



L to R: our Intermediate Raranga taura loving their kete, and amazing Amigurumi by crochet wizz Lynda Somerville.

## News from Dunedin WEA

It seems like I say this every time, but it's been such a busy term for DWEA - that must be a good thing, right?! Most of this past month has been spent preparing for our Open Day and Exhibition (see p.6) with our tutors and students creating some fantastic display boards, representing what they love to do! Our newest class, Slow Stitching Vessels, took off with a bang, with both sessions booked out in record time. Our two social groups, Quilting Connections, and the knitting gang, have powered on through winter, and their members are producing some really lovely work (p.2). And in this newsletter, we're featuring a very special piece written by one of our tutors, Sue Cheer along with a poem by one of her workshop participants, after a very moving session (p.3). Our Term 4 programme is out so please have a look there, and we have some 'housekeeping' notes on page 2 as well (sorry, I know that part's a little bit boring...). Until the next one, I'll say what we're all thinking - bring on summer ☀️

## GREAT DISCOUNTS FOR OUR STUDENTS!



Great news for our arty types! Art Zone in Hanover St are offering our students a 10% discount off all art supplies (not including framing and greeting cards). They have just about everything an aspiring artist could ever need, so have a look at [www.art-zone.co.nz](http://www.art-zone.co.nz)

And our crafters won't be missing out either - Stitch Kitchen have a generous 15% student discount on their haberdashery! More info about their shop at [www.stitchkitchen.nz](http://www.stitchkitchen.nz)

So don't forget to mention you're a DWEA student next time you're visiting Stitch Kitchen or Art Zone, and help support local businesses at the same time!

*We have a brand new How to Paint 2 class starting in Term 4, for those ready for the next steps with acrylic painting.*



## ENROLLING IN OUR CLASSES



*Slow stitched vessels made by our taurira, with local artist, Chrissy Hollamby.*

**We have a few queries about enrolments every now and then so here are a few answers to our FAQs!**

### **Can kids enrol in your classes?**

Sorry no, much as they'd probably love it! We can only take enrolments from those aged 18 years and over.

### **What happens on the waiting list?**

Some of our classes fill up so quickly! We know this can be disappointing but if you add yourself to the waiting list in our online booking system (look for the green button, top right by the class title), as soon as someone cancels their place, the booking system automatically starts notifying those in the waiting list, one by one - until someone grabs the spot! People's plans often change, so it's always worth doing this.

### **How do people get a place in one of your classes?**

It's literally first in, first served! If you're on the waiting list from a previous term, you'll be notified a few days before the programme is released, but otherwise, it's just a matter of completing the enrolment form online, or emailing Nicola at [hello@dunedinwea.org.nz](mailto:hello@dunedinwea.org.nz) if you need any help. Our tutors don't have any access to the booking system, but they can pass your details on to Nicola if you need. As long as there's a spot in the class, you're 18 or over, and you're happy to pay your fees at least 7 days before your class starts, then you're in! It's as simple as that :-)

*Some beautiful work by our students from the Patchwork Quilting and Knitting classes - we're very proud of their skills!*



## **OPENING A SPACE FOR PERSONAL STORYTELLING – ART JOURNALING WITH THE CANCER SOCIETY**

*Over the last year, DWEA tutors have been running short workshops with people living at the Cancer Society's Daffodil House while they or their whānau undergo cancer treatment, as a small way to help add a bit of joy and distraction to their lives when they need it most.*

