

Edgar Centre

Submission Goal:

To have future capital investment included in the DCC 9-year plan to replace the Edgar Centre's problematic roof which is causing major disruption to its daily operations.

Background

The Edgar Centre is one of Dunedin's most utilised community assets. The Centre provides enormous benefits to a wide range of citizens; meeting many of the DCC's strategic framework goals.

The Edgar Centre, together with Moana Pool, are two of the region's most vital recreational facilities, both addressing the city's goal of fostering an active community, as outlined in the Parks & Recreation Strategy. Beyond its core sporting function, the Edgar Centre also plays a key role in supporting the Social Wellbeing, Economic Development, and Arts & Culture Strategies through the wide range of large-scale events it hosts.

The Centre now in its 31st year of operation, with 21 indoor courts under the one roof, is the envy of every city and town in New Zealand, for what it is able to provide to its users.

The Centre has over 650,000 visits annually across a wide range of activities, with more than 200,000 participants involved in community sporting programmes alone. The Centre operate 13 hours a day, seven days a week, providing consistent and accessible service to the community.

The Centre is governed by the Dunedin Indoor Sports Venues Trust Board (DISVT), a charitable trust that has developed a strong and effective partnership with the Dunedin City Council (DCC).

The DISVT operates the facility with the support of an annual grant of \$840,000 from the Parks & Recreation Department - a figure that has remained unchanged for over 13 years. An annual rental of \$590,000 is paid to City Property, which owns the building. Over the past decade, the DISVT has reinvested \$3 million of its own funds to maintain and enhance the quality of the Centre.

Upgrades to the Centre paid for by the DISVT include the replacement of artificial turf, installation of energy-efficient LED lighting, new wooden flooring, and improvements to furnishings and equipment throughout the facility. These have ensured the Centre remains a high-quality, well-maintained community asset.

The Issue

The Centre is however now facing a major operational challenge due to a leaking roof - an issue that has progressively worsened over recent years. During sustained periods of rain, leaks disrupt activities across the Centre, particularly above the wooden courts, where play must be halted for safety reasons.

This is no longer a mere inconvenience; it is significantly disrupting local sports competitions, compromising our ability to host regional and national tournaments, and presenting an ongoing health and safety risk. Moreover, the issue is beginning to erode the strong local and national reputation that the Edgar Centre has built over three decades of service to the community.

The Edgar Centre is the 'home base' for four of the five largest participation sports in Dunedin: Dunedin Netball, Basketball Otago, Futsal South, and Volleyball Otago. We also host other key sports organisations, including Tennis Otago and Otago Table Tennis. Collectively, these sports deliver 28 weekly competitions throughout the year. In addition, the Centre is a vital training hub for over 10 other sports codes across the city, including Otago Cricket's high-performance centre.

Unfortunately, all of these sporting bodies have experienced disruptions due to the ongoing roof leaks, which have rendered multiple courts unusable during wet conditions. Each of these organisations has expressed unanimous support for our submission seeking urgent investment in the roof. Letters of endorsement, along with details of the effects on their competitions, are included in the appendix. For example, last winter, Dunedin Netball had 87 competition games affected due to court closures caused by roof leaks.

In 2024, the Centre hosted 28 regional tournaments and 7 national or South Island tournaments, delivering substantial economic and promotional benefits to the city. A key example of this was the hosting of the New Zealand U18 National Netball Tournament held over five days in July, which brought 45 teams and approximately 900 visitors to Dunedin. Events of this scale provide a vital boost to local businesses and showcase the city as a premier sporting destination.

The ongoing roof issues are now jeopardising the Centres ability to continue attracting and retaining such events. During the U18 tournament, rainfall caused noticeable disruption - an issue formally acknowledged by Netball NZ. The Centre is currently unable to guarantee that the venue will meet the standards expected for national-level indoor competitions. Without urgent attention to this matter, the Centre risks losing high-profile tournaments and the associated economic and reputational benefits they bring to Dunedin.

Capital Investment:

City Property have been trying to find a suitable long-term solution to the roofing issue for the last 5 years, unfortunately without success.

A considerable amount has been spent, and further allocations have been budgeted for in the coming years.

City Property however acknowledges that the only viable long-term solution is a redesigned roof - one that is compatible with the Centre's location on reclaimed land and the specific weather conditions we face.

Importantly, the building's structure remains sound and does not require further structural investment. Although the DISVT Board is concerned that long term leaking can undermine structural timber in the roof. Relocating the Centre or developing a new facility elsewhere would be both unrealistic and financially prohibitive. For comparison, Christchurch's new Parakiore indoor recreation complex (not the new stadium) has cost \$365 million.

