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# ONE OUT OF THE BOX

There is a new venture just established in the Valley Community Workspace at 11 Allen Street. The Box Cycle Servicing is working alongside Dunedin Electric Bikes as a standalone service and repair business, extending the capacity for cycle repairs to now include all species of bikes.

Sarge, the owner of The Box Cycle Servicing, comes with a huge reputation around town as a top mechanic, backed up with 40-plus years of cycle repair experience and a comprehensive workshop. Sarge has an eye for detail and enjoys a challenge. His recent work includes repairing a coaster brake on a restored 100-year-old bike, modifications to a cargo e-bike to accommodate the whole family, and assisting clients to set up their bikes to suit their riding styles.

There is no job too big or too small. Same-day service can often be arranged, and with a nowait philosophy around puncture repairs, The Box Cycle Servicing will quickly get you back on the road. Full cycle restoration, custom stickers, and paint are also available. So if your bike needs a major

overhaul, some snuggy around the headset, or a good fluff-up after a dusty ride, drop it in for Sarge to sort. The shop is open 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, and 9am to 2pm for drop-offs over the weekend. Contact Sarge on 022 530 9914. -- Nathan Parker

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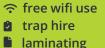


# THE WORD OF THE MONTH IS CONVIVIALITY!

We know what community is, but how does it work? One way is through a concept of conviviality; the art and practice of living together in difference. Examples of this in action include school fairs, educational workshops, rallies, garage sales and church fundraisers, playgroups and clubs - even having an active social media presence! How are you creating opportunities for convivial encounters?

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# **2024 VALLEY VOICE SCHEDULE**

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

Check the bookings calendar on our website for availability (www.northeastvalley.org/services/community-room-bookings), then book by emailing reception@northeastvalley.org.

Community Concession (public)	General (private)	Birthday Parties	
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# A QUICK NOTE FROM OUR CHAIR

It's hard to believe that summer has gone and we will soon begin to bunker down in our homes trying to stay warm over those challenging winter months. This is a great time to make sure that you are prepared for the season.

Start by checking if your curtains have insulating liners, if you have enough draught stoppers for your doors, and if your windows are properly sealed. The Valley in wintertime is often one of the coldest areas of the city! The Dunedin Curtain Bank, Cosy Homes, and Healthy Homes through Te Whatu Ora are some community solutions to keeping warm this winter. If you need help with referrals, come and chat to our friendly team at The Project.

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-- James | james@northeastvalley.org

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# 'SQUEEZE' THE DAY!

Join us in celebrating a hugely successful 2023/2024 fruit harvest season! The Valley Project, together with Ōtepoti Community Fruit Harvest and Our Food Network, will be hosting a day of free workshops and activities, apple and pear pressing, live music, and more!

Bring along your keep-cup for the coffee cart, as well as your own lidded containers for filling with fresh juice made on the spot using locally picked fruit. Plastic bottles are ideal because they can be frozen and defrosted at a later time, such as for hot mulled apple juice during winter solstice celebrations. Jump into the pressing production line with chopping, bottling, and sales which will fund the next harvest season. Eftpos available.

Sunday, 28 April, 11:30am - 2:30pm The Valley Project, 262 North Road, North East Valley

# **GET YOUR RECYCLABLES READY!**

Waste Diversion Day is about giving our community the option to responsibly recycle the sort of stuff that isn't included in kerbside collection. Phoenix Metalman Recycling will be on hand to collect your scrap metals, batteries, and e-waste. See their website for specifications: <a href="https://www.phoenixrecycling.co.nz">www.phoenixrecycling.co.nz</a>. We'll also be collecting unwanted paint.

It's also a day of free community workshops for learning ways to reduce waste coming into your home. Enviroschools will run a course on beeswax wraps, and Sew On will teach you how to make sustainable period products. Com2Tech will offer device repair and deconstruction opportunities, computer skill-building, and a place to donate your digital technology.



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We'd love to hear from you! Send us your local photos, stories, announcements, etc. Next deadline for newsletter copy is 24 April, 2024.

Submissions later than this date cannot be guaranteed space. Please keep your contributions to 300 words or less. Advertising information available on the VP website.



