

ROLLING THROUGH HISTORY: A GREEN FOR EVERY GENERATION

The North East Valley Bowling Club is back in play! After a vote earlier this year to sell its North Road property, members reversed the decision, inspired in part by the Valley Project's support and a renewed vision for the club's future. Now seen as a valued local asset, the club is exploring ways to welcome new members, host more activities, and keep this 121-year-old hub of sport and social connection thriving for years to come.

The North East Valley Bowling and Lawn Tennis Club was formed on 26 February 1904 at a meeting held at North East Valley School. At the time, there was no land for a green or courts, but Gordon Brothers Nurseries offered the club a lease on part of their section, which included an orchard and a cottage. After discussions with Nathaniel Gordon's solicitors, the club agreed to a 10-year lease at £45 per year, with nine shillings per week contributed by the cottage occupant.

Within two months of its formation, tenders were called for the construction of the bowls green and tennis courts. The inaugural AGM was held in September 1904, with an annual subscription set at £1.05. The green was officially opened by (Cont. page #8...)



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ISSUE #:	#8	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
CONTENT DUE:	Nov. 12	Jan. 21	Mar. 4	Apr. 22	June 3	July 29
DISTRIBUTION DATE:	Dec. 6	Feb. 14	Mar. 28	May 16	June 27	Aug. 22

VALLEY PROJECT COMMUNITY ROOMS FOR HIRE

FRED HOLLOWES COMMUNITY ROOM 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.

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CLINIC/QUIET ROOM is ideal for the provision of health and social services, or other one-on-one sessions.

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A QUICK NOTE FROM OUR MANAGER

Kia ora rawa atu|many thanks to everyone involved in the first iteration of Valley Fest! 19 events over one month—miharo|awesome! It was wonderful to have groups like NEV Community Garden, Dunedin BMX, Balfolk Dunedin, and NEV Bowling Club host open days and workshops to showcase the range of activities you can participate in close to home. Kids were happy with Sport Otago inflatable play and a movie day all in the same week.

I took the opportunity to join a foraging tour with Maria Buskin and it was amazing! Two steps into our tour and we were eating weeds, gaining points for a prize draw and at the end, sampling delicious onion weed soup and mallow/malvaceae plant wraps with other foraged green packed inside. It blew my mind! I've realized we have one of these plants popping up through the gravel in a lean-to shed here at the Valley Project office. Shared lunch anyone?

Big thanks also to the countless volunteers and to all the time The Valley Project staff put into brokering events, promotions, and collaborations. Thanks also to our generous sponsors New World Gardens and KiwiHarvest—we could not host the community dinners without you!

Ka kite a tera tau ki te Valley Fest|see you at next year's Valley Fest! -- Jen Rodgers



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Participate in this year's Crush the Cargill fundraiser! Everyone is welcome, whether competing as an athlete, a casual walker, or watching as a spectator. Come try one lap! Kids, dogs, and costumes welcome. Prize-giving and breakfast BBQ 10am Sunday. GRID coffee will be served 6am Saturday to 6am Sunday. All drinks \$5. Overnight camping is permitted for the duration of the event; BYO drinking water and toilet paper. Pack it in, pack it out.

Registrations not required but encouraged. Both races start and finish at the trailhead within Bethune's Gully. Koha entry. Proceeds go to The Valley Project. Donations graciously accepted via givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/crush-the-cargill-2025

» **100-MILER: 19 laps of Mt Cargill (161km) within 36 hrs.**
10pm FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER - 10am SUNDAY, 14 DEC.

» **24-HOUR RACE: As many laps as able within 24 hrs.**
10am SATURDAY, 13 DECEMBER - 10am SUNDAY, 14 DEC.

More info: [f CrushtheCargill](https://facebook.com/CrushtheCargill) | crushthecargill.wordpress.com

2025 the VALLEY project AGM

Wednesday, 19 November | 6:30pm
Fred Hollows Room, 262 North Road, N.E.V.



everybody welcome!

Join us for a look back at the year that's been and for a general discussion on collaborations with the community moving forward.

Nominations for the new executive followed by light snacks. If you live in NEV surrounds, and are keen to stand for the board, get in touch with our Chairperson James at james@northeastvalley.org

VALLEY PROJECT TREASURER NEEDED!



The Valley Project treasurer oversees financial management: ensures funds are managed appropriately, provides reports to the board, and oversees the budget and annual accounts. Meetings once a month.

If interested, contact our chairperson:
james@northeastvalley.org

save the dates

NEV Garden Orientation	Sun. 9 November
NEV Bowls Club Market	Sun. 16 November
Valley Project AGM	Wed. 19 November
Crop Swap	Sun. 30 November
NEV Garden Orientation	Sun. 7 December
Crush the Cargill Races	Fri-Sun 12-14 Dec
NEV Bowling Club Market	Sun. 16 November
Comm. Resilience Meeting	Mon. 17 November
Valley Project Closed 2 wks	Mon. 22 December

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We'd love to hear from you! Send us your local photos, stories, announcements, etc. Next deadline for newspaper copy is NOVEMBER 12, 2025. Submissions later than this date cannot be guaranteed space. Please keep your contributions to 300 words or less. Advertising information available on the VP website.



HOW TO SUPPORT BIODIVERSITY IN YOUR BACKYARD

Spring has arrived in North East Valley, and it's the perfect time to get into the garden. Why not make your space a haven for native wildlife?

A garden filled with native plants can attract birds, insects, and lizards, supporting local biodiversity and creating a thriving mini-ecosystem right outside your door. Even small gardens or balconies can make a big difference.

Start with native plants. Kowhai, harakeke (flax), and koromiko are excellent choices. Kowhai's bright yellow flowers provide nectar for tūi and bellbirds (korimako), while flax is a favourite for native bees and moths. Ground cover like native grasses and coprosma species offer shelter for skinks and insects.

Avoid pesticides, which harm native bugs and birds. Instead, let your garden find a natural balance. Leaf litter and logs provide habitat for native beetles and worms, which in turn

support birds and reptiles.

Water sources, such as shallow dishes or small ponds, help birds and insects stay hydrated, especially during dry spells.

Plant in layers—tall trees, shrubs, and ground cover—to mimic natural bush structure. This attracts a wider variety of species and offers safe nesting spots.

Even better, choose locally sourced native plants to support the unique biodiversity of Otago. The Open Valley Urban Ecosanctuary Propagation Nursery has a small supply of locally sourced seedlings available right now! Message openvue@northeastvalley.org for more information. Supplies are limited.

