

BE OUR GUEST AT CREEKFEST!

Nau mai, haere mai! It's been three years too long since we last gathered beneath the canopy of seasoned willows, sequoias, and macrocarpas at Chingford Park and together celebrated our local awa. Many of us have looked after the Lindsay Creek|Puke Haukea all the while, but to ensure it is always appreciated and cared for, another Creekfest is due!

Lindsay Creek|Puke Haukea is at the heart of North East Valley. It originates on the Southern slopes of Mount Cargill|Kaputataumahaka, flowing Southwest the length of the Valley, joining the Water of Leith at the Botanic Gardens. It is important to mana whenua and a valued asset of our community. There is much to learn from the Lindsay!

On Sunday, April 2nd, join the Valley Project, community and conservation groups, local schools, and neighbours for an afternoon of family-friendly fun! Learn and engage with environmental topics and practices that benefit the awa and us as residents, including the finned and feathered natives we're lucky to have living here, too.

Alongside the educational component of the celebration, a variety of fresh food will be on offer with which you're encouraged to picnic! Bring your cushions, blankets, or chairs—get comfortable—and feast with your whānau in the splendour of Chingford Park surrounds. Perhaps you'll indulge in a New York style pizza from Slice of Heaven. How about a generously filled sandwich roll from Te Waahi Taraka? If you'd prefer a snack on a cooler scale, Valley Project peeps will be hand-scooping ice cream. And you can count on the Valley's favourite coffee cart, Total Recaffination, to satisfy both your (continued on page #4...)



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With a new season comes new beginnings. What are you looking forward to this fall? Keep in mind the autumn equinox happens Tuesday, 21 March, and our clocks move back an hour on Sunday, 2 April.

The Valley Project reception at 262 North Road is open the following hours:

VALLEY PROJECT RECEPTION HOURS

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THE FRED HOLLOWES COMMUNITY ROOM is available for hire! 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 reception@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 are expected to practise healthy habits such as regular hand and surface sanitation. Please postpone your visit if you are unwell.

Plenty of free rapid antigen tests are still available. Drop in to collect a couple packs, or organise a contact-free pick-up via phone or email: **03 473 8614** or reception@northeastvalley.org. To find your nearest testing location, call **0800 VIRUS19 (0800 847 8719)** or visit wellsouth.nz.



A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

What a start to the year it has already been! Much of the Project's latest busyness has been around the reinstallation of the Kai Share pantry and Lilliput library. These have been continuously requested by the community since their closure at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please note the pantry is no longer a sharing shelf. We only accept donations of food. Anything other than food for the pantry or books for the community library should be dropped off at one of our wonderful Valley op-shops.

Speaking of op-shops, we welcome a new Pine Hill enterprise. 'Trash to Treasure' offers second-hand, repurposed, and recycled goods. They embody a circular economy with their reduce-reuse-recycle motto. Be sure to support local and check them out.

We also welcome the introduction of our new umbrella award program called 'Good Sort Allsort'. It's about celebrating the best of us in our community. We encourage you to nominate anyone you think may fit the criteria for the award. Read more on page #5.

Another warm welcome from The Project goes to the new principal of NEV Normal School, Rachelle Moors. We look forward to building a strong relationship with Rachelle.

We have the pleasure of hosting a number of Community Classroom workshops alongside our friendly neighbours, the Valley Baptist Community Centre. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details, or see the bulletin board on the Valley Project veranda.

The Valley Baptist Community Centre have restarted the NEV Playgroup, a great place for parents and tamariki to get together and foster community connections. Find out more through their Valley Project directory profile.

As we approach the 175th anniversary of Otago's founding, let's take time to thank our mana whenua, refugee population, business owners, and each other for making Otago, and more specifically this Valley community, such a great place to live within. Imagine what we'll look like in another 175 years!

The Valley Project is entirely funded through grants and donations. If you would like to keep the organisation going, please visit our Givealittle page. Donations can be as small as the cost of your daily flat white.

