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MAYOR'S DESK



The Councillors and I are united in opposing any clinical cuts to the new Dunedin hospital.

As I have said previously, any facility or service cuts to the hospital project would only deliver a false economy. Saving money might be a priority for the Government just now, but not investing properly in health and the hospital will leave the people of Dunedin, Otago and Southland paying the price for years to come. This is not just a local hospital; it will also support Canterbury in the inevitable event of a large alpine fault earthquake.

Every clinician, consultant and resident I have spoken to is alarmed at the possibility of hospital reductions

because so many years of expert work have gone into deciding its facilities.

Potential clinical cuts are concerning and completely contrary to promises made by all three coalition partners. Thankfully, the Health Minister is a clinician and will likely agree with other professionals on what is needed. The people of the South expect the Government to honour its commitment and build the hospital it promised.

On another note, it was wonderful to see Māori and Pasifika culture celebrated at Otago Polyfest last month, and the Dunedin Chinese community come together for the Moon Festival at Lan Yuan Dunedin Chinese Garden. There is a lot going on down here, and it's always inspiring to see our communities come together – whether to celebrate our many different cultures, or to stand up and let our voices be heard.

Jules Radich
Mayor of Dunedin



Armistice Day recalls the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” in 1918 when the guns finally stopped firing on the Western Front during World War One.

This year, Toitū will mark 11 November by refreshing elements of the Call to Arms gallery, including the Dunedin Roll of Honour displayed in the Lost Generations room. This remembers all those from, or connected with, Dunedin who have died as a result of war.

The Toitū team first started working on the Roll of Honour in 2005 by researching scattered sources. The Roll was initially a temporary display

but later became permanent as part of the Call to Arms Gallery on military history.

Names have been added with further research, and an additional 600 will be on the newest version being unveiled next month. These additions will bring the total roll to just under 3,200.

An even more ambitious project is underway to write biographies of every individual casualty listed. These will be presented on screens, rather than hard copy, and allow for more to be added and amendments and corrections made over time.

For the launch, 600 stories will be available. Eleven casualty stories will be released as short films on Toitū’s YouTube channel to complement the Anzac Day films released this year.

These will also be viewable in our Research Centre in late November.

COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE



MOSGIEL TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD

Traffic remains the number one issue in Mosgiel. There have been several serious near misses with school children walking to school in recent months and we want to see speeds reduced sooner than later, rather than kicking the can down the road and delaying the decision. Hopefully those with the powers that be can prioritise the safety of our children and residents who frequently walk around town.

There has been a lot of hard work going on in Mosgiel and we're extremely happy to report that Outram Glen finally has some new toilets and that soon there will also be a new picnic area with an accessible concrete path, new covered community barbecue and seating.

Work on the upgraded BMX track and permanent puppet track is now complete and it's been great to see so many bike riders, skateboarders and scooter enthusiasts making good use of these new tracks.

Cycle trails onto and across the Taieri remain a focus for the board. A community-led project will see a loop track that is going to come from Outram village down to the Glen at the Taieri Historical Park, and back to Outram. It's being led entirely by the locals with support from the community board, which is great to see. The Rotary and the Lions Clubs have to be acknowledged for helping out as well.

Dean McAlwee
Deputy Chair,
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KERBSIDE COLLECTION UPDATE



We're ecstatic at how well everyone has taken to the new kerbside collection service brought in earlier this year.

The new waste and recycling service, which started in July, added a food scraps and garden waste green-lidded bin and a red-lidded rubbish bin to replace the former pre-paid DCC plastic rubbish bags.

The new bins are in addition to the existing yellow-lidded mixed-recycling bin and blue glass bin.

The DCC is pleased to report that residents adapted to the changes with little difficulty.

Over 1,591 tonnes of food scraps and green waste was collected in the first two months of the new service.

This made up 47.61% of waste collected, with the remaining 52.39% (1,751 tonnes) collected in the red-lidded waste bins.

Residents have also been downloading and accessing the improved, free DCC Kerbside Collections App from both the Google Play and iOS App stores in droves. The number of active users jumped from 4784 in May to 15,604 by the end of August.

The kerbside collection app has information on what goes in each of the bins. Users can get notifications so they know when to put bins out and if there are delays or changes to collection days. It can also be used to report if bins were not collected or need fixing.

PAVERS REUSED



A piece of history will go on to become part of something more as pavers removed from George Street during the retail quarter upgrade have been given to local community groups for use in landscaping projects.

