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YOUR DCC NEWS



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MAYOR'S DESK



Otago and Southland and everyone deserves to feel proud of their efforts for which they have been rightfully rewarded. I certainly am proud of you all.

Next on the agenda is the 9 year plan and Local Water Done Well. The draft 9 year plan outlines what Council intends to do over the next nine years, the projected costs, and what this means for residents and ratepayers. Local Water Done Well looks at how we manage our drinking water, stormwater and wastewater systems in future. Community feedback helps us make final decisions.

We'll have more information in the next issue of FYI – Your DCC News.

Jules Radich
Mayor of Dunedin

Everyone that came together and made their voices heard should be congratulated for making a difference. The Government listened to the people of Dunedin,

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The Dunedin City Library is excited about an additional Justice of the Peace (JP) session added at the weekend.

From Saturday, 1 March, a JP will be available 11.30am to 1.30pm every Saturday on the first floor in addition to the popular weekday sessions.

Other services at the library include "Book a Librarian" for a free, one-on-one tutorial to help improve digital skills. Tutorials range from computer basics to smart phones, social media, photo editing, and online banking.

In partnership with Com2Tech, the City Library hosts Digital Drop-Ins for people wanting to figure

out how to get the most out of the latest gadget or get support with using something new to you.

For those wanting help with their family tree research, local members of the NZ Society of Genealogists are available every Sunday from 2pm until 4pm in the Heritage Collections on the third floor of the library.

And remember, all our community libraries also operate as Dunedin City Council Service Centres, meaning you can access a variety of DCC services. You can pay rates and parking tickets, register your dog, get a senior parking permit, and buy or order recycling bins.

Head to our website to find out more about our services.

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COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE



There's some positive news afoot surrounding recent discussions about trains coming back to Middlemarch.

Initially, there was talk that a tourism company might take over the railway operations in Dunedin, but that seems to be off the agenda.

Instead, I'm pleased that the decision has been made to invest in retaining and rebuilding train services in the Taieri Gorge and track through to Middlemarch. This hopefully will mean more trains in the future and bring the community together in the long run. These train services mean a lot to our small town and the area, and we enjoy the visitors that come here on the trains.

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Having trains back will also be of benefit when the Goldfields Cavalcade comes to town next year. I'm sure it will boost the event and make it even more spectacular and popular.

We're still on track to have a new website for Middlemarch and what the Strath-Taieri area has to offer. Keep an eye out for its launch.

In town, we hope to see a new entranceway at the Community Centre under development soon. The Community Board will provide more updates in due course.

Don't forget that the Board is here to support growth and the community, so feel free to get in touch with any of the members about issues or concerns you might have.

Barry Williams
Strath Taieri Community Board Chair

PUMP TRACK AT WAKARI



A modular pump track for bike, scooter and skateboard riders has been installed at a playground and recreational park in Wakari.

The DCC's Play Space Plan identified the need for more challenging play areas for children, including BMX and pump tracks, and a new pump track at Mayfield Avenue Playground, adjacent to Wakari School, is now open as a result of this.

Elements of the project include the modular track components, artificial turf, paving and fencing, earthworks and drainage, as well as the parking area comprising 12 standard car parks and one fully accessible car park.

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We anticipate the addition of the new pump track will make the Mayfield Avenue Playground and park even more popular.

We also took the opportunity to create a new carpark area at the playground to help make it safer for whānau with drop-offs.

The newly upgraded recreational area expands options for young bikers and scooter riders in the city, and better caters for people of all age groups and skill levels to play in the same place.

The pump track is sealed so bikes, scooters and skateboards can use it, and made up of modules so it can be reconfigured or changed in the future.

The low-maintenance, all-weather modular track is similar to pump tracks installed at Marlow Park and Waikouaiti School.

MOANA POOL MURAL



Moa and mermaids are among a wild array of subjects featured on a colourful new outdoor mural at Moana Pool.

Artist Koryu Aoshima has been hard at work on the vibrant mural, which adorns a 35 metre hoarding in the outdoor courtyard adjacent to the leisure pool.

Titled "Where the Land Meets the Sea", the bright and fantastical mural is perfectly suited to the Moana Pool courtyard area where children often play.

On the right side, the story features a young boy riding a moa, exploring the jungle and heading towards the sea.

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On the left side, a mermaid discovers a conch shell and summons the creatures of the ocean. These two tales converge in the centre, forming a heart shape created by waves and a koru, symbolizing love and connection.

Both the land and sea are filled with plants and animals commonly seen in Dunedin, blending local nature into the narrative.

Dunedin City Council staff considered a variety of possibilities to adorn the courtyard hoarding, which is expected to remain in place for at least 12 months.

Koryu has previously been involved with the South Dunedin Street Art Trail project and painted the large lion on the railway embankment at the back of Pak N Save, as well as the dragon on the Naylor Love hoardings around the South Dunedin Library site.

HOMESTAY HOSTS NEEDED



Have you ever wanted to learn more about cultures, lifestyles and food different from your own?

Why not give being a homestay host for international students a try?

In support of schools, the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic, Enterprise Dunedin are calling out for Dunedin families to open their homes and their hearts to international students, and get them involved in family life and local culture.

Every year, Dunedin welcomes hundreds of young people from across the globe to enjoy the city and world-class education. From experiencing a different culture, creating lasting

friendships to showing off your backyard, being a host is truly rewarding.

Families receive support and financial compensation for hosting international students during their time in Dunedin, but many find being a homestay host enjoyable and rewarding in its own right.

The idea is to give these students a warm and enriching experience, and a comfortable living arrangement with a welcoming family.