Feel free to get in touch with me about all things community. Email james@northeastvalley.org, or pop into reception to leave a message. -- **James Sutherland**

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Community Classroom is hosting a variety of workshops at the Valley Project. For the full brochure, subscribe to the newsletter at www.communityclassroom.co.nz or go to Facebook for class listings: communityclassroom.nz

SOIL YOUR UNDIES AND GROW BETTER GARDENS: Saturday March 4, 10:30 – 11:30am

ORGANIC GREENHOUSE WORKSHOP: Saturday March 4, 1 – 5pm

SWITCH TO PLASTIC-FREE PERIODS: Sunday March 5, 11am – 12:30pm

FERMENTING THE HARVEST - KIMCHI, SAUERKRAUT & PICKLES: Sat. March 11, 2 – 4pm

SOURDOUGH FOR BEGINNERS: Sunday March 12, 11:30am – 12:30pm

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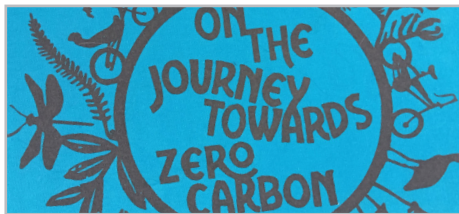


COMMUNITY PRESERVING DAYS

Join us for two community preserving days. Everybody welcome, but please RSVP! This is a great opportunity to learn from local experts and to take home some yumminess! BBQ lunch for volunteers/participants. FREE - koha appreciated. See more on pg #6.

SATURDAYS MARCH 4th & 25th, 10am - 4pm

VALLEY BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTRE, 270 NORTH ROAD



SCREENPRINTING

Wear your love for cycling. Bring a 100% cotton t-shirt and a gold coin donation and receive a special designer cycling print. You can take part in the process or sit back and watch the screenprinting duo. Come early and get your trusty bike serviced at the bike workshop between 9.30am - 12.30pm. FREE - koha appreciated.

SATURDAY, 4 MARCH, 2 - 3pm | VALLEY CYCLE WORKSHOP, 11 ALLEN STREET

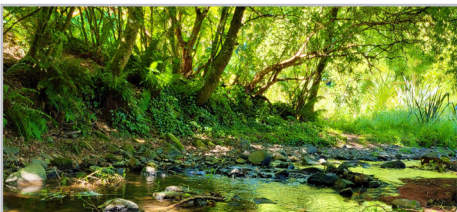


SACRED HEART FAMILY FUN MARKET DAY

A brilliant day out for family and friends with a variety of market stalls led by our students. There will be face-painting, plants, food, crafts, candy-floss; along with amazing baking, sausage sizzle, coffee, bouncy castle, and chocolate wheel!

SATURDAY, 11 MARCH 2023, 10:30am - 1:30pm

SACRED HEART SCHOOL, 63 NORTH ROAD



STREAM HEALTH WORKSHOP

Learn to collect different kinds of scientific data that can tell us about the health of Lindsay Creek. We'll compare data points along the length of the creek to investigate the influence of flood protection. See more on pg #7. FREE - koha appreciated.

SUNDAY, 12 MARCH | 10:30am - 12noon (or 2pm for extended tour)

STARTING AT BETHUNES GULLY (working South after midday, down North East Valley)



CREEKFEST 2023

A family-friendly celebration of our awa, Lindsay Creek | Puke Haukea, is back! Come along for activities and entertainment, food trucks, community stalls, and opportunities to engage with environmental topics and practices. FREE - koha appreciated.

SUNDAY, 2 APRIL, 12noon - 4pm

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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.

(...continued from front page.) hot and cold beverage cravings.

Take your sweet time eating whatever lunch you choose while a variety of local musicians serenade you with their songs. Multi-talented Paul Allen is scheduled to give you a gentle dose of acoustic folk. The flukes—three ladies on cheery ukuleles—are sure to make you smile. Local legend, Sam King, will entertain you with songs you know and love. The Mentalist Collective will "take you on a sonic journey that will have your toes tapping" with their modern folk and indie rock.

