

# Sew on and sew forth



Christine Keller hugs a new sewing machine to be used at the Valley Community Workspace by community sewists.

**CHRISTINE FROM** Dunedin's LoomRoom at the Valley Community Workspace has just received funding from the DCC Waste Minimisation Fund for an exciting new project that she is calling 'Sew On'. I met up with Christine to discuss her new project over cheese rolls from Blacks Road Grocer. Sew On is a community-focused project in collaboration with Stitch Kitchen, where community sewing machines will be made available for use at the Valley Community Workspace. Stitch Kitchen, run by Fiona Jenkin, Fiona Clem-

ents and Desi Liversage, is a community sewing room located on Princes Street offering second-hand fabric, access to sewing machines, sewing classes, and facilitated community projects. The team has regularly collaborated with the Valley Project, running pop-up workshops on bags, draft stops and mending. In the wake of lockdown, sewing has made a huge comeback with people getting into making masks and other projects. *Continued page 3*

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# Staff changes at the Project

THERE HAS been a buzz around the community rooms over the past couple of weeks as new staff join our team and we plan for 2021.

Jess Covell has joined us in a communications and support role. Jess will be responsible for the Valley Voice, our website and social media, as well as other tasks around the office. Contact Jess on [voice@northeastvalley.org](mailto:voice@northeastvalley.org).



Jess Covell

Jo Mohan has joined us in a new fixed-term role to support local businesses, employers and workers. Her role is to create networks of local businesses, self-employed folks and job seekers, and support them. This is likely to be through a range of workshops and training opportunities, events and other activities that come from these networks.

Contact Jo on [jo@northeastvalley.org](mailto:jo@northeastvalley.org)

Sadly, our administrator Tessa Petley is moving on to a full-time role at the Hospice Shop. We have engaged local bookkeeper Jess Corbett to pick up our financial administration, with other tasks to be picked up by office staff.

I'd like to express my huge gratitude to our staff for their



Jo Mohan



Tessa Petley

hard work in this oh-so-challenging year. Charlotte, our community worker; Clare, our Open VUE coordinator; Tessa, our administrator; Emily Peterson, our housekeeper; Sala Tofa, our social work intern; and our amazing community volunteer receptionists Steve, Glenn, Marama, Sandra and Elaine for creating a safe, inviting and kind environment this year.

In addition, we have had so many others contribute in a variety of ways this year. From the weeding teams who have weeded and replanted across the

community, to the folks who volunteer time to run classes and share their skills, to those who come along and offer ideas and donations, there is such strength in our community when we all offer up such kindness.

Lastly, our executive team – the volunteers responsible for the governance of the project – have also put in long hours and loads of energy this year. In particular I would like to acknowledge our chair, Ian Telfer, who has been hugely supportive of our team and a constant presence of support and guidance throughout the many changes and challenges 2020 has brought. We also farewelled executive member Lois Scott earlier this year. Lois, known to many in our community due to her previous role at Otago Neighbourhood Support, has been an amazing advocate for the Valley Project. Lois, we have loved having you in the project whānau – thank you for everything you have done for us and the wider community. —Tess Trotter, Project Leader

## Christmas hours

The Project office will close on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of December and reopen on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of January.

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# Dumped items inspire artists



The "moon boot" that originally inspired the project, painted by Nicola Hansby

**LOCAL ŌTEPOTI** Dunedin artists Nicola Hansby and Anna Perry have been collaborating on an exciting new project they have entitled 'The Clothing Bin Art Project'. Their exhibition will transform the former Scottish Shop at 17 George Street near the Octagon into 'The Clothing Bin' with the help of the Dunedin Dream Brokerage, in their first CBD pop-up since lockdown. The project highlights and deals with the issue of dumping unwanted items in our local areas, and includes a range of free workshops.

Nicola says, "One day on my ride home up Pine Hill Road I stopped abruptly, pulled my bike up onto the footpath in front of the clothing bin and reached down to pick up a moon boot (orthopedic device). I biked the boot home, balancing it across my handlebars. Once home I immediately set to drawing it."

From then on Nicola says she noticed a shift in her attitude towards the items dumped next to the bin. The frustration she had once felt was replaced with curiosity and she began to collect more abandoned items to paint. Caversham artist Anna Perry was brought onboard to do the same within her community, and thus the project was born.

Visitors to the exhibition will be encouraged to move the items ad-hoc, meaning the display is ever-changing and the audience can engage with the show by physically altering the display.

"By gathering and elevating unwanted objects through a creative process and inviting our communities to participate in free educational and art-making workshops, we intend to draw attention to wider societal issues of waste, consumer-

ism, kaitiakitanga and community," Anna Perry explained. The project received a DCC Waste Minimisation Small Project Grant and a DCC Creative Communities Scheme Grant to run a series of free workshops exploring the art of observational drawing. These workshops are designed to be fun and educational for people of all ages, levels and abilities.

The project will run from December 4–15 and is open for viewing 12–4pm on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday at 17 George Street. Workshops will be held 12–1.30pm on Saturday 5 and 12 December and Monday 7 and 14 December.

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Earlier in the year Christine ran a mask-making working bee where participants brought along their own machines, but she found a lot of time was wasted due to old or faulty machines, including her own, and felt there must be a better solution for community sewing. As a regular volunteer and student at Stitch Kitchen, Christine saw the potential for a permanent space/base in North East Valley where the community could access good equipment and resources without having to travel to town or work around Stitch Kitchen's busy timetable.

Christine decided to treat herself to a new machine and chose the same brand recently selected for Stitch Kitchen's new workshop. She wanted others to have the freedom of sewing that comes with a machine that functions properly. Christine had a brainwave, and Sew On was born. Now that the funding has been approved, additional machines of the same make will be purchased for the project.

As she says, "For sustainability we need to do things where not

everybody has to own everything. Providing the tools is a part of this idea." Working with Stitch Kitchen's experienced tutors, beginners can join in classes to build confidence, and intermediate sewers can use the machines at Sew On.

