

# Weeds removed by the tonne



The carpark is a hive of activity during the Valley Spring Clean (top), weeders clear out gorse and fill wool sacks (middle left and right) and the team on the Dunedin City Council weed tour (bottom left).

ALMOST 1.5 TONNES, or 18 cubic metres, of weeds were removed from North East Valley during this year's Valley Spring Clean event.

Also on its way to responsible disposal was a van full of e-waste, 200 litres of paint destined for re-use, a skip and a trailer load of general household waste and uncounted amounts of waste taken away to be re-used by somebody else.

A steady stream of an estimated 300 people

came and went from the Valley Project community rooms and carpark, dropping off waste, weeds and joining in with children's activities.

Weed-busting coordinator Simon Noble was thrilled with the day, with almost 40 people joining in on the weeding.

Most were removing weeds from private property with about six people joining the 'weed tour' run by the Dunedin City Council.

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# Pine Hill social group to help connect

A NEW social group starting in Pine Hill will begin as a small, informal group for local people who are new to the area and those who are supportive of them, as well as providing a way for people to connect with their community.

An initiative from the Valley Project in collaboration with Pine Hill School and the community, the group will meet in the school's library on Thursdays from 1.30–3pm.

Group facilitator Keri Eastwood says it will be an opportunity to learn new skills, share your own skills and have fun getting to know your neighbours in a relaxed environment. The time we spend together will be positive, re-affirming and supportive, she says.

"Members will be invited and supported to share their culture, experiences, perceptions and aspirations for themselves and their family members.

"We can begin this process by sharing chai and kai, cultural games and stories."

"I hope that members will gain skills to further participate in their local community and increase their personal confidence in this sort of non-threatening way."



*Pine Hill Social Group facilitator Keri Eastwood (right) making name tags at the first meeting of the new group in the Pine Hill School Library. The group meets weekly on Thursdays, 1.30–3pm. All welcome, it is totally free and child friendly with snacks and drinks provided.*

## Good and bad wheelchair access around the valley

**NORTH EAST** Valley receives a mixed report for its accessibility for wheelchair users and disabled people.

Some parts were very good, such as the number of tactile crossings on the eastern side of the valley, as well as good access to the supermarket and pharmacy, says Rorie White.

Rorie, who uses a mobility scooter to get around and can walk only very short distances, undertook the accessibility report during his time with the Valley Project.

There is lots of room for improvement, he says, including access to the community rooms. Getting a wheel chair into the rooms is difficult, especially with the gravelled carpark. The pas-

sageway is also not wide enough to allow wheelchair access to the disabled toilet.

Other areas of concern were the western side of North Rd which is "very rough and bumpy."

"This side of the valley is terrible, it's awful to drive up there—you are going up and down steps. It wouldn't take much for someone in a wheelchair to get stuck."

Access to shops was mixed, with some being easy to access, such as the Gardens New World, but some very difficult.

Rorie will be presenting his report to the Valley Project executive board and has plans to also pass it on to the Dunedin City Council.



*Rorie White*



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# Wide variety of gardens for tour

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NEWS

KEEN NORTH East Valley gardener Mary Waymouth has “really enjoyed” visiting gardens around the north Dunedin area and is excited to share them with the community in the upcoming ‘Loved, but not Lavish, Garden Tour’.

Co-organiser of the tour, Mary says there is a great range of gardens to visit, ranging from well-established to newly developed gardens. There are woodland gardens, flower gardens and gardens with an emphasis on growing food and sustainability.

“There will be something for everyone,” says Mary. “We have two gardens that show what you can do with a small area, that are both beautifully and interestingly designed.”

There is a fairly large woodland garden planted out in a gully in Pine Hill that is “long established, amazing and immaculately kept”.

An old garden above the valley has been “totally restored and re-shaped”, while another garden is only a few years in following a new house build.

Artist Rod Eales will be opening up her studio garden, as will keen gardener Karen Chalk who’s garden has a strong emphasis on sustainability and growing seedlings.

Rory Harding’s George Street Orchard is included in the tour which has a focus on growing fruit, vegetables, herbs, medicinal plants, chickens and mushrooms. His blog describes his garden as aiming “to grow many of the foods we like to eat in a way which captures atmospheric carbon, builds soil, increases biodiversity and blurs the distinction between ornamental and utilitarian.”

A list and short description of all the gardens is provided with



North East Valley resident Sue Marshall will be sharing her urban, “no grass” garden on the ‘Loved but not Lavish Garden Tour’ as an example of what can be done in a small space.

your ticket. The tour is self-directed. Choose to visit as many – or just a few that take your fancy – of the gardens as you wish.

