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YOUR DCC NEWS



MAYOR'S DESK



Looking back over the past year, I can see we have made progress in a number of areas.

This year we officially opened George Street after many months of upgrading the ageing infrastructure and pipes, as well as creating a more vibrant and accessible pedestrian area. I hope that the people of Dunedin come out and show their support for local businesses in the newly announced George Street Market Day to be held in February next year.

We have also been working to improve play areas across Ōtepoti. Mosgiel now has a new pump track for bicycle, scooter and skateboard users (and a new one is going in at Mayfield Park soon).

A year on from opening Te Puna o Whakaehu and it is clear it has been embraced by the community. There have been over 160,000 visitors to Mosgiel's new aquatic centre. We've seen families, schools and clubs using the facility, and the strong visitor numbers highlight its popularity.

Of course, I can't forget to mention the Save Our Southern Hospital campaign, protest and rally which has taken up a significant amount of our focus these past few months. Seeing the community come together has been inspiring. The fight is not over, and we need to keep sending the government a clear message: "Deliver what you promised"

As the year comes to a close, I would like to take the time to wish you, your friends and your whānau a safe and happy holiday season.

Jules Radich
Mayor of Dunedin



Olveston Historic Home offers something unique through every season, but summer brings its own special delights.

Immerse yourself in its history and beauty with its daily guided tours, each offering fascinating insights into the house's rich history and heritage.

For those seeking a deeper dive, you can also try one of four Specialty Tours. Explore Olveston's impressive collection of artworks in the Art Tour, or discover the design and structure of the magnificent home with the Architectural Tour. There is also the Behind the Ropes Tour that goes beyond the ordinary visitor experience with a peek behind the

scenes into hidden spaces and more. For those with a green thumb, check out the Garden Tour and delve into the story of Olveston's Garden of National Significance – a lush oasis that complements the home's historic grandeur.

In addition to its tours, Olveston's garden is open to explore daily throughout the summer. Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere and take in the sights, sounds, and scents of this green sanctuary in the heart of the city.

For a little extra fun, try your hand at Edwardian-style garden games such as croquet, quoits, and pétanque—perfect for a leisurely afternoon.

So why not pack a picnic and make a day of it with the family? Olveston looks forward to welcoming you this summer; where history, art, architecture, and nature come together in perfect harmony.

COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE



October this year proved that “the rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain” was not strictly true, with record rainfall across the city.

For the Otago Peninsula, that meant keeping off many of our roads as substantial slips and water cascaded across them. It was a period where communication between the Board and the community was paramount.

Keeping people informed and abreast of the local situation has become a key response for the Board and Civil Defence. The Board measured its social media engagement from Thursday 3 October until Monday 7 October, with the statistics showing we reached an audience of over 52,000 people over five days.

While 98% of those people came from the Peninsula and Dunedin area, 2% were from the UK, Australia and the US. Social media for our community has become a successful tool during several state of emergencies and, while it is not everyone's preferred form of communication, its reach is highly significant.

During emergencies we should also spare a thought to the men and women of our volunteer fire brigade who, as first responders, should be commended and hailed for their devoted service in our community.

Finally, a note of sincere thanks to the many contractors who cleared our roads and fixed our water during the state of emergency.

Paul Pope
Otago Peninsula
Community Board

SEA LION SUMMER



With the arrival of summer comes the return of sea lions to our shores for the breeding season.

During breeding, sea lions are likely to be protective of their pups and friends. Knowing how to act around sea lions is important for your and their wellbeing.

Male sea lions will be pursuing females for mating over December and will be on high alert. The breeding season usually kicks off in the new year as pregnant sea lions head inland away from the beach to birth their pups. They have a few favourite or popular breeding spots, however they often find new and interesting spaces to birth,

so be sure to watch out for sea lions hiding along tracks and dunes and give them space – at least 10m. Sea lions can be hard to spot as they can easily blend or camouflage themselves in the sand.

If you find yourself too close, back away slowly and do not engage. It is also important to keep dogs on leash in sea lion populated areas – no matter how well-trained your pet might be. Do not approach if you see a sick or injured sea lion.

The DCC is working with the Department of Conservation, our Summer Rangers, and the New Zealand Sea Lion Trust to keep all beach users safe this summer.

BATH STREET OPENS



Lower Stuart Street is once again open to vehicles, and the DCC is thanking the public and the business community for their patience and understanding over the past few months while essential pipe replacement work was completed.

The section of lower Stuart Street between Moray Place and the Octagon has been the site of the work since May as part of the Bath Street Pipe Upgrade Project, and was recently reopened on time and as scheduled.

The lower Stuart Street works involved digging – and later refilling – a large, five-metre-deep excavation

to unearth historical pipes dating back as far as 1887. This meant cutting through asphalt and concrete, and digging through layers of old fill.

