

Lights out at toy library



Jennifer Lawn and Caleb Garden (1) put up solar-powered fairy lights at the Dunedin Toy Library after cutting off the power.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS might be coming on across the city, but the lights have gone out at the Dunedin City Toy Library.

Recently the toy library began to be charged commercial rather than residential rates. This meant we were paying more than \$60 a month in line charges when we were only using 16c of power.

Despite changing providers, we couldn't get the cost down. It was a lot to pay for one kilowatt of power. As we only use a couple of lights on dim days, the occasional vacuum cleaner and the laptop during sessions two hours a week, something had to change. So, what did we do? Disconnected the power!

We bought a handy carpet sweeper and some solar fairy lights to string up. The laptop has a good battery so it's currently being taken home and charged by Ali the librarian once a week.

We'll bring a rechargeable vacuum cleaner from home when the library needs a good clean. Next year we plan to be even more sustainable. We're moving to an online catalogue that can be accessed via mobile phones, so we'll ditch the laptop and look at getting a solar phone charger for that too.

The library is going to save more than \$700 a year which will mean less fundraising for us and a lot more to spend on toys.—*Jennifer Lawn (toy library treasurer)*

Cowboy builder leaves Baldwin St couple devastated



Vivienne and Matt Dwyer outside their Baldwin St home.

MATT AND Vivienne Dwyer are still reeling after a 'cowboy builder' left their Baldwin St home without a kitchen, a condemned bathroom and in need of up to \$100,000 of remedial work, but the generosity of the community and others in the building industry has restored their faith in humanity.

The problems began two years ago, when the Dwyers decided to use a small inheritance to fix the rotting foundations on their house. They found a builder who was licensed with Licensed Building Practitioners and that was when their nightmare began. • continued on page 5

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Baldwin St toilets for Christmas?

TOILETS FOR Christmas!

That's the message Enterprise Dunedin destination manager Ryan Craig delivered to about 25 people at a Valley Project executive board meeting and community consultation.

Three sites are being investigated for these temporary trial loos. Mr Craig stated much more consultation is necessary before plans for permanent loos are made.

Mr Craig did a good job of listening to the concerns of Baldwin St residents, local business owners and Valley Baptist Church pastor Steve O'Connor regarding not only toileting but also road safety, signage and rubbish management. Much of the feeling was that we would like to see our visitors cared for with appropriate services.

There was also discussion about how to allow access for tourists, to some of the other wonderful assets of the valley such as Chingford Park and the disc golf course.

Other matters discussed in the meeting, which included the monthly Valley Project board meeting, were fundraising issues and the sale of the project community vans which were costing the project too much money for upkeep and administration.

Plenty of snacks were available throughout the meeting and folk were milling about chatting long after it had concluded. People were grateful for the opportunity to be heard and to meet some members of the Valley Project executive board.

—Steve Tripp (Valley Project executive board member)

From the editor

THIS IS our final issue of the year and boy, is it a packed one. Well done to the toy library for coming up with an innovative and sustainable solution to the issue of their high power bills. They have a huge selection of toys for children and this is a great resource for families.

We have some other valley treasures featured in this issue too, such as the hidden gem of Tannock Glen. This garden is always worth a visit.

I wish everybody a merry Christmas and a happy summer. We will be back with our next edition in February. Remember to send through any stories and photos throughout the holidays if you would like to be featured in our next issue.

—Edith Leigh

Community computers



THE VALLEY Project has a great resource—a bank of 12 laptops available for use by the community and community groups.

They are used by the free computer class held every Tuesday morning at the community rooms, which helps people become more confident with using computers. In the past they have been used by Code Club, which is no longer running. The Valley Project would like to offer them for use by families afterschool, but we would need some volunteers to help supervise this use. If you or your family might be interested please talk to one of our community coordinators in the office. Phone 473 8614 or email anna@northeastvalley.org or charlotte@northeastvalley.org, or let us know if you have any other ideas to make this valuable community resource accessible to more people.

