

SOUTH DUNEDIN FUTURE UPDATE

Kia ora tātou, and warm greetings. South Dunedin Future is a joint initiative of the DCC and ORC to make a climate change adaptation strategy here.

The end of 2022 is a good time to reflect on how far we have come, and what lies ahead. It has been a tough year for many people, but we have made some major progress towards a better future for this area:

Community engagement – a great range of community discussions about the issues important to South Dunedin. Thank you for the dozens of community hui, face-to-face and online meetings, school classes and chats on the street. We learn something new every day.

We now have a plan – in July, the councils approved the South Dunedin Future programme plan. The plan does not provide all the answers, rather it is a step-by-step guide for working through the issues with the community and finding the answers together over the next four years.

A positive story – we have learned that South Dunedin could change in ways that make it better, not worse, reduce the risks from flooding and climate change, and create many other lasting community benefits. Together we have the chance to make South Dunedin a better place to live, work and play for everyone. That is our focus.

A lot to do

Next year already looks busy. Here are five priorities for 2023:

1. The South Dunedin Future story – easy ways to keep up with what the programme is doing, why it is important, and how everyone can get involved

2. Real science for real people – clear explainers for what you need to know about the climate changes and hazards facing South Dunedin
3. Mana whenua – continuing the kōrero with our Māori communities about the risks and opportunities
4. What matters most – a range of ways for you to tell us what is most important now and for the future
5. Options on the table – creating the first full list of things we can do to adapt, and what this could look like.

More hands to the pump

From the beginning of next year we will be recruiting a range of experts to help us with some of the more technical work like producing the options list and assessing the benefits and costs. This technical work will give us a lot of useful information to add to the discussions. You will get to see it, understand it, and tell us what you think of it next year.

All the best for a great summer and see you in 2023.

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