quicker on grass and hangs around longer. The snow on the road sits directly on the asphalt so any heat from the ground moves into the snow to melt it more easily. The snow on the grass is separated from the ground by the air pockets in the grass; air is a good insulator, it doesn't conduct heat very well, so the snow melts more slowly.

With that question answered, I could move on to the next one – why are we having snow in October? Isn't it spring? Nicolas Cullen, an Associate Professor in the School of Geography at the University of Otago, confirmed to me a case of weather whiplash. Yes, it's a thing! Used to describe rapid changes in weather conditions, we are likely to encounter more of it as the climate changes.

We have just had our warmest winter on record, yet October 5th's high of 7.1°C was the second coldest October daily high in 50 years. And then it warmed up again so quickly, the day after the snow being quite pleasant.

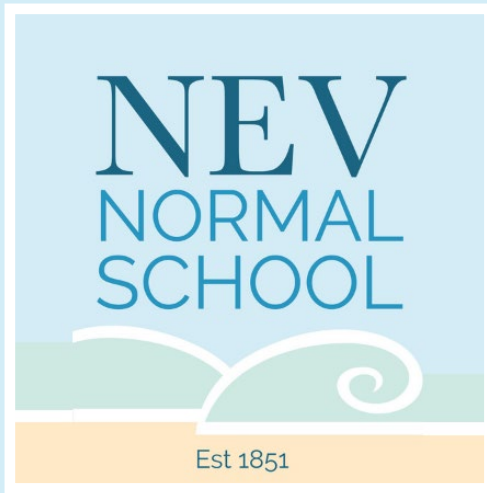
Nicolas explained that as average temperatures rise with climate change we will generally see less snow, with milder, warmer winters like the one we have just had. However, it doesn't mean the end of winter wonderland scenes altogether. The warming may actually contribute to heavier snowfall when it does happen, because a warmer atmosphere can hold more moisture, meaning more snow when it's chilled by icy air from the deep south.

As for a white Christmas, the closest I'm likely to get is on the rather un-Antipodean decorations about to make their annual migration from the basement to our lounge. And any whiplash will probably be of the accidents-with-toys variety. Frohe Weihnachten and happy holidays everyone! -- *Helen Jack*



CORRECTION: Contrary to what I wrote in October's Nevology about the Community Garden wanting your gib offcuts, the Community Garden in fact does NOT want your gib offcuts. Some types of gib have little bits of fibreglass in them. Not handy for the garden.

DEPARTING PRINCIPAL JOHN MCKENZIE REFLECTS ON FIFTEEN YEARS



I came to Dunedin in 2007 with my family so that we could be closer to our southern-based dads, both of whom were widowed. It was our intention to stay here for a while, then for me to secure a position in the Central Lakes district where I spent much of my youth. To that end we holidayed for some years in Arrowtown where my parents once had a crib and my siblings have holiday homes. We grew to appreciate what a great city Dunedin is, especially for families, and back in 2007 Dunedin house prices made it an attractive place to settle in. So we didn't move. However, we did manage to find a haven in a town not too far away where a taste of the Arrowtown of my youth lingers still - Naseby. We have become Naseby cribbies and our children have enjoyed the freedom of simple and wholesome holidays there and we, the pleasure of a stress free bolt hole.

The first thing which struck me about North East Valley was the divide between the sunny side and the shaded side. The Valley is a diverse community. Name an occupation or way of life and chances are you will find it in the Valley. This makes the school unique as there is not one dominant culture or philosophy evident: the children of university lecturers, tradies, retired grandparents, students, gang affiliates, doctors and nurses, business owners and unemployed folk, they all attend their local school. This makes for a rich collection of children and whānau. What a great experience for children to learn to live with others who may not look or believe in things the same way as they do.

Many people associated with the school have shown other school families considerable generosity over the years. Some volunteer their time like Peter MacDonald, the bike-man, who for several years has turned up on Fridays to service children's bike on wheels day; and Innes McColl whose walkie-talkies

and drift bikes added extra activities to break times. One parent turned up prior to an overseas trip with a few hundred dollars for a family who might not afford the luxury of an overseas trip. Another family appreciated the school so much they gave a donation in the thousands when they moved - hence the bus! I will not forget the couple who'd seen hard times who arrived with shopping bags full of groceries to "pay it forward".

This richness has created some wonderful memories for the children and staff. One year, Malaysian families who had members living here for PhD studies, chose to celebrate the end of Ramadan with the school staff in the staffroom. They considered us the closest thing to family. Another occasion which will stick in my mind was when former pupil Andre Taani, now a senior at Kings, gifted the school a haka which he had written.

From this same rich pool of diversity, there can be trouble for the school when contentious issues arise. COVID was one such issue where there was division in the community which spilled over into the school. Similarly when we erected a number of flags along the school frontage, a small number of locals were up in arms about us hoisting the Tino Rangatiratanga flag.

