

## Pupils share stories at service



North East Valley Normal School pupils talk about family heirlooms from World Wars I and II during an Anzac ceremony. The community was invited to the school service and all pupils made a poppy to lay at the memorial arch at the school entrance. Pictured, from left, are Ben and Matthew Richards, Max Martin, teacher Tracy Ballantine, Brodie Sinclair and André Taani.

## Principal will miss the kids after 14 years at helm of DNI school



DNI school principal Ross Leach

THE KIDS are what Dunedin North Intermediate school principal Ross Leach is going to miss the most when he retires at the end of this school term. "They are what it's all about," he

says after 14 years at the helm. Intermediate school pupils are not little kids, but as pre-adolescents they're not high school kids either, and they learn differently from either group, Ross says. Just stand at the school gate and anybody can see the "immense diversity" of pupils.

The school has only two years with each pupil, and focusing on their needs and responding to them has been Ross's simple philosophy as principal.

Every year half the school population changes and teachers and leaders need to be "alert, alive and well, otherwise you

can't do it". "This school is incredibly highly packed from the day they start to the day they leave. We have got to use every ten-week block as fully as possible. The staff get exhausted, but it's one of the exciting things too. The opportunities for kids are immense."

Former pupils often stay in contact and many have gone on to high achievements both academically and in other fields such as sport, he says.

Ross is looking forward to his retirement but he will miss the great team of people he works with. "This school has got a unique and special culture."

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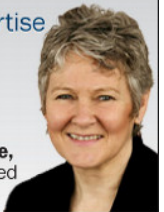
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*Congratulations to Ainslee Place residents who are the winners of lamp-post art for their street after organising a fantastic get-together for Neighbours' Day. Highlights of their event included three-legged races, potato-and-spoon races, sack races and a shared barbeque. Community worker Anna Parker says everybody looked as though they were having great fun when she stopped by. "Many thanks for organising such a thoughtful and fun event for the people of your neighbourhood, with a special thank you to instigator and organiser Kaitrin McMullan."*

*Other Neighbours' Day events around the valley included shared barbeques and afternoon tea cuppa and chat get-togethers.*

## Directory of valley health services



*Second year Otago Polytechnic nursing students, from left, Heather Clarke, Jenna Coleclough and Kristina Anderson with the health directory they created.*

ALMOST 43 PERCENT of valley residents are aged between 15 and 25 years and many of them may be unaware of what health services are available in their local area, nursing students say. This prompted four Otago Polytechnic second-year nursing students to create a directory of health services in the valley that promote physical, psychological and social health. The directory will be included on the Valley Project's website, which is currently being rebuilt.

## All welcome to project AGM

Would you like a key role in the planning and governance of the Valley Project?

The project aims to improve the well-being of the valley community, in particular whānau and children. The Valley Project annual general meeting will be on Tuesday 30 June and all are invited to attend.

If you are interested in being part of the executive board we would love to hear from you. There are spots on the exec for community, youth, arts, education, business and health representatives. For more information phone project staff at 473 8614 or email [project@northeastvalley.org](mailto:project@northeastvalley.org). The evening will finish with refreshments and a showing of Ted Talks on community development. — *Marty Cancilla*



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# Feast will feature song, dance, food, stories

A COMMUNITY feast featuring live music, children's activities, Pecha Kucha and a shared pot-luck is being held to celebrate the International Year of Soils.

Soil and Health Association member Annie Broadfoot says there is an open invitation to the community for what promises to be a fun evening. People can just turn up with a dish for the pot-luck and their best tip about how to look after your soil.

Organised by Kat Anna Fiddle, the evening will start with fun activities for children from 5pm with healthy snacks to keep them going until dinner and something for them to take away. Delgirl will be performing during the pot-luck dinner which starts at 6pm, and during dessert there will a half-hour Pecha Kucha session, in which speakers have just five minutes to pitch their passion. The evening will finish with a barn-dance with music from Catgut and Steel.



Sharing a giant pizza in anticipation of a community feast are Annie Broadfoot, Rita Hamilton (1) and her mother Anna Parker, Frank Boyle and Teli Tekie.

The event is at the Dunedin North Intermediate School hall at 34 North Rd. See you all there. If you can volunteer some time to help out during the evening contact the Valley Project office on 473 8614.

## Matariki celebration a community event for all

PUAKA MATARIKI is not far away and planning for our community event has begun. 'Matariki hunga nui' is a whakataukī (proverb) which means 'The Pleiades have many people'. It is the theme for this year's celebration.

This community event will be on Saturday 6 June at Dunedin North Intermediate School on North Rd. The event is hosted by the Valley Project in collaboration with the North East Valley Community Garden and numerous volunteers. The team will be onsite from 9am. There will be activities to suit all ages from 3pm and the hāngi will be lifted at 5pm.

The community is welcome to join our volunteers at any time of the day. All help is appreciated and you can be involved with helping prepare vegetables from 4pm on Friday 5 June, helping the hāngi pit crew on Friday and Saturday or helping the community garden group.

