

Online Survey Comments

The following are verbatim comments in response to questions included in the online 10 year plan early engagement survey, which was available via the Dunedin City Council website from 5-31 October 2023.

Additional comments on Roads, Water and Waste Services
414 responses
Great lots of progress on services has happened last few years, well overdue to get city systems updated.
Have grates to stop the storm water entering the waterways.
We want you to maintain and upgrade essential infrastructure, but not the wasteful and destructive spending on your anti-car projects. Because you have prioritized these anti-car projects, funding for essential 3-waters work has been inadequate.
improve recycling so that not so much is dumped /wasted (NOT easy i Know but achievable /also need to have compost /greenwaste collection and processing
better recycling
When ever repairing roads also make sure that pedestrians and cyclists safety are improved. Maintaining water side roads is clearly a climate issue. Reducing speed limits has a role in both considerations.
The way the upgrades have been managed in the central city has been really difficult to navigate & starting to feel like it will never end. Hopefully no more major disruption to the central city for many years to come.
hedges are becoming over grown in places, as with some areas on the shared cycleway
Cold mix edge of seal repairs to the narrow sealed back roads of East Otago have proved to be a very short term repair method. The nature of the soils also highlights that rip & remake with base stabilisation (lime or cement) proves to be the only longer term repair for rutting & heaving type failures. Temporary repairs of slumps with final repairs deferred for 2 yr appears to have been applied successfully.
Seriously look at the way roads are maintained and perhaps invest more in doing the job properly once and not badly several times. Fix leaking pipes etc (one on Embo St Kew been leaking for months). Get the new bin system for recycling up and running now.
Road surfaces around Dunedin are quite pot holed.
Please no more road humps. Also please no more slow speed limits unless there is a clear reason for doing so in a particular spot and in that case please communicate the reasons to the public both before and afterwards (e.g. before and after statistics).
It would be nice to see wider roads and cycle pathways so that biking is safer
Infrastructure is vital and is expensive, but it will never be cheaper to maintain and improve than today. Deferring maintenance leads to an exponential increase in cost, no matter the commodity.
Making the roads more bicycle friendly would be the first most obvious thing to tackle. Collect biodegradable waste for composting.
Carey's Bay 3 waters upgrade - unsure of the timing for this? Any update available?
As a regular bike commuter the cycle pathways are great but poorly laid out; it can be difficult to get on and off the pathways into regular traffic. People are using them more and more and this will continue to grow so let's encourage that even further.
Compost / Green waste bins would be awesome. I really appreciate the progress towards walkability and cyclability that the city has made.
There are gravel roads within the DCC boundaries that are poorly maintained and need to be considered for seling to meet health and safety standards for the residents for the roads and rate payers using the roads. The present push to make ratepayers on gravel rads ay 50% of the dust supression cost is completely unrealistic and unfair,.
i think there should be dcc red bins instead of the plastic bags and we should get a composting bin system going
Introduce more effective kerbside rubbish options Treat urban stormwater discharges.
Food scraps collection!
Stop doing roadworks during daytime. It inconveniences us who don't work during the daytime.
A lot more needs to be done to make Dunedin a cycle friendly city. The new Harbour shared pathway is fantastic but accessing it from all around the city is hard as too few cycle ways, where cars are physically separated from bikes and there are too many challenging intersections. There is a need for more cycle parks.
More rubbish bins in the Green Belt please
Basic infrastructure really important to mitigate and adapt to more erratic extreme weather events. Also important to basic city health and livability.

Primarily do a lot more to provide for replacement costs for infrastructure (including libraries, art galleries, museum, sport facilities etc) into any budget.
It is really encouraging to see the current mahi on sorting out our obsolete infrastructure--please continue
Do what is only necessary, and pay off debt.
Infrastructure investment is so important - being frugal now means hugely increased spending in the future.
More treatment facilities at the Tahuna Wastewater Plant.
Some major roads in the city do need a little more attention in terms of potholes and lifting of plumbing plates. WATER: we need more education and investigation of water retention, both private and public – avoids flooding and save water for drought times. Individual responsibility for clearing gutters outside residences.
Continued safe cycleway development to link the city. Cleaning of glass from cycleways regularly (Dunedin's puncture rate from glass is very high!)
The speed reductions around Caversham are great but signage is limited or confusing. If physical traffic calming options are not available, other than the speed hump outside Carisbrook school there will be no effective change in driver habits.
Concentrate on clean water, nature based solutions, catch rainwater, use grey water, Create network of shared pathways, compost green and food matter in communities, minimise rubbish by using degradable materials, replacing plastic, eating locally grown food. Rummage shops, recycling,
Dunedin needs a cycle way strategic plan, connecting all parts of the city via safe cycle ways.
All these are so vital for our future and all need to be top notch to cope with the climate crisis.
The state of the roads and footpaths in Dunedin are abysmal. They need improving NOW
tedious but important work. George Street will be great when its finished.
Refrain decreasing the speed limit in certain areas to 30kmph. Kerbside rubbish collection 2x a week.
Waste Services
Public education on water so length of time in showers are much reduced length
I would like to see footpaths on one side of the streets in Outram that vurtently dont have any. After all, it is nowx34yrs since amalgamation & nothing has been done go bring our town up to date
More cycleways to make access safer for our children to schools. Footpaths for pedestrians that don't have cracks/uneven surfaces. Regular cleaning of drainage sites, not just in response to flooding
Finish the Peninsula connection to Te Ruatitiko/Harington point .
I definitely welcome the continued upgrading of our streets and water infrastructure in the CBD. I also continue to welcome the closing of George Street to through traffic, buses, taxis, deliveries and special needs parking excepted. We also need to be thinking hard about how we are going to protect South Dunedin against rising sea levels and increasingly intense flood events. The latter also applies to Waters of Leith.
Shared pathways need more infrastructure, especially public toilets along them so they are not useable for families.
Infrastructure continues to need investment so please keep going.
Attention needs to be given to sump holes in pavements. Also to keeping drains clear on the town belt. Contractors are good at clearing leaves out of drains dumping it on the sides only to be washed back in or across the road. It does keep them in work this way but I would rather other jobs were found. I would like more recycling bins around especially around 24/7 shops and dairies. Also much more information on their correct use. Bins are problematic when they are permanently left on the street such as in Drummond street.
Some pretty bad roads
Don't sacrifice road quality to build cycle ways
I understand that the water main at the corner of Sandringham Street and Forbury Road blew up in 2015 and again in 2017 dur to the 90 degreee angle that the water has to take
Feedback to transport increase speed limit. Community gardens for Pacific communities.
Future proof water resources &roads
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing more water stations for people to access drinking water • Clean drains more often to reduce overflow of water during heavy rain • Monitor and grade gravel roads more often – reduce potholes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant more trees around Dunedin. They are beautiful and make a place much more wholesome (Princess Street?) not just downtown but everywhere • The footpaths are broken and some roads are missing chunks out of the road • We need more plastic recycling bins for schools • We need to get our roads and footpaths fixed • Have tetrapak bins, soft plastic, battery bins in schools to make recycling more accessible
A lot more to be done for processing recycling before manufacturers can be prevented from production of packaging and products which don't last.

Emphasise footpath availability and quality
We acknowledge the important work being done in the centre city and would like to see DCC focus more on developing shared public spaces in the city and suburbs.
Making water services more resilient to climate change effects will be important, and I would support more intensive recycling
Increase of cycle paths around South Dunedin are needed! Update water pipes
Improve public transport infrastructure
DCC should have its own works department to maintain and fix so things can be fixed straight away without the extreme cost from contractors for urgent repairs. Why is the council contracting out the waste services? Surely having council owned operations would save cost and efficiency
shared pathways are important for residents to walk and bike safely, kerbside waste food collection needed to go to a municipal composting facility and prevent food waste going to landfill
A balance has to be found, whereby services are updated (underground etc) without having to be a burden on rate payers.
Continue replacing aging pipe infrastructure.
I'd like to see the use of electric vehicles and equipment by council workers and contractors.
Better recycling and composting
Safer cycle and walking tracks esp city centre
I really like the initiative to add a green lidded bin. Definitely important step in the way of household food and garden waste. Would be interesting to see what is done with it following this
The need for active road transport. To connect Dunedin to the cycle trails in the rest of Otago especially to Waihola, Middlemarch and Oamaru. It is also connecting communities such as Port Chalmers, Waitati, Warrington Karitane and clip-on to the new railway bridge between Karitane and Waikouititi. The tunnels trail needs to be given more emphasis to get it done quickly.
Road resurfacing needs to improve. Potholes are just coming back all the time. Litter and weeds and messy wire fences are not a good look. We need to be a clean and tidy city, and roadscape/ footpaths etc is part of this city looking good and cared for.
Focus on cycleways
Please include an urban cycle network in the 10 year plan and fully fund its early implementation in the 10 year cycle.
Develop and fully fund ōtepoti Dunedin Pathways (walking and bicycling plan). A comprehensive urban network for safe cycling and walking.
There are too much money wasted on road work which is not necessary at all
Need a better recycling system
Simplify recycling, more DCC electric vehicles/ rubbish collection.
If roads are done, have them done properly. Quite a few if the new roads are bumpy, uneven and disgraceful. Give the workers opportunity to earn more, by completing works on Sundays and konflger days as per other countries.
Please do more on footpaths, shared pathways, stormwater and wastewater, kerbside recycling (are we getting a compost bin?)
Roads (SH88) are a disgrace and despite constant roadworks don't seem to be improving. Well done on the shared pathway next to it though!
Stop charging for dust suppression! Seal the dirt roads in Green Island where there is excessive dust getting into our air and tank water.
A green waste bin would be fantastic
Keep focussing on South Dunedin. Affordable or funded options like subsidizing plumbing improvements
Green waste bins are top of mind
Better infrastructure for cycling and walking. Better re-use facility like Green Island shop.
In the rural areas better upkeep of roads, add more footpaths and cycleways
When the sewage was installed in Allanton a community vote was held about supplying water at the same time. The vote was lost by a small margin but since then the Allanton community has grown a lot due to the availability of smaller sections. A moratorium was put in place that the supplying of water could not be revisited for 10 years this is now up and is time to revisit this
Include an urban cycleway network in the 10 year plan and fund its early implementation.

It would be really great to have an urban cycle network in the plan, and ideally this would be fully funded early in the cycle.
It would be really lovely to see the roads fixed well once - rather than poorly many times
it takes way too long to build them
when any major works are outside or impacting businesses there should be a fund set aside for businesses to access for marketing and survival . may be it could be as simple as a business loan like covid plan . a remuneration of rates relief in that period as long as this was passed on from the landlord to the businesses
Maybe less on roads, but more on kerbside collection. Collecting compost/green waste would be great. And it's important to maintain and where needed improve old pipes for clean water supply. Also if you focused more on better public transport solutions, like cable gondolas and trains to connect outer suburbs as far as Palmerston, roads wouldn't need as much work.
Please accelerate the work to make Dunedin a more attractive place for alternative means of transport (i.e. for cyclists, pedestrians and public transport as opposed to private vehicles).
I'd like to see a weekly green waste collection going to composting facilities in local communities to then be sold at reasonable prices to residents. More off road cycle paths including one down to Taieri Beach. More tree planting to absorb rainfall along all roads ...also for birds, insects & to cool urban landscape in the face of increased heat.
Just look at how other larger NZ cities are struggling with infrastructure emergencies. I'm proud of how Dunedin has forged ahead with improvements to drinking water, this work must continue. Cost savings can be found through careful analysis of previous contracted outwork - determine what is absolutely necessary and prioritize from there. I'm glad the DCC is taking responsibility for ground fill waste disposal. Education via effective publicity campaign will help to get the public to reduce their overall waste. Everyone can make a difference no matter how small.
We need to get our 3 waters infrastructure into good shape. We shouldn't do more roads for cars, but should do much more for cyclists and walkers. I'd love to see organic recycling at the resident recycling stations.
Roads are rough and patchy. Provide a green waste collection.
I live in the West Harbour area, and roading quality appears to depend on whether the road is maintained by NZTA or the Council - I include footpaths in this category too - there are numerous examples of footpaths in Port Chalmers that are badly damaged and have been for at least 5 years - so I question how regularly inspections are carried out and whether they are followed up on. Currently, SH88 is being resealed in parts, and it is fantastic, however the roads which feed into SH88 remain subpar quality.
More Cycle and public transport options should be considered by the council rather than car based solutions
The current state of the Otago Peninsula Road, especially towards its far end, poses a considerable safety hazard, with the potential for imminent accidents. Several sections of the road are eroding into the sea, and these erosions have significantly affected the road's integrity. Despite the commendable road maintenance efforts undertaken thus far, it is evident that the job remains unfinished. It is imperative to allocate additional resources to guarantee the safety of all road users, especially with the upcoming cruise season when a majority of people will rely on this Peninsula Road for transportation.
connect cycle paths
Peninsula Road needs more work - seems dangerously narrow in places given the traffic flow and size of buses etc
Work to be done on cycling and pedestrian pinch points
please include an urban cycle network in the 10 year plan and fully fund its early implementation in the 10 year cycle. please increase and improve recycling services both at homes and centralized recycling centers. and please start a composting system for accepting lawn and food waste so this doesn't have to go in the garbage bins and landfill!
Footpaths are dangerous, broken and covered in lichen. Stormwater drains need to be cleared more often
Infrastructure needs to be ready for the next 50-100 years and the challenges that climate change will present (more and bigger events etc)
Improving South Dunedin infrastructure will bring significant benefits
Road repairs like pot holes are important. I would like a compost waste collection as I can't compost at home.
Green waste recycling needs to be a priority
Better road maintenance.
As someone who cycles to work 5 days a week, I appreciate anything enhancing safety for cyclists. This includes fixing road surfaces. For example, the lower hill on Rockside Road was resealed 12-18 months ago yet the reduced quality of the job has resulted in the surface "peeling" off in many places. This isn't a problem for motorists but for cyclists it makes for an extremely rough ride. More signs reminding motorists to give way to

cyclists as fellow road-users would be great. Increasing ease of access to recycling opportunities would help (e.g., having more depots for spent batteries).
Fixing potholes. Working on 1 section of road at a time, getting it finished then moving to the next part. Frustrating how many road works.
All good. More separated, safe cycle lanes would be good though. would b
Do a bit more on drinking water and wastewater because of health standards
we found it odd that our road was resurfaced when it seemed perfectly servicable compared to other areas in town. possibly if these services are delivered to neighbourhoods where improvements are more critical that would make for better use of time and funds.
for the waste: can we have the compost bin? for the side of the road, it will be great if it could be without a lot of glass bits... really a nightmare to cycle compare to other cities, I wonder what can be improved to have less glass like that... maybe a different glass collection, or fine if people through it in the road... For the streets, I feel like we need way more bike racks than there is, like in front of the railway station, in george st, princess st, and some bike repair stations please!... also, on george st, it will be nice to have some big shading sails as used in other countries against the sun to have more people on the street, and that can also be nice when it is too rainy to have more shelter
Safe cycling routes on main roads into the cbd. Be brave enough to have a shift from prioritising cars and car parking on main roads to separated safe cycle lanes
The last 10 year plan emphasised sewage works in Kaikorai Valley. These remain unstarted and unfunded
I think more needs to be done to promote active transport, particularly the suburban links to the main cycle/walkways. I also think that more traffic calming strategies are needed along streets that school students use. Please also consider dedicated pedestrianisation of the George Street/Octagon at times where foot traffic is high.
Need more cycling infra
Boost CBD and commercial recycling opportunities
You need to look at your plans for the kerbside collection and really support people who want to reduce the amount of rubbish they put out and reward people who put out less than average amount of waste. Where the infrastructure is concerned your main focus needs to be on the pipes - stormwater, wastewater etc. A lot of pipes are ancient and have started cracking. You need to be proactive before the proverbial shit hits the fan. This should take priority in areas where lots of new building go in, because they will add to the load and probably get the old, fragile system to breaking point.
Putting a bin up at Red Woods is a must - there are bins at Ross Creek - which is less than 2 minutes drive away - If dogs are allowed in areas there should be bin's there
Dunedin needs to prioritise diversifying the way people get around. Getting a thoughtfully designed, CONNECTED network of proper bike infrastructure to improve health, safety, and reduce the financial and environmental burden that cars have on us.
Better plastics recycling
condition of the roads is abysmal they need much more work on them
Roads: The Dunedin roads, to begin with, have been very poorly placed in the landscape and so require way too much maintenance over time. Any new roads should be built on contour as much as possible to avoid erosion to the roads and surrounding area below them. Roads should be the highest surface, rather than the lowest. When a road is low, it is necessary to put in piping underneath, as the road would create a waterway. By placing the road high, you prevent this. The stormwater off the roads should be directed into raingardens, or simple swales open to the air (Needs less maintenance and no digging out pipes when maintenance required). These open waterways can be graveled in and planted out with plants like reeds to clean any possible pollutants. Instead of relying on pipes, the water can be soaked into the landscape and directed towards growth of plants, which will send the water deeper AND back into the atmosphere. This will create a more stable landscape, less erosion, more natural growth, possibility of food plantings, increase natural water health, more steady streams and less flooding (A dry landscape is a flood waiting to happen). The same counts for footpaths. Please look into Dutch systems regarding this. Any weed spraying should be completely banned from your program, as this is highly damaging to the health of the local waterways, city soils, its animals, human life and the wider ecosystem. To have completely healthy drinking water, there should be way more focus on local on-site collection of rainwater in tanks. For this there is no need for toxic chemicals like chlorine and fluoride and again less piping and so maintenance required. (Community rainwater harvesting is also a possibility due to the hills). Stormwater should NEVER go into drains and pipes, but be directed onto the land where it can soak in and through the soil flow into the rivers and streams. Wastewater could be treated completely on a local (community and private) scale as well. There are VERY simple very well working systems that are trialed and tested that use biology to clean up most (if not all, incl radiation)

