

# Talk yurty to me



I RECENTLY sat down and had a yarn with creator, engineer, valley-dweller and self-confessed yurt obsessor Adam Guyton of Tree Cosy Yurts, a local business. Tree Cosy brings to you a new species of yurt, an elegant, simple and economical model. Using materials like breathable polycotton canvas, NZ sheep's wool insulation and locally sourced untreated timber means their production is gentle on the

environment, fitting with their eco-conscious principles.

Most yurts are wrapped in poly-vinyl chloride (PVC) and suffer from noxious off-gassing. This material has no ability to regulate humidity inside, which leads to dampness and mould. To combat this issue the team has developed a curved window made from cast acrylic.

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# Heres to an exciting new year!

IT WOULD seem there's a fair few of us that are quite happy to see the back of 2020 and are ready to openly embrace 2021.

After a delightful Kirihimete break we kicked off our new year with a good old fashioned tidy up of the community space down here at the project. We've weeded, raked, water blasted, painted and had a bit of a revamp of some familiar zones. Reception has had a rearrange and we've installed two new hot desks in the Te iputake room, so pop down for a cuppa and a wee gander! Speaking of reception, we're on the lookout for a new volunteer extraordinaire to join our wonderful team helping at the community hub. Please come and see us or contact Charlotte if you're interested.

2021 will also see our hours change – we'll be closed every Monday, but open late until 7pm each Thursday, and open from 10:30-2:30 each Saturday in term one.

We've got some really great classes and workshops on offer this year; I'm personally looking forward to the Make A Planter Pot workshop where Marion FAMILTON will oversee the creation of

terracotta planter pots! Marion who has been a ceramicist and ceramic teacher for numerous years trained at the Dunedin School of Art and is a long-time member of the Stuart Street Potters Co-op. With the current trend for indoor plants, she thought it would be fun to offer this workshop to the community. The workshop will be held on the 16th of February, it's \$10 to participate but the numbers are extremely limited so do get in touch with [jess@northeastvalley.org](mailto:jess@northeastvalley.org) if you want to book your place.

There are a couple of new features to the Valley Voice this month. With the frequent use of Te Reo Māori in our publication, we've decided to include a handy wee translation of all the Te Re Māori used in this month's Valley Voice, as a small way to encourage the use and learning of the language. See page 8. The other new addition is a more detailed 'What's On' column on page 9. With all the goings on in the valley we thought why not include a handy event guide. Please contact us on [voice@northeastvalley.org](mailto:voice@northeastvalley.org) to have your event listed. - Jess Covell

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Alongside its strength and excellent clarity it doesn't cling like the classic sewn-in windows, which collect a lot of moisture. They also have moisture control built into the fabric of the yurt, and the materials used in the construction are safe not only for the dwellers of the finished yurt but for the builders too – and most importantly for Mother Earth.

Having lived in a yurt themselves, the team is familiar with what can make the experience better, so along with these improvements Adam has also developed features such as coat hooks, shelving systems, curtain rails and even guitar holders. The pièce de résistance, however, is the circular reciprocal vortex roof, an incredibly aesthetically pleasing feature designed to be both beautiful and functional.

Having spent untold hours working through the design and performing in-depth calculations, Adam has made sure their yurts are built in accordance with New Zealand standards and that his design can handle everything the local environment can

throw at it. He has also developed a program that with the click of a button produces the working drawings for the design. Having concluded all these findings, he then presented a report to lecturers and engineers, all of whom were thoroughly impressed by his work.

Because of this report, Adam was nominated by Otago Polytechnic and selected by the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment as a candidate for the Global Young Scientists Summit. This year due to COVID-19, the summit was presented online. Adam likens it to a series of Ted Talks, with the ability to connect and network with like-minded people.

Their eco-conscious philosophy became evident as I got the tour of their workspace, their home. Shelley, Adam's partner and chief sewer, has graduated from sewing in their lounge to a classic-style old camping tent. Much of their equipment and tools are hand-me-downs and repurposed. It's incredible that this team of two accomplishes what they do, although a 'helping hand' from their three children, Marley (12) Atlas (4) and Juniper

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# Farewell to two longstanding Valley educators

THE END of term four saw tearful farewells to two longstanding and much-loved Valley educators, Maria Kewene-Edwards from NEVNS and Di Healey from Islington Early Childhood Centre.

