

Ruffled feathers mystery



Zelda Paris with a friendly goldfinch

Local resident, Zelda Paris is a lover of songbirds. She has developed a special bond with the birdlife in the Valley, so much so that she has taken up bird rescue and rehabilitation. Zelda is currently caring for birds who have been badly affected by an oily substance of some sort and is desperate to find the source before too many of her feathered friends are injured or die from the issue.

Zelda adores all wildlife, especially birds, but focuses her efforts predominantly on

introduced songbirds, working with the Dunedin Wildlife hospital and other partners for any injured native birds that come her way.

Zelda reports that birds are returning to her place having picked up the substance, most likely whilst bathing. It is likely the source is local, within the Valley vicinity, but she can't be 100% certain. Birds affected by this have been returning for the past two months.

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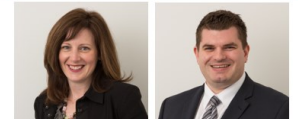
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Full membership is open to organisations, and individuals resident in or working in North East Valley, Dunedin and the families/whanau of pupils and staff of schools and early childhood centres situated within North East Valley, Dunedin.

Membership of the Valley Project is free and available to people living in the North East Valley area which is those suburbs that sit in the valley of the Lindsay Creek and on the flanking slopes of Pine Hill, Mt Cargill and Signal Hill.

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Community rooms reopening

The community rooms have been quiet over the past few weeks of level 2. We've been easing back in, ensuring that our staff, volunteers and the community room users are safe and all practical sanitisation and tracking is in place.

While we still have limits on the number of people (10 for the Fred Hollows room and 5 in the Te Putake room) existing room users are now being welcomed back to carry on with their new normal. We do ask that all room users pay special attention to our guidelines and requirements when using the spaces.

As staff, we've found the opportunity to reconnect with each other and with volunteers and community members reassuring and very grounding following the lock down period. The sound of the tamariki playing next door in the school yard is like music to our ears!

We hope to see you at the community rooms soon!

Valley Project hours

Reception, inquires, printing and hot desk use is available at the community rooms at 262 North Road (Next door to NEVN School)

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Pop in and say hello!

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Draught stopping workshop a must

FEELING DRAUGHTY? Come along to our door draught excluder workshop at the Valley Project on Saturday, June 20th, 11am-2pm to take home one or a few to keep the cold out at home. We will have the amazing sewers from Stitch Kitchen alongside community volunteers to sew together the outside shapes, and Glowing Sky and Otago Knitwear have donated merino off-cuts as filling. We have templates for double-sided and single. Double sided excluders can be particularly useful, and they simply slide under the door and stay in place. Stitch Kitchen will provide recycled fabric or you can choose to bring your own. Steve Lynch, a long-time draught excluder maker from the Curtain Bank will assist you to stuff your excluder/s. If you have an unusual door size email it to chalotte@northeastvalley.org beforehand or bring along the measurements on the day. Koha would be appreciated. — **Charlotte Wilson**



Examples of door draught excluders made from reused curtain fabric.

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A lack of recent rain exasperates the issue, as birds don't get as much exposure to other water sources. The oily substance reduces the feathers ability to repel water, meaning they become soaked and unable to dry themselves. Zelda has been gently helping the birds clean the substance off, however this process can take 3-4 weeks and as soon as the bird returns to the pollution source, the issue becomes worse. Sadly the birds also travel in large groups, meaning a large number can be affected at once.

Zelda, originally from France but now happily settled in Dunedin, put the call out across local community Facebook groups hoping others may be able to help her solve this mystery. "I have not yet been able to pinpoint the source but recently some starlings came back severely affected and they will likely die during the next cold rain event so this is an ongoing problem. I'm concerned native birds could be impacted as well and it all comes down to having a clean environment for wildlife here in Dunedin". She implores people to check their properties for possible sources, and report any pollution in public spaces if it's seen. It is possible it is a surfactant of some sort, possibly from roofs, driveways or other areas. If you have any ideas, please email project@northeastvalley.org and we will pass them on. At her home, Zelda rescues birds, sending some to other rehabilitation centres such as the Wildlife Hospital, but rehabilitates the non-native song birds herself. She has had 2 years of experience now, and advises that Spring is a very busy time. Aside from this current issue, she says the usual threats and causes of injuries are predators such as cats, rats and others.

