Weekly Executive Update Report

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General Updates

1 Council diary

1.1 You can watch a live stream of public meetings here or play them back at a later time Council meetings - Dunedin City Council. From this page you can also access the agendas and see the calendar of upcoming council meetings.

2 DCC's 2025/26 Annual Report and Summary have now been published

2.1 DCC's 2025/26 Annual Report and Summary have now been published on the DCC website - Annual Reports - Dunedin City Council

3 Transport update

3.1 You can check for local roadworks on our website Roadworks schedule (updated weekly) - Dunedin City Council

3.2 The team is currently working on the following projects:

- Resurfacing of Albany St between Cumberland St and Clyde St is in progress, and we expect to open it to two-way traffic by the end of next week. The section between Great King St and Cumberland St will be completed by Christmas.
- The Mosgiel Park and Ride is in progress and is expected to be completed in February 2027.
- Retaining wall renewal works on Sidey St are in progress and are expected to be completed by Christmas.
- Two sections of the SH 88 safety fence are complete, and work is now progressing on the third section.
- The Remedial Bridge Works contract has been awarded, and physical works are scheduled to begin in early 2027.



Photo of Albany Street progress 24 November 2026

3.3 The team is going to market with the following projects:

- The physical works tender for the Low-Cost Low-Risk (LCLR) annual programme will go out to market early next week.
- The physical works tender for Peninsula Section 14 (Fisheries Wharf) is out now.

Orange Parade

3.4 On Friday 20 November, around 500 school children from 21 schools gathered to celebrate their hard work throughout the year helping their friends cross the road safely at the end of the school day. They were addressed by a School Community Police Officer and Councillor Mickey Treadwell before heading up the hill to Moana Pool for a day of fun and a sausage sizzle cooked by Rotary South.



Photo of Councillor Treadwell addressing the schools in the Octagon

Ōtepoti Pathways – Engagement Report now available

3.5 The Ōtepoti Pathways engagement report is now available on the project webpage (click here). It summarises the engagement activities, stakeholder and community feedback received on the draft Ōtepoti Pathways Strategy - the walking, cycling and wheeling vision for Ōtepoti Dunedin. The feedback and insights gathered from key stakeholders, organisations and communities have been analysed, summarised and presented in the report to provide an overview of support, concerns, suggestions and views held by the public.

3.6 Targeted engagement with stakeholder groups began in July 2026, followed by a public consultation between 14 September and 16 October 2026. During the public consultation, 746 submissions were received in total from individuals and organisations.

3.7 The majority of submissions to the public consultation were supportive of the draft vision and goals. Nearly two-thirds (63%) were supportive, including 49% who were strongly supportive and 14% who were supportive. In comparison, 33% were unsupportive, comprising 23% who were strongly unsupportive and 10% who were unsupportive. A

further 3% of submitters were neutral, while the remaining 1% did not provide a response to this question.

3.8 This means that approximately one in three submitters did not support the draft vision and goals. Their submissions raised a range of concerns about the strategy's overall direction and priorities, as well as potential implementation costs, competing infrastructure priorities, traffic flow and the potential loss of on-street parking.

3.9 Submitters provided extensive information on specific routes, destinations and network connections. There were also personal stories, and a range of opportunities were raised to reduce the existing barriers for walking, cycling and wheeling across Ōtepoti Dunedin.

3.10 Five key themes emerged consistently throughout engagement on the draft strategy.

Theme	Commentary	
Safety	Safety was the most common theme raised by submitters, with widespread support for safer walking, cycling and wheeling infrastructure.	Among supportive submitters, 75% identified at least one key walking safety or infrastructure barrier, including traffic safety concerns, difficulty crossing roads safely, or inadequate footpaths. Similarly, 92% of supportive submitters identified either safety concerns, a lack of safe cycle routes and crossings, or both as barriers to cycling and wheeling.
Connected networks	Desire for a more connected network was a recurring theme throughout the consultation.	More than 25% of supportive submitters noted that while existing walking and cycling facilities are valuable, they are often disconnected and difficult to use as part of a complete journey.
Transport choice	Submitters expressed a strong desire for genuine transport choice and reduced dependence on private vehicles.	Many submitters highlighted the need for a transport system that provides safe, convenient and practical alternatives to driving, allowing people to choose the mode of travel that best suits their journey.
Supporting children and independence	Many submitters described a vision for a city where children can safely and independently travel to school, sports, recreation and other daily activities.	Almost 20% of supportive submitters specifically referenced a future where children can walk, cycle or wheel independently and safely. This aspiration was often linked to improved safety, connected networks and neighbourhoods that support independent mobility and social connection.
Accessibility and inclusion	Accessibility and inclusion emerged as a key consideration.	Submitters frequently emphasised that the strategy’s success will depend on creating an inclusive network that enables everyone to travel safely, comfortably and independently regardless of their age, mobility or circumstances.