When asked to give my thoughts and reflections of my time in the hub of our Valley whānau, it was an opportune time to reflect upon my journey in education and think about the amazing people I have met along the way and how they have contributed to my kete mātauranga. So, it is hard to try and condense it to specific things, but here are some of my thoughts.

## Passion – Ngākau whiwhitia

Teaching has become my passion – guiding young minds in discovering their learning and helping them in one small step of their poutama to reach their full potential. Whānau goes hand in hand with this too, making sure their strands are woven into their children's learning.

## Feel the fear and do it anyway! Tūwhitia te hopo, mairangatia te angitū

If there is one thing I have learned whether it is personal or professional, it is to grasp those opportunities that are confronting and take you outside your comfort zone. For me, it was taking leave for six months away from my home to attend a total immersion te reo Māori teaching course, being part of a national monitoring team, and finally having the opportunity to teach multi-level in te reo Māori.

## Embracing self – Ko wai au?

Finally, teaching and being involved with our community has been a privilege and has moulded me into the teacher I am. My core family values of hard work, love and respect for others has given me the strength and courage to form meaningful relationships with people. Our community emulates whakawhanaungatanga. It has been built upon a strong foundation of manaakitanga and kotahitanga. This community has enabled me to grow in my passions alongside the children. Each day I wanted to come to work. I love this work, I love the relationships I have formed, and I love this school. - Maria Kewene-Edwards



**DI BEGAN** her teaching Career at Islington Early Childhood Centre in 2005 as a freshly graduated Early Childhood teacher.

Before this she had a wide variety of employment including being a Community Nurse and a Social Worker, but from a very young age she always knew teaching was her calling.

In 2011, with the support of Islington, Di was awarded a scholarship to complete a Post Graduate Diploma in Early Intervention. That same year she was also the Early Childhood rep. on the NEV Community Development Project, the very early stages of what we now know as The Valley Project.

Di has been a huge part of what makes Islington a special place. She has worked closely alongside many wonderful teachers, families and children in her time at Islington, all of whom relished and cherished her energy,

knowledge, passion and sense of fun!

Di says, 'It has been a privilege to be part of the local community and develop a wide range of relationships.' She has not only imparted her knowledge but learned from people too. Di is sad to farewell Islington, however she will be helping the centre establish and grow an edible garden, something she feels very blessed to be part of. She says that in her retirement she is looking forward to spending time in her community of Waitati, participating in community activities, spending time with her husband Howard in their garden and farm, and having lots more time with family and friends. Islington invites you to join them in their farewell celebrations for Di on Friday 12 February at the NEVN School hall from 5pm. Di, we wish you all the best!



Di and her students

- Di Healey, Shirley Perry and Jess Covell



# Notable Trees of North East Valley

NORTH EAST VALLEY and the surrounding suburbs are some of my favourite places to be in Dunedin. One of the reasons is the closeness to nature - I love stopping by the

creek on my morning walk and watching the water rush by or seeing some birds feeding in a nearby tree. There are a few trees in particular that I like to look out for on these walks too! The iNaturalist app has been super handy to help me identify and keep track of them all! (See the Kids' Corner for the child-friendly version, Seek).

Right next to the road at the entrance to Baldwin Street are some magnificent tī kōuka (cabbage trees). Having been adorned with yarn bombing, these trees cannot be missed! Walking up Baldwin Street, every wanderer is rewarded with a fantastic view into the Valley.

Across the road is another beautiful tree - a Kōtukutuku (tree fuchsia) - right next to the footpath, growing on the bank of Lindsay Creek.

Within Chingford Park there are many large and wonderful trees, some brought from overseas and planted by the owners when it was once an estate, and some likely planted by birds or other species in droppings or blown in on the wind. One particular tree grows near the stables - a rather bushy tarata (lemonwood).



Cabbage trees on North Road

It should be producing seed soon, like many plants at this time of year.