<p>pollutants out of water. After which this water can be directed towards the same soaking systems described earlier. Simple reed beds can be installed (which clean up all gray water and black water (after a septic or other system). Please look into: https://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/4.-building-amp-planning/4.-building-amp-construction/documents/reed_beds.pdf . New builds should be mandatory and only be consented when these on-site wastewater systems are included and designed in properly. There should be a big focus on dry toilets and composting toilets, as this removes lots of pressure on existing systems. Kerbside collection systems should be optional, not mandatory, or at least as an opt out system. As an example: our household has created not even a small rubbish sack of actual waste in 4 years, but we still pay rates for our rubbish to be taken away EACH WEEK. This is ridiculous if you ask me, as we currently get 'punished' for doing good (need to pay for a '(enabling) service' we never use). The collection of organics (which should absolutely not be regarded as waste) should be processed locally and on community scale, rather than 1 site (like green island). This prevents unnecessary, expensive and polluting transport. I bet the transport alone of this large scale system should be able to pay for local solutions! Compost regulations should be revised to make it easier to be able to compost legally on community scale without a massive price on consents. Rubbish should be avoided from the source: Supermarkets and other businesses should become liable for the waste they choose distribute. Changing packaging or change to bulk only (Like Taste Nature does) should be a VERY high priority. Landfills are toxic to us and the environment and should be illegal.</p>
<p>Great work focusing on pipes, water and roads. Please don't privatize our water resources, it'll only hurt the consumer!</p>
<p>Please future proof three waters from climate change impacts.</p>
<p>Please make the roads safer for pedestrians, particularly around Princes St and that area south of the octagon. It feels dangerous walking around with small kids. More crossings and thought put into how to navigate safely as a pedestrian.</p>
<p>Making soft plastic recycling easier would be great!</p>
<p>Complete Totally Georgeous, but don't "do the same" major upgrade elsewhere</p>
<p>The drinking water in Karitane is awful, improve quality of supply, or provide filters to homes in the area! I live in Karitane and the foot paths are atrocious! There is a large older population that live here and all walk their dogs, better definition between road and footpath would be amazing, more graded or tarsealed paths. Currently Unsafe for kids</p>
<p>Separate cycle trails through the suburbs so we can cycle safely to home from work</p>
<p>Keep up the good work of gradually improving the infrStructure</p>
<p>Would like to see more attention paid to street lighting and signage. For instance, the lighting at the Bus Hub is frequently out. But on a winter's night, it's amazing how easy it is to not be able to realise how far you are down George st on the bus, for instance. All of this will be less of an issue once the George street makeover is finished and the buses are back on their usual run but lighting and road markings aren't great in many places.</p>
<p>I don't think there should be any charges to take rubbish to the tip. It is too expensive therefore encourages people to dump rubbish elsewhere.</p>
<p>I don't want more roads as they only cause more traffic. Bike and shared path development has been great, good job, more of this is needed. Wastewater is important, we need more spaces for surface water to get into the ground, stop closing surfaces. Kerbside collection would be good to be optional to allow for individual needs within the same amount to pay. I understand this is difficult. Drinking water supply and quality has high priority, we all need clean and healthy water.</p>
<p>Climate change is a challenge with more extreme weather events. Need the infrastructure to manage that</p>
<p>Can you please get a schedule for Mosgiels aging infrastructure, especially Green st. It must be costing more to patch the constant water main breaks. Thank you.</p>
<p>Nations roads and water services are a disaster need more funding</p>
<p>This should be your core role. No one else will fill the gap if you don't get on top of aging and failing assets.</p>
<p>Hurry up with the wheelie bins and do one for green waste</p>
<p>I'm not sure if this comes under roads, but please please look at sage bike riding tracks from Mosgiel to Dunedin and more around Dunedin. Currently too scared to try riding beyond Mosgiel as the traffic is horrifying!</p>
<p>Dunedin is growing in population. Additional rates from new builds should be targeted to the upkeep and new services.</p>
<p>Think forward. Better recycling, better water systems, shared pathways.</p>
<p>More recycling of waste, a yearly collection of e-waste</p>
<p>Higher expectations for individual households for day to day household recycling. Improving / repairing damaged road surfaces properly without cutting corners so that jobs don't have to be done repeatedly.</p>

Fix ageing infrastructure galvanised water pipes should be replaced
Water services must be key priority.
The roadworks and reduced parking (now and in the future) are affecting people with mobility challenges. People are often saying on facebook that they don't go into town, and don't think they will again as they need to be able to park near their destination. I haven't been into the shopping area since the road works started due to my limited mobility.
Cycle track to mosgiel is a priority with so many people living there and greater green island. With the new bins, an option to have the red bin emptied weekly would be great for families
Please arrange for Fulton Hogan to achieve pipe & street upgrade during the current work so that they don't have to dig everything up again within 20 years.
Replacing pipe infrastructure on george st was awesome and the new pedestrian friendly paths are great.
Ensure contracts going forward are measured on quality of work undertaken and not just on price. Cheap work = more potholes
Keep improving bike lanes and safety
Waste Management's kerbside rubbish services have increased in price substantially. \$403.10 for 2021, \$456.60 for 2022, \$596.21 for 2023 - nearly TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS more from two years ago.
Support three waters reforms because ratepayers can't alone afford to do the work needed to be done to ensure our water infrastructure is fit for purpose, and sustainable, for the long term.
We need to start thinking about managed retreat in the context of sea level rises. South Dunedin is going under.
It would be nice if there would be more comprehensive rubbish collection on hill especially when bags have broken open
Is any comment necessary this is basic council infrastructure for the people they serve
On the point of cycle ways: I've build an ebike one year ago, since then I've ridden 9000km on that bike and reduced my car use by 95%. Most of my riding was in Dunedin and in a radius of 50km around it. Most of my saved petrol money I've spent on local businesses.
Love that you are introducing new food and garden waste bins in 2024! Please consider including soft plastic and tetrapak in recycling too instead of the store drop-off schemes. I look forward to seeing more electric buses and cycle pathways in the next 10 years!
Local recycling opportunities for a wider range of materials.
Need cycleways (not shared ways). Cyclist and pedestrians and cyclists should not be required to share the same space. Is really, really dangerous. Please get the cycle way to Mosgiel built now.
I desire to see Wildlife cared for and protected in Dunedin AND I want rate payers to be surveyed in the 10 Year Plan document around whether council should fund the Wildlife Hospital for the next 3 years from rates.
Fix the roads and maintain them
Could use some water conservation education (scrape food from plates into rubbish at end of meal instead of rinsing with water, when waiting for water to heat save water from shower or sink and pour on landscape)
Create MRT/LRT trains or mono rails around the suburds and common areas for connectivity
Time to invest in roads that are better designed to handle rising water levels and increased rainfall.
We need support for local recycling efforts for waste materials that are not currently supported by kerbside recycling. Our local hub, OneCoast needs ongoing operational support to keep accepting unwanted goods and "non-standard" recycling to keep them from landfill.
More waste diversion/ better recycling. Plans for South D living with water ways.
Continue maintain roads
Replace aging infrastructure
We have lived in Southland and Clutha before coming here. Rubbish collection was free.
The road to Aramoana is in dire need of fixing. Its so busy now and really dangerous.
Do less digging up of roads and pedestrianising. Dunedin simply isn't big enough to prioritise pedestrians over vehicles. DO NOT lose the one ways through town.
Some of our roads and footpaths are shocking
I have never visited, but please do not let the things in your care detoriate, keep the level of goodness.
But don't hike our rates anymore,we are struggling to pay them now .
Bring in a green bin for garden wastes
Add in green waste bins so they don't go to the landfill as they currently do; also more cleaning for the broken glass for the bike commuters; safer bike commuting options and more repercussions for motor vehicles who make the roads unsafe for bikes

Don't cut speed limits
A somewhat vacuous question. Of COURSE we need those services. But how much are you going to raise our rates? We're already stretched to the limit, trying to pay for a stadium that gets very little profitable or community use. If you can save us the money you pay for its expenses, then apply it to all of the above, I'm all for it.
Roads around city are dreadful, an embarrassment.
Compost collection in addition to waste and recycling.
Very clearly these services desperately need more money poured into them than we possibly could. Dunedin is at very real risk of water pipes bursting all over the place. It appears as a newer resident that perhaps road repairs could be done with better materials and they might last longer? But I do not have a true recommendation, as the scope is huge. I can deal with roadworks, I don't want to keep pushing everything down the road. But I know no one wants to pay for it. :(
It would be great to see the verges tidied up more and better/neater
I live in South Dunedin. We have adopted Gary Gutter and look after it but it needs a good clean out. Roads are awful in general with all the metal lids to drive over.
Shared pathways are currently a disaster waiting to happen as they are not wide enough- cyclists should have to use a bell when approaching people and slow down to almost walking pace when passing people. Rubbish is currently a mess- hopefully the new system will make things better when it is implemented, but apartment blocks and intensive social housing blocks need a lot of thought as rubbish tends to build up in these areas and there often isn't room on site for the numerousbins-and it may not be practicable for tenants to lug bins up multi-stories. Lots of the roads are in bad shape and need resurfacing- in- particular the one ways should be smartened up- there are too many repair scars..
Please don't defer maintenance on our critical infrastructure (roads, pipes, etc). Deferring maintenance to hold rates artificially low will only cost the city more in the long run. By ignoring the cost escalations of the maintenance of the city's assets and not passing them onto today's ratepayer, we will continue to deteriorate the assets putting an increased burden on future generations
Too much moss and lichen on paths makes them less safe, and also makes them degrade faster. A regular programme of cleaning needs to be in place. This also applies to mudtanks and kerb and channelling, where a buildup of debris increases the risk of flooding.
Stormwater needs to be addressed to minimize pollutants and sedimentation in streams and the harbour. Water quality must be improved by increasing wetland filtration systems, reducing livestock near and in waterways/wetlands, (my neighbor has terminal cancer in part due to nitrates in tap water)nd roads and tires need to be regulated to reduce toxins that leach into water.
Work on bike lanes, especially the tunnels out to Mosgiel for commuting
more cycleways
Please push to have the speed limit lowered to 70kph on the stretch of SH1 in Waitati. People have to run in order to safely cross, which is a problem for people with young children, elderly, and disabled residents. Children have to run across after they have been dropped off by the school bus. I have seen MANY near misses. It is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or worse.
Fix potholes properly, have reliable rubbish collection
We want the Mosgiel-Dunedin Tunnel Trail to be prioritised!
Queens Drive is arterial route so traffic doesn't have to go through town to one way system. Please keep speed limit there at 50 kmh.
A green waste/ composting service would be amazing. I currently use the Bokashi bin system, which is working fine for me and my garden, but it concerns me that a lot of organic waste is going into the landfill.
focus on water
Get rid of those black plastic bags so seagulls/cats don't spread the contents around our streets! The DCC is behind other councils introducing bin solutions.
Better cycleways. Looking forward to kerbside organics. Need building recycling at Green Island to pick up vintage doors and windows that otherwise might go to landfill
I would like to see the footpaths maintained and created equally in Dunedin I.e improve those on the Taieri. Outram has many streets with no footpaths and also poorly maintained DCC PARKS/garden areas
Better road maintenance would be appreciated
Develop a comprehensive end to end cycling strategy for the city that includes bike education, bike paths, bike parking , bike racks on every bus, bike maps
When large works are happening like now - please do more to provide safety, make traffic directions clear and most importantly provide updated notice of road closures with a map feature - not just text descriptions.

Please provide lots of separated cycle lanes to make cycle commuting safe.
A lot of leaking pipes wasting water
The infrastructure deficit impacts our lives and the environment - sort it out now - the longer you take the worse it will be for my children.
This is your core purpose. Nothing else gets done before this is done well. Open the Caversham tunnel and chain hills tunnel for cyclists. Save lives and utilise existing infrastructure.
As a cyclists I can ride from Mac Bay to the stadium either on the shared path or in a cycle lane , compared to treacherous Peninsula road previously
Stop wasting time reducing speed limits on the peninsula road with no stats to back it up
Development of a heavy road bypass for taieri, improvement to quality of roads NOT speed limits
Need greenwaste collection
Realistically the roads a average as. Bandid don't fix the road.
A lot of roads are in poor condition, filled with potholes and in desperate need of repair.
I'm looking forward to the new bins system being started!
Rubbish wheelie bins should be included with the kerbside collection
I find the new roundabouts with poles all over the road more distracting and dangerous. I think the concrete cycle booms are dangerous and a waste of time and yes I am a cyclist
The port road has been under constant repairs for years and it's frustrating seeing worked started then not completed for weeks while it seems at a standstill
better recycling options. opportunities to recycle more items, rather than creating more landfill.
It would be good to consider links with the cycle paths... eg... how can a cyclist (school age) safely cross portobello road to head fromm the peninsula to either kings / Queens bayfield or tahuna...
Waste needs a new home as we know, underground infrastructure can't wait for maintenance, storm water needs better treatment, green infrastructure
In the last few years it feels like a lot of work has been accomplished in these areas. However, the downtown work has been a major disruption to foot traffic and community vibe and negatively impacted our businesses economically. We are happy our town will be less prone to flooding, but after nearly 2 years of it, we are tired and frustrated with the noise and impact it has had on staff and personal wellbeing. While necessary, I hope that this work is more than what might be required normally. Love the Port Chalmers to Peninsula cycleway but also happy now its finished and the road disruptions are less.
Kerbside collection should be free! Especially if it's just household everyday rubbish
More bike lanes, walking spaces like the work on george street would be amazing!
emphasis needs to be on environmental improvement
Improve/expand recycling and options for composting
More kerbside recycling - soft plastics and green waste. More safe cycle ways around the CBD
3 waters definitely not new roads.
More seal extensions and improve drainage for South Dunedin.
This should be the councils bread and butter.
Prioritise increasing water and waste infrastructure capacity. It's holding back development.
Looking forward to new bins programme which will roll out mid next year. Appreciate that a lot of money is being spent on the roads in town but it has taken a long time to complete.
Let's get ahead of things rather than playing catchup all the time.
Make long term improvements to roads rather than temporary fixes.
We need much better waste services! Our rates have been hiked so we shouldn't have to pay extra for our own.
Unsure of criteria but some roads don't seem that bad. Again don't know with pipes etc but there seems to be alot which is increased cost and inconvenience
But are we prepared for the next deluge of rain in terms of drainage?
Green material recycling at kerb, food scrap recycling
Should be regular program of updating these services
South Dunedin urgently needs the infrastructure needed to deal with gain events and sea level rise. The Tunnels Trail to Mosgiel needs to be done to enable active transport for the Southern suburbs and also as a link to a shared trail to Waiholo and Central Otago. The Coasatal Community shared trail needs to be done to link those communities for active transport and into the future link up with Waitaki's shared trail towards Dunedin. We need to get our waste and landfill sorted.