By planting for nature this spring, you'll enjoy a garden buzzing with life, and play your part in helping North East Valley's native species thrive. -- *Jennie Wagner-Gorton*



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WEATHERING IT TOGETHER: PLANNING FOR WHEN THINGS GET WILD

A diverse and enthusiastic group met at the North East Valley Bowling Club on the 25th of September for the Valley Hazards and Emergency Preparedness Hui, held as part of Valley Fest, to learn about the hazards we face in the Valley and what we can do to get through together if disaster strikes.

Jean-Luc Payan, Natural Hazards Manager at Otago Regional Council told us about Lindsay Creek and what might happen during heavy rainfall. Chris Brooker from the Otago Civil Defence Emergency Management Group presented on emergencies we might face – earthquakes, flooding, space weather! – and how it is super useful if we are able to look after ourselves as a community as much as we can when these things happen. Steve King from the New Zealand Red Cross showed us how easy it is to make a household plan and had dinky little water-resistant grab bags to take, for copies of our important documents in case we need to evacuate.

The evening was a good reminder that Civil Defence Emergency Management is not some group of other people coming to help you, but rather a way of doing things *before, during and after* an emergency. If there's a big emergency, council staff and emergency services will be focusing their efforts on the worst affected areas.

Hopefully that won't be us, so we need to be civil defenders for each other while they attend to people worse off.



To do this we're starting a new group to bring together people who are passionate about our community and emergency resilience. If you're keen to share your skills and ideas to build on our readiness and resilience here in the Valley, we'd love to have you on board! We'll put our heads together to come up with options for supporting our own Valley communities in an emergency, so that people can:

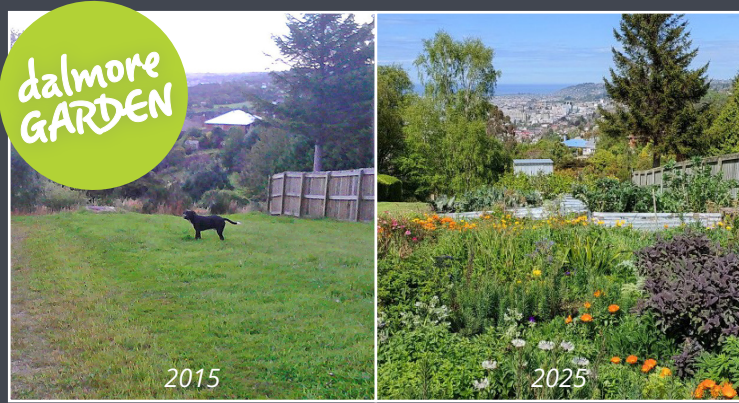
- get together in an emergency to find out information
- share skills and resources
- ask for and offer help
- register themselves as safe and leave messages for others
- support each other over a cuppa

We'll start meeting bi-monthly to co-create a resilience and readiness plan for the Valley. Some of the suggestions from the September hui included learning about:

- setting up a community-led hub
- different hazards specific to our location and practical things we can do about them
- effective sandbagging practice
- how to use a fire extinguisher before you actually need to
- that old favourite—playing with VHF radios.

Find more info on community resilience at www.otagocdem.govt.nz/get-your-community-ready. -- Helen Jack

We're planning to have our first group get-together at the Valley Project on Monday, 17 November at 7pm! Everyone welcome! You can be involved as much or as little as you want. If you're a keen bean, register your interest: community@northeastvalley.org, or pop by the office at 262 North Rd.



TENDING THE NEXT 10: DALMORE'S GARDEN AT A CROSSROADS

In April 2026, the Dalmore Reserve Community Garden will celebrate its 10th birthday!

The garden was started up by a group of local residents led by Kelley Allen whose vision was to provide somewhere peaceful and tranquil for kids to play, and where the local community could come together to learn about growing food. Hours of volunteer time were spent breaking in the 196m² of bare ground, clearing out bags of rubbish, glass, car parts and other unpleasant waste material. Over the years, many hands have worked to create a garden in an area that had needed some care and attention.

It has grown and changed a lot since then, and now that our fabulous lead gardener, Keith Moffit, has left the area, we need to think about how it might work for another ten years. I've been involved for nearly a decade myself, coming every fortnight (weather permitting), and now it's time for me to hang up my gloves. With Keith gone, just three of us are trying to manage this large area in-between hip replacements and full-time work.

So, the garden needs a new group to take it over. It is a time commitment, and this garden is not an easy one. The site

gets *all* the wind and *all* the sun. You'll need to fundraise for plants—or self-fund—but there's a shed with tools and water on site. The Valley Project continues to support us as our umbrella organisation.

If we can't find anyone to take over, we need to look at what else could exist in the space. It needs to be more sustainable. We'd love to keep the front bee-and-flower garden going as it looks so nice from the street. Maybe the rest of the space could be turned into a foraging garden or an orchard.

If no solution can be found, the garden will need to be cleared and returned to the Council as it was—less the rubbish!

We know the garden adds a lot to the neighbourhood and would like to see it continue in some way. We'll be holding a community meeting in November to decide on next steps. If you're keen to be part of the solution and help shape the next ten years of the garden, please do get in touch.

-- Lynn Vare, Dalmore Reserve Community Garden

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Sat. 22 Nov. 10am	Sat. 27 Dec. 10am	Sat. 24 Jan. 10am			

N.E.V. COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEES		
Sun. 9 Nov. 1pm	Sat. 29 Nov. 9:30am	Sun. 21 Dec. 1pm
Sat. 15 Nov. 9:30am	Sun. 7 Dec. 1pm	Sat. 27 Dec. 9:30am
Sun. 23 Nov. 1pm	Sat. 13 Dec. 9:30am	Sun. 4 Jan. 1pm



CROP SWAP IN THE VALLEY



Last Sunday of the Month

Doors open 2:45pm | Swapping starts 3:00pm

Bring your excess garden produce or kitchen wares: fresh baking, homemade dips and relishes, eggs, preserves, flowers, seedlings, bulbs, cuttings, gardening or cookbooks, honey, jams, pickles, bottling jars...so many possibilities for sharing!

We come together as a connected community to share what we have and learn together. Bring your curiosity for growing or producing healthy local kai.

Everything is free, and we take home anything leftover at the end of the swap.

Anyone in Ōtepoti welcome!