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Book to bring valley history alive again

A REPRINT of Carole Hendry's book *Ferguslei to Hawthorne* looks set to sell out as fast as it did in 1976, when all copies were snapped up within a few months.

Andy Henderson, who has helped her organise the reprint, says everybody he talks to says they would like a copy of the book.

When the idea of a reprint was first suggested, Carole was stunned to discover the original book selling for \$60 a copy on rare books websites.

The new book has been re-typed and re-set, and they managed to find all the original photographs in the Hocken Library which meant they could be reprinted in high quality.

The valley author and historian says when she first began the project more than 40 years ago it was the personal stories that "brought history alive" which interested her.

Then a mother of two, she would have dinner ready as soon as her husband, Rob, arrived home. He would then do the dishes, clean up and put the children to bed, while she went out to talk to older people about their memories.

Memories, such as one of the original valley settler families arriving at the bottom of what is now Selwyn St with little more than a tent and an empty piano case. The parents slept in the tent and the kids in the piano case. Their mother would prop the lid open with a few



Author Carole Hendry has a look through her original historical book printed in 1976, which has now been reprinted and is available for sale.

bricks at night to let the air in. "It was really a portrait of their lives to a certain extent," says Carole.

One-thousand new copies of the book, which covers the history of the development of North East Valley, have been printed, and are available for \$15 at the Valley Project office at 262 North Rd.—*Edith Leigh*

Thanks and seasons greetings from bike workshop

The Valley Community Workspace Community Bike Workshop would like to thank all the people who have supported and assisted us, or used our services this year.

The bike workshop aims to:

- Promote bikes for transport and recreation for the young and old
- Take in unwanted bikes, parts or accessories for re-use, re-cycling or re-sale.
- Distribute bikes, parts, or accessories for use in the community
- Help with advice, tools, spares and hands-on repairs for fixing bikes
- Support other community ventures in the workspace and in the valley

The bike workshop has no set charges for what we do or provide, but we do have costs—so to be sustainable we ask for donations of 'just what you can afford'.

Volunteers, whether experienced or not, are always welcome. There is plenty to do so just pop in and have a chat with Peter or Ross.

Our opening hours are Saturdays 9.30am–12.30pm and Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm. Our last session for this year will be Saturday 17 December and the first session next year will be on Saturday 7 January.

Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season to all.—*Peter McDonald*

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A 'living library' in the valley



Volunteers helping out at Tannock Glen enjoying a morning tea break. Pictured, from left, are Warwick Harris, Noelene Ombler, Ingrid Emerson and Gretchen Henderson.

TANNOCK GLEN, a valley treasure, is a 'living library' that promotes the vast diversity of the rhododendron.

Located on Torridon St in Opoho, it is the garden of the Dunedin Rhododendron Group. Its purpose is to display a collection of those rhododendrons found in the wild (species), local hybrids and other choice shrubs and trees.

Tannock Glen was started in the early 1970s from a bare paddock of 1.7 hectares.

The prime mover in its creation was local man Ralph Markby, along with two other principal allies.

One was Chas McLaughlin, who had a garden shop and nursery in North Rd and later in Birchfield Ave further up the valley. A plant bred by him, called Birchfield, is in the garden.

The other main man was Bruce Campbell, an extremely talented rhododendron breeder. A large number of plants from

him are in the garden also, such as September Snow.

Since then the garden has been maintained and developed by members of the group with graded paths, bridges, steps, fencing, seats and clear labels to show the names of plants.

Over the years the collection has been developed with plants from New Zealand and overseas, so that you have a chance of seeing rhodo-

dendrons flowering from June to March.

The particularly good collection of magnolias flower from August to November, and autumn colour is another feature to enjoy.

The garden is open to the public at all times. Do come and enjoy what one journalist described as "Dunedin's best kept secret".

