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YOUR DCC NEWS



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MAYOR'S DESK



Once again we've taken the time to hear from you – our residents and ratepayers – about what you want from the Council going forward.

We recently held hearings on the draft 9 year plan. This outlines the services and activities the DCC will provide, what it will do and what the community can expect. Hearing from the community and allowing your input is a really important part of the 9yp process. Your feedback helps us make decisions on where we will direct Ōtepoti over the next nine years.

I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to provide feedback as well as those who spoke to Council

and attended our public hearings. Hearing from you helps us work together to get the best outcomes for everyone.

We'll do our best to make sure the decisions we make, based on your feedback and our budget constraints, will fit with your expectations and our goals for the city.

The Council will approve the final version of the 9yp at our meeting on 30 June. We'll provide an update on what we decide in due course.

And finally, this will be my last FYI column before the local body elections in October. I hope you will ensure you are enrolled to vote, and vote when the time comes. Or, if you want to be more involved, consider standing for local government yourself.

Jules Radich
Mayor of Dunedin



Celebrate Matariki, the Māori New Year, in the beautifully illuminated gardens of Olveston Historic Home.

Bring the whānau and enjoy a rare opportunity to explore the gardens after dark with a magical week of illumination and reflection. Recognised as a Garden of National Significance, Olveston's grounds will be lit at night in honour of the guiding stars of Matariki from 19 until 25 June.

Olveston also stands as a glowing tribute to the values of Matariki, as it honours the visionary family who gifted this valuable taonga to the community of Ōtepoti to celebrate the present with locals and visitors, and look

to the future through events, education and charitable support.

As a thank you to the community, there will be special guided tours on Friday 20 June, from 10am until 2pm. Entry is by koha (donation).

And next month, join acclaimed filmmaker Max Quinn for an inspiring outdoor presentation on the impact of climate change as part of the NZ International Science Festival. With over a dozen Arctic and Antarctic expeditions, Max shares powerful stories and visuals from the planet's most fragile frontiers. Held on Wednesday, 2 July, bookings are essential as space is limited. Dress warmly, bring a chair, rug, and your keep cup. Best suited for teens and adults. More information is on the Olveston website.

COMMUNITY BOARD



In the 1880s, Taranaki prisoners from the New Zealand Wars worked on the road connecting the rapidly growing Port Chalmers CBD with the small fishing community of Innesville.

Innesville, now known as Back Beach, is an area the West Harbour Community Board identified as an important recreational and community asset during the DCC's recent Harbour Reserves Management Plan Review.

We're seeking small improvements there to preserve and enhance the recreational and amenity values of the area. While there have been calls to close the road to traffic, or to commercialise and

redevelop the area, the message we're getting is that most people want it to stay largely as it is. We're looking to ease traffic problems and future proof the area against climate change.

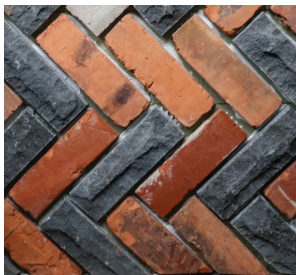
Last month, we asked the Otago Regional Council to retain standard bus fares across all of Dunedin. It shouldn't cost more to get a bus to Port Chalmers than it does to to Macandrew Bay. Introducing zone based fares would add expense and complexity, and impact those who need buses the most.

Later this month, we'll celebrate our local heroes at the West Harbour Community Awards. The awards were established by past WHCB member Ryan Jones to acknowledge the unpaid and largely unsung volunteers who contribute important work to West Harbour. It's a miracle that Pioneer Hall can handle the weight of the huge collective mana.

Duncan Eddy – West Harbour Community Board

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BRICKS AND BOOKS



Recycled bricks have paved the way to making the new South Dunedin Library and Community Complex look red-hot as construction progresses.

The new library is being constructed at King Edward St at the site of the former Wolfenden and Russell building which burnt down in 2020.

As work to complete the new community facility continues to get it ready for its opening later this year, old bricks from the former building have been given a new lease of life as part of the project.

The bricks have been used in a belt at the base of the new library – marrying old with new and serving as a connection to the past.

The exterior masonry is nearing completion as is much of the outdoor landscaping.