<p>We have been left in limbo by our waste management services due to the council bin changes next year. We would love the option to get those new bins sooner or have the other companies already existing to take on new or existing clients. They are being completely unreasonable and told me to ring the council. So I did and nothing happened they couldn't help me other than suggest black bags until new bins come in. There are 100s of us effected and in a group on Facebook. Also roads 100% need more work in so many areas. Doing so much in the central city all at once is a nightmare too. We just avoid town at all costs now as can never get to the places we need too. With 3 young kids and a car that's too big to park in mall carparks it's a nightmare. Maybe do one street in the city centre at a time. Not the main street plus loads of side streets.</p>
<p>Get city centre works done asap</p>
<p>Too many road works. Often re-doing their previous work, without much time passing.</p>
<p>Reduce the number of times have to repair same part of the road, less roadabouts at intersections that dont need them</p>
<p>Completing planned shared pathway projects is key.</p>
<p>Feels like there has been an excessive amount on the pipes and so many road cones out that I would assume we would not need to do the same if we've already completed the latest work.</p>
<p>Fill the potholes on our roads.</p>
<p>Green waste bins would be great</p>
<p>I provide service adequate</p>
<p>You need to consider future safety of water quality and water drainage.</p>
<p>Keep the infrastructure updated and functional</p>
<p>Getting the balance right between the disruption of infrastructure upgrade and enable residents to get around the city has been managed well so far and I encourage you to continue on the current path.</p>
<p>Make sure you support housing growth needs as a priority. Find more efficient ways of supporting urban cycling other than expensive infrastructure projects</p>
<p>The DCC should review work done to approve that it is up to standard and will last for a reasonable time before paying for it. If shoddy, the work should be redone and then payment made.</p>
<p>Green waste rubbish collection, red bins for all.</p>
<p>Think smart, Think and invest ahead of time, Build infrastructure before growth</p>
<p>Flower street Fairfield needs to be fully tarsealed all the way to the Riding for Disabled group grounds.</p>
<p>I do not need a compost bin. Auckland City has one and most people aren't using it.</p>
<p>Please fill in the pot holes up Malvern Street. Large logging trucks have been coming down off the motorway, and developers which have build apartment blocks have added to some appalling patches of roading. From Malvern/George Street intersection all the way to Malvern/Fulton Road intersection needs potholes filled..</p>
<p>Please bring forwards recycling bins for more suburbs, and more action on car-less options to get around city.</p>
<p>do enough to ensure all the new housing we need has the appropriate services</p>
<p>A lot of footpaths are neglected especially those which would be considered laneways, these can be difficult to navigate if you are on crutches or with walking sticks</p>
<p>Be good to get on top of these basic vitally important services. We also need to look ahead and proactively think about the impact climate change will have in our vital infrastructure.</p>
<p>Alot more refers to pipes, stormwater & wastewater. Replacing aging pipes, clearing gutters, dirt traps on the street & waterways is crucial, we need to learn from the floods in Auck & the East coast and front-foot preparation. Rubbish services - Need more street bins, more manual collection of litter & cleaning up of the streets in town. There's too much litter, dumped rubbish bags, graffiti. Keep the DCC rubbish bags but make them a different colour so people can't use the black sacks instead of DCC bags. Make a small one like 10-20L size, I don't generate much rubbish and it would take a month to fill a 45L bag. Roads - after the current roadwork is done I want to see the removal of all yellow plastic sticks (such as near Regent st - they look horrendous), removal of wide footpath extensions, unnecessary roundabouts, no more red painted crossings. Get rid of all the plastic! The changes to road layouts are shocking, particularly hate Moray Pl near First Church. Why is there no right turn to Princes St? You're making people waste gas and increase emissions by driving round the block to get where they need to go. Roll back some of the unnecessary and stupid layout changes, back to what it was. Used to be easy to drive around town, not now.</p>
<p>Am looking forward to the construction for george st upgrade finishing so things can free up a bit - am worried about how traffic willbe managed with the new hospital build - the one way and it's connectors are busy enough as is - get things moving in the city or people won't want to come - I am definitely staying away at the moment while the construction is on</p>
<p>Increase recycling capabilities</p>

Roads in the city need improving and better quality paving in many places
Dunedin roads largely are in a sad state of disrepair - there needs to be a plan for improvement
Finish the city projects ASAP. Its a mess.Review speed limits on Peninsula roads. The 30 and 40km zones are silly and do not reflect the wishes of the community. We have a good road but driving on these slow zones are not conducive to a good life style. Sure slower speeds through the MAIN townships and around school area in school time re acceptable bt outside of those hours are not adhered to anyway. Please re think these. Finish the road upgrades around Otakou and put in fibre to the end of the peninsula- not sure if you know fibre internet does not go to Otakou/Harington Point. Address this when upgrading the roads in that area.
Spend a bit less on roads, and more on rail (both investigating/ facilitating light rail, but also getting freight off roads and onto rail.
Less on new roads and more on pipes drinking water stormwater kerbside collection and rubbish.
Our roads are terrible. I live down the Peninsula and frankly it's embarrassing that, that is the main road to our most popular tourist attraction (the Peninsula itself). Not only are the patch roads and poorly kept gardens an embarrassment the speed limit is an absolute joke even the tourists thing the long 40km zones are completely unnecessary..
Road and footpaths are in poor condition in some places
Pot holes, coordinate activities on adjacent footpaths/roads; assumptions about households and need to multiple waste bins need confirmation before proceeding with requirements and importantly increasing costs to each household
Better recycling of waste, better protection of water (clean water!!), more options for cyclists, better prepared for storms and flooding
Please provide fair access for accessible users. More accessible parking, or set down/pick up spaces, assist businesses in providing level access to Dunedins incredible historic built environment. Grants for threshold ramps?
Upgrade clean drinking water infrastucture and build a thorough recycling infrastructure please
Potholes!!
Finish Portobello road widening
Keep up the great work repairing and replacing infrastructure. More needed in terms of managing water
With climate change storm water management is going to become an increasingly prominent issue. and something council needs to be proactive about. Createing more shared pathways will also contribute to lowering emissions, providing equity and choice in transport and increase quality of life amongst the people of Dunedin.
It would be really great if the CBD could get back to normal asap!
Please don't start taking in green waste - the environmental cost of this outweighs benefits.
Important to do more to maintain roads and ensure water quality
Please consider speeding up CBD road-works eg two shifts per day. Please calculate the full costs and benefits to the community from doing this - instead of just costs to council.
Distribute more info and TV/radio/billboards on water conservation, recycling how where, how to reduce waste, etc. . Is there a city wide compost system? Place to recycle green kitchen waste?
Getting logged water faults looked at seems to have massive delays, more resourcing is needed for this
The quality of roading in particular is of concern as the condition of a lot of roads makes then feel unsafe particularly for cyclists
Do whatever you need so we have a quality drinking water.
Strategic planning incorporates facility for change. Change is already evidient in climate, environment,, culture, technology. we must plan for flexibility and not base all of our planning on static Ditstrict Planning.
Recycle like other regions ie: soft plastic, plastic bottle caps, address pot holes
The effort to reduce waste ins a biggy in the plan and there is word of supporting the community but then the budget for that is only \$70000 per year. I could see that more intelligent solutions could be implemented if there would be positions to do hands on stuff and especially when supporting grassroots initiatives as that might multilpy when they activate volunteers to help. We need a change of culture in the use of resources and in waste being created by the way we live in the first place. I feel there is lots done with the roads at the moment and we need to continue repairing and updating our services. I am waiting for the new kerbside pick up to come.
I live on the rural/urban fringe and the road and wastewater services are poorly serviced. Even when communication is made with the DCC issues are often not resolved.
Too much emphasis on our roading is done around cycleways .our roads are in an appalling condition and these should be maintained within an annual budget
Stronger focus on kerb side and rubbish collection.

It would be great to see increased recycling options (like tetrapak and soft plastic recycling being consistently offered), curbside green waste/kitchen compost pickup would also be great. More and better footpaths and cycle lanes to encourage active transport
Need to prioritise fixing the pipes in the city and then also develop shared coastal paths that link Smaill's Beach to Brighton.
We have already seen up North the cost of not keeping our infrastructure front of mind. I would contribute more in tax to ensure that we can handle climate emergencies.
The cycle path to Port Chambers is a super example of your work! It is life changing!
McMaster Rd is a disgrace and needs tar sealing... a link road to the beaches
Our road (mcmaster road) is terrible. You should see it as embarrassing
Our roads are crap in places. Some areas are constantly being replaced while others are never touched. Water pressure needs to be looked at seriously as mine is 4 times the recommended because some people in my area have old pipes so the pressure is increased so they get decent pressure in their homes.
Focus on climate resilience. and (re)building infrastructure in the right places
We need a 240 litre bin for green garden waste each week
Fix the enormous amounts of potholes in Dunedin roads
Prepare for the future.
Actually plan road works so that the same sections aren't getting closed and dug up within weeks this is happening in residential as well as CBD
Fix Mosgiels traffic issues
We can't afford more rate rises and city debt. .
Water and Waste is extremely important. Recycling and composting needs a lot of work.
Complete work that has begun before doing new work.
We must make sure our services are up to the challenges related to climate catastrophe. Soft plastic recycling, green waste recycling would help
We need to stop spiralling rates first. We are BROKE
Better water
Wouldn't regular scheduled upgrades be better than the chaos that is happening around the town now
Working Ok now
Gladstone Road Dalmore is almost impassable in places - footpath and roadway.
Would love to see a green waste collection service
We need to do more with our "waste".
Road fixes seems to get wholes quick, do it for a long run rather than patching it very often to avoid road closures etc
Never ending roadworks. We do definitely need education and solutions to help people with composting. We also need places e.g. monthly Waste Management large bins in suburbs for people to put WASTE (not recyclables etc). Also to put things others may want to pick up. Japan has very successful "Big Rubbish" days where people display their large items and others can pick them up to use them. That stops dumping at the beaches etc. We also need far larger fines, and to publicise catching and fining people, so that it scares others.
It is important to make sure we keep the infrastructure maintenance up to date, especially the pipes. I am prepared to pay more in rates for this to happen. I am also looking forward to the roll out of more waste services options that include green waste. We need to prioritise reducing our greenhouse emissions from landfill.
lower speed limits would be good around town
We need our city to look and feel attractive for its citizens and visitors. This hugely important for reputation building.
I think its the maintenance that requires more attention
We need functional no need for overly grand plans.
We are looking forward to the updated rubbish and recycling scheme.
More cycle ways, nailing that idea for commuter travel by train from Port Chalmers and Mosgiel.
I live in portobello and we are still waiting for the council to finish the work on the road that was started years ago this road extension was supposed to make it safer for walkers and cyclist but the work has stopped on several occasions for long periods of time, and the section from the boat shed to portobello village has not been touched, people cyclists and vehicles still travel within centimetres of each other with no barrier. You go from a 3 metre cycle way with a space of a metre or more down to nearly nothing and someone is going to get hurt or worse a
We need green waste bins

Regular general maintenance will reduce longer term need for expensive replacement
Please prioritise improving walking and cycling access around the city.
But do it differently: work with zero carbon 2030 plan, more foot paths, no new roads, but keep the existing ones useable. Keep drinking water pipes in good order, fix leakages, incentivise rainwater harvesting from roofs, also grey water use in households so drinking water is saved. Incentivise less waste from gardens and kitchens by making compost locally, less waste from building sites by installing repurposing centres, less waste of clothes and household goods by having op shops, repair cafes and bulk food cooperatives, local food growing
Skateparks. Destination playground
I don't want a smelly food waste bin in the kitchen or a bin outside unless it has a bag or bin liner provided as well. I haven't room in my kitchen for another bin and don't agree with this - food scraps stink after a few days and I am not having this around my kitchen or garden which will encourage dogs and vermin. I also want a rubbish bag in my inside bin for other waste. I am elderly and not cleaning out smelly rubbish bins outside or inside so provide bin liners that are recyclable. If not I'll stay with Waste Management and pay for my rubbish and garden waste I can't compost to be taken away weekly in bags! I think we should not have to pay for a service we don't use too.
Looking forward to when roadwork activity can be more staggered and driving becomes less of a mystery tour.
Our footpaths are in terrible condition around the city suburbs.
Focus needs to be on renewals and upgrades, not specialty projects
The footpath/cycleway from Portobello to the boat ramp needs to be finished urgently. I saw a child forced to ride her bike on the road because the footpath was not wide enough or stable enough for her to continue when the cycle lane stopped at the boat ramp. The road is not wide enough for cars to take a wide berth of pedestrian and the footpath is eroding away at the waters edge and therefore pedestrians can't stay far enough away from the road to keep safe.
More public bins, public places to refill water bottles and public recycling centres
More investment in roads, public transport and water infrastructure please
Some aspects due to climate change may need more funding.
Please finish the Peninsula Connection - roading around Portobello School, Harwood, Otakou and up to the heads needs to be finished. The sea walls are eroding away at an incredible rate
converting some road to bike lines would encourage more biking and lower maintenance costs of these road assets.
All bins to be collected once a week. We live in a rural area, our bottles and black rubbish bags are collected bi-weekly and the cardboard, paper, plastic items get collected the following week. It would be great to have the option to put all bins out on the same week.
Continuing to future proof all of the infrastructure as has been started in George Street across the city, ensuring our roads are maintained to a higher standard to relieve the expected increase in traffic
Finish the rest of the Portobello/Harington Point Road widening before starting new projects!!!
There always seems to be work going on - keep it up!
The last 1K of road at Otakou needs to be finished urgently, It is extremely dangerous
Would particularly love to see the rollout of the new collection systems for garden waste and food scraps. Additional investment to maintain safe waterways and drinking water is always a worthwhile expense. Would love to see more cycling networks joined more obviously and creation of even more spaces that promote multi-modal travel in the city (not just car-centric).
The walking/bike trail from Portobello to and beyond Portobello school needs to be finished for the safety of all
From Portobello down has been forgotten. Not good for local people that live passed portobello. The money can be found as it was down to portobello.
Infrastructure upgrades and maintenance cannot be deferred, its a false economy and ends up costing more in the long run
Potholes are terrible and don't get fixed up properly. Eg Purakaunui Rd. Water and waste water infrastructure needs to be maintained and /or replaced to keep up with the future. Drinking water supply for Osborne, Long Beach etc
More bike paths.
The road at Harwood is being inundated at high tide with waves washing over the top of cars at times. The sea wall has broken down. You are failing in your duty of care.
Build up seawall along Tidewater Drive. This area floods during full moon and strong southerly winds. Fix widen road between Golf Course road and Fishermans wharf. It is far too narrow and the road needs to be built up to prevent erosion.

The Peninsula road upgrade and cycle way needs to get finished, not safe at all around Portobello school area for cyclists nor pedestrians. When is this project getting done?
Roads for cars please, sensible planning common sense
Really need the shared path to continue through Portobello and out to Harrington Point.
do it out of busy hours ie not at 8-10am.. 2-4 .. maybe night ? esp in town .. show people u care and bring up a plan for car park
Green waste collection please and more recycling collection places throughout the city please.
Definitely 3 waters needs more done - road maintenance absolutely but not prioritising cars over walkways and cycleways and public transport
More parking
Would love to see more pedestrian and cycling options, great work in this area
You have made a wonderful job of Portobello / Harrington Point Road. Please finish doing the widening to finish the job. Where they have been widened is so much safer.
With a small amount of knowledge about the underground services in George st i definitely think increasing and modernising Dunedin underground services is a must especially we want to increase the population of the city in years to come
Dunedin should bit give more attention to waste services
Fix the roads to a better standard and stop mucking around with speed limits
Make our city connected with bike paths!!! Complete the cycle way right down the peninsula side for those communities.
Finish the Dunedin Peninsula connection. This has been committed to needs to be seen through to completion.
more protected cycle ways like the cycle tunnels to Mosgiel , and more safe cycle ways to schools etc so that parents and children have another option apart from a car
Complete jobs once and stop having to dig roads up multiple times, also taking into account retail and businesses concerns when interrupting their businesses.
lower speed limits, keep working to improve water quality, go with 3 waters
No cycle ways more carparks! Stop the antiwar brigade
Stop the proliferation of speed bumps and protruding kerbs. There is too much spent on unnecessary work and not enough spent on essential maintenance. The problems around the schools are being caused by helicopter parenting. Restrict parking outside school with increased no stopping zones.
Water services most critical. Move to better public transport and cycleways but maintain roads.
You must keep upgrading failing infrastructure
Need to prioritize replacement of storm water pipes in south Dunedin to mitigate against future flooding Also retain green island tip rather than waste further ratepayers money on Smoothy Hill..
Have a consistent work plan so that all capital replacement doesn't happen at once.
More safer bicycle lanes, safe drinking water
Build and support more to prioritise walking, cycling reducing the reliance on private motor travel
Our road is a potholed mess and has been for years.
we need to promote less need for waste, make footpaths better and user friendly, join shared pathways up and make mode shift easier in urban area
More parking at a cost effective price. Start thinking NOW about charging stations. Make sure infrastructure is more capable of handling weather events.
Update 3 waters network to meet 1:10 level of service. Allow for climate change when designing 50 - 100 year networks so a 1:10 level of service can be maintained in 20 - 50 years time.
The progress made on safe cycling infrastructure has been great. We now need a connected system, including through the CBD and south Dunedin
I cycled for many years before the current cycle way system. Now we need to get cyclists to use the damn things.
Great work on upgrading the water and waste infrastructure but it feels like general maintenance on our roads and footpaths is dropping behind
spend the same as now, but cut down waste, and actually achieve more
Need safer infrastructure for cycling and ongoing maintenance of current infrastructure
More cycle paths
More footpaths and shared pathways. George St is a huge success, extend it.
Reticulated water for Middlemarch. Being gravity fed will save power and continue to provide water in event of power cut.

Extend three waters servicing more widely e.g. out to taiari
Do it better. Seems a lot of double handling and mistakes have been made with George st.
Increase car free zones, extend cycle ways, park and rides, better buses, more public water fountains/ water bottle refills, more baby changing areas
More separate cycleways so its safer to cycle (or small motor) around the city. Provide more park and ride areas. Provide rail services and or tram services within central Ōtepoti and linking to the suburbs and towns within the area, airport, and region
Purchase Forbury Park. Install extra stormwater pumps and pipes here.
Better recycling and waste infrastructure - compost bins, a move away from plastic bin bags, endorse circular economy and not throwing things away. Lower speed limits.
Increase alternative transport to reduce car dependence
I'd love to see a bit of focus on keeping cycleways and shared pathways clear of glass.
Need a serious focus on inner city carparking. People won't come into the city if they can't park. Simple as that. Forget about carpark hubs at Burnside etc. Complete waste of time and money.
Fill in ditches on residential roads, to improve parking spaces esp in small towns ie Waikouaiti
Add more recycling options
Above all, focus on Roads, Water and Waste Services infrastructure must increase MUCH MORE. Leith came up last year and I had to be evacuated from my home after Civil Defence knocked on my door and gave me 10 minutes. Thank God same didn't happen this year. The exact cause and who exactly to blame doesn't matter one bit, the matter of fact is that our climate has been becoming increasingly erratic and we need to prepare for it. Our stormwater drainage systems will be strained to it's limits, our roads and footpaths will be left cracked, decrepit and weathered by relentless assault of strong rainfalls more akin to what you'd see in the tropics. If we do not focus on our infrastructure, we run the risk of our urban environments being unprepared and soon unrecognisable in these changing times. And please for the love of God DO NOT SAVE ON THE WATER TREATMENT INFRASTRUCTURE. Queenstown's already shown us the consequences, cryptosporidium bug outbreak, parasites in our water hospitalising people. UV disinfection, protozoa barriers I don't care, DO NOT PENNY-PINCH. So many councils like the one in Tasman are already being tempted to do so. This is the last thing I'd like to save money on. It'd would be saving pennies, paying lives. Just like the hospital cuts. Work with the central government to deliver if we have to. Maybe with scale and standardisation it'll cost less.
Maintenance of footpaths in suburbs to enable older people to walk in their local community. Eg cleaning moss and licken off footpaths and attending to grossly uneven surfaces. Ensuring trees cut back from footpaths. Option for those who live on their own for smaller recycling rubbish removal services at a cheaper cost. I feel I'm going to be subsidizing households that create lots of rubbish
A lot of the footpaths are very overgrown or have mould on them
Ensure our water does not cause illness and the infrastructure is fit for purpose. I think Three Waters is a great idea that has been hijacked by racists and those who are far too parochial to see the benefits of working at a larger scale.

