

BIG GOALS ON AND OFF THE FIELD FOR NORTHERN ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL



This year the North Dunedin football club, Northern AFC, is proving that football is more than just a game! The club, founded in 1888, is the oldest continually operating football club in the Southern Hemisphere, and it has not forgotten the grassroots fundamentals of what a football club represents—a place where people from all walks of life come together to belong, to grow, and to contribute.

Football has always been a game for the people—players, fans, and the local community coming together over a shared cause. Yet, as the sport evolves, the barriers to participation are growing—higher fees, demands on club licensing, and a changing culture around sport. Northern AFC has a battle on its hands to absorb the changes while ensuring football remains accessible to everyone. But they are up for the challenge.


In 2020, after years of underachievement and suggestions from governing bodies that the club should merge with other clubs in order to survive—Northern stood alone and fought it out. New Zealand's oldest football club was not ready to retire. Now the club is reborn. Men's, women's, and junior teams are doing very well.

The junior club has been successful in the Southern Federation Youth Development leagues, with clear pathways between junior and senior clubs, all while adapting to keep costs low. The results of this philosophy are evident in the senior teams today. Northern's men's and women's first teams are now filled with young players (*Cont. page #9...*)

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A QUICK NOTE FROM OUR ACTING MANAGER

Kia ora koutou! The Project team is always busy organising events for our community to enjoy. The most recent community dinner was a roaring success of connection, community building, and aroha sharing. Over 150 people attended! A huge thanks to all who supported us on the night, and to those who provided feedback to make the next dinner even more impactful.

The Ōtepoti Community Fruit Harvest is still well underway and we are now preparing for April's Harvest Festival. It is going to be a jam-packed day of autumn delights and activities. I hope to see you there! As always, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer at our events.

Remember to sign up to Kai Share if you need some food support, or pop into our office for free frozen meals. Thanks again to KiwiHarvest and the Dunedin Bowling Club who regularly provide kai to our community.

Finally, just a friendly reminder of the kaupapa of the Pātaka Kai Open Food Pantry. Please *only* put food items into the pantry. Anything other than food should be donated to the op-shop. We understand that disposing of household items is costly, but the pantry is not the place for them and ends up being a cost to The Project for their disposal. Kā mihi.

-- James Sutherland, vpmanager@northeastvalley.org

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Harvest Festival	Sun. 27 Apr
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Waste Diversion Day	Sat. 10 May
Winter Warmers	Sat. 7 Jun
NEV Garden Orientation	Sat. 14 Jun

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We'd love to hear from you! Send us your local photos, stories, announcements, etc. Next deadline for newspaper copy is 23 APRIL, 2025.

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.



THE NONPAREIL NGĀOKEOKE TAKES THE WIN!

Open VUE is a big fan of our local living fossil, the amazing ngāokeoke - also known as peripatus or velvet worm. We were ecstatic when we found out they were voted as the Bug of the Year for 2025! Resembling a velvety worm with legs, these small nocturnal critters are classified into their own phylum called Onychophora, or claw-bearers. To put that into perspective, ngāokeoke sit in their own phylum while humans share the phylum Chordata with all other mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, lancelets and tunicates (immobile marine filter feeders!).

Neither worm nor insect, this 500 million year-old ambush predator preys on other invertebrates by shooting slime from their head to ensnare their victims. That fluid immobilises prey while the ngāokeoke injects it with saliva, dissolving its soft tissue. They then suck out all the digested tissue as if they are drinking through a straw. Making them even more unique, the females of some species have two uteruses, meaning they can be raising different baby ngāokeoke at different stages of development. However, some species lay eggs - some even have eggs which hatch inside the mother's body before she gives birth! There's even a non-NZ species that reproduces through unfertilized eggs—not requiring males—through a method called parthenogenesis. Ngāokeoke can give birth months or even years after mating!