Staff are also proud to have curated a brand-new collection of books that is tailored to provide āwhina for the Pacific Island communities. The Tangata Moana Collection will be the first dedicated collection of books selected to reflect the unique cultures, histories, and experiences of the people of the Pacific Islands, and will be unique to the South Dunedin Library.

The interior framing is also close to being finished and the electrical and plumbing services are also underway. When complete, the complex will feature a modern and accessible library and DCC service centre, as well as meeting rooms, creative spaces, and a recording studio. It is on track to open later this year.

SWIMMING NATIONALS



Dunedin is getting set to host a three-day national swimming championship next year.

The National Division II Swimming Championships will be held at Moana Pool in March 2026.

The event sees more than 300 swimmers aged 13 to 18 years old take on competitors from across the motu over three days. National events like the Swimming Championships provide a great opportunity for young athletes to compete against others and test their skills and ability.

While a competitive event, it also has a fun element to it to encourage participation and involvement. Hosting a swim meet like this is

always a special occasion for all those involved.

In addition to the swimming competitors, there will be support staff, spectators, and hundreds of visitors from outside the region taking part or attending in some way.

The influx of visitors and competitors will be a welcome boost for Ōtepoti, and provide an opportunity for the city to showcase its hospitality. Moana Pool features two lap pools, and a world-class dive pool, with plenty of room for spectators.

Having this level of swimming competition at Moana Pool is great for the city. The National Division II Swimming Championships will run for three days from 20 to 22 March 2026.

DOG RESCUE



Did you know the Dunedin City Council works with Dog Rescue Dunedin to help rehabilitate and rehome unclaimed dogs from the pound?

If you've ever wanted to adopt a new dog, why not consider taking home a rescue?

Dog owners have seven days to claim dogs impounded by Animal Services. Unclaimed dogs can be adopted from the DCC, but not all dogs find homes this way.

Thanks to a small team of volunteers and fosterers, Dog Rescue Dunedin has been able to find dogs forever homes. Since 2011, the DCC and DRD have rehomed 549 dogs who

might otherwise have been euthanised.

Most are from Dunedin, but dogs sometimes come from Invercargill, Timaru and Balclutha. DRD very rarely turns down dogs, although sometimes it can be a challenge to find care. Some dogs are neglected or in bad health, or have trouble socialising and adjusting.

When a dog is taken on, they become part of the DRD whānau for life. This means, in addition to caring for them while finding them a place to live, DRD supports the new adoptive owners. They are provided an adoption pack, two free training sessions, and dog desexing. DRD also considers helping a dog again if circumstances change, even long after the dog has been adopted out.

DRD currently has 11 dogs in its care – some who might not find a new home. If you're looking for a pet, consider Dog Rescue Dunedin and adopting a pooch who needs a home.

ST CLAIR PLAYGROUND



We've been working on refurbishing the playground at St Clair. Work started in April to provide a wider range of play structures and make the play area near the Esplanade more adventurous and accessible for children of all ages and abilities.

The upgrades took into account the unique topography and features of the seaside area. Some of the improvements include a new accessible ramp and sun shading elements so users of the playground can stay protected from the sun. There is a new tube slide, a sand play area, nature play area, a palisade climbing structure and an easy swing bed. The previous seesaw has been replaced

in the refurbishment, and a standing swing will be reinstated. Mana whenua contributed to the playground's design and theme to educate and connect users to mana whenua stories.

The upgrades reflect public submissions received on the Dunedin City Council's Play Spaces Plan 2021. Feedback from the public asked for more challenging play opportunities for older children and improved accessibility.

This work is part of our ongoing efforts to provide improved play areas across the city in response to this community feedback. Other playgrounds that have been upgraded include Bathgate Park, College Street and the Dunedin Botanic Garden. Already these are proving popular with tamariki, rangatahi and whānau across Dunedin.

RATEABLE VALUATIONS



Soon properties in Dunedin will undergo their regular general revaluations.

Every three years the DCC's valuation service provider, Quotable Value, revalues properties within the DCC area for rating purposes. Residential properties make up the majority of Dunedin city. It's important to ensure information about your property is correct and up to date so the most accurate valuations can be made.

If you have completed work on your property that did not require building consent, then this needs to be recorded so it can be reflected in the valuation. This could be a new deck, landscaping or kitchen improvements.