It is a great way for hosts to learn about other cultures while also learning more about their own local area as they show the students around and see what Ōtepoti has to offer.

The schools and institutions provide pastoral care for the young people and host families to support their time together.

To find out more about being a homestay host check the website.

dunedinnz.com/study/homestays

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EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

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

KEY:  Family event |  Free

SOUTH DUNEDIN STREET FESTIVAL



A vibrant multicultural carnival showcasing and celebrating the wider South Dunedin community with music and dance, and local businesses and crafters.

Saturday 8 March | 10am – 3.30pm
Lower King Edward Street

BOYZLIFE



Experience an evening of revered pop anthems from boy bands Westlife and Boyzone in this high-energy show.

Tuesday 25 March | 8pm | Regent Theatre
Tickets from \$99

ANIMAL – PRESENTED BY DUNEDIN ARTS FESTIVAL



Expect jaw-dropping acrobatics, juggling, tap dancing, absurd humour and even a tractor doing wheelies at this worldwide circus sensation.

Thursday, 27 March | 7pm | Regent Theatre
Tickets from \$25

CREEDENCE CLEARWATER COLLECTIVE



Join this international tribute band and celebrate the iconic music of Creedence Clearwater Revival and John Fogerty.

Friday, 28 March | 7.30pm | Regent Theatre
Tickets from \$49

MOANA NUI FESTIVAL



An exciting day that celebrates Pacific Island culture with vibrant performances, delicious food, and unforgettable experiences.

Saturday, 29 March | 10am – 3.30pm
Forsyth Barr Stadium | Koha entry

DION PRIDE SINGS THE SONGS OF HIS FATHER



Son of legendary Country Music Hall of Famer, Charley Pride, Dion Pride carries on his family's musical legacy.

Saturday 29 March | 7pm | Regent Theatre
Tickets from \$96.50

iD DUNEDIN FASHION WEEK 2025



Dunedin's hallmark fashion event of the year featuring retail experiences, fashion tours, talks, installations and films.

Tuesday, 01 April – Sunday, 06 April
Various times and events | See website

ARCHIVES UPGRADE

Our archival facilities have been undergoing major upgrades over the past few months to improve how we preserve the many historical records and taoka archived in storage.

Located in the basement of the Civic Centre, the archives facility has been closed while the upgrade work is completed, and the archival materials have been packed away for safe keeping to make way for the refurbishment.

The archives facility stores and cares for important civic documents, that hold information about Dunedin's history and its properties, buildings and land information. Taoka includes rates books dating back to the 1850s, cadastral maps, aerial photography and building plans, records from local authorities, including early town boards, district roads boards, borough and county councils, and the city council.

The upgrade will give DCC archivists and visitors a dedicated work and reading room separate from the storage area of the archives, and two dedicated storage areas with controlled atmosphere.

Other work includes improvements to the humidity and temperature control and monitoring systems, pipe relocation, new shelving systems and an improved security system.

The upgrades were started to ensure we meet our legislative requirements and that public records are stored and preserved properly.

This will provide a more modern and up-to-date facility that is better equipped to manage and store archive records. Public access to the facility and archival services will be available once the work is complete in the coming months.

SPRAY EXEMPTION



Did you know the Council undertakes herbicide spraying to control noxious and nuisance weeds on the city roads and footpaths?

This helps keep our city streets tidy and well maintained and ensures services such as roadside drains aren't clogged up and continue to flow freely. Herbicides containing glyphosate and aminopyralid are most commonly used.

For a variety of reasons, people may not wish to have herbicides sprayed outside their property. If this sounds like you, you can apply to have your property listed on the Council's "no-spray register". This means that

we will not spray directly outside your property.

However, it is important to note that if this is the case, you will be required to take full responsibility for the control of weeds instead. If we notice that you aren't able to control the weeds, we may resume spraying. To apply to join the list of properties where our contractors do not spray, fill out our online no-spray form or give us a call.

Make sure you have all the information needed, such as address, location, description of the property and even images to help our contractors know which properties to avoid. We can also provide a stencil to mark the zones on the footpath.

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SHORT AND SWEET



PARKING

Did you know that the DCC has several affordable parking buildings and off-street carparks in the central city that often go unused? There are parking buildings at the Dunedin City Library, Wall Street Mall, and Lower Moray Place. In addition, we have off-street metered parks in St Andrew Street and Thomas Burns Street, as well as the Railway Station. If you're struggling to find on-street parking near the city centre, it's worth checking out some of our parking buildings and off-street parks.

More information is on our website.

WALK2WORK COMPETITION

Look out for more walkers in the city this month as Walk2Work Day and Move it March both encourage people to walk or wheel to school and work. Move it March aims to make active travel to and from school and work a healthy habit, reduce congestion and emissions, and improve wellbeing. Wednesday 12 March will be especially busy with Walk2Work Day and Walk to School Day on the same day! Send us a photo of you strutting your way to work on the day with a catchy caption and be in to win new running shoes.

Email your photos to: transport@dcc.govt.nz

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HERITAGE FUNDING

Need help with a heritage building? The Dunedin Heritage Fund is now open to owners and occupiers of historic buildings – including privately owned homes – embarking on a heritage project with a conservation focus.

Not sure if you meet the criteria? Council staff can help with advice on planning heritage conservation projects and how to apply for funding.

Eligible projects include essential repairs, restoration works, preparation of specialist reports and seismic strengthening.

The fund aims to protect the heritage values and character of Dunedin. There are four application rounds each year.

The next round closes 5pm Wednesday 30 April 2025. Find out more and apply online.

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.

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