3.11 While the majority of submitters were supportive of the draft vision and goals, they also raised concerns about potential impacts of future walking and cycling projects on other transport modes. The most common concerns related to future project costs, traffic flow, integration with public transport, and the potential loss of on-street parking.

3.12 This report summarises the findings from the engagement and consultation on the draft strategy and highlights key themes that emerged. It does not propose or confirm any changes to the draft strategy. Any potential changes will be considered by Council through a workshop in early 2027 before the strategy is presented back to Council for final adoption shortly after.

3.13 The full engagement report is now available on the project webpage (click here).

Coastal Protection with Sealion Supervision

3.14 Three additional geobags have now been installed in the geobag wall extension project to protect the Kettle Park landfill, bringing the total to 5. The plan for this week is to install 3 more bags and complete the in-fill bags.

3.15 Last week our contractors and engineers went from road seals to local seals, with 3 sealions accessing the active worksite without signing in or wearing appropriate PPE! *WorkSafe* has not been notified, and DOC helped with a wooden board and advice on moving them on safely.



Photo: Sealion Supervision

4 Procurement update with new tenders released last week

4.1 Contract 129042 - Peninsula Connection – Ōtākou – Fisheries Wharf (Section 14) Construction. The tender went live on the Government Electronic Tendering Service (www.gets.govt.nz) on Friday 20 November and submissions must be submitted by 4:00pm on 18 December 2026.

4.2 Contract 12136 – 130 Great King Street Carpark – Waterproofing Works. The tender went live on the Government Electronic Tendering Service (www.gets.govt.nz) Wednesday 18 November and submissions must be submitted by 12:00pm on 16 December 2026.

5 3 Waters update

5.1 The Waikouaiti wastewater ponds are a known gathering place for birds during the migration period and moulting season, so the plant has a specific avian management plan, which aims to monitor birds on site, identify early signs of disease and manage them to prevent any mortality outbreak among avian wildlife.

5.2 One sick and two dead seagulls were found at the Waikouaiti Wastewater Treatment Plant during the week of 10 October. In line with the plant's avian management plan, MPI was contacted to test the birds for HPAI (highly pathogenic avian influenza, H5N1) and the test results were negative.

6 The Titiro Mai! programme launch is hosted by Ara Toi Creative Partnerships

6.1 Titiro Mai! is a biannual programme of *performing arts* in Ōtepoti, covering local theatre, dance, festivals and one-off performances. *Performing arts* will cover narrative and multi-disciplinary performing arts forms including kapa haka, Pasifika performance, traditional theatre, and dance. This programme helps realise the Ōtepoti Performing Arts Action plan, which was developed in partnership with the performing arts community.

6.2 The Titiro Mai! programme launch will be on Thursday 10 December from 5:30pm at Te Whare o Rukutia, if you'd like to come along and celebrate upcoming performing arts events in Ōtepoti, please RSVP here: Titiro Mai! performing arts programme launch

6.3 Titiro Mai! will be available online, with copies being distributed at local cafes, community centres and spaces all over Ōtepoti. We look forward to seeing you there!

6.4 Kā mihi nui to the performing arts community and the Performing Arts Advisory Panel for their contributions, feedback and support in the development of this programme.

6.5 Ara Toi Creative Partnerships are on Instagram @aratoiotepoti

7 Waste & Environmental Solutions update

7.1 Following the Grants Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday 17 November, $54,964.20 will be distributed to 13 community groups to help and support their efforts to reduce or prevent waste in the Dunedin region.