The Valley Project, 262 North Road, NEV
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HOME GARDEN SEEKS GREEN THUMB

Large, sunny, sheltered vegetable garden in Roslyn available for an experienced gardener to use.

We grew vegetables and fruit in the 200sqm plot for nearly 40 years but are no longer able to manage it ourselves. We would love to see it remain productive and are offering it to someone keen to grow vegetables for themselves or for sale, in return for a few veggies for our own use.

For the past four seasons it's been farmed organically and regeneratively by Neil Robinson (Garden to Market), who has now moved to a larger field on the Taieri.

Around the periphery are fruit bushes and perennial vegetables such as globe and Jerusalem artichokes. There's a shed with tools, rainwater barrels, town water, a small glasshouse, toilet, compost bins, and vehicle access. All available to a suitable gardener during daylight hours. Please reply to totara.two@gmail.com





PROBUS 'WINTER ROUNDUP'

Probus Club of Dunedin North has over-wintered well, maintaining a steady membership of 41 and strong attendance at monthly meetings. While the club is less active on day trips in winter, members enjoy morning get-togethers over coffee where the world is re-engineered in much discussion. These were usually held at the Botanic Garden café, but with its closure, meetings now take place at Mitre10 in Andersons Bay. Returning to the Gardens once renovations are complete is on the cards in future.

GUEST SPEAKERS OVER THE WINTER

Ann Donkin, a volunteer for Mercy Ships, spoke on her experiences on the Madagascar Hospital mission from which she recently returned. An outstanding presenter who kept the members captivated with her stories, some very sad, some of great happiness.

Antionette McLean, Alzheimers Otago, on the subject of Dementia, its early symptoms, how it affects the brain, what can be done once recognised. Accompanied with a screen presentation including an overseas study showing the affected brains from people who had passed on. Many of our members will know someone or even may have a family member affected by dementia.

Ginny Green, CEO Otago Hospice, who has considerable experience in nursing, oncology, and haematology, was joined by Fundraising Manager, Tina. She spoke on the 40-year history of hospice in Dunedin and Otago, starting in George Street some 40 years ago, and its shift to community-based home care. She noted that running Hospice now costs over \$11 million annually!

Nick Berriman, a successful agent with Bayley's Real Estate, spoke about his motivation to give back to his community, believing that the place we live in directly affects quality of life. He described founding the '100+' Club, inspired by an idea he got while in the USA. The Club supports local charities, with each giving a presentation at one of the four annual meetings. Members contribute \$100 per meeting, and a vote determines which charity receives the funds. The Club currently has 61 members.

Probus Interclub Bowling Tournament: Dunedin South Probus hosted a bowling tournament at the Otago Bowls Stadium on 10 July, with four clubs competing for the 'Dunedin Probus Club's Lawn Bowls Shield'. Last held in 2008, the competition featured some close games. Green Island Probus Club won, and the Shield is now set to become an annual event. Dunedin North Probus performed creditably, and the day ended with tea and the shield presentation.

Mid Winter Annual Luncheon: Our mid-winter lunch was again held after our July meeting at the very popular Concord Tavern. Members look forward to this as a nice outing for the club in the depths of winter. A warm friendly environment, great service, excellent food and time for some good chat and fellowship. It was well attended, and no doubt will stay in the social calendar for 2026.

Sale of North East Valley Bowling Club Withdrawn: Our Club was briefly faced with the prospect of a possible relocation when the North East Valley Bowling Club was put up for sale. The committee kept a close eye on proceedings, and how it might transpire to a need for us to move. However, it is with some relief to our members that there was a change of mind, brought on by community feedback, and some reconsidering by the Bowling Club as to how to move forward. This venue is an ideal home for our club and our members have always appreciated the excellent relationship we have with the club over many years. -- **Peter Begg**

Dunedin North Probus is now a combined ladies and gentlemen's club after being a Men's Probus Club for around 40 years. If you are near to retirement, or retired and appreciate some social contact, you may well enjoy the Probus Club environment. Contact Secretary Peter Begg, 455 1256. Email: peabee@xtra.co.nz

DJ AUTO THINK TANK

Have you (or your wallet) noticed the cost of fuel these days? If your fuel economy is disappearing faster than tomato sauce at a family BBQ, your car might be trying to tell you something. Often, it's not your driving; it's the sneaky mechanical issues under the hood guzzling your gas. We thought we would discuss a few common reasons why your car might be using a bit more than it used to.

Low tire pressure is a silent fuel thief. Driving with saggy tires is like running in flip-flops—inefficient and whimsical sounding. Keep them pumped to the manufacturer's specs and your wallet will thank you. Have a look in the drivers door jamb for these, usually between 32-36psi. Keep in mind that more air equals less grip.

Faulty oxygen sensors are another culprit. They help your engine measure fuel use, but when they fail, the engine switches to a closed-loop mode with fixed settings—its least fuel-efficient state. This often triggers the engine light. Replacement sensors aren't cheap, but they often pay for themselves in fuel savings.

Dirty air filters are a common cause of poor fuel economy, too. Think of your engine trying to run a marathon while breathing through a scarf. The restriction from a clogged filter forces it to work harder and reduces performance. Anything holding your engine back can increase fuel consumption and cause premature wear. If you live down a dusty road, you're more at risk. Swapping a clogged filter takes just minutes and can save you plenty at the pump.

Worn spark plugs are easy to miss. Excessive spark plug gaps can stress your ignition system, leading to a weak spark. That weak spark means the fuel in the combustion chamber doesn't burn efficiently, and sometimes doesn't ignite at all, causing a misfire.

Grimy fuel injectors are much less common these days, but they can still cause trouble. Injectors can stick, block, or fail altogether. They're responsible for atomising the fuel to promote a clean burn, but if one sticks half open, or opens too slowly or for too long, it can cause excess fuel to enter the cylinder. In some cases, the fuel quantity overwhelms the ignition system and causes a misfire. This costs you fuel and costs the environment in excess hydrocarbons out the tailpipe. In-tank fuel injector additives can help, but sometimes the injectors need to be removed and flushed manually.

Not everyone has the budget for an electric car, and even hybrids can suffer from these issues. Keeping on top of the basics can help you stretch your fuel further and save money in the long run.

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(...cont. from front page) Mrs Campbell, the Mayoress of North East Valley, and is now known as the Gemmell Green in honour of Ron Gemmell, a devoted member for over 50 years.