It is signposted from the beginning of Signal Hill Rd. There is usually some parking in Torridon street.—Mark Joel

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'we just wanted to make the house nice'

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THE CONCRETE foundation the builder installed in place of the wooden piles turned out to be not only of dubious workmanship but also illegal, as it has no resource consent. "We just wanted to make the house nice so that when we got to retirement age we wouldn't have to worry about house affairs," says Vivienne.

What they got instead was years of stress, says Matt. "For the past two years we have basically sat in this horrible, festering sore called our house."

A recent building report found the work done on the house was poor quality workmanship and not done in "a tradesman-like manner". The majority of the work would not meet New Zealand Building Code requirements and a substantial amount of remedial work, if not complete replacement, was needed for it to do so.

To make matters even worse for this

community-minded couple, Vivienne was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent surgery and treatment during this stressful time.

They now have a \$100,000 rebuild ahead of them, but are extremely grateful to all the people and businesses who are helping them out. Habitat for Humanity is on board and others in the building industry have assisted or donated materials "worth easily around the \$10,000 mark," says Matt. The couple have also set up a Give-a-Little page, givealittle.co.nz/cause/houserescue.

A spokeswoman for Licensed Building Practitioners (LBP) says the role of the LBP scheme is to assess builders as competent to undertake restricted building work and provide a complaints function to hold poor performance to account. The LBP board can suspend, restrict or cancel licenses, but does not have the power to order compen-

sation for an affected party. They cannot comment on individual complaints until they had passed through the system, she says.

Homeowners have rights under the Building Act 2004's implied warranties. A building owner can also take out residential building guarantees and/or home warranty insurance.

The Dwyer's are making a civil claim with the Disputes Tribunal.—*Edith Leigh*

The Dwyer's would like to thank Oregon Builders Ltd, Bunnings Trade, Ellison's Aluminium Ltd, Bramwell Scaffolding Ltd, Habitat for Humanity, Mini Dig Ltd, Hugh Madden Ltd, BGC Innova Design Ltd, Gas & Water Ltd, Trainor Electrical, and Student Job Search for their involvement and support in their house rescue. They also thank all the students, hammer hands, and volunteers.

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Cost of community vans too high

THE VALLEY Project has recently sold its two minivans as the costs of keeping them significantly outweighed any income, and their use by the community and schools had decreased.

The vans were originally purchased with funding from the Department of Internal Affairs, for the use of the local community.

Board chairwoman Margaret Hillerby says the executive board has had some real concerns about the viability of the vans as a social enterprise for some time. The vans cost the Project more than \$15,000 in the last financial year.

The board had resolved to look into alternative ways to utilise them, but they just didn't have the people power, finances or energy to create a whole new business plan around the vans at this time, she says. The Valley Project board is made up of community members who volunteer their time.

With the end of government funding, the sustainability of the Valley Project going forward has become the primary issue. "Many hours are spent by staff on fundraising options. The Valley Project is having to be very creative in the ways we generate income to fund our employees and the activities the

local valley community has identified as being important to them."

Subsidised community transport did not show up as a community priority in our surveys and consultation, says Margaret.

The vans have been sold to Carisbrook School, who plan to use them for school community activities including meeting the transport needs of some of the refugee pupils and their families who have arrived in their area. Groups who have booked the vans after December 2 will need to make other arrangements. The Project apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.



Russian-inspired art works on show

HELLO, MY name is Irina Schreiber. I was born in Russia and moved to Dunedin 14 years ago.

I have always been interested in art and creative processes, from making my own clothes to painting and printmaking.

I started painting about eight years ago and attended various painting classes with different tutors, including Kings' High School art course for adults and printmaking classes at the Dunedin School of Art.

I paint in acrylics, draw in charcoal, love to do collages with papers and fabrics, and printmaking and woodcuts. I have been an artist member of Otago Art Society for the past five years and am very happy to participate in the exhibitions.

