



### PRESIDENT'S PIECE

A special welcome to our new Programme Coordinator, Jenna Wilson. Jenna brings many skills to the role and is settling in well.

The big news is that we will be shifting our classes in term 3 to the new South Dunedin Community Network venue at The Kokiri Centre in Macandrew Road. You will find a map on the course description when booking classes.

Our classes have been going really well and we are seeing lots of work being produced which is exciting. Our thanks, as always, go out to our wonderful tutoring team who do an amazing job. Well done DWEA tutoring team.

In term 3 we are offering three new classes for anyone wanting to weave a small Māori cloak, make some natural healing balms and teas or crochet a garment. Iti Kākahu will be run 24 - 26th July with tutor Robyn Ashton. This will be a one off so get your enrolment in soon. Barbara Fogarty will run a course titled Herbal Balms,

Teas and Tonics on 3 October. This looks a lot of fun and I can personally recommend the balms having applied a little recently to treat a blemish. Lennette Cadzow will be expanding her crochet offerings with the chance to make a cardigan under her expert eye.

Natalie Cheetham will be taking a short break in term 3 and we look forward to welcoming her back in term 4.

Our AGM was held a couple of weeks ago and we sadly said farewell to Sue Cheer and Pam Nelson who have retired from the committee. A warm welcome to Louisa Merceanu who has joined our committee. We look forward to another successful year at DWEA.

I hope you are keeping warm and finding lots of activities from our programme to help you get through the winter.

Mary Geary - President

### Lifetime Members

We are proud to recognize Mary Geary and Ron Esplin on being awarded Lifetime Membership. This honor reflects their many years of dedication, generosity, and unwavering support. Through their involvement, leadership, and willingness to lend a helping hand, they have made a lasting impact on our organization and the people within it.

Please join us in congratulating Mary and Ron and thanking them for their outstanding contributions and commitment over the years. We are grateful to have them as part of our community.



Ron Esplin



Mary Geary



Beginners knitting  
Student work



Textured acrylic  
Student work



Textured acrylic  
Student work



Modern embroidery  
Student work



Iti Kākahu  
Robyn Ashton

## Tutor Spotlight: Paul Donovan

We are thrilled to celebrate Paul Donovan, who has been selected as a finalist in the Tūhura Photography Exhibition, a fantastic achievement that recognises his creativity, technical skill and artistic vision.

If you have the chance, be sure to visit the exhibition at Tūhura, Otago Museum. 2 April - 19 July.

Inspired by what you see? Paul Donovan will be teaching Photography: Getting Started next term, offering students the chance to develop their own photographic skills under the guidance of an experienced and accomplished photographer. Places are expected to fill quickly, so keep an eye out on our website for enrolment details.



Adults Wildlife Category - Paul Donovan - Finalist - 2026 Tūhura Photography Exhibition

## Introducing Herbal Balms, Teas & Tonics with Barbara Fogarty



Discover the art of traditional herbal remedies in this hands-on workshop designed for adults interested in natural wellness and herbal medicine. In this practical and engaging course, students will learn how to create a variety of herbal balms, teas, and tonics using nourishing and healing plants.

Along the way, students will explore the benefits of each herb, safe preparation methods, and simple techniques they can continue using at home. Each participant will leave with at least two handmade herbal samples to take home and enjoy.

Enrol now and discover the healing power of herbs in a fun and supportive environment.



## Hello from our new Programme Coordinator

Hello everyone! I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Programme Coordinator at Dunedin WEA.



Jenna Wilson

I have a real passion for arts, crafts, learning and community, so joining WEA feels like a wonderful fit. Creativity has always been a big part of my life, and when I'm not at work or spending time with my family, you'll often find me knitting, crocheting, sewing, painting, drawing or singing with my choir. I love learning new things, meeting people, and sharing skills and ideas with others.

Although I am still new to the role, I'm already thoroughly enjoying being a part of the community. Everyone has been so welcoming and I've loved getting a glimpse of the enthusiasm, creativity and connection that make Dunedin WEA such a special place. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the months ahead!

Jenna Wilson - Programme Coordinator

**TERM 3**  
**PROGRAMME**



**Dunedin WEA**  
Te Wāhi Ākoranga o Ōtepoti

**2026**

## **ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES**

**Iti Kākahu; Cloakmaking with Robyn Ashton**

6pm to 8pm Friday and 9.30am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday 24 to 26 of July | \$125

**Modern Embroidery; It's All About Stitching with Jahn Morris-Hill**

7pm - 9pm Mondays 27 July - 31 August | \$85 BYO materials

**From Wax to Wow; Cast and Create Jewellery Your Way with Rodney Kent**

6:30 - 8:30 pm Tuesdays 27 July - 1 of September | \$120 + additional casting costs