8 Community Development update

8.1 This week, Community Development staff completed Privacy Training and submitted an application to HealthNZ for funding related to a new initiative.

8.2 The Task Force Green team continued graffiti removal, weed eating at sites across Dunedin, painting at St Leonards playground and weeding on the Coastal Connection Track, all of which are ongoing. They also completed three social case section clearances, trimmed hedges at Maori Hill School and built steps at Taieri Schools in support of Enviroschools.

8.3 Keep Dunedin Beautiful is working on producing plaques for previously completed murals and is planning for future mural projects as well as its annual plan.

8.4 Enviroschools activities included the Central Otago Student Hui in Bannockburn (energy theme), edible gardens with Bayfield High School, Waikouaiti, Musselburgh, Port Chalmers and North East Valley School, and annual reviews with Portobello and Taieri College. Staff also met with St Joseph's School to share information about the Enviroschools kaupapa, ran Junior Landcare with the East Otago Catchment Group and Waikouaiti School, and collected urban wetland health data with East Taieri.

8.5 The Community team is preparing a report to the Finance and Performance Committee on rates relief grant applications. Preparation for the Kaimahi Māori & Pacific hui in December is ongoing, and the former refugee work programme continues, working with MBIE.

8.6 The Ōtepoti Youth Hub met on Tuesday, community drop-in times are being held at South D library today (Wednesday), and a Pacific Community Hui on grants funding will be held on Thursday evening.

8.7 The Dunedin Youth Council (DYC) is presenting to Council in the public forum today (Wednesday 25 November) and is also meeting today.

9 City of Literature update

9.1 Ōtepoti He Puna Auaha Dunedin UNESCO City of Literature is proud to collaborate with the Caselberg Trust on its renowned Caselberg Trust International Poetry Prize. Now in its 16th year, the competition attracts entries from across Aotearoa New Zealand and all over the world. Entries are judged anonymously, and the first prize winner receives NZ$600 plus a free one-week stay at the Caselberg House with its breathtaking views of Whakaoho Rahi Broad Bay. *Landfall Tauraka 252* (Otago University Press) will also publish the judge's report and the winning poem.

9.2 Winners of this year's competition will be revealed this evening (Wednesday 25 November) at 5.00-6.30 p.m. at the Athenaeum Library, The Octagon (free). Judge of the 2026 Prize, multi-award-winning writer, poet and author of 14 books, Emma Neale, will announce each of this year's winners, and winning poems will be read aloud. Everyone is welcome to join us for the prizegiving and to celebrate the exceptional winning poets 2026!

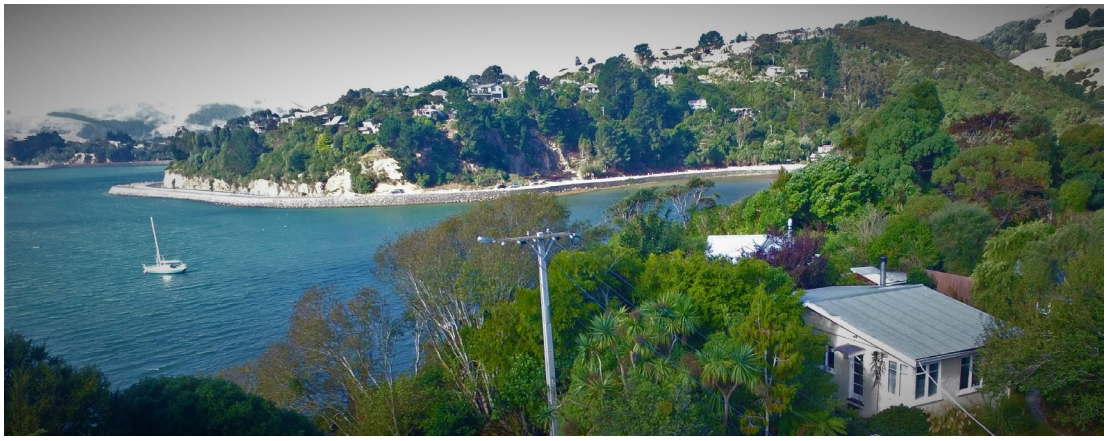


Photo of the view from Caselberg House, Whakaoho Rahi Broad Bay

10 Enterprise Dunedin update

Regional Visitor Economy Partnership Activity

10.1 The destination team have been busy with regional and national partnership work aimed at strengthening Dunedin's position and promoting our regional tourism offerings. This activity included attendance at regional walking and cycling trails promotion meetings, a local cruise industry working group meeting and a trans-Tasman strategic planning workshop.