We hope you will find a minute to dip your toes into the creek. Children and children at heart will have plenty to get stuck into, especially with a dedicated Kid Zone and a slew of special visitors; EnviroSchools, Otago Museum, Orokonui Ecosanctuary, Kiwi Conservation Club, Fish and Game, Electric Bikes, Toy Library, Sew On, the North Dunedin Shed, Jim Dunkly Orchard, and more!

Creekfest is a 'zero waste to landfill' event. Though it is free to attend, we welcome koha to help support the event costs. See you early next month with your whānau, seating apparatus, water bottles and keep-cups, some cash, and a sunny disposition no matter rain or shine.

Aside from the core organising committee, dozens of volunteers and organisations are involved in making Creekfest happen! Get a hold of the Valley Project as soon as possible if you are interested in...

- volunteering leading up to the event
- volunteering on the day of the event
- providing a workshop or demonstration
- hosting a stall

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GOOD SORT ALLSORT AWARD PROGRAMME

Our community is full of people doing good every day, many of whom go unrecognised. We at The Valley Project think it is time to change this and celebrate the best of our community.

We're bringing a new umbrella award programme called 'Good Sort Allsort'. It aims to put exceptional community members on a pedestal and celebrate their altruistic deeds. In addition to winning a bag of tasty licorice allsorts, they will also be interviewed for the Valley Voice newsletter. It will be their chance to highlight the community work they do and raise awareness for whatever they deem important. Winners will also get a feature on social media platforms, and on an honour board. At the end of the year an afternoon tea will be held on behalf of the community for all of those awarded the Good Sort Allsort!

There's a wealth of quality humans amongst us who are well-deserving of recognition for their community services. Do you know anybody that makes our North East Valley region a better place to be? Perhaps your neighbour, doctor, teacher, grandchild, or favourite shopkeeper?

Head to our website and fill out the form to officially nominate someone. You can also drop into Valley Project reception and fill a form in person. We're accepting nominations from across North East Valley, Pine Hill, Opoho, Upper Junction and Dalmore.

Let's celebrate our community, and our heroes, superstars, and underdogs, and this special pocket of the world we call home. It's time the rest of the city and country knew how great the people are here in the collective 'Valley'! With only eleven Good Sort Allsort awards given a year, get onto it!



GOOD SORT ALLSORT WINNERS WILL EARN:

- ★ A packet of RJ's Licorice allsorts
- ★ An interview for the Valley Voice
- ★ Social media exposure
- ★ A certificate of appreciation
- ★ High tea in December with other Good Sort Allsort winners
- ★ A post on our Valley Blog
- ★ A spot on our Valley Project honour board

nominate now 👍



NEW COLUMN "VALLEY VISIONS" INVITES YOUR IDEAS

We are so lucky to live in such an active, innovative, and creative community. To further foster community innovation, the Valley Project Executive will be running a regular column in the Valley Voice to help communicate people's great ideas about how our community could flourish even more and build greater resilience in the future.

We already have great events such as CreekFest (April 2) and initiatives such as Kai Share and OpenVue. Who knows - there may be more great ideas for events and initiatives that are simmering out there in our community. So how could we find out what great ideas are out there?

The "Valley Visions" column is being set up as a forum to promote new ideas, no matter how big or how small. It is

hoped that people with an idea will write up to 400 words to describe their idea and submit it to this column, along with a contact number or email address. People who read the column may be inspired to contact the column writer and, in this way, it is hoped that groups of people in the community will be able to form with the purpose of developing the ideas into proposals for new community projects. The Valley Project Executive may also be able to support the development of proposals in one way or another.

The deadline for publication in this column is the 15th of each month, so please send your idea outline well before then to enable us to do any editing that may be required.