Additional comments on Libraries, Arts and Culture
291 responses
I am pleased to see the tile pavers to the car park side entrance at the Waikouaiti Events Centre have at last been sand blasted but they would have been better left unpainted to retain maximum grip.
I know funding is ready for an arts performance space in the city which is much needed after the Fortune Theatre demise
Book buses are the best.
Focus on maintaining existing services and activities. Forget the new theatre and spend the money on maintaining the library.
Great that we are a city of Literature. Great that we are a Wildlife Capital. The archive activities of the library are important. Also increase size of stack so fewer books have to be discarded.
These are all great resources for the city, please continue to fund them adequately.
I would like to see more live music events. The rest is great for the size of the city. Brilliant - so much to offer - very much enjoy the events on at the museum; notably during school holidays.
Libraries provide an amazing service - can't think of any improvements they could make
Over the last 10 years, the value of grants to performing arts organisations have fallen significantly below present day values,. We advocate for a review so that arts grants are increased to present day values so that organisations are sustained and can continue to contribute to the community's well-being and cultural capital. The difference (i.e. shortfall) between our organisation's grant level and where it should be is \$40,000 p.a. (ex GST).
We are very well served at present - except for live music. This needs a refocus, but I think we do pretty well now.
Support for live music needs to be ongoing.
Nice to have in a time of greater need.
I really appreciate having places like the library and being able to take visitors to the Otago Settlers Museum.
A vibrant community is a healthy community. That music venue is a thing.
coordination to develop Arts & Culture facilities
it would be cool to have more music performances and shows
South Dunedin Library
Please add an eating area to the libraries-it's not nice on a rainy day not being able to keep warm inside and have your lunch or a hot drink in the library.
Love our amenities, except for the money guzzling stadium. Maintaining what we have and spreading to less serviced parts of our city as planned will cost more and more as population inevitably rises, resources cost more and inequality increases.
The need for enduring support of our music and performance spaces remains- please continue to support the current community arts spaces on Princes St
Just do absolutely minimal, and pay of debt.
The libraries are an amazing asset for the city. Spend a lot of time there/visit regularly
Our library services are much appreciated together with all these other facilities.
Stop wasting money on art
I want DCC to get behind and push hard for a new Performing Arts Centre as promoted by Stage South. This centre is affordable and essential for a city that is a City of Literature and is based on Te Raukura ki Kapiti
The libraries are gems of Dunedin! Continue the great work.
Great to see the live draft live music action plan voted in but need more information on its implementation.
Ensure each community area has a meeting place for gatherings, celebrations, music etc. also access to books and historical treasures
What is happening with Sammie's and the Fortune theatre? There are not enough live entertainment venues in Dunedin
It's a big part of what keeps people here and not going to Melbourne. Essential
Art and Culture have a huge positive affect on a city, and Dunedin is a nurturing nest for creative folk. Ensure that opportunities for creative people to stay and thrive in Otepoti Dunedin and the city will only benefit, creating a positive energy and sense of belonging for all.
Culture
Libraries, arts and culture breathe life into Dunedin - the lack of theatre since Fortune demise is very sad for a city that is based on literature, university cultural hub
We are building a brand based on our art and culture scene. Let's not give up now.

Medium- large Venue for live music
Supporting arts and culture are what make us a society and what make our shared culture available to all regardless of income level. In tighter times this is even more important.
Can we turn the Forbury Park into a recreational centre for Sth Dunedin. Put a hockey and football turf in tehre, take the grandstand down and make it usable space?
Public facilities need to be operated as a business and self sustainable
Arts centre for performances for Pacific community, workshopping space at a large scale.
Good job
The Dunedin Gasworks Museum in South Dunedin is an industrial heritage site of global significance, and a valuable community resource. It needs the council's continued support.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring more awareness to live music and busking • Bring more available activities for people to take part in • Have more spaces for live performances like in the Botanical Gardens • Flash mobs are fun – we must keep it a tradition in our city • Help support and provide for the farmers markets • Please bring back more fairs, carnivals with costumes and festivals in various places around Dunedin • Holiday Programmes – crafting, planting, or making things like soap, candles, deodorant.
Seems to me that there are many librarians with not enough to do.
Community and professional groups accessing city-owned venues need better financial access to the venues. This is definitely the number one issue is bring arts to people in Dunedin. The entity controlling venues needs an administrative overall and many, many kicks up the arse for apathy/
I love accessing facilities without a cover charge.
There is a need for more civic involvement and investment in cultural infrastructure, ie Performing Arts and Music. Another urgent area for development is ensuring Dunedin has career pathways for our creatives. There is a real threat of losing our creative people to other metro centres (eg Wellington, Melbourne)
Would rather service our debt
I think music and arts in general are experiencing challenging times and supporting them is very important. We really enjoy the Fringe Festival for example and hope that this could be further expanded with top performers
Keep the library going as s high priority in this City of Litetature
Maintain what we have and make the Fortune theatre and Samies save to use they just need to be used again they don't need to be fully refurbished just make it work as they are. Upgrade over time a bit at the time at leased we save those buildings the longer you wait the more expensive it will get and more damage will happen to the interior. Make this urgent get the right people to operate.
protect live music venues from nimbyism
We need a mid-sized custom-designed performance space. The Town Hall is far too expensive for most groups.
Resolve the provision of a small live theatre space. There are existing theatres in need of a coordinated redevelopment plan.
Will be tough times ahead for our creative community under a national govt
Really liking that the Dunedin Museum is dong more events etc. recently, there has been some super cool stuff so far. Would love to see something suited towards 20-25 year olds.
Get the South Dunedin library completed-how long it has been since it was promised and to have adequate parking to enable access for the whole community particularly families and the elderly who may have mobility issues and need to use cars.n
More free events and places for young families and young people to visit
Dunedin is strong in this area. Keep up the good work
The community's wellbeing cannot be readily quantified in dollar terms but access to good libraries and a variety of arts/cultural activities and concerts is essential. Dunedin needs a mid-sized venue space (8-900 seat).
More venues for bands to practice and play eg Sammys
More investment in arts and culture, and venues. Upgrade existing services.
south dunedin need a library now
The arts add vibrancy to our city, and allowus to imagine new futures together. Please support them,
We are so lucky in Dunedin to have such a huge arts presence in our community
These areas are important and the council should not let them slip
Active support of spaces for live music.
It would be good to see an increase in support for live music, as this is part of the fabric of our city and immensely helpful for peoples' mental wellbeing, but due to multiple socio-economic factors, it risks dying out unless supported by local government with a well-developed strategy.

Bring back Sammys or have a music venue capable of hosting some international acts
we dont have enough Libraries
An additional mentorship program would be beneficial to see artists learn business skills needed to thrive with the support needed. Also more support for local venues to be able to be louder when having gigs, without neighbours being able to complain so freely. It seems to me a good deal of venues have already closed down, because of this. An idea which might boost the entertainment could be a digital noticeboard permanently installed in the Octagon, like the buses, but it has What's On for that time frame up to two hours ahead and updates itself automatically, so when you're in town you can have a look and go to a gig or theatre or whatever else might be happening immediately in town.
A vibrant participative culture creates well-being for all ... Libraries could be far more dynamic community spaces hosting a wide variety of activities
Would not be a good look to reduce funding and support for this sector, Dunedin needs to increase public participation in festivals. Charging ticket entry to the Winter Carnival was a mistake imo. Sould have stayed in the Octagon with a ticked "afterparty" option to help with fundraising.
In Canada a permanent centre of the arts is a weekly event during the winter months usually at public venues like library.
The city needs a medium sized performance venue at a sustainably rental rate
We do this so well. Please keep this at least as good as now, maybe even better.
I would like to see council, in partnership with other community groups, the university, Dunedin Symphony Orchestra etc, to utilise the empty buildings around Dunedin and use them as performance centres - ie the Iona Church in Port Chalmers - well promoted, free or low fee events with local artists performing
Libraries, Arts and Cultural organisations are key drivers of engagement and activity in our city.
Support of live events bringing people into the city and utilising the stadium better. Museums and galleries are great assets for the city. These need to be well funded and supported.
the museum and library need more funding to keep their current services and continue to grow and improve.
Its going well
All these spaces need to be wheelchair accessible and they are not. Get a disability assessor in and go from entrance to exit examining access.
The arts community does tremendous work in spite of severe underfunding
The Library is a treasure, as is the Art Gallery. A permanent, affordable (i.e. hire cost), local music venue is a must. More emphasis on the classic at the musesums, less of the pseudo educational disneyland.
Less wasteful spending on overpriced and unnecessary art features and installations. Money could go to funding better services or towards paying down excessive council debt
Keep up level of maintenance, but improve/modernise playgrounds
More spaces for the music scene so many awesome spaces have had to close (dogs with two tails) MORE creative and well-being services , more things happening in the CBD events /markets / exhibitions so much more could be happening
there is no music in the streets like in Ireland or Scotland which was a surprise as Dunedin is proud of its heritage from the celtic cmmunity. I think having place with a covered area where you can have a little band playing would be nice. Dunedin was way more buyant in the 50s than it is now musicians just go away.
Our dcc library is fantastic!
Look forward to the South Dunedin Library - it has been a long time coming
If the pandemic taught us anything, it is the vital role that arts & culture play in the fabric of living in Dunedin. The physical spaces where these activities happen is obviously important and I would like to see a broader approach than just a new 'theatre'. The space needs to be flexible to cater for live music performances. For instance, City Choir Dunedin currently performs in the Town Hall, or Knox Church, both venues have serious drawbacks—Town Hall seating 2000 is too large and too expensive, Knox Church is uncomfortable for both audience and choir members. The choir needs space for 100 singers, standing (and seated) in tiers, with space in front &/or below for accompanying orchestra, and an audience of 600 or so. Alternative CCD spaces, like the Glenroy Auditorium, are too small. Even other 'commercially' available spaces like the Kings & Queens Auditorium, cannot accommodate the choir. A narrowly thought-out simple stage for theatrical performances will not be adequate and CCD runs the risk of alienating a section of the performing arts in Dunedin. Live music performance must include classical. On the subject of arts grants: without the annual grant the choir would be non-viable. Increasing compliance costs and inflation hits hard on even volunteer-based organisations, no matter how efficiently they are run. CCD should consider raising the level of grant. Choral singing is proven to be of immense benefit to singers and audiences alike. The research is quite clear on this point.

Generate pride through exporting Dunedin artists and cultural products nationally.
More money to the public libraries please. Reallocate from the performing arts grants if necessary. Public libraries allow ALL people, young, old, fit or infirm, to access books and different media they couldn't otherwise afford.
Activities at the library need better promotion like social media
There are barely any (public) spaces & venues that can provide live music and other arts.
I understand that there has been a cut to some services, such as Otago Museum funding. These are valuable amenities which need to be resourced for the sake of the local community. Ought visitors from outside Otago be charged as we are in places such as Auckland?
Love the Bookbus service and our libraries.
Employ library and art gallery staff full time, not casually so you have experienced and knowledgeable staff who don't leave for something more secure.
Keep it up! Loving the public art. <3
Make sure you keep up funding for libraries and museums to allow for population growth and keeping staff wages in line with wage growth
Such amazing facilities. So many amazing cultural and learning opportunities, we love the work you do in these areas
Re use existing buildings for any further performance spaces required. Update, strengthen and renovate places such as the Mayfair and maybe even the old His Majesty's theatre spaces. Too many new buildings being put up and too many older buildings left to rot until they can only be demolished.
A new theatre to replace the Fortune please!
We are very well served by the libraries. More events and exhibitions at DPAG would always be welcome, and more general activity in performance spaces. And it is absolutely time to deal with a mid sized performance space in town. Current venues are awful. We also don't make nearly enough of the City of Culture status. I
Libraries are the beating heart of a city. Resource readily accessible providing social wellbeing as well as resources
Would like to see availability of practice rooms for bands - well managed spaces would work
Very impressed with the library and it's interface with the public.
Fine as is.
Stop spending on over priced art that doesn't last if you are going to spend put it into sculptures that aren't going to age badly like the teeth but last
Libraries are an essential service and our cultural institutions are often boasted about but the first to see cuts when savings are being sought
As the city of literature we should push the above services to locals and tourists.
Love all the options Dunedin has, could potentially have more to offer more affordable events after 5pm on weekdays
Why did the DCC buy Sammy's if they have no plans to do anything with it???
Love the engaged staff at the museums and libraries with regular events for kids
Some investment in more public art would be a wonderful way to add vibrancy to the improving infrastructure in Dunedin
There are hardly any spaces for live music anymore. I am super excited for the south dunedin library.
Our museums, art galleries and public spaces are better when they reflect they diversity, vibrancy and importance of our city and its residents. We need to showcase our value to the world. That's why this important.
Dunedin needs to keep its point of difference if it to remain competitive as a destination for tourism and culture. Maintaining these investments is crucial if we don't want to end up as just another invercargill (no offence to invercargill)
No cuts please
They are the life blood of our community.
Major museums should be given priority.
Great assets. Well done.
More promotion on City of Literature designation, murals of local writers, commission a sculpture of a stack of books, make a poster showcasing book covers of Dunedin (rather than doors /pubs/letterboxes as other cities do; make a poster of Little Free Libraries of Dunedin, have a scavenger hunt at LFL much like a geocache, have a "Best Dressed LFL" on holidays such as Xmas St Paddy's Day, Robert Burns Day, Janet Frame bday, easter, Otago anniversary, Matariki, Halloween??, etc). Some cities have a mascot animal and colorful statues of the same silhouette are placed throughout the city choose one such as penguin, albatross, whale, sheep, moa, Haka figurine, Tui or fern/ magnolia/rhododendron , surfboard or surfer, rugby figurine, and run with it (consider the

pigeon statues in Welly, HelloKoalas of Australia, the Cows on Parade in Chicago USA, . Have a large billboard proclaiming city of literature near train station or in octagon that people can interact with and take photos to post on social media it could be like the sign in Welly on the waterfront missing the "l" in which people take the place of the l or the l could be formed by a stack of books
Create more scotish heritage landmark .. entertainment..pubs or theme parks
We need improvements to our current performing arts spaces and a long term vision for how the arts will be supported in Dunedin - it's not just about venues but sustainable careers as well.
The Museum needs help with funding now they've lost significant MoE funds! We can't afford to lose any of the fabulous services this museum offers!
Libraries are a public treasure, for of the few comfortable spaces that are freely accessible to all. So much more than "buildings with books in them". And Museums always struggle with maintenance and operational costs.
Love the new book buses
Dunedin is young, fun and arty. Keep it up and sell it
Great work here for us 50+ but I know the younger ones want more live music venues.
The Otago Museum is an important resource for conservation and education and they are losing staff and unable to replace them.
Dunedin has always been an artist hub. Would be great to our venues supported. You could buy the Tunnel and turn it in to an artist amd residence. Bring back Sammys too.
The Wildlife rescue centre is well deserving of funding and needs to be prioritized.They save the lives of our precious wildlife that make,Dunedin so special.As the voted leaders of our community,you should be championing their work as an example of what should be nation wide
Culture is important, but appart from libraries I believe it should be self funded.
Dunedin is supposed to be a "city of literature", fer cryin' out loud. We need to act like it. Much of what we have (libraries, art gallery, classical music venue) are great. But we need to actually serve the artists, themselves, and not just the patrons.
I do not live in Dunedin but regard these as vital services to maintain resident well being.
Happy with what is available
Additional funding to art and music spaces and projects.
I am showing my bias in that I do not really have any idea how the funding currently looks. I 100% do not want funding cuts to libraries in particular though! They provide incredibly valuable service! Everyone likes to dismiss the arts but everyone relies on them to get through their day, so we should bear that in mind.
discretionary spending like this which is not part of the cities infrastructure shouldn't be part of rates
Please continue supporting libraries, including Library Buses, Arts and Culture.
As the "wildlife capital" fund Orokonui Ecosanctuary and the Wildlife Hospital properly
As the university of Otago is reducing investment into arts and culture, it is even more important to support and properly fund libraries, museums and other cultural organizations. Increasing grants for individual and group artists is nessesary to keep Dunedin a modern and exciting place to live and work.
Strong and stable funding makes a big difference to this area. Suggest the DPAG, Toitu and Lan Yuan are funded at the same level as Otago Museum. Otago Museum presents large and long photo filled reports - and DCC institutions are restricted to very limited reporting to Councillors - which never seems fair.
Make it easier for more events - advertise it more
More security for the staff when they have problem clients.
I love all that you do for Public Libraires, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, our museums and public performance spaces <3
These services are great
Very important for culture and community so deserves to be well-funded. More Māori culture represented.
These are frills--nice to have, but very low priority.
We have more than enough
A safe live music space is important
The library and museum are amazing resources we should all be proud of.
I'm completing this survey on behalf of the Leadership Team of the Dunedin Fringe Arts Trust. We believe that the DCC should increase its investment in arts and culture, in part to acknowledge the outsized role that arts, culture and creativity play in making Ōtepoti a great place to live, and in part to acknowledge the cost of living and inflation increases that are currently making it nearly impossible to make ends meet for cultural organisations. We call on the Council to review its grantmaking practices in light of worldwide best practice in philanthropy,