We would be so interested in knowing about any of your own favourite trees in NEV and the surrounding suburbs, so let us know by uploading them to iNaturalist, sharing on our Facebook group ([facebook.com/groups/openvue](https://facebook.com/groups/openvue)) or via send them in via email - [openvue@northeastvalley.org](mailto:openvue@northeastvalley.org). Read more on this story on our blog! - Clare Cross

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WORKING BEES

- **Propagation Nursery** working bees are on every Thursday morning and the fourth Saturday morning (**27th February**) of the month from 10 am to 12 pm. Find the Propagation Nursery behind Blacks Road Grocer! Come along and grow your own native plants!
- **Chingford Park "Riparian Rhapsody"** weeding working bees every second and fourth Sunday morning of the month (**14th and 28th February**) from 10 am - 1 pm. Find us working in the clearing at the tee for hole 8 of the Disc golf course.

### TRAP LIBRARY

- The Trap library is open during the Valley Project opening hours. Grab some friendly advice and monitoring devices or traps for possums and/or rats!

For working bees, remember your sturdy shoes, sun hat, long-sleeved clothing and water bottle!



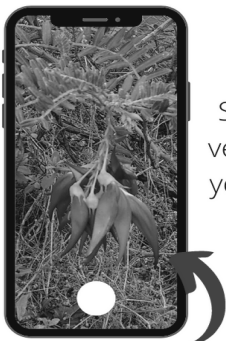
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## Kids' Corner

Create your own backyard map!

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Find more info about the Seek app here: [inaturalist.org/pages/seek\\_app](https://inaturalist.org/pages/seek_app)  
Upload your map adventures to our facebook group: [facebook.com/groups/openvue](https://facebook.com/groups/openvue)



I added this Kākābeak to my community map!

This project is made possible with support from the community, The Valley Project, Predator Free Dunedin's City Sanctuaries Project, Orokonui Ecosanctuary, the University of Otago, the ECOfund, Dunedin's Environment Strategy: Te Ao Tūroa, and Predator Free New Zealand. Thank you!

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IF YOU have skills, interests, time and/or enthusiasm to share, 2021 could be your time to share them with your local community. GirlGuiding NZ is looking for volunteers to support local girls to build friendships, confidence and skills through adventures and challenges.

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# Cargill crushing raises over \$1500

THE CRUSH THE CARGILL is a 24-hour race that sees participants running, or walking, up and down the mountain as many times as they can. Mount Cargill, also known as Kapukataumahaka, is a volcanic outcrop and has an elevation of 680m. A singular lap of this race is 8.5km, starting at Bethunes Gully and stretching to the summit and back down again. It's a fundraising event with all proceeds donated to the Valley Project and directed toward initiatives supporting mental health in our community. The crew who participates on the regular strive to crush previous attempts. Veteran participant Chris Bisley set out to squash his previous record of 17 laps. He didn't quite get to the 19 he so desired but took the spot of first man completing 18 laps, that's 153km! The first women, Ali Barbara and Wendy Fallon completed 11 laps, that's 93.5km or 7,000 times as tall as a Brachiosaurus. I cannot stress enough the degree of dedication that goes into this race and there are so many notable mentions: First pooch was Scruffy, who managed to complete 6 laps. Second man Adam Carlson completed 15 laps and apparently had the best hallucination – two brown bears mating. Third man George McNeur clocked up 14 laps, this is a new course record for the over 50's! Pascal completed the most



laps (12) dressed up as Slash from Guns and Roses, Chander Harjindar Singh completed 6 laps in gumboots, and the most consistent participant, per year of life, Skylar Braselton-Frost who by the age of 21 months has competed 3 years in a row! And let's not forget Jack Ford and his chilly bin full of beer, managing to complete half a lap. It's such a fun event, everyone comes together in support of the runners, those serious and those just in it for laughs. It really is just something else! - Jess Covell

## Sew On workshops to kick off this month

CHRISTINE KELLER from Dunedin's LoomRoom at the Valley Community Workspace has been working hard to launch a new community project Sew On. As a regular volunteer and student at Stitch Kitchen, Christine saw the potential for a permanent space/base in North East Valley for the community to access good equipment and resources without having to travel to town or work around Stitch Kitchen's busy timetable. Christine pitched her idea and achieved funding from the DCC's waste minimisation fund to get her project off the ground.