10.2 The trans-Tasman marketing workshop brought together Enterprise Dunedin, Dunedin Airport, Tourism New Zealand, Jetstar, Queensland Airports, Tourism and Events Queensland, Experience Gold Coast and travel partners to drive conversion of interest and increase visitor numbers via the Dunedin- Gold Coast flights. It was a valuable opportunity to bring our collective expertise together, share insights and identify opportunities.

10.3 An international air connection is more than passenger numbers, it opens doors for visitors, connects friends and family, supports business and trade, and makes Dunedin more accessible to important international markets. It also creates opportunities to grow visitor expenditure and deliver broader economic benefits for our city and region.

10.4 Planning for the national tourism trade event TRENZ 2027 is in full swing with confirmation that Dunedin operators secured representation across five booths, providing a strong platform to showcase the destination to international buyers and trade partners. We are also in discussions on a Dunedin activation at the event to continue to build international interest in the 2028 Total Solar Eclipse.

Community Event Support

10.5 The events team reviewed and presented community event applications to Council's grants subcommittee. These grants enable a wide range of benefits for Dunedin, supporting events that contribute to the city's social, cultural and economic wellbeing.

Cruise Visits

10.6 The city hosted cruise ship *Carnival Splendor* at Port Chalmers and *Heritage Adventurer* as the first cruise ship of the season to dock in the city. Unfortunately, the *Anthem of the Seas*, the largest cruise ship visiting Dunedin this year, was unable to dock at port on

Monday 16 November due to high winds. The full schedule of cruise arrivals can be found here on our cruise calendar.

National and International Marketing Activity

10.7 The domestic summer campaign, *D-Tour to Dunedin*, is in market, targeting key domestic drive markets and New Zealanders planning their summer holiday itineraries. The campaign positions Dunedin as an authentic New Zealand summer escape, encouraging visitors to venture beyond the traditional tourist trail and discover a destination where they can experience more, away from the crowds.

10.8 In Australia, the *Coolcation* campaign is targeting holidaymakers seeking a cooler alternative to the traditional summer getaway. Leveraging the direct Jetstar Gold Coast–Dunedin service (OOL–DUD), the campaign positions Dunedin as an accessible, short-haul, off-the-beaten-track destination, offering Australians a refreshing alternative and more to discover on their next holiday.

10.9 Both campaigns build on the success of the 2025/26 summer activity, with events continuing to play a key role in driving destination awareness, visitor consideration and travel conversion.

10.10 Alongside the summer activity, Best in Travel and Live/Work campaigns remain active across digital channels and a range of high-profile print publications, including *Dish, MiNDFOOD, NZ Herald, Tots to Teens, Holidays with Kids, Kidspot* and *Forge Magazine*, among others. This continued presence supports year-round destination awareness, strengthens Dunedin's visitor proposition and promotes the city as both a compelling place to visit and a great place to live and work.

10.11 The Destination Marketing team have also been involved in collaborations with the isite visitor centre and Dunedin Venues. It was great to support the announcement of NRL match on Sunday 18 April 2027 between the Wests Tigers and One New Zealand Warriors at Forsyth Barr Stadium.