As part of the 'Totally Gorgeous' revamp of the main street, old stone pavers from George Street were removed and replaced – with a number of them gifted to groups and individuals for community and environmental projects.

Some of the recycled pavement pieces were given to the Tomahawk-Smaills Beach Care Trust which used them to improve accessibility at its nursery.

The nursery is now a more enjoyable experience for Trust volunteers with reduced mobility thanks to the pavers.

Other pavement pieces went to the Dunedin Skateboarding Association for use in the construction of obstacles at its community-built skateboarding area – The Fryatt D.I.Y.

One-of-a-kind obstacles have been built by a small group of passionate skateboard enthusiasts.

Other community groups and individuals used the pavers in walkways, garden beds and in forming art work, and more will be used across the city in equally creative and useful ways in the future.

There were several pallets of pavers still left over, and more community groups were recently encouraged to get in touch with the Dunedin City Council about reusing them for landscaping projects and they will be distributed to more passionate groups soon.

JOB DUN DOING THE JOB



Local businesses have been taking up the opportunity to work with skilled young talent in the city through the JobDUN programme, and report high levels of success and satisfaction with the scheme.

JobDUN is Dunedin's Business Internship Programme that allows businesses to focus on increasing satisfaction within the business and for customers, while providing real-world experience for tertiary students.

With the support of the Dunedin City Council, businesses may access \$1000 per intern to assist taking on a person and retaining skilled people in the city.

Now in its 15th year, JobDUN has been shown to have placed 520 interns in local businesses, and resulted in 306 longer term positions including 103 FTEs and 235 new jobs.

There is also strong endorsement for JobDUN, as satisfaction with the programme has been identified as high among businesses that have engaged with it.

A recent survey found that 86% of businesses were very satisfied with the programme and 89% reported very high levels of satisfaction with the quality of the interns they have worked with.

Several high-profile, globally focussed companies such as Education Perfect, Abacus Bio and Bison Ltd have used JobDUN in recruitment and supporting overall business objectives.

BIKE PROTECTION SCHEME



Dunedin bike thieves will need to find a new hobby after the launch of a bike registration system in Ōtepoti Dunedin.

529 Garage is a free bicycle registration scheme that was recently launched with support from the Dunedin City Council and Southern District Police.

The project aims to discourage bike theft and help reunite owners with lost bikes.

The service works by encouraging bike owners to register their bikes on the 529 Garage app.

Users can enter their bike's serial number, details of identifying features, as well as photos of the bike.

This record helps police prove a bike's ownership when it is stolen, and helps them return any recovered bikes to their owners.

If a bike registered with 529 Garage goes missing, the owner can alert other app users in the area to lookout for the missing bike.

There is a strong cycling community in Dunedin and 529 Garage brings an extra sense of security to those who enjoy biking around the city.

Users can also opt to get a 'shield' – a tamper-resistant sticker with a unique registration code to place on the frame of their bike – when they register their bikes. The sticker acts as a deterrent by letting any would-be thieves know the bike is registered.

Registering your bike on 529 Garage is free and only takes a few minutes. The app is free to download on Google Play and Apple iOS stores.

FLUSH YOUR TAPS



Remember, it is important to flush your taps before drinking or using the water from them if they have not been used or it has been sitting for a while.

The drinking water that comes from our network supply is safe. However, metals such as lead can leach from your pipes and fittings into the water if it's been sitting for a while, such as overnight.

The Ministry of Health Manatū Hauora notes that taps are the main source of heavy metals found in drinking water in most houses, and advises flushing a small volume of water – about 500ml – from the cold tap before you use

water for drinking, cooking or brushing your teeth. You should also run a cold tap for about 30 seconds each morning, to flush out the water sitting in your pipes overnight.

This flushing should reduce the risk of drinking water containing metals. This is all that most people need to do, but longer flushing is advised in a few situations, such as if your building has large diameter pipes, is located a long way from the road or has high-risk fittings.

The need to flush taps daily is a key message for all residents around the country and overseas, not just Waikouaiti, Karitane and Hawksbury Village and the rest of Dunedin.

TEN YEARS OF UNESCO



It has been ten years since Ōtepoti Dunedin was recognised as the first UNESCO Creative City in New Zealand.