Please send any Valley Visions that you may have to the Valley Project Treasurer, Marc Schallenberg, who is looking after the Valley Visions column: marc@northeastvalley.org

TUESDAY, 7 MARCH 2023 IS CENSUS DAY KO TE RĀTŪ 7 POUTŪTERANGI 2023 TE RĀ TATAURANGA

The census is a nationwide survey that happens every five years to understand more about life in Aotearoa New Zealand and how it is changing. By law, everyone must take part in the census. You can complete the forms as soon as you receive them from Stats NZ. Your identity is kept private and confidential.

www.census.govt.nz/



COMMUNITY FRUIT HARVEST: REDISTRIBUTING ABUNDANCE

Our Food Network and the Valley Project have teamed up for a season of community fruit harvesting - a volunteer-based effort to pick and distribute unwanted fruit from private properties. Prepare to reap the benefits of this delicious initiative!



NEIGHBOURS
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PRESERVING DAYS AT VALLEY BAPTIST SATURDAYS MARCH 4th & 25th, 10am-4pm

Join us for two community preserving days at the Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Road. Everybody welcome! This is a great opportunity to learn from local experts about preserving. Plus, you'll get to take some yumminess home with you.

Each day will be split into two "shifts": 10am-12.30pm & 1.30-4pm with a lunchtime BBQ for participants in-between (12.30-1.30pm). You may come to either or both shifts, but we ask that you arrive at the start time for each. Lunchtime kai supplied by Valley Project staff. Please RSVP for either the morning session, afternoon session, or both: communityfruitotepoti@gmail.com or 021 0273 1251.

Bring your own chopping board and quality knife, as well as any metal-lidded jars or homegrown fruit/veggies you may have spare.



HARVEST FESTIVAL AT VALLEY PROJECT SUNDAY APRIL 30th, 1pm-6pm

Save the date for a Harvest Festival happening late April which coincides with Southern Hemisphere Halloween - traditionally a festival that celebrates the final harvest of the year. Think about it...when are pumpkins actually in season?

Spend an afternoon participating in local food workshops and activities, such as a fermenting demo, heritage apple variety tastings, a seed and plant swap... and much more! We will also be pressing fresh apple juice all afternoon: make sure you bring your own lidded containers for filling.

Interested in hosting a workshop, demonstration, or stall? Anything goes - as long as it's local-food-harvest oriented! We will publish the event schedule in the April Valley Voice, so make sure you get in touch before March 15th: communityfruitotepoti@gmail.com or 021 0273 1251.

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BENEFICIAL FLOWERS FOR THE VEGGIE GARDEN

There are many edible flowers, but these flowers can serve a range of other functions, such as repelling pests, acting as a trap crop to draw away harmful insects, replenishing nutrients in the soil, and much more. Here are some of the best flowers to grow in the vegetable garden, with a brief summary of why they are such valuable additions.

FRENCH MARIGOLDS (TAGETES). Not only are they a useful edible flower, they're also a great companion plant, and they excrete a chemical from their roots that lessens the number of harmful nematodes (roundworms) in garden soils. They attract bees, other pollinators, and beneficial insects like hoverflies whose larvae love eating aphids. They also confuse and repel destructive insects, acting as a trap crop for a range of pest species.

BORAGE. This is another annual to include in vegetable garden poly-cultures, because it's an edible flower that can be at home among both fruits and vegetables. It's easy to grow, self-seeds readily, and is great for bees. It acts as a trap crop for aphids and also attracts predatory insects that eat them. Borage breaks up and aerates the soil with its root system, and is a dynamic accumulator of nutrients that can be chopped and dropped onto the vegetable bed, or turned into liquid feed and added to the compost heap.

COMFREY. If you have the space, grow comfrey on the fringes of your vegetable garden. It's loved by bees and other valuable insects. Comfrey's deep tap roots mean it can't be moved easily, but choose the right spot and it's great for composting, mulches, and liquid feeds.

To use as a foliar spray or to add as a fertiliser to the soil, collect a bucketful of Comfrey leaves. Add water and soak the leaves (covered) for three to six weeks. Strain off the sludge and add to the compost heap for a shot of potassium, phosphorus, and nitrogen. For the spray, dilute in a ratio of 1:10. Apply directly to plant leaves (but avoid young seedlings).