Staff and contractors did their best to minimise inconvenience as much as possible, aware that the work and road closures have been disruptive for the public and for lower Stuart Street businesses.

The DCC is incredibly grateful to lower Stuart Street property owners, tenants and residents for their patience while the essential work was carried out. It is pleasing to have the road reopened on schedule and early in the cruise ship season.

The focus of the project team now moves to replacing pipes on Bath Street.

All pipe replacement work on Bath Street is expected to be finished at the end of April 2025, while the roading upgrade on Bath Street is scheduled for completion in October 2025.

NEW GEORGE ST MARKET DAY



A brand new street market is set to liven up the heart of the city next year.

The inaugural George Street Market will take place on Saturday 8 February 2025. The new event aims to transform the beautifully redeveloped retail quarter into a lively hub of activity.

With live entertainment that will keep your feet tapping and spirits soaring, unique arts and crafts stalls showcasing the finest local talent, and an array of food trucks serving up treats, it promises to be a hit with both locals and visitors alike.

There will be a slew of international circus performers bringing their unique talents to the streets

of Dunedin to add to the excitement. Performers from Ghana, Australia and Italy will perform a variety of acts incorporating traditional dance, acrobatics, magic and illusions, comedy and more.

It is also a perfect opportunity for businesses to capitalise on having thousands of potential customers right at their doorsteps, connect with the community, and create lasting memories for locals and tourists.

The upcoming market will not only showcase Dunedin's unique charm but also stimulate the local economy, foster community engagement, and celebrate the city's diverse and creative spirit.

Whether you're on the hunt for one-of-a-kind treasures or simply soaking up the vibrant atmosphere, this market is not to be missed.

The George Street Market Day will be held at George Street between Moray Place and Frederick Street on Saturday 8 February 2025.

LESS CUTTING, MORE BUZZING!



In support of Dunedin's unique ecosystem, our vegetation maintenance teams are exploring new approaches to maintaining steeper roadside verges and berms citywide.

This means balancing the maintenance of essential sightlines with our urban green infrastructure.

Our contractors assess the risk of vegetation becoming a safety hazard and, if necessary, these areas will be cut. There are different standards for maintaining various grass areas, which only focus on health and safety, such as reducing hazards of obscuring sightlines, access to roads,

and pedestrian access. This means our contractors are not assessing whether grass needs to be cut for cosmetic or visual standards as health and safety is the priority.

We understand some residents have raised concerns about longer grass on these verges. While it may not appeal to everyone, this approach prioritises safety, minimises environmental impact, and ensures responsible budgeting. Allowing grass to grow a bit longer also supports pollinators like bees and butterflies, which benefits our ecosystem, and enables us to use our resources more efficiently.

These small shifts are part of our larger efforts to adapt to rising costs while keeping roadside areas safe, accessible, and wildlife friendly.

For more on grass cutting and maintenance, please visit our website.

OPEN AND CLOSED HOURS

The DCC Plaza Service Centre is closed from 12pm on Tuesday, 24 December 2024, reopening on Monday, 6 January 2025. Our after-hours service is available 24/7 for urgent issues e.g. wandering dogs, noise, water and waste, roads and parks. Call (03) 477 4000.

Opening hours may differ over the holiday period, with reduced hours at some facilities. See the DCC website for full details.

I-SITE DUNEDIN VISITOR CENTRE

Closed Wednesday, 25 December.

DUNEDIN PUBLIC ART GALLERY, LAN YUAN DUNEDIN CHINESE GARDEN, OLVESTON AND TOITŪ OTAGO SETTLERS MUSEUM

Closed Wednesday, 25 December.

BOTANIC GARDEN INFORMATION CENTRE AND CAFÉ

Closed Wednesday, 25 December.

LANDFILLS, TRANSFER STATIONS AND RESOURCE RECOVERY PARKS AND CENTRES

Closed Wednesday, 25 December.

MOANA AND ST CLAIR HOT SALT WATER POOL, AND TE PUNA O WHAKAEHU

Closed Wednesday, 25 December 2024, and Wednesday, 1 January 2025.

PORT CHALMERS POOL

Closed Wednesday, 25 and Thursday, 26 December 2024, and Wednesday, 1 and Thursday, 2 January 2025.

DUNEDIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Dunedin Central

Closed from 12pm on Tuesday, 24 December until Thursday, 26 December. Open limited hours from Friday, 27 December until Tuesday, 31 December 2024, and Friday, 3 January 2025. Closed Wednesday, 1 and Thursday, 2 January 2025.

