

Have your say on North Rd



Would you like to see more pedestrian crossings on North Road like this one at North East Valley Normal School? Do you have other ideas about how to make North Road better? The Dunedin City Council is looking for ideas on how to make North Road safer for communities. Pictured on patrol are, from left, Hana Smith, Bella McAnelly and Laura Simpson (all 10), as pupils safely cross the busy thoroughfare. Photo: Edith Leigh

NORTH ROAD is the heart of North East Valley, and with probably almost every valley resident using it regularly there are bound to be lots of opinions on how to make it better.

Dunedin City Council wants to hear your ideas about how they could make North Road safer for communities in upcoming improvement work. So now is the time to make those opinions heard.

Council group manager Richard Saunders says some of the improvements that may happen include more crossings, lower speed zones, more lowered and built-out kerbs, the removal of painted flush medians, and the inclusion or development of cycle lanes.

"We want to make more people-friendly streets and roads that are safe and easier to use for all, including motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and people using buses."

Ideas that have already been suggested on an online interactive map include more and safer pedestrian crossings, a roundabout, more street trees, more bus stops, wider pavements for café seating, water fountains and a Park'n'Ride at the top end of North Road.

The improvements are part of the council's Our Streets projects and cover nine streets and roads across the city. It is expected improvement works will start next year and take up to three years to finish. According to Saunders, these should have limited impact on parking. Feedback can be given through an online interactive map where people can add ideas or like/dislike other suggestions already made (bit.ly/northrdfeedback), or via an online form (bit.ly/northrdform).

The feedback period finishes on Thursday 8 August.

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Matariki celebration at school

IF YOU noticed many people looking skywards in early July, it may have been due to Matariki being on so many people's minds. The first week of July saw two celebrations here in the valley.

The whānau of Te Rōpū Mānaaki at North East Valley Normal School organised a fantastic evening of learning, sharing of ideas and of course food, with an enormous shared pot-luck dinner.

Families were able to rotate through a variety of stations, to try their hands at flax weaving, crafts, haka or gazing at the night sky with a telescope. In addition, local tale-teller Kaitrin McMullan worked with tamariki to create and perform a shadow puppet show.

The following evening a smaller, more intimate event was held at the community rooms, to gather feedback and ideas for celebrating Matariki in the valley into the future.

This was supported through funding and promotion from Dunedin's Puaka Matariki Festival. There were plenty of bright idea, lots of enthusiasm, and again a delightful meal. There was a lot of for support for a community-wide event, especially with involvement from schools and whānau. Thanks to everyone who came along! If you're eager to get involved in Matariki celebrations next year, let us know!—Tess Trotter



North East Valley Normal School pupils do some harakeke weaving as part of Te Rōpū Mānaaki's Matariki celebrations.

Initiatives benefit from grant

A \$25,000 grant for the Valley Project from Otago Community Trust will help with many community initiatives such as Kai Share, the HeatSeekers drop-in clinics and CreekFest.

Kai Share is a weekly food-box programme, which distributes food from KiwiHarvest to local families and people in need. The HeatSeekers: Healthy Homes in the Valley weekly drop-in clinics aim to give people the information and help they need to create a warmer, drier and healthier home. CreekFest is an annual community festival and educational event that celebrates Lindsay Creek.

Valley Project manager Tess Trotter says the funding is a vote of confidence in community-led development. "We are super grateful and delighted."

Most of the \$25,000 grant will be used for community initiatives, while \$5000 will go directly towards helping deal with and clean up the recent diesel leak into Lindsay Creek from the Valley Community Workspace building on Allen Street, which is owned by the Valley Project.

Otago Community Trust approved just over \$2.1 million to 67 organisations in its latest round of grants.

ARE YOU OUR NEXT TREASURER?

We're seeking an experienced accounts person to assist with managing the Valley Project's finances.

This role is a voluntary position on our community-led executive.

Our staff and accountants conduct the majority of accounts work, but we need a community member to help review and advise our executive. Experience with Xero would be advantageous.



Interested? Questions?
Contact our chairman, Ian Telfer

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'Relieved' diesel leak stopped

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A DIESEL leak into Lindsay Creek from old underground tanks at the Valley Community Workspace has now stopped after the tanks were emptied.