-- Merylei Guthrie



French Marigold



Borage



Comfrey

DALMORE RESERVE COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEES

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| Sat. 11 Mar. 10am | Sat. 8 Apr. 10am | Sat. 6 May 10am |
| Sat. 25 Mar. 10am | Sat. 22 Apr. 10am | Sat. 20 May 10am |

N.E.V. COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEES

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| Sun. 5 Mar. 1pm | Sat. 25 Mar. 9.30am | Sun. 16 Apr. 1pm |
| Sat. 11 Mar. 9.30am | Sun. 2 Apr. 1pm | Sat. 22 Apr. 9.30am |
| Sun. 19 Mar. 1pm | Sat. 8 Apr. 9.30am | Sun. 30 Apr. 1pm |

PĀTAKA KAI OPEN FOOD PANTRY

The new community pantry at 262 North Road has been installed but is not yet complete. As we fine-tune its construction and organise to get it painted, feel free to use the pantry with the following guidelines in mind:

PĀTAKA KAI OPEN FOOD PANTRY GUIDELINES

WE WELCOME DONATIONS OF:

- Fresh fruit & vegetables
- **UNOPENED** dried goods
- Canned & long-life foods
- Baked goods - less than two days old, dated and labelled.
- Eggs - labelled with laying or expiry date

AVOID DONATIONS OF:

- Unsealed, opened, or half eaten food
- Mouldy fruit
- Recalled goods
- Raw meat or fish
- Frozen foods
- Household waste: furniture, greenwaste, whiteware, toiletries, etc.



**HUMAN FOODS ONLY. MISUSE OF PANTRY
WILL RESULT IN ITS REMOVAL.**



SEND US YOUR HOTHOUSE PICS!

We are keen to inspire glass/tunnel house growing in the Valley and want to gather some local inspiration.

If you have a glasshouse or tunnel house, could you please take some pictures and/or record a video of how it looks with a bumper crop? Perhaps you are keen to share your successes, unusual crops, or what hasn't worked so well.

Please send all material to valleykai@northeastvalley.org.

STREAM HEALTH WORKSHOP

Learn how to collect different kinds of scientific data that can tell us about the health of our local Lindsay Creek. We'll compare data points along the length of the creek to investigate the influence of flood protection.

For those interested in a short course, meet for the first half of the workshop at Bethunes Gully at 10:30am to learn how to take water samples. We will finish there at approximately 12noon.

Thereafter we'll make our way down the Valley, putting the water sampling skills into action at a few spots along the way. Spare seats for transport will be available if needed. We hope to be done by 2pm at the latest.

Data collected will be displayed at Creekfest happening on April 2nd. We will be in touch if we need to postpone the workshop. Get in quick - there are only 15 spots available. This class is suitable for ages 10+.

Many thanks to the Curious Minds Participatory Science Platform and Lions Foundation for making this possible.

To book, please contact Clare on 03 473 8614 or email openvue@northeastvalley.org.

SUNDAY, 12 MARCH

10:30am - 12noon (or 2pm for extended tour)

STARTING AT BETHUNES GULLY (working South after midday, down North East Valley)

FREE - koha appreciated



North East Valley COMMUNITY GARDEN



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We meet for 2 to 3 hours, every weekend, on either a Saturday or Sunday.