I'm interested in different subjects such as nature, portraits, cityscapes and old Dunedin buildings. But in this small exhibition, in the Pop-Up gallery, I'm going back to my Russian roots and I am very excited about this opportunity to show some of my Russian works.

Being able to exhibit and even selling some of my paintings is very satisfying. It brings me great pleasure knowing that other people like what I enjoy doing the most.

For enquiries and feedback please email irinaschreiber@mail.ru or text me on



Artist Irina Schreiber hard at work on her painting.

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Garden tour a 'marvelous success'

THEY CAME in droves, delighted, curious and interested, and enjoying a great day out at the Loved But Not Lavish garden tour in North East Valley, Opoho and Pine Hill.

The previous day was frighteningly soggy but I managed to bribe the weather gods sufficiently to produce a mostly dry day, with patches of blue sky and some warm and welcome sunshine.

There were 13 gardens to visit, some newly created and others well established. Several people reported that they had trodden the paths to each and every one, while others were quite happy to have managed to visit just two or three.

The range of gardens was diverse, not only in size, but from a focus on growing food involving various practices and innovations, to a flurry of flowers and trees bright with the brilliant green of spring.

I have received many positive comments from the visitors — please can you do it again next year, so good that it was affordable, and all being in the same locality made it easy. The feedback from the gardeners was just as

enthusiastic — the visitors were all such nice people, wonderful that younger people are interested in gardening, lovely to have children come, we met up again with people we hadn't seen for years, and meeting new people was a pleasure.

The marvelous success of this day was due to a 'team effort'. A very big thank you to all of you, from every aspect, who helped make this happen.

The community spirit presided over the day, new connections were made and old ones remade. The garden tour raised more than \$800 for the Valley Project.—*Mary Waymouth (garden tour organiser)*



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letter to editor: thanks for support

The Historical Dance group is grateful for the continuous support of the Valley Voice. I want to especially thank Edith for editing, publishing and organising the reliable distribution of the community newsletter in the area every month.

We may take for granted the insight we regularly get from the community newsletter, but we should bear in mind that most suburbs in Dunedin are not so lucky. The newsletter is an essential part of what creates the community spirit in the valley. It is an invaluable resource for community groups like ours. Valley groups would never be able to afford the cost of such publicity. Thank you all, Kate Grace (NEV)

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AGE: 2 year old male

BREED: Neopolitan Mastiff

PERSONALITY: a big goofy softie

LOVES: playtime



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He is great with other dogs but we recommend that he's the only dog in his new home as he will take all of a new owner's attention and care.

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AGE: 7 year old female

BREED: grey-cream Tortoiseshell cat

PERSONALITY: quiet & reserved

LOVES: relaxation



Bumble was found 6 months ago; a stray cat from Helensburgh, with no owner to be found.

She has been living at the SPCA Animal Centre in Opoho since the end of May, but would dearly love her own home in time for Christmas.

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Bond Trek set on Mt Cargill?

AS I gazed out once again at the gentle peak of Mt Cargill/Kapukataumahaka, I wondered: if I can see the radio tower, why can't I get good reception for National Radio?

After some minutes of interweb searching, I found that the Mt Cargill transmitting station is operated by government-owned company Kordia, and I went to ask them: why?

The answer is quite simple. It's because, unlike the 17-FM radio stations, the 11 TV stations and Maritime NZ's radio network that are all broadcast from Mt Cargill, Radio New Zealand is actually beamed out from their own transmitter at Highcliff on the peninsula, through the hill from our house.

TV – all one channel of it – was originally broadcast to Dunedin from the Highcliff transmitter until the Mt Cargill transmitting station was completed in 1970 to give better TV coverage to the wider Dunedin area and coastal Otago.

At 105 metres tall, the tower is the highest self-supporting structure in Dunedin/Ōtepoti, and the 9.3-metre-diameter satellite dish next to it, which receives TV programmes for rebroadcast, is the biggest of Kordia's dishes around the country.

