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Masks have it covered



IT HAS been a challenging year facing Coivd-19, but we've done it before and we can do it again. Face masks are continuing to be of great importance, and have now become mandatory on public transport in level 2. THANK YOU to the wonderful team of community members who are at the forefront of mask making for our whanau and community. The last few weeks have seen workshops led by Kate Grace of silentqueen.com and Christine Keller at the Loom Room in the Valley Community Workspace, as well as huge efforts from many in the community, including the tamariki at NEVN school.

The Project have been working with community members to put together resources and linkages to our community mask makers which can be found on the Project website in our blog.

Access to face masks can be a challenge, if you would like to donate a mask for another community member in need, you're welcome to drop-off at the Valley Project. We will distribute and provide information on caring for masks. Otherwise, drop by the Valley Project to seek further assistance.

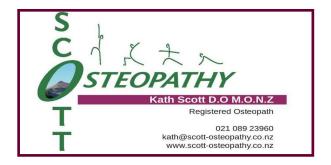
- Salamasina Tofa, VP Social Work intern.











Community Directory initiative

IN RESPONSE to Covid-19, be a part of our new Community Directory!

Are you a babysitter, gardener, baker, or candlestick maker? A builder, van owner, a writer, an editor, a counsellor, a painter, an electrician, a nurse, know civil defence inside out, a sewer, a doctor, or a tailor? Do you know the Tenancy Act, are you a former English as a Second Language teacher, a computer IT mind, can you fix telephone screens at home, a student volunteer, or studying a particular field and want to help our community? Do you own a range of tools - screwdrivers, hammers, drills that others can use? What artist skills do you have? What LGBT+ skills do you have!

Whatever your skills and resources are, we want to know! Tell us here at the Valley Project, and we will list your skills in our Community Directory. It is free to list! The Directory will be published free for the community online and hopefully also in hard copy!

From the forest floor of North East Valley, to the vast hillscape of Pine Hill and Opoho, we want to share our skills, our resources, and groups we have with our whole community!

Be part of our directory, and send an email to directory@northeastvalley.org with all your details and we will be in touch! — Julie Howard, community volunteer.

Banana Passionfruit target species for Valley Spring Clean 2020

BANANA PASSIONFRUIT is a nasty weed that is spreading rapidly in and around Dunedin. Spring Clean Weeding coordinator, Simon Noble, says, "It's capable of smothering other trees and entire hillsides if left unchecked". The effect of this can be seen in the West Harbour suburbs from the road or cycle trail to Port Chalmers.

Banana passionfruit has always been high on the list of weeds targeted in the valley. "For those not willing or able to remove their own, we're providing a banana passionfruit specific service as part of Spring Clean this year" says Simon. Simply tell us you have a banana passionfruit problem and, on the day, we'll come and remove it, or at least kill it. [further details of this year's Spring Clean next month- Ed).

Simon Noble says, "we're aware banana passionfruit provides an edible fruit, but it has been recognised by the Regional Council now as one of our worst weeds". Removal can be required in certain circumstances and "we're encouraging people to plant the native clematis vine instead or even NZ Jasmine".

Keep your calendars open for the annual Spring Clean coming up later in spring this year. In addition to the usual weeding activities, once again we will have a myriad of ways to dispose of unwanted items around the home, including a swap shop, scrap metal disposal, paint, E-waste etc.

—Clare Cross



Banana passionfruit vine has three lobed leaves, the middle lobe is the longest. The leaves have serrated edges and hairy/downy undersides. The pink tubular hanging flowers can be seen year-round, followed by hanging fruit that ripen from green to yellow, orange or black. Banana Passionfruit vine can grow rapidly to form large masses, smothering canopy and preventing native plants from establishing.

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Meet the Dunedin election candidates

WE WELCOME Valley Voice readers to what we reckon is the liveliest and more informative Dunedin election meeting. It's certainly one of the largest, as Opoho Church is consistently packed. Labour's David Clark, the sitting Dunedin fools of themselves and I don't want North Member of Parliament (now called the Dunedin electorate), and National's Michael Woodhouse have been duelling at these gatherings since 2011. Their status as ex Health Minister and ex health spokesperson, respectively, adds extra spice this year.

