

### Thankful to local business

EVERY TERM, the students from NEVN School who issue sports equipment at lunch time are taken down to Blacks Road Grocer for a hot chocolate treat (they just love it!). The tamariki volunteer their time for morning tea and lunch one day a week, for the whole term and this is how the kura thanks them, and Christopher at the store offers a huge discount and excellent service for these super volunteers. The school contacted us as they wanted to thank Blacks Road for such wonderful support. There's a beautifully symbiotic relationship between our local businesses and our local com-

munity, one that has grown and developed over the past year. We're currently looking to further grow this connection, by encouraging you as locals to support our local businesses, highlighting the ways they support the community, and also developing a network for local businesses, new enterprises, local people in business and local creatives to come together, share experiences and direct the support we can offer as the Valley Project.

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# Art + Science exhibit shale rock!

NAU MAI, haere mai. We invite you to attend and take part in the Art+Earth Exhibition.

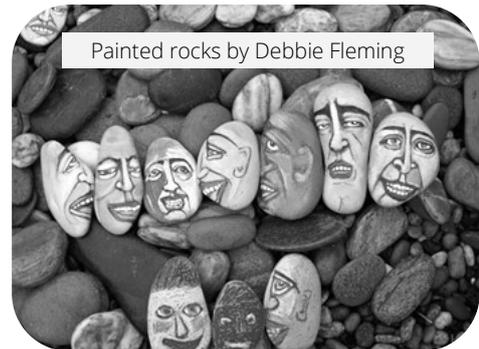
Explore the formation of rocks, as they are layered across geologic time, under restless pressures, ruptures and constant change. Engage with the macro and the micro, with chaos and order. Find out how our planet made us. How have the connections between earth systems affected evolution throughout deep time, and changed the course of histories and cultures? What will our horizons look like in the new geological ear of the Anthropocene? And what about those giant kumimanu penguins who once visited the shores of Zealandia?!

Artists have engaged with research scientists from the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences, University of Otago (Geology, Geography, Zoology and Marine Science) and the Otago Regional Council, to develop artworks in response to the theme "earth science". The exhibition takes place across two weekends and includes gallery talks by the scientists, free art making, games and other activities suitable for families and children. Dr Rock will be on hand to identify rocky treasures as part of "What's that Rock?". Debbie Fleming will be facilitating a community artwork from decorated rocks. The Otago rock and

mineral club will have a pop-up display of things you can discover in your backyard or local swamp. Other activities include giant penguin jigsaws, with guest artist Manu Berry, and tabletop games which can be played with pebbles. There's even the "Great rocky cake" bake off, where Dunedin MasterChef's and home bakers are invited to create a geology inspired masterpiece.

May 15-22 at the Dunedin Community Gallery, 20 Princes Street

Check out their Facebook page for more info: [facebook.com/events/273755371079299](https://facebook.com/events/273755371079299)



Painted rocks by Debbie Fleming



**Whakapiki Reo:** *The uplifting of our community and environment through Māori language and culture.*

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Share with us your aspirations of our Pā Harakeke and where to next.



THE MĀORI and Pasifika Education Trust are on a mission to create educational programmes, exhibitions, workshops, performances and multi-media experiences for schools and communities to participate in Māori and Pasifika culture, stories and histories.

Whakapiki Reo is a project actioned by the Māori and Pasifika Trust where participants learn about our environment through Te Ao Māori, and caring of our pā harakeke at the boarder of North East Valley and the community gardens. Final session 8th May at NEVN, 10am-2pm.

OUR FINAL SESSION FOR WHAKAPIKI REO PROJECT WILL BE HELD AT NORTH EAST VALLEY NORMAL SCHOOL SATURDAY 8TH MAY. 10AM - 2 PM



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**STAND AGAINST SEXUAL ABUSE WEEK**  
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STAND AGAINST Sexual Abuse 2021 (May 2nd - 9th) is a week of awareness-raising around sexual abuse and fundraising for Ōtepoti Collective Against Sexual Abuse (ŌCASA), formerly Rape Crisis Dunedin. ŌCASA works supporting survivors and preventing sexual abuse in Ōtepoti, Dunedin.