Kia ora tātou katoa! Ko Claire Speedy tōku ingoa. I'm Claire, the new Community Development Coordinator. Nō Tāmaki Makaurau ahau. Originally from Auckland, I've been living in Ōtepoti Dunedin for about three years, mostly in Normanby. I'm looking forward to joining the Valley Project team and working alongside the wider NEV community to support your ideas and initiatives to make NEV an awesome place to live and grow. I love the water and I'm a member of the Ōtepoti Dragons - Dunedin's only dragon boating team. I also love getting out on my bike to explore my new home, and spending time in the garden. Pop into The Valley Project and say hi! -- Ngā mihi nui, Claire

Hi everyone! Your new VP Admin here. I'm looking forward to working with the dynamic team at The Valley Project. I have spent the last 24 years with Federated Farmers who have recently closed their Dunedin office. My background is in office administration and supporting the communication and marketing teams with publication design. I've been in Dunedin my whole life! I spent my younger years living in the Valley and attended North East Valley Normal before moving and swapping valleys for Kaikorai. I now reside in Brockville with my border collies Caffe, Vienna, and Java Joe (yes, I love coffee). I like to relax doing craft projects and have recently started felting. -- Bronwyn Wilson

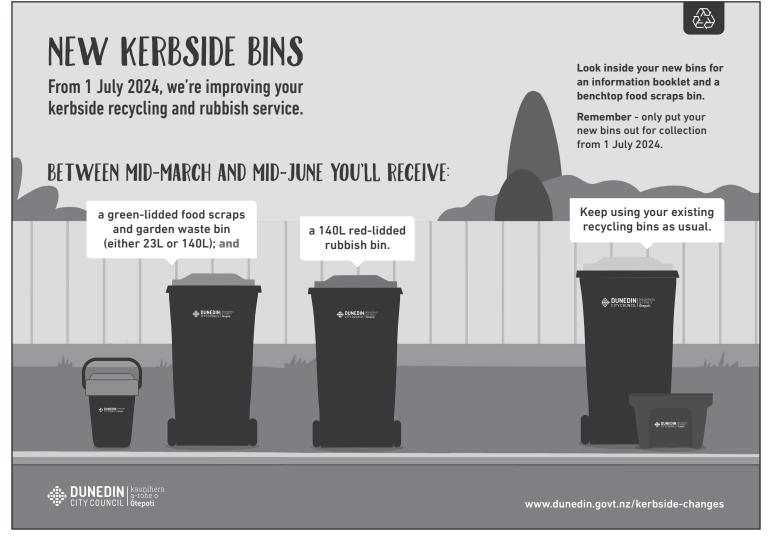




Many thanks to the Crush The Cargill team for their generous \$3k donation to The Valley Project! It was collected during the 2023 instalment of the endurance race via Give-A-Little contributions, participant entry fees, and koha from event attendees. Our future environmental and community resilience work will greatly benefit! This was the first year that Crush The Cargill offered a 36-hour race that ran alongside the classic 24-hour challenge, both which delivered some outstanding results. The Valley Project staff, executive, and volunteers are most grateful for the continued support from all of those involved! -- James Sutherland

We would also like to express our gratitude for volunteers Chris Rollo and Bryan Murray. For several months now these two gems have been committed to assisting the Valley Project staff every Thursday! On top of routinely tidying our Pātaka Kai open street pantry, they have helped in packing produce, sorting reception supplies, archiving Valley Voices, and heaps more! Chris and Bryan serve as a brilliant example that sometimes community involvement can begin with a dash of curiosity and a spirited 'hello' during a casual walk about the neighbourhood! Thanks to you both for your optimism, energy, and eagerness. -- Krysha Brzuza Want to volunteer? Sign up at northeastvalley.org/your-community/volunteer







# **DUNEDIN NORTH PROBUS CLUB NEWS**



# 2023 WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR FOR DUNEDIN NORTH PROBUS!

Dunedin North Probus had a successful 2023 year with a steady stream of new members joining the Club; though the loss of two long-term members, Murray Gallagher and Blair Conner, were times of sadness, too. In May the Club's constitution was updated to a combined club allowing the inclusion of both ladies and gentlemen as members. Currently Probus has increased its membership by twelve, adding a new vibrancy and enjoyment to meetings and our regular coffee mornings which have become a popular go-to for many inbetween meetings. The Club also celebrated its 40th Anniversary in November with an Anniversary cake and a special reading from the minutes of the Club's first meeting back in November of 1983. Activities for 2023 finished with a well-attended Christmas luncheon at The Rope and Twine bar and restaurant in December.

#### 2024

The first meeting on 12 February was very well attended and included guest speaker Andrew Whiley of the Dunedin City Council.

Andrew is chairman of the Economic Development Committee, and also chairs or has representation in many other community service areas within Council. Additionally, he is a co-founder of the Estate Of Grace Dunedin Estate Services. The company provides a caring approach to estate services after recognising a need for families and individuals to have more options for the management of their estates. His talk in both areas was captivating and there were many questions from the floor which he competently answered.