Mostly, the community has shown unwavering support for the school, even when we have made mistakes. Some of our parents are quite vocal when we have got it wrong, but they nearly always make their feelings known in a respectful and open manner. What a great example this is to children who, these days, see and hear much of what their parents think and say!

A feature of the Valley when I arrived was the close relationship the local school principals had. Ross Leach at DNI would often pop into the local primary schools and through his reaching out I got to know my colleagues at Opoho, Pinehill, and Sacred Heart. We all rejected the Tomorrow's Schools philosophy that schools should be competitive and able to stand alone, and so became firm friends and allies. I always knew they had my back and I could go to them for help. In these days of greater understanding of how stress can affect mental health, these supports are essential. Similarly, the normal school principals at Tahuna and George Street worked closely together to be a voice for teacher education both regionally and nationally.

The staff I met when I arrived at the school were mostly long-standing. It took me a while to work them out. I had been used to North-Island-type teachers who can

be vocal and corporate. These teachers were reserved and appeared somewhat suspicious of the new principal. I eventually came to understand that Dunedin teachers are not too much into what looks good - they are into what *works*. I have told many colleagues that the level of commitment I see from Southern teachers is not what I have always seen elsewhere. They work hard.

In 2007 there were six classrooms operating in the school and 50% of the local children attended other schools. In 2022 there are eleven classrooms and only 15% of the local children attend other schools. This is a great testament to the staff of the school, as well as the various trustees and supporters who have promoted the NEVNS. My message from the start has been that the community should be able to get the best possible education for their children from their local school. Since 2007 we have refurbished most of the learning spaces and further developed the play spaces. We have built on the amazing curriculum work of my predecessor, Mary MacDonald, to ensure the curriculum is humming. We have built an amazing team, cherry-picking some of the best-fit college teachers we have worked with. We have established what is now the largest bi-lingual Te reo Māori unit in the region which has a growing waiting list. We host the NEV Project community centre and the impressive NEV community garden.

All of this takes effort and vision. We are so lucky to be surrounded by such creative people who live and work in North East Valley. I am proud of my role in the development of the school and the community, but I am one of many who have achieved what has been achieved. I thank the community and the school staff for welcoming me into their lives and their work, and I will watch with great interest the next stage the school moves to. -- *John McKenzie*



Tēna koutou e te whānau o Valley Voice,

My name is Melissa Stojanovich, I am the Kaiako Reo Rua for Te Rōpu Manaaki at North East Valley Normal. I am writing today to express my disappointment in - I can only guess - a member or members of our hāpori (community) who took it upon themselves to erase artwork done by the children of our classroom to celebrate our native language Te reo Māori.

I have worked at this kura since 2017 and have been warmly received by the community thus far, so I am shocked, annoyed, and saddened by this person's choice to stomp on the mana of our tamariki Māori and non-Māori who acknowledge the unique, beautiful language that is an official language of my tūpuna (ancestors) and Aotearoa, New Zealand.

What did they do? They erased the word MĀORI from our windows on the second floor of the Senior block at our kura.

Now you make ask yourself, why does this matter to me? It's just a word. But think for a moment. For us. It's not. It's our heritage, it's our language and it's our culture. This kind of behaviour is indicative of a huge historical injustice that we as a takata whenua (people of this land) have worked hard to make right. What's more, racism has no place in education, no place in our community, and our children should not be subjected to it.

Rest assured we will re-paint our window which states: WHAKANUIA TE REO MĀORI (CELEBRATE THE MĀORI LANGUAGE) in order to honour our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the history of Aotearoa | New Zealand and the whakapapa (lineage) of the tamariki and whānau in our community. We only ask the other members of our community to be vigilant. If you see something, say something. Give nothing to racism, it's 2022.

Mō tātou, mō kā uri, ā muri ake nei. Do it for us and our children after us. -- Nāku iti nei, Nā Mel



CHAPTER COMES TO CLOSE FOR THE NEV NORMAL SCHOOL PTA

At the end of 2022 it is with great sadness we, Billie Drummond (president), and Tamsin Greer (treasurer), bid farewell to the NEVNS PTA, the home of our hearts, minds, and a lot of our energy, for the past 6 and 8 years respectively, along with fellow PTA member Carla Mulder. We are proud to own the titles for being "longest running PTA members" in the last decade, and acknowledge the support provided by family and friends alongside many other parents who paved the way.

Tamsin recalls, "I was in my first year of presidency and fortunately was privileged enough to farewell our most established and well-known figure, "Grandma", at the end of 2015, and at the start of 2016 welcomed her daughter Billie - equally as amazing and famous in the Valley."

One of Billie's fondest memories is, "watching the children come, grow and leave from the school - knowing their names, watching their siblings come through and follow the same paths, and seeing how the support of the PTA has allowed the moulding of their futures to extend their learning throughout their education."

The school Disco is one of our favourite events! It was never meant to fundraise traditionally, but instead be a fun, cost effective night for all the pupils to let loose dancing with friends through the middle of winter, and the Moana Pool swim trip where it was with a lot of pride we watched how far all the children came with their swim lessons over the years.