Valley Project board chairman Ian Telfer says the incident has been distressing and he is relieved the problem has been resolved. The board can now focus on undertaking a restoration project in the area to rectify any damage and restore the mana and wairua of the creek.

The building on Allen Street was bought by the Valley Project three years ago as a community asset. It is used as a shared space of workshops and offices, by a range of community businesses and projects.

As an old industrial building it has a number of legacy issues. A dry cleaner operated from it from the 50s to the 70s and a motor mechanic in the 80s. The presence of underground tanks containing an unidentified liquid was only noticed at the end of last year.

When the tanks were first discovered the board began the process of seeking information and advice to remove the liquid and seal the tanks.

The consultants engaged by the board had contractors on standby to remove the diesel and fill the tanks with concrete, but had been waiting for approval from Worksafe New Zealand to go ahead. The board had been working since January to get this approval.

After the diesel leak was discovered it was decided, with the agreement of Otago Regional Council, to fast-track the diesel removal. Two days later it was pumped from the tanks and taken to Christchurch for disposal. After this the leak slowed and gradually stopped.

Worksafe NZ gave approval last week to leave the tanks in place and fill them with concrete. This is expected to happen some time in the next few weeks.

Ian says the discovery of the diesel leak was extremely upsetting for everybody. "We do not want to be responsible for damaging the stream which runs through our valley. The community has several active environmental groups and we run an annual CreekFest event, so this is exactly what we don't want."

Otago Regional Council staff, who installed a diesel-absorbing



A diesel leak into Lindsay Creek has stopped after the underground tanks at the Valley Community Workspace it was suspected to be coming from were emptied.

boom in the creek when the leak was first found, say it is likely only a small amount of diesel – about several cup's worth – entered the stream.

Although they say damage to stream life from the spill should be minimal, the Valley Project wants to undertake a restoration project at the site.

"We would like to consult with the wider community, including local rūnaka, and carry out a clean-up and rehabilitation project to restore the mana and wairua of the creek and try to make up for the damage," says Ian.

"As a not-for-profit community organisation we have limited resources to respond to such emergencies. In this instance, however, we believe we have done everything we could to take responsibility for the tanks once we found them, and now, to respond to and stop the leak and stream damage since we first found out about it."

Baldwin Street residents to be consulted on signage changes

BALDWIN STREET residents will be asked for their opinions about changing the street signage from 'The Steepest Street in the World' to 'The World's Steepest City Street'.

The title of steepest street in the world has been stripped from the North East Valley site after Ffordd Pen Llech, a street in the North Wales town of Harlech, was deemed to be steeper. The Welsh rival is not a dual carriageway road but nevertheless pipped Baldwin Street over a 10m section.

Dunedin City Council communication and marketing manager Graham McKerracher says the council has been asked by the

Guinness Book of Records office to take down the 'steepest street in the world' signage.

The council needs to change the signage in a timely manner, but first wants to make sure people are comfortable with the proposed changes, he says.

Baldwin Street residents would be consulted about the proposed changes as they are "most affected by the comings and goings" on the street.

A flier has been delivered to residents with this month's *Valley Voice*.

The Otago Chamber of Commerce and



Dunedin Host will also be consulted, as representative bodies of tourism operators visiting the street.

'A lot of magic' found in soils

TWO ORGANIC soil care workshops run in North East Valley last month were so popular that tutor Michelle Cox is running two more this month.

The first workshop covers learning all about soil, what type you have and how soil functions, while the second covers a range of proven organic tools and techniques that can be used at home in your garden.

According to Michelle, many people are surprised to discover just how much life there is in soil and what is happening below the surface. "It's really exciting to teach people all about it. There's a lot of magic going on [in the soil] really."

To just stop, hold soil, feel it and look at it allows people to connect with all the life it contains. For many people the desire to turn the soil is huge, she says, but *not* digging not only means less work, but is also beneficial to soil life.

"I feel there is a lack of understanding and sharing of knowledge about the biology of soil," says Michelle.

To create and support a healthy, living soil is one of the most important things you will ever do as an organic gardener, she



Michelle Cox running a propagation workshop at the Valley Project community rooms last month.

believes. It is also the key to producing an abundance of healthy, nutritious food.

The Know Your Soil workshop is on Saturday 10 August from 10am–2.15pm, and Heal Your Soil is on 24 August from 10am–2pm. The cost is \$45 per workshop or \$75 for both.