Christine's goal is for the resources to be self-funding through the sale of items made at working bees, and through participants offering koha for the use of the machine. Materials from Stitch Kitchen's 'Makers' Pantry' will also be for sale on site for projects. The income will help to maintain the machines and, eventually, to buy machines for other communities in Ōtepoti.

The machines at Sew On will be available for use during December – perfect timing for all your Christmas projects! Contact Christine at [mindmade@hotmail.com](mailto:mindmade@hotmail.com), subject line 'Sew On'.

— Jess Covell

# A very Valley

**THERE ARE** significant advantages to shopping local. By supporting your local businesses, you are in turn supporting your local economy; significantly more money stays in a community when purchases are made at locally owned businesses. Local businesses know you, and you them. There is a symbiotic relationship between these businesses and our community: both need each other to survive. In the wake of Covid-19 many businesses have struggled, and some have shut their doors. Now more than ever it is so important to show our support and shop local.

In the valley we are incredibly lucky to have an array of shops and services right on our doorstep, and with Christmas around the corner there's no need to travel any further than our North East Valley Hub. We've got you covered!

Kick start your day with a delicious bagel and coffee from the friendly team down at **Beam Me Up Bagels**. Their menu has options galore and you can personalise your bagels with toppings of your choice – plus they do vouchers, so you can get a gift covered while you breakfast!



perfect for the kids, Orphans Aid stocks a range of beautiful hand-felted slippers and an array of Fair Trade chocolates and soaps. The SPCA Op Shop will have their usual Christmas display tables with plenty of great gift ideas.

Nestled in next to SPCA Op Shop is **Bloomin' Gorgeous**, where Jannenne not only has you covered for your Christmas wreaths and floral arrangements, but also stocks a hoard of great gifts.

Pop across to **Dzung Nail Shop** to see Jane and the team for a festive manicure, or better yet ask them about a voucher, the perfect gift for someone in need of a bit of pampering. **Antidote**, across the road, is a holistic health-focused pharmacy stocked with great gift packs perfect for Christmas. A hop, skip and a jump across the road again is the **Botanic Gardens** – treat your-

We have three great local op shops: **Cat Rescue Dunedin Charity Shop, Orphans Aid Op Shop North Dunedin and the SPCA Op Shop.**

Each of these stores is a treasure trove of second-hand goodies and each also has new items too. Cat Rescue stocks beautiful picture books



self to a walk, then pop in and see the friendly team at the Botanic Gardens Information Centre who sell an array of products including seedlings propagated by the staff from plants onsite – the perfect gift for those with green thumbs. Next door is **Croque-O-Dile**, a great spot to grab a

coffee or a bite to eat before or after your walk. They also offer vouchers.

**New World** is obviously a great place to grab all your grocery needs and those last-minute stocking fillers, but for more specialised items you can head over the road to our friendly local butchers at **Deep Creek Deli**. They boast a huge variety of deli delights perfect for your Christmas dinner needs.

Nestled in behind your friendly local butcher you will find **Your Pro Chef**. Karl specialises in ready-to-eat meals. You can find an array of freshly made meals or check out his website, [www.yourprochef.nz](http://www.yourprochef.nz), for frozen meal options delivered to your door.

At **Blacks Road Grocer** on the corner of North and Blacks roads, Christopher offers an extensive range of handmade local products. His chutneys, relishes and jams not only make perfect gifts but are also a great addition to your Christmas Day snacking platters. Grab yourself some of the locally sourced cheeses, meats, freshly baked breads, fruit and vegetables while you're there, and if you're feeling a bit peckish do try the cheese rolls – they are divine!



Just next door is **Residence on Blacks Road**. Sara specialises in house plants, with everything from the ever-coveted Monstera

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to the outdoor clematis. She also stocks beautiful handmade ceramics by Nicky Justice Ceramics, funky handmade bracelets by Clair at Tinker Designs, beautifully made wooden bowls and vases by Mount Mera Turning, handmade cards by Darcy Monteith as well as Wild Dispensary tonics – all of these products crafted by local valley-dwellers! Sara's shop is open Wednesday–Saturday 11–3. A little further down the way at 35 Bonnington Street you will find the team at the **North Dunedin Shed Society**. Every Wednesday and Saturday you'll find them working shoulder to shoulder on community projects, so pop down and see them. They currently have handmade puzzles and bird feeders available for purchase.

Maybe you want to try your hand at making some gifts this year? Annie is hosting FREE weaving workshops down at the Valley Project community rooms every Saturday 1–4pm. Come along and bring your old magazines, junk mail, cereal packets etc to create beautifully woven bags, baskets, hats and jewellery. There is a project for everyone so bring the kids along. Annie's incredi-

ble crafts will also be on display and available for purchase at the Valley Project reception. Prices are extremely affordable, ranging from \$5–\$40, with 40% being donated to the Valley Project and 10% to St Mark's Church in Pine Hill. Native seedlings will also be available for koha from the Valley Project as part of the Backyard Ecosanctuaries Programme, an initiative encouraging the community to plant natives to enhance native wildlife habitat in our community. Native seedlings will be available on 12 December from 1–4pm at the Valley Project community rooms.

On 18 December the Salvation Army Hall will play host to the **Naphtali Market**, guaranteed to excite and surprise even the most experienced bargain hunter, with everything from hand-made soaps to vegetable seedlings, buskers to sausage sizzles. Perhaps you might even want to have a stall and sell your wares? Contact Matthew on 027 325 2330.

After all that shopping you might be feeling like you need a wee wind down. Why not pop into **Crusty Corner** or **Adjo** for a cuppa. Jonas and Caitlin at Adjo will be hosting a new exhibition this December in the gallery space, in the hope of encouraging locals to fill their holiday season with affordable original art by local and New Zealand-based artists. They also have beautiful ceramic keep cups and bowls by local ceramicist Nicky, as well as vouchers, tote bags and local Dunedin Kuku coffee available for purchase.

We all know Christmas shopping can be stressful so perhaps you might be after something a little stronger. Head to **Tipplers Bar** and grab a jug, or pop over to **Inch Bar** and grab one of their tasty local beers. You might even catch some local live music.

