

SOUTH DUNEDIN FUTURE UPDATE

Community climate change discussions to step up

Kia ora and hello from the Dunedin City Council.

In the last few weeks we have launched a new phase of community discussions about the effects of climate change on South Dunedin.

Throughout this year we are going to try to meet with all of the community, sports, religious and social groups active in the South Dunedin area to talk about the challenges and opportunities facing the city in coming decades.

All over the world, communities are grappling with the effects of climate change, and the ways it is bringing more heat, more rain, rising seas, damaging storms, and a higher chance of flooding or drought. South Dunedin is a coastal community that could be particularly affected. In time, this community will need to make big decisions about how it will respond and adapt.

Over the past decade, and especially since the major flood of June 2015, the DCC has been preparing itself and the city by improving infrastructure, its operations, and emergency responses. The Otago Regional Council and other partners have large projects to better understand the climate risks and the local groundwater. Looking ahead, the DCC has more than \$80 million of planned projects to reduce South Dunedin's short-term flood risk. However, in the medium to longer term, more creative responses will be needed.

We want to make sure that as much of the community as possible is involved. Rather than planning our own meetings, DCC staff are keen to be invited along to groups' own meetings to talk together. If you are in a group that has not heard from us already, please let us know so our team can get in touch with them too.

There's no fixed agenda or options for these discussions. We want to build awareness of the issues and develop good relationships, so the community is part of the decision making every step of the way.

We are also starting a series of monthly drop-in sessions at the South Dunedin Community Pop-Up in Hillside Road. We will be running evening sessions too every three months for anyone that can't make the day times. Have a look at the details below, and do come along to discuss and learn more.

If you want to find out more have a look at our website www.dunedin.govt.nz/southdunedin.

Our email is southdunedinfuture@dcc.govt.nz. Or call DCC Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor, Ian Telfer, on (03) 474 2131 if you would like to talk to someone.

Drop-in sessions

Thursday, 19 March | 12 noon – 3.30pm

South Dunedin Community Pop-Up, 199 Hillside Road

- St Clair – St Kilda coastal plan: what matters most?

Wednesday, 22 April | 12 noon – 3.30pm

South Dunedin Community Pop-Up, 199 Hillside Road

- The Flat: the people of South Dunedin, its buildings, assets, cultural sites, heritage

Wednesday, April 22 | 5.30pm – 7.30pm

South Dunedin Community Network offices, 278A King Edward Street

- The lie of the land
- St Clair – St Kilda coastal plan
- The Flat

St Clair – St Kilda Coastal Plan

The DCC is also about to start a separate but connected year-long consultation process to create a new, long-term plan for the St Clair to St Kilda beachfront. The aim is to create with the community a set of options that make the natural environment better, while reducing the risk of coastal erosion and climate change impacts in the short, medium and long term. We are eager to hear what you think, how you use the beach, and what you value most about this exceptional stretch of coast.

Community workshops

Wednesday, 18 March | 2pm – 3.30pm

Wednesday, 18 March | 6pm – 7.30pm

Friday, 27 March | 2pm – 3.30pm

Friday, 27 March | 6pm – 7.30pm

South Coast Board Riders Club, 1 The Esplanade, St Clair