To find out more or register, contact Michelle at organicsunearthed@gmail.com or visit www.organicsunearthed.co.nz

If you can ride a pedal bike, BMX club can get you racing

DUNEDIN BMX club based at Forester Park offers family fun, friendship and fitness.

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The club has professional gear and bikes for hire (\$5) for newcomers. We can provide advice for sizing and appropriate bikes for those looking to buy a race bike.

It is important that riders wear a long-sleeved top and trousers as all skin must be covered. Full-face helmets and full-fingered gloves may be hired from the club.

We have free coaching for Kiwi Sprockets (age up to 7 years), junior (8 to 15) and senior riders (16+).

The new track was opened in 2018. It has a 5-metre start ramp, asphalted berms (corners) and an advanced pro straight. All this was made possible from fundraising, sponsorship and voluntary work. We now have a track that will further develop our riders' skills and challenge all those newcomers. It also offers a spectator-friendly environment, with views of the action from anywhere around the track.

We have social winter race days in August (see our Facebook page) if you want to head down and have a look, ask any questions or join in.

Dunedin BMX club is a very friendly, social club that prides itself on sportsmanship, supporting kids and adult racing at club, regional or at national level. For further information please see www.dunedinbmx.nz and www.facebook.com/DNBMXCLUB/

—Mason Anderson, Dunedin BMX Club captain



Dunedin BMX Club member Cameron Laing leads the pack during a race at the Mainland Souths Event earlier this year.

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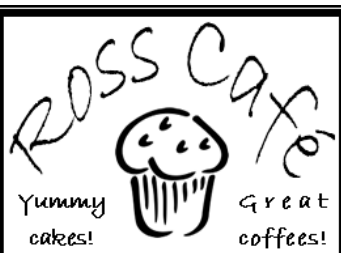
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Tiger, crane and dragon feature in Kung Fu styles



Kung Fu instructor Kenneth Mitchell demonstrates crane style. Kung Fu has a strong focus on self defence and teaches a wide array of styles.

THE DUNEDIN group of the Kung Fu School holds classes twice a week in North East Valley, and new members from age seven through to adults are always welcome.

Instructor Kenneth Mitchell says the classes include fitness, discipline and self defence. Kung fu covers a large array of topics including joint manipulation, takedowns, weapon styles, animal styles and more.

Children's classes are for ages 7–12 years and are a lot of fun, says Kenneth. The children are always very enthusiastic and enjoy learning the animal-related styles such as tiger, crane, snake and dragon.

The classes for 13 years and up are suitable for both teenagers and adults. Kenneth says he really enjoys teaching and especially loves to see the progress of people who have never done any martial art before. He began kung fu himself almost 20 years ago when all his high-school friends were starting the sport, and now has his first-level black belt.

Classes are held at Nga Maara hall on Wednesdays (children 5–6pm, and teens and adults 6–7.30pm) and Sundays (children 3–4pm, adults 4–5.30pm).

Find out more at www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz or contact Kenneth on dunedin@shaolinkungfu.co.nz or 022 094 6357.

Citrus arrives from Northland

Collecting lemons, grapefruit and oranges from KiwiHarvest to distribute through Kai Share and to North East Valley residents are Tess Trotter, Keri Eastwood, Trixie Croad and James Begg. The Whangarei Lions Club donated 225 boxes of citrus to Dunedin and Christchurch.



Receptionists

Would you like to gain some reception and administration experience on a volunteer basis?

The Valley Project reception at the community rooms is run by volunteers who help out our staff with admin tasks and meet and help community members. Contact Tess if you would like to find out more at admin@northeastvalley.org

Event volunteers needed

TWO POPULAR community events – the Valley Spring Clean and CreekFest – are coming up. The Valley Project is looking for people who would love to be involved or help out at these events.

Valley Project manager Tess Trotter says volunteering at community events is a great way to meet new people while having a good time and giving back to your community.

“We would love to hear from people who might be keen to help organise CreekFest, an annual celebration of Lindsay Creek.”

Please come along to our CreekFest meeting on Wednesday 7 August, 5.15pm in the community rooms.

Organising for the Valley Spring Clean is well underway and we are looking for people who can help out on the day.

Contact charlotte@northeastvalley.org or phone 473 8614 if you would like to get involved.