The ten year anniversary was acknowledged in August on National Poetry Day with a special event featuring talks from Robert Sullivan (Ngāpuhi, Kāi Tahu) and Dunedin City Councillor Sophie Barker, as well as performances by the DCC Waiata Group and jazz artists the Bill Martin Trio, and poetry readings.

The event also acknowledged the extensive work by Liz Knowles, Bernie Hawke, Annie Villiers and Noel Waite that went into securing Dunedin's title as New Zealand's first UNESCO Creative City.

A series of collaborative poems were published by the NZ Society of Authors Chair Michelle Elvy to mark the occasion, and were presented to library staff at the special event. The collection is available from At The Bay Te Kokoru Aotearoa Stories.

Janet Frame's literary and personal papers held at Hocken Collections were also recently inscribed into the UNESCO Memory of the World Aotearoa New Zealand Register. Check out *Janet Frame's Bookshelf: A Writer's Reading Life*, now open at the University of Otago Library.

You can also visit Dunedin City Library to enjoy two displays celebrating Janet Frame's legacy.

There is a selection of poems in New Zealand poetry collections, and the Heritage Collections display where you can view first editions and Janet Frame's written application for a Dunedin Public Library borrowers' card.

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

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

KEY:  Family event |  Free

WHAT'S IT ALL A BOUT, ARLIE?

Popular local songstress Arlie McCormick explores the iconic Burt Bacharach Songbook accompanied by the incredibly talented Stuart Walker.

Friday 4 and Saturday 5 October | 7pm | Clarkson Studio, Regent Theatre | \$40 per person

MOVE FOR MS

People of all ages and abilities are invited to Move for MS and raise funds for MS Otago to help provide support, information and advocacy for people affected by multiple sclerosis.

Sunday 6 October | 11am | Wingatui Race Course | \$5.45 Child, \$10.60 Adult, \$31.20 Family

BADJELLY THE WITCH GLOW SHOW

An original production featuring a mash-up of science, puppetry and music brings the much-loved story of Badjelly the Witch to life in a whole new light.

Wednesday 9 October | 11am | Mayfair Theatre | Various ticket prices and plans

THE KINGDOM OF BLING

Rocky Horror Show creator Richard O'Brien's new satirical musical set in "a time of confusion, when so many madly, strange beliefs collide". There will also be a Q&A session with Richard O'Brien.

Tuesday 15 October | 7.30pm | Regent Theatre | Tickets from \$75

ROCK DIVAS

Five intimidatingly talented female rock vocalists take to the stage in a blistering full-scale theatrical production paying homage to the very best rock artists. From the producer of Rock Tenors.

Thursday 17 – Sunday 20 October | Various times | Mayfair Theatre | Tickets from \$69.50

DIVAS!

Do not miss this thrilling night out featuring New Zealand's own The Lady Killers covering some of the biggest hits of the best female artists and vocalists of our time.

Saturday 19 October | 7.30pm | Regent Theatre | Tickets from \$51

OLVESTON @ SIX – SPRING CONCERT

Enjoy a special evening with pianist Roman Rudnytsky presenting a varied selection of classics from around the world.

Saturday 26 October | 6pm | Olveston Historic Home | \$55 per person

MEETINGS

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.

Bath Street

• Pipe Upgrades •

DIGGING THROUGH HISTORY

We always knew the Bath Street Pipe Upgrade project would present difficulties due to the age of the area and the poor ground conditions. Challenges have included discovering unidentified utilities, existing utilities not being where we expected them to be, archaeological finds, and issues in the Moray Place building that we are laying the pipe through.

To ensure the project doesn't run overtime, we have changed our approach and started excavating the low point of Bath Street. This part of the road is a 'spaghetti junction' of new and existing pipes. To complicate this engineering puzzle, the pipes must also change direction to follow the street.

We are also rerouting pipes beneath the floor of the Moray Place building and connecting them to an 1887 brick barrel main – which is in original but excellent condition. Contractors uncovered makeshift wooden steps believed to be put in by workmen who constructed the pipe over 100 years ago.

Most recently occupied by Side On café, the site has also been home to a trades hall, cordial factory, and horse stables.

The upgrade is scheduled to be complete by May next year. After this, Bath Street will receive a slight makeover to complement its 'makeunder'.

Local businesses are still open, so pop down to show them some love. While you're there you can check out diggers, cranes and suction trucks through the clear windows in the site fencing.



A heads up

*Check in on our plans for
the next 9 years*

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