Ngāokeoke generally inhabit humid, damp and warm forested areas. Because their pores are perennially open, they spend most of their time in damp rotting logs because they don't have a mechanism to stop themselves from drying out. They also linger in remnant patches, scrub and gardens. Back in 2012, a group of ngāokeoke were found in a Caversham forest reserve area, and I've been told one was spotted in the Chingford bush a couple years ago.

Find out more about ngāokeoke; head to predatorfreenz.org and type "peripatus" in the search bar. -- *Jennie Wagner-Gorton*



A GARDEN DELIGHT

It all came down to having an eagle eye on this particular harvest day in our sensory garden at Naphtali Social Networking Centre.



Our garden has not disappointed at all this season as everything we planted has flourished in the tunnel house. This keeps the gardening groups busy as there is always something to do, especially with all of the lettuce, beans, peas, tomatoes, rockmelon, watermelon, basil, parsley, chamomile, passionfruit, capsicum, chillies, and plentiful cucumbers and zucchini, many of which have been sent home to devour, along with eggs from our chickens. We got the shock of our lives when we went foraging for zucchini and uncovered some monster marrows as shown in the picture.

The twice-weekly Master Chefs group has discovered many yummy and different ways to cook the produce harvested. Knowing it has come from their green fingers makes everything taste even better! -- *Tom and Tegan*

NATIVE TREE SALE

A fundraiser to help fund the expansion of the Open Valley Urban Ecosanctuary Native Propagation Nursery is being held on **SUNDAY, 13 APRIL, 10am - NOON.**

A large selection of plants/trees propagated from seeds found in North East Valley will be available to buy on the deck of the Valley Project office. Prices will range from \$5-\$15; cash only please. More info:

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It has certainly been an eventful season for fruit picking so far! We are currently around 400kg behind last year's harvest, primarily due to unpredictable weather patterns that have impacted fruit production. Many plum trees did not perform as expected, and unfortunately for some trees, the local birds enjoyed a good feast before we could collect the fruit. No need to worry though—this year, we've added a number of lovely new properties to our database, each brimming with bountiful stone fruit ready for picking (and eating)!

Community Fruit Harvest co-coordinators, Karena and Angus, have had their boots on and continue to put in the mahi. 30 properties have been picked now, amounting around 1000kgs of fruit so far. Our harvests have spanned from East Taieri to the Peninsula, and up to Warrington. We've donated the pickings to various sharing sheds and Pātaka Kai open food pantries, the Bowling Club, the Dunedin Parents Centre, local marae, Yours Cafe, and many other places.

Our wonderful team of 58 volunteers have been instrumental in making this possible, including some enthusiastic young tamariki who always bring extra joy to the picking process with their curiosity and excitement for tasting the fruits.

We also held our first preserving workshop and meet-up at the end of February. With the help of two all-star volunteers, Nicky and Anna, and a crew of five others, we processed a big batch of scrumptious plum and apple jams. We were happy with the results and appreciated the comradeship. Keep an eye on our Facebook (*Community Fruit Harvest Dunedin Ōtepoti*) for the next event. Participation is by koha to help cover ingredient costs.



As we look ahead, we are eagerly anticipating apple season, as this will truly be the highlight of our harvest! Our coordinators are also hard at work preparing for the Harvest Festival on April 27th at The Valley Project and North East Valley Normal School grounds. The festival promises to be a vibrant celebration, featuring a garden-themed car boot market, information stalls, workshops, live music, kids' entertainment, and the second annual Jam-Off competition (for jams and preserves). We will be pressing fresh apple juice so bring along your own lidded containers for filling; plastic bottles are ideal because they can be frozen and defrosted later for mid-winter enjoyment. Hot mulled cider, anyone?

We look forward to sharing more of our fruitful journey with you! If you'd like to volunteer or if you have surplus fruit needing picked, please reach out: harvest@ourfoodnetwork.org.nz.