Sew On is a community-focused project in collaboration with Stitch Kitchen, where sewing machines are made available for the community to use. Working with Stitch Kitchen's experienced tutors, beginner sewers can join classes to build confidence, and once comfortable can join intermediate sewers and use the machines locally.

Kicking off this month is the 'Doodle Workshop: Getting to know the Janome DC6050'. This first workshop is for intermediate sewers and is all about familiarising yourself with the machine and its functions so that you can begin all your self-directed projects! **This workshop is a koha to participate and will run 10am–1pm on 20 February and again on 10 April.**

Christine will also be hosting a sewing bee for sustainable, reusable menstrual products. You don't need to know how to sew to participate as you can be paired up with a 'maker'. Materials will be available for purchase; however you're welcome to provide your own.

**The workshop is a koha plus material costs (\$5) and will be held on 6 and 27 March 10am–1pm.**

For more info or to book please contact Christine at [mindmade@hotmail.com](mailto:mindmade@hotmail.com), subject line 'Sew On'.



Christine showing the reusable menstrual products to be made at Sew On's workshop

# All Aboard!

HAVE YOU ever seen the little blue train chugging around the

Botanic Garden and wondered about it?

The CREST (Children's Recreational Enterprise Support Trust) Train has been an attraction at Dunedin Botanic Garden since 1993, offering 10 to 15-minute rides around the Lower Botanic Garden: \$3 for adults, \$1 for children and free for those under 3.

In 2012, the Train was joined by an electric Shuttle Bug which travels around the Lower Garden but also heads up the hill to the Upper Garden carpark before returning to the Information Centre. Short stops may be made along the way to visit the aviary or rhododendron and azalea areas. A return journey on the Shuttle Bug, which takes about 40 minutes, is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Commentary about points of historical interest and special features and collections may be provided, or there may be easy-listening music. The CREST Train runs daily in summer from around 10.30am to 3.00pm, and in winter from 11.00am to 2.30pm. The Shuttle Bug usually runs from November through to the end of April.

After vehicle expenses have been covered, the fare money is used for grants to help children in the Dunedin area who are disadvantaged by ill health, physical or emotional disability, or by a lack of family resources. Over a period of five years, one-off grants totalling more than \$14,000 were made by the trust to individual children, children's welfare organisations and support groups and to local schools.

CREST relies on volunteers and welcomes enquiries from people interested in driving, ticketing, providing commentary and/or helping with maintenance. Volunteers receive all necessary training and ongoing support from the friendly team.

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# Frog chorus in the Quarry



Brown tree frogs (*Litoria ewingi*).



Southern bell frogs (*Litoria raniformis*).

**GROWING UP** in the North Island, cicadas were the background soundtrack to my childhood summers. So I thought nothing of the chirping I could hear at night in spring and summer in the Valley, until Mr Jack asked if I could hear the frogs in the old quarry at the bottom of the hill. Frogs?? Oh yeah, I guess they don't sound quite like cicadas... It seemed strangely exotic to be able to hear croaking frogs in Dunedin – don't you hear things like that when on holiday in Queensland?

I went to see University of Otago herpetologist Joe Altobelli to find out more. It turns out these frogs *are* exotic. Australian, to be precise, most likely either southern bell frogs, which can grow up to 10cm long, or the tiny brown tree frogs, which don't grow to much more than a few centimetres long. These frogs were introduced to New Zealand about 150 years ago to help control insect pests and have settled in remarkably well, unlike their cousins still in Australia who are now threatened by habitat loss and pollution.

The croaking is the male frogs' mating song – the louder and deeper, the more attractive. The brown tree frogs will start calling in early spring and the southern bell frogs in spring and summer, and they really crank up on warm, damp nights. Nights are better for calling because predators can't see them in the dark, and they then usually rest up during the day.

Calling is a very energy-intensive exercise and frogs are voracious predators. They eat mostly insects but they'll try anything they can fit in their mouths including, sometimes, smaller frogs.

