

# 'Can you help us?'



Mustafa and Zahra Allo with three of their eight children, left to right, Rokan (6), Ruhaina (7) and Ruqaya (10) are one of three refugee families who are desperate to find a safe, warm, dry affordable home in North East Valley. Photo: Edith Leigh

BY JULIE HOWARD

**THREE MUSLIM** refugee families, one of whom lives in a house described as “not fit for human habitation”, have turned to our community desperate for help to find new homes after pleas for assistance hit a brick wall with government and partnered support agencies.

One family has been given notice and the other two families live in appalling houses which have holes in the roof, wet carpets and insufficient heating. The families are distressed, panicked and gravely worried about their health.

They are appealing to the valley community for help to find safe, warm, dry and affordable

homes for the long term in the valley.

All three families are desperate to stay in North East Valley after they were settled here by Immigration New Zealand into private rental properties.

They have made friends in the area, their children are settled at school and they don't want to uproot again to move across the city.

Since the terrorist attack on two mosques in Christchurch in which 50 people were shot dead, the families are scared. One family now sleeps all together on the floor after they experienced strangers turning up at night outside their home.

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## Home 'unfit for human habitation'

**SYRIANS AHMAD** Al Ghanem and Hamda Al Salem and their six young children arrived eight months ago and live in dire conditions. "[There are] many holes in roof," Ahmad says. "My family [is] tired and sick."

The family has been struck with respiratory illnesses since they moved into their private rental property, and their four-month-old son has needed hospital care for respiratory illnesses.

Community member Mark Dyer who visited the family to see if he could do anything to help was shocked at the state of the house. When he lifted the carpet it was wet underneath, he says.

"The house is unfit for human habitation," Mark says.

Edinburgh Realty Property Management has released them from their tenancy but the family has nowhere to go. "Can you help my family find a new house?" Ahmad asks.

Palestinians Yacoub Altay and Nisreen Abuzahra and their three adult sons arrived only four months ago. They face a similar situation: for \$425 per week they rent a house with holes in the roof and floor, water leaking through the ceiling, and no working oven or washing machine.

"I talk with Housing New Zealand, Work and Income, Red Cross," Mr Altay says. "No one listens to me."

Mustafa and Zahra Allo and their eight children, who are from the Kurdish part of Syria, have been given notice to move out of their house due to renovation plans. Negotiations to remain in the home have been unsuccessful.

"I have been in this house for two years," says Mustafa. "I don't want to leave my community." His children are settled at school where they have made friends and are learning English fast.

Mustafa says people in the valley are kind and good and he feels safe. He wants stability for his family and not to have to move every six months.

"I have a big family. It's hard. It's hard for emotion. It's hard to make another friend. Everything is hard." The family has struggled to find a house that is not too expensive, and some landlords turn them down because they are a big family, he says.

## A 'heartbreaking situation'

**VALLEY PROJECT** manager Tess Trotter says it is a "heartbreaking situation". "The valley has truly become home for these families; now we need to find them houses."

North East Valley Normal School principal John McKenzie says if the children have to move to another community it will be unsettling and yet another transition for them to deal with. "Some of them have had lives filled with unsettling events."

"That's the hardest thing – to come into a new land and you have no money, no job and you are expected to house your family. If that falls over in the first year what have you got to fall back on? You haven't got a network of people who are in the know, and the language barrier makes it difficult. I think it's an issue for the city and government agencies. We can't ignore this."

Housing is something the Red Cross and government agencies should be "keeping an eye on" for 4–5 years rather than a few months, Mr McKenzie says.

Rental housing is a problem for many families in the valley, he says. Every few months the school has a family whose lease has expired, looking for a new home in the area.

Ms Trotter says the Valley Project is eager to connect with all relevant people and organisations to help address the big-picture issues and will hold a housing forum in the coming months.

"But for now we just want to find homes for these particular families who have come to us for help after trying all other channels. If you know of anything, please let us know – we can guarantee great long-term tenants who are fantastic, community-minded people."

## Immigration NZ 'committed' to help

A **RED** Cross spokeswoman said the Red Cross could not comment on housing "as this is all arranged by the government".