Opoho tennis courts

THE LOVELOCK Environment Society's annual general meeting is on Sunday 18 August at 4pm at the Opoho Church meeting room, Farquharson Street.

We keep the Opoho tennis courts available to the community. We hope you can come and support us.

HortTalk: OpenVUE

SEPTEMBER'S HORTTALK is all about Open VUE (Open Valley Urban Ecosanctuary). Learn about how this collaborative project plans to bring kaka back into North East Valley by restoring the ecological integrity of the Lindsay Creek catchment, creating a low pest environment and providing opportunities for public participation in conservation.

Admission is free. On at noon, Friday 6 September in the Information Centre at the Dunedin Botanic Garden.

Pelmet workshop popular

A make-your-own pelmet workshop was so well received that Valley Project community worker Charlotte Wilson, pictured far right, ran it again and is looking at running another evening workshop. Contact Charlotte at charlotte@northeastvalley.org if you missed the past two workshops and would be keen to join another. Pelmetts are a box fitted above curtains to help prevent heat loss through windows.


Also pictured are, from left, Geraldine Waters, Jo Waters and Louise Kewene-Doig.



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Big snow of '39 grinds city to halt

AS AUGUST rolls around with only the merest sprinkling of snow gracing our peaks this winter, we will have to make do with a story about snow instead of the real thing.

We're going back 80 years to the worst snow storm of the 20th century – the Big Snow of July 1939 – when a series of freezing southerlies swept snow over the entire country. Even a very surprised lighthouse keeper at Cape Maria van Diemen at the top of the North Island reported snowflakes flying past his window! But the worst hit was coastal Otago.

Flakes started falling in Dunedin at mid-afternoon on Monday 24 July, and by the next morning the city was blanketed with 15cm of snow, with more falling.

By Wednesday there was 35cm of snow at St Kilda and drifts up to a metre deep in the hill suburbs. And the snow kept falling.

The city being cut off to the north and south, schools closed, public transport mostly grinding to a halt and food supplies running low didn't stop most people having a jolly good time. The Otago Daily Times reported, "The difficulties and inconvenience which the conditions imposed were generally accepted with an infectious cheerfulness, and everyone strove to extract as much amusement as possible from the situation."

Skis, strips of lino and tea trays all got a good workout down the hills and the town sounded like the wild west of snowball throwing; anyone was a fair target and many windows were broken, the police having to intervene on occasion.

An ODT reporter could barely disguise their glee when describing trapped hill residents having to grimly trudge through the snow to work, "often to the accompaniment of a rain of snowballs ... and frequently with much ungraceful sliding and glissading".

The ODT also described scenes of alpine beauty on Mt Cargill where snow was piled in drifts a few metres deep along the main north road (now Mt Cargill Road) and icicles over half a metre long hung from the trees.

At the summit gusts of wind whipped the snow high into the



Clearing snow at the Gardens Corner during the Big Snow of 1939. Photo: Papers Past, Otago Daily Times

air: "The sight was an eerie one and for all the world like a volcano belching white smoke into the heavens."

On the peninsula staff at the Highcliff radio mast were stranded without food, necessitating a rescue mission using one of Captain Scott's Antarctic sleds borrowed from Otago Museum!

By Thursday the novelty was beginning to wear off, but fortunately so was the snowfall. The big thaw wasn't much fun, turning footpaths and streets into "running rivers of slush which offered no secure foothold and provided many traps for the unwary".

Verandahs all over town had collapsed, and guttering and spouting had ripped off or twisted under the weight of the snow. Luckily injuries were few – mostly the result of 'general tomfoolery' – but one man, William Cooper, died when he fell through a skylight while clearing snow off a factory roof in George Street. A gardener had a lucky escape, getting out of the fern house at the Botanic Gardens just before the glass roof collapsed.

While four snow days in a row might be a bit much, I hope they aren't yet a thing of the past.


—Helen Jack, North East Valley resident and scientist

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Results tell backyard stories



WHAT HAS Open VUE uncovered about North East Valley wildlife? There may be many different creatures living in your backyard, from birds to mammals, right down to invertebrates and lizards! Working with our Open VUE educator Clare Cross, local school pupils from North East Valley, Opoho and Pine Hill took on the challenge to find out exactly what was in their own back yards. They used many different tools and techniques, outlined below, and then combined their findings in what was truly a collaborative citizen science project.