Crop Swap NEV

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Sat. 26 Apr 10am	Sat. 24 May 10am	Sat. 28 Jun 10am

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Sat. 5 Apr 9:30am	Sun. 27 Apr 1pm	Sat. 17 May 9:30am
Sun. 13 Apr 1pm	Sat. 3 May 9:30am	Sun. 25 May 1pm
Sat. 19 Apr 9:30am	Sun. 11 May 1pm	Sat. 31 May 9:30am

A THRIVING VALLEY HUB FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATION

The Valley Community Workspace (VCW) at 11 Allen Street is proud to announce its official recognition as a charity! This means that now we can apply for funding where we were limited before. As a low-carbon hub, VCW provides affordable rental spaces to community groups and start-up businesses dedicated to sustainability and renewable energy. This initiative ensures that innovative and eco-conscious enterprises can thrive, even when traditional commercial spaces may be financially out of reach. Going forward we will be doing a monthly column in The Valley Voice, keeping the community updated on what is happening in the workspace.

SEW ON PERIOD CARE: A standout tenant at VCW is Sew On Period Care, founded by Christine Keller. Dedicated to sustainable menstrual care, Sew On aims to create a supportive and inclusive community for people with periods, addressing period poverty while empowering individuals through education and choice. Christine has a global vision of accessibility and sustainability. sewonperiodcare.org

LOOMROOM: A vibrant community weaving studio offering regular classes and workshops with a creative, and sometimes subversive approach to textile arts for all experience levels. With the motto "Real weaving for real people!", the studio provides access to an array of looms, making weaving affordable and enriching. christinekeller.co.nz

DUNEDIN ELECTRIC BIKES: Run by Nathan Parker, Dunedin Electric Bikes is an independent dealership specialising in electric bikes and trikes tailored for Dunedin's unique terrain. With a quiet,

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VALLEY CYCLE WORKSHOP: Founded by Peter McDonald, The Valley Cycle Workshop is a community-driven initiative providing affordable bike repair services. With a commitment to ensuring everyone

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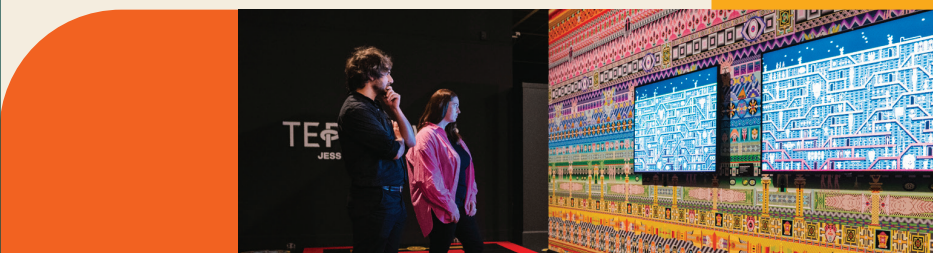
VCW is more than just a workspace—it is a dynamic hub fostering green innovation and community resilience. With its diverse range of tenants, the workspace continues to champion sustainable solutions, making a meaningful impact in Dunedin and beyond.

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This week's phrase: *Kua pai te tūtaki atu ki a koe*
Meaning: *It's nice to meet you*

ALWAYS A TIP-TOP TIME AT TIPPLER'S

You know you've found a friendly neighbourhood bar when a local duck chooses to waddle in for some good company and a snack! The ducks know—as do many of the regulars, our students, residents from nearby retirement homes, and disembarked cruise passengers exploring the Botanical Gardens—that Tippler's Bar is a welcoming place. Their community board is testament to that, brimful with photos of relaxed punters comfortably having themselves a fine time.

There are many reasons for Tippler's popularity: it's a place where you can sit for a quiet, uninterrupted drink, maybe watch some sport, catch up with other locals for easy conversation, have a play on the pokies, or perhaps come specially for a spot of karaoke on Saturday nights. The staff very much enjoy the breadth of clientele; host Debbie is particularly known for her kindness and warmth, offering a listening ear and gentle support to anyone needing that. Students freshly away from home dote on her as a mother figure.