While I was at it, my other burning question was: what *is* inside the building beside the tower?

I like to imagine it looking like some sort of 1960s Bond Trek set, with whirring computer machines, flashing lights and men getting around in jumpsuits.



The inside of the Mt Cargill transmitting station building? Sadly, no.

Unsurprisingly, my fantasy was shattered. While there are still quite a few flashing lights, advances in technology mean that the building now houses digital TV and radio transmitters that don't take up much room and require few people to maintain and operate. However, I was slightly heartened to hear that in the olden days of the 70s it was a bit busier, complete with offices and workshops, and manned by a small army of technicians (possibly in jumpsuits?) whenever TV was being transmitted.

Just like the Goodnight Kiwi, the technicians would turn off the transmitter around midnight and go home to bed too, although presumably not in a satellite dish.

If the weather was bad and they couldn't get down the hill there was emergency accommodation, complete with a south-facing loo with spectacular views over the city!

Signing off for 2016, and beaming happy holiday wishes out to everyone in the vale and its hills. Tune in again next year for more Nev-ology science tales.—*Helen Jack*

community
your local guide

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Families flock to Halloween Party for a scary night out



Hanna Smith (front) and Annabelle Martin show their costumes during the always popular costume parade at the Halloween Party.

THE VALLEY Project's annual Halloween Party was once again a great success. The event was organised and run by an amazing team of volunteers led by Nerissa Kaa.

A big thank you to Video Tech who gave us the use of a smoke machine for free which really added to the spooky atmosphere. An estimated more than 200 people attended the event, which also included a sausage sizzle, a creepy tent and scary story-telling.

Buddy
PROGRAMME

Can YOU be an adult Buddy to a local young person?

Ph Marco at Family Works
Buddy Programme 470 0840



Nite Church service finished

THE SALVATION Army Nite Church service that meets at 6pm on Sunday nights in the valley is no longer meeting. It is regretted this local expression of the Salvation Army is closed down as it has been an integral part of community life in the valley for the past 16 years.

Peony farm visit for dance group

THE LAST event for the group this year is a visit to the Milton peony farm of one of our most dedicated dancers (3 or 4 Dec). Join us to experience an ocean of peonies and come back with a gorgeous bouquet to brighten up your house.

Contact Kate to find out more about the visit on info@frenchdancing.co.nz. Gatherings, classes and events will resume early March next year. Updates are regularly posted on the website www.frenchdancing.co.nz and in our Facebook group: Historical dance - Dunedin.

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, 4pm

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.

for families, kids & teens

CHINESE CLUB

Bear Cats Chinese Club for 6-9 year olds learning Mandarin. 3.30-4.45pm, Thurs, Pine Hill School, 11 Hislop St. \$10 per session, \$8 with whole term booking. Ph 021 589 075 or www.chineseclub.nz

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, 10-11am Wed and Sat.

FANTAIL TRAILS

Unstructured exploration in nearby nature for families with young children, email gabrielle.david@gmail.com

MINI MUSIC GROUP

Preschool music and movement session, 9.15-9.45am, Mon, Nga Maara Hall, Sacred Heart School, school terms, gold coin. All welcome.

MT CARGILL GIRLGUIDES

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

NEW PARENTS' GROUP

Coffee group for parents with babies, 11.30am-1.30pm, fortnightly Mon. 5 Sep, botanic gardens picnic, BYO food, meet at playground. 19 Sep, Mosgiel playground, BYO food, ph for carpooling/transport options. All welcome. Ph Charlotte 473 8614 or 027 476 1066.

OPOHO PLAYCENTRE

Sessions for 0-6 year olds, 9am-noon, Mon-Fri, school terms, 28A Signal Hill Rd. Visitors welcome. For more info 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.