If you have not updated details about your property, you can do this by heading to the Quotable Value website under the page "Update my Property". Once there, simply type your property address or valuation reference into the search bar and select it from the options.

When updating the details of your property, you should include supporting evidence such as photos or documents and valuations. You will also need to provide contact details. This should be done by the end of June.

If you have a commercial or farming property, you can complete a rating survey online.

Individual rating revaluations may vary from the overall average for the suburb. If you do not agree with your new rating valuation, you will have a right to object. The details of the objection process will be communicated when the new valuations are complete.

BATH STREET UPDATE



We're pleased to report the majority of the underground installation of new water pipes in Bath Street is now complete.

The next step is to decommission the old watercourse pipe. It was the failure of this pipe that prompted the project to begin with.

Work is on track and scheduled to be done by the end of October even with recent delays.

The work has been complex and presented many unexpected challenges to overcome. Some issues included archaeological finds, previously unidentified and unmapped utilities, existing utilities not

being where expected, and problems with the building where the new pipe was being laid.

With most underground work complete, contractors will be giving the street and footpaths a makeover. This involves refreshing the road surface and making the area more user-friendly for the public.

Some changes have been made to the design to ensure it remains within budget, including a reduction in the amount of paving, planting and lighting featured on the street.

The streetscape will still feature a cultural narrative with a theme of 'ara moana' – the pathway to and from the sea. The design incorporates pātiki (flounder) and moana (ocean) patterns, and tuna (eels) – which have long inhabited waterways around Ōtepoti.

Though the roads are closed, pedestrian access and off-street parking will still be available.

SHORT AND SWEET



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 Thursday 31 July. Find out more and apply online.

dunedin.govt.nz/heritage-fund

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.

dunedin.govt.nz/council-meetings

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

SCIENCE IS NO JOKE: DR JOEL RINDELAUB



Dr Joel Rindelaub Brings you a rave-minded view from the forefront of science using humour to give you a fresh perspective on our wild and wacky world. Food trucks and cash bar available.

Saturday 7 June | 7pm | Hutton Theatre, Tūhura Otago Museum | \$40

HEATH FRANKLIN'S CHOPPER – THE LAST HARD BASTARD ON EARTH



The year is 2030. Humanity is all but wiped out, and there is only one man who can save us. Strap in New Zealand! Chopper is back, just in time... to live again!

Saturday 14 June | 7pm | Regent Theatre | Various ticket plans and prices

MAI TE UIRA



Tiki Taane (Ngāti Maniapoto) and artist Kereama Taepa (Te Arawa, Te Āti Awa) join forces to create a unique performance in partnership with The Dowse Art Museum and Chamber Music New Zealand.

Wednesday 18 June | 7.30pm | The Glenroy Auditorium | Adult \$38, Senior \$35, Children and Concession \$15

DUNEDIN RAILWAYS: THE STARGAZER

Enjoy a gourmet meal, discover distant galaxies, spot sparkling stars, and admire the beauty of Dunedin's night skies onboard the Stargazer as it carries you through the Taieri Gorge.

Thursday 19 and Friday 27 June | 6.30pm – 11pm | Dunedin Railway Station | \$269 + BF

MARLON WILLIAMS: TE WHARE TĪWEKAWEKA TOUR



Marlon Williams will bring his first Māori language album Te Whare Tiwēkaweka to life in this supporting tour alongside special appearances from some of the album's collaborators.

Thursday 26 June | 7.30pm | Regent Theatre | Various ticket plans and prices

DUNEDIN MIDWINTER CARNIVAL: WINGS OF WONDER



Transforming First Church and surrounding grounds into a luminous celebration of light and imagination, this year's theme for the Midwinter Carnival is Wings of Wonder.

Friday 27 and Saturday 28 June | 5.30pm – 9pm | First Church, Moray Pl | Adults \$10, Children \$5, Family pass \$25

BRAHMS & MATAATUA: A JOURNEY IN MUSIC



Joining the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra and Guest Conductor James Judd will be three vocal soloists as they celebrate Matariki and perform Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 2.

Saturday 28 June | 7.30pm | Dunedin Town Hall | Tickets from \$42

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