

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DESK



With local body elections fast approaching, I encourage you to exercise your right to vote. Democracy, by its very nature, requires public participation. The election presents an opportunity to point the city in the direction you believe it should move, by voting for candidates who have values that reflect your own, or whose focus

will contribute to the on-going social, environmental and economic benefit of Dunedin.

To help you find the candidates who best represent your interests, you can find short profiles of them on the DCC website as well as a list of candidate meetings. During the election period, local media also provide good coverage of the issues.

The election of Dunedin City Council candidates will be held by postal vote and the election will be conducted under the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system. You should receive your voting documents in the mail between 20–25 September. If voting documents don't arrive during this period, special voting papers can be posted out (phone 477 4000) or a Special Voting Booth will be available in the Civic Centre. This year's election closes at 12 noon on Saturday 12 October 2013.

Chief Executive | Paul Orders

Local Elections 2013 YOUR VOTE YOUR COMMUNITY

THE TIME IS DRAWING NEAR

With more than 90 people throwing their hats in the ring for the DCC's local body election, those who are enrolled to vote can expect to receive voting papers from 20–25 September. Voting is open from Friday 20 September until noon Saturday 12 October. If voting papers are not received, please contact the DCC to arrange a special vote. These papers can either be posted if there is sufficient time, or completed in the special voting booth at the top of the escalator in the Civic Centre.

Voting methods are divided between single transferable vote for the DCC and Southern District Health Board elections and first past the post for the Otago Regional Council. The different voting methods are explained on the DCC website. All three are in random order – this means each and every paper has the candidates' names listed in a different order.

Information about candidates is included with the voting papers and is also available on the DCC website and at www.vote.co.nz (where candidates can include more information about themselves). Many organisations also hold public meetings involving candidates, which are advertised in local media and, if listed by the organisation, on the DCC events calendar.

➔ www.dunedin.govt.nz/elections

WHAT GOES IN YOUR RECYCLE BINS?

It's a question many people ask, wondering what 'hard plastics 1–7' actually includes and whether aluminium means foil and so on. This is a quick reference guide for what can be recycled through your kerbside recycling collection.

IN YOUR YELLOW-LIDDED BIN

- Yoghurt containers
- Aluminium foil
- Soft drink bottles
- Prepared meal containers
- Takeaway coffee cup lids
- Paper and cardboard
- Milk and cream bottles
- Weed spray bottles (as long as they are clean and please rinse over a sink rather than a stormwater drain)
- Hair dye packaging (as long as it's well rinsed)
- Meat trays
- Food tins
- Shampoo bottles

IN YOUR BLUE BIN

- Glass jars and bottles (unbroken)

WHAT TO DO WITH THE REST

For most materials, there are alternative avenues for recycling or re-use but there will always be some materials that simply go into your rubbish bin or compost.

There are bottlebanks in Anzac Avenue, Cumberland Street and Harbour Terrace as well as at *Rummage* (the store at Green Island Landfill) for glass. Supermarket bags can be recycled in the red bins at some New World and PaknSave supermarkets and paint tins, with or without leftover paint, can be taken to Resene Paints or Placemakers.

Dunedin is working towards a zero waste future and any efforts to reduce waste and to increase recycling will make this more achievable.

➔ www.dunedin.govt.nz/recycling

SCRAP METAL DEALERS OR GREEN ISLAND LANDFILL

Green Island Landfill has a variety of recycling facilities for many items that can't be processed through the kerbside collection. Scrap metal dealers will take most things made of metal. Examples include:

- Car parts
- Broken appliances such as toasters and hair straighteners
- Other aluminium such as window frames
- Old cutlery

IN YOUR RUBBISH BIN

Please wrap anything that might be sharp.

- Juice and milk cartons
- Paper with food on it
- Polystyrene packaging
- Light bulbs (CFL bulbs can be dropped at the DCC or landfills for recycling)
- Plastic wrappings (such as for cheese, sugar or pasta and cling wrap)
- Batteries (rechargeable ones can be recycled at Green Island Landfill)
- Stationery (such as staplers)
- Takeaway coffee cups
- Nappies!
- Window glass

OP SHOPS (INCLUDING RUMMAGE)

These organisations take items that can be re-used (rather than disguised rubbish) such as:

- Computers and TVs
- Furniture
- Clothing
- Appliances



THE LIBRARY AT YOUR PLACE

While the availability of expertise from librarians is invaluable at the physical libraries around the city, and library buildings are pleasant places to spend an hour or two, for many people, there just isn't the time. This is when the virtual library is most useful and can be accessed from anywhere at any time – from the wilds of Middlemarch to the busiest office in the CBD.