Or why not head out for a bite to eat, there are SO many options. Treat yourself to some New York-style pizza at **Filadelfio's**. Or does Southeast Asian cuisine tantalise your tastebuds? Check out **Lumad**, the new restaurant at the Gardens. Perhaps Indian tickles your fancy? Pop in and see the team at **Indian Spice** for an array of delicious curries.

In need of a tree? Well, we have got you covered! John and the team will be outside the gardens opposite the New World car-park with freshly cut trees – on 12 and 13 December. Trees are \$15 and all proceeds go to the Oxfam Water for Survival programme.

We're truly blessed as a community to have all of these fantastic businesses on our doorstep, there is just so much to choose from. Show your support this Christmas and shop local. —Jess Covell



**Naphtali Market Day - Friday December 18th 10am – 1pm**  
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# Successful Weed Bash event

THE WEED Bash was full of celebration last month when various Weed Warrior crews and community gardeners removed about 15 woosacks of weeds from community spaces and backyards! Instead of the weeds going to landfill, the local goats on a farm up the hill got their fill. The goats dined on a mixture of different weeds including the target weed for the Weed Bash, banana passionfruit vine (*Passiflora tripartita*). Banana passionfruit climbs onto trees and will eventually smother them. Keep a lookout for a plant with three-lobed leaves, pink tubular hanging flowers and banana-shaped fruit that ripen from green to yellow or black. We have also begun planting a small riparian and wetland zone in the north of the valley! Thank you to the Kai Share team for our awesome feast on the day and to our funders who make these events possible: Te Ao Tūroa – Dunedin’s Environment Strategy, the ECOfund and Lotteries Environment and Heritage.—Clare Cross



Fraser Brown and Ben Nicholls tackle weeds by the Lindsay Creek.

## Christmas workshops and volunteer thank you afternoon tea

12 December 1–4 pm at the Valley Project

Please register using the link: [bit.ly/OpenVUEChristmas](https://bit.ly/OpenVUEChristmas)

Come along to the Christmas trap-box workshop on December 12 from 1–3pm at the Valley Project.

Bring your whole family and be part of a community initiative of building trap boxes, learn about the different types of traps, and take away a trap for your back yard! Would you also like to learn more about trapping or tracking predators? Yes, we will also hold our pop-up trap library at the same time. Rat traps are \$10 and possum traps are free to borrow for a 12-month period. Thanks to Predator Free Dunedin’s City Sanctuary Project.

Join the wonderful Annie at the Trash to Treasures class from 1–4pm also at the Valley Project and learn about making beautiful crafts from up-cycled materials for your friends and family for Christmas. Koha is appreciated.

Volunteer Thank-You Afternoon Tea

Are you an Open VUE volunteer? Have you volunteered for any Valley Project programmes? We would like to thank you for all your amazing support and mahi! Join us on December 12 from 3–4pm for an afternoon tea of delicious kai made by our local businesses. Catch up with the community and meet old, new and current volunteers!



## Kids' Corner

### Make your own: backyard lizard lounge!

Lizards absolutely LOVE to sun bathe (known as basking). Lizards can live happily in urban backyards as long as they have lots of delicious food and a safe place to live. In North East Valley and surrounding suburbs, we have the Southern Grass Skink (known scientifically as *Oligosoma aff. polychroma*; Clade 5) - have you seen any lizards in your backyard?



To make your very own backyard lizard lounge, you will need: rotting logs, rocks, old bark, firewood, wood planks - anything you can find lying around that will get warm in the sun or create hidey holes. Look around your backyard and find any warm, dry sunny area, or any areas with tussocks, rocks and tangled shrubs. Stack anything you find loosely so there are loads of small holes and places for the lizards to hide.

We would love to see your lizard lounge! Share your photos in our Facebook group

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# Xmas trees on sale for Oxfam 12-13th Dec

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FRESHLY CUT, long-lasting Xmas trees will be sold all day Saturday and Sunday 12 and 13 December outside the Botanic Gardens, opposite the Gardens New World car park.

to safe water and sanitation in the Pacific as part of the Oxfam Water for Survival Programme. The trees are cut as thinnings from sustainable forestry.

—John Cocks, Dunedin Oxfam

A family with their new tree from Oxfam last year



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# Principal retiring after 29 years



**AFTER 29 YEARS**, Paul Richardson is retiring as principal of Sacred Heart School at the end of the school year.

Paul began his working life as an administrator for Telecom (now Spark) in the former New Zealand Post Office, before embarking on a career change in 1989. He completed a Bachelor of Education and a teaching diploma through the joint University of Otago and Dunedin Teachers' College programme. Paul's journey with Sacred Heart began in 1993. He was appointed principal in 2002 and says the

school has been a major part of his life ever since. During his time at Sacred Heart, Paul was also the representative for Otago and Southland Catholic primary principals for six years on the national executive of the NZ Catholic Primary Principals' Association, enabling him to visit schools all over New Zealand and even in Melbourne.

Paul is immensely proud of the success of the school over the years: "It's been an absolute privilege to lead a high-performing school and to be influential in the pastoral care, spiritual formation and academic success of our tamariki." Paul says the proudest moments in his career have come from making a difference in the lives of young people and sharing their joy of self-discovery, especially for those who face particular challenges, not only in learning but also in life. Every year Paul makes sure to attend Kavanagh College events and ceremonies to see former students celebrate their success and step out into the world with pride and self-belief, something he finds incredibly special.

Sacred Heart School has just celebrated an amazingly successful 125th reunion, after which Paul felt the timing was right for him to begin a new phase of life and give back to his whānau. "Without the support of my wife Pat and daughters Lyza and Ellen and our three beautiful grandchildren, this extraordinary journey as a principal would not have been possible," he says. Paul is grateful for the steadfast loyalty of his colleagues and for the vibrancy of the school and parish community, which he feels is a fine reflection of the Valley community.