The 1920s were a successful decade for the club. In 1922, James Rigby won its first national singles title, and the new pavilion was opened that same year. In 1920, the Women's Section was formed after several earlier attempts had been opposed. Initially limited to wives and sisters of male players, this restriction was quickly lifted as the women's impressive performance in mixed tournaments proved they were more than "ornamental dispensers of tea."

By 1939, the club was planning a second green, which became the Rhodes Green, opening in 1940 at a cost of \$244.41. The club continued to grow, celebrating its Golden Jubilee in February 1954 with 121 members. Pavilion improvements in 1965 and the introduction of the indoor bowling club in 1966 helped foster a lively social atmosphere.

Thanks to a long-standing partnership with Speight's, the North East 10,000 International Men's Singles Tournament launched in 1990. This prestigious event ran for over 30 years every Labour Weekend, attracting top bowlers from New Zealand and Australia. In 2023, the tournament evolved into the Invitational Premier Mixed Pairs, offering a more inclusive competition.

In April 2004, the club celebrated its centenary and officially amalgamated its men's and women's sections. Today, the North East Valley Bowling Club remains a vibrant community hub, celebrating its rich history while embracing new beginnings and ensuring the green continues to be a welcoming place for sport, camaraderie, and inclusivity.

Lawn bowls offers a fantastic mix of light exercise, fresh air, and friendly competition. It's a low-impact sport that helps build strength, improve balance, and boost heart health—all while having a laugh with mates. Whether you're 8 or 80, it's a game anyone can enjoy! And it's

really quite simple: players take turns rolling biased bowls (which curve as they travel) toward a small white target ball called the 'jack'. The aim is to get your bowls closer to the jack than your opponent's. Players use strategy, aiming to block opponents or knock their bowls away. Games can be played one-on-one, in pairs, triples, or fours.

Why not roll up and give lawn bowls a try at the social nights starting 6 November? Bowls are supplied, entry is just \$5 (including a sausage sizzle), and kids go free! While you're there, take a peek at the club's welcoming social spaces and top-notch amenities available for hire. If you can't make it then, come along to the Pre-Christmas Market Day on Sunday 16 November, 12–3pm. As community spaces in the Valley region become fewer, the North East Valley Bowling Club is proudly reinventing itself as a versatile, vibrant hub where sport, connection, and community spirit all come together!

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[bowlsnev.co.nz](https://www.bowlsnev.co.nz) | 03 473 9704



L-R: Janet Farquharson, Alison Belton, Naomi Wadsworth, Lynlee Heenan, Irina Schreiber, Janet Smith, Mary Thompson. Front Judy Wilson.
 Absent: Julia McNaughton, Stephen Packer, Lynnette Barker.

ART IN NOVEMBER

This November, a group of artists who paint together each week at the Valley Project Community rooms will be staging their 13th annual exhibition of new works. *Art in November* will run from the 1st to 16th of November, 10am to 4:30pm, at the Dunedin Community Gallery on Princes Street, Central Dunedin.

The artists are accomplished painters, many of whom sell their artwork in galleries around Otago. The artists will show a recent selection of their art in a broad range of mediums. Visitors to the *Art in November* exhibition will have the opportunity to meet the artists and discuss their works.

"We enjoy painting together to share ideas and critiques of our works in progress. We are very much looking forward to this exhibition as it is fabulous to see the culmination of our years' work up on the walls."

There is art to appeal to all, including a selection of postcard paintings, cards, digital prints and woodcuts. All the works are for sale. We look forward to seeing you at the exhibition!

I JUST WOVE A UNICORN! TC2 LOOMLAB SEEKS SUPPORT

The Norwegian built TC2 Digital Loom is the most modern hand loom in the world! There are only three of them in NZ and the only one in the South Island is here in our Valley.

Digital or 'Jacquard' weaving is a method that involves turning intricate patterns directly into fabric using a computer-aided system to achieve complexity and ultimate precision such as that of fine tapestries!

Christine Keller, founder of Dunedin's LoomRoom, was an award-winning digital weaver before her New Zealand residence began twenty years ago. She had lost access to this technique until a lucky second-hand find in 2023.

Now she is asking the community to help her afford some extra components for a dreamy setup of this high-tech tool. The upgrade will increase production width from 35 to 70cm! She is trying to raise \$12k through the crowdfunding platform Boosted, which helps artists to fund creative projects: www.thearts.co.nz/boosted/projects/digital-weaving-for-otepoti-tc2-lab

The campaign runs until 11 November. Stop by the lab and have a chat with Christine on Saturday, 8 November, 2.30-4pm, or on the 11th from midday onward for the final campaign countdown! For the location, please email christine@chrsitinekeller.co.nz



BALFOLK DUNEDIN

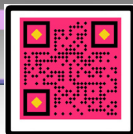
Le Bal du Dernier Soir is your very last chance to dance in the NEV Community Centre, a venue that has hosted so many community gatherings and classes over the years. It will sadly be lost as a community space the very next day.

LE BAL DU DERNIER SOIR (THE LAST DANCE)
North East Valley Community Centre, 270 North Rd.
Saturday, 22 November
Potluck at 5pm - Bal from 7pm



Limited capacity: No door sales, so get your tickets early!
Tickets available first to class participants, then to mailing list subscribers, and Eventfinda.

DIAMOND



Tali JOY

Performing live, Featuring,
with special guest performance by

KING CASS

MadNeTeX

And support from
DJ EllaMental



Second show on Tali JOYs 'New Artist' Tour—presenting **Diamond** at DropKicks, Dunedin! Get ready for a hype-filled night of hip-hop, boom bap, G-Funk, and D'n'B.

Tali JOY, a Dunedin-based rap artist and songwriter from North East Valley, weaves words with magic to share her take on life. Featuring MadNeTeX, a songwriter and producer also based here in Ōtepoti, who lets his beats do the talking. DJ EllaMental brings the D'n'B vibes with support throughout the night.

Special guest KING CASS—artist, podcaster, and mental health and youth advocate from Foxton—will also take the stage. Through his KING CASS movement, he shares powerful experiences across Aotearoa and Australia, collaborating with creators and artists along the way.