We'd like to give Zelda a high five for her passion and hard work,

caring and protecting the wildlife in the Valley.
—**Tess Trotter**

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Mammal Musing

DURING MY walks over the last few weeks, I have been enchanted by the sight and sounds of many native and introduced bird species, which got me thinking more about some of the mammals living in New Zealand that we don't often see.

We only have two species of native land mammals in New Zealand, both of these being bats (long-tailed and short-tailed bats). We also have several species of marine mammals, such as whales, dolphins, sea lions and seals, with some of these only seen in southern areas.

There are many other mammal species living in New Zealand, some of them are often referred to as "introduced mammalian predators".

Introduced mammalian predators are animals that have been brought here by people, and will naturally eat other animals.

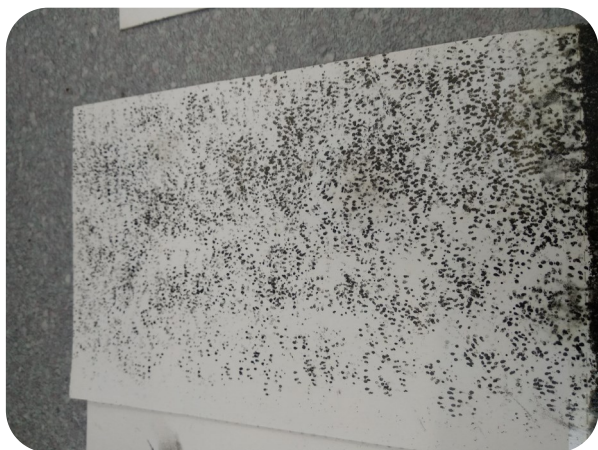
Introduced mammalian predators hunt on the ground, and use hunting strategies that New Zealand wildlife are poorly adapted to defend themselves against. Many can be carnivores or omnivores, either requiring to eat a strict meat based diet or able to eat many different kinds of foods. They are also often nocturnal (most active at night) so you may have a frequent visitor to your backyard and be none the wiser.

We can use tracking tunnels to identify which introduced mammalian predators are visiting and where they like to hang out. Tracking tunnels record animal footprints - with each visitor having different footprints. Once we know which mammalian predators are visiting, we can know how to manage them using specially designed traps.

Check out our blog to find out how to make your own tracking tunnel, interpret animal footprints and more about some of our native mammals. northeastvalley.org/blog

Keep a look out for our next TRAPBOX making workshop, coming soon with thanks from the Kiwibank Predator Free Community programme!

—Clare Cross, Open VUE Coordinator



Mice having a field day! The tracking tunnel card above shows lots of mice footprints.

Website SOS from NEV community garden

IF YOU have some skills with using a Google site, we're desperately in need of someone to keep our website up to date. You wouldn't need to take initiative (unless you wanted to) but mostly paste in photos, working bee dates and other reports sent to you. You may not want to be involved in gardening but if you would like to help us out with this it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact garden@northeastvalley.org if you can help.

Loom Room new class dates

DUNEDIN'S LOOMROOM will start a new block of 8 week classes on Wed/Thursday June 17th 18th. Students will be in one of four groups of up to 7 students either Wednesday or Thursday, from 9.30 am to 12.30 or from 6 to 9 pm.

Classes are held at 11 Allen St in the Valley Community Workspace and cost \$175 for non earners and \$210 for earners. Material is extra. All levels. Please contact Christine Keller at www.christinekeller.co.nz or at mindmade@hotmail.com

kids' corner

Who am I?

I came to New Zealand on ships from Europe.

I have a tail longer than my body and big ears.

I am an omnivore so I love eating everything like weta, lizards, birds, flowers, seeds and fruits.

I love swimming.

My scientific name is *Rattus rattus*.

(clue—my common name is the first three letters of my scientific name)



Call for artists to inspire



The Valley Project is seeking some local artists to discuss and propose designs to decorate and celebrate around the community room space. Our new Lilliput library fridge needs some bright love, and we also have permission and budget for a new mural in the car park in celebration of our diverse community.

Our vision for this mural is to pick up on the "we are one family" motif created after the March 15th terror attacks, celebrating our welcoming and whānau centred community. If you'd like to offer some help, advice or want to participate, please contact VP leader, Tess Trotter on tess@northeastvalley.org. Thank you!

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Better slate than never

SOME OF you may have noticed on your Chingford walks that the stables are getting a facelift and its slate roof is being replaced. I can't say I'd ever given the stable roof a second thought, but now I was intrigued – what exactly is slate and why is it good on roofs? Where did the old slates come from? Where are the new ones coming from?