"I am leaving this place with a profound sense of gratitude, and I wish this community continued success and many blessings in the future." —Jess Covell

## Volunteer facilitator retiring from retirement role

**ON FRIDAY 27 November** the regulars from Stretch 'n' Flex over-65s exercise class held their annual Christmas lunch. This was one to remember, however, with long-standing class facilitator Alma Brodie, advising the group of her decision to step down after 20 years of running the group voluntarily during her retirement years. The class has offered much more than an opportunity to stretch and flex, with a lot of fun and strong friendships developing over the years. Alma will be sorely missed, not only by the members of her class, but also by the staff and volunteers at the community rooms. We have enjoyed her sense of humour, generous spirit and near endless commitment to the class. All the best to you, Alma! — Tess Trotter



Stretch and Flex class at their Christmas lunch

## Alternative to traditional Christmas meal

**WITH CHRISTMAS** fast approaching, many have already started planning Christmas dinner. In recent years, many have been feeling a moral impetus to cut down on meat being the centre-piece of a meal. Some vegetables, when prepared correctly, can be just as satisfying as the more traditional turkey or ham. One of my personal favourites is braised carrots. It's a hard sell, but trust me, the depth of flavour one can achieve from this vegetable and a few simple ingredients is exceptional.

Simply cut mature carrots into thick diagonal slices (or use whole baby carrots), then sear on both sides over a relatively high heat. Once nicely browned and a little caramelised, add some stock and flavouring agents. This is an endlessly customisable step - one of my preferred methods is to make a light mushroom stock from dried mushrooms steeped in boiling water. Then add soy sauce to taste.

When carrots have nearly finished searing, add sliced garlic and some woody herbs such as rosemary and sage and cook for an additional minute. Pour the stock over until the carrots are covered, then place a lid onto the saucepan and let reduce for 20 minutes to half an hour. Uncover and add more seasoning to taste.

The end result will be deeply caramelised carrots with a sticky reduced sauce clinging to them. The soy sauce and mushroom mixed with woody herbs add meaty notes, and the texture is reminiscent of perfectly tender meat. I'm not saying these can replace the turkey outright, but I will try to convince any sceptic. Plus, they make a hell of a side dish in any case. Served with a mushroom stew with fluffy chive dumplings, they are ridiculously satisfying and moreish.—Joe Flaherty

# Memorial board unveiled in new home

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IT WAS a beautiful sunshine-filled day as the tamariki of North East Valley Normal School filed into the hall to take part in the unveiling of the memorial board for the fallen soldiers of the Upper Junction community on Armistice Day. The event began with a karakia and mihi from both students and principal John McKenzie, followed by waiata welcoming the families and guests to the unveiling. Major Duncan McEwan, infantry major and commander of the infantry reserves of Otago and Southland, addressed the crowd. He reminded us that war is not a good thing, to remember what it means to be involved in war, and how we should work together as one for peace, not just in NZ but worldwide. Keith Hellyer and his grandson Riley South unveiled the board. Esther Clark-Prebble, priest of St Martha's, also spoke of remembrance and peace before leading the Lord's Prayer in te reo as she blessed the board, after which the room erupted in song for the national anthem. The tamariki shook hands with the whānau members and dignitaries as they filed out. Poppies were placed beneath the memorial board as a further mark of remembrance. A special day to honour those lost and unveil the board in its new home. —Jess Covell

Pictured, Christine George, Lox Kellos, Major Duncan McEwan, Peter Trevathan

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# Bloomin' talent in the Valley



Band MG2 playing at the DNI school hall. Keys - Jai Kain, Vocals - Lucas MacLeod, Guitar - Finn Dixon-Stewart, Drums - Massimo Bolletta

**IT WAS** a gloriously sunny afternoon as I strolled down North Road to the sounds of laughter and the smell of churros wafting through the air.

I was off to Spring in the Valley, a music event conceptualised and actioned by the Dunedin North Intermediate students to showcase the incredibly talented tamariki we have at our immediate and surrounding community schools. Smiling students greeted people on arrival and gave out golden bumble-bee stamps in exchange for an entrance fee. As I entered the auditorium the sounds of excitement and ukulele tuning filled the room. The kapa haka groups filed in with excited tamariki waving to their whānau and friends.

The first group to perform was the DNI Kapa Haka followed by the Ōpoho Kapa Haka. Both groups gave incredible performances with powerful haka. The boys' section of the Ōpoho Kapa Haka was a particular stand-out, with powerful vocals and haka from only a handful of boys. Next up were the DNI Ukes. The group comprised ukulele, vocals, drums, keyboards and glockenspiel. These kids were in their element, their faces beaming. Roars of applause and encouragement came from the enthusiastic crowd, and glancing around you could see everyone was singing along and tapping their toes, it was such an infectious performance. The DNI orchestra was up next – I was personally very excited to see a tuba! For a small orchestra, there was an array of instruments and some excellent solos.

At this point I think it's worth mentioning Mr Straight, a teacher at DNI, who spent most of his time running around fixing microphones for students, gathering chairs for performers to sit on and just generally helping all the performers out with

anything they needed. What a hero!

Cross Roads was the first of the rock bands to play. They were a clearly a crowd favourite, with all the tamariki flocking to the front of the stage cheering loudly and dancing along to their cover of 'Free Falling'. MG2 took the stage next, giving an excellent rendition of Muse's 'Uprising' complete with colourful psychedelic visuals. Otago Boys' High School's Tama Olo Asia took the stage next, a Pasifika dance group comprised of five members performing traditional dance. It was a great performance and garnered a lot of applause.

Logan Park High School students were the next to perform, starting with Pigeon Propaganda, a year 10 group. They opened with an excellent cover of New Zealand band Pluto's song 'Long White Cross'. Year 10's Insatiable Mezz played Herbie Hancock's 'Chameleon'. This absolutely blew me away – not just the choice of song, but the musical ability of everyone in this six-piece band, an incredibly talented bunch. Sodalite was the penultimate LPHS act, a three-piece band made up of year 11 and 12 students, the drummer rocking a very enviable tiger jumper. I think the best way to describe their style is bedroom pop intertwined with 90s grunge. Alt jazz-core math rock two-piece Paper Frogs was the last of the LPHS bands to play.

