

# Ride of a lifetime to help save lives



MY DAILY RIDE is about to get a bit longer.....As a parent of a premature baby whose initial journey into this world was pretty rough, we were blown away with the support that our whanau received while our child was being cared for. 5 years on, it seems timely to give back.

Exactly five years after my son Oscar came home after spending the first month of his life in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, I'll be attempting to ride my mountain bike the length of New Zealand in a month. I'm raising funds for The Neonatal Trust as part of the Tour Aotearoa.

Starting February 22, 2020 I'll be travelling under my own power, unsupported and self-sufficient, whereas during Oscar's stay in hospital we had amazing support, from the NICU nurses and The Neonatal Trust. I'll be starting my ride from Cape Reinga at midday on Saturday Feb 22, and hope to be in Bluff before noon on Otago Anniversary day, March 23.

The Neonatal Trust doesn't receive any government funding, relying entirely on the generosity of the donations they receive. The main objectives of the Trust are to support the families, provide equipment, professional development for staff, and to aid neonatal medical research. I'd love to be able to raise \$1 for every kilometer I ride.

Huge thanks to everyone who has donated to my fundraising effort so far, it's great to see so much generosity, and I really appreciate the words of encouragement too. If you want to support my project visit <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/tour-aotearoa-for-the-neonatal-trust>—Phil Champman

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# Neighbours Day community dinner

NEIGHBOURS DAY is coming up and it's a great excuse to have anything from a knees-up to a chat across the fence with your neighbours. The national event will be celebrated from 27th March to 5th April this year. In the spirit of being neighbourly, we have joined forces with our amazing neighbours the North East Valley Baptist Community Trust and Lois Scott-Muir at Otago Neighbourhood Support to host a community dinner on Thursday April 2nd.

Come along with your family, friends or on your own to the Valley Baptist Community Centre, 270 North Road for a continuous buffet from 5-7pm. Bring along a favourite dish to share if you're able to, but if not, there will be plenty to kai for all. Doors will close at 9pm.

If you want to lend a hand to help with the set-up, roll-out or clean-up, please contact Amy ph: 4730014 E: trust.valleybaptist@gmail.com or Charlotte ph: 4738614 E: charlotte@northeastvalley.org or just rock-up at 3pm.

The Valley Project has some hireable equipment such as a PA system, trestle tables and gazebos. If you wish to have your own event with your neighbours, let us know it's for Neighbours Day and we'll give you a 20% discount. Details on the Valley Project website. —Charlotte Wilson

## Reflecting on Valley Life

AS THE YEAR BEGINS to flow along as swiftly as the Lindsay in flood, I thought it would be a welcome opportunity in this, my first issue editing the Valley Voice, to reflect on the purpose of the Valley Project.

The Valley Community has been a strong community for a long time. Occasionally in quieter moments, I look back at some of the historic photographs from the past couple of centuries and marvel as much at what has changed, as what has barely changed at all. I wonder about the people of this place, and what their community was like, long before the likes of North East Valley Normal School (the second oldest school in Dunedin) was built. Did the unique landscape of the valley nurture tangata whenua in a similar or different way as it does for us now? The Valley Voice, as I understand it, has been in circulation for over 25 years. The Valley Project has its own history as well, from grass roots community initiatives, to the more formal incorporated society as it operates today. For us as an organisation, the 'what' is far less important than the 'why'...

Our aim is to build community connections and resilience. Sometimes that can be a hard goal to measure. The key factor is knowing what makes our community tick, and what aspirations the project team can support. I'm extremely grateful to our voluntary executive, all of who give their time to help steer us from their various perspectives.

The Valley Project is yours, it is much more than the staff in the office, the volunteers or the project executive. It is a web of support, inspiration and togetherness that belongs to us all. This year, my hope is that we can focus on the bigger picture, but also come back to our roots a little with smaller, more intimate gatherings, such as the community dinner coming up at the beginning of April.

As March approaches, I am also reminded of the tragedy of March 15<sup>th</sup>, and the impact this event had here upon our own small community. We saw genuine fear, and genuine love; and a year later, I'm interested in the longer-term impacts. In the next issue, I'd like us to reflect on this. I welcome you to send me a short reflection of your own, and I hope to publish these from a small cross-section of our community. Noho ora mai, — Tess Trotter, Project Leader

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# New lines make for better games

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THE TENNIS courts, basketball and netball ring have new line markings at the Opoho Tennis Courts.

This is thanks to a \$600 grant from Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation grant. The work was done by Delta in November.

Basketball and tennis players alike are really appreciating the new markings. The courts are used by all age groups and especially families since being fenced in makes it safe for young children.