Mark Le Neveu has owned Tippler's Bar since July 2002, having bought it as a going concern on his return from New York following 9/11 and the resulting decimation of the hospitality industry in that city. Being a born and bred Valley resident, he remembers the property as a youngster when it was a grocer, and Indian Spice next door was a bakery. Subsequently it was bought in the 70's by Dick Owens with a view to create the bar it has been ever since. At the time Dick owned a racing dog called Tippler. His wife thought that was an apt name for a place where you could raise a glass and have a flutter, so Tippler's Bar it became.

Then, as now, the neighbouring businesses complement each other to form a shopping and eating hub that both attracts people to our corner of the city, as well as serves those who live nearby. Mark is proud of that mix and actively promotes local eateries by holding their menus at Tippler's; customers can have food delivered to enjoy alongside drinks from the bar if the snack menu isn't enough to satisfy. He is also more than happy to hire out Tippler's as an event venue. There is a roasting spit available, and catering or security can be organised as requested.

Mark has developed the bar to meet the changing needs of his clients. He was a pioneer of the trade in accommodating the indoor smoking ban, creating a sunshiny outdoor area behind the pub; it's named after much-missed regular, Fairlie Nicholson. Patrons can watch their sport of choice as a live Sky broadcast from a number of screens in a variety of sizes. Mark also met some very specific spatial and lighting requirements to house an official competitive dart board area—important because the Tippler's Bar team are the reigning champion darts team in the region and play there every Tuesday! Their many trophies are proudly displayed above the bar. Also on show is a shelf of memorabilia created by the Pub Runners who meet Wednesdays to enjoy a much deserved beer or two alongside the fish 'n chips they bring along. Members of the Alhambra rugby team gather here monthly, keeping in touch over the years even as their playing days come to an end. Mark also hears from long-standing customers, some of whom were recommended by previous visitors to the neighbourhood, recreating in Tippler's Bar the sense of community that characterises the Valley.

Long-time customer, Destynee, has now joined Mark and Debbie to assist in running Tippler's; another welcoming face bringing energy—and particularly music—to the bar. Together thus far into 2025, they have added to their regular observation of yearly Melbourne and Trotting Cup days, and Valentine's and St Patrick's celebrations. With fun in mind, more events are planned. Keep an eye on [tiplersbarandcafe](https://www.instagram.com/tiplersbarandcafe) on Instagram or Facebook.

Tippler's Bar is open seven days a week, coffee is always available, and it is happy hour daily from 4–6pm. Why not stop by for a drink one of these days? You might well find yourself staying to enjoy the atmosphere! -- Clare Heap



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(...continued from front page.) who grew up at the club—15, 16, and 17-year-olds stepping up, scoring goals, and making an impact at the highest local level. There is real ambition—a hunger for more. And yet...

The club is more than just football.

A sense of camaraderie and connectedness exists across the club. With up to a dozen senior sides, Northern AFC has cultivated a strong collective of playing members and has also developed a growing membership, present at all levels, growing the game not only at the premier level but at the social level, too. From first-team players travelling to fourth-team away games, to non-football fanatics showing up in spades to bang a drum on the sideline of a Premier game, this community-led spirit is something the club wants to grow.

Men's Southern Premier League coach Arran Wilkinson says, "The impact of COVID-19 showed us how important it is to be connected in an old-fashioned way. The need to belong to something bigger than yourself, beyond your immediate circle—something shared, almost tribal. A football club like ours offers that".

The club's community-led values have seen them embrace various volunteer outreach projects such as hay bailing for local farmers, sponsoring quiz nights for local school sports teams, and volunteering at Orokonui Ecosanctuary.

But this is just the start. As Arran suggests, "It is a strange mix here. On the field, we want to win everything we can—there has to be that hunger. But off the field, we just want to do our best for people locally—the club has to be more than just football results".

And Northern AFC has ambitions to do even more—to expand its outreach programs, strengthen its junior pathways, and continue to challenge the modern, professionalisation of amateur sport.

Northern AFC has been a mainstay in North Dunedin since 1888 – since the day those early Scottish migrants first wore the black and white stripes. "It is a club for the people; always has been, always will be." Carrying history with pride and looking to the future with promise, you will see lots more in the community space in the months and years ahead.

