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ACOUSTIC REQUIREMENTS



Changes have been made to the requirements for new inner city apartments and noise-sensitive activities.

Recent decisions made by Council have resulted in a range of changes to Dunedin's district plan (the 2GP).

Among the changes are increased acoustic insulation requirements for any new apartments and other noise-sensitive activities in Dunedin's CBD, Warehouse Precinct and Harbourside Edge zones, as well as better enabling healthcare activities, and changes to the number of scheduled trees and tree groups across the city.

Council agreed to increase the acoustic insulation requirements for any new

inner-city dwellings to include living areas and bedrooms to recognise these rooms should experience a quieter atmosphere.

This was to address the concerns of the music community which wanted more stringent acoustic insulation standards in the central city area, while also balancing how this might impact residential development. The changes are designed to support a thriving inner city that leaves room for live music and a range of housing choices.

Other decisions made reflect the need for more healthcare options in more locations in Ōtepoti Dunedin, and recognise the contribution prominent trees make to the amenity of the community.

The changes were made following an extensive consultation and hearing process.

PRESS PLAY ON MUSIC



The Dunedin City Council is pressing play on a compilation album of contemporary music from Ōtepoti Dunedin.

The pilot project *Te Ōtepoti Hōu/Hou*, loosely translating to *Dunedin Fresh/Sound*, celebrates and encourages the city's broad range of musical talent.

The compilation album will be released as a small vinyl and cassette run and on digital platforms during NZ Music Month in May next year. The album is a snapshot of new music being created and performed in Dunedin in 2025.

The DCC's Ara Toi Creative Partnerships team is leading the initiative. Following an invite to music organisations

and communities to recommend suitable artists from Dunedin, the team arrived at a shortlist of songs from a variety of youth, Māori and Pāsifika musicians.

The team took into consideration priority groups and background and what would be the best musical fit for the album.

The project aims to provide artists with the experience of recording and producing their work, as well as opportunities to receive business, professional, and technical mentoring and advice.

The artists will benefit from working with the city's eco-system of studios and technical experts. A mana whenua artist will be commissioned to design the album's artwork and associated graphics.

SAFE SPACES



A new Safe Space initiative designed to strengthen safety and wellbeing for people in Dunedin's central city has been formally launched.

Identifiable window stickers have been handed out to central city retailers, hospitality and DCC venues as part of the Safe Space initiative.

The stickers signify that the premises are safe and welcoming environments for people experiencing distress or requiring assistance – particularly youth.

Staff at participating locations have received guidance on how to respond appropriately and compassionately to individuals seeking support, with an emphasis on

discretion and referral to further help where needed.

DCC staff discussed the initiative with local businesses, and considered first-hand experiences to implement the initiative. Many shared examples of disruption and highlighted anti-social behaviour as a key issue.

New Zealand Police and Otago Regional Council actively promoted the Safe Space initiative at schools to ensure young people are aware of the support available to them.

Through collaboration with local businesses and community stakeholders, the initiative aims to clearly mark trusted locations where young people can feel confident seeking assistance when in need.

The DCC has rolled out the initiative across its own venues such as the iSite Visitor Centre, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Toitū Museum, Lan Yuan, Dunedin Botanic Garden and its libraries.

OPEN AND CLOSED HOURS

The DCC Plaza Service Centre is closed from 12pm Wednesday, 24 December 2025, reopening Monday, 5 January 2026.

Our after-hours service is available 24/7 for urgent issues e.g. wandering dogs, noise, water and waste, roads and parks. Call (03) 477 4000.

Opening hours may differ over the holiday period, with reduced hours at some facilities. See the DCC website for full details.

I-SITE DUNEDIN VISITOR CENTRE

Closed Thursday 25 December.

DUNEDIN PUBLIC ART GALLERY, LAN YUAN DUNEDIN CHINESE GARDEN, OLVESTON AND TOITŪ OTAGO SETTLERS MUSEUM

Closed Thursday 25 December.

BOTANIC GARDEN INFORMATION CENTRE

Closed Thursday 25 December.

LANDFILLS, TRANSFER STATIONS AND RESOURCE RECOVERY PARKS AND CENTRES

Closed Thursday 25 December.

MOANA AND ST CLAIR HOT SALT WATER POOL, AND TE PUNA O WHAKAEHU

Closed Thursday 25 December 2025, and Thursday 1 January 2026.

PORT CHALMERS POOL

Closed Thursday 25 and Friday 26 December 2025, and Thursday 1 and Friday 2 January 2026.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL LIBRARY

Closed from noon Wednesday 24 December to Thursday 26 December.

Open limited hours from Saturday 27 December until Wednesday 31 December 2025. Closed Thursday 1 and Friday 2 January 2026.

BLUESKIN BAY AND WAIKOUAITI LIBRARIES

Closed Wednesday 24 December to Friday 26 December, Sunday 28 December 2025, Thursday 1 and Friday 2 January 2026.