PREGNANCY YOGA

Move & breathe your way towards a positive birth with experienced yoga teacher & birth educator Uschi Heyd, ph 027 360 0238, 473 0393 or visit www.birthcircle.org

PRESCHOOL MUSIC

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

RUDOLF STEINER

Playgroup in Pinehill, 10am-noon, Mon, Thur and Fri (Te Reo Māori group), 351 Pinehill Rd, \$3 koha & piece of fruit, Ph Steiner School 471 2163.

SPACE PROGRAMME

Programme to support new parents through first year of child's development (Supporting Parents Alongside Children's Education). Valley Baptist Church. Contact Amy on 473 0014 or space.valleybaptist@gmail.com

NEV PLAYGROUP

Come along with your children 0-4 years, Baptist Hall, 270 North Rd, 9am-3pm, Tue, Wed. Ph Michael 473 0572.

YOUNG PARENTS

Young Parents Group Te Roopuu Maatua Maahuri, where young parents come together to share and support each other. For parents who had their first child before 26 years. Children welcome. 12.30-2.30pm, Thurs, community rooms. Ph Susan 021 550 0737.

fitness & health

ATHLETICS & HARRIERS

Children 3-6yrs and 7+yrs, Chingford Park Clubrooms, 5.30-6.45pm, Mon, and Caledonian grounds, Sat morn. www.leithharriers.co.nz

CONTRA DANCE

7.30pm, Mon, \$3, 52 Dundas St. Ph 473 8640 for more information.

DUNEDIN ACROYOGA

Combining acrobatics and yoga, no partner needed. Beginners classes available. 6-9pm, Tue, Opoho Presbyterian Church, 50 Signal Hill Rd. Facebook or email joooske@gmail.com

DUNEDIN BMX CLUB

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

FOLK DANCING FOR FUN

Baptist Church, 270 North Rd, 10am-11.30am, Fri, \$3. Ph Yvonne 455 2406, stureid1@yahoo.co.nz

LEARN TAEKWONDO

Korean martial art, supportive environment. Training Mon, Thur, NEV Normal School hall, 6pm-7.30pm. Ph 027 412 5770 or dunedinolympictkd@hotmail.co.nz

MEDITATION

Meditation and mindfulness afternoon workshop every two weeks, ph 021 035 2392, www.meditatenz.com

NAKAJIMA JUDO CLUB.

Weekly evening class for all levels and ages. Ph. Kerri 021 027 93683.

OPOHO BOWLING CLUB

Dunedin's friendly little club on the hill. Become part of our lawn bowling community, club day 1.30pm, Mon. Ph Paul and Bridget 471 0743.

QIGONG

Classes in Yuan Gong, Ans 027 756 8383, yuangongdunedin@gmail.com Jay 027 584 4537, www.bodymindqi.com

Meet at the gardens on Saturday mornings from

Dalmore Reserve community garden

At the reserve entrance on Allenby Ave

Saturday 3 Dec 9am-noon

Sunday 11 Dec 1pm-4pm

Saturday 17 Dec 9am-noon

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***no working bee 25 Dec**

NEV community garden working bees

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Classifieds and community notices (for non-profits)

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voice to keep safe. Contact Imogen
ircoxhead@gmail.com

SPAN NEV

Stretch'n'flex, low-impact exercise, St
David's Presb Church lounge, 10am-
11am, Tue, over-65s \$3. 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.

TANNOCK GLEN

The 3.5acre garden of the Dunedin
Rhododendron Group is situated in
Torrison 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.