In an emailed response to questions, Immigration New Zealand national manager refugee Andrew Lockhart says Immigration NZ is committed to ensuring refugees are well connected and supported to settle into their new communities.

Immigration NZ works with partner agencies and providers to support refugees. "Needs are assessed by the Ministry of Social Development and housing is secured for all quota refugees before they leave the Mangere Refugee Resettlement Centre."

Housing New Zealand Corporation is responsible for matching public properties in the settlement locations for refugees, Mr Lockhart says. If Housing New Zealand Corporation does not have a current vacant property, or where the quota refugees do not qualify for public housing, a private rental is sought by Immigration NZ. In the established settlement locations, which includes Dunedin, the New Zealand Red Cross is contracted by Immigration NZ to support settlement in the community during the first 12 months, says Mr Lockhart. This includes a community orientation programme and connecting refugees to services they require such as doctor's appointments, English language, education and employment.

"Additional resources are being provided to ensure that quota refugees are able to live in safe, secure, healthy and affordable homes which best suit their assessed needs." Mr Lockhart did not address

questions asking specifically why refugees would be placed into low quality housing.

If you can help contact Valley Project community worker Charlotte Wilson on 473 8614 or charlotte@northeastvalley.org. Read the full story on our website [www.northeastvalley.org](http://www.northeastvalley.org)

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# Apple press day for autumn harvest

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APPLE SEASON is here and trees around the valley are laden with apples. The annual community apple juicing event will be held this month on Saturday 13 April from 10am–2pm at the Valley Project community rooms. If you have spare apples and/or bottles please bring them along.

We welcome everybody to come along and help out and take home some freshly crushed apple juice. If you don't have any apples don't worry, as we can swap some for koha.

Cheers to WOO (Waitati Open Orchard) for providing the mulcher and press, as well as to Our Food Network for their support.

Other apple press days include 7 April at the Blueskin Show and 11 May at the Otago Farmers Market. To find out more or for offers to help set up or pack down on the day, please contact Sam at [aplo-calypse@northeastvalley.org](mailto:aplo-calypse@northeastvalley.org). Join our Facebook event on the Valley Project Facebook page.—Organiser Sam McMullan



Marion McMullan, left, and Huia Cumming-Smyth (both 6) test out some apple juice ahead of a community apple juicing event at the Valley Project community rooms on Saturday 13 April from 10am–2pm.

## Heat Seekers drop-in clinics to start up

A SERIES of weekly drop-in clinics to help residents assess the health of their home are planned to start this month at the Valley Project.

The Heat Seekers: Healthy Homes in the Valley drop-in clinics will offer one-to-one support for people needing help to create a warmer, drier, healthier home.

Valley Project manager Tess Trotter says housing is a big issue for North East Valley and its surrounds, both in terms of a shortage of available housing for families and the quality of homes.

The Valley Project is frequently approached by people who are trying to find a home to rent or buy in the area, and by families struggling with cold, damp and related health conditions in their rented homes.

Valley Project community worker Charlotte Wilson says healthy homes workshops run by the project in the past have been popular, but this year they are trying a different approach with weekly drop-in clinics instead.

There will be lots of information available around low-cost and do-it-yourself changes people can make to increase the warmth

of their home, such as:

- the use of effective curtains and pelmets
- the upcoming insulation requirements for landlords
- Dunedin City Council Eco-Design free home assessments
- 'winterisation' of homes including draft stopping, lagging, ventilation, heating, mould prevention and treatment
- advocacy and tenant rights

The one-to-one approach will help people get more detailed information about the root causes of issues. For example, people who are concerned about mould might not realise it is related to ventilation and how they are heating their home, says Charlotte.

"We will be having guest specialists come in for some sessions, so keep an eye out in the Valley Voice and on our Valley Project Facebook page for when these are coming up."

The first clinic starts on Tuesday 16 April from 10am–noon at the Valley Project community rooms.—Edith Leigh

# Young parents social group

**YOUNG MUM** Nika Wood, who has a five-month-old baby, would love to meet other new parents of a similar age.

The 20-year-old North East Valley resident is stepping up as the new facilitator of the young parents' group held at the Valley Project community rooms, which provides an avenue for younger parents to connect, support each other and have fun.