In contrast, City Property has estimated that a flexible roof structure and ventilation system suitable for the Edgar Centre would cost approximately \$15 million [as referenced in the ODT article dated 21 June 2024 and the City Councillors' briefing during their visit to the Centre on 10 September 2024].

Current 9-Year Plan

The Edgar Centre does not feature in the existing 9-year strategic plan for additional expenditure outside of the Centres current operational spend. In the Trusts view funds must be set aside for the future proofing of one of the City's most utilised public assets.

In the existing 9-year plan \$1.89 billion has been set aside for major capital expenditure. In the recreation sector Moana Pool has the biggest allotment for upgrades with \$18.5 million. \$17.78m has been included for investment into playgrounds.

\$18 million of increased funding has been set aside for attracting events to the Forsyth Barr Stadium and the Town Hall – this has been set at \$2 million per annum. The Centre can attract large national tournaments with regularity, as outlined earlier, if the Centre is maintained to the expected levels.

Survey

Over 3 weeks we conducted an online survey of our users to seek support for this submission. We received over 1000 responses.

- 87% of respondents had experienced disruption to their sport due to a leak in the roof.
- 98% of respondents supported “investing in a modern roofing system’s” inclusion in the 9-year plan – this was with the understanding that the expected cost could be \$15m and funded via rates.
- 25% of respondents added additional comments to their survey.

Several examples of the responses follow -

- *The Edgar Centre is a great City resource that is utilised by 1000's and provides residents / ratepayers a place to enjoy indoor sporting activities, contributing to our collective health in many ways. As a high user of the centre, we have had several and consistent disruptions over the years to our sporting activities due to the leaking roof. We appreciate the Edgar Centre team for the huge efforts in trying to band-aid the problem due to an overdue upgrade. Please prioritise this investment.*
- *This is a major community venue that arguably has more connectivity than the stadium it gets more use by the community and athletes and provides more synergies with the future investment into young people. it must stay and the facility must be preserved and maintained for everyone to enjoy*
- *Any short-term cost will benefit many in the long term*
- *I've seen first-hand how vital this facility is, not just for athletes, but for the wider community. It's a central hub for sport and recreation in Dunedin, and protecting its future is essential. Maintaining the Edgar Centre at a high standard is critical for: - Protecting our main community asset that supports physical activity, health, and wellbeing for people of all ages and backgrounds. - Ensuring Dunedin continues to attract regional and national sporting events, which boost the local economy and pride in our city. - Maximising value from existing infrastructure, rather than letting it deteriorate and ultimately needing costly replacement. - Safeguarding a facility used by hundreds of thousands each year, ensuring it remains safe and available for current and future generations. This is not just an investment in a roof; it is an investment in our community, our young athletes, and our ability to host events.*

- *The Edgar Centre is an integral part of Dunedin's school sporting activity. You only have to be there on a Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 3pm - 7pm and beyond, with the carpark gridlocked and 1000's of children and adults alike, to see the epic value of this place. It deserves love and attention as the years go by to keep it as one of the most well used venues in Dunedin and Otago.*
- *The Edgar is such an important resource and maintaining it is vital for ongoing use. We want our community to be active and engaged and connected and if we don't look after it that connection will begin to break. Cancelled netball games due to leaks were very disappointing and I am sure our kids weren't the only ones affected.*
- *The Edgar Centre is the epicentre of children's (and adult) sport in Dunedin. Funding a new roof for this facility should be a priority.*
- *The leakage problem should have been addressed years ago and it keeps getting patched rather than fixed properly. If you are going to fix it, do it right.*

Solution

In light of the substantial community, economic, and reputational value the Edgar Centre delivers to Dunedin, we respectfully request that the Dunedin City Council prioritise funding for the roof replacement project in the 9-Year Plan.

A commitment to this investment - estimated at approximately \$15 million - would safeguard the long-term viability of a facility that supports thousands of users each week, underpins the city's major participation sports, and generates year-round economic activity through regional and national events.

We are confident that, with council support, we can ensure the Edgar Centre continues to be a cornerstone of community sport and a premier event venue for Dunedin for decades to come.

The Edgar Centre does not expect ratepayers to wear the full cost, with a full understanding that rate increases, and debt levels of the city can only stretch so far. If this first step is achieved, we would also look to contribute financially by using our charitable status to attract significant grants from funding trusts, along with a levying a percentage increase on all users.

