

SOUTH DUNEDIN FUTURE UPDATE

Step forward for South D Future climate change programme

Kia ora and warm greetings as we leave the winter behind.

The South Dunedin Future programme has passed a major milestone. Dunedin City Council and Otago Regional Council have endorsed a four-year plan to work with mana whenua, the South Dunedin community, and other stakeholders to identify options for adapting to the effects of climate change.

This will involve detailed technical and scientific work and a lot of community discussions over the next few years. The aim is to develop a climate adaptation strategy for South Dunedin that is realistic, affordable, and has wide community support.

What next?

We need to get ready for rising sea levels, rising ground water, and increasingly frequent and severe rainfall events that will make the area more flood prone over coming decades.

We will do this work in five key phases. These are understanding what is happening and the risks, what matters most to the community, what can we do to adapt, how do we make that happen, and checking in on how well strategies are working.



In coming months, we will be scaling up our science and technical work (for the What is happening? phase) and expanding our communications and community discussions (What matters most?). As we do this, we also want people to start thinking about what potential solutions might work in South Dunedin (What can we do?) – we will be asking for community views as part of that process, starting next year.

There is a wide range of options available for adapting to the impacts of climate change. Which options, or which combination of options, are best for South Dunedin will be worked through over the next four years.

Now that we have a plan, and the go ahead to move forward, you can expect to hear more from us about the challenges we face and what we can do about them.

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