Open limited hours Saturday 27, Monday 29, Wednesday 31 December, and Friday 3 January.

Return slots close midday Wednesday 24 December 2025, reopen 5 January 2026.

MOSGIEL AND PORT CHALMERS LIBRARIES

Closed from noon Wednesday 24 December to Friday 26 December, Sunday 29 December 2025, Thursday 1 and Friday 2 January 2026.

Open limited hours Saturday 27, Monday 29 and Wednesday 31 December.

Return slots close midday Wednesday 24 December 2025, reopen 5 January 2026.

SOUTH DUNEDIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY TE WHATA O KAITUNA

Closed from Wednesday, 24 December 2025, reopening on Monday, 5 January 2026.

Normal hours for all libraries resume Monday 5 January 2026. See website for full details.

BOOKBUS

No service from Saturday, 20 December 2025. Restarts Monday, 12 January 2026.

LIBRARY HOME SERVICES

No service from Saturday, 20 December 2025. Restarts Monday, 5 January 2026.

PARKING

Parking is free at meters, DCC parking buildings and DCC off-street car parks for all Public Holidays, and at select meters and off-street sites for the Christmas break from Monday 22 December to Wednesday 24 December, and from Saturday 27 December to Wednesday 31 December.

Time limits still apply. Normal parking at all meters and buildings resumes Saturday 3 January 2026.

GREAT KING STREET, LOWER MORAY PLACE, WALL STREET MALL, PACIFIC RADIOLOGY/MATAUKAREAO PARKING BUILDINGS

Closed Thursday 25 December

KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS

There will be no kerbside collection Thursday 25 December (Christmas Day) and Thursday 1 January (New Year's Day). Collection due on Thursday will be on the following Saturday instead (28 December 2025 and 3 January 2026).

BUILDING SERVICES

Closed from 12pm on Wednesday, 24 December 2025, reopening on Monday, 5 January 2026.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



Closed from Wednesday, 24 December 2025, reopening on Monday, 5 January 2026.

MAYOR'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

Closed from Wednesday, 24 December 2025, reopening on Monday, 5 January 2026.

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

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

KEY:  Family event |  Free

CHRISTMAS DINE & DANCE AT LARNACH CASTLE

Gather your friends or colleagues and celebrate the magic of the festive season with night of fun, food, and dancing. Return transport from Dunedin Railway Station included with ticket.

Friday 5 December | 7pm | Larnach Castle | \$145pp

GREEN ISLAND MARKET DAY

Celebrate the end of the year with the Green Island Market Day featuring over 100 stalls with local goods, food trucks, family-friendly activities, entertainment – and Santa!

Saturday 6 December | 10am – 1pm | Main South Road, Green Island | Free entry

KIDS PRELOVED SUMMER SALE

Shop preloved bargains—from maternity and newborn essentials, through to teenage gear. Clothes, toys, prams, cots, bikes, books, sports gear, nursery furniture and more.

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December | 10am – 1pm | Edgar Centre

FAULTY TOWERS CHRISTMAS CRACK UP

An immersive and high-octane comedy dinner show with an original, improvised performance on the night. Whether you're sipping wine or dodging bread rolls, the audience is part of the action.

Saturday 6 December | 6pm | Edgar Centre | \$110

THE TEMPESTUOUS: A SHREW'D NEW COMEDY

Comedian Penny Ashton presents her latest literary solo musical with this Shakespearean frolic, bringing to life an Elizabethan tale of magic, meddling and puffed bull's puzzles.

Saturday 6 December | 7pm | Regent Theatre | Adult \$50, Concession \$45 (+BF)

MEND & MAKE AWESOME – MENDING WORKSHOP

Join a friendly team of experienced menders for inspiration and practical help turning flaws into favourite features with their advice on mending, alterations or upcycling projects.

Saturday 13 December | 12pm | Stitch Kitchen, 474 Princes St | Koha

MURDER AT THE MUSEUM

Love a murder mystery? Now you can be part of one! Get involved with the drama in and see if you can spot the suspect in this curated murder dinner show.

Saturday 13 December | 6.15pm | Tūhura Otago Museum | \$89

NADIA REID – ENTER NOW BRIGHTNESS TOUR

Known for her ruminative and well-crafted folk-inflected song writing, Nadia Reid presents a record of poise and great beauty, and takes it to the stage in her New Zealand tour.

Friday 19 December | 8pm | Regent Theatre | A Reserve \$69.80, B Reserve \$59.80, C Reserve \$49.80

JIMMY CARR: LAUGHS FUNNY TOUR

If you like fast-paced, edgy one-liners then get ready to be happy. Jimmy Carr is back on tour with his brand-new show.

Thursday 8 January 2026 | 7pm | Dunedin Town Hall | \$89.90

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