This year's theme is Connection & Whanaungatanga. As we all know recent times have been tough for many of us, so we want to focus on bringing back connection and fostering whanaungatanga with one another. For SASA '21 we are working with awesome people in our community to put on a

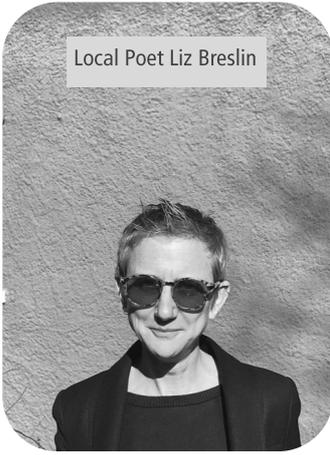
range of events, including yoga, yin yoga, ecstatic dance, theatre workshops, meditation, Unchatter and more.

Visit [ocasa.org.nz](https://ocasa.org.nz) for a full schedule of events.

You can donate for SASA here <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/stand-against-sexual-abuse-week>

Without the help of our donors and volunteers, we wouldn't be able to run this week. He mihi nui to all the amazing people involved. If you would like to volunteer in the future, please get in touch via [funding@ocasa.org.nz](mailto:funding@ocasa.org.nz).

# Audience directed antics at interactive poetry show



Local Poet Liz Breslin

WRITER, EDITOR, performer, and valley dweller Liz Breslin along with fellow poets Laura Williamson and Anabel Wilson, will be presenting interactive poetry show *At the Drop of a Hat* at Dog with Two Tails this May as part of the Dunedin Readers Writers Festival. So how does interactive poetry work? Upon arrival you will be greeted with pen and paper and asked to direct the evenings antics by writing down a single word. All words are placed into a hat from which the poets will

pick at random whilst on stage. It could be adlib, it could be an existing piece, it could be a piece made up entirely of the hat's contents. The idea of the show is to engage and create a dynamic yet amusing performance. Liz says performing this way is totally fun and a way to keep the show fresh. It's such a fun way to structure a show and involve the audience.

Liz has been involved in the poetry scene for fifteen years now, working alongside Laura and Anabel for a decade. Together they formed a group called Poetic Justice Wanaka, who ran local shows as well as performances and workshops with the likes of Cilla McQueen and Sam Hunt.

During her Cities of Literature residency in Kraków in 2019, Liz wrote a poem in response to Szymborska's Possibilities. In the poem Szymborska writes about what she prefers - as an individual and in the world. The piece addresses the topic of human existence and is a result of her experiences during World War II. Upon her arrival back to New Zealand the world had turned upside down and lockdown ensued. Liz presented an idea to Dunedin UNESCO City of Literature, thus the project was born. The Possibilities Project kicked off over lockdown and invited others to write and share their own Possibilities poems. It was

extremely successful and far reaching with people from all over the world participating.

For World Poetry Day, Dunedin UNESCO City of Literature took this idea and bought it to local schools in Ōtepoti/Dunedin. Six different schools participated with all extremely different and amazing outcomes. One of Liz's favourites was a poem called *Space Giants in the Bathgate Park Library*, it was about a portal used to get to the past to visit family lost and figuring out what to see in the future.

Liz has a new book of her own poems coming out with Dead Bird Books in June this year, *In bed with the feminists*. Last year she also co-produced/performed in *rail:lines*, a spoken word tour of the Otago Central Rail Trail with Annabel Wilson and Laura Williamson. Prior to that she has written a hybrid novel, *Attend to them by name*. Her collection of poems entitled *Alzheimer's and a spoon*, published in 2017, was listed as NZ Listeners Top 100 Books. Other poems have been published in numerous places including Best New Zealand Poems, Wild Honey: an anthology of NZ women poets, the Spinoff, and the Otago Daily Times for which Liz also writes a regular opinion column. Liz has performed at Verb Wellington's Litcrawl, Dunedin Writers & Readers Festival, WORD Christchurch, TEDx Queenstown, and in bars, bookshops, and even a fairy-lit skatepark in BC, Canada.

Catch Liz, Laura and Anabel's interactive show at Dog With Two Tails Friday May 7.

Liz will also be joining Jillian Sullivan for a discussion on how place and space affect the heart at DPAG Saturday May 8.