After having it postponed so many times throughout the year, it was truly wonderful to see this event come to fruition. It was well attended, had a real community feel, and was extremely well thought out and put together. Kai pai to all those involved.—Jess Covell

# Crush the Cargill for mental wellbeing

community  
NEWS

IT'S TRUE to say that when the Crush the Cargill event is described to a newbie, the reaction is often "Are they crazy?!?" Running up and down Mt Cargill over a 24-hour period isn't everyone's idea of a fun time, but for those participating and supporting it is well worth while, as each year funds are raised for the Valley Project. This year the runners will take off from Bethunes Gully at 10am on Saturday 12 December, and will see who can run the most laps through until 10am on Sunday morning. The funds raised will be put towards initiatives to support mental wellbeing in our community.

The competition is stiff every year, but this year the infamous Bisley family have taken things up a notch. Current CtC champion Chris Bisley will be competing again, and Nicky Bisley, his wife, has created her own challenge. As Chris attempts 19 laps over the 24 hours, Nicky aims to sell 190 juice ice-blocks in the same period as part of the fundraising. Who will be the first to succeed?

So, please contribute if you can via the Givealittle page online, or pop along on the day for an ice block and some

great entertainment!

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/crush-the-cargill-24-hour-challenge-2020>

Nicky and Chris Bisley preparing to face-off at the Crush the Cargill event at Bethunes Gully, starting 10am Saturday, 12th December.



## valley garden journal



### Meet community gardener Rissa Johnston

#### When did you first get involved with the Community Garden?

About seventeen years ago I walked up the North East Valley School driveway to find a bare patch of ground, and I thought to myself, "This area is ideal for a local community garden!" Some years later in March 2011 the North East Valley Community Garden was founded, and some months later I walked up the school driveway again to discover that the vision had manifested! I soon learned about the community garden weekend working bees and started to attend the gardening sessions there in October 2011!

#### What do you enjoy the most about the garden?

It's a harmonious experience meeting nature-loving people at the community garden working bees, who are willing to share their gardening knowledge and experiences with everyone. The community garden attracts friendly people who share a love for co-operation in the spirit of communion!

#### Tell us about an activity you particularly enjoy?

Having a passion for the culinary and medicinal uses of herbs, I particularly enjoy working in the herb garden area as a simple beautification project and also fulfilling people's curiosity about herbs!

North East Valley Community Garden  
Saturday 12th Dec, 2nd Jan 9:30-Midday  
Sunday 6th & 20th Dec : 1-4pm

Dalmore Reserve Community Garden  
Check [www.facebook.com/DalmoreCommunityGardenPineHill](http://www.facebook.com/DalmoreCommunityGardenPineHill)  
for upcoming events and working bees

# Our own Christmas tree?

**MOST DAYS** I walk under the twisting branches of a big southern rātā on Arnold Street that reaches out over the footpath, sprinkling its delicate red leaves on the asphalt. It provides a good spot out of the sun or rain for a halfway-up-the-hill breather. The southern rātā's larger cousin, the pōhutukawa that grows in the northern North Island, is known as New Zealand's Christmas tree because of its striking red flowers that burst onto the silly season scene each year. Given that pōhutukawa only grows as far south as New Plymouth and Gisborne, can the southern rātā be our Christmas tree?

Unfortunately for us, rātā are a bit more sporadic in their wild red bloomings and only tend to really turn it on



every few years, usually as a result of a particularly warm previous year. And down here, they often flower in January, so a bit late for Santa.

Rātā are part of a genus found all through the Pacific Islands called *Metrosideros*, which literally means heartwood of iron – the wood is very hard and burns very hot. It is part of the larger myrtle (*Myrtaceae*) family that includes plants like eucalypts, bottlebrushes and feijoas – I always wondered why feijoa flowers looked like pōhutukawa and rātā flowers with those spikey red brushes, a rather uncommon colour for native New Zealand flowers. (Although the flowers aren't always red – look out for a couple of yellow-flowering rātā on

the one-way north opposite North Ground). These sorts of blooms – many short flower stalks coming from one point – are called umbels because they look a bit like the spokes of an umbrella. They even give the southern rātā its species name *Metrosideros umbellata*. Some say nectar from those flowers produces the best honey in New Zealand – the tūi certainly love it.

Southern rātā are found from Coromandel in the north to the Auckland Islands in the south and are particularly prolific on the West Coast. Interestingly, there aren't many naturally occurring rātā on the east coast of the South Island – it is a bit too dry for their liking, even in Dunedin.

To make life even more difficult for southern rātā on the east coast, possums show a distinct liking for them – another reason, if we needed one, to get rid of the little furry pests. And they are now threatened by another (possibly) Aussie blow-in, the fungus myrtle rust, which has been found across most of the North Island and upper South Island and which can severely affect our *Metrosideros* species. (You can find out more about myrtle rust, and report it, at [www.myrtlerust.org.nz](http://www.myrtlerust.org.nz).)

Our neighbourhood southern rātā on Arnold Street is at least 100 years old and would have been planted there by an early resident when many of the sections in Ascotvale, as our neck of the NEV woods was known, were being built on. *Metrosideros* are long-lived plants; my arborist neighbour, Peter, reckons it should provide weary walkers with shade for at least another couple of hundred years.

Manuia le Kerisimasi to everyone in the Valley! See you next year! —Helen Jack

# New dog groomer bringing trans-fur-mations

community  
NEWS

WE WOULD like to introduce you to Powderpuff Pet Grooming, a small whānau-run business able to manage a variety of different canine temperaments and deliver excellent styling in accordance with breed standards. They offer high-quality service with



Leo and Powderpuff Pet Grooming's mascot Bella the dog, to welcome them to our community and have a chat about their business.