Appendix:

- Sport Otago – Letter of support
- Dunedin Netball – Letter of support
- Basketball Otago – Letter of support
- Volleyball Otago – Letter of support
- Football South – Letter of support
- Otago Cricket - Letter of support
- Otago Table Tennis - Letter of support
- Otago Tennis – Letter of support
- Otago Rugby - Letter of support
- Otago Maori and Polynesian Festival - Letter of support
- Edgar Centre – User Survey Summary
- Edgar Centre – National and South Is Tournaments (last financial year)

Blair Crawford
General Manager
Edgar Centre

28 April 2025

Sport Otago – letter of support

Sport Otago would like to provide this letter of support to the Edgar Centre as part of their submission to the Dunedin City Council's (DCC) 9-year plan. Sport Otago is fully supportive of the Edgar Centre's application to Council for a new roof.

The Edgar Centre is an important and critical asset for the Dunedin community and replacing the roof would future-proof the venue for years to come. The Edgar Centre is a critical cog in the recreational facilities across Dunedin and is a multi-use indoor venue that is relied on heavily for indoor sports across the community. It caters for high volume sports such as basketball, volleyball, futsal and netball, through to tennis, rugby, pickleball and a host of other sporting and recreational activities. The Edgar Centre is also major contributor to the wellbeing strategy of the city and is a critical component in getting Dunedin people active.

The Edgar Centre was identified in the Coastal Otago Spaces and Places Strategy 2023 as an important indoor venue that was extremely well used, with some sports having to cap their competitions. The strategy also identified the Edgar Centre as a high risk venue due to the limited alternative venues to support the numbers of activities/competitions being run from the Edgar Centre. Keeping the building maintained and up to an adequate standard was one of the key mitigation factors identified to minimise the risk of the Edgar Centre being out of action.

Sport Otago fully supports the Edgar Centres submission to the DCC's 9-year plan as this is a strategically important community facility that plays a vital component in keeping our community active.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi nui,



James Nation
Chief Executive



P.O. Box 629
Dunedin

11 April 2025

Edgar Centre
116 Portsmouth Drive
Andersons Bay
Dunedin

Dear Blair

RE: EDGAR CENTRE SUBMISSION TO THE DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL 9 YEAR PLAN

The board of Dunedin Netball support the Edgar Centre submission to the DCC to include provision in the 9 year plan to re-roof the main hall of the Edgar Centre.

Netball was a founding member and has been a constant user of the Edgar Centre since 1994. These are the only court facilities available to utilise in Dunedin with no other venues either indoors or outdoors available to accommodate over 3500 players, coaches and officials every season.

Problems with the Edgar Centre leaking roof and condensation issues have been well publicised over the years with articles in the Otago Daily Times since 2010. Meetings with various Dunedin City Council staff have been attended over the years with maintenance plans proposed and some remedial work completed on the roof over the last couple of years. The work that has been done however, has not prevented roof leaks in any kind of rain event, including persistent drizzle and heavy downpours, making any number of courts unavailable. When leaking appears on courts, either wood or turf, it creates a dangerous health and safety slipping hazard.

In 2024, Dunedin Netball held six season competitions across four days of the week with a total of 293 teams. We hosted eight tournaments and festival days including the Netball New Zealand U18 National Championships with a total of 209 teams, the majority of those teams from outside of the Dunedin area. During the local competition season, due to unsafe court conditions caused by the leaking roof, we were forced to cancel 34 games, and 54 games had to be moved or delayed. A further 23 games were moved during tournaments held inside the Edgar Centre.

The Edgar Centre is a critical and integral part of the Dunedin City Council's community facilities. Hundreds of thousands of people pass through the Edgar Centre doors every year and Dunedin City Council has a responsibility to ensure the

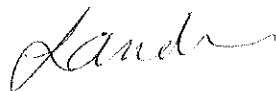
accessibility and safety of the venue for all users. The Dunedin City Council's Parks and Recreation Strategy 2017-2027, Sport and Recreation Action Plan as published on the council website has an objective: 2 Open spaces and facilities support Dunedin's communities to thrive and a priority to provide appropriate, quality, fit-for-purpose open space, sport and recreation facilities at regional, sub-regional and local levels and also maintain and invest in major event infrastructure to attract sporting events that bring domestic and international participants and visitors to Dunedin.

The continued issues with the Edgar Centre main hall roof are preventing our community from participating in physical activity. The facility is not fit for purpose, an indoor venue should be able to be utilised in all weather and not be affected by cancellations due to unsafe conditions caused by rain. Our sporting organisations are overlooking Dunedin as an appropriate national event indoor venue due to the issues encountered with leaking courts, limiting the ability to attract sporting events that bring domestic and international participants and visitors to Dunedin.

Dunedin City Council staff publicly stated to Edgar Centre and Dunedin Netball in a reply to questions from the Otago Daily Times on 20 June 2024 that, "Ultimately, the Edgar Centre needs a new roof and venue-wide mechanical ventilation system to resolve weather-related issues at the venue. This would come at significant cost, estimated to be more than \$15 million, and we need more information about investment in multi-sports facilities first." If this is the solution, the expense must be included in the Dunedin City Council 9 Year Plan 2025-2034 to ensure one of the most used community sport, recreation and event facilities in the city can continue to provide a safe and dry indoor space that is accessible to all.