Here are the results of what they found out and how they did it. To attract lizards so they could be identified and counted, pupils used lizard houses. The endemic southern grass skinks, which have a 'declining' threat classification, were found living in four gardens! These lizards loved the grassy and rocky habitats that were present in these gardens.

As lizards love to eat invertebrates we thought it was important to



Setting up a pitfall trap, left, and identifying invertebrates under the microscope.

find out what invertebrates were living in the soil. To do this, pupils set pitfall traps using a can or plastic cup dug into the ground with a preserving solution inside, to collect samples of invertebrates. The most common invertebrates caught in the pitfall traps were landhoppers (a bit like terrestrial shrimp) followed by mites (small arachnids), springtails and insects. Most of these animals were very small so we examined them under a microscope to get a better look.

We also found wētā, harvestmen, slaters, pseudoscorpions, caterpillars, ants and beetles!

To understand bird feeding habits, pupils installed the innovative PekaPeka bird feeder in their back yards. Each feeder was filled with one of five 'treatments': sugar water, apple, fat, seed, or a control, which was an empty feeder.

Trail cameras were used to photograph birds feeding and pupils did ten-minute bird counts in their back yards. We found that native and endemic birds such as silvereyes, tui and bellbirds love to drink sugar water, and introduced birds like house sparrows and greenfinch love to eat seeds. Silvereyes and house sparrows also love to eat fat.

Greenfinch were the most common birds seen during the ten-minute bird counts, followed by house sparrows and silvereyes. To track the sometimes highly elusive mammalian predators in their backyards, pupils used tracking tunnels, chew cards and trail cameras. Tracking tunnels are baited with peanut butter and have an ink pad inside which predators leave their footprints on.

The chew cards are corflute cards filled with peanut butter and



Identifying footprints from a tracking tunnel.

sugar mix to capture bite marks, and the trail cameras were baited with sardines.

The most common footprints seen in the tracking tunnels were from hedgehogs, followed by mice, rats, possums and dogs. Possums reach into the tracking tunnels to get to the peanut butter, while dogs pull the tunnels open.

The most common bite marks seen on the chew cards were from possums, followed by a mouse, a stoat and a cat.

Cats were markedly and incredibly common in images taken from the trail cameras, compared to any other mammalian predator. Dogs, possums, hedgehogs, mice and rats also featured.

Read more about how to provide beneficial habitats for native and endemic species in your back yard on our blog at www.northeastvalley.org/blog (keyword *openvue*).

The Open VUE team is delighted to announce they have received a \$15,000 grant from Dunedin's Environment Strategy: Te Ao Tūroa to help fund the beginning of the community engagement phase of the Open VUE project.



A possum and a cat caught on backyard trail cameras.

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Fitness, discipline and self defence. Classes for 7-12 years Wed, 5-6pm, Sun, 3-4pm, teen & adult classes, Wed, 6-7.30pm, Sun, 4-5.30pm, Nga Maara hall. Contact Kenneth Dunedin@shaolinkungfu.co.nz or 022 094 6357.

LEARN TAEKWONDO

Korean martial art, supportive environment, family friendly. Training Mon, Thur, Pine Hill School hall, 6-7.30pm. To register email dunedinolympictkd@hotmail.co.nz

NAKAJIMA JUDO CLUB.

Weekly evening class for all levels and ages, ph. Keri 021 027 93683.

QIGONG

Classes, Sun, 4-5pm, community rooms, 262 North Rd, cost \$10, last Sunday of the month is a healing meditation. Contact Jay 027 584 4537, bodymindqi@gmail.com

PARKRUN

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

SPAN NEV

Stretch 'n' flex, low-impact exercise, fun and friendship, community rooms, 262 North Rd, 10am-11am, Tue, over-65s, \$4. Ph 473 9311.

STEADY AS YOU GO

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

SPORTS AEROBICS

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

TANNOCK GLEN

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

THREE LEFT FEET

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

ZEN MEDITATION

With the Dunedin Zen group. Meet 7pm Weds, St Martin's Church in the downstairs room.

YOGA IN THE VALLEY

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

further education

CITIZENS ADVICE

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

COMPUTER CLASS

A free class to learn how to use computers, 10.30am-noon, Weds, community rooms.