Time to go and talk to the slater – not an isopod that lives under logs in your garden, but an Englishman named John Meegan. John learned his trade in Durham in the 1970's, moved to New Zealand in the early 90's and has worked on slate roofs all over the country ever since.

Slate is a mudstone that has been metamorphosed (heated and squashed a long way underground) just enough to develop some foliation – parallel sheet-like layers that form as the tiny mud grains are squashed under pressure – but not metamorphosed so much that it has totally recrystallised, so it retains its very fine grain. Slate's foliation, called (straight face please) 'slaty cleavage' by geologists, makes it easy to split into thin sheets. This, along with the fact that it absorbs hardly any water at all, makes it waterproof and resistant to frost damage, meaning it's great for roofing; it's nature's tile.

John reckons the slates most likely came from what was possibly the only site in New Zealand to produce roofing slate – the old Otepopo quarry up behind Herbert in the foothills of the Kakanui Range. The Otepopo slate is at the northern edge of the Otago schist, and it was mined in the late 1800s. Tens of thousands of slates made their way to Dunedin, so it is likely that some of them found their way onto the Chingford stables, which were built in 1880.

But 140 years of Dunedin rain (and, specifically, Chingford damp) have weathered most of the slates so much you can break them with your hands. Unfortunately, this makes them not much use for anything now and they are headed back to whence they came – the earth.

The replacement slate is coming from somewhere a little more exotic than Herbert: northern Spain. Spanish slate is a cousin of Welsh slate and John says it is more durable than its New Zealand counterpart. It's around 500 million years old, whereas New Zealand is 'really a bit too young' to have good slate; our slate comes in at around 200 million years old and often has lots of kinks and joints because of what was going on when it was metamorphosed.

The new slates are between 4 and 8 mm thick and John has graded all 6,500 of them into stacks of similar thickness – the thickest ones go along the bottom of the roof, the thinnest ones at the top. He's also hand cut many of them to have triangular or rounded ends so that the old pattern can be kept, although because he is going to increase the amount that the slates overlap from 65mm on the original roof to 90-100mm, the pattern will be slightly different.

John reckons he'll finish the job by late June and that the new Spaniards should keep the stables dry for at least another century. — **Helen Jack**

Thanks also to Nick Mortimer, Adam Martin and Simon Cox at GNS Science, and Sarah Gallagher at Heritage New Zealand.



The old slates on the left, and getting ready with new framing on the right.

Pandemic impacts on property



Real Estate historically has a cycle period of around 10 years. The last blip on the property radar was the GFC in 2008 so technically we have been 2 years overdue for a correction, little did we know it would be a global pandemic.

However, there are reports of expats looking to return home to the safety of New Zealand as the remainder of the world is in different states of Covid chaos. Dunedin is full of opportunities to entice them to settle down here especially with the hospital re-build now well underway which may assist in preserving our property prices and maintain our rental levels.

We are also blessed with another great attribute being our University and the Otago Polytech. Education will always continue to thrive which will ensure that there will always be a solid rental investment foundation in North East Valley where a high percentage of Valley properties accommodate students.

Post lock-down in the Real Estate game we are still experiencing high demand for rental accommodation and rental yields are still holding strong. There has been a flurry of new properties being listed which could be a combination of a build-up of properties

that were unable to be listed during lock down, Airbnb's that no longer have demand, or owners wanting to sell before any significant price reduction in the market. What we do know is interest rates have never been lower and if you are fortunate enough to have stability in your employment this could be a great opportunity to take advantage of.

With a solid 6 weeks of being locked down for many of us and sticking to our bubbles as directed by Jacinda we are all emerging from the safety of our homes with mixed predictions of the future.

We do believe that Commercial Property especially those buildings that house businesses in hospitality or have any association with tourism will be significantly affected. With that said as we sheepishly extend our reach and return to normal, or a new form of normal, I urge you to join the Valley bubble and go out of your way to support the businesses that support the Valley.

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Business adaptation a two way street

Life in level two is different for everyone. School children, their teachers, parents, grandparents, group leaders and especially small local businesses are undergoing the quickest adaptation many have ever experienced. There have been highs, and lows for us all as we work towards our new normal.

Hospitality businesses in particular have had to make many changes in order to meet regulations and keep staff and customers safe. Many of our local cafes and bars are on the small side, meaning these changes have to be even more carefully considered and managed.

