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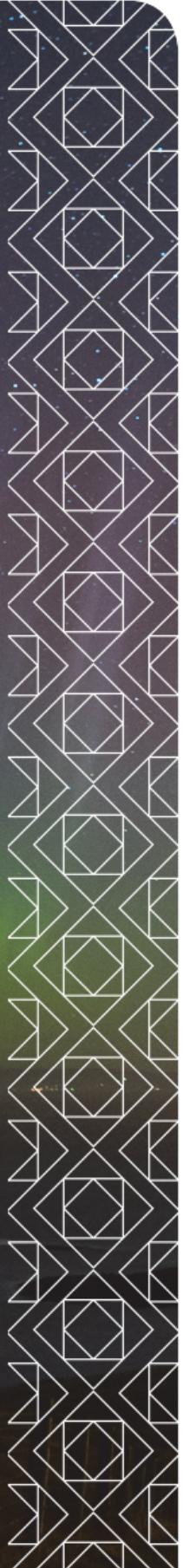
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YOUR DCC NEWS



DUNEDIN
CITY COUNCIL

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MAYOR'S DESK



Dunedin and the University of Otago are inextricably linked. The pioneering Scottish settlers who founded the city were the same people who set up the university 150 years ago. In doing so, they established a reverence for education which endures today.

Since its founding in 1869, the university has been a key part of Dunedin – growing hand in hand with the city. Indeed, today the university is the economic engine of Dunedin – it has nearly 19,000 students enrolled, employs over 4000 staff, has lucrative international partnerships, and adds more than \$1 billion to the city's economy each year.

But just as importantly, the university has also long been

at the heart of Dunedin's and New Zealand's social conscience and progression. The university produced the country's first female medical and law graduates, contributed significantly to Dunedin's development as a UNESCO City of Literature where all forms of arts and culture thrive, and today is a leading voice on major local and global issues like climate change, public health and geopolitics.

I'm sure Dunedin's early settlers would be extremely proud of the legacy the university and the city has built over the past 150 years and the way the 'town and gown' relationship continues to flourish.

Dave Cull, Mayor of Dunedin



READ TO SUCCEED

International research consistently shows that by reading to your child when they're young and encouraging their own reading as they grow will help them to succeed at school and in later life.

The Dunedin Public Libraries has six libraries and two bookbuses, as well as an extensive collection, knowledgeable staff and public programmes to support caregivers in teaching their children.

There are a range of activities for children of different ages to take part in, including *BabyTime* and *Wriggle & Rhyme* sessions for babies and toddlers; *Storytime* sessions for pre-schoolers, school

holiday programmes; summer and special reading programmes, and *Kids Club*, *Lego Club* and *Homework Club* sessions.

You can also encourage your children to enjoy learning using the free resources on our website, through listening to *Story Box Library*, taking part in activities in *World Book Online* and by watching videos on *Heihei*.

In November we'll also be offering the Ignition Children's Book Festival to excite and inspire young readers. Library staff can provide expert advice on reading choices for your child, and what to read next.

All children's books are free to borrow and there are no reserve charges for children.

NEW BRAND FOR DCC



For the first time in 14 years, the DCC has a new brand.

Launched a few weeks ago, the new brand was designed to better reflect who we are, what we do, and to establish a new, strong visual identity.

The logo symbol has been influenced from our people and place. The design process included researching our cultural footprint and sampling the built heritage of the city. It denotes us as a heritage city.

As part of the rebrand, the *FYI Dunedin* has also changed and you may notice a few different designs in future issues.

The logo, colours and fonts signify a professional, warm and inclusive image, which reflects who we are.

The new logo is more contemporary, creative and versatile and comes

with a wider range of colours. There is also a strong visual reminder of our great working relationship with Ngāi Tahu. The logo incorporates the Māori translation for the DCC – kaunihera a-rohe o Ōtepoti – and gives it more prominence than previously.

The move away from the blue and gold gives the DCC its own strong visual identity.

The new branding is already being used in spaces such as the DCC website. In other areas the new brand will be rolled out over time as publications are produced.

The transition to the new visual identity will take place over time as stocks run low or updates are required. However, you'll notice new signage on the Civic Centre later this month and the DCC car fleet over the next 12 months.

ŌTEPOTI YOUTH VISION



Businesses and organisations are being given the opportunity to show their support for the recently launched Ōtepoti Youth Vision and take an active role in helping young people to succeed.

Young people, community and government groups, and the DCC worked together for more than two years to develop the vision.

It sets out principles and goals to ensure that the young people of Ōtepoti (Dunedin) are valued, accepted and empowered to lead fulfilled lives, and that their wellbeing is nurtured.