The current draft Dunedin City Council 9 year plan indicates investment in other community recreation facilities like Moana Pool and Forsyth Barr Stadium. The Edgar Centre sport, recreation and event community including Dunedin Netball implore Dunedin City Council to consider including provision for the replacement of the Edgar Centre main hall roof in the 9 year plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee-Anne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lee-Anne Anderson

General Manager
Dunedin Netball



Basketball Otago
116 Portsmouth Drive
Dunedin 9012

11th March 2025

To: The Edgar Centre
116 Portsmouth Drive
Dunedin 9012

Tēnā koutou,

On behalf of Basketball Otago and the Basketball Otago Board, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your ongoing efforts and support in targeting the Dunedin City Council's (DCC) 9-Year Annual Plan process for a new roof at the Edgar Centre. We truly appreciate your dedication and collaboration on this matter and are fully committed to supporting the submission for this important project.

The Edgar Centre plays an essential role in the delivery of basketball at both regional and national levels. It is not only a hub for our competitions and tournaments but also serves as a critical venue for regular practises, training, and community engagement. We use the facilities extensively, and the Edgar Centre is instrumental in supporting the growth and development of the sport throughout our region.

Basketball Otago regularly hosts local competitions and tournaments, bringing together athletes, coaches, and families from throughout the Otago region and beyond. The Edgar Centre also enables us to host national-level events in Dunedin, such as the National Age Group Representative Tournaments. These events not only highlight the talent and passion of our players but also contribute significantly to the local economy and community.

Unfortunately, over the past four years, Basketball New Zealand has not allocated us a National Tournaments due to the uncertainty surrounding the leaking roof and the significant disruptions it could cause to the event. As a result, our younger athletes are facing costs of over \$1000 per year to attend National Tournaments held elsewhere. We sincerely hope that this situation will change, and that we can soon return to hosting National Tournaments at the Edgar Centre once again.





The leaking roof at the Edgar Centre has created significant disruptions in the delivery of our programmes. The water damage impacts court availability, safety, and the overall experience for participants. This has led to cancellations and rescheduling of events, affecting athletes, coaches, and spectators alike. It is crucial for the continued success of Basketball Otago that these issues are addressed so we can maintain a high standard of service to the community.

We strongly support the Edgar Centre's submission to the DCC's 9-Year Annual Plan for funding toward the roof replacement, **in fact we would love it sooner**. We recognise the importance of this infrastructure upgrade, not just for basketball but for all users of the facility. We also acknowledge and support the willingness of ratepayers' funds to be allocated to this vital project, as we believe it will enhance the long-term sustainability of the Edgar Centre and the services it provides to our community.

Once again, we thank you for your ongoing efforts, and we are happy to stand behind this submission with our full support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further details or clarification regarding our use of the facility or the impact of the roof issues on our operations.

Ngā mihi,

Jodi Brown
Basketball Otago General Manager

Nigel O'Rorke
Chairperson Basketball Otago Board



40 Logan Park Drive

Dunedin, 9016

Phone: 022 807 4663

Email: operations@volleyballotago.nz

Website: www.volleyballotago.nz

26/03/2025

Attention: **Dunedin City Council**

Re: Support for the Edgar Centre's Submission to the DCC 9-Year Plan

On behalf of Volleyball Otago, I am writing to express our full support for the Edgar Centre's submission to the Dunedin City Council's 9-year plan, particularly with regard to the urgent need for a roof upgrade.

The Edgar Centre is a cornerstone of sports in Otago, providing essential facilities for volleyball and a wide range of other community activities. Unfortunately, the building's current roof is not up to standard and has been subject to significant leaks, which have not only created an uncomfortable and potentially hazardous environment for our volleyball athletes and spectators but also compromised the overall integrity of the facility. These leaks hinder the Edgar Centre's ability to be a reliable venue for our volleyball competitions, tournaments, and practices.

Volleyball is the fastest growing secondary school sport in Otago, and we rely heavily on the wooden courts at the Edgar Centre to run our competitions. With over 2,000 athletes participating in our secondary school competitions alone, the use of all wooden courts at the Edgar Centre is essential to our ability to host these events. Unfortunately, when the roof leaks, we are forced to cancel games, as the environment becomes unsafe for our athletes, disrupting the competitions and impacting participant experience.

For many years, Volleyball Otago has depended on the Edgar Centre to host local, regional, and national volleyball competitions, making it a vital facility for the local volleyball community. The Edgar Centre has provided a safe and functional venue for both training and competitive events. However, without a proper roof upgrade, the Edgar Centre's ability to continue supporting volleyball and other sports in Dunedin is at risk, potentially leading to a decline in participation and the loss of an important community resource.

