

The logo for 'the VALLEY project' is located in the top left corner. It consists of a grey oval with a fine vertical line pattern. Inside the oval, the words 'the', 'VALLEY', and 'project' are stacked vertically in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. 'the' is at the top, 'VALLEY' is in the middle and underlined, and 'project' is at the bottom.

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The Valley Project AGM 2020

19th August, 5.30 - 7pm

Agenda

- Apologies
- AGM 2019 minutes
- Annual report
- Financial accounts and Budget
- Community Reports
- Constitutional Changes
- *Break 5 mins*
- Election of Officers
- Valley Community Covid Hub - breakout groups

Apologies



Sarah

- Apologies received

Previous Minutes and Actions

Ian

- Review actions from the previous AGM
- Acceptance of minutes from the previous AGM:
 - *“Move that we accept the minutes as a true and correct record of the 2019 AGM”*

Annual Report

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- Natural world: OpenVUE Backyard Ecosanctuaries, propagation nursery, workshops, Chingford Park, Lindsay Creek Riparian weeding/planting
- Events: Creekfest, Spring Clean, Multicultural potluck, film night
- Multicultural celebrations - arts group, pot luck dinner, refugee families
- Housing - family support, Cosy Homes clinics, insulation, Facebook Live
- Kai Share, VCW, Collaborations
- Covid-19!
- Thank yous: staff (Edith), volunteers, exec

Financial accounts 2019/20

Chris

- Financial accounts - highlights
 - Finances are stable and balanced
 - Income \$244k (\$204k in grants, \$31k rent & advertising)
 - We spent \$242k (including OpenVUE)
 - Surplus \$2,000
 - We have \$321k in the bank and own \$406k assets

Ian

- Acceptance of financial reports
 - *“Resolve that we adopt the audited financial accounts for 2019/20”*



Budget 2020/21

Ian

- Budget overview



Community Reports

- VCW
- NEV Community Garden
- Dalmore Community Garden
- Open VUE
- Transition Valley



VCW

Covid-19 has changed so many things, not least the way we adjust to an uncertain future. It's the kind of future the VCW community began planning for from day one when we first considered setting up the Valley Community Workspace - a place to learn, share skills, tools and resources as we work towards a low carbon, community based collaborative future.

Bike Workshop

- Served about 630 clients with advice, parts and bicycles.
- Over the year we took in around 300 bikes and gave out 200 to clients. Others went to NEVN School, or Islington Early Childhood Centre.
- Outreach included 3 clinics at Otago Polytechnic and one at Uni along with weekly Friday visits during term time (weather permitting) to support NEVN School's Wheels Day.

Dunedin Electric Bikes

- Another busy year-- we are finding many of our customers are referrals or people buying their second or third ebike.
- Initial worries we had about environmental impact of ebike batteries not lasting the distance has proved unfounded after five years.
- We continue to hound our suppliers to decrease the packaging on their ebikes and escooters with some making significant improvement -- 99% of all our bike boxes are used for ground cover for gardens - worms and plants are the winners.



LoomRoom

- The loomroom is going strong, term three we are fully booked with 28 students.
- Classes continued over lockdown using video stream and whatsapp.
- The LoomRoom has bonded with sister project Stitch Kitchen, which will re-open in Princess Street on August 22nd.

Makers Space

- Makerspace continued to open twice a week with a regular group coming on Thursdays and Saturdays, with the Saturday sessions providing more of a drop-in people coming to use tools or fix things.
- Makerspace was closed during lockdown, and are closed now due to level 2.

Oil Free Otago

- 3 day occupation of oil giant OMV's support vessel the Skandi Atlantic which was berthed in Timaru and as part of an endeavour to explore for oil and gas in the midst of a climate emergency. The occupation was a success. OMV have left our southern ocean for good

NEV Community Gardens



The Community Garden has now been in existence for 9 years. Working Bees continue every weekend alternating Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons. Attendance at working varies from 7 to 26 with a typical winter number being 15 and summer more around the 18 to 20s. We have a range of ages from the student age group to people in their 70s. Most people live locally, but some travel from other suburbs. A full range of vegetables continue to be grown and our consistent winners are runner beans and leeks.