We'll also have the Greens, New Zealand First, Act and The Opportunities Party

hopefuls on parade seeking your party votes.

I'll be moderating, as usual, in my Dr. Seuss and other silly hats. As I routinely tell the candidates, I know they will make them to feel lonely.

See, hear and guestion them at Opoho Church, Signal Hill Rd, Sunday, September 13, from 7pm to 9pm. If Dunedin is still in Covid level 2 on September 13, the meeting will be delayed until Sunday, September 27.

See opohochurch.org for updates.





Even the candidates are up for a laugh. From left, David Clark, Michael Woodhouse and Niki Bould enjoy a lighter moment at the Dunedin North candidates' meeting at Opoho Church in 2017.

The Cat in the Hat will be back, as Philip Somerville (pictured at a previous meeting) prepares to moderate this year's dehate.

Photos: Courtesy of the Otago Daily Times

Cheap fruit and vege in the Valley

TODAY I heard a report of how many more people this year are having to ask for food parcels or food vouchers following the lockdown.

Have you heard of a local initiative that is in the Valley which will lighten your food bill and make sure you and your family will always have fresh fruit and vegetables.

All you have to do is order and turn up. All Saints Fruit and Veges non-profit busi- similar services available online. ness has been operating out of St Martins lounge (under the church) at North Road for the last five years. We offer fresh produce, bought that morning at the market, at wholesale prices. Our prices are rock bottom as we buy in bulk, all our workers are volunteers and our premises are available free or at a low rental by local churches. We offer a mixture of fruit and vegetables in three

different sized and priced bags. \$4 single - small size suitable for one person; \$7 couple - suitable for two people and \$14 family - for a larger or hungrier household. The produce is packed in reusable cotton bags which we ask you to return each week.

Yes, it is possible to buy fresh fruit and vegetables for a family for under \$20. Our prices compare very favourably with

Some Q& A

When are you open? On Thursday afternoon from 4:30 - 5:30

Are you a church fund raiser? No, we are an independent non-profit supported by All Saints Anglican Church. All funds are returned to Fruit and Veges.

How do I join? Go online fruitvege.allsaintsdn.org.nz or turn up at St Martins 194 and put in a cash order. Can I choose my own produce? We

choose what goes in the bags because we buy what is best value each week. If you would rather select your own, All Saints Hall 786 Cumberland Street runs a sales table for casual customers 8:45-10am and 4-6pm on Thursdays.

Do you deliver? No, we ask you to call in to pick up your bags. If you can't make it by 5:30 the bags can be picked up at a time to suit you.

Is this Food Rescue or unsold food left over from local shops? No this is fresh produce bought on the morning of sale at the wholesale market.

When everyone is trying to make their food dollars stretch a bit further why not give this local initiative a try?

-Ruth Doig



RIP Stumpy

SORRY, BUT your nightly feasts on my kōwhai, silverbeet and cabbage seedlings had to stop. If we hadn't got an infrared camera, you and your friends probably would have chomped through my entire vege garden by now and would be waiting hungrily for the tasty new leaves and birds' eggs of spring. Rob and I live in Kelvin Road and regularly hear the night-time rustle and hissing of possums. We set a Trapinator trap (humane and effective) but every morning there was nothing in it but nibbled bait, sometimes with strange grooves. What was going on?

Open Valley Urban Ecosanctuary Coordinator Clare Cross lent us an infrared camera so we could spy on the wily bait thieves. The camera evidence was jaw-dropping. More than one possum was visiting the trap each night, including an enormous tailless critter we dubbed Stumpy.

We put the trap on a hair trigger and on the second night we got her.

Yes, Stumpy was female – a 3kg battle-scarred veteran, mother of who knows how many voracious offspring. She was missing a tooth as well as a tail, hence the grooves in the bait.