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- 04 Open Mic! Come sing, play, read poetry! Whatever your buzz! Performances and sign-up from 7pm.
- 05 Weekly Wednesday! Weekly comedy night hosted by Dunedin Comedy, featuring a hoard of local, and sometimes not, comedians! 7pm. \$5 tickets.
- 06 Double Vision Brewery X Emerson's collab launch party with Audio Visual Drop Kicks! Koha entry.
- 07 Drag! Music! Halloween edition featuring Deliria Hevelius, Morgana + David Bones, with live music from Gryn. 8pm. Koha entry.
- 08 Hip Hop night featuring Mic Sure + AL-XG + TF Kuzzy + Assorted Hamish (DJ) + Raheem (DJ). Open mic cypher jam with Raheem 830pm-ish. Koha entry.
- 09 Delicious jazz w/Big Jazz Apple. 5pm-ish. Koha entry.
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- 13 Tommy Gunners + Proper Rodger + Grace Gemmel + Jeremy Calendar. 8pm. Koha entry.
- 14 John Egenes performing alternative Americana. 730pm. Koha entry.
- 15 Martinette & George Warren singing folk, blues, pop, and rock originals and covers. 730pm. Koha entry.
- 16 Delicious jazz w/Big Jazz Apple. 5pm-ish. Koha entry.
- 19 Weekly Wednesday! Weekly comedy night hosted by Dunedin Comedy, featuring a hoard of local, and sometimes not, comedians! 7pm. \$5 tickets.
- 20 Catgut & Steel, contemporary folk. 730pm. Koha entry.
- 21 James Dignan, singer-songwriter performing an array of covers and originals. 730pm. Koha entry.
- 22 Sharkweek 'Lunar Tunes' album release with support from Texture Time. 8pm. Koha entry.
- 23 Delicious jazz w/Big Jazz Apple. 5pm-ish. Koha entry.
- 25 Electric Open Jam! House band and byo electric instruments. Music and sign-up from 7pm.
- 26 Weekly Wednesday! Weekly comedy night hosted by Dunedin Comedy, featuring a hoard of local, and sometimes not, comedians! 7pm. \$5 tickets.
- 28 Bronwyn, country artist/songwriter. 730pm. Koha entry.
- 29 Spectrum Band, playing original songs, electronic beats, instrumentals, and covers. 730pm. Koha entry.
- 30 Delicious jazz w/Big Jazz Apple. 5pm-ish. Koha entry.

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EMPOWERING THE VALLEY THROUGH LEGAL KNOWLEDGE

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Community Law Otago for the series of talks they recently delivered at The Valley Project. The sessions covered a series of three important topics; tenancy rights, family law, and employment rights. The clear, practical advice was greatly appreciated by all who came along.

Some of the key points from these sessions include:

TENANCY RIGHTS: When renting, always have a written tenancy agreement, pay rent on time, report repairs, and know that landlords must meet Healthy Homes standards. If problems arise in any area, seek advice early and keep clear records. If issues cannot be resolved, you can apply to the tenancy tribunal.

FAMILY LAW: The Family Court helps whānau resolve issues safely, using parenting agreements, mediation, and court orders; 'on-notice' for non-urgent matters and 'without-notice' for urgent situations. If you or someone else is in danger due to family violence, call 111 immediately. Police can issue short-term Police Safety Orders, and the Court can grant longer-term Protection Orders to keep people safe.

EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS: Make sure your employment agreement is in writing and know your minimum rights. These minimum

rights cannot be signed away and include minimum wage, paid public holidays, annual leave, sick leave, and the right to a safe and healthy workplace.

We are especially grateful to the team of staff and volunteers who gave their time to share their expertise and answer questions from our community.

For anyone who was unable to attend, Community Law has kindly provided us with some key information, which will be available on The Valley Project website. We encourage you to take a look—there's something useful for everyone. You can also access the Community Law Manual, plain-English online guide at communitylaw.org.nz/manual. -- Steph Sempers

Community Law offers free legal advice at The Valley Project each Tuesday from 11am. This is by appointment only. To book in, email reception@dcl.org.nz or call 03 474 1922. Alternatively, you can book in Monday through Thursday at their Dunedin Central office, 169 Princes St.



INTEREST-FREE LOANS OFFER A LIFELINE FROM CRUSHING DEBT

For single mum, Emma, debt became a silent but constant source of stress. "I couldn't stretch my income any further," she said. "What started as a small loan for car repairs snowballed into something I couldn't control. The repayments were endless."

Like many today, Emma found herself in a spiral of high-interest debt that only deepened over time. Everyday expenses like food, school trips, and birthdays became major sources of anxiety.

A turning point came when a friend encouraged her to see a Financial Mentor. With their support, Emma applied for an interest-free, fees-free loan from Moray Foundation Trust—and was approved.

"Now, instead of my debt growing, it's shrinking every week," she said. "It's still tough, but I finally have a plan. I can see a

future for me and my kids."

The Moray Foundation Trust is a local charity that has been helping Dunedinites for more than 30 years. It provides interest-free, fees-free loans of \$1,000 to \$6,000 to individuals committed to repaying debt and working with a Financial Mentor.

"We exist to offer people an escape from high-interest loans," said Judy Marsh, Chair of the Moray Foundation Trust. "Our goal is to help people regain control of their finances without the added pressure of interest."

Judy adds, "These loans aren't a handout—they're a tool. If someone is ready to commit to getting out of debt, Moray can be the bridge to a more secure future."

If anyone would like to know more about a Moray Foundation Trust loan, the first

step is to get in touch with a Financial Mentor such as the Dunedin Budget Advisory Service, PSO Family Works, or Catholic Social Services, or visit: www.morayfoundationtrust.co.nz.



WORKBRIDGE DUNEDIN: 90 YEARS OF INCLUSIVE EMPLOYMENT

Did you know Workbridge has been helping people into meaningful employment for over 90 years? Founded in 1931 as the Soldiers Civil Re-establishment League, we first supported disabled soldiers returning from World War I. After World War II, we expanded to provide training and employment support for all disabled servicemen.

Over time, our reach grew beyond the armed forces. Today, Workbridge is a proud New Zealand-owned not-for-profit organisation, operating nationwide and dedicated to helping people of all backgrounds find and sustain employment. We work closely with employers to build inclusive workplaces where diversity is valued. By connecting talented job seekers with businesses, we create opportunities that benefit individuals, employers, and the wider community.

Here in Dunedin, the Workbridge team includes two passionate

Employment Mentors: Samantha Hope and Sarah Booth. Both are dedicated to empowering people to reach their potential and to building strong, lasting relationships with local employers. Their mission is simple; to open doors, remove barriers, and help create workplaces where everyone belongs.