Innovation and adaptability is the name of the game. Beam me up Bagels have a new website for pre-ordering, the folks at ADJO have been making changes to their usual events and exhibitions and many others have been tweaking their practices in order to keep business going and customers happy.

The Inch Bar, arguably the smallest little bar in Dunedin, and certainly in the Valley, has had to make some dramatic changes in order to reopen their doors. I spoke with owner Phil Knight, to find out how the adaptation was going for the bar. Phil advised that the support of locals means the world to him, and he has plenty of folks telling him they feel the same way back. Although from out of town, Phil became enamoured with the small bar years ago, pestering the former owner until he finally relented

and sold it to him. Recently, former manager Marama Smyth has taken the establishment from strength to strength, embedding the friendly community vibe that locals love. This, alongside a wide selection of craft beer and local musos encapsulates the spirit of the place. This is a bar that has been packed to the rafters on many occasions, so what does the best little bar in town do when forced to keep patrons physically distanced? "It's not something you really get a chance to practice, we basically had to make changes on the fly" advises Phil. After consulting with staff, and some regulars, the bar chose to implement a booking system with a seat charge, rather than raising drink prices like many others in the same boat. This was necessary in order to manage the books with half the patrons and double the staff to meet level two guidelines. Unfortunately, a social media storm ensued, but Phil has taken the criticism on the chin for the most part. "It's a two way street, we welcome feedback. If anyone has ideas about how we could make things better, or other uses for our space, I'd be happy to hear them". Luckily, with many loyal customers and a willingness to collaborate and change, Phil is optimistic about the future. He loves the Valley, and calls it his second home. —Tess Trotter



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valley garden journal



Meet community gardeners Gail and Royce Kirk

What got you to your first community garden working bee?

We don't live in the Valley, but we picked up a Valley Voice while in a local coffee shop about three years ago. We'd been looking for a community garden so thought we'd accept the invitation to take a look. We felt very welcome.

How long have you been working at the community garden?

Firstly, we like gardening. For very little effort we take home healthy fresh and scrumptious vegetables to cook for our tea. The people we work alongside are the icing on the cake. You can have been a gardener all your life but there is still a lot to learn right through the gardening year, and we so enjoy swapping recipes over our cuppa too.

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Become a community gardener: June community garden working bees

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Bring lunch and requirements, 10am–3pm, second Sun each month, community rooms, Ph Viv 473 0343, www.artfibredunedin.blogspot.com.

DUNEDIN FIDDLE CLUB

Community rooms, 7.30pm, Wed.

MUSIC LESSONS

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

SOUNDS NOR'EASTERLY

Do you enjoy singing with a group? Why not join your local community choir? All ages and abilities welcome. DNI design lobby every Tues, 7.30–8.45pm. Email Clare for more info clare-n-don@clear.net.nz

UKULELE SESSIONS

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

WOMEN'S ART GROUP

An art & craft group aimed at helping new Dunedin residents learn & share skills & connect with others. Tues, 1pm, community rooms, 262 North Rd.

LEARN TROMBONE

From winner of Dunedin Youth Jazz Festival best trombone and Otago Rockquest best musician - contact Finnbar ph 0273562881 fin.mckinlay@gmail.com

SELF-PUBLISHING COURSE

Learn step-by-step in a small group everything you need to self-publish your book in digital and paper copies. Workshop starts 14th March. See writeandpublish.nz or email kate@writeandpublish.nz for more details. Ph. 027 525 5665

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BIBLE HOUR

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

BIKE WORKSHOP

Get help, use our workshop, bikes available for koha, 3.30–6pm Tues, and 9.30am–12.30pm Sat, Valley Community Workspace, 11 Allen St. Contact Peter on peterd0n@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY ACCOUNTING

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

ENABLING LOVE

Looking for friendship and social connection? 18-45 years welcome to our weekly coffee group, Thurs, 1–2pm. More at www.enablinglove.nnz or contact Joshua for venue at enquiries@enablinglove.nz

DUNEDIN REFUGEE & MULTICULTURAL WOMEN'S GROUP

Dunedin Refugee Centre, meet community rooms, 262 North Rd, 9.30–11.30am, Fri. Ph Afife 473 8944.

FRUIT & VEGES CO-OP

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

LEGAL ADVICE

Free at Community Law Otago, legal advice by qualified lawyers, practical solutions, 11am–12.30pm Mon–Fri, 5.30–7pm Mon, Fri and 2–3.30pm Mon, Floor 1, 169 Princes St, 474 1922.