The seed raising for the new growing season has been spread around a large number of volunteers and appropriate seeds are being planted directly in the Garden. Morning and afternoon tea time is now the time for making joint decisions. A particular focus has been upgrading our compost systems and working on ways to improve the soil. Members have stepped up to take charge of opening and closing and organising the working bee tasks. Our website is now being revamped and plan to keep this up to date. We hope to make more contributions to the food pantry and would love to see people who are struggling financially come to the garden to enable them to put more healthy food on the table.

The Garden is in good heart and we are looking forward positively to celebrating the ten year milestone next March, confident that a model for longevity has been established.



Dalmore Community Garden



An unusual year is one way to remember 2020.

Looking at our Facebook page the period of lockdown is noticeable, then into winter and the impact of bad weather and compacted soil. However, we have enjoyed some nice crops and lots of great work has been done, especially by our lead gardener Keith Moffit who really keeps the whole project going. The planting of donated feijoa bushes, guavas and raspberries will be eagerly watched over in future years and we are looking forward to spring and getting back into the working bees - Lynn Vare





Open VUE

Open VUE has seen a number of successes this last year with involvement in various Valley based events, such as Creekfest and the Spring Clean as well as smaller events such as a film night, window art and plantings. More recently, we have launched the "Backyard Ecosanctuaries" Programme to encourage backyard and community biodiversity actions. As part of this programme, we have and are hosting working bees, workshops and encouraging actions in backyards and community spaces that support native wildlife - Clare Cross





Transition Valley 473

Core members of Transition Valley 473 have continued to put energy into groups with similar goals and projects this year - Valley Community Workspace, Dalmore Reserve Community Garden, Wild about Dalmore Reserve, NEV Weedbusters...This, along with COVID-19 and various things competing for our energies in our personal lives, has meant Transition Valley 473 has been very quiet.

Volunteers have continued to care for the community orchard sites, but even this is a stretch now. We welcome others helping with this.



Constitutional changes

Sarah

- 6. GENERAL MEETINGS

6.2 The quorum for a General Meeting will be a minimum of 20 members present in person at the start of and throughout the meeting. ~~two thirds of the current registered members present in person at the start of, and throughout the meeting.~~

6.2.1. "Present in person" is defined in these rules as physically present, or in agreed circumstances by the executive committee, through electronic communication tools.

6.3 **Twenty-~~one~~eight (2~~1~~8)** days notification of each General Meeting will be given to all members.

Constitutional changes

- 9. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

9.1 The Executive Committee will comprise no less than seven (7) and no more than twelve (12) members from which a Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary will be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee will be comprised of:

- ~~One member appointed by the Board of North East Valley Normal School.~~
- Up to eight (8) other board members elected at the Annual General Meeting
- Up to three (3) members appointed by the Executive Committee for the purposes of achieving a better representative mix or a better skill base for the Executive Committee.
- While the Valley Project offices are resident on North East Valley Normal School grounds, one member can be appointed from the school community with the approval of the Board of Trustees of the North East Valley Normal School.

Constitutional changes

- 9. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 9.4 Executive Committee members may resign with one months notice. ~~will retire after a one-year term,~~ but Executive members will be eligible for re-election at the same and subsequent Annual General Meetings. Newly elected Executive Committee members will take office immediately upon their election for a two year term. -
- 9.5 Nominations for positions on the Executive Committee, shall be made in writing, endorsed with the consent of the nominee and given to the Secretary Returning Officer not less than ~~fifteen-seven~~ (715) days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting. If there are five (5) or fewer written nominations for the Executive, up to three (3) oral nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting, provided that no member will be elected who had not consented to be nominated.



Break - 5 minutes



Election of Officers

Lois

- Nominations received

The Valley Community COVID Hub

Tess

How will we get our community and each other through the next 12 months?

- Break into groups - share & record your ideas
- Shared google doc for compiling ideas: <http://bit.ly/CovidHubideas>