Tickets available through [dunedinwritersfestival.co.nz](http://dunedinwritersfestival.co.nz)

- Jess Covell

## Evocative, alchemical & transcendental poetry at Inch Bar

**THIS MAY** 5th Inch bar will host poetry evening *Three Poets* featuring Ōtepoti/Dunedin poets Kay Cooke, Jenny Powell and Richard Reeve.

Though this event is not a part of the DRW festival the timing is rather fortuitous. Kay Cooke has been a practicing poet for thirty years, it's something she says she has always done ever since she was as child. Kay's poems are succinct; they are evocative tributes to family, place, childhood and nature. Addressing attachment and kinship, love and grief. Her poetry tells a story, a celebration of life. They are personable and very relatable.

Jenny's style is more dramatic, her poems are rich with imagination using colourful narratives and the fluency of her language makes for really stand out pieces, her work is extremely transcendental.

Jenny and Kay often read together, they call themselves J and K. They even take their poetry on tour, through places like Owaka

and Middlemarch, and soon they will be headed to Tapanui.

They frequently target rural areas that have not had poets visiting before, Kay says that these smaller places are really appreciative.

Richards work too is imaginative, and has been described as alchemical and magical. He tends to favour propulsive rhythms and is a master of linguistics. His work interplays between philosophical concepts and specific landscape imagery, he is a composer of slick, oscillating intellectual pieces.

So pop down to Inch bar this May 5th to see these poets and hear their works. The show will kick off around 7pm each poet reading a collection of their poems for your listening pleasure. Did I mention it's FREE entry? - Jess Covell

# Bumper fair for Ōpoho Church



ŌPOHO CHURCH is expecting a bumper fair this year. With all the sorting, sifting and decluttering that went on during lockdown we are already receiving lots of donated goods to sell. People have sorted their wardrobes so we have lots of good clothes to recycle. "The fair's clothing sale has grown exponentially over recent years, from a single stall table, to a small side room, to now the whole church being filled as people become more conscious of recycling clothing," says Miriam Vollweiler, one of the fair

organizers. "The fine old church is spacious and fill of light and the walls are great for displaying colourful items – a bit like a fabric art show." Clothing sales now exceeds the white elephant and books stalls' earnings but the whole range of stalls adds to the lively atmosphere of the fair. There is something for everyone including espresso coffee with delicious cake, hot soup, sausage sizzle, jams and preserves, plants and toys, all to be found in the adjacent hall.

Philip Fleming adds a relaxing vibe with his saxophone playing. Come and visit the Ōpoho Church Fair on Saturday 15 th May from 11am to 2pm on Signal Hill rd. See you there.

- Fiona Stirling

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# Civil Defence Kit updated thanks to local donations

ŌPOHO PLAYCENTRE needed to update the Civil Defence Kit with emergency supplies - just in case anything should happen - and with a recent tsunami warning, it certainly proved to be a good move!

Some water containers had split, and food was coming up to its expiry date, so it was time to update the stock. Luckily, the local Garden's New World and Bunnings Dunedin were happy to help out and ensure our tamariki were well provisioned in case of an emergency. Gardens New World supplied Ōpoho Playcentre with a generous donation of around \$300 worth of groceries including long-life baby formula, canned baby food, dry food that will last a long time, hard lollies and plenty of water. Bunnings Dunedin supplied about \$300 worth of equipment, should we need it.

The families and tamariki would like to give a huge thanks to Brendan and the team at Garden's New World and the great team at Bunnings Dunedin for all their support and such generous donations.

Ōpoho Playcentre is hosting open days from Monday 15th March through Friday the 19th March, 9:30 am-12 pm, as part of Playcentre Aotearoa open week. If you're new to the North East Valley or Ōpoho area, or maybe you haven't visited for some time, it would be lovely to see you, what's more, there's no cost associated with your visit - it's free. We welcome all families



with children under six to check us out. Ōpoho Playcentre is conveniently located away from the road, down a driveway at [28A Signal Hill Road](https://www.google.com/maps/place/28A+Signal+Hill+Road). You can just drop in or contact us at [opoho@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:opoho@playcentre.org.nz) or phone 0278802365.

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So, please enjoy reading through our local Mother's Day special, which includes a couple of new businesses to the valley, and try to support someone local next time you have some \$\$ to spend.

We're eager to hear more positive stories and find out about more local businesses, start-ups, home enterprises etc. so please give us a shout if this is you, or someone you know, please contact Marama, on [marama@northeastvalley.org](mailto:marama@northeastvalley.org) or phone our office on 03 473 8614.

