

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Kia ora Koutou Dunedin WEA family and friends.

As we head into term two there is lots happening at Dunedin WEA. The sad news is that our fabulous Programme Coordinator, Kirsty Clark, is moving on. On behalf of the governance team and myself I wish Kirsty the very best for the future and thank her for her amazing work. Kirsty has brought many skills to the role including great clarity to our financial procedures and processes and she has secured community grants to enable us to offer the exciting programme that we do. We will miss you Kirsty - much aroha to you and your family from DWEA!!!

We have some new classes on offer in Dunedin and Portobello and, sadly, we are retiring some of our classes due to changes within our tutor team. Chrissie, Liz and Alison have retired from tutoring for DWEA. Thank you for your contribution to our programme ladies - you will be missed. We are also losing Gary who is heading off to greener pastures and we have two tutors taking a break over the winter - Andrea and Jo. We hope to see you both back in the future.

We are proud to be presenting our Term 2 programme despite all these changes. Like many voluntary groups, we are dependent on tutors who want to give to the community and our generous fund holders to keep going. Maybe you know of someone who could tutor for us? If so see the 'Becoming a Tutor' note below. We would particularly love to hear from a crochet and a painting tutor. We are also looking for a couple of new committee members to join our governance team. If you are willing to be part of this committee email president@dunedinwea.org.nz to express interest. Speaking of governance, our AGM will be held at 5pm on 13 May 2025 at the South Dunedin Community Network rooms and you are most welcome to attend. It would be helpful to know numbers so let us know if you are coming along.

Finally, do you know someone who would be interested in an administration role 10 - 12 hours a week mainly during school terms. The Programme Coordinator role is currently advertised at <https://dunedinwea.org.nz/employment/current-positions/>. We would love to hear from you if you have the skills listed in the Job Description.

Mary
DWEA President

Are you interested in becoming a tutor?

If you have a skill that you are passionate about sharing, and perhaps have some experience teaching that skill to adults, we would love to hear from you. To apply and propose a course, visit <https://dunedinwea.org.nz/employment/> and complete the application form.

Kia ora everyone

Term 1 has literally flown by! Most of our weekend courses are now complete, and our weeknight courses will be wrapping up soon. I hope that you have all enjoyed your classes this term, and are proud of what you have created during your time with us.

We have a great range of classes coming up in Term 2, our programme is attached to this newsletter for you to read through. We have a few new class options this term – basic patchwork for beginners at Portobello, a new dry felting class at South Dunedin, and a special Mother's Day mosaic class – treat your Mum to a fun activity on her special day! We also welcome back Heritage Straw Weaving this term, now to be held at our usual venue in South Dunedin.

On a personal note, this will be my last newsletter for DWEA. I have very much enjoyed working with our committee and tutors, and getting to know some of our students over my time with DWEA. I wish you all the best for your future learning, and look forward to seeing the continued growth of DWEA classes and opportunities for our community.

Kirsty
Programme Coordinator



***Work in progress
from our ceramic
and mosaic totem
sculpture class***





CLASSES FOR TERM 2, 2025

WEEKNIGHT CLASSES:

@ SOUTH DUNEDIN COMMUNITY NETWORK:

PHOTOGRAPHY: GETTING STARTED

with Paul Donovan

7-9pm, Mondays 12 May - 23 Jun (excl King's Birthday), \$85

DRY NEEDLE FELTING

with Natalia Yates

6:30-8:30pm, Tuesdays 6 May - 10 Jun, \$95

KNITTING FOR ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS

with Elaine Burgess

6-8pm, Wednesdays 7 May-11 Jun, \$85

BEGINNERS DRAWING

with Natalie Cheetham

6:30-8:30pm, Thursdays 8 May-12 Jun, \$85

@ PORTOBELLO CORONATION HALL:

BASIC PATCHWORK SAMPLER QUILT FOR BEGINNERS

with Mary Geary

6:30-8:30pm, Thursdays 1, 8, 29 May AND 5, 12, 19 Jun, \$90

WEEKEND CLASSES:

@ SOUTH DUNEDIN COMMUNITY NETWORK:

STACK 'N' WACK QUILTING

with Mary Geary

9:30-4:00pm, Saturday 7 Jun, \$45

WONDERFUL WATERCOLOUR - AROUND THE WORLD

with Ron Esplin

10-1pm, Sundays 4 May AND 18 May, \$75

HERITAGE STRAW WEAVING

with Karen Browne

11-2:30pm, Sundays 25 May, 8 Jun AND 15 Jun, \$85

OUR SPECIAL MOTHERS DAY CLASS:

MOSAIC HEART WALLHANGING

with Mary Geary

9:30-2:00pm, Sunday 11 May, \$45

Discounts on class fees available for Community Services Card holders, upon verification

For more info or to enrol go to: www.dunedinwea.org.nz

With many thanks to our funders:





Above: How to Paint Term 1
Below: Beginners Knitting students, Term 1



Students from our Photography: Getting Started class, enjoying their work

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