

SOUTH DUNEDIN FUTURE UPDATE

Climate change discussions building despite Covid challenges

Hello again during what is turning out to be a difficult year for everyone. It is certainly a hard year for holding face-to-face discussions about climate change and South Dunedin! But the issues are not going away, so we are gently persevering.

Thanks to all the groups we have met so far despite the many challenges of connecting via video conference or social distancing or getting people together during a health and economic crisis. We have held about 15 meetings this year so we have plenty more to do. We are keen to hear from any groups who are willing to host us as we are trying to get around every active community group on the Flat and around greater South Dunedin.

There are lots of views and thoughts about climate change and the future of the area, as you would expect. But what we are hearing overall is that people accept this is a big challenge and are keen to start working on responses.

Drop-in sessions restart

We have had to postpone public drop-in sessions because of Covid, but we are hoping to go ahead from mid-September. We are planning three sessions this year, do come along and find out more.

Thursday 17 September | 12 noon – 3.30pm
South Dunedin Community Pop-Up, 199 Hillside Road
St Clair – St Kilda Coastal Plan: What can be done?

Thursday 15 October | 12 noon – 3.30pm
South Dunedin Community Pop-Up, 199 Hillside Road
What Lies Beneath: South Dunedin's pipes and groundwater

Thursday 18 November | 12 noon – 3.30pm
South Dunedin Community Pop-Up, 199 Hillside Road
The Flat: the people of South D – who, where, what, the assets and the heritage

Thursday 18 November | 5.30pm – 7.30pm
South Dunedin Community Network, 278A King Edward Street
Evening catch up session: What Lies Beneath, The Coastal Plan, The Flat

New library site being repainted and redesigned

It's full steam ahead for the new South Dunedin Library and Community Complex. The buildings, which are located on the corner of King Edward Street and Macandrew Road, are being painted in a neutral colour. Veggie Boys and Para Rubber have now relocated to new premises so the DCC is taking the opportunity to clean and repaint the exterior of most of the buildings. This is a temporary colour until the final look of the complex is decided and it is constructed.

The concept design for the new complex is also well underway. This work is based on the community co-design process which started in November last year. We want to share the vision and concept for this important facility as soon as we can, but there is still quite a bit of work to do before we can do that. We have got funding for the design phases of the project and we will confirm the budget for construction as part of the Council's upcoming 10 year plan process.

St Clair – St Kilda Coastal Plan working up options

Thank you to everyone who has given their feedback on the St Clair – St Kilda Coastal Plan. We appreciate the time that was put in to tell us why the coast is special to you. In the next few months we will be updating the community on the values that have been shared with us and talking about some of the different ways we can look after the coast for the future. If you have any questions about the Coastal Plan, please do not hesitate to email us at coast&community@dcc.govt.nz or phone 03 477 4000. You can also find out more about more information at dunedin.govt.nz/coastandcommunity.

South Dunedin Future is a joint programme of the Dunedin City Council and Otago Regional Council. The aim is to respond effectively to the climate change challenges facing South Dunedin. We are working with the community, central government and others to understand what is happening, build resilience, identify opportunities and options, and decide how to best adapt to the changes in South Dunedin's environment.

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