Some of our most challenging years were those involving pea straw fundraising which demanded weekends of delivering loads around Dunedin by some highly supportive members, including Design Windows, by loan of their vehicle. Thank you Amy, Shane, Steve, and all the others who were

tireless investors of time during those few years.

Our most memorable activities included trips to Orokonui Ecosanctuary and Karitane Marae, the Film Festival, NZ Ballet, and Saint Kilda for a water safety day. We've seen the Year 6 pupils learn new skills with their EOTC (education outside the classroom) week, which in the last couple of years has also included an overnight school camp - the first sleepover away from home for some pupils. We've watched the children enjoy a trip to Moana Pool at the end of the year to celebrate the hard work of swimming lessons. We've supported the bi-annual Stars on Stage and Kapa Haka performances. The PTA has provided funding for the school sandpit and obstacle course, as well as for visiting artists. Thanks mostly to Pea Straw fundraising, the PTA has also supported supply of Ipad Minis and Apps for each class.

The PTA is now a small, strong crew of amazing parents who we know will succeed taking on the new chapter from 2023. To continuing members, we wish you all the best!

But... they *need* more members to join to provide fundraising support throughout the year, and to assist in the following roles:

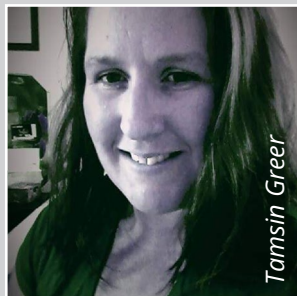
- 👤 **PRESIDENT** - be the face of the PTA, chair our meetings, and keep the agenda on track.
- 👤 **TREASURER** - spend an hour a month banking funds, making payments online, and recording the monthly account statements onto the Treasurer's reports.

Any enquiries of support or to request meeting times, email nevn.pta@gmail.com or message our Facebook group: [facebook.com/groups/NEVN.PTA](https://www.facebook.com/groups/NEVN.PTA). We also welcome donations directly to our bank account: **03-1726-0014449-000**

Thanks from the bottom of our hearts! -- *Billie and Tamsin*



Billie Drummond



Tamsin Greer



Volunteer Awards

SBS | Volunteer South

The winners of the Volunteer Awards 2022 were announced at a ceremony back in September with around 70 people in attendance. Incredibly inspiring stories about each finalist were shared.

Despite difficulties people are facing, the commitment to supporting community is strong, with volunteers from all walks of life continuing to put their hands up to support causes they are passionate about. The awards celebrated and shined a light on that passion and commitment to community.

The Volunteer Awards 2022 was sponsored by SBS Bank and Otago Community Trust, and run by Volunteer South.

For more details about finalists, please visit The Volunteers Awards 2022 website: <https://volunteerawards.nz/> -- *Kā mihi, Hagino Baker*

YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Do you love little people? Enjoy helping your community? Have a few spare hours up your sleeve? If you have answered 'yes' to these questions, you could be the exact person needed by Dunedin Plunket's home help service. Young whānau are facing new and increasing challenges and sometimes need a helping hand to get them through difficult times. Plunket's Home Help service aims to lighten the load through our volunteer-based programme.

Home Help volunteers provide practical assistance to families with six 1-2 hour visits over six weeks, helping with things like laundry, vacuuming, cleaning the bathroom, or meal preparation. A kind and compassionate ear is also appreciated by our clients. The service is invaluable to our clients, and our volunteers find the role very rewarding.

Volunteer Jordan says, "I'm really enjoying my work as a Home Help volunteer. It's a great way to get out into the community, and it's really rewarding to get to build a connection with the family I'm helping."

If you would to chat about volunteering, or think your family could benefit from receiving this service, contact Home Help Coordinator, Josie Garner, josie.garner@plunket.org.nz or 027 208 6774.



whānau āwhina
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IM-PECK-ABLE PHOTO CALENDAR FOR GIFTING

We are so lucky to have such wonderful wildlife surrounding us in Dunedin, especially our North end where we have amazing birdlife!

I love capturing photos of these beautiful birds! You'll find some of this year's best shots in my 2023 Birds of Aotearoa NZ Calendar. These calendars have been sent to happy customers around the world. It is wonderful to be able to share our special place with others in this way.

Eight of the twelve photos included are taken locally, either in Pine Hill, Orokonui, or the Botanical Gardens. So it really is a local product!

They're \$25 each (a portion going to the Valley Project as a fundraiser).

Purchase directly from the Valley Project (until December 9th), or anytime through Facebook [@FeatherandFernz](https://www.facebook.com/featherandfernz) or by emailing featherandfernz@gmail.com



SBS Spirit of Volunteering Award Winner

Moira Parker for her mahi aroha over the last 41 years. The thousands of hours Moira has dedicated to her volunteer teams mean that they in turn become valuable feet on the ground and genuine advocates of the conservation cause.