YOGA IN THE VALLEY

Instructor Adair Bruce, DNI tech block,
6pm, Mon-Fri, \$5 waged, \$4
unwaged; St David's Church, cnr
James St & North Rd, 9.15am, Mon,
Wed, Fri, adairbruce@hotmail.com

ZUMBA

All welcome with or without children,
qualified instructor Liana, 11am-
noon, Mon, Baptist Church hall, \$5, ph
021 299 1024.

further education

COMPUTER CLASSES

Free class, 9.30-11am, Tues, commu-
nity rooms, 262 North Rd. Tutor Rob
Tigeir. Ph Afife 473 8944 for info.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Multicultural Women's Group New
English speakers welcome, 10-noon,
Wed, community rooms, 262 North
Rd. www.multicultural-women.com

FREE LITERACY COURSE

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

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Planning a trip to Italy this year? Fun,
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SEA OF FAITH

Highgate Church Hall (cnr Drivers Rd
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art, craft & music

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ART CLASSES

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welcome, tutor Anneloes Douglas,
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and 6pm-8pm, Fri. Ph 027 307 7034,
467 9993, anneloes.douglas@xtra.co.nz

ART CLASSES

Continuous class, newcomers wel-
come, 1pm-3pm and 7pm-9pm, Wed,
St David's Church, \$15 per session. Ph
Friederike 482 2025.

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.

KNITTING SQUAD

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

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

SUNDAY SOUNDS

Pre-Christmas community concert. Sun
11 Dec, 1-2.30pm, Dunedin Botanic
Garden bandstand.

community groups

BIKE WORKSHOP

Get help - use our workshop, bikes
available for koha. 3.30pm-5.30pm,
Tues, and 10.30am-1.30pm, Sat,
Community Workspace, 11 Allen St.

DUNEDIN MAKERSPACE

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

DUNEDIN NORTH LIONS

Always welcomes visiting or new
members. Ph Ed 456 4317 or
Murray 473 8044.

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, Mon, NEV Bowling
Clubrooms. New members welcome.
For more info ph 455 6683.

MEN'S PROBUS

NEV bowling club, 10am, 2nd Mon
each month, new members welcome.
Ph Don 473 7544.

MULTICULTURAL GROUP

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

PINEHILL COFFEE & CAKE

Morning tea outing to Dunedin café,
last Wed of each month. Ph Carolyn
477 7115 for more info.

NORTH DUNEDIN SHED

Sat mornings Bonnington St over
bridge. Ph Paul 474 0060.

OPOHO EUCHRE GROUP

Opoho Bowling Club, 1.30pm, Wed.
Ph Roy 473 7162.

trading corner

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

Experienced 21 year old. Ph Kelly
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WANTED TO BUY

Local family looking for house to buy
in NEV, Opoho, Glenleith, privately or
through agent. We'd love to hear
from you if you are considering sell-
ing. Ph 022 186 3009 or
hmg11wrk@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community notices welcomed. Priority given to groups and activities based in
the valley. Please keep notices brief - they may be edited to fit the space.

Email voice@northeastvalley.org

The next edition of the Valley Voice will be in February next year.



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Old school photos recreated



Room S3 pupils at North East Valley Normal School have been re-creating historic 1970s school photos they discovered and taking their own photos to leave for classes in the future. The original photos from the 1970s were taken by photographer Barry Kelk, who was a teacher at the school at the time. The class also decided to set up their own photos, including the one above. Pictured, from left, are Liam Marsh, Jack Aubin, Francis Valdez, Courvasiaye Thomas, Finn Abey, Xavier Marshall-Shore, Dakota Tinirau-Connolly and Ryan Hay.



Spot the old and the new. The photo on the left was taken in the 70s and the one on the right this year.

FoodShare programme winds up for end of year



THE VALLEY Project FoodShare programme is an initiative to offer short-term help to any local families experiencing difficult times. We offer friendly chats over a cuppa and food boxes, supplied by FoodShare Dunedin, on Fridays. We can link you to other support services if you need them. Pop into the community rooms to talk to a volunteer. FoodShare in the valley will close on 16 December and applications for 2017 short-term help are open from Thursday 19 January next year.
 —Tamsin Greer (FoodShare volunteer)



Seasons greetings
 and
happy holidays
 from the Valley Project team