Dom and Sara moved back to Dunedin from the UK earlier in the year right as the pandemic was shutting down all the borders. They were actually on holiday at the time when things escalated worldwide. They managed to get on one of the last flights out of Europe with nothing but their carry-on luggage. The rest of their stuff was stranded behind borders in Croatia

and they still have not gotten this back. Starting a business and having a new baby all during a worldwide pandemic seems crazy, but they did it! Sara is from Dunedin and has lived all over the valley in the years she spent here, so it made sense for them to return to the community that Sara loves and has a deep connection to, and it was fortuitous that the premises of Powderpuff Pet Grooming was up for lease. Dom is fully OCN accredited and qualified with a level 3 diploma in dog grooming, a qualification he's proud of: it's an impressive qualification due to the high standard of grooming offered in the UK where he studied and first practised. Since opening just after lockdown, Dom and Sara have built a great customer base that continues to grow. Dom's philosophy is delivering an exceptional service, which means he takes no more than eight bookings a day. Their policy is to put the welfare and comfort of the dog first. Given that Dom has been in the industry for 10 years he knows plenty of tricks of the trade. They've had dogs come in who are banned from other groomers, but Dom's extensive experience and training allows him to combat these issues. "It's really important to learn and know how to effectively approach the situation: this is something you learn over time," Dom says. Powderpuff Pet Grooming offers a great service at reasonable prices, so pop down and treat your pooch today! —Jess Covell

## National rating for biodiversity in backyards

MOST OF New Zealand's cities are made up of suburbs, and suburbs are mostly made up of private gardens. In Dunedin, gardens cover 36% of the total area! Consequently, the way that people landscape and manage their gardens will have a huge impact on biodiversity across the city. We know that parks and reserves play an important role in supporting native biodiversity, but they comprise only a small and patchy network of natural spaces, and some suburbs have very few or no biodiverse natural areas. Biodiverse private gardens provide stepping-stones for some native species to move across cities so they can get to more natural spaces; for other species, they provide a place to live.

Many householders are keen to manage their gardens as spaces where native species can thrive. To this end, we (the University of Otago and the Endangered Species Foundation) are developing a national rating system for biodiverse gardens that we have tentatively called Garden Star; this echoes the Home Star accreditation for sustainable homes. We have come up with the first version of the rating tool that would be applied to a garden to determine its star rating. This assessment is intended not only to classify gardens on the basis of their current biodiversity, but also to provide householders with information about the things they could do to improve the biodiversity value of their gardens.

Now we wish to test how well the rating tool works on actual gardens. This is where you can help! Emma Kuperinen is a sum-

mer student who is looking for gardens over the next 10 weeks to test the tool on. We'd like to test it on all kinds of gardens – large and small, wild or neat.

If you would like to help us, please contact Emma at [kupem021@student.otago.ac.nz](mailto:kupem021@student.otago.ac.nz). She will need to ask you a number of questions, which shouldn't take more than 30 minutes, and spend an hour or two in your garden.—Yolanda van Heezik

Community Christmas  
Workshops & Volunteer Thank  
You Afternoon Tea

12th December 2020

Trapbox Making Workshop: 1 - 3 pm  
Trash to Treasures Workshop: 1 - 4 pm  
Volunteer Thank You: 3 - 4 pm

All Welcome!

262 North Rd  
Valley Project  
Community Rooms

Backyard Ecostructures VUE the Valley Project City of Dunedin Otago Regional Council DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL

## 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

Fitness, discipline and self defence. Classes for 7-12 years Wed, 5-6pm, Sun, 3-4pm, teen & adult classes, Wed, 6-7.30pm, Sun, 4-5.30pm, Nga Maara hall. Contact Kenneth Dunedin@shaolinkungfu.co.nz or 022 094 6357.

### 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

(Age Concern) Gentle balance and strength exercises, NEV Baptist Church, 10.30am-11.30am, Mon, and Pine Hill School Library, 11am, Thur.

### SPORTS AEROBICS

Competitive aerobics and casual fitness classes. No previous experience required. Training held at DNI Fri and Sun. Working towards NZCAF regionals next August. Contact rebeccafishernz@yahoo.co.nz

### TANNOCK GLEN

The 3.5acre garden of the Dunedin Rhododendron Group is situated in Torridon St, Opoho. Members of the public are invited to visit at any time. Dogs permitted on a lead.

### THREE LEFT FEET

Social dance group, no experience or partners necessary. European dance—folk and traditional, \$5 or \$7.50/couple, Nga Maara hall, 6pm-7pm, Thu. Ph. Marilyn 473 7829.

### ZEN MEDITATION

ZEN Meditation - NEW venue for Dunedin Zen Group: Thursdays 7pm at the Quakers Rooms, 15 Park St, Dunedin North. Traditional Zen suitable for both beginners and experienced people. Koha. Registrations for annual 7 day Zen Sesshin on Quarantine Island

Nov / Dec are limited this year.

### YOGA IN THE VALLEY

Instructor Adair Bruce, 6-7pm, Mon & Fri, DNI designspace; 9.15-10.15am, Mon, Wed, community rooms. \$10 waged, \$8 unwaged, for more info contact adairbruce@hotmail.com

## further education

### CITIZENS ADVICE

Dunedin Citizens Advice Bureau - a free confidential service for all. We can help with tenancy problems, employment issues, consumer problems & host of other issues. Rodgers House, 155 Princes St, 471 6166, cab.org.nz

### FRENCH TUTOR

Beginner to advanced, 30 years experience, hourly rate, ph 473 0159 evenings.

### INDOOR BOWLS

Play indoor bowls at the NEV Bowling Club, 139 North Rd, Thurs, 1.30pm start. Ph. Jack for more info 473 9565.

### ITALIAN CLASSES

Experienced teacher, native speaker of Italian.

ph 027 3418312, 473 0832

antonella.vecchiato@gmail.com

[www.italianclasses.co.nz](http://www.italianclasses.co.nz)

### LEARN ENGLISH

English for daily life and work. Free and low cost courses. Contact Tamara or Felicity at English Language Partners 455 5266.

dunedin@englishlanguage.org.nz

### SPANISH LESSONS

Learn Spanish in a fast and fun way. All levels and wide time availability. Ph Luana 027 284 7836 or luana.suarez26@gmail.com

### STAND-UP COMEDY

Open mic at Inch Bar, 1st & 3rd Thursday every month. Comedy workshop classes every other Thursday, open to all skill levels. For more info contact reuben@dunedincomedy.co.nz

### LEARN TE REO

Maori language lessons. Short courses, individual tuition, beginners to intermediate. Modest cost, flexible hours. Contact johnbirnie@hotmail.com, 0212363765.