For more information, go to:

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For the time and date of the next meeting, click on "Calendar"

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Do you enjoy singing with a group? Why not join your local community choir? All ages and abilities welcome. DNI design lobby every Tues, 7.30–8.45pm. Email Marion for info ✉ marion.okane68@gmail.com

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 call/text Mary for more info: ☎ 027 929 9813

community

ALZHEIMERS OTAGO

If you are concerned about your own memory loss or supporting someone with dementia, we are here for you. Contact us about our free support for individuals, carers and families. ☎ 03 471 6154
✉ Still.Me@alzheimersotago.org.nz
✉ www.alzheimersotago.org.nz

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

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU ŌTEPOTI | DUNEDIN

Free, confidential, independent information & advice. Know your rights, how to take action and how to access the services you need. For ANYONE about ANYTHING! ☎ 03 471 6166 or 0800 367 222
✉ www.cab.org.nz ☎ CABDunedin 155 Princes Street

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

DUNEDIN CURTAIN BANK

Open again for 2023! Got a StudentID, Community Services card, or SuperGold card with CSC? See us at 174 Princes St. 9–4pm Mon–Thurs. or apply online: ✉ www.dunedincurtainbank.org.nz

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, 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

REDEDICATION CEREMONY

Families of those named on the NEVN School Memorial Archway are welcome to attend its rededication, 11.00am, Friday 21 April 2023

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

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work-ready people with any health conditions/learning difficulties/injuries to find suitable employment. All aspects of vocational prep provided – CV's, cover letters, job search, interview skills, placement. Once employed, support continued 12 months more. ☎ 0508 858 858 or visit workbridge.co.nz

fitness & health

ADULT YOGA CLASSES ŌPOHO 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

DUNEDIN BMX CLUB

Race night, Forrester Park BMX track, 5:30pm, Thursdays.

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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: ☎ 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, Ōpoho. 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

Childcare for 0–5yr-olds inspired by Rudolf Steiner and Emma Pikler, offering homely rhythms, seasonal songs/stories, and natural space for children to learn and grow. Organic vegetarian kai provided. 351 Pine Hill Road. ☎ auroratamariki.co.nz

DUNEDIN CITY TOY LIBRARY

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

DUNEDIN PUBLIC LIBRARY VALLEY LEGO & 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.

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

ISLINGTON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

Where children are cherished and individuality is recognised & valued. Independent, non-profit centre. High-quality education for 2–5 year-olds, small session sizes up to 20 children, well-resourced play space, & new nature playground. Extended hours: Mon–Fri 8.30am–2.30pm. Book a visit to discover this treasure, hidden in the heart of the Valley. ✉ islington.ecc@gmail.com ☎ 03 473 7490 ☎ islington.org.nz Dunedin Public Library

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 CODE CLUB

Primary ages 7–10yrs. Held term time Mondays 3.15–5pm in the VBCC Tech Space, 270 North Road. Join us for some code club projects and some friendly games. Meet some like minded techy friends. FREE to attend ☎ com2tech ☎ com2.tech ✉ office@com2.tech

NEV GAME DEV CLUB

Intermediate tamariki learn to build their own video games. Tuesdays, 3.30–5pm at the Valley Baptist Community Centre. ☎ com2tech ✉ office@com2.tech ☎ com2.tech

NEV NORMAL SCHOOL PTA

Monthly meetings at Valley Project on a Thursday evening. Anyone interested in being of service to this wonderful school is welcomed. Next meeting March 9th will include AGM from 7pm. Other dates: 6 April, 11 May, 8 June, 20 July, 10 August, 14 Sept., 12 Oct., 9 Nov., 7 Dec. ✉ 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–2:30pm Wednesdays ✉ nevplaygroup@gmail.com

ŌPOHO 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 ✉ opoho@playcentre.org.nz or ☎ 027 880 2365

ŌPOHO SCOUTS

Keas, 4–5pm, Tues; Cubs, 6pm–7.30pm, Thur; Scouts, 6–8pm, Wed. Ōpoho 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

further education

BEGINNER ENGLISH FOR CHINESE

Join our beginner English conversation group for senior Chinese new to English language. Shared meal. Small contribution to costs. Great way to improve simple conversation. No English necessary. Tian: ☎ 029 02 0009 68 ☎ 254783519@qq.com

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 DIGI DROP-IN

A community-led group that offers a range of free classes to upskill our communities in communications technology and online safety. Mon. 12.30–2.30pm at Valley Project ☎ com2tech ✉ office@com2.tech ☎ com2.tech ☎ 027 256 9182

INSPIRING MATHS CLASSES

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

ITALIAN CLASSES

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Experienced maths teacher, recently retired. Primary and secondary certified. Montessori trained. Private tutoring at your home or mine and Zoom as another option. Different strategies to help your child achieve success. ☎ Diane 021 357 565 ✉ dvalavanis@aol.com

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Conversation, preparation for exams, for adults and children. Hourly rate. ☎ Sandrine 021 107 5814 or ✉ sanfeillet@gmail.com. French Up Your Life!