Volunteer of the Year Award Winner

Juanita Willems for displaying huge Whanaungatanga and Manaakitanga. Juanita leads by example, never asking anyone to do something she wouldn't do. This nomination recognises the exceptional value she brings as a skilled and respected coordinator and leader.



Programme of the Year Award Winner

Okāhau Dune Project for the great collaboration and long-term vision. Their work reminds us that the community is not defined by geography. They have shown commitment to future generations, and respect to cultural importance of the coastal environment and plants.



Resilience Award Winner

Nick Chisholm for being a pure inspiration and commitment to helping people live their best lives. Despite his own physical challenges, Nick founded Iron Warriors, a group who regularly meet and train at Skyfit24 Gym. He helps others who have sustained strokes or brain injuries.



Rising Star Award

Eleanor Dunn for her strong commitment to improving the lives of others. Volunteering is in the blood of this aspiring Paediatrician for Medicines Francais. It impacts profoundly on all areas of her own life.



Leader of Volunteers Award Winner

Moira Parker for working to discover a volunteer's passion encouraging them to use their skills in a role they feel affinity for. Her volunteers are fully supported and treated with dignity and as equals.



Team of the Year Award Winner

Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust Peer Support Volunteers for stepping up and gone above and beyond to meet the rising demand for mental health care. They bring a strong desire to share their journey for the purpose of helping others with their struggles.



Transformative Volunteering Award Winner

The Buddy Programme for being part of the local Dunedin community for 30 years. While young people gain confidence and encounter new and exciting things through The Buddy Programme, the Adult Buddy volunteers also experience personal growth and enjoyment as they undergo training and invest in the positive development of the young people they are matched with.



Diversity and Inclusion Award Winner

Tomahawk Smalls Beachcare Trust for creating a programme where volunteers feel respected, included, valued and fulfilled is always prioritised. They are looking to ensure an enjoyable and constructive volunteer session for each individual.



Collaborative Volunteering Award Winner

Okāhau Dune Project for their collaboration with diverse array of community members as well as their work for not only in achieving positive environmental and educational outcomes, but also strides in social cohesion and heaps of fun for all involved.



Resilience and Adaptability Award Winner

Family Works Foodbank for their creativity in supporting those in the community who are grappling with the impact of hardship and food insecurity. They have adapted to the challenging situations and finding ways for volunteers to be involved and simultaneously made the foodbank more resilient.



GROUP EFFORT REBUILDING NORTH EAST VALLEY HISTORY

"I think it was a success! Sarah seemed to get a lot of notes and contacts from those present. Interest seemed quite high." Peter Begg, Secretary of the Dunedin North Men's Probus Club, was pleased to see the community response to the second instalment of NEV history talks presented by local historian, Sarah Gallagher, and listing advisor, Alison Breese. "We are always working hard to become more involved in the community," Peter ensures.

It was a full house of 50-plus guests at last month's meeting which served as another 'step' in collaborations with Heritage New Zealand to rebuild our region's records that were lost many decades ago. Peter noted there are always more questions than answers in looking at filling gaps in history, but progress, however small or slow, is gold!

On projector screen Sarah shared a series of historical photographs taken around North East Valley. Her hope was that guests could help in identifying places and determining time frames. The photos presented were high-resolution scans of glass plate negatives from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This printing process produced incredibly sharp negatives, making it possible for Sarah to zoom in to reveal extraordinary details; chicken flocks and veggie plots, pinstriping on coach cars, a



working flume to a brewery, and two ladies formally dressed having a chat on a footpath. Alison mentioned she once spent hours looking for old urinals!

There was a bit of buzz generated around the sight of the old Town Hall, near where the North Road Quarry Dairy operates today. Before the hall was demolished in 1972, it was a place humming with community activity. Guests recalled playing table tennis there, watching square dancing, and even participating in roller skating discos.

Other sites discussed included Shades Hotel (now occupied by Hao Choi Takeaway at North Rd. and Islington St.) and the bluestone cottage once belonging to brickmaker James Lambert. It is still standing on Gladstone Road behind Filadelfios and might be one of the oldest structures in the Valley. Also highlighted was Robert Glendining's lavish private garden once existing beside Knox College. The businessman donated plants to the city's Botanic Garden and commissioned the build of its Winter Garden Glasshouse.

A few attendees came with queries of their own. One of them, community member Poppy Johns, is looking for information around her newly acquired Balfour Street property. She believes the building she's now occupying used to be a caretaker's house, possibly dating to 1910. It is suspected that the property might have been a public park or orchard, originally having access via James Street. Mature magnolias, greengages, poplars, and fruit trees are abundant, and there are stone steps and walls sprinkled about. Previous tenants have mentioned finding statues! If you have information on 19 Balfour Street or 32 James Street—or have any North East Valley history to share—do reach out! The Valley Project will send you in the right direction.