A list of valley eateries will also be included to encourage tour goers to have their morning and afternoon teas and lunch in the valley as well.

Garden tour tickets cost \$10 per person and are available at the Valley Project office, Bloomin Gorgeous, Black’s Road Green Grocer and online (follow the link from the Valley Project’s Facebook page or website). School-aged children are free.

The tour is a fundraiser for the Valley Project and all proceeds will go back into our community and is on Sunday 28 October from 10.30am–4.30pm.

## Coffee and cake

**JOIN US** for coffee and cake at the Valley Project open morning - perfect if you are on the ‘Loved but not Lavish Garden Tour’.

This is a chance to meet the Valley Project team including our new staff members Tess Trotter and Tessa Petley.

We will also have a farewell cake for our receptionist Rorie White who finishes with us this month.

If you are joining the Loved, but not Lavish Garden Tour why not stop by to see us on your way. We will have garden related activities for the kids and you can pick-up garden tour tickets too.

The open morning will run for an hour from 10–11am Sunday 28 October at the community rooms, 262 North Rd.

## Valley Spring Clean a great success

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**THEY SPENT** their time removing weeds above the cemetery at the Opoho sports ground. Gorse, broom, banana passionfruit and blackberry bushes were among the weeds removed during the day.

For Simon, the day of community weeding was a small step towards his “ultimate dream of an urban national park” across Dunedin with better tracks, connections and a high quality environment.

OpenVUE (Open Valley Urban Ecocanctuary) educator Clare Cross says children took part in creating their own cat scarers, bird feeders and planters. There was also seed swapping, a sausage sizzle and e-bikes on site. Mitre10 sponsored the wool sacks for the weeders and potting mix for the children’s planters.

The event was supported by Te Ao Tūroa funding from the city council.

Organisers are now keen to continue the mahi and build momentum on improving the environment in the valley. If you are keen to get involved contact the Valley Project office on 473 8614 or [project@northeastvalley.org](mailto:project@northeastvalley.org).



Making cat scarers during the Valley Spring Clean.

# Pitch-a-passion potluck evening

A POTLUCK 'Pitch-a-Passion' this month will be a series

of short presentations on sustainability, biodiversity and community resilience projects in North East Valley and Pine Hill, including both actual or potential projects.

Join us for interesting conversations over simple delicious food. Some of the pitches already lined up include presentations about zero waste, Kiwi Bottle drive, and do-it-yourself cleaners and body products.

We'll be hearing about how did the Valley Spring Clean went and what would you like to see next time? Find out what 'weed 'n seed' is and how have bikes been modified locally for people with visual impairment?

If you'd like to do a five-minute presentation on an environmentally-focused initiative you're passionate about please contact Kristen on [kbracey62@gmail.com](mailto:kbracey62@gmail.com) to outline your topic.

Otherwise, just come along with something yummy for the potluck to the Valley Project community rooms on Thursday 18 October, 6-8pm.—Kristen Bracey



*Low vision and electric bikes might appear to be mutually exclusive, but Valley Community Workspace member Steve Ward was up for the challenge.*

*Following his work on a bright yellow quad and tow-behind electric bike he was able to take Helen (pictured), who is "virtually blind" and who has not ridden a bike for over 60 years, on a bike ride around Christchurch.*

*Now she is going out on picnics and shopping using the bike and trailer instead of the car. Companion biking is a great way to get people out on bikes.*

## Pipe renewal updates

WITH THE arrival of spring, pipe work is being finished on the Signal Hill ridgeline and starting lower down the hillside.

The Dunedin City Council is grateful for everyone's patience with what is inevitably disruptive work.

New watermains mean better flows for fire-fighting, fewer burst pipes and improved water pressure.

The new wastewater pipes will reduce overflows in heavy rain that cause manholes to pop up and run into Lindsay Creek.

The work includes better footpaths and pedestrian crossings, some new crossing points and cycle-friendly mudtank covers.

Water and wastewater pipes have been replaced in Warden

St, Opoho Rd and Farquharson St, and work on the road and footpath should be finished by mid-October.

Meanwhile, the replacement of water and wastewater pipes in the area from Blacks Rd to Calder Ave started in mid-August.

Work in Gillespie, Marquis and Balfour Streets should be done by November and Grey, James and Royston Streets should be finished by the end of the year.

Pipe replacement in Dalmeny St, Primrose Bank, Calder Ave and Longworth St is likely to start around November.