Samantha and Sarah bring energy, compassion, and expertise to their work every day and are excited about the positive difference Workbridge continues to make in our region. Whether you're a job seeker looking for the right opportunity or an employer wanting to build a more inclusive team, the Dunedin Workbridge office is here to support you. Contact Samantha Hope at samanthah@workbridge.co.nz (027 312 9212) or Sarah Booth at sarahb@workbridge.co.nz (027 282 4169).

Together, let's keep building stronger, more inclusive workplaces across Dunedin.



Your Questions Answered!

In contrast to my normal structured article, this month I'd instead like to cover a few common questions from readers. And forgive me if this is based more on my experience and anecdotes as opposed to hard data.

But first, here's a quick recap on the market. This chart is for the suburbs in 'The Valley' catchment. The main takeaway is that online property searches up to the 30th of September are approximately double relative to the same time last year. This reflects strong interest in local properties which should—all other things being equal—translate into strong purchaser demand.

Inquiries and Open Homes

In the last couple of weeks, there has been a noticeable increase in buyer activity, particularly from out-of-town people wanting to buy now—before they relocate to Dunedin in the new year. Also, there's some gathering momentum following the most recent drop in the OCR and mortgage interest rates. I have buyers with a wide range of budgets all the way up to two million. So, even if you're not quite ready yet to sell on the open market, it could still be worth having a chat now so that I can present your home discreetly as a 'pocket listing' to some of these time-sensitive buyers. You'd be surprised how many homes sell in this way without ever hitting the market!

Why aren't many prices advertised?

If you've been checking out homes, then you'll likely be frustrated by the lack of prices on many properties at the moment. And I totally understand. However, real estate 'agents' are generally working for the vendor; that's who ultimately pays the commission. Our job is to get the best possible price for the home. The local market has been "all over the place" for some time, making it difficult to accurately price a lot of properties. The risk in advertising a price for your property is that, if the price is set too high, it may deter a lot of people who would otherwise have been buyers. And if the price is set too low, while this may lead to a quick sale, you may be short-changed.

A couple of recent sales by our team have resulted in prices around \$50,000 more than the vendor was originally expecting. This money would have been left on the table with a fixed price. You should always ask the agent for some guidance on where the price is likely to sit. And, if you're a serious buyer, then make an offer at a level you're comfortable with. That's the best way to find out!

Verbal Offers?

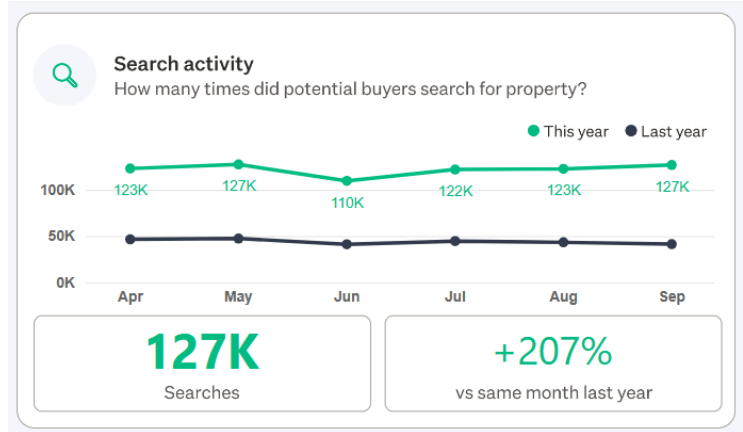
I'm sometimes asked to submit a 'verbal offer' to a vendor, normally because the purchaser is trying to save time and test the water. A verbal offer is unlikely to be treated

Let's Chat Before You Start

Before you pick up a paintbrush or call a builder, give me a call. I'm happy to pop by and give you honest, practical advice about what's worth doing—and what isn't. My goal is to help you make the smartest decisions for your next move.

Peter Gale is a long-time Ōpoho resident; and also the agent/licensee and advisor for NZ Property Solutions

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seriously. Under New Zealand law, a contract for the sale or disposition of land (which includes residential property) must be in writing and signed by the parties to be enforceable. Also, salespersons (licensed real estate agents) must present all written offers to the vendor, regardless of the offer's terms, price, or conditions. So, the golden rule is, always put your offer in writing!

What about Auctions?

I recently spoke with some out-of-town purchasers who tried, unsuccessfully, to purchase a Dunedin property remotely by auction. Full disclosure: this was through another agency, so I'm only privy to the purchaser's version of events. These people were 'strong purchasers'; they were mature professional people, provisionally pre-approved for finance to a high level. However, they had to withdraw from bidding because they were unable to submit an 'unconditional' bid. They told me that the property eventually sold for \$50,000 less than they would have been prepared to pay. If that's the case, then it's a stark reminder of why an auction may not be the preferred marketing method for your property.

In the current New Zealand property market, even buyers who are 'pre-approved' for finance often cannot submit an unconditional offer, or bid at auction, until their bank has reviewed and approved the Sale and Purchase Agreement (S&P) for the specific property. This is because most pre-approvals are conditional, not absolute, and banks must ensure the property meets their lending requirements before giving final, unconditional loan approval.

Did you like this article? I appreciate reader feedback and I welcome any questions and/or topic suggestions for future articles. If you see me out walking my dogs Kobe and Charlie, then give a shout out and tell me what you're interested in! Otherwise, feel free to email me!



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ART CLASSES

For all levels. Casual attendance welcome, tutor Rose Shepard, community rooms, 10am–noon, Thur. ☎ 027 406 4154 or ✉ email: roseshepard.artclasses@gmail.com

ART CLASSES

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

ART PASTEL GROUP

All levels welcome. We meet every second Tuesday of the month, 12.15–3.15pm, Valley Project. More info: txt ☎ Anneloes 027 3077 034 or ☎ Marijke 021 101 4333

CALLING LOCAL CRAFTERS

The Valley Project is developing a community gift shop in reception to showcase incredible creativity of local artists. Be part of this growing space! Pop into 262 North Road, Mon–Thu 9am–2pm.