FREE LITERACY COURSE

For more information contact Ana & Marg at Literacy Aotearoa, 477 2055.

FRENCH TUTOR

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

LEARN ITALIAN

Planning a trip to Italy this year? Fun, communicative lessons Ph. Samantha 021 0831 8408.

INDOOR BOWLS

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

ITALIAN CLASSES

Exp teacher, native speaker of Italian ph Antonella 027 341 8312, 473 0832 antonella.vecchiato@gmail.com

LEARN ENGLISH

English for daily life and work. Free and low cost courses. Contact Tamara or Felicity at English Language Partners 455 5266, dunedin@englishlanguage.org.nz

SPANISH

Looking for Spanish conversational tutoring in NEV, perhaps a weekly small group? Ph Ana 021 0243 3071.

STAND-UP COMEDY

Open mic at Inch Bar, 1st & 3rd Thursday every month. Comedy workshop classes every other Thursday, open to all skill levels. For more info contact reuben@dunedincomedy.co.nz

art, craft & music

ART CLASSES

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

ART CLASSES

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

KNITTING SQUAD

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

ART FIBRE DUNEDIN

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

DUNEDIN FIDDLE CLUB

Community rooms, 7.30pm, Wed.

MUSIC LESSONS

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

SENIOR MUSOS

Retired musicians who put on music for an afternoon at the Normanby Bistro. Scones, jam & cream \$3, 3rd Thurs of the month from 2pm.

SOUNDS NOR'EASTERLY

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

UKULELE SESSIONS

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

VALLEY BLUEGRASS JAM

Monthly jam session at the Normanby Bistro, 3rd Sun of the month from 2pm.

WOMEN'S ART GROUP

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

community

BIBLE HOUR

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

BIKE WORKSHOP

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

COMMUNITY ACCOUNTING

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

ENABLING LOVE

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

FRUIT & VEGES CO-OP

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

LEGAL ADVICE

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

MEN'S PROBUS

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

COMMUNITY GARDEN

North East Valley, the top paddock behind North East Valley Normal School, working bees every weekend alternating Saturday 9.30am-noon and Sundays 1-4pm. All welcome.

Classifieds and community notices (for non-profits)

Belleknowes Golf Club

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

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

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Pine Hill, Dalmore Reserve entrance on Allenby Ave, check www.facebook.com/DalmoreCommunityGardenPineHill for upcoming events & working bees, dalmorecommunitygarden@gmail.com

DUNEDIN MAKERSPACE

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

ENLIVEN DAY CLUB

Ross Home, drivers and help with activities needed, light food preparation. Tues, Wed & Fri, ph Maybank 473 0890.

LADIES' PROBUS CLUB

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

NEED A JP?

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

NORTH DUNEDIN SHED

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

MULTICULTURAL GROUP

Women's multicultural group, make new friends, speakers, cooking, outings. Community rooms, 10am-noon, Fri, ph Afife 473 8944.

NEIGHBOUR SUPPORT

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

NORWOOD NEIGHBOURS

We have a Facebook group for those living in Norwood St for sharing news, ideas & connecting, email Liz the.martin.family@xtra.co.nz

REFUGEE CENTRE

Mon, 9-11am, Dunedin Community House, 301 Moray Pl. Coordinator Afife, ph 027 419 3125 or email afife.harris@gmail.com To volunteer at centre please get in touch.

trading corner

BABYSITTER

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

BABYSITTER

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

CAKE BAKER

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

COMPUTERS

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

FLAT WANTED

Mature & respected lady looking for 1-2 bedroom flat or apartment in NEV, non-smoker, no pets. Ph 473 7399 or email admin@northeastvalley.org

FOR SALE

New navy wool tights, girl's size 11-14 \$5; adult tall \$8; cotton over knee socks, size 9-12, x3 \$5; short socks x5 \$5, x3 \$3. Ph 021 705 708.

KNIFE SHARPENING

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

HOUSE-MINDER

House-minder avail to look after your house, pets & plants, late July onwards. 12yrs experience in Dunedin area. Ph Jeffrey 027 4467 915, jeffreyhrobinson@yahoo.co.nz

HOUSE WANTED

Educated & mature woman visiting Dunedin requires a house or flat to rent over Jan/ Feb 2020. If you are travelling next summer & would like a reliable tenant for security, ph Danny 473 1509.