For more information, go to [www.dunedin.govt.nz/nevrenewals](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/nevrenewals) or contact the council on 477 4000

or at [nevrenewals@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:nevrenewals@dcc.govt.nz).

## Folk dancing fun for young and old dancers



*The Folk Dancing for Fun group enjoyed a visit from Islington Early Childhood Centre. The children joined in with the dancing and it was hard to tell who enjoyed the experience most - the under-fives or the regular dancers in the group. The folk dance group meets Friday from 10-11.30am at the Valley Baptist Church hall.*

# Predators leave footprint clues

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VUE

CHILDREN FROM the local schools have been identifying different predators in their backyards as part of the Open VUE (Open Valley Urban Ecosanctuary) education programme.

We have found many different footprints left by predators in the tracking tunnels. Some even left a huge mess of prints after they were lured into the tunnel by peanut butter, which is a tasty treat for a hungry possum or hedgehog.

We're finding some very interesting chew marks with some of these predators nibbling their way through the card. We have also taken pictures of predators in their gardens, some of which were very determined to open the smelly can of sardines we left out.

The children are now honing their research skills by creating bird masks and finding out more about garden birds. They are very excited to find out which birds are in their gardens and to discover which foods the birds love to eat best.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events where the children will share their findings with you.—OpenVUE educator Clare Cross



Sacred Heart School pupils Isla-Rose and Allen (both 5) learning about bird identification.

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# Lots of singing and reading at playgroup

A NEW music session at the North East Valley Playgroup for 0-5 year olds aims to help parents interact more with their children right from when they are babies with singing, dancing, reading and interacting with others.

I was inspired to start the music session after attending a Talking Matters NZ workshop along with other Dunedin Early Childhood Education and Primary School teachers.

During the workshop we were told that New Zealand teachers have been finding that children are not starting school with enough verbal or reading skills. They believe this is due to not enough parents talking and communicating with their babies, infants and toddlers.

The organisation is undertaking more research and encouraging parents to start interacting with their children right from when they are babies. They suggested singing, dancing, reading and interacting with others is one of the best ways to do this.

So we have started a new music session on Wednesday mornings at the North East Valley Playgroup, with the awesome help of Yvette from Creations home-based care, who also ran a playgroup and music session at the South Dunedin Hub.

Our playgroup supervisor Billie Drummond and past supervisor Donna-Marie Darling are also adding in story time throughout our playgroup sessions and encouraging parents to use our library of books to read to children.

As always our doors are open 9am-2.30pm on Tuesday and Wednesday for anyone who wishes to pop in with their children. We have lots of different play equipment out each week, a back yard to adventure in on sunny days, morning tea at 10am, plenty of healthy food options offered for lunch at 12.30pm, free of charge (thanks to KiwiHarvest. We often have extra food to give out to any attending caregivers to take home for children that attend.

We will also be catering for our former tea lady, Alison Gibson's eightieth birthday this month. Alison was our volunteer tea lady with for over 20 years.—Amy Souquet



Donna-Marie Darling, left, and Billie Drummond are excited about bringing more music and reading into sessions at the North East Valley Playgroup.

## Playground work underway

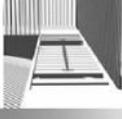
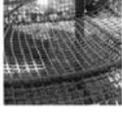
IT IS exciting to finally see work starting for plans for a new playground at North East Valley Normal School, says principal John McKenzie.

The school raised almost \$12,000 at a fair held "some years ago", which organisers had been keen to see go towards extending the playground.

The plans for the playground include tunnels and a small amphitheatre which will be able to be used for classroom activities, small shows and maybe even some assemblies.

"It will be a great addition to the school." It is hoped work will be completed by the end of the year.

### Details

- 1  This deck landing will have half round tyres attached to it. This will make the surface more challenging to walk over.
- 2  There will be access underneath this deck to provide access to the lower tunnel.
- 3  There will be timber grips attached to the rail between the two decks here. This will provide some grip to the rail.
- 4  There will be a series of timber boards creating a board walk here. These will be movable to make it harder to cross. There will need to be soft fall below this deck system. The planks can be pushed along the length of the board walk enabling the children to cut off the deck access between the top and lower decks.
- 5  Around the Tabora tree there will be a poly mesh which will create a suspended net and enabling the children to see the plantings below.



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# Graffiti at school



Community constable  
Brendan Thomson

FOLLOWING OUR call for interest in joining the North Dunedin Community Patrol I'm pleased to say that this volunteer group received several enquiries from members of the public interested in joining.

Just to refresh, the community patrol assists police with its Prevention First policy, together with monitoring areas of concern through reported crime, public events and assisting with emergency management. They are another set of 'eyes and ears' for police and they are seen as a valuable asset.