Backyard Ecosanctuaries

Looking for a gift for mum this Mother's Day?

## Trap Box Workshop and Native Plant Giveaway

At the Valley Project Community Rooms

Saturday, May 8th 2021

Drop in anytime between 11:30am and 1:30pm



## Valley Business Network

First catch up will be hosted at the Valley Project on **Sunday 23rd of May at 4pm** all welcome!

# Shopping local for Mother's Day

WE'VE DONE a quick round up of local businesses who would appreciate your shopping support this Mother's day—or any other gift-giving day you fancy!

**Blacks Road Grocer** has just what your Mum would love this Mothers Day. Come in and choose that special gift or give her a voucher so she can enjoy the experience herself.



**Blacks Road  
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**Bloomin Gorgeous** is Jennenne Mackies shop at 19 North Road not only has a huge array of seasonal blooms your Mother would love, she also has a beautifully curated collection of gift-ware instore. From luxurious skincare, to stunning jewellery, you are bound to find something your Mum will treasure. Contact Jennenne directly on (03 4739292), call in to the store, or jump on her website [bloominggorgeous.co.nz](http://bloominggorgeous.co.nz) and order online. Easy!

Check out this array of gift ideas from Bloomin Gorgeous!



**Residence on Blacks Road** is a local plant store specialising in interior plants for the creation of living spaces. We also support other local makers in Dunedin including a selection of hand-crafted Ceramics by Ali Howlett Macrame Hangers by Karla at The Good Fibre. Jewellery by Tinker and Natural medicinal formulations that support general health by Wild Dispensary. Gift vouchers are also available in store. Shop Hours are Wed to Sat 11 am - 3pm. You can find us on Instagram and Facebook, or email [residenceonblacksroad@gmail.com](mailto:residenceonblacksroad@gmail.com)

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# New business alert



## Crown and Feathers

Kate Watts is the proprietor of the beautiful studio Crown and Feathers, located at 201 North Road, on the corner of Crown Street. She handcrafts a beautiful range of Merino gloves, screen printed on site. The full range can be viewed at [katewatts.com](http://katewatts.com), or she can be contacted on 021985999. She can also sometimes be found at the studio. Being the multi talented creative that she is, she also has a range of stunning screen printed linen tea towels, a range of which can be viewed in the window of her shop front.

## Pardal Hair Studio



Located in the Gardens Mall, at 6 North Road, Sue Wilson has a wealth of experience in the industry, and is guaranteed to have you leaving the salon feeling wonderful and looked after. They use and sell De Lorenzo and Angel En Provence products, and Sue has kindly offered up a gorgeous prize pack of Angel En Provence goodies. Anyone who purchases a gift voucher or products for Mothers Day will go in the draw to win this. Contact them on 03 4730333

Sue would like to welcome and introduce Holly Pemberton, Executive Stylist into Pardal. Offering beautiful timeless, (with the just the right amount of sass) precision hair services. You can book with Holly via 021 444 893, or find her on Facebook and Instagram where online booking is also available.



## With Knives

Local resident Blair Strong is a chef, with over 20 years of experience in the industry. A passion for sharp things has led him to create a business supplying beautiful Japanese kitchen knives and accessories from various blacksmiths and manufacturers. Also available are custom, handmade Wa handles, made of native NZ and exotic timbers. Blair can also restore, sharpen and re-handle any favourite knives you may have, to bring them back to life. Contact Blair on 02102287116 or visit his website [withknives.com](http://withknives.com)

## special meals out

Crusty Corner  
Beam Me Up Bagels  
Croque-o-dile cafe  
Crazy Waffles

Lumad  
Filadelfio's  
Inch Bar  
Tipplers



ADJØ is a cafe, bar and gallery focusing on emerging artists and cuisine from the Nordic kitchen. Their space provides an alternative way to view and experience art, mixing with coffee and yummy food, unique wine and beer, while looking out to the beautiful botanic gardens.

# 50% off essential healthy home items

THE VALLEY Project has funding to subsidise 50% off some products that can help you get warmer and drier in your home this winter, due to a generous donation. We've selected a range of items we know to be useful and easy to use. We have a selection of these items at the project so you can pop along and have a look and feel for yourself. As there is limited funding, there is a cap on items per household. Once we run out, that is the end of what we can subsidise so get in fast and talk to us. We will have options to pay in instalments if required.