Blueskin Bay and Waikouaiti

Closed Tuesday, 24 December to Thursday, 26 December, and Sunday, 29 December 2024, and Wednesday, 1 and Thursday, 2 January 2025.

Open limited hours from Friday, 27 until Tuesday, 31 December, and Friday, 3 January.

Mosgiel and Port Chalmers

Closed from 12pm on Tuesday, 24 December until Thursday, 26 December, and Sunday, 29 December 2024, and Wednesday, 1 and Thursday, 2 January 2025.

Open limited hours from Friday, 27 until Tuesday, 31 December, and Friday, 3 January.

South Dunedin Pop-Up Library

Closed from Tuesday, 24 December 2024, reopening on Saturday, 4 January 2025.

Normal hours for all libraries resume Saturday, 4 January 2025. See website for full details.

Bookbus

No service from Saturday, 21 December 2024. Restarts Monday, 13 January 2025.

Library Home Services

No service from Saturday, 21 December 2024. Restarts Monday, 6 January 2025.

PARKING

Parking is free at DCC owned parking meters, buildings and offstreet car parks for all Sundays and Public Holidays, and for the Christmas break from Monday, 23 December until Friday, 27 December, and from Monday, 30 December until Friday, 3 January 2025. Time limits still apply.

Normal parking resumes Saturday, 4 January 2025.

GREAT KING STREET, LOWER MORAY PLACE, WALL STREET MALL PARKING BUILDINGS

Closed Wednesday, 25 December and Wednesday, 1 January.

KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS

There will be no kerbside collection Wednesday, 25 December (Christmas Day) and Wednesday, 1 January (New Year's Day). Collection due on Wednesday will be on the following Saturday instead (28 December 2024 and 4 January 2025).

BUILDING SERVICES

Closed from 12pm on Tuesday, 24 December 2024, reopening on Monday, 6 January 2025.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Closed from Tuesday, 24 December 2024, reopening on Monday, 6 January 2025.

ENTERPRISE DUNEDIN

Closed from 12pm on Tuesday, 24 December 2024, reopening on Monday, 6 January 2025.

MAYOR'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

Closed from Tuesday, 24 December 2024, reopening on Monday, 6 January 2025.

COUNCIL MEETING TIMES

All council, subcommittee and community board meeting times can be found online. Check the DCC website regularly for livestream links and updates as meeting times can change from what has been advertised. Meetings are held at the Dunedin Public Art Gallery unless otherwise stated.

The public is welcome to attend all meetings. A public forum will be held at the start of each ordinary Standing Committee, Community Board and Council meeting. Those wishing to speak should contact the Governance Support team – phone (03) 477 4000 – at least one clear working day before the meeting.

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Here's a selection of what's going on in Dunedin over the next few months. To the best of our knowledge this information was correct at the time of publication.

KEY:  Family event |  Free

RELICS: A NEW WORLD RISES

This popular and immersive exhibition offers visitors the chance to experience LEGO® like never before, with an imagined future made up of intricate LEGO® builds.

Open Daily | Tūhura Otago Museum | Various prices.
Family passes available.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK – FAIRFIELD NIGHT MARKET

Celebrate the festive season in style with this indoor and outdoor Christmas market featuring carolling, shopping, food trucks, and free entertainment.

Thursday 5 December | 6pm | Fairfield Community Hall

JOYEUX NOËL! FRENCH MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS



Step into the holiday season with a concert that captures the spirit of Christmas through the rich tradition of French music.

Friday 6 December | 7.30pm | Knox Church |
GA \$39.18, Concession, \$28.92,
Student \$10.25, Children free

GREEN ISLAND MARKET DAY

Head along to this fun day of market stalls, food trucks, live music, school performances, arts and crafts and lots more.

Saturday 7 December | 10am – 1pm | Main South Road,
Green Island

YETI ŌTEPOTI ENDURO BIKE EVENT



This event has been a highlight of Dunedin's mountain biking scene for 11 years delivering thrills and adrenaline to riders and spectators alike.

Saturday 7 December Nichols Creek |
Sunday 8 December Whare Flat |
\$150 race entry

PORTOBELLO CHRISTMAS MARKET DAY

Food trucks, gifts and shopping, kids' activities, music and friendly catchups. Come along for a day of fun and festive entertainment.

Sunday 8 December | 10am – 2pm | Coronation Hall,
Portobello

COCKTAILS AND CHEMISTRY



Celebrate Christmas with end-of-year drinks at Cocktails + Chemistry! Bring your friends along to this tasty night out for budding mixologists.

Friday 20 December | 6pm |
Tūhura Otago Museum | \$85pp

NEW YEAR'S EVE



Head to the Octagon this New Year's Eve for a great night with entertainment, live bands, food trucks and more.

Tuesday 31 December | From 6pm |
The Octagon

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