MEN'S PROBUS

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

DALMORE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Pine Hill, Dalmore Reserve entrance on Allenby Ave, We need more gardeners, please get in touch if you can help or come along to one of our working bees on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month at 3pm. dalmorecommunitygarden@gmail.com

Belleknowes Golf Club

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

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

DUNEDIN MAKERSPACE

Work on project, watch others and chat, 1pm–5pm, Sat; organised talks, 7pm, Thur, Valley Community Work-space, 11 Allen St.

LADIES' PROBUS CLUB

Meets 10am, first Mon each month, NEV Bowling Clubrooms. New members welcome. For more info ph 455 6683.

NEED A JP?

Contact Colin Lind to arrange to meet, ph 473 7174 or 027 733 0066 or colin@lind.co.nz.

NORTH DUNEDIN SHED

New members welcome. Open Wed and Sat mornings 35 Bonnington St over bridge. Find us on Facebook: North Dunedin Shed Society Inc

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

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

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BABYSITTER

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

BABYSITTER

High school student available for babysitting evenings and weekends. Ph Laura 027 905 9911 after 4pm.

BABYSITTER IN NEV

Experienced, 26 year old, children of all ages. Wide hourly availability. Ph Luana 027 284 7836 or luana.suarez62@gmail.com

CAKE BAKER

Home-baked cakes large/small for your pleasure. Made to order. Price list available. Ph 473 0159 evenings.

COMPUTERS

I fix computers! Low rates, great service, Windows, Linux, Mac, Android. Call Matt 022 048 0012.

GARDENER

Gardener available, light weeding/trimming, very experienced, \$25/hr,

ph 473 0159 (evenings)

KNIFE SHARPENING

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

HAIRDRESSER

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

HANDYMAN

Handyman wanted, ph 473 7969.

HOUSE TO RENT

3 bedroom family home for rent - large beautiful house with views - just up the hill from Gardens Medical Centre. Heatpump, dishwasher, part-furnished. \$530 p/w. Owners could consider rent reduction in return for handy-person work. Ph: 473 6256 or 021 174 9290.

LAND WANTED

Bare land wanted to buy asap, ideally anything considered between Waitati and NEV, ph Chris 027 443 4246.

TINY HOUSE PARKING WANTED

TINY house parking wanted. If you have a space to offer parking for my tiny house, I'd love to hear from you. Please contact Alison on 021 136 4772 or imbtfolpo@yahoo.com to discuss a parking arrangement that suits us both.

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ACTIVE MUSIC

For 0–5yrs, with Yvette, 10.30am Wed, Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd, ph 473 9413 or nevplaygroup@gmail.com

DUNEDIN TOY LIBRARY

A vibrant toy library for children from birth to 7 years. Huge range of toys, ride-ons, dress ups, puzzles, games. NEV Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd., 3.30–4pm Wed, and 10–11.30am Sat.

GIRLS BRIGADE

Dunedin Girls Brigade Company, all girls, from age 5 up welcome, 6–7.30pm, Wed, St Marks Presbyterian Church Hall, 304 Pine Hill Rd.

MT CARGILL GIRLGUIDES

Pippins, brownies, guides and ranger groups in the valley, ph 0800 222 292 or info@girlguiding.org.nz

OPOHO PLAYCENTRE

Sessions for 0–6 year olds, 9am–noon, Mon–Fri, school terms, 28A Signal Hill Rd. Visitors welcome, ph 473 0819 or email opoho@playcentre.org.nz

OPOHO SCOUTS

Keas, 4pm–5pm, Tues; Cubs, 6pm–7.30pm, Thur; Scouts, 7pm–8.30pm, Wed. Opoho Scout Den, ph Kevin 0800 SCOUTS.

PLAYGROUP

Leith Valley Church, Malvern St, 10am–noon, school terms, ph. Julia 027 635 8181.

