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South Dunedin Future – Let us make a plan for climate change



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About this document



This Easy Read document is about a plan for the **future** of **South Dunedin**.



The plan has been written by the:

- **Otago Regional Council**

and



- **Dunedin City Council.**



Future means in the years to come.



Dunedin is a city in the South Island of New Zealand.

South Dunedin is a part of the city called a **suburb**.



Otago is an area of land in the South Island of New Zealand that South Dunedin is a part of.

Otago Regional Council looks after the services in the Otago area.



Dunedin City Council looks after the services that make South Dunedin a great place for everyone to live.



The word **we** in this Easy Read document means both the Dunedin City Council and Otago Regional Council working together.



Some of the services we look after are:



- local roads and footpaths
- clean water



- **sewerage** which is what happens after we flush the toilet



- rubbish and recycling



- outdoor spaces where people can play / do sports

- libraries / community centres



- swimming pools



- Civil Defence so we can be ready if there is an earthquake or flood.

How climate change will affect us



Climate change means that people will be more affected by the amount of water on the Earth in the future.



Climate change means big changes to the kind of weather a place gets over time like:

- how hot / cold a place is
- what the seasons like summer / winter are like
- what the wind / storms are like
- how much rain there is.



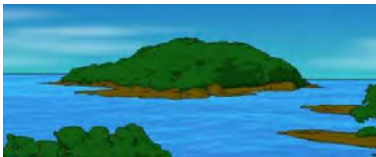


Climate change will mean there is:

- more rain
- bigger storms / bad weather
- more / higher **groundwater**.



Groundwater is water that is under the ground such as in the soil.



The amount of the water in the seas / oceans called the **sea level** will also get higher.

What we need to think about



A lot of different people live in South Dunedin.



We need to make a plan for what having more water in South Dunedin will mean to all the people who live there.



South Dunedin is a very flat place which means things are easy to get to.



Being a very flat place also means:

- more water has nowhere to go
- the **infrastructure** of the city cannot cope with it.





Infrastructure means things like:

- water pipes
- walls that stop land / buildings from falling down called **retaining walls**
- places where we store water like dams and reservoirs
- water treatment plants that make our water safe to drink.



We need to make sure our plan for the future thinks about:

- all the different people who live in South Dunedin
- what we will do about more water in the area
- how we will make good use of the space we have.

What is South Dunedin Future?



We have been thinking about climate change for a long time.



We are working together to put together a programme called:

South Dunedin Future.

A colorful promotional poster for 'South Dunedin Future'. The background is split into three horizontal bands: orange at the top, yellow in the middle, and blue at the bottom. In the orange band, on the left, is the text 'Get in touch' followed by contact information: 'Head to our website to learn more and subscribe for regular updates or drop us a line.', 'dunedin.govt.nz/southdunedin', 'southdunedinfuture@dcc.govt.nz', and '03 477 4000'. On the right of the orange band is the title 'South Dunedin Future' in large white letters, and a circular logo with a blue background and white dots. The yellow band features a central illustration of the Mayfair Theatre building. To the left of the theatre are two people playing soccer on a green field. To the right is a family walking: a man, a woman, and a child, with a baby in a stroller. A seagull is flying in the sky above the family. The blue band at the bottom shows a person in a black wetsuit surfing on a white surfboard on the left, and a white seal resting on the ground on the right. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL' with the Māori name 'kaunihera o Ōtago' and the logo for 'Otago Regional Council'.



There will be meetings and workshops so that people can share their ideas with us.



We will use some of these ideas to work out what we can do.



South Dunedin Future has 5 different stages of the plan called **phases**.



These phases are called:

1. **What is happening?**
2. **What matters most?**
3. **What can we do?**
4. **Make it happen**
5. **How is it working?**



Phase 1 – What is happening?



Phase 1 will begin in 2023.



In Phase 1 we will keep looking at how South Dunedin is being affected by changes in the:

- weather
- sea level
- groundwater levels.



We will also explain the **science** about what is happening in ways that are easy to understand.



The **science** of climate change is the things we know to be true as we can measure / see the changes.

Phase 2 – What matters most?



Phase 2 will also happen in 2023.



In Phase 2 we will talk to people in the community including people who have been affected by climate change.



We will find out what people think is most important about living well in South Dunedin.

Phase 3 – What can we do?



Phase 3 will happen:

- from 2023
- to 2025.



In Phase 3 we will work with the people of South Dunedin to make our plan for keeping the area safe.

Phase 4 – Make it happen



Phase 4 will:

- start in 2026
- carry on into the future.



In Phase 4 we will start making lots of changes to how we do things.



These changes will make sure South Dunedin is not badly affected by climate change.



The changes will make sure there are good / enough spaces for:

- the people of South Dunedin
- any extra water that comes in.

Phase 5 – How is it working?

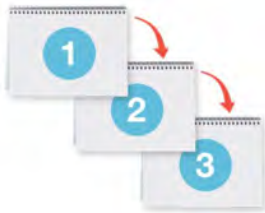


Phase 5 will:

- start in 2026
- carry on into the future.



In Phase 5 we will keep watching how things are going to make sure the plan is working the way we want it to.



We will make changes to the plan if:

- things that might affect the plan also change
- what we are doing is not working well.



What you can do



You can support the South Dunedin Future programme by:

- learning about the science of climate change
- telling us what you think is most important about living in South Dunedin
- sharing your ideas with us about how you think we can make things better
- working with us to find the best things to do
- saying yes to doing the things that will make our future better.



Where to find more information



You can sign up to our email newsletter to keep up to date with our plans for South Dunedin Future.



You can sign up to the newsletter by:

- visiting our **website** at:

**[www.dunedin.govt.nz/
southdunedin](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/southdunedin)**



- sending an **email** to:

southdunedinfuture@dcc.govt.nz



- making a **phone** call to Dunedin City Council on:

03 477 4000



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