LOG SPLITTER

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

ROSE PRUNER

Winter pruning, experienced, hourly rate, pensioner discount, ph 473 0159 evenings.

HAIRDRESSER

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

HOUSE WANTED

House to rent or room in established house wanted, with garage, rural or urban, for mature male, works, skis & studies, non smoker, no pets, references. Home owner in BOP, ph Gordon 027 444 3820

WORK WANTED

Mature woman seeks gardening work, ph Jude 473 1650.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Priority for groups and activities in the Valley Voice readership area. Email voice@northeastvalley.org Please keep notices brief. They may be edited to fit the space.

church services

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

Sacred Heart Catholic, 89 North Rd, Mass 9.30am

Glenaven Methodist, 7 Chambers St, 11am

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

Anglican: St Martin's, 194 North Rd, 10.45am

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

Opoho Presbyterian, 50 Signal Hill Rd, 10am

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

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

NEV Baptist, 270 North Road, 10.30am.

for families, kids & teens

ACTIVE MUSIC

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

DUNEDIN TOY LIBRARY

A vibrant toy library for children from birth to 7 years. Huge range of toys, ride-ons, dress ups, puzzles, games. St Martin's Hall, Northumberland St, 3.30-4pm Wed, and 10-11.30am Sat

GIRLS BRIGADE

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

MT CARGILL GIRLGUIDES

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

OPOHO PLAYCENTRE

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

OPOHO SCOUTS

Keas, 5.30pm-6.30pm, Tues; Cubs, 6pm-7.30pm, Thur; Scouts, 7pm-8.30pm, Wed. Opoho Scout Den, ph Kevin 0800 SCOUTS.

PLAYGROUP

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

PRESCHOOL MUSIC

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

SPACE FOR BABIES

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

NEV PLAYGROUP

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

RUDOLF STEINER PLAYGROUPS


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

THE BREAST ROOM

Free peer support and help around breastfeeding. All parents welcome. Every Wed, 10.30am-12.30pm, community rooms, 262 North Rd.

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Chill out space in dark den



A range of new toys, including a popular dark den, have added to the Dunedin City Toy Library's collection of toys which cater for children with different developmental needs. Celebrating the new toy arrivals are, from left, James (9), Lily (5) and Tim McCann (7), Caleb Garden (4), Leon Thomson (5), Brooke Sanders and Saioa McSweeney (2).

A 'DARK den' which gives children a space to chill out in a busy world has been a popular new addition to the Dunedin City Toy Library's toy stock.

Thanks to a Foodstuffs Community Grant the toy library has added a range of new toys which are good for children with different physical, social, emotional or developmental needs.

Toy library chairwoman Jennifer Lawn says during an annual stocktake they realised they didn't have many options for children with different developmental needs, such as those with autistic spectrum disorders.

The new toys help stimulate cognitive, sensory and social-emotional development to support children to develop their abilities and reach their full potential.

While the toys are designed specifically for children with particular developmental needs, they also have a wide appeal for all children, says Jennifer.

“It's fun to have new toys!”

The new sensory toys include the dark den, which is designed to provide a safe, calming place for children who are sensitive to environmental stimulation. Changing pebble lights and flashing light balls can also be used in the dark den.

A five-senses activity set encourages exploration, while an emotions game enables children to learn and practise human emotions.

“A big thank you to Gardens New World who sponsored us for the grant,” says Jennifer. “We love the valley community and this is just another connection that brings us together. And it's fun to have new toys!”

The toy library is in St Martin's Hall on Northumberland Street and is open on Wednesday from 3.30-4pm and on Saturday from 10-11.30am.

What's on

North Rd
 Consultation finishes on Thursday 8 April. Turn to page 1 for links on how to share your ideas for a better, safer road.

soil workshops
 Learn what type of soil you have and how to improve it. Know Your Soil and Heal Your Soil workshops on 10 and 24 August.

AGM: tennis courts
 Lovelock Environment Society annual general meeting, Sunday 18 August, 4pm, Opoho Church, Farquharson St. The society keeps the tennis courts available to the community.

CreekFest meeting
 Do you have a passion for our awa and promoting care of Lindsay Creek? Be part of the organising team for this year's CreekFest event. Come along to the meeting, Wednesday 7 August, 5.15pm, at the community rooms.