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South Dunedin Future





Let's make a plan!





We need to talk about water.

In South Dunedin there's water coming down from the sky, up from the ground and in from the sea, and it's ending up in places we don't want it.

We saw this with the flood in 2015, and the science tells us this kind of event will happen more often.

Climate change means there'll be more rain, bigger storms, rising seas and higher groundwater.

We need a plan.

There's so much to love about South Dunedin – its diversity, its community and all the great things you can do here. And it's flat so everything's easy to access. On the downside, the water coming in has nowhere to go, and South Dunedin's infrastructure struggles to cope with it.

We need to find a balance between people, water and space.

We've launched South Dunedin Future so we can figure out what to do. We need to work out how to adapt and allow for water, yet still have space for people and the things that matter.

The Dunedin City Council and Otago Regional Council are leading this programme to produce a plan for the future. We'll hold discussions and workshops, we'll hear everyone's ideas, and we'll work out our options.

By 2026, we will have a strategy that tells us what we'll do, when we'll do it, and how.

We've been preparing for this for a long time, but South Dunedin Future starts now.



