

# Rain no damper on CreekFest



More than 60 people gathered for a discovery walk along Lindsay Creek at CreekFest which featured interpretive panels, an electric fishing demonstration and experts sharing their passion about birds and rocks in the area. Photo: Edith Leigh




Upoko David Ellison and the Sacred Heart School kapa haka group get ready to open the festival.

"IT'S RAINING but what the heck," Upoko David Ellison told festival-goers as he officially opened CreekFest 2017.

It was a statement that certainly seemed to sum up the attitude of the valley community. A rainy day didn't deter more than 60 people enjoying a discovery walk along Lindsay Creek, while an estimated 400 people came along to the festival at Chingford Park.

CreekFest organising committee member Wendy Tripp was delighted at the community spirit of the day. "We thought the volunteers and marshals might be the only ones who would turn up."

The event is all about celebrating the creek and even though we had to postpone the live music it was amazing to see so many people come to share our passion for our awa.

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# CreekFest hailed a success

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COMMENTS FROM walkers on the discovery walk ranged from "I've lived in the valley for ages and I didn't know this was here" to "Wow, I didn't realise our creek could sustain so much wildlife."

Fish and Game Dunedin field officer Steve Dixon stunned an eel aged about 30 years old with his electric fishing machine. "It's rare to catch a short-fin eel, usually I get long-fins," he says.

Scientist and Valley Voice Nevelogy columnist Helen Jack shared her passion for rocks, showing people the qualities of rocks in the area, such as some that are magnetised. "I was surprised that people actually got as excited about rocks as I am."

Many community groups came on board for the festival including Sacred Heart School, Opoho School, Dunedin North Intermediate, the Valley Playgroup, the Valley Baptist Church and the Tinker School.  
—Edith Leigh

## From the editor:

AS I packed up my camera gear ready for CreekFest I wondered if I was wasting my time. It was a wet, miserable day and I thought chances were high few people would come. I could not have been more pleasantly surprised. It was an amazing day and, to me, it demonstrated real community passion for Lindsay Creek. I look forward to seeing what will grow from this festival. Its always nice to get

recognition from one's peers, and to see a story from our community newsletter picked up first by national then international media, is always satisfying. Dunedin North Intermediate's new uniform choices have put them on the international stage. It is great to see our local leaders making waves around the country and the world as they all strive to give our children the best education.—Edith Leigh, Valley Voice editor



An aerial view of some of the creek activities and displays on offer at CreekFest. Photo: Sam Perkins (if you need a drone photographer contact Sam on 027 864 2226)

## Workshops give practical ideas for cosy homes

With autumn well underway and winter fast approaching the Valley Project has two Cosy Homes workshops coming up in May.

Moisture and dampness solutions, mould removal, DIY heat retention and curtain bank information will be the focus of the first workshop on Saturday 13 May, 2-4pm, at the Valley Project community rooms, 262 North Rd.

A follow-up practical workshop will demonstrate how to put window film onto different window frames as a form of DIY cheap double-glazing, and how to make a cheap pelmet which sits above curtains to help prevent heat loss. The second workshop will be on the following Sunday 21 May, 2-4pm, at the Valley Community Workspace, 11 Allen St.

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# Many different birds to spot in valley

THE VALLEY is a great place for bird watching with more than 30 different species using the Dunedin Botanic Garden, ruru (morepork) in the old quarry and Chingford Park and a secretive fernbird right on top of Mt Cargill.

Otago Birds New Zealand representative Mary Thompson has been checking out the valley birds in preparation for an upcoming short course, Introduction to Bird Studies, to be held at the community rooms.

The sessions will cover bird identification, breeding behavior, nesting, feathers and moult, migration and methods for surveying birds for conservation purposes. There will also be option to join guided bird-watching field trips, says Mary.

"We know many people in Dunedin are keen watchers of birds in their own gardens and appreciate living in a city where many native birds are commonly seen."

Observations all people can make often pro-



Mary Thompson spotting birds at Chingford Park. Photo: Sue Galloway

vide valuable information. Recently the oldest documented living tūi was spotted in Dunedin, while noting the first sightings in spring of shining cuckoos from Pacific Islands and godwits from Alaska may help identify effects of climate change.