The frogs will continue to call through the summer and will wind

down in autumn when it starts getting cold. They'll then hunker down under logs and undergrowth and get very close to a hibernative state until the first warm spell of spring, when they jump back into action.

So what about native frogs? Where are they? Well, you definitely won't hear them – croaking would be pointless because they don't have ears. We have three native frog species that are secretive and thus hard to study. Their numbers have dwindled and they are now only found on some islands in the Marlborough Sounds and in a few isolated areas in the North Island. They are not threatened by their introduced Australian cuzzies because they prefer such different habitats, but they also suffer from habitat loss and pollution. Our native frogs like to live in big native trees and ferns in old forest, and there's just not a lot of that left. Native frog fun facts: they crawl rather than hop, they lay their eggs on land under rocks and logs, and dad is the primary care giver.

Frogs are good indicators of how healthy the environment is. Their semi-permeable skin, which lets water and oxygen into their bodies, also lets in environmental nasties, so they are very susceptible to pollution. So hearing them in the Valley is a good sign, and another good reason to keep looking after our awa and wild spaces.

You can find out more fascinating info about New Zealand's frogs at [www.nzfrogs.org](http://www.nzfrogs.org).

*In memory of Dr Phil Bishop, whose tireless work in amphibian conservation inspired so many in New Zealand and across the world.* - Helen Jack

## Te Reo Māori language used in this Valley Voice

**Whānau** - Family

**Kete Matauranga** - Basket of knowledge

**Ngākau Whiwhita** - Passion

**Poutama** - A traditional art pattern that can symbolise the various levels of one's learning.

*[maoridictionary.co.nz](http://maoridictionary.co.nz) "stepped pattern of tukutuku panels and woven mats - symbolising genealogies and also the various levels of learning and intellectual achievement. Some say they represent the steps which Tāne-o-te-wānanga ascended to the topmost realm in his quest for superior knowledge and religion."*

**Tūwhitia te hopo, mairangatia te angitū** - Feel the fear and do it anyway!

**Ko wai au ?** - Embracing self, literal translation 'who am I'

**Whakawhanaungatanga** - Establishing relationships and building connections.

**Manaakitanga** - The process of showing respect, generosity and care for others; hospitality and generosity towards others



# What's on?

Your monthly guide to events, talks, workshops, gigs and the rest.

To list your event please contact Jess by the 20th of the month: [voice@northeastvalley.org](mailto:voice@northeastvalley.org)

**Doodle Workshop: Getting to know the Janome DC6050 for intermediate sewers**

20 February 10am-1pm

Valley Community Workspace,  
11 Allen Street

**Family Fun Market Day**

20 February 10:30-1:30pm

Sacred Heart School, 63  
North Road

**Games night at the Valley Project**

Thursday 11th February 4-7pm

Valley Community Rooms,  
248 North Road

**Farewell to Di Healey**

12 February 5pm

North East Valley Normal  
School Hall

**Preloved Kids Clothing Market**

27 February 9am-1pm

North East Valley Normal  
School Hall

**Propagation Working Bee**

Every Thursday 10am-12 and

Saturday 27th of February

Gate behind Blacks Road  
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**Chingford Park Working Bee**

14th & 28th February, 10am-1pm

Chingford Park

**Late Night Thursday's at the Valley Project**

Open Until 7pm!

**Terracotta Planter workshop**

16th Feb - bookings essential

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**BBQ at the Community Rooms**

Saturday 13th 12-2pm

## INCH BAR

**11** - Latin Guitar with **Doc Sanchez** 8pm

**12** - Dense fuzz to crystalline sparseness with **The Entire Alphabet + For The Quail** 8pm

**13** - A blistering rollick thru a wide-ranging repertoire of jazz with **SAD Trio**

**14** - Jazz jam sessions with **Big Jazz Apple** 4pm

**17** - Comedy open mic \$5

**18** - Blues two piece **The Pottery Blues Collective** 8pm

**19** - Surf punk rock with **Katharticus** 8pm

**21** - Jazz jam sessions with **Big Jazz Apple** 4pm

**25** - Blues night is back with **Oscar Ladell** 8pm

**26** - Blues rock with **Terry Ebbeling** 8pm

**27** - A blistering rollick thru a wide-ranging repertoire of jazz with **SAD Trio** 8pm

**28** - Jazz jam sessions with **Big Jazz Apple**

For all booking inquiries email  
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# valley garden journal

## Meet community gardener Janice Bridgman

**When did you first get involved with the Community Garden?**

I've always been a gardener, and when I retired in 2019 I decided this might be a good project to be involved in.