REO MĀORI

Reo Māori teaching or tutoring for adults. Groups or individuals. John Birnie: ✉ johnbirnie@hotmail.com or ☎ 021 236 3765

SPANISH LESSONS

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

VOCAL TEACHER

I live in the Valley but work from my studio on Vogel Street. I currently have times available on Tuesday and limited times available on Monday. All ages, all skill levels. Starts from \$30 a lesson. Text for more info/to book: ☎ 022 122 3405

housing

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SELF-CONTAINED UNIT

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BABYSITTER

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DOG WALKING FUNDRAISER

Young NEV resident fundraising for Scouts jamboree. Dog walking: \$10 for 30min., \$15 for 45min., \$20 for 1hr. Cash only. Weekends only. Up to 2 walks per client per day. ✉ lincolnfentiman@gmail.com ☎ Lincoln 021 137 2306

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Gardener available, light weeding/trimming, winter rose pruning. Very experienced, \$30 per hour. ☎ 473 0159 (evenings)

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MATURE BABYSITTER

I'm a mother with grown-up children, (full driver's licence) now available for babysitting. Minimum

of three hours and also able to help with homework! ☎ Pauline 027 717 0282

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At your location or in studio. Portraits, engagement, maternity, child milestone, cake smash, newborn. Products, social media, personal branding, conceptual, etc. ✉ heidi.ohpeonyphoto@gmail.com ☎ ohpeonyphoto.mypixieset.com/

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church services

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7 Chambers St, 11am

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George St. Normal School Hall, 10am

ŌPOHO 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

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
89 North Rd, Mass 9.30am

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

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ŌPOHO PLAYCENTRE A HAVEN FOR BOTH PARENT AND CHILD

Everything was changing. My one-year-old was on the move. She was exploring her world with enthusiasm and vigour. She loved anything sticky or slimy or colourful or muddy or wet. My old rhythms and routines were no longer working for us. Many of my new mum friends were either experiencing the same challenges or were busy learning how to balance kids, work and life. Where was that village that everyone kept talking about for raising kids?

At that point I stumbled upon Playcentre. I knew very little about it (except that a few people told me that it was heaps of work and a big time commitment). I decided to try it for myself anyway.

I went along to Ōpoho Playcentre and found out that it was a parent-run cooperative where children lead the play and their interests determine what the mornings look like. I found in Ōpoho Playcentre a space where my child could get truly, drenching-ly, viscerally messy, and WE loved it! (I especially loved that it was not at my house).

Our whānau joined Playcentre then and there. I found, to my surprise, that I had become part of a community. I ended up getting as much connection and support from it as my daughter did.

Those who had been around longer passed on knowledge of what had to be done (which wasn't as much as I'd expected), we chose to do some things that we wanted to, and we let a lot of things slide that didn't matter to us.

As my daughter grew, so did our connection to the place and the people. It was our place, we could even let ourselves in during the holidays for an extra play if we wanted! My son joined us two and a bit years later and, despite a Covid-interrupted start, he feels like it's his place, too. It was amazing having somewhere to go where I could stumble in whenever I could get myself together and others would happily cuddle my newborn while I could be present for my deposed toddler!

I also found that I could mix and match with kindy so I spent some mornings at playcentre playing with my tamariki and some mornings they went elsewhere and I waved them off at the gate. They got different things from different places, and so did I.