We'll be placing an order of items at the end of May, so please contact Charlotte on 03 473 8614 or [charlotte@northeastvalley.org](mailto:charlotte@northeastvalley.org), or pop by and see us!

Have you tried a Scoopy before? Designed to help to collect and remove condensation, we've been hearing rave reviews, so are also offering these for sale with a small discount. Come and check them out!

## Paw-fect discount for Autumn

POWDERPUFF GROOMING are offering a 15% discount to all new customers as part of their Autumn sale for the month of May. The team offers great services at reasonable prices. So give it a whirl and bring your pooch down for a trans-fur-mation this May!

## Check out these products you can grab at 50% off!



## Borrow a HEAT kit!

WE HAVE ON loan from the DCC, this nifty Home Energy Audit Toolkit (HEAT kit). You can borrow it to help you find out: which appliances in your home use the most energy; how you can make your home healthier and warmer; how you can save on power bills and reduce your carbon footprint;

how your hot water cylinder is performing and how dry your firewood is. The kit is available to borrow for a week at a time. Please contact Charlotte on [charlotte@northeastvalley.org](mailto:charlotte@northeastvalley.org), call 03 473 8614 or pop into the hub to inquire.

## Purchase a Peka Peka feeder



We're thrilled to have new Peka Peka feeders available for sale at the Valley Project. It's the perfect time of year to establish feeding birds in your garden, and with this locally designed feeder, every aspect is covered. You'll receive the full kit—waratah, platform, nectar nest and some energy truffles.

Pop in and have a look at our display model, or to buy. The kits are \$80.

## Volunteers sought for regular runs

KEEN TO help support the Valley Project? We need some volunteers who can offer assistance once a fortnight to deliver posters around local stores, take items to the Op shops, deliver or pick up items about town and the occasional rubbish run. If you think you can help, please contact Charlotte on [charlotte@northeastvalley.org](mailto:charlotte@northeastvalley.org), call 03 473 8614 or pop into the hub.



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# Find out chew's in your backyard

CHEW CARDS are made of plastic 'corflute' with many small channels that are filled with a peanut butter based lure and can provide clues to help us to detect which mammalian

predators are visiting our backyards. Chew cards are one of the detection tools in our predator monitoring toolkit to help identify and subsequently trap (if detected) mammalian predators that can harm our native wildlife. The great thing about chew cards is that they are easy to use and place in your backyard - using just a hammer and nail. Once set out, animals will be enticed by the lure, have a nibble and leave their bite (or chew) marks for us to identify. Different kinds of animals have different kinds of dentition (teeth shape and arrangement) giving rise to different marks seen on the chew cards. For example, mice chew one side of the card, leaving clean edges using their incisor teeth. Rats while also having incisor teeth, generally leave ragged edges and chew away whole pieces of card. Animals with pointy canine teeth like stoats, cats and hedgehogs, will leave puncture marks in the cards. Possums interact with the card in an entirely different way, leaving crushed edges on the cards. For further information, come along and see us at

the Valley Project Trap Library, check out our blog at [northeastvalley.org/blog/categories/open-vue](http://northeastvalley.org/blog/categories/open-vue) or email [open-vue@northeastvalley.org](mailto:open-vue@northeastvalley.org)!

Do you have an awesome nature based story you'd like to share? We'd love to hear from you! Please be in touch with us at [openvue@northeastvalley.org](mailto:openvue@northeastvalley.org). - Clare Cross



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WORKING BEES

- **Propagation Nursery:** working bees are on every Thursday morning and the fourth Saturday morning (**22nd May**) of the month from 10am-12pm. Find the Propagation Nursery behind Blacks Road Grocer! Come along and grow your own native plants or grab one for your backyard!
- **Chingford Park "Riparian Rhapsody":** Join us for habitat restoration on the second and fourth Sunday morning of the month (**9th and 23rd May**) from 10am-1pm. Find us working at the Disc Golf hole 8 tee. Come along and grab a little time out in nature and help us restore native trees in a corner of Chingford Park!

For working bees, remember your sturdy shoes, sun hat, long-sleeved clothing and water bottle!