# **BOB TODD TROPHY**

Robert Hamilton Todd, known as 'Bob', was President in 2003 - 2004. He suddenly passed away in office on 21 August, 2004. His wife, Daphne Iris Todd, was a member of the Dunedin Ladies Probus and she passed away a month before her husband Bob. The Todd family supplied a memorial trophy in the name of the deceased and presented this to the Club, in remembrance of Bob and Daphne, requesting that the trophy be presented annually to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the club throughout the year.

This year is the 20th time the Bob Todd trophy award has been awarded. The recipient was President Wolf Nader who has carried out his duties with competence and dignity. This award acknowledges his outstanding work over his two years in the chair ensuring that the Club meetings continued to be enjoyable. The Club, at this point, is in a very good position for the next person to take up the role.

# **NEW YEAR LUNCHEON**

After a meeting, the members and many partners adjourned to the Concord Tavern, a popular venue for the Club's New Year luncheon. This once again was a very enjoyable way to swing into 2024 and allowed for a good catch-up between members. This has been a popular annual fixture for the past four years.

# **50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROBUS IN NEW ZEALAND**

Probus began in the UK back in 1965 when members of the Welwyn Garden City Rotary Club met other retired friends for morning coffee. From this, a luncheon group named 'The Campus Club' was started. The President arranged the first Probus meeting at which 45 men attended. The name Probus, an abbreviation of the words 'Professional' (Pro) and 'Business' (bus) was put forward by a Rotarian in 1966. Probus arrived in NZ in 1974. There is more to come on Probus and its beginnings at a later date. -- Peter Begg

If you are retired, or close to it, our Probus Club may be for you. There are no obligations to undertake projects, the cost is very minimal, Meetings occur once a month where you can enjoy a cuppa and a chat, and great guest speakers, after which a relatively informal meeting is held to plan outings, lunches, and other activities. For further information contact Peter Begg on 03 455 1256 or by email peabee@xtra.co.nz

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# TAKE A CHANCE ON LUCK

It has been a strange old summer this year! Despite some good rainfall (or annoying rainfall if you had hoped for a long, hot summer), lots of high winds have been overly drying out the garden.

As our group only meets fortnightly, the garden has to look after itself a lot of the time unless someone is able to go and water it in between working bees. It's always good to see what plantings do well without much involvement. If it can survive up here in Dalmore, it will probably do well in most North Dunedin gardens. Gooseberries, blackcurrants, carrots, lettuce, arugula, kōkihi, and silverbeet are always reliable for us.

The Hügelkultur bed we made at the end of last year has kept soil moisture reasonably well. There are some nice wee pumpkins forming from it, which hopefully will mature in time for winter. They had a slow start as the cold weather over Christmas meant they took a while to take off. Next year we'll plant the pumpkins earlier and cover them up for better protection.

We'll soon be planting more carrots, too. Around here they can grow pretty much all year round, and they do particularly well for us. We'll also put in some green manure crops to help improve the soil. Always something to do in a garden!

Now resident in the front garden is a Gone-to-Seed Pod! It has been beautifully painted by Sheryl McCammon. The pod is sealed and weatherproof so seeds stored inside remain dry and in darkness. Community members can take seeds to grow in their home garden, or leave some for others to use. Contact Ruth Arniston for more information on the Gone-to-Seed initiative: gonetoseednz@gmail.com or Gone to SEED. -- Lynn Vare

# DALMORE RESERVE COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEES

Sat. 23 Mar. 10am	Sat. 27 Apr. 10am	Sat. 25 May 10am
Sat. 13 Apr. 10am	Sat. 11 May 10am	Sat. 8 June 10am

# N.E.V. COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEES

Sat. 23 Mar. 9:30am	Sun. 14 Apr. 1pm	Sat. 4 May 9:30am
Sun. 31 Mar. 1pm	Sat. 20 Apr. 9:30am	Sun. 12 May 1pm
Sat. 6 Apr. 9:30am	Sun. 28 Apr. 1pm	Sat. 18 May 9:30am

# **OTEPOTI SEED LIBRARIES**

#### NORTH EAST VALLEY

The Valley Project 262 North Rd.

# PINE HILL

Dalmore Reserve

# DUNEDIN **PUBLIC LIBRARY** 230 Moray Pl.

# **OTAGO POLYTECHNIC**

135 Union St. (east)

# **SOUTH DUNEDIN**

199 Hillside Rd.

# **CAVERSHAM**

The Bowling Club 337 South Rd.

# **ST KILDA**

42 Young St.

# **RANFURLY**

15 Caulfeild St.

## **GLENLEITH**

46 Tanner Rd.

# **OUTRAM**

37 Skerries St.

# **HARWOOD**

69 Harwood St.

# **PORTOBELLO**

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Fundraising goes into classrooms as craft materials and headphones, into the library as hundreds of new books, and into experiences for the kids, such as new play equipment and support for the school camp. Thank you very much for helping support our tamariki's growth!