Business Event Familiarisation

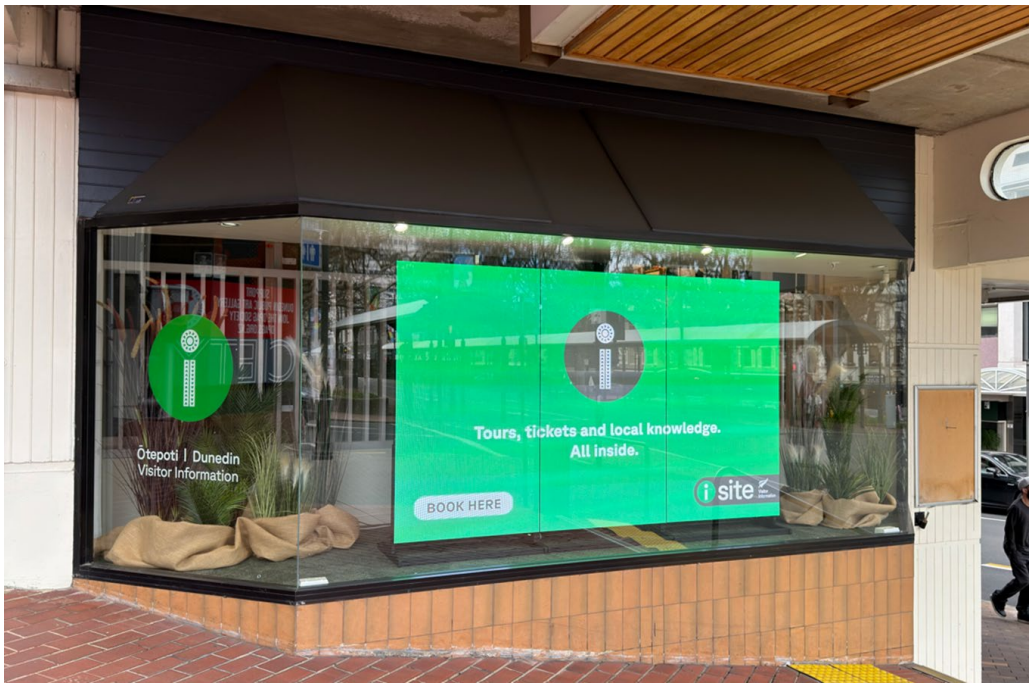
10.12 The Trade and Business Events team hosted a four-day business events familiarisation programme designed to showcase Ōtepoti Dunedin as a compelling destination for conferences, meetings, incentives and association events. The programme connected five organisation or association-based decision-makers from around the country with local venues, accommodation providers, hospitality and visitor experience providers.

10.13 Thanks to the generous support of Dunedin businesses, the extensive itinerary of curated experiences, venue inspections and networking opportunities showcased the city's ability to deliver memorable delegate programmes that blend business, culture, heritage, nature and hospitality. Business events continue to be an important part of Dunedin's visitor economy and famils like this enable us to build city-wide relationships with conference and event organisers to bring high-value visitors to the city.

Addition to the isite window

10.14 A large-scale screen added to the isite window on the corner of the Octagon and George Street will serve has a dual purpose – increasing foot traffic into the visitor centre and creating a new way of promoting local experiences.

10.15 It forms part of a new commercial strategy for the visitor centre. Making the isite location more visible, the screen will attract visitors to enquire about and purchase tourism and retail products. Local businesses have the opportunity to purchase advertising through videos displayed on the large external screen and internal TV screens. This complements the existing pay-to-display poster and brochure opportunities already in place.



11 Kā Kete Wānaka o Ōtepoti | Dunedin Public Libraries

Dunedin Public Libraries Heritage Foundation

11.1 On Thursday 19 November, Dunedin Public Libraries Heritage Foundation hosted an engaging talk celebrating the digitisation of the Downie Stewart Archive, which is held in the Library's Heritage Collections. Speakers included Richard Joseph from the

Foundation, who initiated discussions with Downie Stewart Solicitors to support the project, alongside heritage expert Dr Donald Kerr, also of the Foundation, and Paul Buckner, Commercial Partner at Downie Stewart Solicitors. The Mary Downie Stewart Collection: Justices and Judges Archive can now be viewed on the libraries digital archive He Purapura Marara Scattered Seeds.
https://dunedin.recollect.co.nz/nodes/view/219968

Hosting a visiting delegation from Shanghai Library

11.2 On Wednesday 18 November we were pleased to host a visiting delegation from Shanghai Library. Mr. Xu Qiang, Vice Director of Shanghai Library, Mr. Chen Chen, Deputy Director of the System Maintenance Department, System and Network Center, and Mr. Zhou Jiangchun, Librarian of the Research Center of Library and Information Science were first time visitors to Dunedin.