### TRAP LIBRARY

- The Trap Library is open during the Valley Project opening hours (Tues, Wed, Fri 9am-3pm, Thursday 9am-7pm and Saturday 10:30am-2:30pm). Grab some friendly advice and monitoring devices or traps for possums and/or rats!



### COMMUNITY

- Drop by any time on Saturday **8th May** between 11:30am and 1:30pm for a Trap Box workshop and native plant giveaway at the Valley Project!



## Kids' Corner

Find the mammals named in this word search!

Words may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal and backwards.



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- Ship rat
- Mouse
- Dog
- Hedgehog
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# Another tortellini awesome recipe...



**FRESH PASTA** is a test of many muscles, both physical and mental. There are the obvious challenges of kneading and rolling the dough, but there is the additional factor of dried pasta being one of the cheapest staples to buy at the grocery store, as well as one of the easiest to prepare. So why make fresh pasta? I have found myself considering this question many times; usually while being stared down by a sheet of pasta that is just slightly too thick, and knowing that it will take many minutes more muscle and willpower to get it beautifully thin and even (I have never owned a pasta machine). The answer, I think, actually lies in this moment: the end result is made much more delicious by the blood, sweat, and tears - mainly sweat - put into the process. The flavour and texture are also different, with fresh pasta having a much richer taste and springier texture than its dried counterpart, mainly due to the increased amount of fat in the recipe. I tend to find myself making fresh pasta as the weather starts to cool down. As much as I enjoy a light tomato dressing on fresh pasta in the warmer months, there's something so primally comforting

about snuggling up with a slightly too large bowl of something carb heavy topped with cheese when it's freezing outside. I have adapted this recipe from the Serious Eats website, which is a fantastic resource as all their recipes are tested thoroughly before being published.

You will need kitchen scales for this recipe, as it makes it much easier to measure the dough ingredients accurately. A pasta machine is also helpful, but not necessary.

## Mushroom and walnut tortellini with sage butter

### Ingredients (Serves 4-6)

#### Filling:

- 500g fresh mushrooms, of any variety
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 small shallots, or 1 small onion, finely diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, minced
- 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- 50g hard cheese, preferably parmesan, although any sharp cheese will do
- 40g walnuts, chopped finely

#### Dough:

- 300g strong flour
- 3 large eggs
- 30ml olive oil

#### Sage butter:

- 50g butter
- 6-8 fresh sage leaves

### Method

For the pasta dough, place the flour in a mound on a large work surface. Make a large well in the centre and crack in the eggs, then add the oil. If any egg spills out of the well try scoop it up with flour, but don't worry too much as it will all come together quickly. Using a fork, beat the eggs until no visible white remains, then slowly start beating in flour, scooping it off the edges of the well. Once a thick slurry has formed, use your hands to incorporate the rest of the flour. Now comes the dreaded step: knead the dough for 5-10 minutes until smooth and elastic. This process can also be done in a stand mixer or a food processor, but I am a firm believer in the hand kneading method. Once a smooth dough is achieved, cover with plastic or a tea towel and leave for thirty minutes at room temperature, or in the fridge for up to four days. This lets the flour finish absorbing the water and allows the gluten to relax.

While the dough is resting, chop the mushrooms into roughly ½ centimetre pieces, or pulse in a food processor 9-10 times. Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add mushrooms and cook until softened, 3 to 5 minutes. Add shallots, garlic, and thyme and season with salt and pepper. Reduce heat to medium low and continue cooking, stirring frequently, until mixture is dry and starting to brown, 15 to 20 minutes. Add the balsamic and increase heat to high, stirring constantly, until no liquid remains. Remove from heat and stir in the

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cheese and walnuts. Transfer to a large plate, spread into an even layer, and move into the fridge to cool while rolling out the pasta.

Meanwhile, divide dough into two even sections. If you have a pasta machine, roll dough through the machine until the sheet is just under 2 millimetres thick (typically second-to-last setting). If not, now comes the even more dreaded part. Working one section at a time, dust the dough in flour and use a heavy rolling pin, starting at the middle of the section and pushing away from you. Try to keep it as even a rectangle as possible by dusting with flour every 30 seconds and flipping the dough perpendicular to itself. Repeat until the dough is roughly two millimetres thick, or until you can see your hand through it when held up to the light.

