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CEO'S COLUMN



Summer is fast approaching, and with it, the return of cruise ship visitors to Ōtepoti Dunedin.

Tourists help drive our local economy and play a part in keeping the city vibrant. Whether they experience our fantastic food and beverage scene, our exceptional cultural offerings or our stunning natural environment, I'm sure they'll enjoy our great small city as much as we do.

This month you can delve into our rich history and cultural heritage at the Ōtepoti Dunedin Heritage Festival. Highlights include a lively series of short talks at our iconic Railway Station, and a family-friendly kite day on Quarantine Island.

Many of our amenities are starting to open for summer. The Port Chalmers Swimming Pool opened last month, and the St Clair Hot Salt Water Pool is now open too.

For the horticulturally inclined, why not check out the curator tours at Dunedin Botanic Gardens? You can explore the rock garden and the native plant collections, and even attend the Rhododendron Day plant sale.

And lastly, the local body elections have been running over the past month and I hope you took the opportunity to vote. The new Council and community boards will be sworn in later this year, and I look forward to working with them all in the new triennium.

Sandy Graham
DCC Chief Executive Officer



GLAM UPDATE – LIBRARIES

The South Dunedin Community Library at Te Whata o Kaituna is open to the public!

An opening ceremony was held at the end of September, and the community turned out for the significant milestone.

The community has long advocated for this vital asset, and it is great to see years of hard mahi pay off and the new facility open and operating.

As well as a library, the facility also acts as a DCC Service Centre, community hub, and features meeting rooms, a recording studio and maker space.

It was also developed with Accessible Design Principles in mind and

includes charging stations for mobility scooters. Come down and see what this facility has to offer.

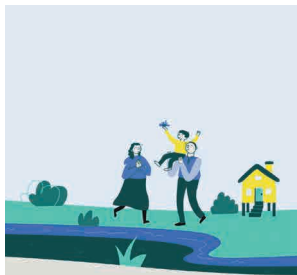
As part of the Dunedin Writers and Readers Festival, we're having a special event to celebrate the new library. Head along to the South Dunedin Community Library on Saturday, 18 October for Kaituna Kids with author talks, facepainting, story readings, workshops and more.

If you want to get creative and crafty, we have a reading and crafts workshop The Terrible Trio at the Dunedin City Library on Saturday, 4 October at 2pm, and our regular CRAFTernoon series at Mosgiel Library on the second Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm.

Enjoy range of whānau friendly short films at our Show Me Shorts event at Blueskin Library on Thursday, 16 October.

There's plenty to see and do at our city libraries so check our website for more information.

DCC 9YP APPROVED



It's time for an update on the DCC'S 9 year plan 2025 – 2034.

You might have been aware we were consulting on the draft 9yp earlier in the year, and after taking your feedback into consideration – the plan was officially approved by Council in June.

Following your input, we're funding an ambitious range of projects and improvements, while juggling competing needs across the community and keeping financial responsibility top of mind.

Our expenditure focuses on crucial basics, including drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, roads, footpaths and other core infrastructure.

Some of the things agreed on in the 9yp include continued free entry for international visitors to Toitū and Dunedin Public Art Gallery, removing 231 Stuart Street (formerly the Fortune Theatre) from the strategic asset list, and supporting the performing arts by funding the Playhouse Theatre, the Athenaeum, and a new performing arts venue.

There is also investment set aside for a replacement of the Edgar Centre roof as well as transport projects to reduce carbon emissions.

During the consultation period, we received 801 submissions – and 136 groups and individuals spoke to these at our hearings.

We want to give a huge thanks to everyone who shared their thoughts with us. Your feedback is an important part in creating a plan which reflects our people and city.

More information about what is included in the plan can be found on our website.

KEEP PLATES VISIBLE



Now spring has arrived here in Ōtepoti Dunedin, it's time for a reminder for motorists to ensure their number plates are visible when carrying bikes or other gear on their vehicles.

According to the New Zealand road rules, the numbers and letters on both front and rear plates must be clearly visible at all times.

This is just a friendly reminder as we have noticed a number of cars with bike racks hiding the rear number plates from view lately. The potential fine for having an obscured number plate is \$200.

It's great to see so many people taking their bikes and sports gear out to enjoy the fine weather and make the

most of the city's fantastic cycleways and recreation spots – but motorists need to be mindful when using bike racks or other attachments as these can sometimes cover number plates.

If you can't keep the plates visible, you can purchase a legal supplementary plate and fix it to the bike rack or other attachment, or fix the rear plate from the car to the bike rack or other attachment when it is in use.

The plate will need to be returned to the car as usual when the bike rack or other attachment is not in use.