All activities are free for anyone to attend, but meal tickets for the hāngi need to be pre-purchased as limited numbers are available. Koha is always appreciated. Organise your tickets by Monday 1 June by contacting Marty at the community rooms at 262 North Rd or phone 473 8614. —Paia Taani

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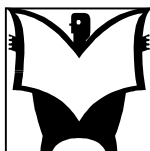
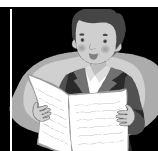
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PILES OF cardboard boxes outside Sacred Heart School might have been mistaken for an end-of-term clean-up. But the clean-up pupils were helping with was taking place thousands of miles away.



Pupils were raising money for the Caritas Challenge 2015 by spending the night sleeping rough in cardboard boxes and only eating plain rice for their meals. They also 'sang for their supper' outside Gardens New World, raising \$300, part of which was used to buy a bag of rice.

The Caritas Challenge is an annual event that encourages youth to take part in a 24-hour activity that brings them closer to the living conditions of those less fortunate. This year donations will go to benefit families affected by

natural disasters in Vanuatu and the Philippines.

Now the boxes have been cleared away, the school is welcoming the community to an open day on Wednesday 6 May, from noon to 1.30pm. There will be a free sausage sizzle, a kapa haka performance from pupils and a children's treasure hunt. To make a \$3 donation text 'challenge shdun' to 833.



Valley Project community worker Charlotte Wilson with baby Finn, who was born on 23 February, weighing 7lb 13oz. Charlotte plans to work with families with young babies when she returns to work looking at breast-feeding peer mentorship, coffee groups and baby massage.

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'... really cool and so yummy'



"We can't wait for the next one," is the call from people who joined the Valley Project's Masterchef-style cooking class. Four teams, which included a children's team, cooked a main meal and a side dish using a mystery box of ingredients, with help from University of Otago human nutrition students.

Participant Talia Wharerimu says she and her daughter loved it and it was great to meet people. "It was really cool and so yummy."

Pictured here, from left, are Vai Kumitau, Murray Smith, student Sylvia Pyatt and Kathryn Davey. The judges for the day were Pip Manning from Food-Share and Jenny Roxburgh from the valley community garden. You can find more photos on our Facebook page

Art work set to grow inside tardis



THE ART tardis has moved to the front of the Salvation Army with a new installation by valley artist Greg Kerr. It is about finding magic and inspiration in every-day objects. This artwork has a surprise element so keep an eye on it over the next month.

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—Jasmin Lamorie



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# Letters to the editor

## Neighbours' Day thank you

I held a Neighbours' Day get-together in my Frame St carport on Sunday 29 March. Thank you to those who came and for the friendly messages from those who were unable to.

It was a very enjoyable, relaxing afternoon – an oasis of conviviality that showed how connecting with your neighbours can be simple and rewarding. Grateful thanks also to the Valley Project and Gardens New World for their help.

Jenny Longstaff, North East Valley

*It was a lovely event, Jenny, and hearing about people who had been neighbours for years but never met before was fantastic. Thank you from all the Valley Project staff for organising —Ed*

## Public toilet push for Baldwin St

I refer to the lack of public toilets on Baldwin St, which is widely advertised as one of Dunedin's major attractions. Do you think the lack of public facilities is acceptable for Dunedin residents and tourists (estimated at 100,000 per year), who come from all over the globe to see 'the steepest street in the world'?

Should they suffer the indignity and embarrassment of having to ask local residents and passers-by where the nearest toilet is, only to be directed to the Gardens shopping centre over 1km away?

The Dunedin City Council has been approached a number of times but say they have no plans in the immediate future to provide toilets, despite several suggestions including the old quarry building opposite and a small strip of land north of the quarry which would make an ideal site.

Urgent action is needed now to be ready for the next tourist season and to prevent any health issues. *(Edited)*

Don Nash, North East Valley

*The Dunedin City Council is very aware that Baldwin Street is a popular attraction with visitors. There is a perceived need for public toilets in the Baldwin Street area, but unfortunately at this stage there is no funding and a suitable site hasn't been found. In terms of letting people know where the closest toilets are, DCC staff have been working on improved signage, in conjunction with local stakeholders, as well as better general information for visitors to the street.*

*Sophie Barker, Business Development Advisor, Visitor Industry Dunedin City Council*

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Interested in Qigong? Ph Ans 473 6114 or 027 756 8383,  
[www.qigongrenxue.org.nz](http://www.qigongrenxue.org.nz)

## ARTYFACTS

Art group for support and motivation, bring your own work. Community rooms, 9.30am–noon, Wed. Ph Patricia 473 1494.

## ITALIAN CLASSES

Exp teacher, native speaker of Italian (PhD Linguistics), ph Antonella 473 0832 or 027 341 8312, [antonella.vecchiato@gmail.com](mailto:antonella.vecchiato@gmail.com), [www.italianclasses.co.nz](http://www.italianclasses.co.nz), Benvenuti!