## art, craft & music

### ART CLASSES

For all levels, casual attendance welcome, tutor Anneloes Douglas, community rooms, 10am-noon, Thur and 6pm-8pm, Fri. Ph 027 307 7034, 467 9993,

anneloes.douglas@xtra.co.nz

### ART CLASSES

Continuous class, newcomers welcome, 1-3pm, Wed, community rooms; 1-3pm, Thurs, St Peter's Church Hall, Caversham; 7-9pm, Thurs, Logan Park High School, \$15 per session. Ph Friederike 482 2025.

### KNITTING SQUAD

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

### ART FIBRE DUNEDIN

Bring lunch and requirements, 10am-3pm, second Sun each month, community rooms, Ph Viv 473 0343, [www.artfibredunedin.blogspot.com](http://www.artfibredunedin.blogspot.com).

### DUNEDIN FIDDLE CLUB

Community rooms, 7.30pm, Wed.

### MUSIC LESSONS

Guitar, drums, singing, with professional musician. All ages. Contact Bevan bevan37@hotmail.com or ph 027 363 1376.

### SOUNDS NOR'EASTERLY

Do you enjoy singing with a group? Why not join your local community choir? All ages and abilities welcome. DNI design lobby every Tues, 7.30-8.45pm. Email Marion for more info marion.okane68@gmail.com

### UKULELE SESSIONS

Wed, 7-8.30pm, Baptist Church, 280 North Rd. Just turn up or text Adrienne 027 389 2574 for more info.

### WOMEN'S ART GROUP

Restarting in Spring. An art & craft group aimed at helping new Dunedin residents learn & share skills & connect with others. Tues, 1pm, community rooms, 262 North Rd.

### LEARN TROMBONE

From winner of Dunedin Youth Jazz Festival best trombone and Otago Rockquest best musician - contact Finnbar ph 0273562881 fin.mckinlay@gmail.com

## community

### BIBLE HOUR

Friendly small group Bible learning over morning tea, Sun, 9.30am, DNI (tech area) during school terms. All welcome, free, ph 020 4079 5727 or [www.dunedinchristadelphians.org](http://www.dunedinchristadelphians.org)

### BIKE WORKSHOP

Get help, use our workshop, bikes available for koha, 3.30-6pm Tues, and 9.30am-12.30pm Sat, Valley Community Workspace, 11 Allen St. Contact Peter on peterd0n@yahoo.com

## COMMUNITY ACCOUNTING

Dunedin Community Accounting provides free accounting training & advice for non-profits in Otago. For more info call 0800 113 160, [kiaora@dca.org.nz](mailto:kiaora@dca.org.nz) or [www.dca.org.nz](http://www.dca.org.nz).

## ENABLING LOVE

Looking for friendship and social connection? 18-65 years welcome to our weekly coffee group at Otago Museum cafe, Thurs, 1-2pm. More at [www.enablinglove.nz](http://www.enablinglove.nz) or contact Joshua for venue at [enquiries@enablinglove.nz](mailto:enquiries@enablinglove.nz)

## DUNEDIN REFUGEE & MULTICULTURAL WOMEN'S GROUP

Dunedin Refugee Centre, meet community rooms, 262 North Rd, 9.30-11.30am, Fri. Ph Afife 473 8944.

## FRUIT & VEGES NFP

Fresh fruit and veges at wholesale prices with All Saints Fruit and Veges. Small, med, family weekly bags. Order at St Martins, 194 North Rd, Thur, 4.30pm, or sign up online [fruit.vege.allsaintsdsn.org.nz](http://fruit.vege.allsaintsdsn.org.nz)

## LEGAL ADVICE

Free legal advice at Community Law Otago, available by appointment. Legal advice by qualified lawyers, practical solutions.

Telephone 03 474 1922 or email [reception@dclc.org.nz](mailto:reception@dclc.org.nz) to make an appointment.

## MEN'S PROBUS

NEV bowling club, 10am, 2nd Mon each month, new members welcome. Ph Peter 455 1256, [peabee@xtra.co.nz](mailto:peabee@xtra.co.nz) or ph Don 473 7544.

## DALMORE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Pine Hill, Dalmore Reserve entrance on Allenby Ave, We need more gardeners, please get in touch if you can help or come along to one of our working bees on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month at 3pm. [dalmorecommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:dalmorecommunitygarden@gmail.com)

## NORTH EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

The NEV Community Garden is directly behind NEV school. Pay us a visit! We meet every weekend: hours in the Valley Garden section in this Valley Voice.

## DUNEDIN MAKERSPACE

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

## NEED A JP?

Contact Colin Lind to arrange to meet,

ph 473 7174 or 027 733 0066 or colin@lind.co.nz.

### **NORTH DUNEDIN SHED**

New members welcome. Open Wed and Sat mornings 35 Bonnington St over bridge. Find us on Facebook: North Dunedin Shed Society Inc

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT**

Create safer, more caring communities. For more info and local contacts ph Joy Davis on 456 0857 or neighbourhoodsupport@gmail.com.

### **COMMUNITY PATROL**

Dunedin North Community Patrol. Assisting Police to ensure our communities are safe to live in. Volunteers welcome – for info call Garry on 027 3641485

## trading corner

### **BABYSITTER**

Experienced 23 year old, have worked with children of all ages. Ph Kelly 027 697 9194 .

### **BABYSITTER**

High school student available for babysitting evenings and weekends. Ph Laura 027 905 9911 after 4pm.

### **BABYSITTER IN NEV**

Experienced, 26 year old, children of all ages. Wide hourly availability. Ph Luana 027 284 7836 or luana.suarez62@gmail.com

### **CAKE BAKER**

Home-baked cakes large/small for your pleasure. Made to order. Price list available. Ph 473 0159 evenings.

### **COMPUTERS**

I fix computers! Low rates, great service, Windows, Linux, Mac, Android. Call Matt 022 048 0012.

### **GARDENER**

Gardener available, light weeding/trimming, winter rose pruning, very experienced, \$25/hr, ph 473 0159 (evenings)

### **HAIRDRESSER**

Retired senior hairdresser providing service for seniors. Your home or mine. Dunedin North only, ph Helen 467 9644 or 021 104 1011.