Besides teaching their children to play tennis, some parents also find it a good place to teach children to ride bikes.

Local citizen Jim Takas generously provided a new tennis net at the start of the summer, and after the Silver Ferns won the Netball World Cup he was inspired to install a netball hoop at the courts as well.

The courts are available for free thanks to Lovelock Environment Society Inc that pays the lease with help from the community.

—Fiona Stirling

*Right: Demelza Wilkes and her dog Sancho enjoy the newly painted courts*



## ADJO serving up community connections

EXCITING THINGS are brewing at ADJØ. Scheduled alongside the University of Otago's O-week, ADJØ organised their first ever 'Activities Week', a week filled with creative workshops, community dinners, live music, and a pop up thrift store, as a taster for what's to come. Events at ADJØ are designed to encourage community bonding and creativity in a relaxed atmosphere, appealing to those who may normally feel uncomfortable in a conventional gallery space. They recently applied for an on-license with the DCC, which if granted, will allow them to sell alcohol on the premises. They hope to help change the mind set around drinking in Dunedin, with a focus on homemade schnapps (snaps in Danish) designed to pair with their Smørrebrød, and a small, but frequently changing wine and beer menu to compliment dinners, workshops, artist talks, and live music.

Proving to be popular is ADJØ's shared dining event 'The Food Between Us', where they pull the tables together to create a community dining experience. There are always two options, one meat and one vegan, and the meal costs \$10 per dish.

To accompany the meal, they host local musicians performing a wide variety of genres for a unique dining experience. These events use food and music to break down the social barriers some of us face when sitting next to a stranger, and to create a space where people feel comfortable to eat and relax whether you come on your own or in a group. The next community dinner is on Wednesday 18th of March, from 5.30pm until 9pm.

Upcoming events in March include the opening of artist Liam Hoffman's exhibition 'Sacred Permit', fringe festival events, and live music. —Caitlin and Jonas, ADJØ - Café and Gallery, 10 Bank Street.



### WASTE MINIMISATION GRANTS

The March funding round for contestable grants for waste minimisation small projects and community initiatives is now open.

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# Runners crush Cargill-again!



*Crush the Cargill runners pose proudly at the end of the 24 hour race.*



*Steve & Sarah Gallagher, Charlotte Wilson and Ian Telfer serve up a breakfast BBQ for runners and supporters.*

FOR THE THIRD YEAR in a row Grant Guise solely organised the longest 24hr trail running challenge in the world; Crush the Cargill 24hr Challenge, to raise funds for the Valley Project. He coerced many people into making the event possible, including the entire Tripp family. I'm not sure what he bribed them with, maybe shoes. Or did he blackmail them? Last year's champ Chris Bisley even helped out; he wasn't racing this year possibly because he was injured (Tonya Harding styles). Despite all this skulduggery, the event was a roaring success and nearly \$3000 was raised for the Valley Project as a result. It was a brilliant morning the day of the event and over 100 runners from far and wide had gathered in Bethune's Gully, to partake in the pilgrimage up and down Mt Cargill. This year, Adam Keen ran it over and over more than anyone else, equalling Chris Bisley's world record of 17 round trips to the trig and back. That's a total of 9700m of elevation; more than Ed Hillary ever managed. No wonder the event is described by the world's trail running media as the number one most savage race there is. In the women's race Sharon Lequeux ran like a possessed tiger (possibly due to the tequila) and smashed out a new record of 15 ascents and descents. She didn't even look tired. My money would be on her to take out the overall title next year. For reasons unknown, several people attempting running up and down Mt Cargill with a lawnmower strapped to their back. Some guy Pascal did that faster than anyone else in a world record time of 1 hour 50 minutes. Also of note, Isaac Tripp set the world record for the shortest length of time to hold a world record for carrying a lawnmower up and down Mt Cargill, 5 hours. Matt Bixley didn't even finish one summit!—Andrew Glennie

## Valley cycle workshop awash with bikes

The Valley Cycle Workshop at the Valley Community Workspace (11 Allen Street, North East Valley) is awash with donated cycles at the moment.

For the month of March, we will do an extra session on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00pm in addition to the Tuesday and Saturday sessions to help more bikes go.