It is loosely aimed at parents under 26 years.

Nika says that she goes to lots of different play-groups with her son, but often finds herself talking to mothers aged 30 and up. "They are talking about going back to work and their husband's work, whereas I'm studying and my husband is studying, so it's a lot different."

"I would like to meet more mums my age to find people I can make friends with."

Valley Project manager Tess Trotter says there has been a small community-led group for young parents running at the Valley Project for some time but the facilitator recently stepped down. Now Nika has taken on the role to keep the group going.

"With a new facilitator and renewed energy, the group is hoping to attract a few new members to connect with. This isn't a playgroup but more of a social group, where children are of course welcome! It is entirely volunteer-run and very relaxed and low key."

The group meets on Thursdays from 11.30am to 1pm at the community rooms. For more information contact the Valley Project on 476 8614, or connect with Nika directly on nikawood99@hotmail.com or 022 690 0440.



*Nika Wood, with son Elijah (five months), would love to meet other young mothers of a similar age to herself and has taken on the facilitator role of the Young Parents Group held at the community rooms on Thursdays.*

## School Strike for Climate Action 'mind-blowing'

**NORTH EAST** Valley Normal School teacher Theresa Bowen felt like she was watching "the people who are really going to shake things up in a few years" when she accompanied school pupils to the School Strike for Climate Action march last month.

"It was mind-blowing. I haven't seen groups of teenagers protesting like that. They were pretty impassioned."

Theresa went on strike herself for the morning to accompany the school pupils at the march down George St.

The children had made their own banners and wrote letters to the Minister for the Environment while they were there.

While the march was pitched at older school pupils it was exciting for the primary school pupils to be a part of it, she says.

"They were looking up to the teenagers.

"I felt like this was the first of many. It felt really significant because this is such a big issue."—Edith Leigh



*North East Valley Normal School teacher Theresa Bowen, far right, with school pupils at the School Strike for Climate Action.*

# Crafts bring calm and beauty

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OUR GREEN fingers were busy this St Patrick's day creating eco-crafts to bring calm, beauty and community celebration together.

In the second chapter of the Certificate of Creeky Awesomeness trilogy, our members' crafting skills were put to the test, each creating cat collar covers (using an amazing kaleidoscope of donated material from community members and the Stitch Kitchen), mini glasshouses, table mats and bird feeders.

In the community spirit, the bird feeders were very generously donated to the Otago Community Hospice. We also enjoyed giant bubbles, home-grown grapes, a crazy cat story and best of all, the camaraderie of making things together.

How blessed we are, to have such a strong and loving community.

The final chapter in our trilogy is to create a well planted-up community. Come along to the Valley Project community rooms on Sunday 14 April at 2pm for a walking bus to our planting location.

Be prepared to get down in the dirt! Please bring suitable footwear, gardening gloves and a shovel if you can. Koha much appreciated.—Organisers Clare Cross (Open VUE educator) and Kaitrin McMullan (Love the Lindsay member).



Oscar (4) and Freida Chapman (6) choose materials to make brightly coloured cat collars.

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## Local cop joins nationwide operation in Nelson



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**IN EARLY** February I and 20 other staff from Otago and Southland were seconded to the Tasman District to assist with 'Operation Nelson Fires'. On arrival in Nelson the scale of the immense operation was obvious. Civil Defence took the lead role, and Fire Emergency NZ, Urban Search & Rescue (USAR), police, St John, Red Cross, NZ Army and other local organisations and volunteers all took part.

Staff from these agencies came from all over the country with a staggering amount of equipment.

We hit the ground running. Initially our role was to provide reassurance to those residents inside the cordon area who were packed and ready to evacuate should the need arise. Alongside this, we manned the cordons 24/7 to ensure only residents were going in and out, and guarded evacuated properties from the threat of looting.

The remainder of my time on the ground was spent on nightshift moving around the cordon areas, the Emergency Operations Centre and the Forward Operating Base (FOB) in Brightwater.

The FOB was used by all listed agencies prior to deployment into the field. Seeing fire staff coming back from a shift to this staging area, sweaty and covered in soot, was a sobering reminder of what we were there for.