Police are currently dealing with numerous complaints from a local primary school that has been struck with graffiti on various signs around the grounds and on the school roof.

Not only is this intentional damage, but the offending person or persons are unlawfully in an enclosed yard and when located can expect to be prosecuted for both offences.

The graffiti was carried out by way of a particular protest however this clearly crosses the line of what is acceptable and above all, legal.

For those of you driving on North Rd between the hours of 8-9am this is a timely reminder to monitor your speed, especially in the areas of the child care centres and schools. Recently a number of people have been issued infringement notices for excessive speed and driving through stop signs.

Children on foot, scooters or talking are not paying too much attention at times when crossing the roads and if there is a stop sign at the intersection with North Rd, STOP. These signs are there for a reason and they are not to be confused with a give way. There is a difference.

Continuing with North Rd, the Road Policing Group which is based at North Station recently carried out spot checks of vehicles with child seats. This was not so much for enforcement, but about educating drivers in the correct fitting of these seats with the end result being to keep our mokopuna safe.

The death or serious injury of any child is a tragedy, and even more so when it can be prevented with the use of simple and widely available equipment like child restraints. For information regarding correct fitting of childrens' car seats contact Plunket, Baby On The Move or Sitting Safe (Mosgiel).

Finally, if an offence has taken place where your property has been damaged or stolen by way of a theft or burglary, please report it to the police. I hear through various sources that offences have taken place in various locations around North Dunedin and there is no record of it.

If police are not aware of these offences taking place we cannot do anything about it. A new system of reporting crime was due to go live last month where all external calls to police stations will go directly to a Crime Reporting Line.

For any of you new to the valley area, although fully occupied, the North Dunedin Station does not have the facility to take complaints via the foyer and is not open to the public.

For any emergency, a phone is available on the wall beside the main door which will direct you to police communications or you can contact the Crime Reporting Line as previously mentioned.

Get to know your neighbours and stay safe on our roads.  
—North Dunedin community constable Brendan Thomson



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## Wetland restoration

WETLAND RESTORATION is the subject for October's HortTalk at the Dunedin Botanic Garden. Craig Wilson from the Department of Conservation and Te Nohoaka o Tukiauau coordinator Glen Riley will be discussing 'Partnership in Action: restoring a wetland'.

Hear about the local wetland restoration being done by Te Nohoaka o Tukiauau/Sindair Wetlands Trust, and the ways that they and DOC are supporting each other.

On at noon, Friday 5 October in the Information Centre.

## Standup Comedy at Inch

Reuben Crisp has started building a community around standup comedy. He runs fortnightly open mics at Inch Bar, which are on the first and third Thursday of each month.

He has also formed an OUSA Comedy Club for University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic students, and he regularly hosts workshops and classes for novices wanting to get involved.

We have lots of participation and just want to spread the word more, he says.

The open mic is open to all skill levels. For more information get in touch with Reuben at reuben@dunedincomedy.co.nz

## Yams go in at gardens



Planting yams at the North East Valley Community Garden

# Thrilled book of photographs published

**VALLEY RESIDENTS** David Murray and Meg Davidson have published a book featuring work from a former Dunedin photographer Hardwicke Knight.

The book features photos taken during the 50s in Britain by Knight before he emigrated to Dunedin in 1957 to take up a job as a medical photographer.

Hardwicke was best known in Dunedin for publishing compilations of early photographs of the city. Many early photos of North East Valley are included in the Hardwicke Knight Collection which Hardwicke sold to Te Papa in 1991, including a Muir and Moodie 1912 photo of the Presbyterian Church now for sale.

A large part of the work for David was finding out where the photographs were taken and the names of buildings and people in them. It couldn't have happened without the internet, in particular Facebook groups with historic interest in particular areas, he says.

*Hardwicke Knight: Through the Lens* is a collaboration between David and Meg in North East Valley and the publisher Sean Naghibi in London.



David Murray and Meg Davidson were thrilled to finally get the hard copy of a book of Hardwicke Knight's photographs which they helped to publish.

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## 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 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, \$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 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.

### TAI CHI

All welcome from beginners to experienced, all ages. North East Valley Normal School hall, 10–11am, Sun, gold coin entry, ccy168@gmail.com

### 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 (except 1st Tue of month), \$10/class or \$45 for 5 classes. More info at haginoyoga.com or email haginoyoga@gmail.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, 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.

