

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Kia ora Koutou Dunedin WEA family and friends.

As we wind up for the year at Dunedin WEA we can feel extremely proud of what we have achieved in 2024. We have run at least ten classes each term and have introduced some new learning opportunities, such as mosaics and floristry, alongside the firm favourites in our programme. The feedback we receive is important to us and shows that our classes are meeting a need in our community. We appreciate your ongoing support and interest and thank you for enrolling in our programme. Without you we would not be here. I also want to acknowledge and commend the WEA team for your ongoing commitment, we could not have accomplished this without the dedicated team of tutors and committee who continue to work tirelessly for us. I also want to acknowledge South Dunedin Community Network and our funders (listed at the end of our newsletter) for your ongoing support.

Watch for our Term 1 programme 2025 mid January - we have some new classes and venues on offer. For now, it is time to take a break and enjoy the festive season and all that it brings. I hope that wherever you are, you will connect with whanau and friends and have a relaxing and fun filled holiday.

Meri Kirihimete

Mary

DWEA President



Mark your calendars now!

Term 1 2025 - Bookings open 2pm, 20 January 2025

We will be welcoming back old favourites like How to Paint, Drawing and Slow Stitching. New classes include Nature Photography and Cooking for Blokes.

To enrol, visit www.dunedinwea.org.nz/courses.

Sorry, no prior waitlists for courses.

Kia ora everyone

Wishing you all a very festive holiday season, and hopefully we have some lovely weather to enjoy our summer break.

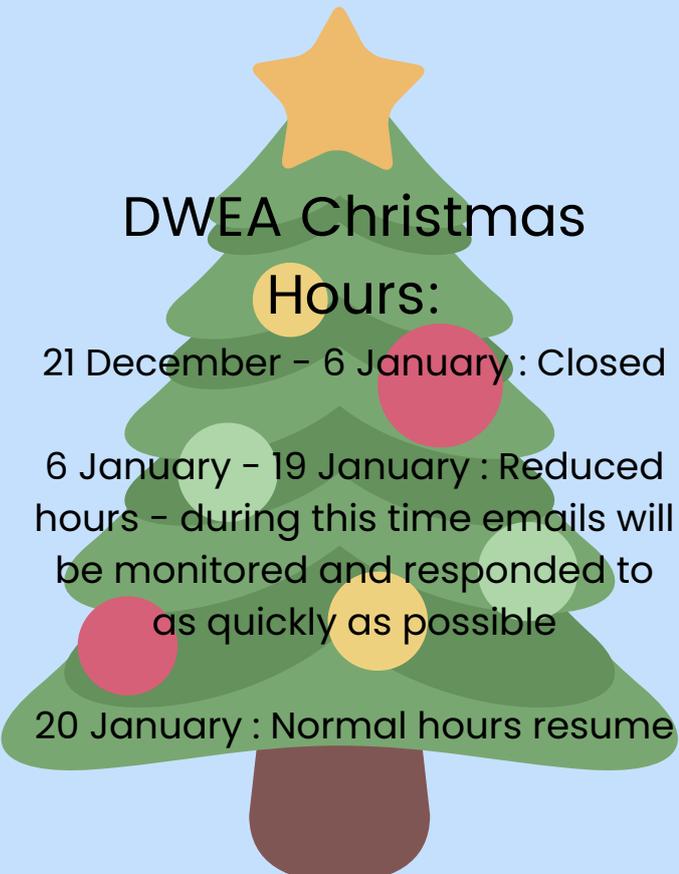
I have very much enjoyed my first year with DWEA, working with our lovely tutors and committee, and also getting to know students of our courses as well. It has been a real pleasure to see so many taking part in the classes we have offered throughout the year.

This year we have welcomed four new tutors to DWEA and expanded our class offerings. We have also been very proud to provide workshops for the Cancer Society at Daffodil House in Dunedin throughout the year.

We have continued to receive generous support from our funders, listed at the end of this newsletter. We are also very grateful to the South Dunedin Community Network, who so generously provide us with our home base, and support for what we are doing in the community. Thank you so much, and we look forward to continuing to work alongside you in 2025.

I hope you enjoy looking through the rest of our newsletter, with photos from throughout the year of our classes, and the amazing work created by you, our students.

Kirsty
Programme Coordinator



DWEA Christmas Hours:

21 December - 6 January : Closed

6 January - 19 January : Reduced hours - during this time emails will be monitored and responded to as quickly as possible

20 January : Normal hours resume



Tutors and committee members sharing a Christmas morning tea

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.



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FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:

Did you know Dunedin WEA is on Facebook? Watch our page for announcements and updates about what is happening on our courses each term, and to see some of the great work our students are producing.

If you'd like to submit anything for our next newsletter, please email our Programme Coordinator at hello@dunedinwea.org.nz



**Left: Painting by student, T2 ;
Right: T4 Art journaling class pages created by students**



**Left: Student creations, Slow Stitching Vessels T1 ;
Right: Array of Happy Hangers, Slow Stitching T2**



**Left: Student work,
Drawing T1
Right: Watercolour
class at work T3**





Fun with photography techniques, T2 and T3 - light and shadow, infinity curves, water and light



Above: Wonderful knitting projects from throughout the year



***Left: Colourful Dresden Plates, T2
Right: Quirky Coil Baskets, T2***





Slow cooking T2 and T3 - delicious take home recipes for our students and their families



Above: Beautiful edible creations from cookie decorating, T2, and beginners cupcake decorating, T4



**Left: Raranga class, T3
Right: Created by students, Applique T1 class**





Beautiful student work from our Mosaics classes, T3 and T4



Above: A beautiful day with the flowers – our Floristry for Beginners course, T4



Heritage Straw Weaving, our first classes offered in Mosgiel, T3