We strongly support the Edgar Centre's request for funding to upgrade the roof to prevent further damage and disruptions. A new roof will not only eliminate the ongoing issues caused by leaks but will also ensure the Centre can remain a reliable and high-quality venue for athletes, families, and spectators for many years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your support in ensuring that the Edgar Centre can continue to be a key asset for our community.

Sincerely,
Zoe Flockton
Operations Manager
Volleyball Otago

Dunedin City Council
50 The Octagon
Dunedin 9016

Subject: Support for Edgar Centre's Submission to the DCC 9-Year Plan for Roof Replacement

Dear Councillors,

On behalf of Southern Football, I am writing to express our support for the Edgar Centre's submission to the Dunedin City Council's 9-Year Plan, requesting funding for the replacement of the facility's roof.

The Edgar Centre is a huge asset to our organisation and the broader sporting community. As one of the largest indoor venues in Dunedin, it provides a versatile space that accommodates a wide range of sports and events. Southern Football has utilised the Edgar Centre extensively for various activities, including:

- **Community Engagement Programs:** Conducting holiday programmes, girls football activations, and community outreach initiatives aimed at promoting football and futsal within the region.
- **Senior Futsal Leagues:** Organising competitive leagues for adult players, fostering continued participation and skill development.
- **School Futsal Competitions:** Facilitating futsal leagues for primary and secondary school students, promoting youth involvement in the sport.
- **Competitions and Tournaments:** Hosting local, regional and national futsal tournaments, which have seen participation from numerous teams across different age groups.

The current state of the Edgar Centre's roof has significantly impacted our operations. Leaks and condensation issues have led to:

- **Disruptions in Scheduled Activities:** Training sessions and matches have been frequently postponed or relocated, affecting team preparations and league schedules.
- **Safety Concerns:** Wet and slippery surfaces pose injury risks to players, officials, and spectators.
- **Financial Implications:** Additional costs incurred due to rescheduling events and seeking alternative venues.

The Edgar Centre has been proactive in addressing these challenges, but a comprehensive roof replacement is essential to ensure the facility remains safe and functional for all users. Investing in this upgrade will not only benefit Southern Football but also numerous other sports organisations and community groups that rely on the venue.

We acknowledge the financial considerations involved in such a project. However, the long-term benefits, including uninterrupted sporting activities, enhanced safety, and the potential to attract



Southern Football
University of Otago Oval, Level 1
20 Logan Park Drive
Dunedin 9016
southernfootball.co.nz

regional and national events, justify the investment. Moreover, a well-maintained Edgar Centre contributes positively to Dunedin's reputation as a hub for sports and recreation.

Thank you for considering our perspective. We are willing to provide any further information or assistance required to support this submission.

Yours sincerely,

Dougal McGowan
Chief Executive
Southern Football
Phone: 027 435 2446
Email: dougal@southernfootball.co.nz



24 April 2025

Blair Crawford
General Manager Edgar Centre
Via email: blair@edgarcentre.co.nz

Otago Cricket Association – letter of support

The Otago Cricket Association (OCA) provides this letter of support to the Edgar Centre as part of their submission to the Dunedin City Council's (DCC) 9-year plan. The OCA fully supports the Edgar Centre's application to Council for a new roof.

The Edgar Centre is an essential asset for the Dunedin community and replacing the roof future-proofs the venue for at least the next two decades. Cricket uses the facility all year round, with its community and high-performance centre situated there and both our community and performance programmes regularly using other court space for various cricket training. Dunedin high schools and cricket clubs both junior and senior utilise our community centre all year round.

We estimate that over 4,000 repeat participants utilise the Edgar Centre via school rental, high performance training (Otago Volts and Otago Sparks, Otago A men and women, Otago U19,17 men and women as well as our Dunedin age group teams, school holiday programmes and planned coaching programmes.

I can only assume that the usage from other, predominantly indoor sports, will be significantly higher users than that of Cricket, emphasising the importance of the Edgar Centre as a critical sports hub for Dunedin.

The OCA would like to see a favourable response from DCC to the Edgar Centre's submission to the DCC's 9-year plan.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MC', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael Coggan
Chief Executive Officer
Otago Cricket



18 March 2025

To whom it may concern,

The executive committee (on behalf of our association) of Table Tennis Otago would like to show our support to back the Edgar Centre to get a new roof with their submission to the DCC's 9-year plan.

We believe this to be a priority for the DCC with the Edgar Centre being the only indoor sporting venue to cater to such a number and variety of sports.