It also emphasises the need to encourage and foster participation and leadership by youth.

More recently the DCC, in conjunction with the Dunedin Youth Council and the Youth Action Committee, ran a competition for youth to design an art work to market and communicate the vision. The image above is the winner of that competition.

Businesses and organisations can become involved by becoming signatories to the vision.

They will then be given information and resources to help them put the vision into action.

Further resources will also be developed as people share ideas about activities and initiatives that help young people to succeed.

THIS MONTH'S MEETINGS

Unless it says otherwise, the meetings are in the Municipal Chambers and the public is welcome. Please check our website for a full list of meetings and more details. A public forum will be held at the start of each Council, Standing Committee and Community Board meeting. Those wishing to speak should contact the Governance Support Officer by at least one clear day before the meeting.

MONDAY, 10 JUNE | 9am | Traffic and Parking Bylaw Subcommittee | 1pm | Infrastructure Services and Networks Committee

TUESDAY, 11 JUNE | 1pm | Community and Culture Committee Then | Planning and Environment Committee

THURSDAY, 13 JUNE | 2pm | Audit and Risk Subcommittee, Otaru Room, Civic Centre

TUESDAY, 18 JUNE | 1pm | Finance and Council Controlled Organisations Committee

WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE | 5.30pm | Waikouaiti Coast Community Board, Warrington Surf Club Social Rooms, Warrington Domain

THURSDAY, 20 JUNE | 10am | Otago Peninsula Community Board, Portobello Bowling Club, Sherwood Street, Portobello
2pm | Strath Taieri Community Board, Strath Taieri Community Centre, Middlemarch

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE | 1pm | Council

WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE | 9am | Grants Subcommittee, Edinburgh Room, Municipal Chambers | noon | Mosgiel-Taieri Community Board, Downes Room, Mosgiel Service Centre/Library, Hartstonge Avenue, Mosgiel | 5.30pm | West Harbour Community Board, Rolfe Room, Port Chalmers Library/Service Centre, Beach Street, Port Chalmers

THURSDAY, 27 JUNE | 3.30pm | Saddle Hill Community Board

COMMUNITY BOARD



WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD

As the freedom camping season draws to a close, it has been pleasing to review the comments section in the CamperMate App which seems to be used by most overseas travellers. Warrington receives continual high praise and it is nice to see complimentary remarks about the Thomas Burns Street site, such as 'Well done Dunedin City Council for providing this site so close to the centre of the city'. It has been also been interesting to see a significant reduction in vehicle numbers at Warrington Reserve since the opening of the Thomas Burns Street site in November.

Construction of the public toilet is underway in Waitati, using local DCC-approved contractors, who plan to have the facility operational in June.

Once it is completed there will be a formal ribbon-cutting opening in true 'Waitati-style', following a raffle to establish the first user of this splendid addition to the Blueskin Bay area.

Further north, maintenance is underway on the Matanaka Drive plantation and it is pleasing to see how the thousands of new plants are prospering. New planting will be continuing over next few years and it will be exciting to watch this new indigenous forest grow to maturity over the coming years.

BUILDING SUSTAINABLY



The DCC recently joined the New Zealand Green Building Council (NZGBC).

Their goal is to promote sustainable built environments – buildings and cities that are environmentally sensitive, economically viable, socially just and culturally significant.

We want Dunedin residents to live, work and play in healthy, efficient and productive buildings in a sustainable city.

By joining the NZGBC, we've linked into a network of other councils and practitioners who are also interested in improving the quality of their communities.

We're working with NZGBC to look at obtaining a Green Star performance rating for some of our buildings.

This is an internationally-recognised rating system for the design, construction and operation of buildings.

The system looks at energy, water, materials, emissions and building management.

We're also in the process of building new community housing to the NZGBC's Homestar standard which provides assurance that a house will warmer, drier, healthier and less expensive to run than a typical new house built to building code.

The DCC also has an Eco Design Advisor service which offers free, independent advice to improve the performance of new and existing homes.

SHORT AND SWEET



HAVE YOUR SAY

What do you think of the Dunedin Botanic Garden and Truby King Recreation Reserve in Seacliff?

We want to hear your views on changes, improvements and problems in these reserves to help with a review of management plans which set out how the reserves are managed and used.

There will also be a chance to have your say on the draft management plans later this year.

Feedback is open until 21 June.

dunedin.govt.nz/consultation

TOWN BELT SURVEY

Feedback about the Dunedin Town Belt shows people use it when commuting or for leisure – walking, running or cycling through.