A great many of the Libraries' resources are available online, offering information about every aspect of life, from gardening to astronomy. In some cases, the virtual shelves have more to offer than the solid ones, with access to specialist publications, journal articles, magazines, newspapers and research databases. You can access eBooks and audiobooks, book club resources (including advice about how to set one up and how to source books) and exhibitions, from any device that can connect to the internet.

The beauty of these resources, particularly for researchers (hobby, academic or professional), is that the information has been peer reviewed and verified as accurate, unlike a Google search. For those who are unsure how to use the Library's electronic resources, the new *Book a Librarian* service offers half an hour of one-on-one help.

➔ www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz



ADVICE FOR FUNDING

The DCC's Community Advisors play a dual role in the community grants funding process. They offer advice to the committee about the suitability of applications and also work closely with applicants to ensure their application is prepared as comprehensively as possible so it has the best chance of being accepted by the committee. They are available to interested people to discuss the application process.

On occasion, applications are declined because they are for an aspect of a project that doesn't meet the criteria or because budgets are not clearly articulated. The community advisors can often suggest another aspect of a project that may be eligible or where to get budget preparation advice.

Applications to this twice-yearly funding pool generally range from \$1,000–\$3,000 and often provide minor funding to serve as leverage for organisations to access much larger pools of funding. It contributes to projects from small community-focused ones to those worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The funding is allocated by a committee comprising four Councillors, two community representatives, and a representative each for iwi, arts and events.

The DCC is seeking funding applications now from not-for-profit organisations for events, arts and community projects. The funding round closes 27 September and the Community Advisors can be reached on 477 4000.

➔ www.dunedin.govt.nz/funding



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EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

KEY: Family event Free



Sirocco
Spend an intimate evening with the charming Kākāpō ambassador Sirocco.
6 September – 6 October | 7pm
Orokonui Ecosanctuary | \$19.50 – \$45

Car Rally Challenge and Drive-In Movie

Family fun with a car rally challenge, entertainment, food and drink and a drive in movie. | 7 September | 3pm – 9.30pm
Taieri Rugby Club car park | \$50 per carload

Traces

Classic acrobatics fused with street forms such as skateboard, basketball and parours.
12 – 14 September | 7.30pm | Regent Theatre
Various



Deadheaders' Picnic

Pack a picnic and help deadhead the camellias.
14 September | 11am | Dunedin Botanic Garden | Free



Dunedin Craft Beer & Food Festival
Craft brewers, a selection of the finest local food and top Kiwi music. | 14 September
12 noon – 7pm | Forsyth Barr Stadium
\$20-\$25

Broad Bay School Garden Party and Tour

A garden party with plants, stalls and café, and a garden tour. | 21 September | 10am | Broad Bay School
Garden tour \$15

Port Chalmers Seafood Festival

A day of seafood, wine, beer and a raft of family entertainment. | 21 September
Port Otago Wharf | \$25



The Baby & Child Show

A fun day out for the whole family, with free seminars, Mums & Bubs area and Kids Fun Zone. | 22 September | 10am – 3pm
Edgar Centre | \$8 per adult (Children under 12 free)



Questions and Artists
A Poems in the Waiting Room event in conjunction with the exhibition, *Bellamys at Five*. | 22 September | 1.30pm | Bellamys Gallery | Koha

Stamp Fair & Display

The Dunedin Philatelic Society's Centennial Celebrations – stamps especially issued for this event available.
27 September – 1 October | Community Gallery | Free

NZ Ice Figure Skating National Championships

See the best ice figure skaters in New Zealand.
28 September – 1 October | Dunedin Ice Stadium | \$2 – \$10

THIS MONTH'S MEETINGS

Unless it says otherwise, meetings are held in the Edinburgh Room in the Municipal Chambers and the public is welcome.

TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER | 9AM | Hearings Committee
– resource consent for 221 Reservoir Road, Sawyers Bay

MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER | 9AM | Hearings Committee
– resource consent for 66 Turnbull Street, Dunedin

TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER | 9AM | Hearings Committee
– resource consent for 79 Eglinton Road, Dunedin

WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER | 9AM | Hearings Committee
– resource consent for 25 Townleys Road, Dunedin

MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER | 1PM | Council, Council Chamber



PARTY AT THE GARDEN

This month, the Dunedin Chinese Garden reaches a significant milestone in Chinese business reckoning. It turns five and is celebrating by opening to the public free of charge on Saturday 14 September. The first, fifth and 10th anniversaries of a business opening are celebrated for prosperity and to ask for good fortune.