While we would like to be able to use the Edgar centre more frequently, we currently hold four sessions weekly and annually we hold two major events at the Edgar centre.

The ongoing issue of having towels and buckets collecting water around the venue is frankly unacceptable and dangerous – especially for our older members who take a lot longer to recover from slips & falls.

Tables do not respond well to getting wet and since we store the majority of our tables at the Edgar Centre – this is of significant concern for us.

Please add this to your 9 year plan and ensure Dunedin has an indoor venue that can be relied upon year round.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debs", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Debs King-Newell
On behalf of the Executive Committee
Table Tennis Otago



To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Andrea Ryder, and I serve as the Game Development Officer for Tennis Otago.

At Tennis Otago, we utilize the Edgar Centre throughout the year, particularly on weekends, for a variety of events including junior and senior interclub matches, adult and senior tournaments, and, seasonally, our business house leagues. The Centre is invaluable to us, not only during inclement weather but also when our local clubs are unable to accommodate the demand for additional court space.

I am also aware that some of our affiliated clubs reserve courts at the Edgar Centre for similar purposes, such as during adverse weather conditions or for events like LOVE TENNIS in September.

Having access to the Edgar Centre has been instrumental in enabling us to host larger events, drawing participants from outside the Dunedin area, particularly for tournaments and interclub competitions. While the Steveson Tennis Centre provides an additional facility with multiple courts, it is the Edgar Centre that often allows us to continue operations during rainy conditions, as tennis is primarily an outdoor sport.

As we strive to grow the sport of tennis in our region, the continued availability of facilities like the Edgar Centre is crucial to supporting the increasing participation and demand within our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Andrea Ryder
Game Development Officer
Tennis Otago



Blair Crawford

General Manager

Edgar Centre

Via email: blair@edgarcentre.co.nz

26 March 2025

Otago Rugby Football Union – letter of support

The Otago Rugby Football Union (ORFU) would like to provide this letter of support to the Edgar Centre as part of their submission to the Dunedin City Council's (DCC) 9-year plan. The ORFU fully supports the Edgar Centre's application to Council for a new roof.

The Edgar Centre is an important and critical asset for the Dunedin community and replacing the roof would future-proof the venue for years to come. Rugby at all levels along with other local sports and community groups are regular users of the Edgar Centre.

Examples of Rugby's use of the Edgar Centre includes:

- Primary and Intermediate Rippa Rugby
- Coaching and referee development courses
- Club and school trainings when fields are wet
- Otago Amateur Representative team trainings
- Otago Men's NPC trainings
- Otago Spirit FPC trainings
- All Blacks, Black Fern's and visiting international teams

As outlined above Rugby is a regular user of the Edgar Centre and I believe this level of use will be similar across a number of our local sporting codes. The ORFU hopes that the Edgar Centre's submission to the DCC's 9-year plan is favourably received.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Richard Kinley

Chief Executive Officer

Phone: +64 3 477 0928 | Email: orfu@orfu.co.nz

Address: Forsyth Barr Stadium, Level 2A, Anzac Ave, Dunedin 9016 | Postal Address: PO Box 691, Dunedin 9054

Making the  Stronger


SPEIGHT'S
ESTABLISHED 1847

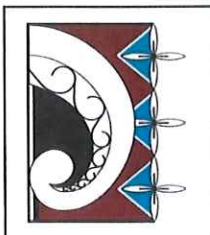


Dunedin City Motors



WAE

mediaworks



TE MANA AHUA AKE CHARITABLE TRUST

'Otago Polyfest'

26 March 2025

Letter of Support for the Dunedin Edgar Centre

Tēnā koutou katoa, Bula vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Halo olketa, Ia orana, Kam na mauri, Kia ōrāna, Mālō e lelei, Talofa, Talofa lava, Taloha ni, and Greetings,

I am writing to express our support for the installation of a new roof at The Dunedin Edgar Centre / More FM Arena.

As a vital community asset, this stadium serves as a pivotal gathering place for local events, Te Mana Ahua Ake hosts the annual Otago Polyfest. We have hosted our event in the stadium for over 10 years. Progressively our numbers have increased to 10,000 people over 5 days. Our use of the venue has extended to use a large portion of the venue. It is currently the only venue in Dunedin that can host an event as big as ours for consecutive days.

Our participants range from pre-school age through to elderly members of the audience. Health and safety considerations are paramount, the logistics of running a rotation of buses all day, mobility access and a constant procession of audience.

However, the current condition of the roof has become an ongoing hazard. Last year, safety covers had to be placed over water-damaged areas, highlighting the urgent need for repairs. This was a constant risk mitigation between our production team and the venue team.