### **LOG SPLITTER**

Commercial power Briggs & Stratton Model 12000 Vanguard. Local pick up & delivery with full tank, \$50/day. User responsibility, ph: 473 0393.

### **GARDENER AVAILABLE**

Mature woman seeks gardening

work, phone Jude 4731650

### **DOG SITTER SOUGHT**

Dog sitter (your place or ours) 15th to 31 December. Easycare dog, have a holiday in Northeast Valley. Phone Terisha and Marvin 4739188.

### **WANTED:LPHS UNIFORM**

D'Arcy Dalzell – Wanted: Logan Park School uniform (girls). Size 12, including kilt. Ph Darcy 021 735 437

### **SEEKING HOME TO RENT**

I am looking for a warm and friendly place to live from Feb 2021. I am employed and have a busy and creative life. Would like to live either on my own or with one other fabulous person. I don't smoke. Looking for a medium to long term situation.

Please contact me, Ngairé Tigear on 02108345575

### **SEEKING TREASURER**

The Friends of the Dunedin Botanic Garden are seeking a new volunteer Treasurer. The Friends are a registered charity and run the Information Centre and Shop in the Botanic Gardens, as well as raise money to support projects in the Gardens.

The role involves:

preparing monthly financials and attendance at Committee meetings (we use Xero)

filing 2 monthly GST returns

paying invoices (online banking)

preparing annual accounts for audit

dealing with Charities Commission filing requirements

supporting volunteers at the Information Centre in use of the till, cashing up, etc.

sending out invoices as required, e.g. annual membership fees, Cruise Ship tours

helping out at the twice-yearly plant sales

It's a great opportunity to get some governance experience and be involved with an iconic part of Dunedin. You don't need to know anything about gardening or plants, just have an interest in helping out and providing a financial point of view. The role would suit someone with an understanding of accounting principles.

Please contact Kathryn Thatcher at friends@friendsdbg.co.nz for more info.

Classified listings: please email voice@northeastvalley.org to update or add a listing, before January 20th please. There is no January Issue. Koha is appreciated, but not essential, for classifieds.

Our bank account number is 03-1726-0005606-000 if you would like to make a donation. Please use VVdonation as a reference.

## for families, kids & teens

### **ACTIVE MUSIC**

For 0–5yrs, with Yvette, 10.30am Wed, Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd, ph 473 9413 or nevplaygroup@gmail.com

### **DUNEDIN TOY LIBRARY**

A vibrant toy library for children from birth to 7 years. Huge range of toys, ride-ons, dress ups, puzzles, games. NEV Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd., 3.30–4pm Wed, and 10–11.30am Sat.

### **GIRLS BRIGADE**

Dunedin Girls Brigade Company, all girls, from age 5 up welcome, 6–7.30pm, Wed, St Marks Presbyterian Church Hall, 304 Pine Hill Rd.

### **GIRLGUIDES**

Local pippin, brownie and, guides groups for girls aged 5-12.5 years. . Monday afternoons/evenings. Register at <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/registration/> for more information.

### **OPOHO PLAYCENTRE**

Opoho Playcentre is a nurturing play space for 0-6 year olds where children and their whanau attend together. Our focus is on child-led learning through play. Come make friends, play, learn, and grow. Three free visits. 28A Signal Hill Road. Mon -Fri 9 am - 12 pm following school term times. Find us on Facebook, contact us at [opoho@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:opoho@playcentre.org.nz), or ph: 027 880265

### **OPOHO SCOUTS**

Keas, 4pm–5pm, Tues; Cubs, 6pm–7.30pm, Thur; Scouts, 7pm–8.30pm, Wed. Opoho Scout Den, ph Kevin

0800 SCOUTS.

### **MAINLYMUSIC**

Leith Valley Church, Malvern St, Wednesday 10am \$4 Contact: Fran ph 467-9208 (Leith Valley Church Phone No) Or 027 456 1188

### **PRESCHOOL MUSIC**

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

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Variety of classes with stories, crafts, songs and more. Ages 4–18, 9.30am Sun (term time only), DNI (tech area). All welcome, no charge, ph 020 4079 5727 or [www.dunedinchristadelphians.org](http://www.dunedinchristadelphians.org)

### **SPACE FOR BABIES**

Programs run by registered ECE teachers supporting families through their first year with a new baby, school terms, 12.30–2.30pm, day TBC, Valley Baptist Community Centre, ph 473 0014 or [space.valleybaptist@gmail.com](mailto:space.valleybaptist@gmail.com)

### **NEV PLAYGROUP**

For 0–5yrs, variety experiences to enhance development of your child, meet other local young families, free morning tea & lunch provided, Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Rd, 9am–2.30pm Tue & Wed, ph 473 9413 or nevplaygroup@gmail.com

### **RUDOLF STEINER**

Te Whare Ako Marie, Pinehill & Maia. A sanctuary for creative play for children from birth to kindergarten, a place of peace & friendship for parents. Groups meet weekly, term time, ph 471 2163 or [dunedin-steinerplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:dunedin-steinerplaygroup@gmail.com)

## church services

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

Sacred Heart Catholic, 89 North Rd, Mass 9.30am

Glenaven Methodist, 7 Chambers St, 11am

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

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

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 Cameron Sinclair on [sinclairs@snap.net.nz](mailto:sinclairs@snap.net.nz)

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

NEV Baptist, 270 North Road, 10.30am.

# Tahu becomes dream queen supreme of Otago hall of fame



IT IS with great pride that we congratulate community member Tahu Mackenzie for her recent wins at the inaugural Otago Hall of Fame awards. Not only did Tahu win Educator of the Year but she also took out the award for Otago Person of the Year. Tahu is a force in our community and is constantly giving her passion and time to community projects and events. If she's not performing with Tahu and the Takes, you'll find her being a guest speaker, an educator, a face painter, or just there in support of our local and wider community. Tahu is the Learning Experiences Officer at Orokonui Ecosanctuary, an incredible performer and a true pillar of our community. We are pleased as punch that she has won these awards. Congratulations Tahu, WE LOVE YOU AND ALL THAT YOU DO!—Jess Covell

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