**What do you do?**

As well as weeding and planting, I've found lots else to do. I recently helped get the motor mower working again, and mowed many of the pathways around our 44 plots. Another woman and I helped clear out three of our sheds - they collect 'stuff' over time, and we needed to get to all that was useful. I enjoy getting things working better.

**Tell us about what you enjoy?**

It's a very nice group of people to work with. They work hard, but with lots of interesting conversation, and they are always willing to help. So I am too.



North East Valley Community Garden

Saturday 13th & 27th Feb: 9:30-Midday

Sunday 7th & 21st Feb : 1-4pm

Dalmore Reserve Community Garden

Check [www.facebook.com/DalmoreCommunityGardenPineHill](http://www.facebook.com/DalmoreCommunityGardenPineHill)  
for upcoming events and working bees

## fitness & health

### CONTRA DANCE

7.30pm, Mon, \$2, 52 Dundas St. Ph. 473 8640 for more information.

### DUNEDIN BMX CLUB

Race night, Forrester Park BMX track, 6pm, Thur.

### FOLK DANCING FOR FUN

Baptist Church, 270 North Rd, 10am-11.30am, Fri, \$4. Ph Yvonne 455 2406, stureid1@yahoo.co.nz

### 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, Nga Maara hall. Contact Kenneth Dunedin@shaolinkungfu.co.nz or 022 094 6357.

### PARKRUN

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

### SPAN NEV

Stretch'n'flex, low-impact exercise, fun and friendship, community rooms, 262 North Rd, 10am-11am, Tue, over-65s, \$4. Ph 473 9311. Please use answer phone if no answer.

### STEADY AS YOU GO

(Age Concern) Gentle balance and strength exercises, NEV Baptist Church, 10.30am-11.30am, Mon, and Pine Hill School Library, 11am, Thur.

### SPORTS AEROBICS

Competitive aerobics and casual fitness classes. No previous experience required. Training held at DNI Fri and Sun. Working towards NZCAF regionals next August. Contact rebeccafishernz@yahoo.co.nz

### TANNOCK GLEN

The 3.5acre garden of the Dunedin Rhododendron Group is situated in Torridon St, Opoho. Members of the public are invited to visit at any time. Dogs permitted on a lead.

### THREE LEFT FEET

Social dance group, no experience or partners necessary. European dance-folk and traditional, \$5 or \$7.50/couple, Nga Maara hall, 6pm-7pm, Thu. Ph. Marilyn 473 7829.

### ZEN MEDITATION

ZEN Meditation - NEW venue for Dunedin Zen Group: Thursdays 7pm at the Quakers Rooms, 15 Park St, Dunedin North. Traditional Zen suitable for both beginners and experienced people. Koha. Registrations for annual 7 day Zen Sesshin on Quarantine Island

Nov / Dec are limited this year.

### YOGA IN THE VALLEY

Instructor Adair Bruce, 6-7pm, Mon & Fri, DNI designspace; 9.15-10.15am, Mon, Wed, community rooms. \$10 waged, \$8 unwaged, for more info contact adairbruce@hotmail.com

## further education

### 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

### FRENCH TUTOR

Beginner to advanced, 30 years experience, hourly rate, ph 473 0159 evenings.

### INDOOR BOWLS

Play indoor bowls at the NEV Bowling Club, 139 North Rd, Thurs, 1.30pm start. Ph. Jack for more info 473 9565.