# FRUIT HARVEST PROJECT EXCEEDS TARGET!

The Community Fruit Harvest project is in peak brother all about foraging the land and sea, and fruit picking season and with all hands on deck! If you're not familiar with our program, we are collaborating with The Valley Project and Our Food Network using funds from MSD and DCC, with the goal of building a food resilient community by picking fruit from individual gardens and distributing it back out to our neighbours. At this time (beginning of March), we have picked just over our goal of 1.5 tonnes, hitting 1.7 tonnes! And we still have so much more to go! We have picked from over 29 properties, with help from over 33 volunteers, and worked over 114 volunteer hours.

One of the best parts of this program is getting to tour some amazing gardens around Dunedin. One that stood out, in particular, was at a plum pick in Evansdale last month. Not only did we collect nearly 100kgs of plums, but we also got to hear the wonderful story from Nia around the history of the property and her connection to it.

Nia's father purchased the property in the late 60's as a bare piece of land, and he slowly added fences and planted rhododendrons, and then the orchard with multiple varieties of plum trees. He also built a double garage on the site, and dug out terraced areas behind the shed. His longterm plan was to build commercial glasshouses and start a nursery as he had extensive plant knowledge. He worked at the Dunedin Botanical Garden for all of his working career. The farmlet has stayed in Nia's family since.

Nia's father taught her from a very young age how to garden, how to make good compost, and how to propagate. He taught her and her

what was safe to eat in nature. As a little girl she would enjoy deadheading the rodos. Her favourite food growing up was fresh homekill of heart, kidney, and liver with a side of her dad's homemade plum sauce, of course.

Nia's fondest memory from the farmlet was, after a busy day shearing and dagging sheep, her dad taking her and her brother across the road to the Evansdale Glen Tearooms and buying a filled roll, a bag of chicken flavoured Ripple chips, and a bottle of fizzy. Then they would sit at the top of the farm and eat the goodies, take in the beautiful view, watch all the tourist buses arriving at the tearooms, and simply watch the world go by.

Nia's father's farmlet is an amazing example of a well planned, established orchard, with different plums ripening at all stages of the seasons. While Nia fondly remembers her dad's plum sauce, now others in the community will get to experience some of this goodness as we have distributed her plums around Dunedin. Thank you Nia for your generosity and for sharing your stories with us!

Dunedin is full of wonderful stories and memories around the fruit trees. Some of the trees we have picked go back several generations, and will probably continue to outlive most of us! If you're considering planting a fruit tree, imagine the number of people it may be feeding in 60 year's time!

We'd love to meet you. Get in touch and come pick some fruit with us (harvest@ourfoodnetwork. org.nz), or share your fabulous trees with your community! -- Karena Garratt, CFH Coordinator



# **ŌTEPOTI COMMUNITY PANTRIES**

N.E.V.

262 North Rd.

**PINE HILL** Hislop St.

**WAITATI** Waitati Library

**MORNINGTON** 27 Benhar St.

> **ROSLYN** 22 Ross St.

**MACANDREW BAY** 488 Portobello Rd.

> **CENTRAL CITY** 12 Russel St.

**CENTRAL CITY** 403 High St.

**ST CLAIR** 41 Hargest Cres.

ST KILDA Bathgate Park

**CAVERSHAM** 336 South Rd.

**CALTON HILL** 73 Riselaw Rd.

**OCEANVIEW** 863 Brighton Rd.

**GREEN ISLAND** 35 Koremata St.

WALDRONVILLE 73 Viscount St.

> **FAIRFIELD** 24 Edith St.

**FAIRFIELD** 

10 Sickels St.

**BRIGHTON** 1020 Brighton Rd.

> **MOSGIEL** 74 Argyle St.

MOSGIEL 65 Murray St.

**WESTWOOD** 576 Brighton Rd.

**HARWOOD** On main road



# WHAT'S ON AT OPEN VALLEY URBAN ECOSANCTUARY IN 2024



We have many volunteer opportunities throughout the year, including ongoing work and plantings at the Riparian Rhapsody in Chingford Park, maintenance of our community orchards, tending our native plant propagation nursery, and clean-up days in the Valley. Our propagation nursery has quite a few plants growing at the moment, most of which are earmarked for an exciting project with Pine Hill School. However, we are running quite low on soil/compost and larger pots. Do you have any we can use?

Thanks to funding from Otago Catchment Community, Open VUE will be completing the Lindsay Creek Community River Restoration Plan this year. To do this we will hold a few community consultations and will have online surveys available. All of the information gathered will be amalgamated and used to guide the completion of the 100 year plan. If you want to contribute, keep a lookout for the dates posted on our Facebook page and in the Valley Voice.