-- Amasio Jutel, Northern AFC Senior Men's player,
amasio.jutel@gmail.com

FIRST HOME GAMES OF THE 2025 SEASON

- 🏆 WOMEN: Northern AFC vs Dunedin City Royals; April 12, 12:30pm, Dunedin, Artificial Turf
- 🏆 MEN: Northern AFC vs Roslyn Wakari AFC; April 12, 2:45pm, Dunedin, Artificial Turf



PROGRESS IS NEITHER SWIFT NOR EASY

It seems like the streets of the Valley have been downloading upgrades for a while now. Road cones are out on the regular, streets are hung with the orange bunting of doom, and the unwary driver can randomly stray into a 30kmph zone at speed. But the roadworks can't go on forever – can they?!

It's important to remember that these road works were not started simply to annoy NEV residents, but instead to replace almost 13km of old and poorly performing water, wastewater and stormwater pipes on the north side of North Road. Beginning in 2023, this work on water pipes will improve the area's drinking water and result in better fire flows, fewer burst pipes and unplanned shutdowns, and improved water pressure. Replacing wastewater pipes will reduce the overflows that cause manholes to pop up in heavy rains.

Simon Hood, Project Coordinator at the DCC, has provided a little inside info on what's been done already, and what's coming up. In all cases, work is planned to be carried out in the 2025/26 financial year and the DCC will be in touch with affected residents before any work is undertaken.

Have a look for your street below!

SELWYN STREET: Contractors are currently renewing the water main beyond the bridge. Work to renew the wastewater and stormwater pipes in Selwyn Street is due to start.

NORTHUMBERLAND STREET: New wastewater and stormwater pipes installed along the entire length of Northumberland Street. Contractors will return to install a new water main.

PARIS STREET (NORTHUMBERLAND TO CARR): same as above.

PARIS STREET (CARR TO SELWYN): New water main installed, as well as a new wastewater pipe in this section of Paris Street. Here, too, contractors will soon start replacing the stormwater pipe.

CROWN STREET: New wastewater pipe installed entire length of Crown Street, as well as the short section of stormwater pipe that runs between North Road and Paris Street. Contractors will return to install a new water main.

CARR STREET: New stormwater pipe and water main completed in Carr Street between North Road and Paris Street. Contractors soon to install a new wastewater pipe along the entire length of Carr Street. New water main from Paris Street to the end of Carr Street.

SCONE STREET: New water main installed in Scone Street. Contractors soon to renew the wastewater and stormwater pipes.

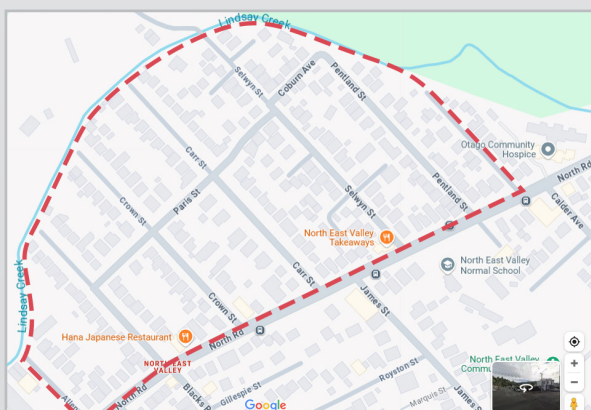
LAZAR STREET: New water main in Lazar Street. Contractors soon to renew the wastewater and stormwater pipes. This will involve work on some private properties where the council currently has stormwater assets.


JURA STREET: New water main installed in Jura Street. Contractors soon to renew the wastewater and stormwater pipes. This will involve work on some private properties where the council currently has stormwater assets.

COBURN & PENTLAND STREETS: New water main installed along the entire length of Pentland Street and Coburn Street. Contractors will need to return to install a new wastewater pipe.

ALLEN & FELIX STREETS: No work has yet been started in Allen Street or Felix Street. The DCC is planning to renew both the water main and the wastewater pipes in these streets.