including adopting multi-year, general operating funding for key established anchor cultural organisations in the city; and bringing an equity lens to all grantmaking, that's designed in collaboration with the arts and culture sector. We also call for increased investment and effort to find a long-term, sustainable solution to the challenges facing performing arts and music venues in the city, which is in alignment with the DCC's Live Music Action and Implementation Plan, which has been adopted by the Council, and the Destination Ōtepoti Plan. We request operational support to keep Dunedin Fringe-run venue – already a partnership with the DCC – open until longer term solutions are found.
There should be charge for Otago museum entry, it is one of the best museum I've been too, including a significant number of museums overseas e.g. smithsonian
There isn't much support for live music. The stadium might be fine for crap like ed sherran but there's no middle ground. Keep venue's open would be a good start. So many have closed down. There is bugger all culture in this town anymore except the debacle that is the student culture. Again. Average.
I think there is decent support in this regard - more support for live music and local bands would be a positive move. Dunedin needs to once again be famed as a hub of indie music as it was in the 1980s.
More fun things to do with kids.
While these are nice to haves, it's essential costs and infrastructure that should be prioritized.
We have plenty this area could be a saving for awhile
Libraries, Sth Dunedin Library and then more. They are not just sources for info but safe places for vulnerable people
The library is well overdue an update. It feels old and outdated and not in a rad way. Need to make more interesting to younger people
need more areas for childrens activities that are indoors and designated for small kids to be entertained.
I love the library bus service
We feel city support for live music and their spaces could be more. Frequently artists are not scheduling Dunedin as part of their tours, though booking towns around us. Culturally we are now missing out on valuable experiences for our communities. Would like to see more focus on performance spaces that are accessible and affordable for artists to book. This would also practically support local artist development. Have many more comments but this may not be the time for this.
Dunedin is my favourite city of literature and arts. The public library and performances I see here are well above the mark for a city of this size. More investment here would be stunning.
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Better facilities for dance & gymnastic clubs
Improvements to the library are needed to make it a more enticing space for the community to use
OK AS IS
Gone are the days of requiring a Library service in multiple locations in the city. A gold-plated South Dunedin Library project with ongoing, ever-increasing operational expenditure requirements is not a necessity. Why not just run a free shuttle from South Dunedin to the Central Library and save the city millions of dollars every year?
I love the services you provide but if you have to make savings somewhere I'd make savings here and reduce these services.
I love the vibrant mix of arts and culture in Dunedin. It makes it a really fun and funky place to live.
Advertise library and gallery events earlier.
I use these facilities occasionally and find them really good.
Stop prevaricating on theatre facilities provision
More venues for original live music. Original music and lyrics is something that comes under the umbrella of City of Literature and more venues would allow the culture of originality and creativity to flourish and become more accessible to the general public.
More support in renovating Mayfair, multipurpose performance space, what's happening with former Sammy's venue and that hideous green gap fronting one way system should be turned into indoors space or glassy foyer. Libraries need to be welcoming inspiring spaces while the 20 years of dragging the feet on South Dunedin library is a joke while just considering delivering a basic boring design is uninspiring and will not attract people to its interior to peruse books, the first step in generating interest in literature, reading, pleasure of reading. In Chch Brighton library has taken a spit with a view to the sea. Here we want to squeeze it into a street with a sclalud factor, no parking or very congested area. There is nothing wrong in being in an upand coming area or almost industrial area but the area requires an overall bigger vision. Seems like the plan is a basic concession to an ongoing 20 year string of broken promises.
Just more to keep infrastructure up to date.

Keen for more events (i.e. live music)
Support for live music and performance spaces could be better
We need to sort the theatre spaces. We need to also sort the issue of sound with live music and inner city residential so we do not lose our live music scene.
More support for live music venues, live events, social art events
Good services.
This area is vital to community mental and physical well-being. It is an area that states who we are
Souther Dunedin library is great but is unexpectedly closed a lot of the time.
Ensure they are updated regularly to avoid them becoming tired and rundown
The proposed south Dunedin library not needed, most of the users have free bus cards, so should go to the main library . Or send the mobile book bus out a couple of times a week.
Be nice to have a theatre but we can't afford a new build.
If only there was parking to make these accessible.
Increase to City Services grants is essential if we are to build and sustain a local performing arts industry in addition to whatever is decided around the money set aside for a performing arts venue or venues. It is not feasible to expect all performing arts communities in Otepoti to be on the same page around what a venue or venues will be as we have different needs. The same is not expected of sports codes and their respective facilities and playing fields or courts. As a UNESCO City of Literature, opportunities to incorporate and leverage writing for theatre as part of the city's brand are being overlooked.
These are nice to have but not essential
ensuring that our cultural spaces are maintained and current is important. A live music venue is vital including an on or near the campus pup
Love the Library, Art Gallery and Museums. They are great.
Bylaw to stop residents who move into town complaining about any music venue. They knew what was there before they came. Business has the 'right to occupy' & carry on what they are doing. One complaint is not enough to warrant any action. Restore Sammys! It could be a community project, do the quakeproofing and structural work and let interested groups fix up inside.
I'm not sold on a South Dunedin library - surely there are more pressing issues to be addressing
Happy with libraries
Not as important as basic infrastructure
Dunedin is an awesome vibrant city - we must keep the momentum going
Toitu, Lan Yuan and DPAG are very different institutions and each need their own director. Also, it's time that non-residents - or overseas visitors at least - paid a small fee to enter DPAG, Toitu and Otago Museum.
Toitu is a really excellent Museum I enjoy taking the kids there especially on school holidays. However Dunedin is poorly catered to young families in terms of spaces for children to play safely, not to mention somewhere inside for those rainy/cold days
Libraries and arts are essential to wellbeing. Libraries provide knowledge and learning for all but are particularly important for those who are less well off. Libraries are evolving to meet community need, and the need is very real at this time, please add to rather than cut library budgets.
This town used to be a hub for arts and culture, sad to have seen it disappear and artists leave because of it
Bring back the events! Greater access to collections.
No funds to the arts culture library
More live music venues
More funding for staff across the cultural sector, fund the heritage festival every year, more funding for Dunedin heritage fund, more dcc staff in heritage team, create a bylaw to deal with demolition by neglect of heritage buildings
In today's world, it is more necessary than ever to invest in the arts. We need an educated, creative population to overcome some of the difficulty we are facing.
Brings vital economic and cultural life to the city
DCC does a fantastic job with arts and culture. Maybe a central bulletin board both as a kiosk on the Octagon and online where end-users can find info on upcoming events, especially music. Or a weekly entertainment tabloid style newspaper. The annual science and fringe festivals are amazing - thank you for your hard work on those. Please consider an afternoon music event in the octagon or park during summer where one two or three acts which appeal to all ages and families to bring them together on a Sunday afternoon or Thursday evening, picnic style.

Appreciate the difficulty of spreading council funding so widely. Maybe use council mana to engage in more public/private partnerships for arts, culture, nature and other community projects.
We need these as part of our cultural identity and enlightenment
You do great in this area. The same as now is ok.
Cultures are becoming more diverse. A wider understanding of that diversity and how that affects our DNA
Address the live music venue issue
i think you are doing quite a good job and we definitely should not have less. If you want to have this city as the really cool small city in the south, we need to acknowledge that there are lots of artists struggling and I would look at any smart way in which artists could be supported. I would like to see to hold more building in ownership of the city which is for art and culture as artists cannot pay market rents and do great things with having the arts career as their profession. Artists are struggling. I do appreciate the support but there could be more.
Really happy with the services provided by the library and Toitū. My family are regular users of these services and engage in their programs. The only downside is the closure of the Civic Center Cafe and the Cafe at Toitū is not very child friendly.
Stick to the initial plan of building a new library in the old Para rubber building this would be less expensive than building it in the old Wolfenden and Russel building. Also having come from a performing arts background the need for a performing arts hub is ridiculous. Sell off Sammy's and the old Fortune theatre and use the money to improve say the Mayfair theatre to be able to accommodate the disabled and other groups.
more live music and community events that are FREE
Medium sized venue proposal to be revisited
We need to continue supporting the arts. There has been good momentum in the last year in terms of live music and performance spaces. Keep this up. We also need to better support our museums and libraries!
Arts are very important of the city, but probably get the right level of support now.
The Dunedin Public Library is tired and the book selection doesn't keep up with fresh titles compared to other libraries I've used in NZ including Wellington and Christchurch. This applies to both youth and adult books. It's been awesome to see the library used for events and groups and of course the staff are amazing. The puzzle area is really great. There can always be more grants for arts, the arts is one of the things that makes Dunedin so special and a great place to live.
Please remember that Tūhura Otago Museum is also funded (in part) by ratepayers and needs appropriate levels of capital investment to maintain its facilities
Arts (including libraries and cultural places) are the social heart-beat of a city; these must be maintained.
Rethink what we deliver in the context of the city of the future - who uses these facilities and why? Who doesn't and why? Don't just repeat what we have done but evaluate the actual desire (and not just of the vocal few)? Equally ask, how do we get more people to utilise these facilities so burden equates to social value delivered to whole city.
Help awareness of events in Dunedin
Stop wasting money on vanity projects that lead nowhere eg Sammy's
Entertainment and events space, I love carnivals. Light shows. Santa parades etc
Stop reducing funding to these services we need them.
Dunedin needs more live band spaces , especially in the City Centre to keep it vibrant and have some where for students to go
Bring back Fortune Theatre. Kill 2 birds with 1 stone.
The Arts are so, so important and will help the people get through a 3 year term under a right wing govt. Increased funding!
Longer opening hours
More venues for live music
Please, please have a yearly fireworks on the harbour like was done years ago, people could see it from all the hill suburbs
A valuable part of the city
Places like libraries and museums need more funding for more and better-paid staff.
Music venues for the public! All of this closing down of venues creates antisocial behavior. People enjoying music and having fun there decreases bored aimless drinking on the streets. Actively supporting music venues in Dunedin would make a significant positive difference to the safety of our streets at night. Plus it is an emotional and creative outlet for people. And adds to the vibrancy of Dunedin. Sammys? We need 2 or 3 good venues of various sizes that the DCC actively supports so they can succeed. People living in apartments in the city? The

apartments should be soundproofed. The public good outweighs the good of people who decide to live within the centre of a vibrant city space.
It is important to keep supporting these institutions, but I would not prioritise an increase in spending on them at this time. We need to focus on addressing environmental issues instead.
Please open up the Dunedin waterfront development
these are luxury items with rates sky rocketing at over inflation increases for decades we can not afford luxuries
These are vital for a vibrant, attractive city that people love visiting or choosing to call home.
Libraries, Arts and Culture are invaluable and we must continue to support the facilities that provide for the community in these ways. Our library is world class, please keep it that way.
Dunedin is a great cultural stronghold, and support, in particular for classical music (DSO, Dunedin City Choir, etc.) needs to be kept up or, if possible, extended.
More venues for live acts
Do it differently: work with zero carbon 2030 plan. Hold citizen assemblies
Skateparks. Destination playground
time the council took control of the situation and dictated to the separate theatre groups instead of sitting back and trying to please every individual group
Please finish building and outfitting the South Dunedin Library and Community Complex
I really appreciate how there's a strong focus on bringing Māori and voices of diverse artists and writers.
DCC could set up a charitable trust covering the LAC facilities it owns to offer people a chance to donate.
need better parking close to these facilities - who wants to pay \$20 parking to visit the library?
Dunedin prides itself on its literary heritage and indeed is a Unesco City of Literature yet it has one of the most run down and dreary city libraries in the country. Its time the DCC stopped trying to live on its (dwindling) reputation and showed a real commitment to revitalising the central building and provided the community and the staff that work there something to regain their pride in our city. Dunedin has also gone far too long without a permanent replacement for the Fortune Theatre.
The Central Library is a significant part of city life. It has a strong collection, serving the needs of the entire community. The current building is a disgrace and must be upgraded urgently. Shame on the DCC overlooking this building for so many years.
More live music in local businesses would be great.
Dunedin is known for its wildlife, and its arts/culture. Please continue to maintain funding to our art scene, it is a huge benefit for residents and an important drawcard for visitors.
More spaces for medium sized gigs!
Upgrade and make what we already have more accessible
Time to make a plan for music and follow through. It is taking too long, even for the DCC
More support of live music events.
Engagement with the wider community and create spaces for this engagement
The stadium needs to be used more
I loved the FIFA fan festival. Was amazing being able to experience live matches on the big screen in a beautiful venue.
These things are second to getting the basic services right.
These are great spaces and we visit often
do more round south dunedin.. north dunedin.. out of central dunedin
Libraries, arts and culture make Dunedin culturally, historically and artistically rich- they are very important for our city.
need smaller live music venues though
Libraries are the best of places for the less well off
Do more to preserve built heritage from destruction and mutilation
Spending too much already tighten the belt!
Stop wasting ratepayers money on ego massaging projects like performance spaces for egocentric timewasters who think that they are owed world-class venues and performance spaces. The Glenroy sits empty for much of the time and can be used as a performance venue for local musicians/poets on a regular basis. If they can't muster enough crowd support to make it work that is not the ratepayers concern. The dream that Dunedin is special because we have the "Dunedin Sound" is totally delusional. Those were the 1980s/90s and most performers today can't gather enough support to fill a coffee house. Do not pander but offer the Glenroy at reduced rates, with coffee and alcohol available as a test of viability. As for theatre, we have sufficient theatres in this city and the

<p>only reasonable option is to develop His Majesty's/Sammys rather than build new while the heritage theatres rot. I am reminded that when the late Patric Carey wanted a theatre he did not demand that the city build one for him but rather he built it himself with the goodwill of supporters and today the Globe Theatre is unique in this city. Ease back on spending on the City of Literature let them survive on their merits rather than the city ratepayers beneficence.</p>
<p>WE HAVE GREAT ARTS FACILITIES - WE DO NEED MORE SUPPORT IN LIVE MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE SPACES</p>
<p>I still don't understand why a city this size requires two libraries. Museums need to be supported, as do galleries. Live music and drama should not attract heavy public funding support as they can be funded directly if demand supports it</p>
<p>We need to support live music in the city</p>
<p>Less expenditure in this area would take the pressure off potential rates increases in 24/25.</p>
<p>It's part of Dunedin's heritage and tourism.</p>
<p>Platform where all the events and workshop are listed would be useful, you always have to look at different platforms</p>
<p>with things getting tougher we need to look at doing some of these things smarter and at least overhead costs - maybe we need to limit times open - banks are!</p>
<p>Support Dunedin live music venues, restore Sammy's, we need a quality mid size venue</p>
<p>Get the performing arts space(s) sorted. You've been talking about it for too long. Do something with Sammy's or click the building onto someone who will do something</p>
<p>Live music is dying in Dunedin. We need to support and expand spaces like Dog with Two Tails and not let them go</p>
<p>Support live music venues by restricting the ability of people to complain about a venue</p>
<p>Outside of my purview but if it comes down to this and infrastructure I'd say this goes first.</p>
<p>Keep the museums free and fund the hell out of them! They are such an incredible assets! Our libraries are beautiful spaces</p>
<p>Love the libraries. Love the museums. Love the art culture. Properly fund them</p>
<p>Provide some financial support to small museums, which serve important community functions such as conserve local heritage, volunteer opportunities, attract visitors to the area and provide a range of information.</p>
<p>Live music and celebrations to increase community vibe</p>
<p>More support for live events within the central city area and less emphasis on policing noise. People living inner city need to accept that some events will impact on their residences and need more tolerance or better sound protection.</p>
<p>I think we have great facilities but have no knowledge of whether any upgrades are needed.</p>

Additional comments on Social and Community Wellbeing
271 responses
The recent Community Lunch organised by POWA at the Waikouaiti Events Centre was an appreciated & enjoyable event but surprisingly, not as well attended as anticipated.
Community events needs support as we don't have a big population to rely on for revenue to such events - but they are the glue that brings a community together
Halls need to be kept up to a warm standard. Toilets open whenever possible i.e. Ocean Grove Recreation Hall
Events and festivals should be well-organized, modern, and of high quality. Let's be honest, octagon markets may appear messy and authentically not in one style, but they could be better organized or located away from the Octagon.
These help build social aspects of community
Maintain what is happening in this space.
Keep an eye on the carbon costs of events. The car festival is now an anachronism.
More community endorsement would be nice to see, encouraging folk to get together, bringing people together. Not sure what that looks like, I appreciate I haven't offered a proposal!
DCC community housing is great! Events could do with a refresh - the same tired old events year after year means lots of people don't bother going.
Homelessness and a lack of affordable housing is an issue in Dunedin. We need more support for those on the fringes of society and we need to work in partnership with the NGO sector and the Mental Health services
Council had undertaken a study for a performing arts venue, and not only a theatre. This was to address the absence in the city of an affordable medium-sized (c. 600 seat) performing arts venue in the city. Other venues used are designed for other purposes (churches, school halls) making them inaccessible and/or expensive and/or unsuitable (e.g. a proscenium arch meaning inappropriate for unamplified music, no backstage area etc) and/or too small. In 10 years, the Town Hall hire costs have increased by 352%. We advocate for a review of the Community Access Fund so that Hire rates revert to where they should be after 10 years of DVML management, which will make the Hall accessible to many Dunedin community groups who, over the years, have had to move away from using the Hall. For our organisation, the annual hire costs are now \$60,000 (ex GST) higher than they would be if they had only been increased by the rates of inflation.
The focus should be on providing social wellbeing for those that may not otherwise be able to afford these resources. I expect to pay rates, and I expect part of those rates to be used wisely to support those less fortunate in the community. Stop subsidising cruise ship passengers and provide more subsidy to our poorer communities.
I think social housing is really important and I'm glad the council is already providing some.
annual Otepoti Dunedin Heritage Festival DCC support & coordination of admin services across depts (all festivals & events would benefit) Support for collaboration strategy across & including all local museums/S Dn potential / Gasworks & themes/ eg Industrial story museums
you should help the homeless more and help student renters
Complete Strategic Refresh. Build Community Housing. Reduce Homelessness to zero.
The number of homeless people or people living in substandard boarding houses is a sad indictment on our city. I strongly support the Council providing more community housing.
Our social and community wellbeing decreases as inequality rises. The rise in the cost of living is the result of Covid and broken supply chains, and the resource depletion due to excessive profiteering, flooding and drought and the building on food growing areas. We need to support the food shelter and opportunities for the most vulnerable in our city by support of community ventures for providing affordable nutritious food and other necessities.
Consult with communities how they can increase their wellbeing. What festivals they like to have, how to house their disadvantaged people, what basic services are needed
Seems odd to include Regulatory Services under Social and Community Wellbeing. Should be on its own, as it applies to other categories as well, e.g: Roads, Water and Waste Services; Economic Wellbeing; Environment and Sustainability.
The small grants provision is increasingly important as the equality gap widens. The current approach of considering the connections between the different organizations is helpful.
Festivals and other events are wonderful celebrations but do we need much more in terms of basic community facilities eg South Dunedin library, provision of community housing and any connecting services for people to come together easily. Increase in public seating provided is much appreciated – provides a more communal and connected environment and places for people to strangers. Cycleways – more please – riding in the traffic is frightening and encouraging of biking.