There was an ever present threat being assessed hourly and the seriousness of the situation was evident during briefing when a particular wind was forecasted. A sophisticated drone operated by USAR provided real time information, reporting on underground fires burning at 600 deg C.

Catering staff were in various locations including hammocks near the kitchen, tents, and even a few on cots in the shower/toilet area of a local rugby club. These people rolled out of bed at 4am and got cracking without hesitation and with smiles on their faces, cooking up a storm. A terrific bunch and a credit to the army.

I guess in closing, it should be of comfort for us to know that in the event of a natural disaster or similar, every conceivable effort is made to safeguard life and property.

Men and women are out there fully prepared to do their utmost to achieve this. I'm proud to have played a very minor role in this successful operation.

Stay safe out there. Be careful on our roads and look after each other.—*Brendan Thomson*



## Opoho fair

**PLANNING FOR** the annual Opoho Presbyterian Church Fair is underway! The fair will be held on Saturday 11 May this year.

If you have items to donate please contact Fiona on 473 0024.

They will gratefully receive any re-saleable items but please no electrical goods, thank you.

## HortTalk about Volco Bush

**APRIL'S HORTTALK** at the Dunedin Botanic Garden features Volco Bush and its botany: a Pakihaukai story. Volco Trust trustees Bill Dacker and Hendrick Koch will present an overview of this conservation area near Mt Cargill that has been tended by private individuals for nearly 50 years. The area even includes a rimu tree that may be 2000 years old. Come along on Friday 5 April.

May's HortTalk is titled Wild Cards. Enjoy readings from the winning entries of the Wild Dunedin Festival Wild Card nature writing competition, inspired by the beauty and ingenuity of the natural world. The talk is on Friday 3 May.

HortTalks are held at noon in the Information Centre in the lower botanic garden. Admission is free but seating is limited to 70.

## Yoga class finishing up

**YOGA WITH** Hagino Baker will be finishing up in the valley this month due to scheduling conflicts.

Hagino says she will miss coming to the valley but she will still have Monday and Wednesday classes running in Waitati for those that "want to come over".

"North East Valley is such a great community and I loved teaching at the school hall and the community rooms. I hope to come back and teach some pop-up classes or workshops in the future."

## Reception volunteers

**AN OPPORTUNITY** to meet people and help out in your community is available at the Valley Project helping out on our reception desk.

We are in need of volunteers who are happy to fill in as required. This role offers great work experience or a chance to give back to your community. Contact Charlotte on 473 8614.

# Spaces at early childhood centre

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ISLINGTON EARLY Childhood Centre has some spaces coming up in term two for North East Valley children aged two to five. Islington is a community-based early childhood centre with a maximum of 20 children at each session.

Sessions run from 8.30am to 1pm Monday to Friday. Families can choose how many

sessions they come to each week, subject to availability.

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*Pictured: Children watering and caring for the garden at Islington Early Childhood Centre*



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# Puppet show fun for Wild Dunedin

THE WILD Dunedin Festival of Nature is upon us again this month and there is a huge range of activities, films, expeditions, talks and more, including contributions from valley residents.

Pūmanawa Wai will be explaining their litter traps on the Love the Leith walk. There will be a couple of eelsome puppet shows from Kaitrin at the Nature HQ on Princes street. Here in the valley there will be a chance to make and perform your very own shadow puppet show at the Shadowstream workshop on Tuesday 24 April from 2pm-4pm at the community rooms, as part of the Valley Project's contribution to the festival.

Please enroll for this with Kaitrin, phone 027 460 9885, as places on the workshop are limited.

All activities for the week of 22-28 April can be found on the Wild Dunedin website [www.wilddunedin.nz](http://www.wilddunedin.nz).



*Kaitrin McMullan demonstrates how to make your own puppet show.*

## Local resident shares her passion for electric cars



*Electric vehicle advocate Pam McKinley plugs her car in to charge at home in North East Valley.*

A PASSION for advocating about climate change and some of its less talked-about effects, such as increasing ocean acidification, is what inspires North East Valley resident Pam McKinley to continue educating people about electric cars.