The course is free, but enrolment is essential as places are limited. To enroll contact Mary on 464 0787 or email [maryt@actrix.co.nz](mailto:maryt@actrix.co.nz)

The 7-week course will be at the Valley Project community rooms, on Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm, starting on 11 April.

## Community apple-pressing day

AUTUMN IS the season of abundance and the Community Food Harvesting Dunedin group are helping the community to make the most of it.

At a community baking and preserving workshop we will make jams, chutney, jellies and sauces to preserve an abundance of apples, pears and quinces. There will be preserves for you to take home and for Dunedin Food Banks. A \$2 to \$3 koha would be appreciated.

Bring your surplus apples (or any other fruit that juices well) and get them pressed into some delicious, fresh apple juice on our Apple Press Day. The Waitati Open Orchard apple press is coming for the day and we appreciate any further koha towards usage and maintenance of it.

We also want to say "thank you" to all the harvesting volunteers. Please come along and test all preserves made during the 2016/17 harvesting season.

For more information contact Annika on 021 343 260 or [ackorsten@gmail.com](mailto:ackorsten@gmail.com).—Annika Korsten

Community Baking and Preserving Workshop: Saturday 8 April, 10am-2pm, Dunedin North Intermediate.

Apple Pressing Day: Saturday 22 April, 10am-3pm, Valley Project community rooms.

## Community orchard at next HortTalk

North East Valley's and Pine Hills 'Community Orchard' is the topic for April's HortTalk at the Botanic Gardens.

Philippa Jamieson from Transition Valley 473 will give a brief history of the project to plant and care for fruit and nut trees on public land in our area.

The vision was for the community to have a free source of healthy food and to come together to care for the trees, learn new skills and meet neighbours.

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# Volunteer role all about people

UP TO 340 volunteers working around Otago help the Otago Community Hospice provide care and support for people who are dying and their families.

In their purpose-built home on North Rd the hospice is always looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen, gardens, reception and providing companionship to patients.

The *Valley Voice* stopped by for a chat with volunteer Rhonda Callender.

## How did you get involved with the hospice?

I have had a lot of personal experience with family members dying of cancer and the hospice does such an amazing job looking after patients and families.

## What is your role at the hospice?

I help out in the kitchen every fortnight. We set up meal trays, deliver meals to patients, do dishes, help out with food preparation and anything else that might be needed. One of the great things about volunteering here is you can do as few or as many shifts as you would like.

## What do you enjoy about volunteering at the hospice?

I love the people I work with. You are always meeting different people – the staff, other volunteers, patients and families. The meals they serve here are beautiful and I love seeing the joy on patients' faces when we deliver them and the comments we get back from people.



Otago Community Hospice volunteer Rhonda Callender ready to deliver morning tea to a patient.

## What do you wish other people knew about the hospice?

That it's not a scary place. Lots of people say 'Oh isn't it awful, how can you be amongst people who are dying?', but the moment people walk in here it has got a lovely peaceful feel.

## What do you like to do when you are not volunteering?

I'm looking after grandkids and I love reading and following sport.

## Are you a valley local?

In some ways. I live in Mosgiel, but I grew up on Baldwin St so I know the valley pretty well.

## What would you say to someone thinking about getting involved?

Don't just think about it, give it a go. If it's not for you that's fine, but I'm sure most people would enjoy it.

The next volunteer information session at the Otago Community Hospice is on 4 April and 2 May, 5.30-7pm. Contact 473 6005 for more information.

## Valley Voice story attracts worldwide attention



## This Is What Happens When A School Abolishes Gendered Uniforms

A STORY first published in the Valley Voice about non-gender-stereotyped uniform choices for boys and girls at Dunedin North Intermediate has attracted worldwide media attention.

The story has featured on *The Guardian*, *The Independent*, *The Huffington Post*, *BuzzFeed* and numerous other international news websites.

Principal Heidi Hayward says it has been crazy as she fielded calls from national and international media. "Who would have thought people wearing the clothes they feel comfortable in could be international news."

# English village fete to adorn Chingford Park

A TRADITIONAL 'English village fête' will be on at Chingford Park this Sunday to help raise awareness of Alzheimers disease and how it affects communities. The family fun day is being organised by the Alzheimers Society Otago.