PRESCHOOL MUSIC

At Opoho School, 9am–9.30am, Fri, during school term, Room 3, gold coin, drop in, ph 473 8019.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

SPACE FOR BABIES

Programs run by registered ECE teachers supporting families through their first year with a new baby, school terms, 12.30–2.30pm, day TBC, Valley Baptist Community Centre, ph 473 0014 or space.valleybaptist@gmail.com

NEV PLAYGROUP

For 0–5yrs, variety experiences to enhance development of your child, meet other local young families, free morning tea & lunch provided, Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd, 9am–2.30pm Tue & Wed, ph 473 9413 or nevplaygroup@gmail.com

RUDOLF STEINER

Te Whare Ako Marie, Pinehill & Maia. A sanctuary for creative play for children from birth to kindergarten, a place of peace & friendship for parents. Groups meet weekly, term time, ph 471 2163 or dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

church services

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

Sacred Heart Catholic, 89 North Rd, Mass 9.30am

Glenaven Methodist, 7 Chambers St, 11am

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

Anglican: St Martin's, 194 North Rd, 10.30am

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

Opoho Presbyterian, 50 Signal Hill Rd, 10am

NEV Presbyterian, community rooms, 9.30am, first, third and fourth Sundays, cafe service, contact Cameron Sinclair on sinclairs@snap.net.nz

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

NEV Baptist, 270 North Road, 10.30am.

It's time to update our classifieds for Winter. If you have a notice, or would like to add one, please contact us on voice@northeastvalley.org to update your listing, before June 20th please. Koha is appreciated, but not essential, for classified advertisements.

Dunedin Dream Brokerage Bubbles

Artists, designers and writers living in the Valley were invited to submit their artwork to a new project from the Dunedin Dream Brokerage, aiming to highlight the importance of creative people in our neighbourhoods. The theme was 'the upsides of lockdown' and successful submissions are installed in local business windows for a month. Several are below, check out the rest around local businesses this month.



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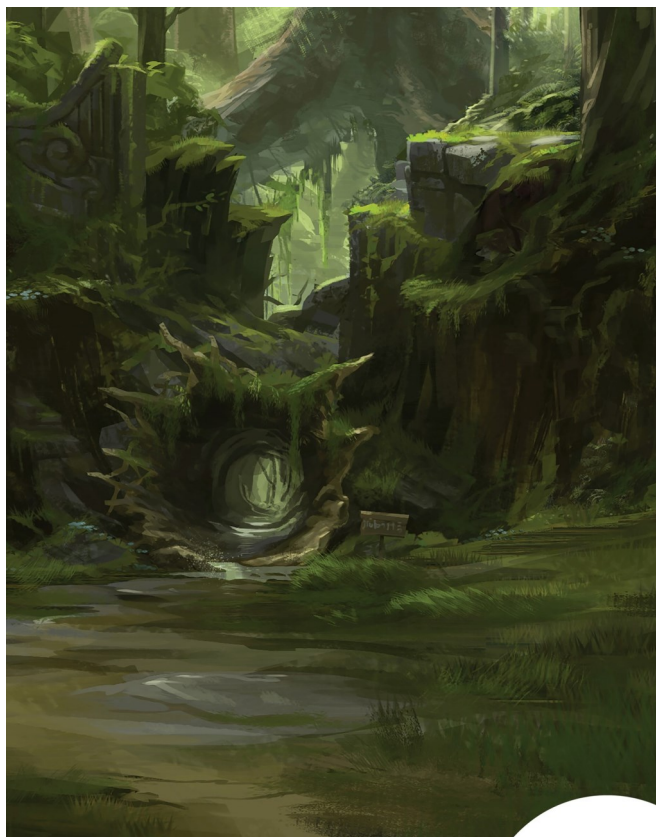
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Emmellee Rose's Bubble
Artists in your neighbourhood share their upsides of lockdown
www.dunedinreambrokerage.nz
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Project Partner: **DunedinPrint** the house is mine

Neighbourhood Partner: **OTAGO POLYTECHNIC**

Tom Garden's Bubble
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Project Partner: **DunedinPrint** the house is mine

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What's on?

Be With a Tree, 5th June -14th June

We know you know that trees do amazing things! They help you fight climate change, make oxygen for you to breathe, are a home for your favourite animals and plants and give you food to eat. But – have you thought about how trees are amazing for how they make you feel? This is what this year's celebration is all about!

<https://kcc.org.nz/portfolio/be-with-a-tree-2020/>

Garden Bird Survey, 27th June - 5th July

Get the family involved (or not!) and take part in this year's NZ Garden Bird Survey. Just select a survey location, and on one day between 27 June and 5 July find a comfortable spot and look and listen for birds for one hour. Record the highest number of each species observed, and submit your results.

The NZ Garden Bird Survey is vital because it tells us about the health of our environment. The annual survey is the country's longest running citizen science project.

<https://gardenbirdsurvey.landcareresearch.co.nz/>

Draught excluder workshop

Come along to our door draught excluder workshop at the Valley Project on Saturday, June 20th, 11am -2pm