Open VUE will be participating in Wild Dunedin on 21 March. This year's theme is "weather". Stop by our marquee to find out how weather affects seed dispersal in the Valley. As mentioned previously, we also have plans to work with Pine Hill School on a very exciting project aimed at increasing biodiversity on their campus. To do this

we will be holding some volunteer days to collect seaweed and create biochar.

Another goal for Open VUE during 2024 is to build a worm farm to be used at the Valley Project office in an effort to minimise/reuse our waste. Do you have any experience building one? We're always keen for some help or even just some advice about what has worked for your setup. -- Jennie Wagner-Gorton



# FREE PLANTS FOR PARTICIPATING!



**GARDENSTAR** 

Homeowner garden biodiversity assessment

Private gardens often make up a large area of many towns and cities and can be green spaces that support natural biodiversity of plants and animals. How good a private garden is for biodiversity depends on the area left uncovered by buildings and pathways, the type and amount of vegetation, the things you do in your own garden, and other features of your garden and neighbourhood. Using this simple assessment, you can evaluate the biodiversity value of your own garden.

Scan the QR code for more information or email openvue@northeastvalley.org to get a copy of the assessment.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SEWING AND STRATEGIZING

Sew On Plastic-Free Period Management is now hosting two weekly sessions for sewing working bees and conversation on campaign strategy. Until May, both three-hour sessions will run on Mondays at 9:30am and 6pm from Dunedin's LoomRoom on Allen Street.

Free training is provided to volunteers who are willing to work with us until at least the end of May. Sew three pads and get one for yourself at no cost. Be a part of a community, have fun along the way, and enjoy the warm fuzzies that come from doing something useful!

♠ SewonNZ | christine@sewonperiodcare.org



# IT'S POSSIBLE TO USE BUSINESS TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD

Trade Aid is a New Zealand founded social enterprise combining community development and trade. We create fair trade for all by working with small food and craft producers around the world while supporting and educating kiwi consumers.

We source our handmade, organic and fair trade products from 59 trading partner organisations across Africa, Asia, Latin America, Palestine, and the Pacific. Using the World Fair Trade Organization's principles and our own Charter which guides our work and decision making, we focus on bringing change through long-term partnerships based on honesty, transparency, and equality.

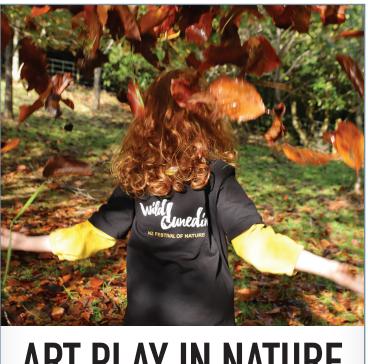
Since 1973, Trade Aid has been wholesaling beautiful craft and organic food products to hundreds of other kiwi businesses, who we've welcomed into our fair trade family of businesses. It's a whānau that puts people over and above all else. Trade Aid Dunedin is now a proud supporter of the Valley Project!

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 10am - 4pm, Sunday 11am - 3pm 133 George Street, Dunedin Central

• OtepotiDunedinTradeAid







# ART PLAY IN NATURE

11am-2pm Sunday 21 April - Chingford Park

Interactive community land art installation, nature-based activities, music, food and drinks with special guest Suzy Cato.





# **9TH WILD DUNEDIN** FESTIVAL COMING IN APRIL

The Wild Dunedin team are thrilled to announce that our popular Festival is on again in the school holidays, 19 - 28 April.

This year our Festival is focusing on huarere/weather. What makes Dunedin's weather special? How can I plan my vegetable garden and orchard for the changing weather? Why are clouds important for Orokonui Ecosanctuary? These and many other questions will be answered for you along with the opportunity to visit many home and community open gardens including the North East Valley Community Garden, and workshops on composting and permaculture. Also on offer are deals on wildlife tourism trips, and much more.

Because it's in the school holidays, the Festival is a great opportunity for friends and family to visit Dunedin for 10 days of fascinating events celebrating Ōtepoti as the wildlife capital of Aotearoa.

There will be old favourites such as Suzy Cato's event for children with the Wildlife Hospital, Wildlife ER, sessions on bees, yoga, plogging, diving in a kelp forest, deals on indoor bouldering, bird watching and sessions on bird photography there's something for everyone at this year's Festival.

A highlight of the 2023 Festival, the hugely popular Art Play in Nature at Chingford Park is on again, bigger and better. Artists Janet de Wagt, Pamela Brown, and Kerry Mackay will work with all ages to create a giant tapestry/collage on the Bridal Lawn using nature's materials such as autumn leaves, twigs and cones. Conservation groups, musicians, displays, and food and coffee will make for a wonderful day celebrating nature.