I would also love to hear from anyone in the Valley who has some inside storage space they would be willing to let us store 30 or so bikes in for a month or three. If people have bikes to donate that have been left outside for any length of time, while we have always taken everything in in the past, it would be preferable at present if those bikes went direct to the metal recyclers, Everitt Enterprises or Sims Metals. —Peter McDonald

### Valley Cycle Workshop

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# Growing Gold

IT'S ALL HANDS ON DECK, or rather, on seeds. The propagation nursery is getting into full swing following the collection and preparation of small leaved kōwhai (*Sophora microphylla*) seeds. Kōwhai seeds are a yellow-gold colour, growing on the tree in pea-like pods. Germination of kōwhai can be a little tricky compared to other plants - the seeds need to be scarified (scratching the hard outer coat) to let water in to germinate. We use sandpaper, then soak the seeds overnight in warm water. By the morning, they are ready to sow in seed-raising trays.

A few weeks later, the wee seedlings will start appearing indicating germination has been successful! The nectar produced by the bright yellow flowers are feasted on by tūi and bellbirds to only name two! These wee seedlings will be ready for planting in another year or so, destined for backyards and adopted community spots within the Lindsay Creek Catchment as part of the Backyard Ecosanctuaries program.

Check out our blog for other seeds we are looking for that may be growing in your backyard - many plants will be producing seeds and fruits in the upcoming months.

## Volunteering opportunities

Propagation Nursery - every Thursday from 10 am -12 pm we will be working at the Propagation Nursery behind the Blacks Road Grocer on Blacks Road. If you're keen to help out or learn a little about native plant propagation, come along or send me an email: [openvue@northeastvalley.org](mailto:openvue@northeastvalley.org).

## Chingford Park Showcase

Chingford Park Showcase - With our friends from Orokonui Ecosanctuary, we have been given the opportunity to showcase Chingford Park as part of the Three Peaks Mountain Race. Head along to Chingford on Sunday 29th of March from midday.

# kids' corner

### Garden Tree'sure hunt!

Can you find any leaves that look like these in your own garden?



Lancewood/  
Horoeaka



Kānuka



Wineberry/  
Makomako



Kōwhai

*Drawings from Madison Kelly at Orokonui Ecosanctuary*

Colour these leaves the same colour as the ones you find in your garden. If you can't find them, ask your friends or neighbours if they might have them.

Do you notice anything else interesting about the plants?



## Garden open day

ON SATURDAY 21st March we're celebrating the 9th anniversary of the NEV Community Garden. We're having a special morning tea and we'd love people to come up and visit the Garden in the morning when we're having a normal working bee. This is a good opportunity to see what we do and have a good look around. If you've been involved in the past we'd love to catch up with you again too.

The Garden is up behind the North East Valley School - come in from behind the Community Rooms or via Longworth St.—Jenny Roxborough

## Breast Room move

**THE BREAST ROOM**, a peer support service is making a big move back to South Dunedin after two years at the Valley Community Rooms. Having started in South Dunedin over 6 years ago, the service has found a new, larger location in the South City Mall. The last support session to be held in North East Valley is Wednesday 4th of March. From Thursday 12th of March, they will be in the location. The session times remain the same, 10:30-12:30. The service is completely free, and open to all whanau needing support to feed their baby.

## PSO walk the gorge fundraiser

**PRESBYTERIAN SUPPORT OTAGO** has a presence here in the valley, running Youth Grow and also Ross home. This is your chance to walk the spectacular Taieri Gorge rail line. Gather your friends, pack a picnic and enjoy a uniquely Otago experience and raising funds at the same time on the 3rd of May. Tickets are only \$65, (Dunedin Railways normally charge \$115 per person for the return train trip.) and include a BBQ lunch. Tickets available from Dunedin Railways, ph: 477 4449 or visit the railway station.

## Hort Talk April 3rd

**VOLCO BUSH AND ITS BOTANY:** a Pakihaukai story.

Bill Dacker and Hendrick Koch, Trustees, Volco Trust

Bill and Hendrick present an overview of a conservation area near Mount Cargill that has been conserved by private individuals for nearly 50 years. The area even includes a rimu tree that may be 2000 years old.

# Opoho Scouts Celebrate Founders Day



BY THE TIME the Valley Voice goes to print, Opoho Scouts will have started the new year with a bang. On the weekend of February 21st to 23rd they went on a weekend-long camp at Waiora Scout Camp with over 300 young people aged 5 to 18 years from around the lower South Island.

Founders Day camp is a jam-packed weekend of camping in tents, campfire-cooking competitions, games, outdoor skills and, of course, Waiora's giant outdoor water-slide. The camp is timed to mark the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, the movement's founder, and is a highlight of the scouting year.

The Opoho Scout group is the local group for North East Valley, Opoho, Pine Hill, and nearby suburbs and they have groups catering for all school-aged kids. Like every volunteer-run organisation the start of each year sees some new faces along with some familiar ones in leadership and support roles, and we give a big welcome to our leaders in new roles for 2020!