I've noticed that these days, quite a few of our community are working parents who attend one or two sessions a week. They find community, support, and an awesome, well-resourced safe space to play while still having time left to get life-admin sorted. Some families have come and gone and come again over the years according to what best suited their whānau at the time.

My daughter donned the korowai at the end of last year and took her picture book filled with memories home before heading off to school. Me and my son will continue to go and I'll be the one learning to balance kids, work and life this year. -- **Anonymous Parent**

If any of this sounds appealing or relevant to you, please feel welcome to come give it a go for yourself, too. We are running an open week from the 6th – 10th of March. You can drop in for a visit as suits (or any other week you prefer!).

Open Mon. & Wed. – Fri. 9am – 12pm.

🏠 28a Signal Hill Road, Ōpoho, Dunedin

✉ opoho@playcentre.org.nz



ISLINGTON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE IN SAFE HANDS

For Anne Bray, becoming Islington Early Childhood Centre's new head teacher is a return to a familiar and loved place. Her daughter attended Islington and Anne's experience there was instrumental in her choosing to train as an early childhood teacher as a mature student.

When Shirley Perry, Islington's beloved head teacher for 20 years, left Dunedin last September, many past and present parents and children mourned the end of the fantastic reign of the 'Shirley and Di' teaching team. (Di formally retired from her teaching role in 2021 but has been active with supporting the children's garden programme and relieving).

Anne is committed to the community values Shirley and Di gently fostered during their 15 years together at Islington. "I have always wanted to work at Islington, as it embodies everything I value in early childhood education. Of course I am very conscious that I have 'big shoes' to fill - I want to maintain the warm, inclusive culture of Islington, but also be instrumental in moving with the times and ensuring the Centre continues to thrive into the future."

Anne feels lucky to be supported by a wonderful teaching team: Jenni and Rachel who are both experienced teachers with a passion for the early years. They are supported by Tania, the amazing Centre Support person, and administrator Melissa, whose skills are indispensable. Islington also enjoys the support of a parent council and parent-help, who self-roster one or more days each term to help in the centre - a great way to be involved with your child's learning and meet their friends.

A positive change has been the extended hours. Now 8.30am to 2.30pm - a move welcomed by parents as well as children, who now have more time to enjoy the new nature playground and richly resourced indoor spaces. A unique feature of Islington is the '4 year old group'. On Tuesday afternoons the 4 year olds catch the bus to explore local sights. Recent outings have included the University of Otago's Geology Department, Chingford Park and the Chinese Garden.

Anne's daughter is now 19, but Islington has always had a special place in her heart. This is exactly how many past parents and students feel - Islington fosters such a sense of family and belonging, children thrive and learn in this environment, so there is a sadness when the youngest child moves on to school.

There are spaces available if you are looking for an early childhood centre for your child. Please feel very welcome to come in and take a look around.

📍 **IslingtonECE**
✉ islington.ecc@gmail.com
🏠 16A Islington Street, NEV



Shirley's farewell, September 2022



Teaching Team: Rachel, Tania, Anne, & Jenni



Shirley's 'graduating' on her last day

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Ōtepoti Dunedin has a goal to become a Zero Carbon city by the year 2030.

Climate change is affecting our city in many ways. We have more extreme weather and the sea level is rising, which makes life harder not just for us humans, but for our treasured landscapes and wildlife too. By reducing our emissions here in Dunedin we're joining with communities all over the world, working towards a positive climate future.

The Dunedin City Council (DCC) is developing a plan that will set out the changes that Dunedin needs to become a Zero Carbon city, and the actions the DCC is going to take next to help make that happen. So that community's aspirations for a Zero Carbon Ōtepoti are reflected in the plan, we're welcoming input from people across the city.

The DCC is conducting an online survey this March, to help capture our community's perspectives on barriers and solutions to the changes ahead.

The survey will open **1 March 2023** on the DCC website: www.dunedin.govt.nz/zerocarbon
Any questions? Please contact ZeroCarbon@dcc.govt.nz or give us a call at (03) 477 4000



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