Dunedin Libraries, Tūhura Otago Museum, and Toitū are all hosting events, plus fine dining at three restaurants, boat trips, a session on making gin, and opportunities to help yellow-eyed penguins. Bookings are open for a Wild Night Masquerade at Larnach Castle with transport provided from town. The event is in support of yellow-eyed penguins. To book for the Wild Night go to www.wilddunedin.nz.

The programme will be launched on 15 March, printed and online, and bookings for all other events can be made then. We'll be handing out programmes and doing free face painting at the South Dunedin Street Festival on Saturday 16 March. Programmes will be available at all public libraries, mobile libraries and The Valley Project.

To keep up to date and see the programme when it's live, become a Friend of Wild Dunedin on the website. Follow us on Facebook NZ Festival of Nature.

# ART PLAY IN NATURE WITH **WILD DUNEDIN**

Valley residents are in for a treat on Sunday 21 April when the Wild Dunedin Festival holds another Art Play in Nature extravaganza at beautiful Chingford Park.

After 2,000 people came to Chingford for Art Play for Earth Day during the Festival in 2023, we decided to do it all again. As well as making a giant installation out of autumn leaves with local artists, you can meet various environmental groups including Predator Free, Extinction Rebellion, and Town Belt Kaitiaki.

Keen to safely climb one of the impressive trees? Branch Dwellers recreational tree climbing will be there to show you how.

You can choose from a range of food and drink options, the Electric Bookbus will be there, and local musicians will be playing. Weather postponement date is Sunday 28 April.

# WHEN THE SOUTH QUAKES, RATTLES, AND ROLLS

anniversary of the 1974 earthquake, the most damaging earthquake to hit Dunedin in the last century. Rumbling in from the sea, just offshore St. Clair at 7:50pm on 9 April, the magnitude 4.9 earthquake—almost

embarrassingly small by national standards for a 'most damaging earthquake'—managed to crack masonry and topple chimneys across the city, particularly in South Dunedin.

I wrote about the 1974 earthquake a few years back, so this time let's go even further back into the mists of time, to two other notable Dunedin earthquakes.

Just after 5am on 28 January, 1921, slumbering Dunedin-ites were jolted awake by what the Evening Star called a 'smart shock of earthquake' that apparently woke up 'all but the heaviest of sleepers', and according to the Otago Daily Times, 'raised fear in the hearts of the timid'. Golly. The shaking only lasted a few seconds but managed to make crockery 'dance on the shelves'. It was felt as far away as Oamaru and Owaka suggesting something around a magnitude 4.5-5.0, probably somewhere out to sea; curiously, later that morning a heap of unusual seaweed was seen washed up at St. Clair.

The 1911 rattle was the insult to injury for North East Valley. Just after Christmas that year Dunedin was drenched by a series of storms. On 28 December, during yet another deluge, Valley residents watched as torrents of water flowed down the hillsides, and Lindsay Creek rose and rose until that night when it tumbled out of its banks and into low-lying houses. But as if that wasn't enough, just before 10pm

In April you might hear about the 50th had passed'. This earthquake was widely felt from Waimate to Gore and inland to Arrowtown, and damaged some buildings near Ranfurly, indicating an inland epicentre with a probable magnitude of around 4.5-5.0.

> Having lived in Wellington, and Christchurch through the earthquakes, it is nice to live somewhere I don't worry so

> > much about the shakes. However, the geologist's maps of Otago are crisscrossed with earthquake faults that can create earthquakes larger than our written history suggests, albeit not as often as their cousins further north.

And what about the Alpine Fault? Luckily for us we are about as far away from that puppy as you can get in the South Island without moving to the Catlins. So while the official chances of a (probably) magnitude 8+ Alpine Fault earthquake are 75% in the next 50 years, by the time the shaking gets to us it will have calmed down a bit from 'very destructive' to merely 'strong' or 'moderate' shaking. But it will be looooong, like a couple of minutes. (The higher the magnitude the longer the shaking, so even if the shaking is mild, but it goes on for a long time, you know it is big - somewhere.) We are unlikely to have much direct damage from an Alpine Fault earthquake, but there will be inconveniences like power and communication cuts, supply issues with roading networks disrupted, and injured people from elsewhere filling up our hospital. (For all things Alpine Fault check out af8.org.nz).