**Story and art by Sue Cheer, Art Journaling Tutor**

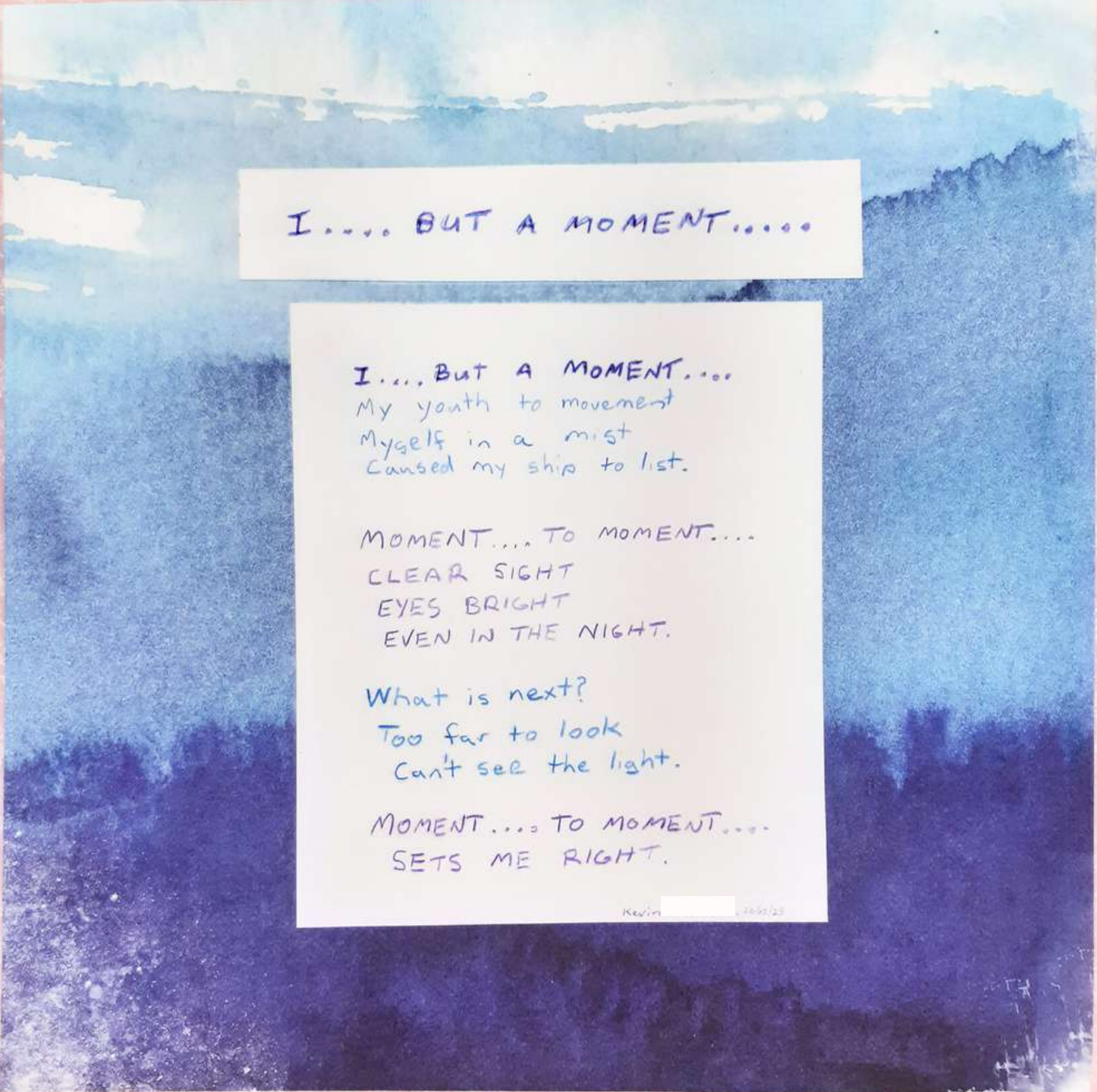
**Poem by Kevin**

It's a simple class, just cutting and pasting. We each combine images that speak to us and words that we need to hear to create a small Self-Compassion Index Card Journal. Just 20 cards that can bring us comfort during tough times. As we trawl through magazines and choose the words to go with the images, participants often tell stories and share memories.

Our latest crafting session began in an unexpected way and I knew this day would be special. One of the participants – a man caring for his wife with cancer – read out a poem he'd written for Daffodil House. As his voice broke, something inside me shifted. Responding to the poem, the group discussed how, when our lives crumble, we can only live moment-by-moment because it's too much to think about next week, or tomorrow, or even tonight. I spent much of the class helping to 'mount and frame' the poem using humble materials – a manilla folder, some scrapbooking paper, washi tape, and a glue stick. The mounted poem was like a one-page art journal entry. A snippet of one person's journey that was really a part of all our journeys.