There will be a village pub, Ye Olde Stone Stable Inn, Devonshire teas, a dedicated Kidzone with Punch 'n' Judy, storytelling, children's games and races such as egg and spoon race, a Victorian sponge baking competition, croquet, archery, cricket

(complete with a pavilion where lemonade and cucumber sandwiches can be purchased with deckchairs to sit in), live entertainment, including Morris dancers, and a maypole as well as musical acts and lots more.

There will be a small selection of market stalls selling produce and items we associate with traditional home-making talents such as baking, preserves, jams, sauces, plants, traditional handmade children's toys and handmade craft items.

Gazebos and the odd marquee will be 'dressed' with metres and metres of bunting made for us and put up by volunteers. Dunedin and Mosgiel communities have rallied round to make this happen. We are so grateful to them all and look forward to a great day.

The fête is on from 11am-3.30pm at Chingford Park, Sunday 2 April (postponement date 9 April).

—Pam Warren, fête organiser

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Harakeke sandals



Kia ora, my name is Hayley Rata Heyes. I grew up in Karitane and recently returned to Dunedin after five years away. I am an artist and writer interested in representations of Central Otago, a region my family has a strong connection to. For my Art Tardis project, in collaboration with my husband Alexander, I have made a replica of harakeke sandals found near Patearoa. The sandals were probably made between 1550 and 1800 indicating an early Māori presence in the region.

Anyone interested can contact Hayley via email [ratahayley@gmail.com](mailto:ratahayley@gmail.com). The Art Tardis is currently located outside The Grid café.

# Music at art show

THE OPOHO Art Show for 2017 will be launched with a special musical opening. The annual show of local artists is held in the Opoho Presbyterian Church and this year local



Bevin Family & Friends

musicians are joining in. The Bevin Family & Friends of the Opoho Church music group will perform live and Philip Fleming will play solo saxophone pieces.

The Bevin Family are stalwarts of the Opoho Church and with their friends play a range of music. The group comprises piano, cello, flute, violins and guitars. Philip will sing some of his own compositions, too.

The Art Show's feature artist this year is Fiona Stirling with works from her *Rangi and Papa* series which differ from her usual land/seascapes and night sky paintings. Fiona has been involved with the Opoho Art Show since its inception.

In a change from previous years, the Art Show is opening the weekend before the Opoho Church Fair. The fair will have the usual array of books, pre-loved clothes, food, coffee, white elephant and more.—*Gabrielle Panckhurst*

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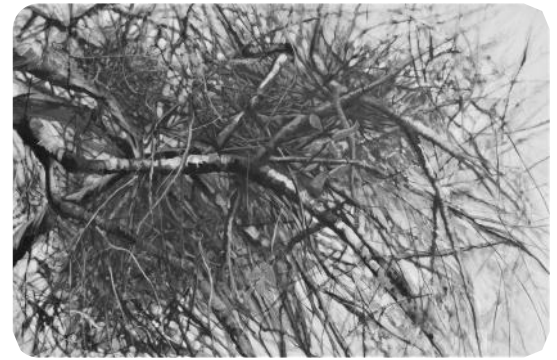
## Feathers and leaves used to paint

SIAU-JIUN Lim, originally from Malaysia, has been living in New Zealand for eleven years. She currently works as a graphic designer at Otago Polytechnic and studies part-time at the Dunedin School of Art.

Siau-Jiun and her husband moved from Christchurch to Dunedin after the earthquake in 2011. Her display, (be)longing, is about her acknowledgement and longing to be reconnected to nature.

Siau-Jiun grew up in a secluded area with limited resources. As a child the overgrown bush was her playground, companion and restful place. As time went by, she witnessed the destruction of the environment. The long-lost bush has influenced her views and living choices.

In New Zealand she is inspired by the way peo-



Longing for Tomorrow, by Siau-Jiun Lim

ple treat nature and this has encouraged her to address the loss. She views her painting as a tool to stimulate human emotions towards our relationship with nature. To reflect nature in her painting she produces work with things found from nature such as bird feathers, leaves, sticks and recycled materials, alongside traditional brushes.