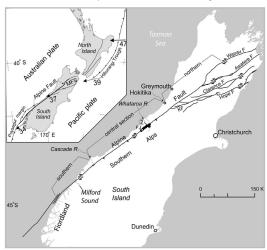
So, what to do? Here's one quick suggestion: please make sure you don't have heavy things on shelves or pelmets above your bed! Having a bit of stored drinking water (some fizzy bottles is better than nothing), a few torches and batteries, and an alternative way of

cooking/heating will also make life less the ODT reported a 'sharp shock of earthquake' that 'added uncomfortable when the S hits the F. And look out for our 'half

# EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Two distinct earthquake shocks lasting for 15 seconds, were felt here at 10 o'clock last night.

Credit: Papers Past National Library



Credit: NZ Journal of Geology and Geophysics



GNS: New Zealand Active Faults Database

further to the alarm of residents in the flooded area and gave a community response plan' coming your way later this year. rise to fears of some disastrous happening before the night -- Helen Jack (www.civildefence.govt.nz/get-ready)

# DCC BUSY BANDAGING VALLEY BANKS

Last year I promised an update on Dunedin City Council's work to stop Buccleugh Street sliding down to meet Sacred Heart Church. I am delighted to report that as of late February the street is back open to 'two lanes' and sporting a shiny new, \$180,000 retaining wall. The wall was built using eight 4.5m long piles, which hold back timber planks, which in turn hold back the soil, which is in turn all secured into the rock by two steel anchors. Hopefully that hill won't be going anywhere anytime soon.

For those of us who venture further up the Valley, you'll know that North Road was also down to one lane for two months while a section of hillside above the road was stabilised to protect both the road, and the houses above. This was a shallower slide, and was stabilised using steel anchors, matting and shotcrete, which is pretty much spray-on concrete (sounds kinda fun!). -- Helen Jack



# POSITIVE BIRTH EASING NEW BEGINNINGS

Positive Birth Dunedin (PBD) is a Not- June 1 - 2 and 8 - 9, 10am - 12noon. For-Profit group of four volunteers who dedicate their spare time to their passion for birth work in our community. PBD works with the vision of the former Dunedin Home-Birth Association and a drive toward the inclusion of all birthing whānau and improving the outcomes for birth through a social justice lens. We are a student nurse, a midwife, and two birth educators (one in training). Collectively we represent a diverse experience of birthing our children, both within the hospital system and at home.

Currently we have a beautiful new birthing pool for hire! Be the first to give the very popular Birth-Pool-In-A-Box a go! The pool is perfect for limited space and water use. Feel enveloped and supported during labour. It is hirable from 37 weeks gestation and can be kept as long as needed! Cost is \$130, including accessories and a new hygienic liner. The pool is priced as cheaply as possible in order to ensure equitable access for all whānau.

We also have a series of exciting classes coming up in June. These classes offer crucial education for whānau who are hapu/pregnant. Our classes will be held in the Fred Hollows Room at The Valley Project over two weekends: The cost is \$90 and includes both weekends and your support partner. All of the content to be covered will be aimed at supporting you in having an empowered birth, whether at home or navigating the hospital system.

In our classes we will cover:

- the hormones of labour
- positional techniques
- relaxation methods/pregnancy yoga session
- · caring for your emotional wellbeing and your body after birth
- breastfeeding
- self advocacy
- navigating unexpected outcomes
- birth pool set up
- curating your birth space
- · how we can weigh up our options in pregnancy, birth & postpartum

The next set of classes will be in September, so this upcoming set of classes is perfect for those whānau expecting their babies in the next three months following June.

For more information on our classes, payment plans, services or general queries on how we can support your birthing journey, please check out our Facebook page Positive Birth Dunedin, email dunedinpositivebirth@gmail.com or text 027 376 6790.



# **EMPOWERED BIRTH**

# CLASSES

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☐ Megan 027 245 8605
☐ artfibredunedin.blogspot.com

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# community

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# www.alzheimersotago.org.nz

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# employment

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# **MATURE BABYSITTER**

I'm a mother with grown-up children, (full driver's licence) now available for babysitting. Minimum of three hours and also able to help with homework! Pauline 027 717 0282

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Steve 027 424 1828

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# WASHING MACHINE NEEDED

Trusty & reliable - cheap/free washing machine required for Islington Early Childhood Centre. Do you have a spare one that could be re-homed to our non-for-profit centre? Sarah ☐ 022 694 2202 or ☑ islington.ecc@gmail.com

# **WELDING REPAIRS**

Gates, fences, balustrades also. Advanced welding courses. More info: Bob ☐ 027 206 4064

# church services

ANGLICAN: ST MARTIN'S 194 North Rd, 10.30am

**GLENAVEN METHODIST** 7 Chambers St, 11am

**LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN**George St. Normal School Hall, 10am

**ŌPOHO PRESBYTERIAN** 50 Signal Hill Rd, 10am

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC** 89 North Rd, Mass 9.30am

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

## SALVATION ARMY

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

# JIM DUNCKLEY HERITAGE APPLE CULTIVAR ORCHARD OPEN DAY

Volco Park, 524 Mt Cargill Rd 10.00am – 4.00pm, Sun. 24 March All welcome! Bring a picnic and sun protection. Talking tours of the orchard and the Apple ID Otago project which will genome sequence all cultivars in the orchard from the University. Note: no toilets or running water on site.