## LEARN ENGLISH FAST

English for daily life and work, free. Contact Paul or Tamara at English Language Partners 477 7261, [dunedin@englishlanguage.org.nz](mailto:dunedin@englishlanguage.org.nz)

## LEARN ITALIAN

Planning a trip to Italy this year? Fun, communicative lessons with qualified, experienced teacher. Contact Samantha 021 0831 8408.

## MEDITATION

Meditation and mindfulness afternoon workshop every two weeks, Ph 021 035 2392, [www.meditatenz.co.nz](http://www.meditatenz.co.nz)

## QIGONG CLASSES

Jay Glubb runs a Qigong class at the community rooms, 6pm, Thur. Ph 027 584 4537.

## SEA OF FAITH

Highgate Church Hall (cnr Drivers Rd and Highgate), 5pm, light meal, 6pm–7.30pm, meeting, fourth Thur each month.

## can you help?

### ENLIVEN DAY CLUB

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

### MENTORS REQUIRED

Become a mentor to young people who need a good male role model in their lives, Operation 'New Direction'. Ph Rob Fitzpatrick 473 6825, [garden@northeastvalley.org](mailto:garden@northeastvalley.org)

### NORTH DUNEDIN SHED

Working bees, Bonnington St, over bridge, 10am–early afternoon, Sat, coffee, tea & scones welcome. Ph Bob 488 2647 or Paul 474 0060.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD

Qualified teacher has one space for over-2, and one under-2 from 2.30pm on, in home-based education and care. Ph Mia Watkins 021 299 1024.

## trading corner

### BEDROOM FOR RENT

Near gardens, 1min walk to New World supermarket, \$135/week incl power, ph 473 1896 or 022 091 1669.

### COMPUTER SERVICES

Trouble-shooting, tuition, low rates. Ph Dave 473 9542 or [davescomputer@actrix.co.nz](mailto:davescomputer@actrix.co.nz)

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### GARAGE WANTED

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### GUITAR WANTED TO BUY

In good working order for use in church services, Pacific Islanders Presbyterian Church, North Rd. Ph or text 027 473 1434.

### LONG-TERM RENTAL

Family wanting long-term house to rent, up to \$300. Ph 926 6774.

## church services

**Salvation Army**, 43 North Rd, Nitechurch, 6pm

**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, 6pm

**Opoho Presbyterian**, 50 Signal Hill Rd, 10am

**NEV Presbyterian**, 224 North Rd, 9.30am cafe service

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

**NEV Baptist**, 270 North Road, 10.30am; 5th Sunday, 2pm.

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# Code Club proves popular with kids



Spaces filled up fast for the launch of the valley Code Club. Twenty pupils joined the group along with six volunteers and tech professionals.

The valley club is the first Code Club to start in Dunedin and the Valley Project purchased ten laptops for use by the club and the community. Facilitator and project manager Marty Cancellia says the kids got right into it and were getting creative with their coding. "The energy was really high and they had a lot of fun."

Olive Ward and Linus Patterson, front left and right, are excited to get underway at the inaugural Code Club meeting at the community rooms, last month. Pictured behind, from left, are coach Tim Penley (standing), Finn McGilchrist, coach Rachel Saunders, Ellie McKenzie, Eva Woodhouse and coach Nick Adamson.

## Local artistic talent to be showcased



Pine Hill artist Becky Cameron at work in her George St studio

LOCAL ARTISTIC and creative talent will be on display at the Opoho Art Show and Church Fair.

Organiser Gabrielle Pankhurst says last year's art show was such a success they decided to run it again this year.

"It is more about showcasing and celebrating the local talent rather than fundraising." More than 45 artists, who either live in, or have a connection with the valley, will have their work on display.

The art show opens at 11am on Saturday 9 May. It will run for two weekends from 1pm to 4pm, on 9 and 10 May and 16 and 17 May.

The church fair will be held concurrently on Saturday 9 May. There will be books, white elephant and plant stalls as well home-baking, jams and preserves.

A delicious morning tea with espresso or plunger coffee will be on offer, along with a sausage sizzle and a bouncy castle for the kids.

## what's on

### Cosy Homes expo

Find out what resources and help you can get to combat a cold, damp home this winter.

**Valley Project community rooms 1pm-4pm, Sunday, 3 May**

All welcome. There will be hot soup and a bouncy castle for the kids.

### free energy audit

Want some tips, tricks and advice on how to save energy and money around in your house? Get a free energy audit on your home. Call the Valley Project on 473 8614 to have one of our trained home performance assessors help you with this.

### Māori textiles

New Zealand natives used in the manufacture of Māori textiles will be the subject of the next HortTalk at the Botanic Gardens. Speaker, Rua McCallum, is the public programmes developer at Toitū Otago Settlers Museum.