# Football holiday clinics

**THE NORTHERN** Junior A Football Club will be running a school holiday football coaching clinic during the autumn school holidays. The clinic will provide opportunities for young players to develop and extend their football skills and tactical understanding of the game.

The junior club will be working with the Northern senior club and Football South to provide club-based skills development through school holiday programmes. This will provide leadership opportunities for youth players to plan and coach young players within the club on local grounds and provide fundraising opportunities to purchase equipment and strips.

Northern Galaxy 15th Grade will be leading the football coaching, supported by players from the Northern Senior 1st Grade team who will mentor them through the planning and practice required. Kidz Inc will provide



Northern Junior Football Club team

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—Andrew Bowen

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## Toy library goes online after a busy summer

**THE DUNEDIN** City Toy Library committee has been busy over the summer months and we have lots of exciting news to share.

Rachael McCann has taken over as our new librarian replacing Ali Rashidinejad who left us after six years in the role. Rachael has overseen a complete stocktake and clean of all our toys and the place is looking great!

While we took stock of all our toys we also uploaded them onto an online database. The database allows us to send members a list of what toys we have and a reminder message for when their toys are due. It will also give us information on what our most popular toys are so we can buy more of these. We've got hundreds of toys and you can see them all here at <http://dctl.mibase.com.au> We're also making a strategic plan to refresh our toy stock with quality, fun, hard-wearing toys. If you'd like some input email us at [dunedincitytoylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:dunedincitytoylibrary@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook and drop us a line.

The Toy Library is open from 10–11am every Wednesday and Saturday at 9 Northumberland St. Annual memberships start from \$25 and our Grandparent Memberships are a real bargain.—Jennifer Lawn, Dunedin Toy Library treasurer



Rachel McCann (left) is taking on the librarian role at the Dunedin City Toy Library as Ali Rashidinejad finishes after six years in the role.

## Island connection



What's the connection between the valley and Quarantine Island/Kamau Taurua? Quite a few valley residents are regular volunteers on this island in Otago Harbour. Recently a group of valley families spent a night on the island sharing the lodge accommodation. Find out more at [quarantineisland.org.nz](http://quarantineisland.org.nz)

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## Bistro owners take on Normanby Tavern

THE NORMANBY Tavern has been getting a make-over as new owners Richard and Susanne Dagg refurbish the bar and introduce new entertainment.

The couple have been running the Normanby Bistro for almost three years so taking on the tavern seemed a logical step when former owner, Greg North, retired.

"So many local or community hotels have closed in the past ten years and I don't want to see this one fall over," says Richard. "People in the valley deserve to have somewhere decent, tidy, clean and friendly."

The pair both look tired but excited after orchestrating a stream of painters and carpet layers and cleaning and shopping for new furniture. They have brightened up the bar by painting the walls cream, put in new carpet and plan to set up a cosy lounge bar as well.

They are introducing monthly karaoke, ladies' nights, theme nights and live music. Wayne and the Good Tones will be playing on Saturday 15 April and there will be a pyjama party on Friday 21 April.

Now that he is working behind the bar Richard



Suzanne and Richard McCallum are enjoying their new role behind the bar at the Normanby Tavern while continuing to run the bistro as well.

has even given up his famous t-shirts to dress smartly in a shirt although he still likes to choose a shirt that creates a bit of a talking point!

Suzanne says they take their host responsibilities seriously and there is always plenty of bar food available. They even have a courtesy vehicle available after the bistro closes.

"We love it here," says Susanne. "We like to call it 'your local' and encourage people to come along and enjoy some good food and atmosphere."



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# Valley fault considered inactive

AT 7.49PM on Tuesday 9

April 1974 the valley was jolted out of its evening telly watching by a rude shake. Jolting wasn't an entirely foreign feeling for many who lived close to the quarry and its weekly blasts. However, rather than a twitch on the earth's skin, this much stronger tremor came from its bowels.

Seven kilometres out to sea from St Kilda, and around 20km down in the crust, a small fault deep underground had rearranged itself in an effort to get a bit more comfy, and in the process let off a magnitude 4.9 earthquake – Dunedin's only damaging earthquake of the last 170 years.