Art journaling is a way to be in a place out of time where we find respite from our cares. It's a way to tell our stories, just as poetry is a way to tell our stories. An act as simple as cutting and pasting has the power to open a space for us to talk about our lives.





I.... BUT A MOMENT....

I.... But A MOMENT....  
My youth to movement  
Myself in a mist  
Caused my ship to list.

MOMENT.... TO MOMENT....  
CLEAR SIGHT  
EYES BRIGHT  
EVEN IN THE NIGHT.

What is next?  
Too far to look  
Can't see the light.

MOMENT.... TO MOMENT....  
SETS ME RIGHT.

Kevin 20/05/20

"I....BUT A MOMENT...." by Kevin.

I feel honoured and humbled to be taking part as a tutor in the craft workshops at the Cancer Society. This last class was especially meaningful for me – to be a part of one person's story, just as he is now a part of my story – because what no-one knew was that a week ago my mother received a diagnosis of breast cancer. This class has given me a greater understanding of what that might mean for her.





**Dunedin WEA**  
Te Wāhi Ākoranga o Ōtepoti

## TERM 4, 2023 PROGRAMME

### ADULT EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY CLASSES

#### ARTS

- INTRODUCTION TO DRAWING
- ART OF BEGINNERS MĀORI RARANGA
- HOW TO PAINT 2
- ART JOURNALING FOR BEGINNERS
- WONDERFUL WATERCOLOUR 1
- WONDERFUL WATERCOLOUR 2

#### COOKING

- MERI KIRIHIMETE: BEGINNERS CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING
- MERI KIRIHIMETE: INTERMEDIATE CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING

#### TE REO

- TAUMATA TUARUA

#### CRAFT

- QUILTING APPLIQUE TECHNIQUES
- QUILTING CONNECTIONS
- LEARN TO KNIT
- KNITTING FOR BEGINNERS AND ABOVE



Our classes are held at the South Dunedin Community Network, 278a King Edward St.  
50% discount on class fees for Community Services Card holders, upon verification.

For more info or to enrol go to: [www.dunedinwea.org.nz](http://www.dunedinwea.org.nz)



**The Festival of Adult Learning Ahurei Ākonga week runs from 4 – 10 September 2023 and we're celebrating with an Open Day and Exhibition on Friday 8 September!**

If you'd like to know more about the adult community education classes held by Dunedin WEA, come along and see which class is for you! From raranga to art journaling to painting to Te Reo to quilting, and everything in between, we offer something for everyone. Art – culture – craft – language – and above all, fun!

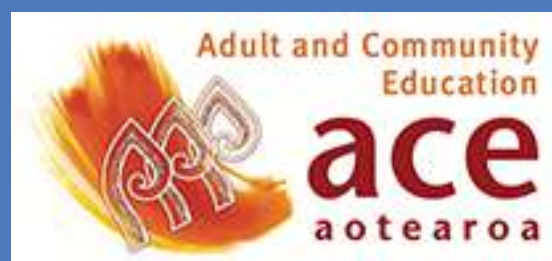
Our exhibition will be on in the South Dunedin Community Network Rooms, 278a King Edward St, South Dunedin, from 10am to 3pm. You will be able to see examples of student work and photos of classes in progress, plus DWEA representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you might have.

**This is a free event and everyone is very welcome to pop in, have a chat and a look round!**

We're very grateful to ACE Aotearoa for their amazing funding support for this event.

## The Gratitude Column

Thank you so much to our generous funders – they literally keep us going! And thanks as always to the South Dunedin Community Network for the use of their rooms, which we so appreciate.



**If you'd like to submit anything for our next newsletter, please email Nicola at [hello@dunedinwea.org.nz](mailto:hello@dunedinwea.org.nz)**