You can order a supplementary plate by calling 0800 REMAKE (736 253) or by going to the consumer license website. Supplementary plates currently cost \$33.72.

TE AKA ŌTĀKOU TOHU WHENUA



Have you noticed the new tohu whenua when travelling Te Aka Ōtākou beside Otago Harbour?

Tohu whenua (cultural markers) telling the stories and history of Kāi Tahu have been placed at ten locations along the popular walking and cycling path from Portobello to Port Chalmers.

The tohu whenua provide new ways for visitors and locals to connect with the harbour's history, landmarks, and original Kāi Tahu place names, practices, values and pūrākau (stories).

These markers offer a glimpse into te ao Kāi Tahu – the Kāi Tahu worldview – and provide insight into the stories and history of the land, waterways and people.

You can learn more about Te Umukurī (Wellers Rock), waka traditions, inland trails and stories of the natural world.

One of the tohu whenua, located at Roseneath, tells the story behind the panels which form the retaining wall of the Roseneath cutting. These were designed by Kāi Tahu artist Simon Kaan and illustrate the twisting journey of Matamata – the guardian taniwha – which shaped Otago Harbour.

The project to create and have the tohu whenua installed was a partnership between the DCC and mana whenua, and led by mana whenua-owned organisation, Aukaha.

Aukaha collaborated with Kāi Tahu artist Morgan Darlinson to design the tohu whenua frames, which were manufactured by Zeal Steel in Dunedin.

The graphic design inserts were created by Riani Iti-Metuatai (Te Ati Awa, Kuki Airani).

RECOVERY PARK UPGRADE



A major redevelopment of the Green Island Resource Recovery Park will get underway this month.

Improvements will see new state-of-the-art facilities for processing recyclable material and waste.

The work includes a new Materials Recovery Facility for processing yellow-lidded mixed recycling kerbside bin contents, a composting facility for green-lidded bin contents, upgraded glass recycling storage and an upgraded bulk waste transfer station.

There will also be improved roads, a kerbside collections truck park and office, and a repositioned green waste drop off area.

The upgraded resource recovery park will end the need to transport about 5000 tonnes of mixed recycling and 16,000 tonnes of compostable material to Timaru each year, as we will be able to process our recycling on-site here in Dunedin – reducing transport costs and carbon emissions.

All existing Green Island Landfill and Resource Recovery Park public services will continue to operate during the redevelopment – although there may be some directional changes or detours when accessing different public services.

The Rummage shop, recycling drop-off area, organics receipt building and education centre will all remain in place.

Work on the development is expected to be complete about 2029.

During the redevelopment, the adjacent Green Island Landfill will be capped in stages as it is scheduled to close around 2029 or 2030.

SUNDAY PARKING



Paid parking will soon be introduced to parts of the city centre on Sundays.

Council recently agreed on a new designated central city area where on-street parking will cost.

The change means charges will be in place seven days a week, 9am to 6pm – except where signage indicates otherwise – in parts of the CBD.

Parking will now be paid on Sundays in the Octagon, Moray Place, Filleul Street, and parts of Stuart, St Andrew, Hanover, London and Great King Streets – ending at Frederick Street.

Parts of George and Princes Streets will remain free of charge with time restrictions still enforced.

Prices will be consistent with fees charged on other days of the week and highlighted on parking meters in the area.

The change will come into effect in November.

It is hoped that the changes will help with vehicle turnover and free up parking spaces for more customers and benefit local businesses.

Council voted to introduce the paid parking charges in the central city area as part of the 9 year plan process, and further consulted with the public about what area and the size of the zone that should be included.

This was then agreed on at the hearings committee meeting in August.

WEST HARBOUR WATER MAIN



Work to install a new water main along State Highway 88 from Roseneath towards St Leonards started last month. While access to properties will not be impacted, SH88 will be reduced to one lane while the work is underway – excluding public holidays and the Christmas break.

This work is part of the DCC's ongoing 3 Waters capital works programme which aims to strengthen the resilience of the water supply to the West Harbour area.

Construction of the SH88 section began at District Road in Roseneath, and will progress along the state

highway to Wren Lane in St Leonards. It follows work to install a new watermain at Roseneath that was completed earlier in the year.

The DCC is working with New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi and Port Otago on the project. The first stage of work began last month, and is expected to be completed in November.

During this period, District Road will be temporarily closed, affecting access to and from Roseneath. However, access will remain available via Shandon Road, including for public transport. Detour signage and reduced speed limits will be in place to support the diversion.

Work on a new watermain is also underway on St Leonards Drive due to finish February next year. The SH88 work is scheduled to be finished by June 2026 before further stages in the project get underway.