Stumpy's demise wasn't the end of that night's action. Another

Pop-up Trap Library

IF YOU are also interested in helping out the native wildlife and possibly your vege patch by trapping mammal predators on your own property please come down and visit the Open VUE team at our Pop-up Trap Library! We will be at the Valley Project Community Rooms every second Saturday (12th and 26th September) from 2-4pm. We're also keen to hear from community volunteers interested in getting involved coordinating volunteer trap lines and helping to run the trap library, if you're interested, please contact me at open-vue@northeastvalley.org. – Clare Cross



"Stumpy" caught on infrared camera at night in the back yard on Kelvin Road. Please see back page for more photos.

possum came and had a good sniff. Two nights later we caught that one too (also female) and the camera footage showed a THIRD possum actually climbing over its carcass to get at the trap. Trap shy? Hardly. It met the same fate a few nights later. I get no pleasure from killing these engaging furry critters, but considering the damage they do to the environment I've decided I can't afford to be sentimental. —Meg Davidson

Share your community news

WE WELCOME story submissions for the Valley Voice. The focus of our content is local. We welcome content, event listings or other interesting stories for submission.

Please send your story, along with a high resolution photograph to voice@northeastvalley.org before the 15th of the month. Thank you.—Tess Trotter, Voice Editor.

Kids' Corner

Make your own cat collar bling!

As well as looking stunning, these cat collar covers can help protect birds and lizards from cat predation in your backyard.

To make these fabulous collar covers you will need: bright fabric, a 19 cm diameter round dish, a 7.5 cm diameter round container lid, marker or pen and a needle and tread (or sewing machine) and a breakaway cat collar.

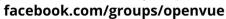
Video instructions and all the steps can be found at: bit.ly/collarcover

Did you know: that cats have 'Heart-shaped' footprints? Their central pads have three parts with four separate toe pads above. Upside down they kinda look like a teddy bear!

We would love to see your "cat walk" - share your photos in our Facebook group



Photos by Diane Cooney



Sustainability week and circus

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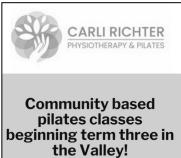




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Lockdown album success

TOM YOUNG, aka Berlin-based, Folk/Punk,

DIY-fundamentalist, Freddy Fudd Pucker is an 'old school' valley kid and has recently released his lockdown album, The Weather Knows Us Better Than We Know the Weather, through Rebel High Records. Recording, writing and producing independently while in lockdown seems to have served him well, with the Australian Rolling Stone stating "Freddy Fudd Pucker may indeed be the voice we need in the year that is 2020". Tom, as Freddy, has been recording for 14 years, he's travelled extensively and in 2016 he founded a free music school for refugees, migrants and other marginalised communities. He is still homesick for the Valley at times though, and was thrilled to be

featured in the local rag "there's all sorts of homesick messages in this new album and it seems somehow very fitting to have it featured in the Valley Voice". You can check out the album on SoundCloud, Spotify or for a peek at his art work as well as music, check out freddyfuddpucker.bandcamp.com —Tess Trotter





Waste Minimisation Grants

TO TRY and combat waste going to landfill, we have funding available for folk who are keen to get active and make a difference by reducing waste to landfill. The Valley Project and the Valley Community Workspace have both received grants for their work in the past, and they have done very impressive work with the funding - repair work and running the Valley Spring Clean, congratulations to both groups! It is really good to be able to empower people to act in an area they are passionate about. If you have a waste related project you would like to get underway, you are very welcome to get in touch and apply for one of these grants. Contact me, Leigh McKenzie, Waste Minimisation Officer, Dunedin City Council by email on Leigh.McKenzie@dcc.govt.nz.



WASTE MINIMISATION GRANTS

The September funding round for contestable grants for waste minimisation small projects and community initiatives is now open.

Applications are open to any idea, project, initiative or event that encourages, promotes or administers waste minimisation activities in Dunedin.

Small grants (available all year round) – applications up to \$500

Community projects and initiatives – up to \$5,000. Now open for applications. Closes 5pm Friday 25 September.