The UNESCO City of Literature and Wildlife Capital of NZ status should underpin Dunedin's cultural development. Festivals that promote these 2 brands should be strongly supported and promoted
Continued community festivals and events. More community housing for our ageing population.
Would like to see what funding is available for community groups.
More social housing!
AS per above. We have to look after people and be a vibrant place to live.
Super important and the more you can support local communities to thrive, the more you will have resilient and happy citizens
Community Wellbeing
Do minimum and pay off debt.
More festivals and events please. It creates a positive atmosphere.
Our poorest residents need to be cared for better. Happy, well communities need thriving spaces with warm, resourced community dwellings and play spaces
Community housing is a big need
Social and community well being includes better and more affordable housing, as well as more access to our lovely green spaces, the latter only requiring improving maintenance of the spaces we have.
Increase community housing
Particularly community grants and community housing. These are more important now than ever
Social housing needs much more attention and funding especially for the homeless
Community housing needs to be self supported, it should not be ratepayers subsidized. Consideration needs to be given to low income mortgage holders
More council housing purchased & built. Promote smaller home development @ co housing options
Offer and advertise more low cost screenings, check up's, align to Pacific BMI, our higher muscle mass, bone density etc, and reflect how we actually are.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having more festivals to celebrate more cultures in NZ – celebrate ceremonies, food music etc.. • Having access to community housing easier for people • More teen spaces/community spaces for all ages • Having more available events and fun things for family and friends to go to that is cheap • Maybe having more festivals • Community gardens • Better access to healthcare for poorer people
Lots more new community and pensioner flats/houses need to be built. Impossible to pay a private rent on the superannuation. Rents are just so high, and condition of many is poor. Dont meet healthy home standards but you cant complain or you will be homeless. There should be a rental housing warrant of fitness. Double glazing, reduction in mould and draughts, clean safe drinking water from the tap for all.
Offer priority to any event or group who promises to enhance belonging and cultural awareness to make the city a place of harmony and aroha.
Festival sand events celebrate who we are. They connect our communities and provide important social and cultural vibrancy for all Dunedin residents.
free bus to encourage less car use
I think it would be great if DCC could support more community housing for people in need, and could support wonderful initiatives like the Bedding Bank and the Dunedin Bowling Club eatery.
This category mixes social support for the 'deserving unfortunate' and celebrations and parties for the well-off. Skip the latter.
Spend money wisely lot of these thing can have grants given for make a better awareness for grants that are available and maybe help with how to apply.
We need more community housing or cheaper housing. More suitable places for patients that need accessibility housing or mental health housing is really needed. Especially I ward 11 closes and people who may not be able to look after themselves are out on the street
Council should be responsible for core services.
I'd like to see more public participation in decision making and education about how we are going to transform our city to achieve zero emissions.
Invest in the tracks plan to enhance the community's mental, physical and social health. A lot of people in Dunedin can not afford to go on holidays so access to nature through walks and bike trails is so good for people. So many look forward to be able to use the tunnels through Caversham and Chainhills.
Invest in more green spaces, playgrounds, skateparks, outdoor tables, public toilets, public transport
Would support quality community housing initiatives for most vulnerable.
Similar comment to that above.

A lot more can be done for our wheelchair community, ie; accessibility and sports programs
Create more cheaper and affordable/free housing so no one sleeps rough. Create DCC owned wellness hub.
My "do a lot more" is about community housig. We must have dry warm and long-term places for people to live.
More family friendly events would be great, we recently attended the Cromwell street party and fireworks. More festivals that bring the community together.
in the area of social housing
Community housing needs expanding.
As recently revealed by the ODT, Dunedin has a serious homeless problem. Auckland City Mission's HomeGround is an excellent model for the type of housing required. Dunedin society as a whole, led by the Council, should make a dramatic push in this direction.
More community housing would be greatly appreciated; I work in healthcare and many of our disadvantaged patients struggle to find adequate housing.
all the sport even
Great job! Community housing and halls sound great but seem to be invisible! Maybe more promotion of these efforts would be great!
As above ... REAL community is the glue that creates well-being: sharing resources, helping each other, generating fun, participatory activities Initiatives that provide this are what we need ... find local leaders who know how to cultivate collaboration...gathering ideas from people & giving them ownership of projects that flow from these. We don't need to be passive consumers of entertainment but creators of our own culture!
target the grants towards community groups that help those that really need it, and to groups who can make a difference environmentally
When Dunedin had a dedicated hall for table tennis it was a thriving community. Now we are known country wide as the only major community that doesn't look after its table tennis. The Edgar centre is too cold, tables are not permanently set up, lighting at table height is poor. Venue is often not available. In general we need a dedicated venue available everyday to enable the sport to grow.
Community House is woefully inadequate
Community housing and support services needed.
The lack of pensioner housing in Dunedin is a real concern for me and many people I know. As you know, a 42% increase in Dunedin's 65 years and over population is projected by 2054 - we need to start building for this now, because many low income seniors I know are buying cheap old caravans to live in at holiday parks - and if that trend continues with an increasing population, Dunedin will end up with dozens of holiday parks acting as retirement villages (and not a great image for tourists wanting to stay in said holiday parks)
Community wellbeing being the keys words and i hope a core value for our council
Festivals and events bring great numbers to the city which is particularly important in reducing seasonality of businesses. Greater control of AirBNB to ensure we keep housing available for Dunedin residents and rentals affordable.
Dunedin never gets on the news for special events on significant days, probably due to lack of events being organised. We need to organise more comuunity events that the town would be known for,not only for the locals but attracts visitors
Again access is neglected. As a wheelchair user I often find events are not accessible. Use a disability access advisor, make sure NZSL is provided.
We are a cummunity. We need to support all members, especially those who are struggling.
The quality of community housing needs to meet basic standards
These kind of things make Dunedin really cool and bring visitors into our city.
Do a bit more for community housing especially oversight of slum landlords
social housing is needed
festivals are great, there not enough in Dunedin, having some folk dance in the gardens would be a nice summer thing. I have been in Lyon where in summer they ran a world music festival with a concert each thursday evening and that is only 5euros to come sit and listen on the grass or buy food and dance in front of the stage.
Probably reduce the number of sports grounds/rugby clubs etc, reduce community grants and beef up social housing.
Community housing is vital for vulnerable older adults. More of them are renting than in the past and numbers will continue to grow. In my work with such people, anyone paying private rentals spend a huge proportion of their government pension on rent. Some landlords make it even more difficult through regularly hiking the rents. For those on fixed incomes, this is very stressful. Community housing helps give more stability and reduced stress.

Housing is a huge concern these days.
Community Housing in modern fit for purpose dwelling s badly needed
Fund community events and groups, particularly cultural or environmental groups
It will be great to see how the new look George Street will feature in our usual round of annual events.
Focus on the social housing
A lot more community housing is required, but the Government should fund that
I would love to see more community events in our area....
Thank you :)
Community grants could be easier to access, and community housing is going to be a priority.
We need housing for everybody, healthy and affordable.
Recent reporting on most vulnerable has been shocking. Social housing a key requirement. Social housing which is well managed.
There us always something on in Dunedin. No excuse to say it's boring. Always a festival or play etc. Sometimes it's hard to fit everything in to knew busy schedule.
With everything that's come out of the ODT investigation into boarding houses it is not ok to carry on the same or do any less. Dunedin has so many protected buildings in the centre of town not being used. Two birds, one stone, renovate to protect these buildings and put house less people into them!
Dunedin needs more park festivals and events
Too much duplication in regulation checks, too many events and not enough social housing. The balance is all wrong
Any oppportunity that can be found to ehance and support collective community needs to be a high priority. Our health system is not addequate to prove full support, so let's utelise all options and develop a strong model for preventative measure. To protect and preserve our resources is vital.
Increase social housing to meet needs
Modernise many of the Halls heating and facilities. For example the Macandrew Ball Hall feels very dated- no dishwasher for quick clean up.
Need to increase and improve social housing
A great way to enjoy the new infrastructure in the cbd and around the harbour as well as our old gems would be street festivals and public social occasions that happen regularly
Community housing is my primary concern in this section.
I'd like to see greater support for more and quality CCTV placements around the city. Also more social housing for those whom private landlords won't accommodate.
Dunedin is small. Like really small as far as cities go. That comes with challenges but also with opportunities. Why not think big and plan ahead- aim to actively work to improve the health of our communities by investing in housing for the long term.
I haven't seen any community stuff
In ever greater isolation these are places and occasions where we still meet and come together.
Need to provide housing for people that struggle to find houses. As the government does not nearly do enough, local councils need to step in and provide for this need. We should not be having people sleeping in the streets. Happy to pay more rates.
Community housing over festivals and events, these are great but shouldn't be prioritised over housing.
Science and Nature fest are fantastic!!! Stitch Kitchen and Curtain Bank are much needed keep these going, add more NEV organizations, more wood sheds, more tool libraries and community repair workshops
Community housing is becoming much more of an issue. Let's support our people to live with dignity and comfort.
Community grants repay their costs in ways that are not always obvious but have long term, multiplying effects. Events that bring people together are almost always beneficial for general wellbeing.
More dog friendly events would be great.
More support for the community is always welcome. More housing too.
Our community charities are struggling post covid with donations dropping significantly. The Dunedin Wildlife Hospital is vital to ensure we continue to look after our local native wildlife. Our wildlife is a main component to attracting visitors to our city, Every time the hospital hits national media it spreads the work they do and importantly promotes Dunedin as the wildlife capital in New Zealand.
There seems to be quite the shortfall on housing,particularly for the more vulnerable in society,they need to be provided for

More Available mental health services, grants funding for charitable businesses and places like Dunedin Wildlife Hospital
The arts, along with its natural beauty are what's going to carry Dunedin forward. Overblown hotel construction and tourist buildings can be seen everywhere in the world. Dunedin needs to capitalise upon its strengths: historical buildings, small town atmosphere, cycleways and nature walks, etc. The cruise ship industry is not our friend, and will not serve us well (unless, of course, we want to end up overpriced, crowded, and without a local working class population, as Queenstown has become).
All essential for a balanced society
Safe community housing for the those living on the poverty line
Ok
Additional funding for food security, food skills and community gardens.
I'd love to see more (any) summer outdoor activities/concerts. Continue to support environmental projects that the community engages with (e.g. Orokonui)
Support grants that support non profits such as those caring for environment and wildlife. We keep saying this is important and it's important for our mental and emotional well-being but we don't do anything-it's time to change that!
Find more Dunedin wildlife
Community housing is especially important for recent graduates who are just getting started in the workforce after graduation. With large student loans and high rent going up each year, lower income housing is essential to keep people ahead 20-30 from leaving Dunedin. Housing cannot sustainable if treated as corporate investment.
Be great to see what can be done to support whanau who are struggling right now.
I think community housing should be left to central government and I don't agree with my rates being used to house people when my taxes are already housing a whole lot of others. Community halls, and things that encourage community cohesiveness and cooperation and joy should be encouraged though!
The wildlife hospital needs support as many times it is undoing the harm we as humans have caused.
More support for homeless people
Fewer events, more community housing please.
More social housing, with an emphasis on ensuring current social housing is compliant with modern reg.s and that people who are vulnerable in our communities have short-term night shelter accomodation when they need it.
Too broad a scope to comment really - more focus on regulatory services, community housing and festivals
Just fire all the pen pushers at DCC especially management and hire people who do work . Everyone knows there are far too many British expats at DCC. The poms are easily the laziest people in the world and they drag DCC down. Stop hiring them just cos they have a similar municipal infrastructure
More community housing and support is needed. There's a noticable increase of people living rough and not supported well.
A great community asset is the taieri gorge railway, keep the line to middlemarch, and retain the line for future generations to enjoy, huge community events can be run with dunedin railways once they are out of hibernation
This category is too broad. Housing, customer, and regulatory services are necessary but the rest are frills and should be cut.
DCC to take the lead in eliminating homelessness in Dunedin, more resources needed here
We have homeless. Champion programmes to help them and provide a voice to lobby central government to improve welfare support.
See above regarding festivals, events and community grants. This is the core work of the Council -- ensuring the wellbeing of the people who live in the city -- and should of course have greater resources.
Don't expect local artists to perform for "exposure"
This town doesn't have a community feel. Given that poverty is rising and pressures of living costs are ridiculous, the class separation can only increase. Community itself feeds wellbeing. 45 bucks to go to a sea food festival instantly isolated families that can't afford that, let alone the cost of buying food there. Someone capitalizes on ticket prices. Yes that pays for hiring dunnies and equipment for sure. But that's not community. That's white collar business.
Over the past few years there has been a marked increase in desperate folks begging on the streets - their needs must be addressed and issues resolved.
I dont think it is a council job to fund festivals and events so much
public fireworks display in Dunedin

there is a shortage of appropriate housing available to those who need it. also seems like council housing isnt assigned to those who need it most...
Dunedin is such a caring city with amazing people and it looks to be because of the community grants. More investment here would be a great help for everyone in our community.
seeing tourists deciot too in
Bring lantern fest back to bring a parade please
Support community organisations not for profits those with volunteers providing needed services for all
Less effort here and more effort for South Dunedin.
Critical to focus on Wellbeing and supporting community. Please do not make cuts here.
Loved the Fifa world cup activities.
Homelessness is more visible in town and welfare for this vulnerable community is important
Upgrade of the tomahawk hall. Community housing is a great need for our city
Prioritise and subsidise physical activities like pools, gyms, skate parks etc.
I don't really benefit from these (although I am sure there are some that I do) but I see the benefits for others. Less regulations for getting stuff done efficiently is always a good thing. I think more lives have been lost waiting for building inspections than the safety they provide.
Do more to boost the good work libraries are doing in the community by upgrading the City library and providing the means for staff to do outreach to communities so that they know what the libraries offer.
I would have also opted for 'do a lot more' but understand that the city can't keep on spending when prioritising water safety or flooding mitigation measures ect. NEV valley community project is to be congratulated for its vigour, innovative events, gardening projects. We need more of projects that have a multigenerational appeal, from young to old to interact on the community level. Also huge issue is dog owners who leave dog shit behind on streets or our parks while city boasts \$300fines but does nothing to ring in these renegade pet owners. Getting any action from DCC is actually a n exercise in persistence. For example, it took me writing repeatedly for over half a year to have graffiti removed from a city structure in a park. Parks city department also does not care that parks are being vandalised. Some common examples include people coming with motorised bikes or quad vehicles and using sports grounds to zoom around while making ripping grass and making horrid noise; kids digging illegal bike tracts and creating hazardous holes and damaging tree roots in the process; adults chopping and steeling trees; cars doing wheelies because the parking area has zero dividers and is just an empty swath of asphalt, just the thing the lawless drivers are looking for while creating stinking exhaust and noise pollutionfor nearby residents. Please, more native trees. Maybe plant colourful leaf vegetable rather than annual blooms that get thrown out. More fruit trees than foreign trees on street easements. More rubbish bins that are designed for high wind proof zones. Some simple and cost effective solutions is public campaign to drill into people that the days of letting your dog shit wherever is not OK because its antisocial, pkainlt gross and creates zoonotic disease dangers; reconfiguring huge parking lots with some plantings or bushes. Also, banning once and for all heating ovens and fireplaces that emit smoke and other polutants. Wellbeing also looks at leaving neighbourhood cohesive and not allowing building owners to destroy by neglect old buildings and then tearing them down to leave and use it as a parking lot. There must be a rule against and for parking lot zoning. While DCC has eliminated hundreds of parking spaces, no investment has been made into finding a solution as multicar parking structure in coop with private initiative.
Social and Community Well-being is the foundation and at the core of a resilient, strong, equitable community. Therefore we believe that council should ensure that community services match the every increasing need in our communities.
Social and community wellbeing could always use a boost
We could create a lot more housing if we followed Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland who partner with Community Housing Providers so as to get income related rents and government support.
Community is EVERYTHING. This is one of the reasons people choose Dunedin. We need to nurture this above all else.
Keep the train going
Good
Our heritage festival needs to be supported by the Council as an annual celebration event that is held in high status.
Work more on creating healthy environments (promote healthy food/beverages, sustainability and limit alcohol/smoking/vaping)
Add more housing
only provide necessities, not nice to haves.