COMMUNITY HOUSING UPGRADE



Work has begun on a redevelopment project to upgrade and replace the DCC's Fitzroy Street community housing units.

Four new housing units will be built at the Fitzroy Street site. All have been designed with Universal Design Principles in mind to ensure they are accessible for everyone.

Breens is the lead contractor, and was hand-picked from a number of applicants in a tender process. The local company will construct and build the units over the coming months.

They will replace the former units at the site, which had become aged and not-fit-for purpose. The new houses will be modern, warm and compliant with healthy homes legislation along with

a few extra assurances for comfort and warmth. This means they will have new heat pumps, insulation and double glazing, improved ventilation and drainage, and other health and safety improvements.

Once complete, the new units will bring the DCC's portfolio of community houses to 940 across 92 sites throughout the city, Mosgiel and Port Chalmers.

Community houses are available for those with limited financial resources and applicants are approved based on their priority and housing needs.

We aim to keep them as low as possible for tenants to afford. Rent covers the associated running costs, including maintenance, grounds care and capital upgrades.

Ensuring those with priority needs have a place to live provides a significant community and social benefit.

SHORT AND SWEET

GARDEN TOURS

Now is the time to explore the Botanic Gardens with our special curator tours. Meet our garden experts, tour the collections, and see the rare and unusual. All tours start at 5.30pm and run for about an hour unless stated.

Schedule

Wednesday 15 October

Rock Garden Collection – Lower garden Information Centre

Sunday 19 October

Rhododendron Day – Upper Garden carpark, Rhododendron Dell – 10am

Wednesday 12 November

Native Plant Collection – Upper Garden carpark near aviary

Wednesday 3 December

Rose and Herbaceous Gardens – Lower garden Information Centre

Wednesday 18 February

Winter and Lister Garden – Lower garden Information Centre

Wednesday 18 March

Themes Collection – Lower garden Information Centre

Wednesday 15 April

Geographic and Arboretum – Upper Garden carpark near aviary

COUNCIL MEETING TIMES

All council, subcommittee and community board meeting times can be found online. Check the DCC website regularly for livestream links and updates as meeting times can change from what has been advertised. Meetings are held at the Dunedin Public Art Gallery unless otherwise stated.

The public is welcome to attend all meetings. A public forum will be held at the start of each ordinary Standing Committee, Community Board and Council meeting. Those wishing to speak should contact the Governance Support team – phone 03 477 4000 – at least one clear working day before the meeting.

dunedin.govt.nz/council-meetings

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Here's a small selection of what's going on in Ōtepoti Dunedin over the next month. To the best of our knowledge this information was correct at the time of publication.

KEY:  Family event |  Free

ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Join us for this month-long celebration of our city's rich history and cultural heritage. This year's theme celebrates the great exhibitions of the past. The full programme can be found online.

Various events, times, and locations | October

QUEEN: IT'S A KINDA MAGIC



Immerse yourself in the spectacle, grandeur and energy of the world's greatest rock band with this impressive tribute act to Queen.

Friday 3 October | 8pm | Regent Theatre | Various ticket plans and prices

PORT CHALMERS ARTISAN MARKETS AT THE SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Come and join Port Chalmers' famous seafood festival with 100% local shops and stallholders filling the town hall.

Saturday 4 October | 9am-4 pm | Port Chalmers Town Hall | Free entry

CAR BOOT SALE

Bring your car full of surplus goods and declutter before summer, or come along to see what others have on offer. Raising funds for the Dunedin Line Dance Gala.

Sunday 12 October | 10am-1pm | Victoria Road Carpark, Dunedin Ice Stadium | \$20 per car

GOMIL: GRUMPY OLD MEN IN LYCRA



Following the popularity of MAMIL (Middle Aged Man in Lycra), comes its laugh-out-loud sequel celebrating growing older (and slightly wider) with humour, heart, and spandex.

Wednesday 15 October | 7.30pm | Regent Theatre | Various ticket plans and prices

AFFORDABLE ART EXHIBITION

The Green Island Art Group has been busy creating hundreds of paintings that will be available at very affordable prices.

Thursday 16 – Sunday 19 October | Meridian Mall

THE COAL MINER'S DAUGHTER



This inspiring theatre show celebrates the incredible life of the renowned country star and late great Loretta Lynn. Be captivated by masterful storytelling, performances and a catalogue of hits.

Saturday 18 October | 7.30pm | Regent Theatre | Various ticket plans and prices

BILL BAILEY – VAUDEVILLEAN

Before streaming, before TV, before cinema, before even radio... there was vaudeville! Bill Bailey returns with a show packed full of comedy, songs, and multifarious skills.

Saturday 1 November | 8.30pm | Dunedin Town Hall | Tickets from \$89.90

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