In the valley houses rocked, power poles swayed and a few things fell off shelves. A few cracks appeared in older houses and bricks clattered from some chimneys. We got off pretty lightly compared to other areas of town, thanks partly to our distance from the epicentre, but also thanks to our geology.

The hard volcanic rock of the valley transmits earthquake waves cleanly so shaking is jolty but quick. In contrast, earthquake waves bounce around in the soggy sediments of places like South Dunedin. Although South Dunedin was closest to the epicentre it also experienced more intense and damaging shaking because of its wetland origins.

So when is another one coming? I like to say that my crystal ball broke in the Christchurch earthquake. But seriously, while damaging earthquakes in this neck of the woods are pretty rare, rare events have to happen sometime.

Where could an earthquake come from? I've been asked about "the fault that runs up the valley" a few times. There is a fault on the geological map of Dunedin that runs up from Logan Park, over Signal Hill and into the head of North East Valley. However, as far as we know this fault is inactive, meaning that it has done its dash and has long since retired.

Dunedin's known active faults include the Akatore and Titri faults to the southwest of the city. Recent research has shown that while these faults are relative slumberers, compared to their more lively cousins further north, they still wake up and party with a magnitude 7ish earthquake every few thousand years. Which means, while they are statistically unlikely to unleash during our lifetimes, there's no excuse for being surprised if they, or another unknown fault, do.

And it's not just close earthquakes. I was reminded at a recent Alpine Fault workshop that while a big central South Island earthquake will not rattle us too badly here, it may still leave us with limited power, communications and food and fuel supplies for days or weeks.

So, while we are not earthquake central, we should still be mindful of them. And you know what that means! That's right, lower by several notches your expectation of how much anyone else, apart from your immediate community, will be able to tell you or help you if a big earthquake happens.

Earthquakes can be scary, but they are part and parcel of living in New Zealand and are to be lived around, rather than stopping us in our tracks.—*Helen Jack*



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## Call for artisan skills to set up youth repair cafe

**THE TINKER** School is working with local businesses and organisations to create a youth-led social enterprise hub in North East Valley. The working title of the project concept is the Tinkering Artisan Repair Cafe. In the last issue of the *Valley Voice* we put out the call for any youth keen to be involved. This month we are looking for artisans, craftspeople, people who have

skills and time to mentor young people.

The concept aims to connect people who have things that require repairing, to people who have the skills and resources to repair things, in a place that serves awesome coffee.

Artisan skills we are looking to develop include jewellery, leather craft, woodcraft, electrical, clothing, fine black-

smithing and general repair and maintenance of household items.

If you have an interest or skill base around any of these and have some time and are willing to mentor young people, come and visit us at the Tinker School at 347 North Road. For further information about go to [www.kidzinc.co.nz](http://www.kidzinc.co.nz) or contact Andrew on 021 982 216.

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## Sixth anniversary at community garden



The Valley Community Garden celebrated their sixth anniversary last month. This photo demonstrates one way we have managed to keep going.

Paper bags containing seed heads are passed around as we learn about saving seeds from this season's crops for the next season. More informal seminars on saving seeds and propagating plants are going to be held this month as part of our working bees. All ages and capabilities welcome to come and learn.

### Looking for WORK?

Workbridge is a free specialist employment service.

For more information call our free phone 0508 858 858 (Dunedin) or land-line 477 0877 and talk to Mandy or Sue.

### church services

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

**Sacred Heart Catholic**, 89 North Rd, Mass 9.30am

**Glenaven Methodist**, 7 Chambers St, 11am

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

**Anglican: St Martin's**, 194 North Rd, 10.45am

**St Thomas'**, Raleigh St and Pine Hill Rd, 4pm

**Opoho Presbyterian**, 50 Signal Hill Rd, 10am

**NEV Presbyterian**, 224 North Rd, 9.30am cafe service

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

**NEV Baptist**, 270 North Road, 10.30am.

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Saturday 22 Apr  
9am-noon

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1pm-4pm

**NEV  
community  
garden  
working bees**

top paddock behind North  
East Valley Normal School

## for families, kids & teens

### ATHLETICS & HARRIERS

Children 3-6yrs and 7+yrs, Chingford Park Clubrooms, 5.30-6.45pm, Mon, and Caledonian grounds, Sat morn. [www.leithharriers.co.nz](http://www.leithharriers.co.nz)