Sarah Gallagher indicated she would like to look at returning next year to focus further on housing - keep your eyes peeled! If you'd like to have a nosy of historical North East Valley photographs, find them in the Hockens Collections, Dunedin Public Heritage Library, Toitū Otago Settlers Museum archives, DCC Archives on Flickr, and Te Papa Collections Online. -- Krysha Brzuza

AN OPEN INVITATION

Probus is a worldwide association of clubs for active retirees who meet to enjoy the fellowship of others, enjoy great guest speakers and regular outings and trips, make new friends and expand their interests. There are men's and ladies', as well as mixed clubs, all around the world. New Zealand is in the Probus South Pacific group.

Probus Clubs differ from service clubs in that there is no requirement for participation in organised fundraising, projects, etc. They are a great way to be involved among others in fellowship without having to be concerned about these obligations.

Some clubs in New Zealand have well over 100 members - a few of them

around Dunedin. Based at North East Valley Bowling Club, the Dunedin North Men's Probus Club meets on the second Monday morning of each month, commencing with a cup of tea or coffee, followed by an interesting guest speaker, and some general club business in which arrangements are made for club activities, outings, luncheons, and more. The meetings are very relaxed and informal. Members wear tidy casual attire, as their involvement is entirely voluntary and no organised fundraising takes place. Annual subscriptions are kept at an extremely reasonable and affordable level.

Probus Club meetings are an ideal place to be for friendship and fellowship. Partners and wives are also very welcome to attend. The meetings can

be especially rewarding for those who live alone. All of our club members enjoy socialising with each other. New members find it very easy to fit in and enjoy the same benefits right from the first meeting they attend.

A cordial invitation is extended to visit one of our meetings to experience our activities. A visit will cost nothing but some time and you may well meet up with members you already know.

Please consider joining. It may be one of the best things you do, and we would like to meet you!

For further information contact: Secretary Peter Begg, 4551256 or email peabee@xtra.co.nz



art, craft & music

ART CLASSES

For all levels. Casual attendance welcome, tutor Anneloes Douglas, community rooms, 10am–noon, Thur. ☎ 027 307 7034 📞 467 9993 ✉ anneloes.douglas@xtra.co.nz

ART CLASSES

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

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Middle age drummer into all sorts (psych rock, dream pop, reggae, ambient, classical, techno, "world" etc.) looking for band/musicians. Anything with soul, groove, and edge. Paul ✉ hoani76@hotmail.com

DUNEDIN FIDDLE CLUB

Mostly Celtic tunes, mostly fiddles. New players always welcome! Wednesdays 7.30pm at The Valley Project community rooms. Just drop in or ✉ anna.bowen1@gmail.com

FOLK CLUB OPEN MIC NIGHT

Songs, tunes and convivial company every Thursday from 7.30pm. Come and join the supportive circle to play or listen. Dunedin Folk Club, 80 Lovelock Ave. ✉ info@nefc.org.nz

KIDS ART CLASS

Thinkit Art offers dynamic and enriching after school term art classes for 7–15yo. Focus is on enriching creativity & exploring who you are as an artist. Book Now: Kiri Scott Artist – Oniyonkid. 📷 @thinkitart ☎ 021 118 9882 📧 @thinkitartfeuerstein.art ✉ Thinkit.fie@yahoo.com

LEARN TROMBONE

From winner of Dunedin Youth Jazz Festival best trombone, and Otago Rockquest best musician - contact Finnbar ☎ 027 356 2881 or ✉ fin.mckinlay@gmail.com

MUSIC LESSONS

Celtic style flute, tin whistle, and guitar lessons by Rennie Pearson. ✉ rennie.pearson@gmail.com 📧 renniepearsonmusic.com

MUSIC LESSONS

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

PAD-MAKING WORKING BEE

Interested in plastic-free period products? Like to sew? Learn to make sustainable period products for you and whanau. Contact ✉ sewon@christinekeller.co.nz

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 Marion for info ✉ marion.okane68@gmail.com

STAND-UP COMEDY

Open mic at Inch Bar, every Tuesday and penultimate Wednesday. Comedy workshop Mondays 5–7pm at George Street McDonalds. Open to all skill levels. Contact ✉ reuben@dunedincomedy.co.nz

UKULELE SESSIONS

Wed, 7–8.30pm, Valley Baptist Community Centre, 280 North Rd. Just turn up or text Adrienne ☎ 027 389 2574 for more info.

community

BALMACEWEN LIONS CLUB

Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays at Otago Golf Club: 125 Balmacewen Rd, Dunedin. New members welcome! Contact Secretary Russell Hancox: 📞 03 467 5126 (evenings)

BIBLE HOUR

Friendly small group Bible learning over morning tea, Sun, 9.30am, DNI (tech area) during school terms. All welcome, free. ☎ 020 4079 5727 or 📧 dunedinchristadelphians.org

BIKE WORKSHOP

Get help, use our workshop. Bikes available for koha, 3.30–5.30pm Tues, and 9.30am–12.30pm Sat. Valley Community Workspace, 11 Allen St. Email Peter ✉ peterd0n@yahoo.com

BURNS RESERVE

Interested in learning more about this Reserve featured in "Forgotten Wilderness" by Bruce Munro published in the ODT Weekend Mix on 20 August 2022? Contact ✉ burnsreserve@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ACCOUNTING

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

COMMUNITY PATROL

Dunedin North Community Patrol. Assisting Police to ensure our communities are safe to live in.