*Your first month trying out Scouts is FREE! Groups available for children aged from 5-18 years. For more information, or to join, check out [www.scouts.org.nz/](http://www.scouts.org.nz/) email [opoho@groups.scouts.nz](mailto:opoho@groups.scouts.nz) or phone 0800 SCOUTS —Stacey Wilson*



*Opoho Cub Ben Wilson (aged 10) is ready and excited for Founders Day camp, with his campfire blanket.*

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## New Free Technology Education Programmes

**NEW FREE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMMES** at the Valley Baptist Community Centre (VBCC) - 270 North Road North East Valley. The 'Community Communications Technology Trust' (Com2Tech) are running programmes from the new VBCC Tech Space.

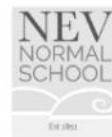
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**FREE Tech Time 4 Kids programme**, limited spaces available to children from Year 5 up on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 3.30 to 5.30pm. Children are welcome to come along from school (but parents are responsible for their children until they are in the VBCC). We supply some afternoon tea options when children arrive. Then they settle down to learn an assortment of coding techniques, try out our growing assortment of techy gadgets and programmable robots. The children extend their learning from school through play and exploration and work together to problem-solve their individual projects. Tech Time 4 Kids Seniors can also volunteer to be selected to work with teachers and community members who come for help.

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# Fond farewell to international intern

community  
NEWS

MARIEKE RUTGERS joined the Valley Project team in the depths of Winter 2019. Having familiarised herself with the different ways kiwis have for coping with the climate (hot water bottles and layering clothes instead of central heating) she quickly became a dedicated community member and worked extremely hard on a variety of projects, most notably event planning for Creekfest.

As Marieke has now completed her internship, it's time to head home to the Netherlands to complete her degree in international business. "I cannot think of a better community and city to be a part of. All the love and struggles that are shared by the people in North East Valley have built a better, safer place for everyone to live in. I have never been more proud than now, that I get to call the Valley my second home. All the residents that I've enjoyed spending time with and working for have been so supportive and interesting. Everyone I've met has a special place in my heart."

A huge thank you and farewell to Marieke, please don't forget about your Valley whanau! —Tess Trotter



VP team members Clare Cross, Marieke Rutgers, Tess Trotter & Charlotte Wilson

## valley garden journal



### Meet community gardener Bob Moss

#### What got you to your first community garden working bee?

I'd been living in the Valley for many years, but then moved away. I missed the Valley and wanted to stay connected, and realized they had a community garden open to all comers.

#### How long have you been working at the community garden?

For about five years – not all the time, mind you, but pretty often and when I could.

#### What do you most enjoy about working at the community garden?

I enjoy meeting the people – such a diverse range of cultures, ages, and reasons for gardening. We have new students coming each year, which is great. People come and go and that's fine – they come one day, and may or may not come again.

#### Tell me about an activity you're involved in?

It all started with a visit to the George Street Orchard. I was fascinated by the methods for composting to improve the soil, and over the last year we have taken these on board.

#### Anything else that keeps you coming?

I've enjoyed how much fellow gardeners have contributed to my learning. I'm a trained chef and I'm continuing to learn new ideas while I work in the Garden. I love the shared camaraderie of our morning (afternoon) teas. We have a cuppa, something nice to eat, and a good chat - I think that's super-important.

### Become a community gardener: March community garden working bees

North East Valley Community Garden

Saturday 7 Mar: 9am–noon, Sunday 15 Mar: 1–4pm

Saturday 21 Mar: 9am–noon, Sunday 29 Mar: 1–4pm

Dalmore Reserve Community Garden

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

# Classifieds and community notices (for non-profits)

## fitness & health

### CONTRA DANCE

7.30pm, Mon, \$2, 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 joeske@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, \$4. Ph Yvonne 455 2406, stured1@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.

### LEARN TAEKWONDO

Korean martial art, supportive environment, family friendly. Training Mon, Thur, Pine Hill School hall, 6-7.30pm. To register email dunedinolympictkd@hotmail.co.nz

### NAKAJIMA JUDO CLUB.

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

### 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.

### 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.Sacre 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

With the Dunedin Zen group. Meet 7pm Weds, St Martin's Church in the downstairs room.

### 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

### COMPUTER CLASS

A free class to learn how to use computers, 10.30am-noon, Weds, community rooms.

### FREE LITERACY COURSE

For more information contact Ana & Marg at Literacy Aotearoa, 477 2055.