community wellbeing means equity so more needs to be done about community housing
create youth group to keep young teenagers off the streets.
The funding for Otago Polytechnic Te Pūkenga Dunedin Wildlife Hospital is a crucial part of our community, providing specialised and fundamental support to our native wildlife (especially native birds) and should please be further supported with funding grants.
The Wildlife Hospital is vital to the health (and many businesses reliant) upon the wildlife in Dunedin. This should be an essential for funding it properly.
Again, increases in Community Services grants are needed.
DCC building plan should be accelerated given housing shortage and cost of private rentals. perhaps DCC could give rates relief to properties rented at below market rents by landlords with a social conscience
More community housing is essential. Regulatory services must ensure that commercial social activity sit comfortably alongside resident neighbourhoods and associated activity. I would not want to see the situation in Tauranga and Mount Maunganui being repeated here.
Events - I miss Festival week in Feb, the Southern Festival of Speed and other things. Keep up Thieves Alley - this is excellent. A fleamarket next to the Farmers Market would be awesome, hire out the spaces for \$20-\$30. Community housing - more small flats for low income Dunedin people. People coming here from the north should not go onto our community housing list - Dunedin first! Community grants - support the things that make Dn special. I would like to see support for Wildlife Hospital, it's unique.
I don't think it's the DCCs place to be providing social housing - sure perhaps support a shelter that takes people in in times od urgent need - but the role of social housing should be left to the central govt
Please consider continuing to fund the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital. This hospital is dedicated to the treatment and protection of our vulnerable wildlife species. In the last year alone they saved the lives of a significant proportion of our Yellow Eyed Penguins as well as many other critically endangered species. This service is vital to local tourism which brings a significant amount of money to the local economy. Funding this hospital is an investment in Dunedin.
Do more in the area of heritage. The Southern Heritage Trust did so much in 2023 and attacted so many people with a very low budget- around 15k. Council needs to exploit the natural public interest in our early history, and heritage buildings and make this a unique and successful festival for Dunedin. The Dunedin economic development unit needs to pick more winners like this and exploit our natural assets rather than trying to find new businesses repeatable elsewhere in NZ. Our point of difference compared to other cities is our intact heritage. This could bring more tourist stays to the city yet I cannot see any meaningful effort devoted to this by the DCC. Time to pick certain winners like heritage. Already we know it's the main reason people visit Dunedin.
I think the council does reasonably well, but more could be done
Community housing should be a stronger focus.
More on community housing and community halls.
Dunedin serious lacks when it comes to events. When they are thrown they're underwhelming and overpriced.
Increased community housing please.
More community housing for those struggling
Community housing for people with disabilities, more disable parking spaces near amenities, invest in music and they're venues, continue finding place based community led developments, funding for biodiversity projects and food resilience
Providing support for our most vulnerable members of the community is critical to a thriving city. So projects and programmes that support these people are hugely important, the city should look to others councils like Wellington who have taken a greater role in supporting homeless in their city. Events and festivals play a important role in not just the lives of the people of Dunedin but als shape its image on a national and global stage. When supporting festivals more tghought should be given to those that enhance that image and fit with the brand such as wildlife, heritage and literature. More thought should also be given to funding metrics with a greater weight being put on events that create community and support locals rather than striving for visitor nights.
I want to support the Wildlife Hospital being in Dunedin and receiving funding from the DCC. This service has firstly made a difference to our wildlife. Due to climate change and the need to retain our biodiversity its function is important. It also puts Dunedin on the map as a city as a place to come and explore nature. I believe whilst its purpose is not this - it provides an incredible amount of positive publicity for the city and region assisting our economic wellbeing..
As above - effort put into public / private partnerships might bring greater engagement and civic pride.
More promotion on the UNESCO City of Literature, how about more signage around the city and in the airport? Commission some wall murals of local writers and their titles.... a sculpture of stacked books in the Octagon and

green spaces, promote the little public libraries (LPL) around town with maps, contests for best LPL design, have story time in the park or at the beach when weather good, LPL scavenger hunts, select a playground to receive equipment that is centered around literary tales (a shoe slide for the old woman who lived in a shoe, etc.) similar to the dinosaur slide near St Kilda,. Excellent organizations are curtain Bank, stitch kitchen and night shelter. Keep funding these important services. Perhaps more reuse/upcycle/repair Saturday workshops.
Our community needs more activities that brings us together.
Community wellbeing is crucial. Iam part of Tomahawk / Ocean Grove community and we have been let down by the Council a lot in the past. It has been quite exhausting and disappointing. I hope things improve and you finally provide something on the Old School grounds for the community and wider public to benefit from.
sections of our community are under stress. Plan to reduce stress and have a healthier community.
Festivals are good, stop giving grants to same businesses year after year
It does not look too bad but definitely do not cut back on this. We need to collaborate and activate the community to work together to make and keep this a great small city.
I have expressed my concerns to the DCC (and police) regarding dangerous and anti-social behavior near my place of residence. The council have taken no action. I am dissapointed at their lack of support.
\$20m on community housing is an unnecessary expense as the ratepayers can not afford this and the previous government have brought up a large stock of new builds as social housing has increased.
Prioritise a focus Community Housing.
I don't hear a lot about what we are doing in the space. Bringing the public along and making them aware of what we are doing would be really helpful.
I think it is good to reviuw the grants process - we should look to empowerment, long term sustainable funding. Please look at innovative examples from Aotearoa and overseas.
Community housing would be my pick of Social and Community Wellbeing investment for the next 5 years.
I feel like much of the community wellbeing occurs from the Polytechnic and University. Do you work with them?
To keep drivers sane build more car parks! You've taken away soooo many car parks and gave t replaced one. Get rid of the bike lanes in the main corridors in and out of dunedin
Stop spending on big ticket functions and celebrations and plot that money and more into local community happenings
Bundling all this together makes this an impossible question to answer. Each service should be examined under a new lens of what is it's purpose for the benefit of whom and is it actually the role of local government to deliver such?
There are some areas of wellbeing that are more important than others, i.e. Housing
Actually advertise the events around town not just on one specific radio station and some obscure paper eg star
Improve the quality of what you have.
Community housing has had a bit of press lately, the City does need more housing for vulnerable people and the wraparound services that go with that
Community housing is an essential like roads, water and waste services.
Social housing will be more important than ever, I'd love to see the Council take a proactive approach. Community grants will be needed now more than ever. Grassroots campaigns and community led action will be incredibly important
Festivals and events are expensive and boring. Not easily accessible to all either
I'd like to see the creation of Tiny House communities. If Council could provide services to properties they own and then people could rent space from Council on those properties for tiny houses on wheels. Criteria set by Council could ensure the amenity of the site and general area. This would be much cheaper than the Council building dwellings for singles or couples.
With times being tough this is one thing that could be lessened a little
More housing if possible. I know of someone who has been on a waiting list for years and I worry what will become of him...
Housing is the number one issue facing individuals, whanau and the city.
Community housing for homeless: This is a governmental issue, and we should be lobbying for them to provide or fund us to have sheltered, monitored places e.g. homeless have a lockable room and communal kitchens, with staff on duty 24 hours to ensure safety of all people. Police to evict those who are violent or dangerous. It would work. I've seen it and worked within it for Carroll Street Trust. Stop blaming landlords because these people have complex needs and damage/destroy the houses frequently. It's a losers' game to be a landlord for these people - many of whom should really be cared for at Wakari or institutionally, but those places no longer exist. Lobby the government to start funding staffing and buildings for them to have their own room that is safe and fully lockable.

A place with gardens and greenery to calm them. Females in one wing. Males away from them. Definitely needs staffing to keep everyone safe.
Cultural events including different countries apart of China
Redirect current funding away from community events and into community housing.
Social and community wellbeing is the integral thread to having a safe and vibrant city that people want to be a part of.
Please open up the Dunedin waterfront by restaurant and bars
Luxury items again, only the wealthy can afford festivals and leisure
People are struggling more than ever, inflation continues to rise - surely it is common sense we should do a bit more to support those in need, who will be struggling at least "a bit more" than they had in the past.
Would love to see more community events. Things like the winter carnival are huge and our city would benefit from more.
Do it differently: Work with the City Portrait, Doughnut Economics Model, to create a city where people live well within planetary boundaries
Skateparks. Destination playground
Focus more on essentials like community housing and not so much on 'frilly' stuff that is often the hobby-horse of a few people
Increased rates relief for low-income or allowing options to further renovate houses
no one should be begging for money on the streets or sleeping rough
As reported in the ODT recently ,community housing is a real need and requires urgent attention.
we need more wheelchair friendly accommodation, open them up more for disabled graduates wanting to live and work in Dunedin.
Definitely need more social housing. Any additional community support is always welcome
More housing
It might be doing it differently rather than more that I'm interested in seeing
Don't cut valuable grants. Community Volunteer groups do so much for our assets and if they don't get money then it falls back on our departments to do it, which actually costs the DCC more.
Where does a person access information for Social Housing? A user-friendly programme that clearly explains the eligibility criterion to be accepted onto the Social Housing list.
Housing is a significant issue
increase community housing availability through DCC social housing - equitable and affordable that adapts to our aging population but that can be utilised for long periods of time
I think we need to continue to expand and upgrade our community housing stock as the community continues to age and
We need to address the homelessness issue that Ōtepoti has, in collaboration with other central and local agencies.
Enormous need for much more community housing for those still renting in retirement. Somewhere they can have a small garden, their pets, detached from other houses/units
There are other organisations that are better suited to dealing with these issues. Work with them.
Improve social housing
Not up ro rate payers to fund part of community housing, probably the Government's role. I have supported myself and made my own way and only managing high rates and ORC as it is in solo parent family
Sorting the woeful housing for the vulnerable and closing down poor condition boarding houses needs to happen.
do something the public have to look forward to.. liven peoples moods up .. incl.. new years could be more exciting
community housing and community grants to help those services helping the community at the coal face like budget advice, citizens advice, the night shelter. need more community housing and healthy homes standards adhered to for boarding houses.
Would love to see more in the community housing space to support our transient community members and help them find warm, dry housing
I think more is good. Help reunite a ever decreasing social society
Placed based and community events great, give more to bigger events we all love like midwinter carnival. Focus now on housing stock quality and quantity
Concentrate on housing the less well off, the homeless and the children

Again the city is expected to run a lolly scramble for festivals to satisfy minority groups. Halls and community housing are the council's knitting so let those who want fireworks and festivals do a little spadework on sponsorships and self-help.
Social services should be supported as who will supply these services often run by volunteers - valuable services that are often free - need council support. Have to be mindful of duplication of services though.
Specifically in community housing and connections with the social sector around the issues facing many whānau in our community
Less expenditure in these areas needed to alleviate future and unaffordable rates increases.
It's important that communities are strong.
More community gardens
maybe we compete in some areas with private suppliers too much
Make sure there are processes to ensure that if the circumstances of tenants in social housing radically improves, they either pay more or make way for more needy people
Invest in quality community housing, clean up the exploitative landlords making money from miserable, deathtrap boarding houses
cut down on festivals and events, reg services, customer services and spend more on community housing
Community housing sounds good. Not sure how much the Council can do on it's lonesome without central government support, but anything to increase the housing supply, whether densification or cooperation with private builders would be useful. And if it's under the Council's own funding, that'll be good too, community housing can provide good competition for the market.
We need spaces for teen, increases safe and social spaces that are integrated in community, increase alternative education spaces
Build more community housing.
Increase the amount provided to Community Boards each year. Such funds would add significantly to community wellbeing and cohesion.
Music and festivals more please
Not everyone can attend or cope with big events. Smaller events in daytime weektime to enhance social well-being
Work on more social housing.

Additional comments on Economic Wellbeing
213 responses
The disgraceful state of the roadside fenceline at No 220? SH1 on th northern side of the township requires constant vigilance to prevent the verge returning to the state of a local tip that it was for many months.
More focus on innovation & start ups. Try to bring in businesses from elsewhere to be based here or have their HQ here to provide work & revenue to the city.
Focus on local resilience in a world increasingly characterised by geopolitical supply shocks (e.g. Middle East oil), resource depletion, and environmental instability (i.e. climate change) which disrupt supply chains. Focus on local self-sufficiency, on essential needs: food, water, shelter, community, meaningful work
But change focus to climate adaptation and reducing carbon costs.
Transport & parking in central city is affecting businesses in the city. Could we have a park & ride with a bus on a central city loop for commuters to free up parking spaces in town.
product design and development (not software design) can be limiting in Dunedin. Can more be done to extol the industrial foundation of Dunedin, attract more investment and businesses to the city.
The DCC's economic development work doesn't seem to be resulting in big changes for Dunedin. Perhaps a fresh look at the way Enterprise Dunedin operates is needed.
But there is a cost to doing business in a small town and maybe more of the costs should be bourn by those who choose to do business here.
Care to preserve Dunedin's unique harbour scenic values as well as the Taieri's fertile productive soils are essential for sustainability.
This is the greatest untapped opportunity that we have as a city - especially right now. In my view the DCC are very poor at recognising opportunities for growth and development.
A significant improvement on economic wellbeing would be providing affordable transport.
The economic environment is presently subject to global influences - local central government are in know position to fight against those influenes.
support the saturday market and stop the supermarkets dominating everything
We can't carry on growing our economy on this finite planet. At the same time we need resources for a sufficient standard of living to ensure personel for the health and well-being of citizens. Essential public services for locals must come before the experiences of tourists.
Economic wellbeing means living within an emissions budget, is the result of living in healthy environments, having an economy of 'enough', not exploiting resources to the end
Please put more emphasis into the degrowth economy and the DCC's support for esilience and doughnut economics.
Future-proofing: There are two ways to develop our local economy. 1) by continuing the philosophy of continuous growth (Business as Usual), or 2) by starting a transition to a more local and self-sustaining economy. This requires a 'local' mindset. The present challenges of our world require that we seriously look to the long-term and open the doors to local development in a more focused way. Economics and wellbeing are closely connected. Future-proofing results in opening up jobs and business opportunities that do not exist presently. Increased tourism is not one of these. Things that are important today may not be in the future when our needs must be met. Steps now will prevent major future crises.
I strongly support and encourage DCC's support of sustainable and climate positive industry and agency
Continue to promote Dunedin as a location for national and international events.
DCC does not support business enterprises in Dunedin. There are many that have decided to move to other centres where they can grow due to encouragement. Dunedin is being left behind when compared to Christchurch, Ashburton and Timaru just to name a few. Get your act to-gether.
We all need to thrive, especially those at the bottom, so please consider them too.
Look forward, support local entrepreneurship over big business
Ecojomic
The support and investment in the economy of Dunedin is a critical role for DCC. The recognition that education, technology and medicine are critical elements of the economy relative to traditional views of things like tourism being a mainstay of the region is an important redirection of resource. Post Covid will see a rebalancing of the economic drivers of the city and surrounds. As a result, DCC's leadership in this space and choices to focus on these areas will be an important outcome of the PTP.
Same as above.
None