Lay dough out on a lightly floured surface. Use a cookie cutter or rim of a glass to cut circles as close together as possible, twisting each time to cut all the way through. Each sheet of dough should yield roughly 30 disks. Remove excess dough and cover with a kitchen towel to keep moist. (Excess dough can be re-kneaded and rolled again for a higher yield.)

Using a spoon, add a half teaspoon of filling to the centre of each disk. Wet a finger and run it round the edges of the disk to help it stick together. Fold the disk over into a semicircle, cup it

in your hand, and gently press out any air and seal. Hold both corners of the semicircle and bring them together. Tuck one corner behind the other and press together. Place finished dough on a plate dusted with flour, and repeat. This step is much easier with a group of people, so get your friends or family involved if cooking for them. At this point, the tortellini can be frozen for up to two weeks.

Cook the tortellini in salted boiling water for four minutes, or until tender. While they are cooking, melt the butter in a large frying pan and tear in the sage leaves. With a slotted spoon, move the tortellini directly to the frying pan as well as a splash of pasta water, and toss until the butter has emulsified into a creamy sauce. Serve with wilted kale and more parmesan grated on top.

- Joe Flaherty

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Every Thursday and Saturday 22 May  
10am-12  
Gate behind Blacks Road  
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Weds 5 May  
1030am - 1230pm  
Intro to social media, with an emphasis on LinkedIn

Weds 12 May  
1030 am - 1230pm  
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NEV Community rooms

## Trapbox Workshop and Native Plant Giveaway

Saturday May 8  
1130 - 1pm  
NEV Community rooms

## Chingford Park Working Bee

Sunday May 9 & 23  
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Chingford Park.

## At the Drop of a Hat - An Interactive Poetry Show

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\$15  
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10am - 2pm  
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## Botanic Garden Annual May Plant Sale

Saturday 8 May  
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## Valley Business Network

Catch Up  
Sunday May 23  
From 4pm  
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May 1 - Blisspoint + School Friend A FREE ALL AGES show from 730pm

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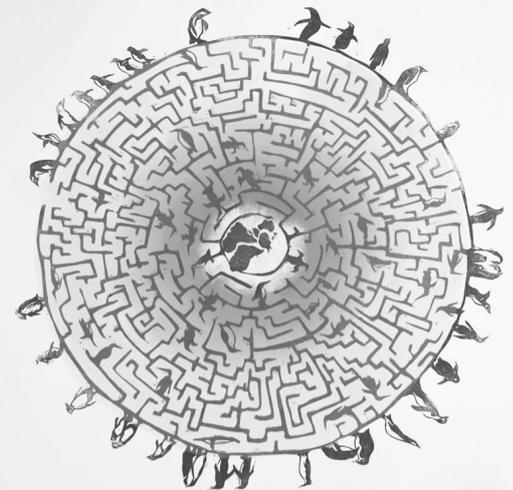
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# A special award at Dunedin North Probus Club



AT THE recent 2021 A.G.M. of the Dunedin North Probus Club, a special award was made. The Bob Todd Trophy was presented to President Graham Reid by Life Member and Treasurer Murray Gallagher recognition of his outstanding service to the club during his Presidency. The Trophy has a very significant history. Robert Hamilton Todd known as "Bob" joined the Dunedin North Probus Club in April 1998. He was President in 2003-2004 and suddenly passed away on the 21 August 2004. His wife Daphne Iris Todd was a member of the Dunedin Ladies Probus Club who passed away on the 15 July 2004. The family of Bob and Daphne Todd donated a memorial trophy in the name of each of the deceased to each of the Probus Clubs in remembrance of Bob and Daphne. Life Member Murray Gallagher (L) with President Graham Reid (R). They requested that the two trophies be presented annually to the member who has been of the greatest assistance to the Club throughout the Year. The presentation is made in March at the Annual General Meeting recognition of service in the previous calendar year.

- Peter Begg, Dunedin North Probus

# valley garden journal

## Working and celebrating at NEV Community Garden

At the end of February 'Unicrew' sent twelve students from Selwyn College to work in the Garden – taking rubbish to a skip, soil to our garden plots, and clearing around the fruit trees. We were most grateful for the huge amount of work they did for us.