-- Karl Bray





DJ AUTO THINK TANK

Q: HOW DO I KNOW WHEN THE ABS (ANTI-LOCK BRAKING SYSTEM) IS ENGAGED? IS IT SUPPOSED TO MAKE A GRINDING SOUND?

A: When coming to a hard stop, there is a possibility your vehicle's wheels could 'lock up', resulting in a loss of tyre traction and steering control that could lead you into a dangerous situation.

Before anti-lock braking technology became common in the late 80's, drivers were taught to 'pump brakes' in the event of a lock-up. This involved rapidly depressing the brake pedal instead of just standing on it (cadence braking)—a staple behaviour for racecar drivers back then.


ABS was designed to do your pumping for you. Aircraft engineers of the 1920's learned that the point just before the wheel stops turning is the sweet spot for stopping planes the quickest and safest. The ABS developed for landing gear was later applied to motorcycles. A few decades later, four-wheel multi-channel ABS was standard feature in most new automobiles.

The modern ABS system functions using electronic sensors and solenoids that, when triggered, rapidly reduce and increase the braking pressure multiple times per second, reducing stopping distance. If you find yourself in a position to experience this, you will likely hear a high frequency groaning or crunching noise and your brake pedal may vibrate or push back. This alarming commotion will appear almost as suddenly as it goes away, but fret not; it is caused by the action of fluid diverting away from the brake pistons and pushing back on the brake pedal in ultra-fast succession. Sometimes dashboard warning lamps will also illuminate.

The interactions we have with customers about their ABS is usually a matter of poor traction conditions between the road and their tyres. Anytime the ABS computer senses any one of your moving tyres could soon be stationary, it will regulate them on your behalf. When you hear, see, or feel your ABS engage, maintain pressure on the brake pedal, keep two hands on the wheel, and steer calmly until you complete the stop. If you have any further concerns about your ABS, seek advice!

Email or text us with any questions and we will do our best to provide answers via this publication: dud.dj.automotive@gmail.com or 021 331 528.

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Welcome to Autumn! It's been great meeting some of "the Valley" homeowners over recent months and doing market appraisals of your homes. Selling a home properly can involve a lot of planning

so it's wise to start the process as soon as possible; and I'm more than happy to offer whatever advice I can to help get you on the right track.

Market Statistics – Last 12 Months

Opoho, NEV, Mount Cargill & Upper Junction

Number of Sales	88				
Median Sale Price	\$500,000	1 yr ago \$500,000	3 yrs ago \$575,000	5 yrs ago \$399,000	
By number of bedrooms	1 \$420,000	2 \$450,000	3 \$534,000	4 \$575,000	5+ \$670,000

Buying Your Dream Home? Let's Talk Homework!

Buying a home is one of life's biggest decisions—exciting, yes, but also full of potential pitfalls. Before you sign on the dotted line, there's some essential "homework" to do. We call it **due diligence**—a deep dive into the property to make sure there are no hidden surprises that could turn your dream home into a costly nightmare.

Why Due Diligence Matters

Think of it this way: would you buy a car without getting an AA report or mechanical check? Probably not. A house is no different. Doing your homework upfront can save you from financial and emotional distress down the track.

Your Due Diligence Checklist

So, what does this homework involve? Here's a step-by-step guide to make sure you're buying **with confidence, not just emotion**:

✓ **Property Inspection: Get a Feel for the Home**

Visit at different times of the day and week. Traffic noise, shadows from buildings, or a neighbour's barking dog can all become deal-breakers once you've moved in. Take your time—does it truly feel right?

✓ **LIM Report: Your Secret Weapon**

A **Land Information Memorandum (LIM)** from the local council is packed with crucial details about your property, including:

- Zoning rules
- Potential natural hazards (flooding, erosion, land stability)
- Any building or resource consents issued
- Outstanding rates or compliance issues

Key Tip: Always order your own LIM report **directly** from the council. Relying on one provided by the seller is risky—if it's outdated or altered, you could be left without recourse. At around **\$290**, it's money well spent for peace of mind.