### ITALIAN CLASSES

Experienced teacher, native speaker of Italian.

ph 027 3418312, 473 0832

antonella.vecchiato@gmail.com

[www.italianclasses.co.nz](http://www.italianclasses.co.nz)

### LEARN ENGLISH

English for daily life and work. Free and low cost courses. Contact Tamara or Felicity at English Language Partners 455 5266.

dunedin@englishlanguage.org.nz

### SPANISH LESSONS

Learn Spanish in a fast and fun way. All levels and wide time availability. Ph Luana 027 284 7836 or luana.suarez26@gmail.com

### STAND-UP COMEDY

Open mic at Inch Bar 1st and las Wednesday in Feb. Comedy workshop Mondays 5-7pm at George St McDonalds. Open to all skill levels. Contact reuben@dunedincomedy.co.nz

## art, craft & music

### ART CLASSES

For all levels, casual attendance welcome, tutor Anneloes Douglas, community rooms, 10am-noon, Thur and 6pm-8pm, Fri. Ph 027 307 7034, 467 9993, anneloes.douglas@xtra.co.nz

### ART CLASSES

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

erike 482 2025.

### KNITTING SQUAD

BYO knitting or crocheting, or come & learn, community rooms, 1pm-3pm, Wed. Ph Marjory 473 7751.

### ART FIBRE DUNEDIN

Bring lunch and requirements, 10am-3pm, second Sun each month, community rooms, Ph Viv 473 0343, [www.artfibredunedin.blogspot.com](http://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 Marion for more info marion.okane68@gmail.com

### 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

Restarting in Spring. 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

## community

### 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](http://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](mailto:kiaora@dca.org.nz) or [www.dca.org.nz](http://www.dca.org.nz).

### ENABLING LOVE

Looking for friendship and social connection? 18-65 years welcome to our weekly coffee group at Otago Museum cafe, Thurs, 1-2pm. More at [www.enablinglove.nz](http://www.enablinglove.nz) or contact Joshua for venue at [enquiries@enablinglove.nz](mailto:enquiries@enablinglove.nz)

### DUNEDIN REFUGEE & MULICULTRAL WOMEN'S GROUP

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

### 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.allsaintsdn.org.nz](http://fruit.vege.allsaintsdn.org.nz)

### LEGAL ADVICE

Free legal advice at Community Law Otago, available by appointment. Legal advice by qualified lawyers, practical solutions.

Telephone 03 474 1922 or email [reception@dcl.org.nz](mailto:reception@dcl.org.nz) to make an appointment.

### MEN'S PROBUS

NEV bowling club, 10am, 2nd Mon each month, new members welcome. Ph Peter 455 1256, [peabee@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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](mailto:dalmorecommunitygarden@gmail.com)

### NORTH EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

The NEV Community Garden is directly behind NEV school. Pay us a visit! We meet every weekend: hours in the Valley Garden section in this Valley Voice.

### DUNEDIN MAKERSPACE

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

### NEED A JP?

Contact Colin Lind to arrange to meet, ph 473 7174 or 027 733 0066 or [colin@lind.co.nz](mailto: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 Joy Davis on 456 0857 or [neighbourhoodsupport@gmail.com](mailto:neighbourhoodsupport@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY PATROL

Dunedin North Community Patrol. Assisting Police to ensure our communities are safe to live in. Volunteers welcome – for info call Garry on 027 3641485

## trading corner

### 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](mailto: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, winter rose pruning, very experienced, \$25/hr, ph 473 0159 (evenings)

### HAIRDRESSER

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

### LOG SPLITTER

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

### GARDENER AVAILABLE

Mature woman seeks gardening work, phone Jude 4731650

### DOG SITTER SOUGHT

Dog sitter (your place or ours) 15th to 31 December. Easycare dog, have a holiday in Northeast Valley. Phone Terisha and Marvin 4739188.

## COM2TECH

Classes, device help, Skinny JUMP setups.

Tuesday 3.30-5.30pm Valley Baptist Community Centre-Tech Space.