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# GARDEN'S CORNER CAFÉ A TREAT FOR PUKU OF EVERY KIND



One of North East Valley's newest food establishments, Garden's Corner Café, took over the old Crusty Corner building at the junction of the Botanical Garden and New World.

It's immediately inviting upon walking in as you're greeted by big smiles from owners Paul and Jennifer, and the company of Valley residents from all walks of life (and further afield). As I write, clientele include three new mothers, a builder, two senior citizens, a walking group from the Taieri On Tour, and myself, a 24-year-old student.

The café has something for everyone. There's an all-day menu, a pie cabinet, and a sweet cabinet. All food is made in-house. In the time that I've been coming in, the menu has been expanded upon, so there are always new things to look forward to. Their latest menu item is a thick and

hearty Reuben sandwich, which I ordered this time around. I must confess I have been a fairly regular customer, so I have sampled the full menu, and this Reuben was especially good. The balance between Russian sauce, cheese, and sauerkraut was excellent; no component overwhelmed the other, and instead brought each one out. It hit the spot on a cool, drizzly morning.

There are also vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options, including a vegan pie that I was pleasantly delighted with on a previous visit. For drinks, there is a wide selection of barista coffee, tea, iced drinks, milkshakes and smoothies. For kids, or indeed for anyone looking for refreshments on a hot summer's day, Garden's Corner Café sells Kāpiti ice cream, and even ice cream floats! For students, there is a 5% discount.

Garden's Corner Café is open Wednesday - Monday 7:00am-5:00pm, closed on Tuesdays. -- Josh Stewart

# PORT CHALMERS LIBRARY & DCC SERVICE CENTRE

**Storytime:** Wednesdays 10:30am

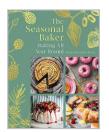
**Kids Book Club**: First Monday of the month, 3:15 – 4:30pm

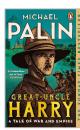
**For blossoming young artists!** Drawing after school on the last Monday of the month – materials supplied.

**Congratulations to Finn Milne!** Winner of the Summer Reading Program's 'Design a Bookmark' Competition. Finn's design will be printed onto Library bookmarks soon!

# New book at the library:

The Seasonal Baker by Michelle Evans-Fecci Great Uncle Harry – A Tale of War and Empire by Michael Palin The Sun Over the Mountains by Suzie Fletcher (an inspirational memoir from one of the stars of TV's The RepairShop)











Dunedin Public Libraries Bookbus schedule for North East Valley area:

**GARDENS:** Opoho Rd. / Shopping Centre Friday 11am -12:15pm

**NORTH EAST VALLEY:** North Rd. / Watts Rd. Thursday 1:30pm - 2:45pm

**OPOHO:** Signal Hill Rd. / Farquharson St. Thursday 3:15pm - 4:30pm

PINE HILL: Pine Hill Rd. / Forrester Ave.

Thursday 6pm - 7pm





# 14TH YEAR FOR BACKYARD INDIE FEST

Lawns shaved and trees trimmed; Fea Street is looking exceptionally tidy just now as Feastock 2024 draws nigh, scheduled two weeks earlier than in previous years. The 15th annual full-day mini-music festival is set for 6 April, 12noon - 8:30pm, at the usual location; the tiered backyard of a legendary flat nestled in the Dalmore bush.

Get your auditory organs primed for doses of fuzz rock, folk, blues, punk, progressive rock, pop, noise, heavy psych, black metal, and dub. Several bands will have merch for sale this year, plus the wonderful Eliza McMillan from Signal Hill Studios will again be on hand for screen printing. So pack a blank garment and some cash to take home some sweet Feastock 2024 memorabilia.

Tickets are strictly limited, so there's no time for sitting on the fence! Ensure you get yourself on the righteous side of it and book your ticket now through Cosmic Ticketing.

Come prepared for all weather - it is Dunnaz after all! Bring plenty of food and snacks for the day as no food vendors will be onsite, although a free BBQ with meat and vege options will be provided in the afternoon. Hydration stations will be sprinkled about the property.

Get your neighbour, mate, or mum to drop you off as there will be next to no parking available! Even better, use your own two trotters! A security team will be there to ensure you arrive and exit the event in a safe manner.

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