Volunteers welcome. Call Garry for more info: ☎ 027 364 1485

COMMUNITY STUDY CIRCLE

Baha'i Spiritual Training. Develop your capacity to offer service to your community as a result of exploring spiritual concepts and how to apply them to everyday life. Strictly no charge. Ring or text Ash: ☎ 022 615 6115

DALMORE RESERVE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Join us fortnightly at the garden on Allenby Ave., Pinehill. All welcome. Tools provided. Check Facebook for dates/times or ✉ dalmorecommunitygarden@gmail.com

ENABLING LOVE

Looking for friendship & social connection? 18-65 years welcome to weekly coffee group at Otago Museum Cafe, Thurs, 1–2pm. More at 📧 enablinglove.nz or email Joshua for venue: ✉ enquiries@enablinglove.nz

FRUIT & VEGES NFP

Fresh fruit and veges at wholesale prices with All Saints Fruit and Veges. Small, med, family weekly bags. Order at St Martins, 194 North Rd, Thur, 4.30pm, or sign up online: 📧 fruit.vege.allsaintsdsn.org.nz

LEGAL ADVICE

Free legal advice from Community Law Otago, available by appointment. Legal advice by qualified lawyers, practical solutions. 📞 03 474 1922 or email ✉ reception@dcl.org.nz to make an appointment.

MEN'S PROBUS

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

MISSING PET BIRD

Young albino ringneck parrot. Pure white with a red beak and very friendly. Missing from Dalmeny St. ☎ 022 649 5606

NEED A JP?

The Valley Project offers walk-in JP services for affidavits, document certification, KiwiSaver withdrawals, immigration matters, etc. Every Sat. 11am - 1pm.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

Create safer, more caring communities. For info and local contacts 📞 Davis 456 0857 or ☎ 027 476 6047 or email: ✉ coordinator@nsotago.nz

NEV COMMUNITY GARDEN

North East Valley Community Garden, directly behind NEV school. Pay us a visit! We meet every wknd: 1st & 2nd Sat. 9.30–12pm, 2nd & 4th Sun. 1–4pm.

NORTH DUNEDIN SHED

New members welcome. Open Wed and Sat mornings, 35 Bonnington Street, over the bridge. Find us on: 📍 North Dunedin Shed Society Inc.

NEV JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Pine Hill resident, Colin Lind, available for JP services. Flexible days and hours. 📞 03 473 7174 ✉ colinlind@hotmail.com

OP-SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Cat Rescue Dunedin is seeking volunteers to help in our North Rd. Charity Shop. Please call into shop Tues. mornings to speak with manager or contact Raewyn: ✉ raewynalexander@gmail.com

SENIOR MOVEMENT & BREATHING CLASS

Gentle movement & exercises with breathing awareness. Suitable for older adults or those looking for slow, mindful approach. 9.30–10.30am, Thursdays, Valley Baptist Community Centre lounge. Cost \$8. To register: ✉ sweetfee77@gmail.com or ☎ 021 0377 911. Class finishes the year on Dececeber 8.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CREST train at the Botanic Garden. Can you help? Volunteers needed for driving, ticketing, commentary, maintenance. 📧 crestrides.org.nz or ☎ Rodger 027 471 4902

WILD DALMORE RESERVE

Help us protect and restore the native biodiversity of Dalmore Reserve. We meet most Sunday afternoons. Entrance at 20 Allenby Ave, Pine Hill. Contact us through 📍 Wild Dalmore Reserve or phone/text ☎ 021 206 3593 for info.

employment

BEDTIME SUPPORT POSITION AVAILABLE

Seeking person w/initiative to assist a young disabled man with evening routine: personal care & household tasks. Must be physically strong as transfer assistance required. 8.45–9.45pm, 4-on/4-off roster. Position based in NEV. Applications w/CV + references to ✉ Tessa.Brown@ccsDisabilityAction.org.nz

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

36yo female looking for employment between 10am and 2pm weekdays, a range of skills and experience: customer service/admin/accounts/courier driving/dental assisting. ☎ 022 649 5606

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fitness & health

ADULT YOGA CLASSES OPOHO SCHOOL

Fiona Johannessen is an experienced yoga teacher of all ages and levels. If you're needing time to focus on breathing and moving mindfully this might just be for you! Tuesdays 7.30–8.30pm (school term). \$10 casual rate. All levels welcome. ✉ Fiona: sweetfee77@gmail.com

BALFOLK DANCE CLASSES

Nga Maara Hall, 63 North Road, Tuesdays 7–8.30pm. \$10 per class. No bookings required. Get on the mailing list for details: ✉ balfolkdunedin@gmail.com ☎ Michael 021 050 5882

BELLEKNOWES GOLF CLUB

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

Come & enjoy our fantastic 9-hole golf course on Lawson St. Spectacular views over the city. Call Secretary, Christina King ☎ 03 467 9499

DUNEDIN BMX CLUB

Race night, Forrester Park BMX track, 5.30pm, Thursdays.