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Wednesday

10.30-12.30 Valley Project

3.30-5.30 Valley Baptist Community Centre-Tech Space.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CREST Train at the Botanic Garden. Can you help? Volunteers needed for driving, ticketing, commentary, maintenance, secretarial duties. [www.crestrides.org.nz](http://www.crestrides.org.nz) or phone Rodger 0274714902

## housing

### HOUSE SHARE

Furnished house share in sunny part of Dalmore. Bus stop adjacent, on street parking, heat pump and fire. Non-smoker (inside or out) no pets, social drinker only. \$225 p/w power and internet included, firewood for winter a shared cost. Bond applies. Contact Gordon – 0274443820 [gjd748@uclive.ac.nz](mailto:gjd748@uclive.ac.nz)

### RENTAL

3 mth rental available. Large, semi-furnished 3 bedroom house, super sunny. Normanby area. \$400 p.w. (neg) Ph. Kaitrin 0274609885

### WANTED TO BUY

Family of four looking to buy in North Dunedin, looking for private house sale preferably. If you are

thinking of selling we would love to hear from you! Please contact Vanessa 0223055281

[vanessajayneluke@gmail.com](mailto:vanessajayneluke@gmail.com)

## for families, kids & teens

### ACTIVE MUSIC

For 0-5yrs, with Yvette, 10.30am Wed, Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd, ph 473 9413 or [nevplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@girlguiding.org.nz)

### OPOHO PLAYCENTRE

Opoho Playcentre is a nurturing play space for 0-6 year olds where children and their whanau attend together. Our focus is on child-led learning through play. Come make friends, play, learn, and grow. Three free visits. 28A Signal Hill Road. Mon-Fri 9 am - 12 pm following school term times. Find us on Facebook, contact us at [opoho@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:opoho@playcentre.org.nz), or ph: 027 880265

### OPOHO SCOUTS

Keas, 4pm-5pm, Tues; Cubs, 6pm-7.30pm, Thur; Scouts, 7pm-8.30pm,

Wed. Opoho Scout Den, ph Kevin 0800 SCOUTS.

### MAINLYMUSIC

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

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [sinclair@snap.net.nz](mailto:sinclair@snap.net.nz)  
St Mark's Presbyterian, 304 Pine Hill Rd, 10am  
NEV Baptist, 270 North Road, 10.30am.

Classified listings: please email [voice@northeastvalley.org](mailto:voice@northeastvalley.org) to update or add a listing, before February 20th please. Koha is appreciated, but not essential, for classifieds.

Our bank account number is 03-1726-0005606-000 if you would like to make a donation. Please use VVdonation as a reference.

# Crowds dead keen on corpse flower

**JANUARY SAW** The Dunedin Botanic Gardens become host to an odorous stench as the corpse plant (*Amorphophallus*

*titanum*) exhibited it's rare and pungent bloom. This is only the second time the flower has unfurled its spathe, a protective layer like a large petal which surrounds the spadix, the golden coloured spike.

The Spadix houses the male and female flowers, of which there are 1000's of. It's these

hidden flowers, specifically the female, which emit the nauseating stench. But why does it smell so bad? Because the male and female flowers ripen at separate times they can't self pollinate, so the interesting aroma is emitted to attract insects for pollination. The insect flies in searching for a meaty meal, while it searches the insects deposit the pollen the plant needs



for reproduction. But because we aren't in the Sumatran rainforest pollination for this particular plant must be done by hand by one of the Botanic Garden Botanists. The pollen used coming from one of the other few corpse flowers from around the country.

It really was an impressive sight and I was beyond excited to finally get to view it. To my utter surprise the first time I went, Friday afternoon, there was only a handful of people there, guess the word hadn't gotten out because the following day when I went for my second visit I had to queue. During my first visit the spathe had only begun to open a mere 2 hours before I got there, so to my dismay there was no stench. But on my second visit I got a good whiff, however it wasn't as nauseating as I had imagined. I was told by the Botanist on duty that the stench wasn't as pungent as it had been the evening prior, this is because it was at its peak flowering around 11pm on the Friday.

Once the bloom diminishes the plant will wilt, losing its ability to support the spadix. The corm then goes into dormancy until the next growth cycle begins - a leaf. Each year it will produce a singular leaf to increase the energy stores through photosynthesis. The energy is stored in the corm, once enough energy is stored the plant will begin the blooming process once more.

It takes an impressive amount of energy for the inflorescence and staff are hoping for a delay between blooms, giving the plant ample time to store enough energy for a most impressive display. - Jess Covell

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