✓ **Building Inspection: Uncover the Hidden Flaws**

Just like you wouldn't buy a car without a mechanic's check, it pays to get a **qualified building inspector** to assess the structural integrity of your home. Cracks in the foundation, leaks, poor workmanship - these can turn into expensive repair jobs. And again, make sure the inspection report is **in your name**, not

the vendor's.

✓ **Title Search: Who Really Owns It?**

A **Certificate of Title** is like a property's birth certificate. It reveals any legal restrictions, existing mortgages, or ownership quirks that might affect you. Your lawyer can run a title search to ensure there are no hidden surprises.

✓ **Financial Reality Check**

Before getting emotionally attached, **know your numbers**. Get pre-approved for a mortgage and be clear on your budget. Hidden costs like rates, insurance, and maintenance can add up fast.

✓ **Neighbourhood Intel: What Locals Know That You Don't**

If you can, **chat with the neighbours**. They'll give you the unfiltered version of what it's like to live there. Is parking a nightmare? Does the street flood every heavy rainfall? No one knows better than the people already living next door.

✓ **Get the Right Team on Board**

A great **lawyer, real estate agent, and mortgage broker** are worth their weight in gold. They'll guide you through the process and help ensure you don't miss anything critical.

Adding a Due Diligence Clause to Your Offer

Once you're ready to make an offer, a **due diligence clause** gives you time to complete your checks—LIM, building inspection, finance approval—before fully committing. However, keep in mind that vendors prefer **specific** conditions over vague, open-ended ones. Instead of a broad due diligence clause, consider narrowing it to just the LIM and building report if that's all you need. Your real estate agent or lawyer can help tailor this to make your offer competitive while still protecting you.

The Bottom Line

Buying a home isn't just about falling in love with a property—it's about making a **smart, informed decision**. Take your time, do your due diligence, and **don't let excitement override good judgment**. A little homework now could save you from a very expensive lesson later.

Need help navigating the process? Get in touch—I'm happy to chat and point you in the right direction!

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Peter Gale is a long-time Ōpoho resident; and also the agent/licensee and advisor for NZ Property Solutions

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WANTED: BASSIST/MULTI-INSTRUMENTALIST

NEV duo looking for someone with good feel for music who plays bass and poss synth/guitar/percussion. Broad influences but make our own music (songs + jams) in weekly sessions; swap demos and see! ☎ Paul 027 544 6126

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MEDITATION COURSES

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STEADY AS YOU GO

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THREE LEFT FEET

Social dance group. No experience or partners necessary. Folk & traditional European dance. \$5 or \$7.50 per couple, Nga Maara hall, 6–7pm Thursdays. ☎ Marilyn 027 446 3358

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Community mental health sessions, Mondays 6–8pm at WEKA hub, 31 Stafford St. level 2. Follow us on FB to keep updated 🌐 WEKADUNEDIN ✉ wekadunedin@gmail.com

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NEV PLAYGROUP

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VALLEY COMMUNITY DINNER - GOOD FOOD AND GREAT COMPANY



A community coming together over a shared meal is a tradition as old as humanity, spanning people of all cultures and nationalities.

On the 22nd of February we continued this tradition with an evening of food, music, and connection at the first Valley Community Dinner of the year. Held in the Valley Baptist Community Centre, this much-loved event welcomed over 150 guests from all walks of life, eager to share a meal and great company.

Preparations began in January with Claire, Community Development Coordinator at the Valley Project, leading the Event Planning Group made up of community members, volunteers and staff. A lot of effort went into making this dinner happen and come the day, the kitchen and hall were a hive of activity; tables were set out, pavement signage was drawn (in chalk!), with food prep expertly coordinated by Julie Broderick, owner-operator of New World Gardens.

Says Claire, "It's taken a huge effort from the team, particularly in how to reach people and encourage all the different parts of the community to come and enjoy a meal or get involved as volunteers. Last year, as sponsors came on board, we were able to offer dinner for free instead of making it a 'potluck' which helped break down barriers to people coming, particularly in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis."