### 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 groups

### 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

### MEN'S PROBUS

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

### COFFEE GROUP

Casual meet up for coffee or glass of wine and a chat. Open to all, monthly gathering. Email meetupinthevalley@yahoo.com

### 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 bee dates on Facebook page: Dalmore Reserve Bandit Gardeners. Contact 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.

### 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

### MULTICULTURAL GROUP

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

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## **DUNEDIN ELECTRIC BIKES**

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## **Belleknowes Golf Club**

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## **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 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 more info 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

## **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

## **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 parents. Groups meet weekly, term time. For more info contact 471 2163 or 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. 1-2.30pm, Thurs, community rooms. Ph Emily 021 125 0850.

## **THE BREAST ROOM**

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

## **TINKER SCHOOL**

Afterschool courses, Mon-Fri, 3-5.30pm, 347 North Rd. Ph Andrew 021 982 216.

## **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

## **HOUSE WANTED**

Small family looking for 3 bedroom home to rent in NEV/Opoho area. Very tidy, reliable tenants with good references. Ph Sarah 022 137 6385

## **HOUSE WANTED**

2-3 bedroom house in wider NEV area. Private sale pref. All approved & ready for fast sale. I am a local artist who would like to make Dunedin my permanent base. Ph Nadia 027 784 9787.

## **LAND WANTED**

Looking for people with unwanted lawn/disused gardens which are central, flat & sunny to set up an urban cut flower farm. Looking for about 40m<sup>2</sup> which could be over several locations. Land owners will be provided with a supply of flower bunches. Email Esther estherloaderboss-hard@gmail.com

## **LOG SPLITTER FOR HIRE**

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## **SENIORS HAIRDRESSING**

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

## **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.

## **TWILIGHT TINKERING CLASSES**

Mon & Thurs, 7-9pm, 347 North Rd, Ph Andrew 021 982 216

## **trading corner**

### **BABYSITTER AVAILABLE**

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

### **COMPUTER SERVICES**

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

### **DAFFODIL BULBS**

Highly scented, winter-flowering (June-Sept) jonquils, \$3 each or \$10 for five. Ph 473 0159 evenings.

### **FLATMATE WANTED**

Two rooms to rent, separate kitchenette and bathroom, OSP, Opoho, \$200/wk. Contact 021 195 4882.

### **KNIFE SHARPENING**

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

## **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, Mon, 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, 10-11am 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.

### **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 GIRL-GUIDES**

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.



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**Harcourts**

# \$140k upgrade for BMX track



Riders enjoying the upgraded BMX track at Forrester Park which now features asphalted corners, an international grade starting ramp and a jumping pro straight.

**EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS** at the BMX track at Forrester Park mean the track is not only now faster, but the maintenance work required has been halved. The Dunedin BMX Club have spent \$140,000 improving the track, including asphalted three corners, adding in a steeper starting ramp and adding a jumping pro straight.

Previously the corners were limed, but rain would wash the lime from the top to the bottom and would require maintenance up to four times a year. The newly asphalted corners are also faster to ride. The starting ramp height has now been doubled to meet international standards. It is very steep, so the club have also included a smaller, less steep, community ramp.

The track has been created with a dual role in mind to provide a competitive BMX racing environment but also to provide a free riding experience for cyclists of all ages.

Club president Brent Rutherford says it has been an exciting time and the club will be hosting the BMX South Island Titles next year with more than 300 riders expected.

"The track has been designed by the club and constructed by a loyal group of volunteers who have donated thousands of hours of their time, and machinery, to achieve a fantastic result.

"Without the generous support of local businesses and community funding group the dream of providing this facility could not have happened."

The BMX season starts after the school holidays with club night on Thursdays starting at 6pm. The club has race bikes and helmets available to hire for new riders wishing to try the sport. More details at [dunedinbmx.nz](http://dunedinbmx.nz) or their Facebook page.



An aerial view  
of the  
upgraded BMX  
track

## what's on

### pitch-a-passion

A series of short presentations on sustainability, biodiversity and community resilience along with a pot-luck dinner, 6-8pm, Thursday 18 October, community rooms.

### garden tour

Explore a variety of gardens around north Dunedin. Tickets are \$10/ person and are available at the Valley Project, Bloomin Gorgeous and Blacks Road Green Grocer. On Sunday 28 October, 10.30am-4.30pm.

### coffee and cake

Join the Valley Project team for morning tea, meet our new staff and farewell Rorie White. 10-11am, Sunday 28 Oct, community rooms.

### Pine hill social

New group to help the community connect. All welcome on Thursdays, 1.30-3pm, in the Pine Hill School library. Snacks and drinks provided.

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