Without proper action, these issues will only worsen, putting both students and attendees at risk. A new roof would not only address these safety concerns but also enhance the stadium's functionality. With the ability to provide blackout conditions, performances would benefit from improved lighting control, creating a more professional and immersive experience for students and audiences alike.

Investing in this improvement would strengthen our community by ensuring a safe and high-quality venue for school events, cultural performances, and other gatherings. I encourage any upgrade of the roof for the benefit of the wider community.

Please feel free to reach out if you require any additional information or testimonials on the importance of this upgrade. We are happy to supply audience and participants data if this is helpful.

Sincerely,

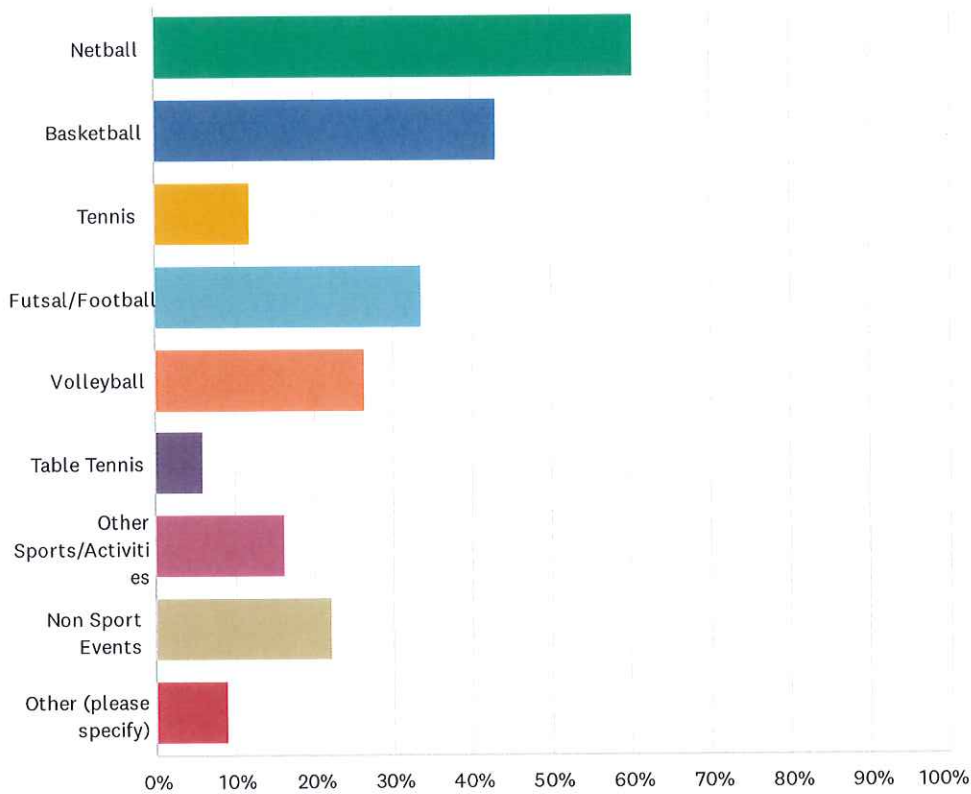
Angelina Kiore

Co-Chairperson

Te Mana Ahua Ake Trust

Q1 What sports or activities do you play or spectate at the Edgar Centre(tick all boxes that apply):

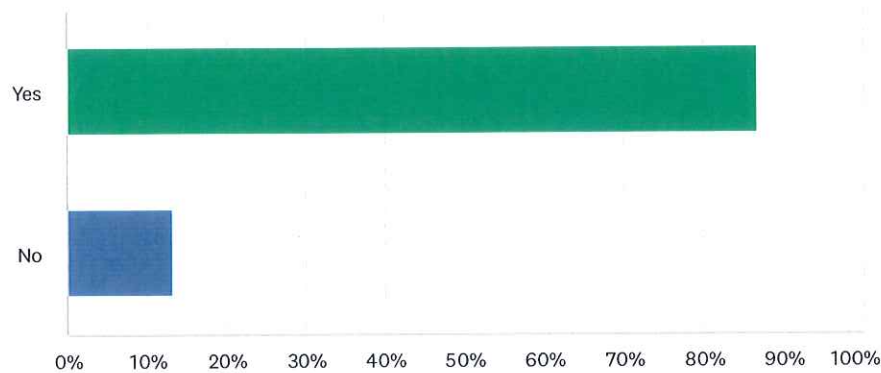
Answered: 1,011 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Netball	60.34%	610
Basketball	43.22%	437
Tennis	11.87%	120
Futsal/Football	33.73%	341
Volleyball	26.51%	268
Table Tennis	6.03%	61
Other Sports/Activities	16.12%	163
Non Sport Events	22.16%	224
Other (please specify)	8.90%	90
Total Respondents: 1,011		