"Julie from New World Gardens is also on the Valley Project Executive team— our governance body—and was happy to donate fresh food for the event again this year, along with KiwiHarvest who were able to put aside food items that met the requirements for the menu that had been carefully designed by Julie. We're just so grateful to have such incredibly generous sponsors."

The day began with volunteers receiving these generous food donations and then it was straight to work in the carefully orchestrated chaos of a community kitchen where volunteers worked in shifts to prepare the different items for the meal under the fabulous supervision of Julie. Meanwhile, others set up the hall, arranging tables and ensuring everything was ready.

When the doors opened, people were encouraged to interact through a fun North East Valley-themed puzzle activity, thought up by Lemon, Hakan and Kyle on the Event Planning Group. Hands raised high with colourful puzzle pieces were popping up all over the room as tables competed for the honour of being the first table called up to dinner. Guests were presented with a delicious feast featuring both vegetarian and meat options, and as everyone enjoyed their meals they were treated to music from local duo 'Spectrum,' adding the atmosphere only live music can provide. Volunteers served food and organised a raffle, giving guests the chance to win some great spot prizes. Huge thanks to the local businesses, artists and organisations who donated spot prizes for the community dinner: Inch Bar, local artists Kyle and Andrea Muggeridge, Open VUE, Two Friends Felt Creations, Friends of the Dunedin Botanic Garden, Beam Me Up Bagels, and a few generous community members. The Valley Cycle Workshop even donated two bikes!

Of course, the work didn't stop once dinner was served. Volunteers continued their efforts by cleaning up, washing dishes, and packing everything away like busy bees. We're so lucky to have such a space available to us all, and so a huge thanks goes to the North East Valley Baptist Community Trust for use of the venue for the evening. -- Karl Bray

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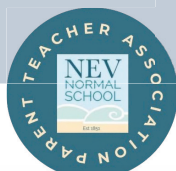
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VALLEY ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: BRUNA MERINO - BEAR WITH TATTOO ART

I'm Bruna, an artist and illustrator born in Brazil. I grew up in a very creative environment. There was always a record playing in the living room, the clanking sounds of my dad on his typewriter, and the smell of oil paint coming from my mom's little studio room.

Drawing and painting has always been my thing. I remember as a child feeling so happy sitting at my desk surrounded by my art supplies. I still feel the same way about it, which makes me believe I'm on the right path.

I'm a mom to two lovely boys. Max and Oliver. They're the main reason my husband and I decided to move to New Zealand in 2019. We find this is a great place to raise them. It's safe, beautiful, and community driven.

Initially we lived in Waitati for two and half years. In the winter of 2021 we moved to the Valley. We love it here and feel very settled and happy.

I'm really inspired by everyday things; music, food, books, celebrations, animals, and of course my kids and their whimsical world.

I have a sketchbook practice every day to keep the creative juices flowing and that's where the ideas for my illustrations are born.

I usually sketch in graphite. For the final art I go for acrylic gouache, regular gouache, watercolour, acrylic ink, colour pencils, and pastels.

Right now I'm focusing on learning about writing and illustrating picture books for kids. I already have a couple of stories brewing in my head. I want to start developing them this year!

Last month I opened my online shop bearwithtattoo.com where people can find art prints, postcards, and cards. There you can also book a Portrait Commission, which I've recently found I love doing! Very soon I'll be selling t-shirts and tote bags as well.

In Dunedin you can also find my art at the Black's Road Grocer, and the Railway Station Gallery as I'm a member of the Otago Art Society.

For the Valley community I have a special 10% discount coupon in my online shop. Just type **NEV10** on the checkout page. You won't be paying for shipping either! Select the pick-up option and we'll arrange it together.

If you want to say 'hi' or ask any questions, feel free to drop a line through my website contact page or message me on Instagram (@bearwithtattoo). I would love to hear from you! ☺



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