Application forms are available at www.dunedin.govt.nz/wmf or contact the Waste Minimisation Officer for further information on 03 477 4000.



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Opoho enrolment scheme

Opoho School Board of Trustees seeks input from its local community for a proposed enrolment scheme as required by the Ministry of Education.

For documentation please contact the school office at office@opoho.school.nz alternatively read or download the information from www.opoho.school.nz

Consultation closes: 5 p.m. on 11 September 2020

Story festival changes

Just a heads-up that our AMAZING multi-lingual, multi-cultural, multiawesome festival is NOT happening at the library on September 13 due to covidious times...BUT, despair not, for we are moving this years festival online, and will keep you informed about when that will be available, and potentially a gala film premiere opening when the levels go down. So polish up your chandelier earrings for

that one! - Kaitrin McMullan

Local artists show

Local artists Rod Eales, Jude Ansbacher, Anneloes Douglas, Trevor Douglas and Fiona Stirling are having an exhibition of paintings, drawings and photographs at the Macandrew Bay Hall. There will be an interesting variety of styles, subject matter and mediums that

reflect 5 very different approaches and responses to life in Dunedin.



Featured in this eclectic mix are some well-loved parts of the Otago Peninsula, including Yellow Head at Broad Bay, the Inlet and photographs of Harbour Cone.

Come and celebrate LOCAL, and talk to the artists from Saturday 19th – Sunday 27th

Sacred Heart 125th

The Sacred Heart School 125th Jubilee celebrations are coming up from the 23rd -25th October.

Registrations close September 23rd. Please see the Facebook page for details.

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community Make Kereru Count!

THE ANNUAL Great Kererū Count is happening again from the 18th – 27th of September and

City Sanctuary needs your help to count kererū in the Valley.

Kererū may be one of New Zealand's most meme-friendly birds but there is a serious side to their silly antics. Without them, our forests would be in serious trouble. Kererū are the only native bird left in New Zealand with a beak large enough to swallow and disperse the seeds from our largest native plants (like tawa, taraire, pūriri and matai). If you have ever seen a kererū poo you will know — these rotund birds are exceptionally good at spreading seeds!

Counting how many kererū are (or aren't) in our neighbourhoods is really important. City Sanctuary will be using results from the Great Kererū Count to see how community predator control (like that being done by Open Valley Urban Ecosanctuary) is affecting native wildlife. Already, we have plenty to compare it with, as this citizen science project has been going since 2014.

Last year, 314 people counted 894 kererū meaning Dunedin

can say it has 6.84 kererū per 1000 humans! This year, we hope to see more people participate in both timed surveys and one-off observations.

How to join the Great Kererū Count

Between the 18th and 27th of September you can:

Do a timed survey. Choose your favourite spot in the neighbourhood and set a timer for as long as you like. Write down how many kererū you see (or don't see) and report it using iNaturalist NZ (inaturalist.nz).

Report every kererū you see on the Great Kererū Count website (greatkererucount.nz).

For more information and details on how to take part, visit citysanctuary.nz/great-kereru-count

—Kimberley Collins, Community Engagement Facilitator (City Sanctuary)

Teddies get treatment at community day

OUR ANNUAL Community Day, which is open to the public, is being held on Saturday 19th of September this year from 10am-4pm at the Hunter Centre (corner of Great King and Frederick Streets). As well as teddy doctor and dentist consultations, we will have a sausage sizzle, bouncy castle, face painting, obstacle courses, students from the Schools of Pharmacy, Nursing and Physiotherapy, St John Ambulance and more!

Community day is open to children of any age, however children aged 3-8, or those that have had a hard time with health care

professionals in the past, seem to benefit the most.

Teddy Bear Hospital is a free event which is really popular each year, so bookings are essential! Consultations can be booked by visiting our website: https://tbhdunedin.org/—Meremaihi Jackson

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Patrol team thrilled with new vehicle

ANOTHER MILESTONE has been achieved by Dunedin North Community Patrol as we take possession of a new patrol vehicle thanks to generous funding from the Alexander McMillan Trust, Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation along with great support from Gilmour Motors.