That's according to our recent town belt survey, in which more than 500 people gave their feedback.

Respondents largely agreed that the area is an excellent asset that should be protected.

Concerns raised included pest management, safety, rubbish, information availability and traffic.

We'll now be working with our partners on how we can improve and raise awareness of the town belt.

COMPOSTABLE DOG POO BAGS



Dunedin dog owners can now pick up free compostable dog poo bags from DCC service centres.

When dog owners are sent registration forms, they will receive a bonus card which can be used to collect six rolls of compostable dog poo bags over the registration year.

This is a trial initiative to encourage people to pick up their dog poo while also reducing our environmental impact by offering an alternative to plastic bag use.

The bags are made using corn starch crops that are not suitable for consumption. People can dispose of them in the rubbish or compost them at home if they want to.

If composted, a separate system needs to be used and the compost should only be applied to flower gardens, not plants that may be consumed.

The cost of providing the bags is covered by dog registration fees.

There will still be dog poo bag dispensers at public locations and people can continue to self-fill these with bags as they have in the past.

If you're a dog owner and haven't received a registration form and bonus card by 20 June, please contact us.

FREEDOM CAMPING



Dunedin was a popular destination for freedom campers last summer.

Nearly 20,000 freedom campers visited Dunedin between 1 November to 30 April, an increase of 10 percent compared to the same period last summer.

Many freedom campers took the opportunity to use the Thomas Burns Street trial site and our vibrant central city, with more than 6000 people staying at the new site.

The Thomas Burns site was the most popular freedom camping site in Dunedin and took pressure off sites at Warrington and Brighton.

Although the trial has ended, self-contained campervans can still park at Thomas Burns for two consecutive

nights, as they can at any DCC car park.

During the day, normal pay and display car park charges apply.

Several other initiatives helped to better manage freedom camping over summer, including regular visits by community rangers, additional toilets and signage, increased security patrols, as well as increasing the number and size of some rubbish bins to reduce littering.

Feedback about the trial site at Thomas Burns Street and the results of a freedom camping survey will be considered by Council and will help to guide planning for next summer.

PROMOTING DUNEDIN



Around 2 million people visit Dunedin each year and more visitors come from Australia than anywhere else.

Australia is an important market for Dunedin, our close proximity helps to make us an attractive destination and Enterprise Dunedin, the DCC's economic development and destination marketing arm, encourages Australians to visit by promoting our city to the tourism industry and directly to the public.

Australian tourists contributed \$55 million to the local economy in the year to February.

To attract Australian visitors, different campaigns and promotions are used to showcase Dunedin.

Recent work has included promoting Dunedin at travel shows, reaching tens of thousands of Australian travellers and hosting Australian travel writers whose stories reach millions of readers.

Last month, Enterprise Dunedin worked with Australian celebrity, Richie Strahan, to promote Dunedin on social media and in other places.

This will be followed up by features in mainstream Australian media detailing why Dunedin is a great place to visit.

Dunedin was also promoted at TRENZ last month. The event is the most significant onshore trade event for New Zealand's \$39.1 billion tourism industry and is attended by tourism buyers from around the world.

Enterprise Dunedin also works to promote Dunedin domestically as well as in international markets such as US and China.

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Just a small selection of what's on in Dunedin. To the best of our knowledge this information was correct at the time of publication. KEY:  Family event |  Free

24 HOUR BOOK SALE

The Star Regent 24 hour book sale offers tens of thousands of books, over half of them just \$1 for book lovers and bargain hunters everywhere. This is the largest book sale in the Southern Hemisphere.

7–8 June | Noon to noon | Regent Theatre

DUNEDIN MIDWINTER CARNIVAL 2019



The Never Ending Night is an exploration of the beautiful wildlife, mysterious creatures and colourful characters of the world's southernmost continent, Antarctica. The highlight of the evening is the carnival procession, which includes over 1,000 people and hundreds of lanterns parading through the Octagon.

5–9pm | 22 June | The Octagon | Koha, children free

DUNEDIN PUAKA MATARIKI FESTIVAL

A city-wide celebration of the Māori New Year with community events that share stories, pass on knowledge, remember the dearly departed and plan for the future. Nau mai, tautimai – everyone is welcome.

25 June – 9 July | Venue varies | Price varies

POP-UP GLOBE NZ TOUR



After playing to over 600,000 people across Australasia over three years, Auckland's smash-hit sensation Pop-up Globe hits the road in New Zealand for the first time, with their critically-acclaimed productions of Shakespeare's Hamlet and Measure for Measure.

27–29 June | Regent Theatre | Price varies

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