FOLK DANCING FOR FUN

Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Road, 10–11.30am, Fridays, \$4. ☎ Yvonne 455 2406, ✉ stureid1@yahoo.co.nz

INDOOR BOWLS

Play indoor bowls at the NEV Bowling Club, 139 North Rd, Thurs, 1.30pm start. ☎ Terry Boylan 473 0049

KUNG FU

Fitness, discipline and self defence. Classes for 7–12 years Wed, 5–6pm, Sun, 3–4pm, teen & adult classes, Wed, 6–7.30pm, Sun, 4–5.30pm, Sacred Heart School, 63 North Rd. Contact Kenneth ☎ 021 0242 38 ✉ Dunedin@shaolinkungfu.co.nz

MASSAGE FOR WOMEN

with Uschi Heyd. Book your session online www.kindliving.co.nz or call/text ☎ Uschi 027 360 0238 Mention the Valley Voice to receive a 10% discount on your first massage.

ORTHO-BIONOMY

In pain or discomfort? Had surgery or injuries? Ortho-Bionomy is a gentle way to help you in the process of maintaining balance or accessing your resources during your recovery! For info & bookings: www.juliafast.nz

PARKRUN

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

STEADY AS YOU GO

(Age Concern) Gentle balance and strength exercises, Valley Baptist Community Centre 10.30am–11.30am Mondays, and Pine Hill School Library 11am Thursdays.

TANNOCK GLEN

The 3.5 acre garden of the Dunedin Rhododendron Group is situated in Torridon Street, Opooho. 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 per couple, Nga Maara hall, 6–7pm, Thursdays. ☎ Marilyn 027 446 3358

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. More info ✉ adairbruce@hotmail.com

ZEN MEDITATION

Traditional Zen for beginners and those experienced. All welcome. 7pm Thur. Quaker Rooms, 15 Park St., Dunedin North. Koha please. 6wk beginners courses through the year. 7-day retreat on Quarantine Island annually. ☎ Glenn 473 6256

for families, kids, and teens

AURORA TAMARIKI EARLY YEARS CARE AND KINDERGARTEN

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BOOK BONANZA

Special school holiday family event with Lego, crafts, and book swap. Bring along pre-loved books suitable for primary school aged children. Saturday 14 January 2–4pm, Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Road.

DUNEDIN CITY TOY LIBRARY

A vibrant toy library for children from birth to 7 years. Huge range of toys, ride-ons, dress-ups, puzzles, and games. Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Road, 3.15–4pm Wednesdays and 10–11.30am Saturdays.

DUNEDIN RUDOLF STEINER PLAYGROUP

Te Whare Ako Marie. A sanctuary for creative play for children from birth to kindergarten. A place of peace and friendship for parents. Groups meet weekly, term time. Contact us for times and days ☎ 471 2163 or ✉ dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

FARSI LANGUAGE PLAYGROUP

For those wishing to immerse their young ones in the language. Playgroup runs fortnightly on a Sunday afternoon.

✉ farsi.playgroup@nevbctrust.org

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LEGO AND CRAFT CLUB

Valley kids years 6–8! Valley Baptist Community Centre on 3rd Wednesday of every month, 3–4.30pm (excl. school hols). Low-tech club is the opportunity for you to get creative w/Lego & craft. Also books to read/borrow with a Dunedin Public Library card.

MAINLY MUSIC

Leith Valley Church, Malvern St, Wednesday 10am, \$4. Contact: Fran ☎ 467 9208 (Leith Valley Church Phone No) or ☎ 027 456 1188

MT CARGILL GIRLGUIDES

Pippins, brownies, guides, & ranger groups in the valley. ☎ 0800 222 292 or ✉ info@girlguidingnz.org.nz

NEV NORMAL SCHOOL PTA

Seeking new members for the 2023 school year, especially a treasurer! Fundraising ideas needed to help kids & kura. ✉ nevn.pta@gmail.com

NEV PLAYGROUP

For 0–5yrs, variety of experiences to enhance development of your child and meet other local young families. Free morning tea and lunch provided for adults. Please supply child's morning tea. Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd, 9am–12pm Wed. ✉ nevplaygroup@gmail.com

NORTH GAME DEV CLUB

Intermediate tamariki learn to build their own video games. Tuesdays, 3.30–5pm at the Valley Baptist Community Centre. ☎ office@com2tech.com ☎ com2tech.com