The Southern Trust granted funding needed to cover the refit of the new Suzuki Baleno ready for the road and AMI meets insurance costs so we are extremely grateful to them all for the support received, allowing us a dedicated reliable vehicle to maintain efficient patrols.

The patrol is run entirely by volunteers who give their time freely to help ensure our neighbourhoods are safe places to live in. Patrol surveillance and observation can identify potential trouble spots allowing for early intervention and reduction in crime by alerting Police to where their presence is needed. Tasks carried out as requested by Police may include checking security of schools, churches, parks, community gardens and car parks. We may assist other services in emergencies as needed e.g. Fire Service, Civil Defence and Campus Watch.

The patrol is always keen for new volunteers so anybody interested in finding out more about the worthwhile way to volunteer in your community should contact Garry Cranfield on 027 364 1485

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—Marie Sutherland, Secretary and Treasurer



New Dunedin North Community Patrol car ready to go.

valley garden journal



Meet community gardener Lydia Turley

What got you to your first community garden working bee?

A friend had been involved in the garden and telling me about it for a while, so when I moved to the valley I had to come along and see the garden for myself.

What do you enjoy about working at the community garden?

I love the sense of community here! Everyone looks out for each other and gardening often comes second to having a chat. The garden has also been a great way to get to know other people who live nearby.

Is it a big commitment?

No! People are always welcome at the garden, no matter how long they stay or how often they can come. Because we all work communally, the garden always gets tended. Personally, I find it very convenient to be able to work in the garden when I have time and know that others will be there when I'm busy so the garden won't get overrun with weeds (as my home garden does!).

Become a community gardener: September community garden working bees

North East Valley Community Garden

Saturday 5 & 19 September: 9:30-Midday Sunday 13 & 27 September: 1–4pm

Dalmore Reserve Community Garden

Check www.facebook.com/DalmoreCommunityGardenPineHill for upcoming events and working bees

fitness & health

CONTRA DANCE

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

DUNEDIN BMX CLUB

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

FOLK DANCING FOR FUN

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

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LEARN TAEKWONDO

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SPAN NEV

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

STEADY AS YOU GO

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

SPORTS AEROBICS

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

TANNOCK GLEN

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

THREE LEFT FEET

Social dance group, no experience or partners necessary. European dance – folk and traditional, \$5 or \$7.50/ couple, Nga Maara hall, 6pm–7pm,

Thu. Ph. Marilyn 473 7829.

ZEN MEDITATION

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

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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.

SOUNDS NOR'EASTERLY

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

UKULELE SESSIONS

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

WOMEN'S ART GROUP

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

LEARN TROMBONE

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

community

BIBLE HOUR

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

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

DUNEDIN REFUGEE & MULICULTRAL WOMEN'S GROUP

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

FRUIT & VEGES NFP

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

LEGAL ADVICE

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

Telephone 03 474 1922 or email reception@dclc.org.nz to make an appointment.

MEN'S PROBUS

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

DALMORE COMMUNITY GARDEN

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

dalmorecommunitygarden@gmail.com

NORTH EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

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

DUNEDIN MAKERSPACE

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

NEED A JP?

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

NORTH DUNEDIN SHED

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

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

COMMUNITY PATROL

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

trading corner

BABYSITTER

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

BABYSITTER

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

BABYSITTER IN NEV

Experienced, 26 year old, children of all ages. Wide hourly availability. Ph Luana 027 284 7836

luana.suarez62@gmail.com

CAKE BAKER

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

COMPUTERS

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

GARDENER

Gardener available, light weeding/ trimming, winter rose purning, very experienced, \$25/hr. ph 473 0159 (evenings)

HAIRDRESSER

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

LOG SPLITTER

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

RABBIT OR CHICKEN HUTCH

Small hutch available for free, call Des 0277 828 9 00.