Q2 Has your sport or activity been affected / interrupted by roof leaks in recent years

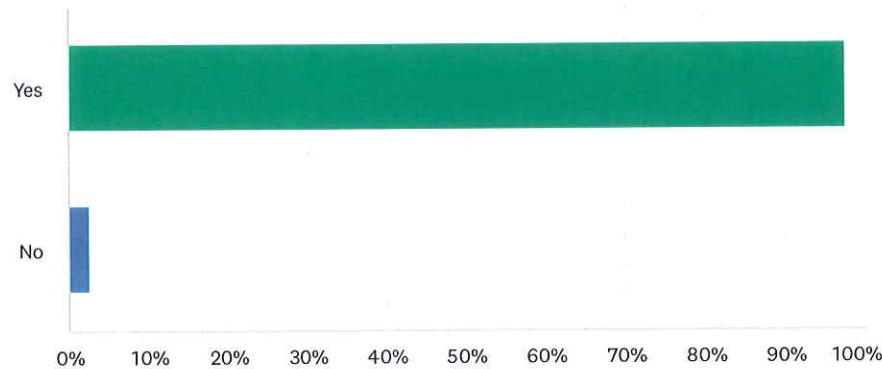
Answered: 1,009 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.82%	876
No	13.28%	134
Total Respondents: 1,009		

Q3 Are you supportive of the Dunedin City Council investing in a modern roofing system within the next 9 years to protect the future of the Edgar Centre? Cost to ratepayers estimated to be \$15m [City Property: Estimate only - 2024].

Answered: 1,012 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.63%	988
No	2.57%	26
Total Respondents: 1,012		

EDGAR CENTRE (Last financial year figures):

National Tournaments/ Competitions:

The Centre hosted 7 National or South Island tournaments or competitions during the year. This brings many people into the city and benefits the wider community. The South Island Secondary Volleyball tournament involved 950 people per day for 4 days. 60 of the 78 teams came from outside Dunedin.

- NZ Fencing – Oceanic Junior Championship, 1st-2nd July 2023
- BBNZ South Is (Zone 4) Junior Sec School Tournament, 47 teams. 27th-31st Aug 2023.
- BBNZ South Is (Zone 4) Premiership Sec School Tournament, 37 teams. 1st-3rd Sept 2023
- NZ Netball – Senior Provincial National Tournament, 25 teams. 4th-9th Sept 2023
- SI Secondary Schools Junior Volleyball Tournament, 78 teams, Nov 20th-23rd 2023
- NZ Masters Games - Netball, Tennis, Basketball, Table Tennis & Futsal, 3rd – 11th Feb 2024.
- NZ Table Tennis tournament, More FM Arena, 19th-21st April 2024

Regional Tournaments & Provincial Matches

The Centre hosted 28 regional tournaments or matches throughout the year. The majority of these tournaments are played annually.

- Southern Tennis Junior tournament, 1st – 5th July
- Dunedin Netball Year 7/8 tournament, 20th Aug
- Dunedin Netball U14 tournament, 20th Aug
- NZ Police Winter Games – Netball, Tennis, Volleyball, 23rd – 25th Aug
- Super Seniors Tennis tournament Otago v Canterbury, 1st 3rd Sept
- Otago Senior Tennis Open, 23rd & 24th Sept
- Otago Marching competitions, 8th, 15th, 29th Oct
- Otago Tennis, Pry school tournament (wet), 3rd Nov
- Otago Volleyball, Secondary School Junior Champs, 4th-5th Nov
- Southern Primary School Tennis tournament, 10th Nov
- Southern Tennis, Junior teams' event, 11th-12th Nov
- Otago Volleyball, Sec School Seeding tournament, 17th-18th Feb
- Tennis Otago – Southern Junior Teams event, 17th-18th Feb
- Tennis Otago – Southern Senior Teams event, 24th-25th Feb
- Tennis Otago tournament (wet only), 9th-10th March
- Otago Sec School Volleyball Tournament (Seniors), 9th-10th Mar
- Otago Tennis, Junior Open (wet only), 16th-17th Mar
- NZ Football, Sec School Futsal tournament, 18th-20th Mar
- Otago Vets Tennis Tournament, 6th-7th April
- Dunedin Netball, Year 1-6 Festival Day, 7th April
- Tennis Otago, Otago v Nth Otago juniors (wet only), 13th April
- NZ Volleyball Tournament – Lower South Is, mens and womens, 11th-12th May
- Basketball Otago regional U16/18 tournament, 18th-19th May
- Otago Masters Tennis – SI teams tournament, 1st-3rd June
- Netball South – Otago Secondary School tournament, 9th-10th June
- Dunedin Netball – Men's tournament, 22nd June