CELLO LESSONS

All welcome. What works for you is best! Some instrument hire options available. NEV based. 4 years cello teaching experience & a performance degree. Also open to performance opportunities. ☎ Ellen 027 430 7739 ✉ ellen.walters@gmail.com

DIAL-A-PIPER

Available for any functions including birthdays, weddings, funerals, Haggis Address, etc. Feel free to contact me to discuss your function. Can travel. ☎ 03 473 0045 or ☎ 027 473 0060 ✉ thepiper50@gmail.com

DUNEDIN FIDDLE CLUB

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

FOLK CLUB OPEN MIC NIGHT

Songs, tunes and convivial company. Thursdays 7.30pm. Dunedin Folk Club, 80 Lovelock Ave. Come and join the supportive circle to play or listen. ✉ info@dunedinfolkclub.co.nz

GROUP DRUM LESSONS

Learn to play djembe, cajon, percussion with a focus on enjoyment, finding your sound, and jamming. Jamie: ☎ 027 550 2858 ✉ drumwithjamie@gmail.com

KIDS ART CLASS

Thinkit Art, dynamic after school term art classes for 7–15 year-olds. Focused on enriching creativity & exploring who you are as an artist. Book now! Kiri Scott Artist: ☎ @thinkitart ☎ 021 118 9882 ☎ @thinkitartfeuerstein.art ✉ Thinkit.fie@yahoo.com

KNIT/CROCHET LESSONS

Beginner to intermediate levels. One-on-one or small groups, 8yrs and above. First 30min free! Tutor Aurora, at a public place or at your home. Flexible time and day. Rates TBA. ☎ 020 4031 4040 ✉ aurlyn.knits@gmail.com

PAD-MAKING WORKING BEE

Interested in plastic-free period products? Like to sew? Learn to make sustainable period products for you and whānau. Contact ✉ christine@sewonderperiodcare.org

PIANO LESSONS

Beginner and advanced, all ages, all welcome. Your place or mine. Places available on Tuesday. Rates tba. Text ☎ 021 0842 5948 in first instance. Marian Poole: RMTNZ, ATCL, PhD, Music Journalist.

SHE CHOIR DUNEDIN

A non-auditioned, collaborative choir welcoming women, non-binary, and gender queer people. Rehearse Wednesdays, term times, 6.15–7.30pm at DNI. No prior contact or experience needed. Just turn up and sing with us! ☎ shechoirdunedin

SINGING FOR FUN

For social and practice. Meet in Musselburgh at 10am on Mondays. Singing at aged homes approx. every 6wks. At present mixed group of 6–8 ladies + 2 men. ☎ Graham 03 929 4834

STAND-UP COMEDY

Open mic at Inch Bar, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 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

UNLOCK MUSICAL TALENT

Whether child or adult, it's never too late to learn an instrument! Personalised music lessons by pro musician teaching 10yrs+: guitar, drums, vocals, & ukulele for students 7yrs+. \$30/30min or \$45/1hr. Bevan ☎ 027 363 1376

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ALZHEIMERS OTAGO

Concerned about your memory loss or supporting someone with dementia, we are here for you. Free support for individuals, carers and families. ☎ 03 471 6154 ✉ Still.Me@alzheimersotago.org.nz ☎ www.alzheimersotago.org.nz

BIKE WORKSHOP

Get help, use our workshop. Bikes available for koha, 3–5.30pm Tues, and 9.30am–12.30pm Sat. Valley Community Workspace, 11 Allen St.

BOOKBUS LIBRARY

Gardens New World, Fri. 11am–12.15pm | North Rd./Watts Rd. Thurs. 1.30–2.45pm | Signal Hill Rd./Farquharson St., Thurs. 3.15–4.30pm | Pine Hill Rd./Forrester Ave. Thurs 6–7pm.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

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

COMMUNITY ACCOUNTING

Dunedin Community Accounting. Free accounting training & advice for non-profits. ✉ kiaora@dca.org.nz ☎ www.dca.org.nz ☎ 0800 113 160

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 FREE. 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 Currently looking for volunteers to take over the management of the garden ASAP!

DUNEDIN CURTAIN BANK

Got a StudentID, Community Services card, or SuperGold card with CSC? See us at 174 Princes St. 9–4pm Mon–Thurs. or apply online: ☎ dunedincurtainbank.org.nz

DUNEDIN NORTH PROBUS

Retired/close to retirement? Could you benefit from meeting others? Enjoy social outings? Now accepting women's membership! NEV bowling club, 10am, 2nd Monday p/month. ✉ Peter: peabee@xtra.co.nz or ☎ 455 1256 or ☎ Don 473 7544

ENABLING LOVE

Friendship and social connection. 18–65yrs welcome to weekly coffee group. More info: ☎ enablinglove.nz or ✉ enquiries@enablinglove.nz

FERN COLLECTIVE

Accepting new clients. Self referrals welcome. Open to all ages. Support for individuals & families facing unique challenges of neurodiversity and more. Let us support your journey w/practical tools & resources. ✉ ferncollectivenz@gmail.com

LEGAL ADVICE

Free legal advice at Community Law Otago, available by appt. Qualified lawyers. Practical solutions....

Appointments at the Valley Project on Tuesdays from 11am. ☎ 03 474 1922 or ✉ reception@dcl.org.nz

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

Create safer, more caring communities. For info and local contacts: ✉ coordinator@nsotago.nz ☎ 03 456 0857

NEV COMMUNITY GARDEN

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

NEV JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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

NEV JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Upper Junction resident, John Campbell, available for JP services by appointment only. ✉ johnandmaryjanecampbell@gmail.com ☎ 021 646 266

NORTH DUNEDIN SHED

Open Mon, Wed & Sat mornings, 9–1pm. 35 Bonnington Street, over the bridge. ☎ North Dunedin Shed Society Inc.

OP-SHOP VOLUNTEERS

To work at Cat Rescue Op Shop. Clean police record required. Ideally people person with till and Eftpos experience. Full training. 3-hr shift p/week. 10am–1pm, or 1–4pm, Mon–Sat. Apply via ✉ raewynalexander@gmail.com or come into shop Friday 10am–1pm

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 protect and restore the native biodiversity of Dalmore Reserve. Meet Sunday afternoons. Entrance at 20 Allenby Ave, Pine Hill. ☎ Wild Dalmore Reserve ☎ 021 206 3593

WRITING GROUP

Seeking new members. Meeting once a month. Great way to receive constructive feedback from other writers. ☎ Guy 021 203 2734

fitness & health

ADULT YOGA CLASSES ŌPOHO SCHOOL

Fiona Johannessen, experienced yoga teacher of all ages & levels. Tues. 7.30–8.30pm (school term). \$10 casual rate. All levels welcome. ✉ Fiona: sweetfee77@gmail.com

CROP SWAP NEV

FREE! Last Sunday of every month at Valley Project, 262 North Road. Swapping begins 3pm sharp. Trade garden produce, preserves, baking, flowers, seedlings, bulbs, cook books, jars, garden supplies, etc.