CLEANER WANTED

Cleaner for busy valley household once a week (preferably fridays). 2hrs per week \$30 per hour. Reference needed please. Phone 027 586 2548

GARDENER NEEDED

Gardner needed for large jungle in the valley. 2 hrs per week \$30 per hour. Reference needed please. Phone 027 586 2548

SLEEPOUT/SMALL COTTAGE WANTED

Wanted to rent in Pine Hill or North Dunedin.

Please contact Des 027 7828 900

COM2TECH

Classes, device help, Skinny JUMP setups.

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

CodeClub4Teachers

CodeClub4Kids

Wednesday

10.30-12.30 Valley Project

3.30-5.30 Valley Baptist Community Centre-Tech Space.

CodeClub4Kids

Stepping up

Better Digital Futures

Contact: Amy Souquet

Phone: 0272569182

Email: amy@com2.tech

Web: www.com2.tech

Facebook @Com2Tech

Belleknowes Golf Club

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

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

Twilight golf starts October Spectacular views over the city Secretary, Christina King, 467 9499

for families, kids & 0800 SCOUTS. 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. NEV Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd,, 3.30-4pm Wed, and 10-11.30am Sat.

GIRLS BRIGADE

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

MT CARGILL GIRLGUIDES

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

OPOHO PLAYCENTRE

Ōpoho Playcentre is a nurturing play space for 0-6 year olds where children and their wh⊠nau attend together. Our focus is on child-led learning through play. Come make friends, play, learn, and grow. Three free visits. 28A Signal Hill Road. Mon -Fri 9 am - 12 pm following school term times. Find us on Facebook, contact us at opoho@playcentre.org.nz, or ph: 03 473 0819

OPOHO SCOUTS

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

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

www.dunedinchristadelphians.org

SPACE FOR BABIES

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

NEV PLAYGROUP

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

RUDOLF STEINER

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

church services

Salvation Army, 43 North Rd, community worker only, Mark O'Donnell Sacred Heart Catholic, 89 North Rd, Mass 9.30am

Glenaven Methodist, 7 Chambers St, 11am

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

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

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

Opoho Presbyterian, 50 Signal Hill Rd, 10am

NEV Presbyterian, community rooms, 9.30am, first, third and fourth Sundays, cafe service, contact Cameron Sinclair on sinclairs@snap.net.nz St Mark's Presbyterian, 304 Pine Hill Rd, 10am

NEV Baptist, 270 North Road, 10.30am.

Classifed listings: please email voice@northeastvalley.org to update or add a listing, before October 20th please. Koha is appeciated, but not essential, for classifieds.



Possum caught on camera What's on?







Meg Davidson (ledt) and Clare Cross (right, study the photos taken with an infrared motion sensor trail camera at night. The camera was used to identify the location and behaviour of possums in Meg's property, enabling her to trap them more easily. See story on page 4.

Keep New Zealand Beautiful (G.J Gardner Homes) Clean Up Week

7th - 13th September Check out the website for local clean ups to participate in New Zealand's largest clean up event! knzb.org.nz/clean-up-week-2020

Sustainability Circus

26th September "Make a Difference", at Opoho Presbyterian Church Hall, 10 am - 12 pm.

Popup Trap Library

12th and 26th September At the Valley Project community rooms, 2 - 4 pm. Join the Backyard Ecosanctuary by tracking or trapping mammal predators in your backyard.

Need a painter?



COMPETITIVE RATES & QUOTES

Contact Bryan 473 7488 or 021 108 1860 porteous.a.b@gmail.com

Places avaliable at Islington Early Childhood



We currently have vacancies at our community based Centre in North East Valley

We educate children from 2 to 5 years with a small group size of 20 children.

Sessions are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 1.00pm, with an extended day for 4 year olds each Tuesday.

Parent involvement is an important part of our philosophy.

> Please contact us: ph 473-7490 email islington.ecc@gmail.com

Candidates Evening

Opoho Church, Signal Hill Rd, Sunday, September 13, from 7pm to 9pm.

The Great Kererū count

18th - 27th September

Make your sighting count! greatkererucount.nz



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