"What comes out of the back of your car goes up into the atmosphere, but comes down into our oceans," says Pam. "Electric vehicles are great for the environment and your wallet."

The McKinley family of four have had their electric car for four years and it does everything they need it to do, from running errands around town to taking a family trip to Wanaka.

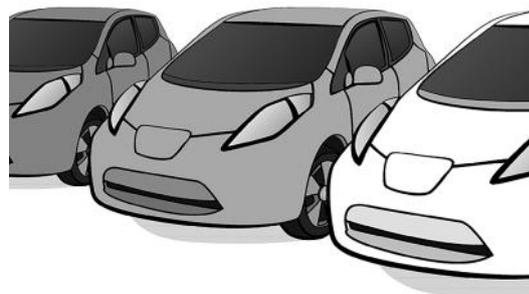
Pam estimates it costs them \$10-\$12 per week to recharge their car.

Pam is organising electric vehicle events around Dunedin as part of the Better NZ Trust Leading the Charge Electric Vehicle Road Trip 2019, in which electric vehicle owners and enthusiasts travel from Cape Reinga to Bluff. They will be stopping over in Dunedin

from 9-12 April. Some of the local events on at the same time include an electric vehicle park-up and display in the Octagon on Wednesday 10 April from 10am-2pm, and in the evening an educational film screening of *Revenge of the Electric Car* in the Hutton Theatre, Otago Museum, from 5.30pm-7.30pm.

The next day the Leading the Charge drivers will be visiting the albatross colony and Orokonui Ecosanctuary to make the connection between lowering emissions and direct effects already being experienced in our environment. To find out more about other local events and keep up-to-date with what's on, join the Dunedin EV Group on Facebook.

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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, stureid1@yahoo.co.nz

### LEARN TAEKWONDO

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

### NAKAJIMA JUDO CLUB.

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

### QIGONG

Classes in Yuan Gong, Ans 027 756 8383, yuangongdunedin@gmail.com Jay 027 584 4537, 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 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.

### 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 rebeccafishemz@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.

### 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

### YOGA WITH HAGINO

All levels, BYO yoga mat, 6-7pm and 7.15-8.15pm, Tues, \$10/class or \$45 for 5 classes. Final class on 16 April.

## 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, 10am-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.

### LEARN ITALIAN

Planning a trip to Italy this year? Fun, communicative lessons Ph. Samantha 021 0831 8408.

### 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

### 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.

### FIDDLE LESSONS

Local NEV fiddle, mandolin and guitar lessons. All ages welcome & encouraged. Range of folk styles. Call Flora any time 027 917 2885.

### 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.

### SENIOR MUSOS

Retired musicians who put on music for an afternoon at the Normanby Bistro. Scones, jam & cream \$3, 3rd Thurs of the month from 2pm.

### 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.

### VALLEY BLUEGRASS JAM

Monthly jam session at the Normanby Bistro, 3rd Sun of the month from 2pm.

## 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

### 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

Free accounting advice for non-profits. Visit dca.org.nz or ph 0800 113 160.

### 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 Don 473 7544.

### COMMUNITY GARDEN

North East Valley, the top paddock behind North East Valley Normal School, working bees every weekend alternating Saturday 9.30am-noon and Sundays 1-4pm. All welcome.

### COMMUNITY GARDEN

Pine Hill, Dalmore Reserve entrance on Allenby Ave. Working bees 2nd & 4th Sunday, 3-4pm, check Facebook page: Dalmore Reserve Bandit Gardeners, dalmorecommunitygarden@gmail.com

### DUNEDIN MAKERSPACE

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

### 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.

### 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

**VALLEY VOICE LATE DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE**

Copy deadline 25 April 2019. Expected delivery 11-12 May 2019.

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## MULTICULTURAL GROUP

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

## NEIGHBOUR SUPPORT

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

## REFUGEE & MIGRANT CENTRE

Mon, 9-11am, Dunedin Community House, 301 Moray Pl. Coordinator Afife, ph 027 419 3125 or email afife.harris@gmail.com To volunteer at centre please get in touch.