**Beginners Acrylic; Textured Painting on Canvas with Michele Dalwood**

6.30pm - 8.30pm Wednesdays 29 July - 2 September | \$85

**Photography; Getting Started with Paul Donovan**

7pm - 9pm Wednesdays 29 July - 26 August | \$75

**Knitting for Beginners with Elaine Burgess**

6pm - 8pm Thursdays 30 July - 3 September | \$85 BYO materials

**Crochet for Beginners with Lennette Cadzow**

10am - 12pm Sundays 2 August - 6 September | \$85 BYO materials

**Crochet a Garment with Lennette Cadzow**

1pm - 3pm Sundays 2 August - 6 September | \$85 BYO materials

**Beginners Patchwork; Make a Caravan Quilt with Mary Geary**

9.30am - 3.30pm Saturdays 1 and 29 August | \$85

**Wonderful Watercolour with Ron Esplin**

12am - 3pm Sundays 13 & 20 September | \$75

**Healing Balms, Teas and Tonics with Barbara Fogarty**

10am - 4pm Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October | \$70

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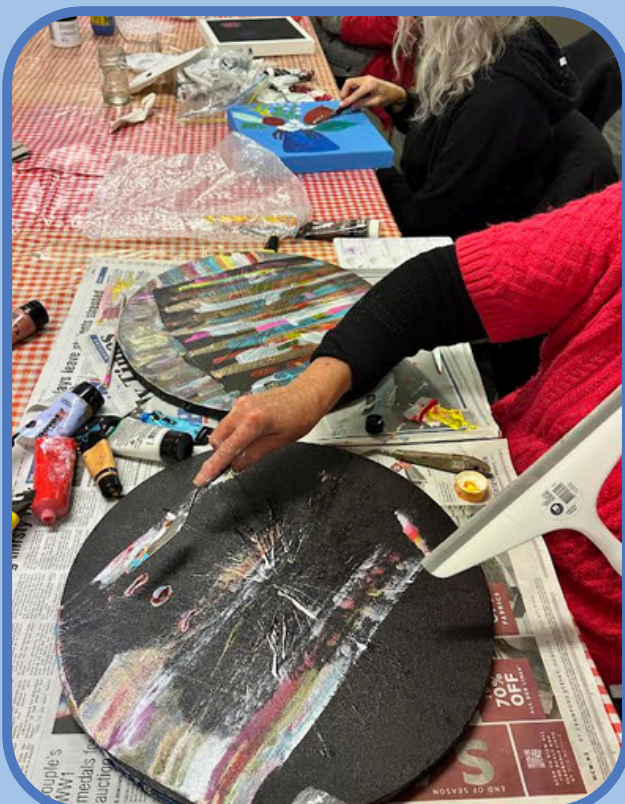


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Our classes are held at the Kokiri Education Centre, 51 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin, Dunedin 9012.  
50% discount on class fees for Community Services Card holders, upon verification.

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

## Dunedin WEA students snapshots



Textured Acrylic - Student work



Beginners Knitting-Student work



Textured Acrylic - Student work



Textured Acrylic-Student work



Wrangling the Ruler-Student work



Textured Acrylic - Student work



Modern Embroidery - Student work



Modern embroidery - Student work



Modern Embroidery - Student 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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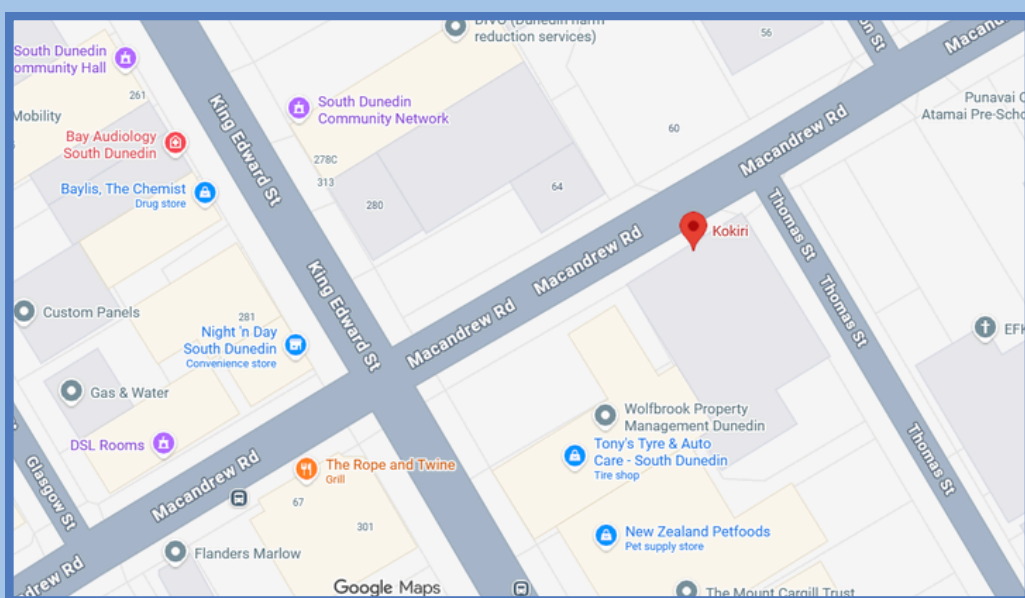


**Community Organisation  
Grants Scheme**

Dunedin City



**OTAGO**  
Community Trust



Kokiri Education Centre, 51 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin, 9012

## Our New Premises

We are excited to be moving to the new South Dunedin Community Network premises from Term 3. It is located just around the corner from our old premises and we are looking forward to bigger rooms and lot's of lovely natural light.



Paying us online:

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Please use your surname and course as a reference.

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