11.3 Our guests visited the City, South Dunedin and Port Chalmers libraries and enjoyed a Storytime session in the Storypit, the makerspace and audio recording studio, and treasures from our Special collections. These included early manuscripts, Charles Dickens Little Dorrit serial collection, a first edition King James bible (1611) and an 1100-year-old leaf from a manuscript featuring the Gospel of Mark.

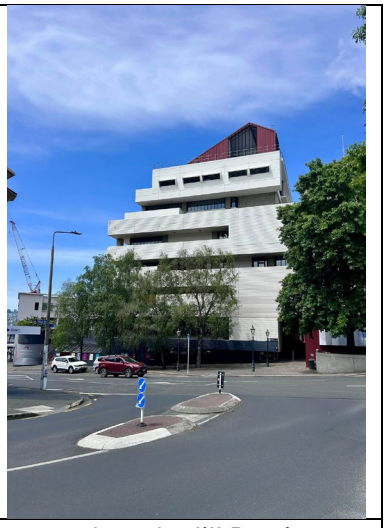
11.4 City and South Dunedin libraries both host a *Window of Shanghai collection* that the community can borrow from. The collections are a generous gift to our city from Shanghai Library and include novels, non-fiction works, children's picture books and more written in English, Chinese and bi-lingual. More information on our website Window of Shanghai | Dunedin Public Library official website.



Photo L-R: Mr. Xu Qiang, Mr. Chen Chen, and Mr. Zhou Jiangchun

45th Anniversary of the official opening celebration of the City Library

11.5 Saturday 21 November was the 45th anniversary of the official opening celebration of the City Library. The building was designed in consultation with then City Librarian Mary Ronnie, City Architects Bill Hesson and Tim Heath, and Project Architect Hunter Gillies and took 6 years to build. https://dunedin.recollect.co.nz/nodes/view/214085

		
1981 – final stages	1981	2026 photo by Jill Bowie

12 Advisory Services update on Building Owners Networking Session

12.1 The heritage team hosted a Heritage Building Owners Networking Session on Thursday 19 November.

12.2 The group toured the building at 470 Moray Place; this 1880s building is currently being adapted for residential apartments and offices by Feldspar. This work has been supported by the Dunedin Heritage Fund

12.3 After the tour, many of the owner's met at Maggie's to chat about 'news' on the heritage scene and discuss the work that people are doing. The Cargills Cargill Trust also promoted their heritage homes open day, planned for Sunday 29 November

12.4 The next networking session will be in Feb/March 2027.

13 International education: India counsellors famil hosted at Olveston

13.1 Enterprise Dunedin's Otago Lead for International Education hosted "An Evening of Kai and Kōrero at Olveston" last week.

13.2 The evening was a special famil for a group of high school counsellors from India, hosted in collaboration with Education New Zealand and the University of Otago. The opportunity stemmed from conversations initiated during the staff visit to India in September with the ENZ India team, making it especially rewarding to see the idea come to life.

13.3 The guests arrived at Olveston in its beautifully restored vintage car and dressed in vibrant festive attire, brought an added layer of colour and energy to the historic home. One of the evening's highlights was a mihi whakatau that thoughtfully blended Māori and Indian traditions, including a Sanskrit karakia and waiata tautoko, creating a meaningful and memorable welcome.

13.4 The delegation represented influential counsellors from leading schools across India who collectively guide thousands of students on international study pathways each year. With New Zealand gaining traction as an emerging study destination, building these relationships is critical to elevating Dunedin's visibility and appeal.

13.5 The dinner brought together local leaders with Indian whakapapa, representing diverse sectors, experiences, and journeys from India to Aotearoa New Zealand. A special acknowledgement to Jan Davies, who curated every detail with exceptional care, from the stunning floral arrangements and seasonal local menu to the locally sourced refreshments and beautiful piano accompaniment by Dr Sanaz Rezai.

13.6 The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with guests and co-hosts alike commenting that they felt treated like "royalty". More importantly, the evening fostered genuine relationships and meaningful conversations that will continue well beyond the event. It was a proud moment to share the city, its people and its stories. The friendships formed and connections strengthened throughout the evening are a reminder that international education is ultimately built on authentic human connections.

13.7 Enterprise Dunedin has shared a few highlights on LinkedIn.



Photo of guests at "an Evening of Kai and Kōrero at Olveston