## trading corner

### BABYSITTER

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

### BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

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

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For class times or private sessions contact Jay 027 584 4537  
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## COMPUTER SERVICES

Trouble-shooting, tuition, low rates. Ph Dave 473 9542, 022 635 9414 or email davemaxz@actrix.co.nz

## DAFFODILS

Highly-scented winter flowering jonquils (fl. June-Sept) \$3 each or \$10 or 5, ph 473 0159 evenings.

## KNIFE SHARPENING

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

## HOUSE-MINDER

House-minder avail to look after your house, pets & plants, late July onwards. 12yrs experience in Dunedin area. Ph Jeffrey 027 4467 915 or email jeffreyhrobinson@yahoo.co.nz

## LOG SPLITTER FOR HIRE

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

## SENIORS HAIRDRESSING

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community notices welcomed.

Priority is given to groups and activities based in the Valley Voice readership area. Email voice@northeastvalley.org

Please keep notices brief. They may be edited to fit the space.

## 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, 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.

## 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

### 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

### CHINESE FOR KIWIS

Ages 6-12 Bear Cats Club to learn Chinese, Tues, 3.30pm-4.45pm, St Mark's Church, 304 Pine Hill Rd. Ph 021 589 075, 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, 3.30-4.30pm 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. For more info ph. 473 0819 or email 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.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Variety of classes with stories, crafts, songs and more. Ages 4-18, 9.30am Sun mornings (term time only), DNI (tech area). All welcome, no charge. Ph. 020 4079 5727 or www.dunedinchristadelphians.org

### SPACE FOR BABIES

Space for you & your baby. Programs run by registered ECE teachers supporting families through their first year with a new baby, school terms, 12.30-2.30pm, day to be confirmed, Valley Baptist Community Centre. Ph 473 0014 or space.valleybaptist@gmail.com, www.spacenz.org.nz

### 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

Dunedin Rudolf Steiner playgroups, Te Whare Ako Marie, Pinehill and Maia. A sanctuary of creative play for children from birth to kindergarten, a place of peace and friendship for parents. Groups meet weekly, term time. For more info contact 471 2163 or dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

### YOUNG PARENTS

Young Parents Group for young parents come together to share and support each other. For parents under (about) 26 years. Children welcome, 11.30am-1pm, Thurs, community rooms. Ph Nika 022 690 0440.

### THE BREAST ROOM

Free peer support and help around breastfeeding. All parents welcome. Every Wed, 10.30am-12.30pm, community rooms.

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# Friendship, food & support



The Women's Multicultural Group meets at the Valley Project rooms every Friday morning and welcomes all women to come and join them. They come together to enjoy friendship, shared food, conversation and support from 10am to noon.

Pictured are, left to right, Heinke Matheson, Edumali Walter, Kara Cahill, Visha Lakshmi, Marlene Pooley, Paulienke Buyck, Jean Lawrence, Freya Clemens (front left) and Shayesteh Sarkeshiki (front right).

## PJ Day fundraiser for families

AS CHARLOTTE Dore headed to school last week she was really worried she might be the only one wearing pyjamas.

The 10-year-old had organised a Pyjama Day fundraiser at Opoho School to help the families affected by the shootings at two mosques in Christchurch, in which 50 people were killed.

She made posters to go up around the school and a notice was put out

to all the families. "What if I'm the only one in my PJs, Mum?" she asked - only to arrive and see everyone wearing pyjamas, even the teachers! A total of \$340 was raised and will be topped up to \$500 by the school's PTA group. This is the most ever raised for a gold-coin fundraiser at the school.



Opoho School pupil Charlotte Dore, who organised a Pyjama Day fundraiser, with teacher Tania Henderson.

## what's on

### Heat Seekers

Weekly drop-in clinics to help assess the health of your home and make positive changes, Tuesdays, 10am-noon, start 16 April, community rooms.

### Apple Press

Bring your apples or a koha and join us for a community day of making apple juice, Saturday 13 April, 10am-2pm, community rooms.

### Creeky planting

The third event of the Certificate of Creeky Awesomeness - planting along Lindsay Creek. Meet at the community rooms on Sunday 14 April at 2pm.

### Puppet making

A Wild Dunedin event at the community rooms to make your own shadow puppet, Tuesday 24 April, 2-4pm.