OPOHO PLAYCENTRE

Nurturing play space for 0–6year olds where children and their whanau attend together. Focus is on child-led learning through play. Make friends, play, learn, & grow. 3 free visits. 28A Signal Hill Rd. Mon–Fri 9am–12pm, school terms. ☎ opoho.playcentre.org.nz ✉ opoho@playcentre.org.nz or ☎ 027 880 2365

OPOHO SCOUTS

Keas, 4–5pm, Tues; Cubs, 6pm–7.30pm, Thur; Scouts, 6–8pm, Wed. Opooho Scout Den. ✉ Shane: opoho@group.scouts.nz

SPACE FOR YOU AND YOUR BABY

Programs run by registered ECE teachers supporting families through their 1st year with new baby. School terms at Valley Baptist Community Centre. ☎ 021 150 9165 or ✉ space.valleybaptist@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Variety of classes with stories, crafts, songs, and more. Ages 4–18yrs, 9.30am Sun (term time only), DNI (tech area). All welcome! No charge. ☎ 020 4079 5727 or go to dunedinchristadelphians.org

TECHTIME

Primary ages 7+. Work on IT tutorials. Wednesdays, 3.30–5.30pm at the Valley Baptist Community Centre. ☎ office@com2tech.com ☎ com2tech.com

further education

CITIZENS ADVICE

Dunedin Citizens Advice Bureau – a free confidential service for all. We can help with tenancy problems, employment issues, consumer problems & host of other issues. Rodgers House, 155 Princes St, ☎ 471 6166 ☎ cab.org.nz

COGNITIVE ENHANCEMENT

Thinkit Feuerstein is a cognitive enhancing program for individuals with learning differences. Enriching thinking and learning skills for ages 5+ to adults. Private sessions held in North East Valley/Dunedin Schools. Book Now: Tutor Kiri Scott – Certified practitioner in Feuerstein method. ☎ 021 118 9882 ☎ www.icelp.info ✉ Thinkit.fie@yahoo.com

COM2TECH

A community-led group that offers a range of free classes to upskill our communities in communications technology and online safety. Wed. 10.30am–12.30pm at Valley Project or Wed. 3.30–5pm at the Valley Baptist Community Centre. ✉ office@com2tech.com ☎ com2tech.com ☎ 027 256 9182

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Affordable creative maths classes and maths art after school at my home in North East Valley. ☎ Inspiring Maths Classes ✉ Sandra.Dunedin@gmail.com

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housing

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Book editor and sometimes musician in 40's looking for a NEV room/studio/house for rent long term from mid December. Ideally quiet and dry. Me: quiet and respectful but also enjoy people and conversation. Refs available. Paul: ✉ hoani76@hotmail.com ☎ 027 544 6126

trading corner

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10 years of childcare experience. Full drivers licence. Have worked with twins. ☎ Kelly 027 697 9194

BABYSITTER

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BABYSITTER IN NEV

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church services

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OPOHO PRESBYTERIAN

50 Signal Hill Rd, 10am

PACIFIC ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN

160 North Rd. English, 11am on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays; Cook Island 9.30am; Samoan 11am, 4th and 5th Sundays

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the VALLEY project **SPRING CLEAN '22**

Spring Clean 2022 was much more than a waste minimisation event, although we certainly nailed that brief.

It was an opening up again of community, after years of looking inwards, and as a result we all had a thoroughly good time.

We doubled the previous tally for goods dropped off (over 2,796kgs) and diverted 58% of that tally from landfill!

Bits and pieces found new homes while other items were dissembled by the North Dunedin Shed crew in order to reduce waste to landfill. We filled four mini skips with metal, gas bottles, and small appliances (and got \$\$\$ back from Sims Metals for these), as well as a van and trailer with unwanted electronics, screens, and related paraphernalia. The good folks at Cargill Enterprises took these away, and at the end of a very busy eight hours we had a perfectly clear and tidy car park! Win!

Over at the school the atmosphere was low-key good times. Live music, kids activities in the sun, a clothing rummage, seedling swap, bake sale, BBQ, and coffee cart – all zero waste, all community based.

Rounding all this off were the educational demonstrations showing how to mend, re-purpose, and alter clothing and how to make reusable period products.

We had over 60 volunteers helping out on the day directing traffic flow, disassembling items, unloading cars, washing dishes, making food, playing music, entertaining tamariki, keeping folks safe, and taking photos. It was a gas and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Huge thanks to all involved! This was a wonderful finale for me, as I have now bowed out as manager of the Valley Project. I was uplifted, entertained, supported, and energised – all of the best things community can offer. If you weren't there, you missed out. If you were, you know what I'm talking about!

-- Kate Vercoe

Special thanks to the DCC for the Waste Minimisation grant that made the event possible in the first place.



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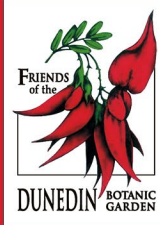


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