### 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

Exp teacher, native speaker of Italian ph Antonella 027 341 8312, 473 0832 antonella.vecchiato@gmail.com

### 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

## 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.

### 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 Clare for more info clare-n-don@clear.net.nz

### 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

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

### SELF-PUBLISHING COURSE

Learn step-by-step in a small group everything you need to self-publish your book in digital and paper copies. Workshop starts 14th March. See [writeandpublish.nz](http://writeandpublish.nz) or email [kate@writeandpublish.nz](mailto:kate@writeandpublish.nz) for more details. Ph. 027 525 5665

## 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](mailto: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? 18-45 years welcome to our weekly coffee group, 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 CO-OP

Fresh fruit and veges at wholesale prices with All Saints Fruit and Veges Co-op. Small, med, large 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 at Community Law Otago, legal advice by qualified lawyers, practical solutions, 11am-12.30pm Mon-Fri, 5.30-7pm Mon, Fri and 2-3.30pm Mon, Floor 1, 169 Princes St, 474 1922.

### 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)

# Classifieds and community notices (for non-profits)

## Belleknowes Golf Club

Green fees \$15  
(after 4pm \$10/player)

Come & enjoy our fantastic 9-hole golf course on Lawson Street  
Twilight golf starts October

## DUNEDIN MAKERSPACE

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

## LADIES' PROBUS CLUB

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

## 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 Lois on 456 0857 or neighbourhoodsupport@gmail.com.

## 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.

### CLEANER WANTED

For one-off spring clean, \$20/hr. Ph Lucy 027 321 7797.

### COMPUTERS

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

## GARDENER

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

## KNIFE SHARPENING

Mobile knife sharpening service for house knives, \$15/knife. Ph. 022 416 5446.

## HAIRDRESSER

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

## HANDYMAN

Handyman wanted, ph 473 7969.

## HOUSE-SITTER

House minder available 10 Jan to mid Feb, 13yrs experience around Dunedin, quiet 56 year old male, non-drinking, non-smoking. Please email Jeffrey at jeffreyrobinson@yahoo.co.nz

## HOUSE FOR RENT

Dalmore, 2-3 Bedroom, 1 bathroom, neutral décor, some furniture if needed. Brick & tile, view, sun, off-street parking bay. Bus stop close. Suit older, mature, quiet working single or couple. Non-smokers, pet neg. \$299/wk. Available end Feb. Ph 479 0809 between 6:30-7:30 pm or text 0226831592.

## LAND WANTED

Bare land wanted to buy asap, ideally anything considered between Waitaiti and NEV, ph Chris 027 443 4246.

## LOG SPLITTER

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

## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Habitat for Humanity need volunteers for Restore shop. Roles available are  
1. Van Drivers - a few hours on a weekly basis  
2. Helpers for sorting and pricing in store. Please phone Shop Manager, Sarah on 477 3500

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Priority for groups and activities in the Valley Voice readership area, email voice@northeastvalley.org  
Please keep notices brief.

## 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.

### MT CARGILL GIRLGUIDES

Pippins, brownies, guides and ranger groups in the valley, ph 0800 222 292 or info@girlguiding.org.nz

### OPOHO PLAYCENTRE

Sessions for 0–6 year olds, 9am–noon, Mon–Fri, school terms, 28A Signal Hill Rd. Visitors welcome, ph 473 0819 or email opoho@playcentre.org.nz

### OPOHO SCOUTS

Keas, 4pm–5pm, 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.

### 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

### 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

### 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 & Maria. 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 dunedinsteinerplaygroup@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

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

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

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Volunteers from Selwyn and Toroa colleges spent time during O-week helping in the community. Groups helped out at the Project, NEV community gardens and at NEVN school. Above: Students install a Pekapeka bird feeder at the rear of the community rooms. Below left: Some serious weeding in the car park. Below right: Eager painters refresh the fence with paint donated by Taskforce Green Dunedin.



## What's on?

**Steiner School Harvest Fair**

Saturday 4th April  
11 to 2pm  
1 Fern Road, Maia

### Free Family fun!

Around the World in 80 Tales, a multi-cultural storytelling festival with stories, puppets, dance, kapa Haka and more. Dunedin public city library, March 29<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm. Ph. Kaitrin 0274609885 for more info or go to Dunedin Public Library website.

### Three Peaks Chingford Showcase

Sunday 29th March 12-4pm. Join Orokonui and OpenVUE as they showcase Chingford Park while the Three Peaks Mountain Racers complete their epic race!

### Community Dinner

Thursday 2nd April from 5pm at The Valley Baptist Community Centre

### Upcoming event?

voice@northeastvalley.org