At the end of March the Garden celebrated its tenth birthday, with hospitality and thanks to all those who were there at the start, to those who have worked in the Garden over the years, and to those who have contributed in very many different ways over that time.



North East Valley  
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Sat 8 & 22 May, 5 &  
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and working bees.

## fitness & health

### CONTRA DANCE

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

### DUNEDIN BMX CLUB

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

### FOLK DANCING FOR FUN

Baptist Church, 270 North Rd, 10am-11.30am, Fri, \$4. Ph Yvonne

455 2406, stureid1@yahoo.co.nz

### KUNG FU

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### PARKRUN

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

### SPAN NEV

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

### STEADY AS YOU GO

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### SPORTS AEROBICS

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### TANNOCK GLEN

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Instructor Adair Bruce, 6-7pm, Mon & Fri, DNI designspace; 9.15-10.15am, Mon, Wed, community rooms. \$10

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## further education

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

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

Opoho Presbyterian, 50 Signal Hill Rd, 10am

NEV Presbyterian, community rooms, 9.30am, first, third and fourth Sundays, cafe service, contact Shona McDonald ph 4530145

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

NEV Baptist, 270 North Road, 10.30am.

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# Students create community connections through volunteering

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (left to right) Faiqa and Taskeen Fatima, Fiona Collie and Iona Grigor, say volunteering at the Dunedin Botanic Garden's Visitor Centre is one way to give back to a place which has played an important role in their experience of Dunedin. Third-year students Fiona and Iona live close to the Garden which they visited a lot during lockdown, and say volunteering is a great opportunity to interact with communities and families outside of the university environment (it also has the added bonus of providing a break from the books!).

Sisters Taskeen and Faiqa both arrived in Dunedin from their hometown of Bangalore in India just before 2020 lockdown. They both flat together and study food science and say because they were brought up surrounded by plants, they are regular visitors of the Botanic Garden. "The garden is one of the best and easily accessible natural getaways in the city and so close to campus," Taskeen says. "As we visit here a lot, volunteering is a great chance to give back, and it's also the perfect excuse to come here even more!"

The sisters haven't been back to India since their arrival and say even though their parents are relieved they are both in New Zealand at the moment, they do miss seeing them in person. "We

are grateful we are here however, as we enjoy Dunedin and there's a good community of other Indian students here too for additional support," Faiqa says.

When they first arrived in Dunedin, it took a while for Taskeen and Faiqa to get used to the low population and traffic, but those are the very things the sisters love about studying here. "They are the very reasons we chose to study here in the first place," Faiqa says. "Dunedin is like a hill station town in India where locals and tourists go on holiday."

If you would like to enquire about volunteering at the Dunedin Botanic Garden Visitor Center, please contact [friends@friendsdbg.co.nz](mailto:friends@friendsdbg.co.nz).

- Guy Frederick



THE FRIENDS of the Dunedin Botanic Garden also run the annual May plant sale which will be held on Saturday 8 May, 9-12noon at the propagation facility on Lovelock Avenue, so pop along and grab an autumnal bargain for your garden!

## Community choo-chooses new name for local train

ON FEBRUARY 27 visitors to the Botanic Garden were given the opportunity to vote for a new name for the Crest Train which for many years has been seen conveying locals and tourists on a circuit around the Lower Garden. The Trust which operates the train is pleased to announce that the most popular choice of name from



those suggested was Bluebell. You will see this new name written on the train when it is repainted over the quieter winter months. Thank you to all who came and supported the train by voting. If you are interested in helping with the train and raising funds to help Dunedin children in need, there are many roles available. Please email [crestforu52@gmail.com](mailto:crestforu52@gmail.com) for further information.



### Te Reo Māori language used in this months Valley Voice

Kiore - rat

Kura - School

Kumimanu - rough translation is "bird monster" it's a type of extinct giant penguin - [www.nature.com/articles/s41467-017-01959-6](http://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-017-01959-6)

He mihi nui - many thanks

Nau mai, haere mai - welcome

Ōtepoti - Dunedin

pā harakeke - a stand of flax, either specially cultivated or naturally occurring, which is cropped sustainably by weavers to provide the basic material for their work

Tamariki - children

Te Ao Māori - The Māori world/ Māori worldview

Whakapiki Reo - the uplifting of community through Māori language and culture.

Whanaungatanga - relationships

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