BALFOLK DANCE

BALFOLK classes

Mondays 10.30am–12noon

Mondays 6pm–7.30pm

(TBC - Please register interest)

Wednesdays 6–8pm (tuition +

MicroBal with cake break)

All classes at the North East Valley Community Centre, 270 North Road. \$40/5-class block or \$10 casual. Beginners welcome.

Le Bal du Dernier Soir (The Last Dance)

Sat. 22 November. Potluck 5pm, Bal from 7pm. Last chance to dance at the North East Valley Community Centre! No door sales. Tix Eventfinda.

Join our mailing list:

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🌐 www.balfolk.co.nz

BELLEKNOWES GOLF CLUB

Green fees \$15

\$10/player after 4pm

Come & enjoy our fantastic 9-hole golf course on Lawson St. Spectacular views over the city. Call Secretary, Lorraine Lobb: ☎ 027 465 1516

DUNEDIN BMX CLUB

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

'EVERY BODY' HOLISTIC MASSAGE

Now based in Ōpoho! Swedish relaxation - deep tissue - myofascial release. Queer-friendly, trauma-informed & disability support-led by your needs. \$90/hr. ☎ Tamsin 022 1240 525 for info or to book.

FOLK DANCING FOR FUN

North East Valley Bowling Club, 139 North Road, 10–11.30am, Fridays, \$5. ☎ Yvonne 455 2406 ✉ stureid1@yahoo.co.nz

FRUIT & VEGES NFP

Fresh quality fruit & veges at lower prices at St Martin's Church, 194 North Road. \$14, \$7 or \$4 prepaid weekly bags for pick-up. Sign up online: 🌐 allsaintsdsn.org.nz/all-saints-fruit-and-veges/ Want to volunteer? Email: ✉ admin@allsaintsdsn.org.nz

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COOKING UP COMMUNITY

As part of the inaugural Valley Fest, the community dinner changed venue to the North East Valley Bowling Club on North Road. It's always so nice to see so many people from throughout the region (and indeed the world) congregating over a shared meal and friendships old and new. The wider Valley is a melting pot of cultures and relationships, and these shared experiences cultivate a real feeling of belonging for many.

Preparation for the feast started the day before, with volunteers arriving at the North East Valley Bowling Club to chop vegetables and help bring food and equipment to the kitchen under the expert guidance of Julie (New World Gardens and Valley Project Executive), who once again had very generously provided food, equipment, and her valuable time for the event.

Then it's go time! Come the day, an enormous amount of volunteers turned up, particularly represented by many English language students from Japan, who discovered the event from a volunteer website. A whopping 51 volunteers participated over the two days—talk about cooking up some serious community power! The first group of helpers filed in before 1pm to start the task of making the Bowling Club look amazing. Community Coordinator Claire Speedy led the charge, delegating jobs to eager volunteers. In no time, streamers and balloons brightened the Bowling Club, trestle tables were set up, and the venue was ready for action.

In the kitchen, the hustle and bustle started at minute one with Julie's expert guidance. The menu was varied and oh-so-tempting, with something for everyone, including vegan and gluten-free options. From soups and curries to pork ribs and potato, garlic bread and lasagne to delicious desserts, there was more than enough for everyone and heaps of take-home containers to keep guests full the next day as well.

By 4.45pm the meals were ready in warming trays and slow cookers, the tables were set and guests were being greeted warmly for the 5:00 start. Music and games were available, as well as spot prizes and a raffle (Thanks to Connor for MCing that!). Live music was provided by Bridget Ellis, aka Swingbridge, who serenaded the crowd while they were enjoying dinner. There was plenty of room for everyone across the two floors of the Bowling Club.

Guests spoke warmly about the evening. Kasun from Sri Lanka said, "It's been great to get to know people, especially others new to the country. The food is so good." For Lo-an from Vietnam, who attended for the second time, "It's been great to see people enjoying talking together. Last year I met my neighbours here!" Local residents Simon and Clare added, "The food and generosity are so impressive, as are the volunteers. We loved the chickpea curry especially."

After a great evening of good food and conversation, the volunteers again stepped up to pack down and clean up, including a seemingly never-ending pile of dishes and food scraps. There are so many people to thank but we couldn't have done it without the enormous help of our sponsors; the tireless Julie at New World Gardens and the management of the North East Valley Bowling Club for letting us use their space. We'd also like to shout out KiwiHarvest for their generous food donations, Bridget Ellis for performing, Open VUE and artist Andrea Muggeridge for the spot prizes, and of course all our fantastic Valley Project volunteers, new and returning—we found something for everyone to do in the end!

Please join us again next time! In a world that is becoming more polarised every year, every opportunity to get together as a community is increasingly important. Keep an eye out on the Valley Project socials (Facebook and Instagram) or website and please consider joining us for the next one—it's such a wholesome, fun time and we'd love to see you there! -- Karl Bray

Valley Fest 2025 snapshots ↗





'LEITH' IT BETTER: STUDENTS URGED TO GIVE A HOOT

North Dunedin's student streets and the Leith River are drowning in litter, frustrating locals, tourists, and volunteers. Glass, crisp packets, supermarket trolleys, furniture, even the occasional bike—all find their way into waterways and public spaces, tarnishing a city that likes to think of itself as clean and green.

Groups such as All Saints' Church and Sustainability Otago have been leading local clean-ups, and posters from Sea Otago are helping raise awareness. Students keen to pitch in can drop off chip packets at The Chip Packet Project bin opposite the University Chapel—they're upcycled into duvets and insulation for those in need. For larger waste, there are

three official drop-off points listed on the EnviroWaste website.

There's also the ORC pollution hotline (0800 474 082) for reporting dumped items like trolleys or appliances, and the University's Sustainability Office welcomes volunteers keen to help along the Leith.

Waste "hotspots" identified across the city include Castle and Cumberland Streets, Toitū Otago Settlers Museum area, George Street, and North Road. More bins, better street sweeping, and education campaigns could all help reduce the 25,000 kilograms of plastic littered across New Zealand each day.

Keeping Dunedin tidy isn't just about appearance—it's about pride, safety, and community. So before you drop it, stop and "Leith it better" than you found it.

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