The Garden will be open free of charge and is also offering new annual passes at the cost of an annual pass renewal. There will be traditional birthday fare in the form of peach buns and the first 200 visitors will receive a red balloon for luck, which may contain spot prizes.

The Yu Garden photo exhibition will be opened at Toitū Otago Settlers Museum just next door, displaying beautiful images of the Dunedin Chinese Garden's sister garden in Shanghai.

The weekend also marks the Moon Festival celebration and, on Sunday 15 September, there will be classes, tours, children's activities and other events both inside the Garden and in the Pai Lau courtyard outside. These events are all free although the usual Garden entry fee applies.

The Moon Festival is a lunar harvest festival with rituals that date back 3,000 years. It is a time of family reunion and celebration, with a spirit of gratitude. It is also related to the myth of the immortal Moon Goddess, Chang O, who lives in the moon.

www.dunedinchinesegarden.com



BEAUTIFYING DUNEDIN

Keep Dunedin Beautiful (KDB) is a not-for-profit organisation attached to the DCC that runs a variety of initiatives during the year that encourage people to have pride in their city and to instill a sense of personal responsibility for keeping the city looking spruce.

This month, there are two projects underway. From 14 – 27 September, the public is invited to clean up their favourite patch. Registered people will receive gloves and specially marked bags which can be put out with the regular kerbside rubbish collection from 16 – 27 September.

This year, KDB has introduced a *Most Beautiful Accommodation Provider Award* for accommodation providers that have a visually pleasing exterior, including gardens, tidy building work and anything else that makes their location tidy and appealing. The criteria includes the provision of recycling facilities and anything else the accommodation provider may be doing to be sustainable.

Providers have until 7 November to register their interest so that judging can take place in late November. There will be two categories with prizes and plaques for the winner of each category. To register for either of these events, please ring 477 4000 or email keepdunedinbeautiful@dcc.govt.nz.

www.dunedin.govt.nz/keepdunedinbeautiful

SHORT AND SWEET

Not one but seven games! – The announcement that Dunedin will be hosting seven FIFA U-20 World Cup games in 2015 has been very well received. The games include a Round of 16 match (the game before the quarter finals), will be played at Forsyth Barr Stadium (named Otago Stadium for the tournament).

Share the Road – A national road safety awareness campaign is being launched in Dunedin this month to remind road users that there are all sorts of different ways of getting from A to B. The national campaign is tailored to address each region's specific issues, which, in Dunedin, is at intersections. The three main causes of accidents at intersections are poor driver observation, failure to give way and crossing or turning when there is a conflict.

Electronic FYI – If you would like to receive FYI Dunedin by email, or have friends or family elsewhere who have an interest in the city, please email fyidunedin@dcc.govt.nz to be added to the mailing list.

Energy Plan – Due to the considerable amount of feedback received to the discussion document, the development phase of the Energy Plan has been extended. This will allow staff enough time to develop project ideas with stakeholders, before the draft plan is offered to the Council for approval to go out for consultation, in the new year.

Gambling policy – At its meeting last month, the Council approved a Gambling and TAB Venue Policy for Dunedin. The intent of the Policy is to prevent and minimise gambling related harm in the community, and to advocate for strict control over venues and for effective host responsibility, including the identification of patrons with gambling problems. It includes a sinking lid for electronic gambling machines, to reduce the number of these in the city.

www.dunedin.govt.nz/gamblingTABpolicy



SEAWALL REVIEW UNDERWAY

A structural evaluation of the St Clair seawall is one of the first steps in a long-term project to protect the seawall and beach environment.

Last month, the DCC appointed Opus International Consultants Ltd, supported by DHI New Zealand, to assist with the next stages of the seawall project. As part of the first stage of the work, the consultants are carrying out a structural evaluation of the entire seawall, the esplanade and the St Clair Surf Life Saving Club ramp.

About 150 people attended a public forum on 28 August to present their views and ideas. As well as considering suggestions from the public, the consultants will review the many reports which have been prepared on the St Clair environment. They will also hold a workshop with previous consultants.

The work will include providing alternatives to address the stability of the seawall in the longer term, while protecting beach amenity. The consultants are expected to report back to the DCC in early October.

The structural integrity of the seawall was under threat in late May and June after extremely high tides undermined a section of seawall near the Surf Club. The seawall was stabilised and public access down to the beach restored in July.

www.dunedin.govt.nz/seawall