

The South Dunedin Community Network submission to the DCC 9 year draft plan

- We strongly support the Upper floor of the Library complex in South Dunedin to have space dedicated to Community Organisations.
  - The SDCN Rooms have proven that the community wants, needs and uses gathering space, for meetings, classes and shared activity of all kinds
  - The Community space is not an optional extra but a vital part of the project's purpose
  - Community is strengthened when there is plenty of opportunity to 'bump' into each other, when there is a heart to the community, and the Community Centre will provide that, appealing to a part of the community who might not initially think of using the Library
- We strongly support and encourage DCC engagement with the South Dunedin community around ongoing climate change issues
  - We encourage existing community engagement via South Dunedin Future (DCC/ORC), and other departments within the Council, plus the Mayor and Councillors.
  - We encourage maximum effort in keeping the community informed of developments, of potential options and the economic and social costs (and benefits) of the options for South Dunedin's future.
  - Alongside this information sharing, there needs to be an articulated plan for the mitigation of the social costs involved in these strategies eg fair compensation, alternate good quality housing and potentially positive outcomes
- Support the ongoing provision of place based funding as a means of enabling community cohesion
  - The Network concept of connecting, communicating and celebrating across the whole area rather than having a focus on one function or target group is a proven successful strategy
  - This enables the activation and amplification of community initiatives and therefore the increased participation of community members and the strengthening of community ties – all goals of the DCC Social Wellbeing Strategy.

The South Dunedin Community Network thanks the DCC for its work and the opportunity to have input into the evolution of the 9 year plan. We look forward to the further development of our ongoing partnership.

**Additional point on submission -**

Application to the pool of unallocated funding of \$272,000 (as per minutes in 28-30 January council meeting). We, the South Dunedin Community Network respectfully request for a proportion of this so we can continue our mahi. In our Place-Based Funding application late last year \$75,000 was approved by the DCC. We are very grateful for this funding. In our application, we showed a funding deficit of \$175,000. We would be very appreciative if the DCC can consider granting the South Dunedin Community Network \$30,000 from the unallocated funding?

If the requested amount of \$30,000 is too high for Dunedin City Council to accommodate, we would appreciate the opportunity to discuss how we could still work together to bring the benefits of SDCN's programmes to the community.