### CHINESE FOR KIWIS

Bear Cats Club and Chinese ABC playgroups for children to learn Chinese. Tues, 3.30-4.30pm, Pine Hill School, 11 Hislop St. Ph 021 589 075 or [www.chineseforkiwis.co.nz](http://www.chineseforkiwis.co.nz)

### DUNEDIN TOY LIBRARY

A vibrant toy library for children from birth to 7 years. Huge range of toys, ride-ons, dress ups, puzzles, games. St Martin's Hall, Northumberland St, 10-11am Wed and Sat

### 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.

### MINI MUSIC GROUP

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

### MT CARGILL GIRLGUIDES

Pippins, brownies, guides and ranger groups in the valley. Ph 0800 222 292 or [info@girlguiding.org.nz](mailto:info@girlguiding.org.nz)

### OPOHO PLAYCENTRE

Sessions for 0-6 year olds, 9am-noon, Mon-Fri, school terms, 28A Signal Hill Rd. Visitors welcome. For more info ph 473 0819 or email [opoho.playcentre@yahoo.com](mailto:opoho.playcentre@yahoo.com)

### OPOHO SCOUTS

Keas, 5.30pm-6.30pm, Tues; Cubs, 6pm-7.30pm, Thur; Scouts, 7pm-8.30pm, Wed. Opoho Scout Den, Ph Kevin 0800 SCOUTS.

### PLAYGROUP

Leith Valley Church, Malvern St, 10am-noon, school terms. Ph Julia 027 635 8181.

### PRESCHOOL MUSIC

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

### SPACE PROGRAMME

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

### NEV PLAYGROUP

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

### RUDOLF STEINER

Dunedin Rudolf Steiner playgroups, Te Whare Ako Marie, Pinehill and Maia. A sanctuary of creative play for children from birth to kindergarten and a place of peace and friendship for parent. Groups meet weekly, term time, For more info contact 471 2163 or [dunedin-steinerplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:dunedin-steinerplaygroup@gmail.com)

### YOUNG PARENTS

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

## fitness & health

### CONTRA DANCE

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

### DUNEDIN ACROYOGA

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

### DUNEDIN BMX CLUB

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

### FOLK DANCING FOR FUN

Baptist Church, 270 North Rd, 10am-11.30am, Fri, \$3. Ph Yvonne 455 2406, [stured1@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:stured1@yahoo.co.nz)

### FRENCH DANCE

French traditional dance, beginners welcome, no partner needed. Wear comfortable shoes. \$8 casual, 7-8.30pm, Tues, North East Valley Normal School hall, 248 North Rd.

### LEARN TAEKWONDO

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

### MEDITATION

Meditation and mindfulness afternoon workshop every two weeks, ph 021 035 2392, [www.meditatenz.com](http://www.meditatenz.com)

### NAKAJIMA JUDO CLUB.

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

### OPOHO BOWLING CLUB

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





# Classifieds and community notices (for non-profits)

## DUNEDIN ELECTRIC BIKES

for sale  
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11 Allen St, Fri and Sat mornings

Ph Nathan Parker 027 214 8294 or

## QIGONG

Classes in Yuan Gong, Ans 027 756 8383, [yuangongdunedin@gmail.com](mailto:yuangongdunedin@gmail.com) Jay 027 584 4537, [www.bodymindqi.com](http://www.bodymindqi.com)

## PARKRUN

A free, weekly timed 5km run/walk, Sat, Botanic Gardens. Meet at café, 8am summer, 9am winter. Go to [parkrun.co.nz](http://parkrun.co.nz) for more info and to register & get your personal barcode.

## SELF DEFENCE COURSES

For women and girls, learn simple ways to use your mind, body and voice to keep safe. Contact Imogen [iroxhead@gmail.com](mailto:iroxhead@gmail.com)

## SPAN NEV

Stretch'n'flex, low-impact exercise, fun and friendship, Nga Maara Hall, Sacred Heart School, 10am-11am, Tue, over-65s, \$4. Ph 473 9311

## SPORTS AEROBICS

Competitive aerobics and casual fitness classes. Training held at DNI Sun, Mon and Fri. Contact Rebecca [rebeccafishernz@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:rebeccafishernz@yahoo.co.nz)

## STEADY AS YOU GO

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

## TANNOCK GLEN

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

## YOGA IN THE VALLEY

Instructor Adair Bruce, 6-7pm, Mon-Fri, DNI designspace; 9.15-10.15am, Mon, Wed, community rooms; 9.15-10.15am. \$10 waged, \$8 unwaged, for more info contact [adair-bruce@hotmail.com](mailto:adair-bruce@hotmail.com)

## further education

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Exp teacher, native speaker of Italian ph Antonella 027 341 8312, [antonella.vecchiato@gmail.com](mailto:antonella.vecchiato@gmail.com),

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## SEA OF FAITH

St Johns Church Hall (cnr Wright St and Highgate), 6-7.30pm, fourth Thur each month. Enquiries ph 473 0031.

## art, craft & music

### ART TARDIS @ THE GRID

Coffeehouse featuring 'Mud Diamond' by Elise Johnston

### 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@extra.co.nz](mailto:anneloes.douglas@extra.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

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## SUNDAY SOUNDS

DNI design lobby every Tues, 7.30-8.45pm. Email Clare for more info [clare-n-don@clear.net.nz](mailto:clare-n-don@clear.net.nz)

## community groups

### BIKE WORKSHOP

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### DUNEDIN MAKERSPACE

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

### DUNEDIN NORTH LIONS

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

### ENLIVEN DAY CLUB

Ross Home, drivers and help with activities needed, light food preparation. Tues, Wed & Fri. Ph Maybank 473 0890.

### LADIES' PROBUS CLUB

Meets 10am, first Mon each month, NEV Bowling Clubrooms. New members welcome. For more info ph 455 6683.

### MEN'S PROBUS

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

### MEN'S SHED

The North Dunedin Men's Shed welcomes new members. Open Wed and Sat mornings Bonnington St over bridge. Ph Paul 474 0060.

### MULTICULTURAL GROUP

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

### OPOHO EUCHRE GROUP

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

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

## trading corner

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# Children enjoy creek activities



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## Cartooning workshops

**CARTOONIST BRENT Harpur** is proud of the fact he can entertain kids with "just a sharpie and a blank piece of paper".  
 "Children don't need too much encouragement to draw and they have that real enthusiasm and lack of fear to try it."

Brent says he has always been drawing all of his life and was drawn to cartoons early. "I loved children's books with good pictures, such as Dr Suess."

Despite struggling with eye problems - he is legally blind - cartooning has taken Brent around the world to places such as Brazil, the United States and Australia.

Timaru born and bred, this is his first time living in Dunedin, and he will be sharing his skills with children in two workshops in the valley these school holidays.

To book or find out more email cartoonbrent@gmail.com or phone 021 232 2553.



Cartoonist Brent Harpur has been busking to raise his profile in Dunedin.

All the Cartooning Basics and some Secret Tips, Thursday 20 April, 1-4.30pm  
 Drawing Your Very Own Cartoon Animals and Super Heroes, Friday 21 April, 1-4.30pm. At Valley Project community rooms  
 Cost: \$50 each (early registration discount \$42.50)

## what's on calendar

### village fête

Traditional English village fête to raise awareness of Alzheimers disease.  
 Sunday 2 April, 11am-3.30pm, Chingford Park

### HortTalk

The challenges and rewards of community orchards. Friday 7 April, noon, Dunedin Botanic Gardens information centre.

### bake and preserve

Community baking and preserving workshop.  
 Saturday 22 April, 10am-3pm, Dunedin North Intermediate

### apple press day

Community apple pressing day, Saturday 22 April, 10am-3pm, Valley Project community rooms

### art show & fair

Opoho Church Art Show open Sat 29 April, 2pm, open that and following weekend. Church fair, Sat 6 May, 11am-2pm

### networking

Networking meeting for community organisations and agencies in the valley, 10am, Wednesday 5 April.