Build on the school and university leaver programmes so we have people wanting to stay here - more bonding programmes from all sectors to encourage reduction in university loans and build connection to Dunedin beyond study for our young and young families
Be a bit more discerning about the kind of business that's supported. Come to Dunedin and whack golfballs into the harbour in the Wildlife capital of the world ..really
Focus shift from growing money for trans national companies and individuals to focus on social wellbeing of community
I see little benefit from supporting business but much from supporting our street people and poor families.
Support businesses, listen to them, make decisions based on growth not political correctness
Offer real incentives to move from wages to own business, more training.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove the scaffolding in front of George Street as it is covering entrances to businesses ie NZ Shop, The Little Rock Shop and has been there for over a year with nothing done • Markets for small business • Making jobs more inclusive for young people • Having more options for people that are finding it hard to get a job • more things for younger people
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheaper public transport/parking fees • More job options
No spend on tourism advertising - allow those who profit to pay. Support businesses through the upkeep of infrastructure which we do anyway.
But many many many less cruise ships. They are a blight and bring in very little money to the majority - maybe the odd tour driver or bar/cafe, but we get all the congestion and pollution.
Issues of social housing are an issue, and, together with Housing NZ, a partnership could ensure people in social housing live in harmony and that rule breakers and unreasonable noise makers are moved on.
Maintain strong numbers of young people in Dunedin, and respect the role education plays. Acknowledge the valuable contributions made young creatives who live in Dunedin to study. How can DCC help to retain them? Also important to support Start Up and business incubation.
Supporting the hospital and university as essential employers will be important over the upcoming ten years
Let businesses do it themselves.
But don't spend more money do it wisely use media and tell positive stories and listen to people with ideas.
The improvements to George St have made that part of the city much more pedestrian friendly
I'd like to see the focus shift towards sustainable businesses and enterprises and away from emission intensive or polluting businesses.
Economic wellbeing can not be at the expense of environmental wellbeing
What specifically do we do in this area? This description is very woolly
The students help this city so much, maybe do more for them?
The economic benefit of Dunedin linking to the bike trails can not be underestimated. We could be apart of a cycle hub linked to the other cycle trails in Otago which the Lonely Planet assessed as the ninth best value tourism in the world. The destination plan showed people wanted investment in walking and cycling trails. When you do this you create a lifestyle in Dunedin that will attract people to Dunedin to work and grow Dunedin because people will want to live here..
The DCC's focus should be on protecting the values and lifestyle of the existing community, and not driven by greed and ambition to grow population and economic activity, which destroys the existing values and lifestyle of citizens
Better variety of jobs for Dunedin especially for young people
Grow and retain Dunedin's talent. Encourage the city to de carbonise.
I'm not too sure I see this as a resident so cannot comment
Keep trying to attract industry to Dunedin
if businesses grow then so will the economy of Dunedin grow. ensuring business growth will mean more people employed spending more locally. Making Dunedin an easy place to do business. Dunedin used to have a catch phrase 'red carpet NOT red tape' Does that still hold true?.
Again I can't see much of this happening
We need small scale local industry to ensure our city is viable in the face of lower energy & broken global supply chains...small manufacturers of essential goods ...local horticulture farms to feed our people. The future is not high tech & global - it is small scale & local & the sooner we prepare for this the better off we'll be. Forget tourism & mass consumption...that future is completely unsustainable. We are in overshoot on numerous accounts ..global heating is but one & a symptom of the underlying cause of too many people on this planet, using too many resources & creating too much waste.

work smarter not harder. Target the industries that are most likely to succeed in the near future; tourism, gaming and IT, education and product design/technology. Forrestry and farming are a mainstay of Dunedins economic development but how sustainable are they going forward?
Love the harbour upgrades. Our upgrades down George St won't last forever.
There needs to be some attraction for businesses to come to Dunedin. At the moment there are a number of empty spaces, Rentals need to be realistic
Dunedin needs to focus on the emerging industries that offer high-wage, high-skill jobs - in particular, Hillside Workshops and the gaming sector (helped by the new government rebate scheme and Centre of Digital Excellence). The Council should ensure that all opportunities to attract more talent in these two sectors to Dunedin are taken up, and that agreements with tertiary providers are entered into to ensure we grow local talent too. Dunedin is a great city to live in and buy a first home, however it lacks well paying jobs that Christchurch and Wellington offer. Many Government sector jobs now enable working from home opportunities, this should be encouraged to attract well paying employees living in Auckland and Wellington to relocate to Dunedin
Greater funding of Tourism marketing, business event marketing.
I struggle with you support for Dn economic wellbeing. You have totally ruined so many businesses in the main st due to your upgrade of infrastructure. Yes, it had to happen but more planning - to block off so many accesses to town at one time. Do one thing at a time and do it efficiently and correctly.
We need to move away from the growth paradigm, with urgency, UNLESS growth is focused on building strong and resilient local communities and food security. Growth for the sake of growth at the expense of Papatūānuku's wellbeing, and therefore our own, has got to stop.
Supporting conservation efforts will support those and all jobs reliant on tourism.
Dunedin should have a nice walkway over the train lines and do something to develop a seafront/ harbour walk a bit like Wellington seafront in my opinion.
I think Dunedin is attractive for many aspects, but it looks like it is only retaining families or older people the young working range is missing because a lack of opportunities. Maybe try to make easier to come in Dunedin to start a company would be good.
Council is still very bureaucratic, make it easier to do business. Maybe have 'case managers that can coordinate cross department conversations..
Clarify Council's position on carparking in the central city and around the new hospital
Parking needs to become more affordable again. It's all very nice and good to try and get us all to use busses but as a busy family who often has multiple things to do in town this is just not possible. At the moment you are punishing people who are relying on cars.
Please, have a long term view!
I think improving the way our city is designed and not making people rely on cars and buses will automatically take care of many of these problems.
Hurry up with the roadworks and mess in the central city
Create a vibrant, pedestrian and child friendly CBD that encourages people to spend time and money.
It would be good to give Totally Gorgeous George Street some love after all the roadworks. It will be a good opportunity to show off the new streetscape and give the retailers a boost
Focus more on making a safe, livable city with nice amenities. That's what will really encourage economic growth for the city.
Keep supporting the university- don't let them drop the ball!
For starters, the mayor could acknowledge how critical it is that the university maintains its standing. His only comment seems to have been 'businesses have to sort themselves out' but the university is not a business and for it to lose staff has huge repercussions for the city's growth. Also, it would be good to know what Dunedin's retail strategy is. It's almost better in Oamaru, for pity's sake. Again, the fix of George street may improve things but it would be nice to know that Dunedin has made itself appealing to somewhere like Mecca.
More support for youth to access the job market including mentoring and study to work pathways.
If city is promoting itself as a wildlife mecca also fully fund our wildlife hospital. A unique point of difference. By
Being a business owner in Dunedin all I see is you stopping development, there are so many empty shops with nothing to encourage businesses to open here
As above, protect inner city built heritage, bring people into the centre of town to live.
Business has way to much influence on the Council , especially the dinosaurs of George St. It would be better to encourage the development of smaller, localized and diverse business areas

Simply put "build it and they will come". That's how our wildlife tourism got underway. It wasn't clever marketing or destination tourism. Our own heritage is the draw card, not having desk jockeys trying at DCC to build film and IT "opportunities". Support the local practitioners and they will thrive and attract tourists by dint of their quality.

Dunedin is a city rich in heritage, culture, and innovation, with its heart and soul deeply intertwined with Otago University. The symbiotic relationship between the city and the university has been a cornerstone of its success, contributing to its vibrant character and academic prowess. As Dunedin City Council embarks on shaping its 10-year plan, it is crucial to recognise the significance of this partnership. Focusing on supporting Otago University and enhancing its connections with the community, workforce, students, staff, and their families is essential for fostering growth and prosperity. The council should develop a robust 10-year plan with the university at its core.

Supporting Otago University

1. Infrastructure and Amenities: To ensure the university's long-term sustainability, the Dunedin City Council must invest in infrastructure and amenities that foster an environment conducive to learning, research, and innovation. Modernising laboratories, lecture halls, and libraries can elevate the quality of education and research. Additionally, creating recreational spaces, student accommodation, and a RELIABLE public transport system will enhance the quality of life for students, staff, and their families.
2. Collaboration and Partnerships: The council should actively seek opportunities to collaborate with Otago University. This includes joint initiatives for research, entrepreneurship, and community outreach programmes. Such collaborations not only strengthen the institution but also contribute to the city's intellectual and economic growth. As a business owner, I've personally been striving to establish professional development partnerships with Otago University for my employees since last year. However, despite our best efforts, we've faced challenges, ultimately resorting to bringing in consultants from Christchurch. This situation is just a bit sad, given the wealth of local knowledge and resources available to us.

Meeting Students' Needs

1. Affordable Housing: Dunedin must address the challenge of affordable housing for students. Collaborative efforts between the council and the university can lead to innovative solutions, such as affordable on-campus housing, housing cooperatives, or public-private partnerships to create affordable off-campus housing options.
2. Employment Opportunities: Encouraging local businesses to provide part-time job opportunities for students can help them gain practical experience while contributing to their financial stability. The city council can facilitate these connections by creating incentives for businesses to hire students.

Meeting Staff and Their Families' Needs

1. Educational Opportunities: To attract and retain quality academic and administrative staff for the Uni, the council should focus on enhancing the local educational system.
2. Family Support Services: Recognising the needs of staff and their families, Dunedin should invest in family support services, such as quality healthcare, childcare, and educational facilities. By offering comprehensive support systems, the council can make the city an attractive place for academics and administrators to work and live.

Retaining Skilled Graduates

1. Creating a Thriving Job Market: Dunedin must work to develop a diverse and thriving job market. By actively promoting entrepreneurship, attracting industries that align with the university's strengths, and providing incentives for businesses to remain in the city, the council can offer graduates compelling reasons to stay.
2. Building a Sense of Community: Strengthening the sense of community within Dunedin is essential for retaining skilled individuals. Hosting cultural events, fostering local traditions, and creating vibrant public spaces can make graduates feel more connected to the city and its people.

Dunedin's 10-year plan should be founded on the university, recognising it as a central pillar of the city's growth and prosperity. By investing in infrastructure, collaborating closely, and addressing the unique needs of students, staff, and their families, the council can create a city that is not only academically outstanding but also a fantastic place to live and work. Additionally, by creating a thriving job market and fostering a strong sense of community, the council can encourage skilled graduates to stay and contribute to the city's future. This 10-year plan, with Otago University at its core, will help Dunedin achieve its full potential and become a model for educational cities around the world.

I assume more? Listing examples of what is actually done would be helpful.

We need to invest in council owned and operated business in support of sustainable economic measures. Build a recycling centre that can produce items for export. Work with polytechnic and University to make this happen.

Difficult to answer as I don't know what it is you currently do....

Maybe listen closely to what people need.

Build large carpark outside of city centre and provide shuttle service for uni and hospital workers, will reduce car travel, emissions and distinguish Dunedin as attractive employer and will increase worker retention

I am having trouble finding work after leaving career that became too hard on me physically. I have done some study to upskill but can't find entry level jobs.

I think there should be a cap put on rents in the city. Many businesses cannot afford to run because of exorbitant rents. Promotion to entice innovative money and businesses here

The stadium showed us this: It would have been wiser to give 300 small business upstarts \$1MILLION each in seed money than to put all those eggs in the stadium basket in hopes it would succeed. Even if 90% of those businesses failed, we would STILL be better off. So my point is, if you're going to subsidise businesses, don't subsidise big

ones. Much better to spread funding around to many small ones, even if half of them fail. In addition to bringing jobs and revenue, those small businesses create a sense of community for a small city like Dunedin. That is critically important, and something that has been largely overlooked.
Thriving small businesses are a vital hub
University could do with a lot of help, both management and financial
I need to know more to have an opinion. The ability of people with a bit of startup money to get rich is not really of huge importance to me, but of course I want to support local and we need a robust economy! I do not want to be subsidizing the people who need it the least, however.
don't see why rates is funding this, it should be part of business owners expenses, e.g. a annual subscription
Better promote the value of the university to the city...
Need that waterfront development. Badly. Need to repair and fill dilapidated shops and buildings.
Invest in rail travel so workers can commute through Invercargil to Dunedin to Christchurch with out clogging up roads. Invest in bicycle infrastructure and invest in a comprehensive public transport system. These things increase the spending power of average people. Reduce the amount of export products like dairy, which pollutes our water , and invest in local production where the money stays in New Zealand resident's hands. Regulate cruise ship activity so visitor actually contribute to Dunedins economy. Make Port Otago a public entity so Dunedin gets money from the port's activities. Invest in dark sky tourism and ecotourism.
People centric and community focused wellbeing needs to be as considered as commercial/asset owners
I don't know entirely what is already being done in this area- a few examples would have been good, but I believe the city needs to grown- an increase in population would be fantastic- as long as it's people who are working and positively contributing to the city- the education/ arts and wildlife strengths of the city could help lure people in.
Don't think you're doing anything about this now?
Council's EDU is underperforming. Strategise for more sectors of the economy that bring visitors and/or businesses here.
I'd like to see this improve to all of Dunedin and not just focused in the CBD. The closing of key shops in Mosgiel has been difficult for those who live on the Taieri
Keeping dunedin railways under the dcc could have huge benifits economicly for the city, help to grow trade skills, helping grow tourism skills, this bussines covers so many job opportunities for future generation
Question is not clear--what "activities", exactly?
The nature of your income means when businesses do well, your income doesn't change but central government does via taxes. This isn't your job except to advocate for Dunedin in this space to central government.
More for startups, with programmes across age groups, would be helpful to help more of us move from employees in mid-life to starting our own businesses - Startup Dunedin are awesome, but they need more funding
If Dunedin airport was accepting international flights it would bring in more tourists to our area.
Don't really care. That just reeks of capitalism. And that is division
There needs to be a more progressive drive to modernize and improve the city, making it an attractive prospective destination for businesses and development opportunities. For too long, new proposals and fresh ideas have been shut down in favour of maintaining the status quo and the city has stagnated as a result as businesses and innovators head elsewhere.
Cheaper parking.
Feel like there is more of a focus on big external business coming into Dunedin, would be good to see more support for local small businesses that are created IN Dunedin.
environmental improvement needs to take priority over continuous growth
Uplift the shop fronts along the CBD to ensure they improve their appearance as many building look very tired and run down
Need to economize here to enable spending elsewhere
This should be driven and funded by the private and educational sectors.
Decrease focus on the work of Enterprise Dunedin (which is primarily Business Support and Development) in favour of increasing infrastructure capacity to support future growth.
"Economic well-being" seems to help tourism at everyones expense!
Allow this to be run by the central govt or by private businesses. This is something that can give rates relief to ratepayers.
Too much conflict of business ownership and employment at city, regional Council or by our elected officials. The so called old boys networks and patronage should be coming to an end by clear financial disclosure for those running in our municipal elections. Building permits need to be streamlined with maintenance of a functioning

cross check system that what is constructed is indeed approved and safe. Too many consultation sessions and money wasted on these reports, often written by a business or so called expert who is somehow involved or has an insider stake. Consultation as one done for the assessment of cultural venues in Dunedin done precovid was a huge waste of taxpayer money. It proved what the art community and art practitioners were saying for years that Dunedin needs a mid size venue. Yet years later nothing was delivered. We use now musty, moldy and temporary venues as the place under the Atheneum. The city bought old Sammy's but to my understanding not the land it stands on. It is a theatre worth saving for its history but should city be in the business of real estate. Best left to private initiative to be involved, with a caveat that the building remains a theatre but can also have private parts that would bring the owners necessary income, at least to cover the city property tax. Great initiative on trying to attract hi-tech and bravo to companies that accommodate alternative work space configurations and working hours. University is a huge presence but the student population is not well integrated into any city missions, events, outside organizations, charities. Their talents are underused and one recent great example of working with students was a history underground app development for the Southern Heritage festival. Dunedin needs to look at its airport and why it's being bypassed for Chch. The fog, the lack of dicing, the short runway all add to it. We cannot be all to each tourist but if we market as a wildlife capital than mass tourism is not it. Giving freebies to freedom campers is not it while undermining the local campgrounds. If a tourist is able to afford an airline ticket and a price of a camper can then they are not "poor". While not promote a wildlife conservation activities and pitch them to the visitors, rather than building for free more parking lots and loos for then while they are supposed to have a loo facility in their van. The car and camper van companies need to start taking care of this end of their business and start providing appropriate facilities for campers. Free for all us over and we as NZ should be getting on board that a nice and warm welcome is not synonymous with free travel options. So much talk re food crisis, yet community gardens are underutilised, exactly by the poorer socioeconomic members of our city populations. Also, big buses keep on running at infrequent time schedules and many runs are literally empty. Yet the minute any bus cuts or alterations are proposed, there is a huge outcry. DCC is dreaming that in a hilly city and a windy and rainy weather people will be using bikes instead of cars. Definitely not an option for an aging population of Dunedin. If they do, they are the ones who can afford several thousands on an electric bike but first mount it on the polluting big car and drive their bike to a trail for recreation driving. This defies the concept of good public transport vision. Initiative of affordable commuter train from Mosgiel to Dunedin option could free hundreds of parking spaces, now used by people driving into the city each morning, while leaving next to nothing for parking for locals to drive on errands layer into the city. The evidence is how full if cars is the industrial area behind the rail's. Brimming with parked cars till about 4-5:30pm and glaring empty in the evenings. All other coastal bigger cities have redeveloped their waterfront. Here in Dunedin we just here that poor South Dunedin needs more money. There is a need for sure but revitalising the waterfront will create economic opportunities. Enough talk of, "The area is too windy". Wellington, the windiest city has a beautifully revitalised industrial waterfront. Here, DCC spend quarreling with a property owner and councilor in one for years re traffic measure solution on ANZAC avenue while paying for years for temporary cones. DCC might says it's an old and a resolved incident, yet more can be quoted. Another, a jewellery store owner on our main road bashes the George Street redevelopment and criticises the idea of a pedestrian design but immediately afterwards, ODT reports the guy sold his business. DCC plans need to have a longer vision than the whims of its councilors and a pet project if any incoming mayor. Who wastes money to reevaluate if a half completed street redevelopment should be ditched while half finished. DCC will say it's the elected officials, but that's blaming the city citizens. After all, the Dunedin residents have agitated for conservation on Princes Street but 2 decades later the sidewalk had to be urgently closed to protect a rare pedestrian from the crumbling facades. DCC allowed this saga to go on since the end of last century. Economy is improved in the city when city is ready to support the private initiatives as in the former PhD holding city advisor working with private builder owners to revitalise Vogel Street and even permit murals.

Raising Dunedin's visibility further, providing continued employment and training opportunities to ensure Dunedin's residents continue to grow and thrive.

You need to reinstate the trains. Will bring money back into the city.

I don't currently see strong evidence of this.

The price of living seems to continue to rise and house prices don't seem to be coming down anytime soon. Not affordable living

Dunedin could be the central hub of the largest network of cycling trails in the Southern Hemisphere. With trails to Waihola, Middlemarch and Oamaru there is huge will from those regions for an interconnected network of trails as this would complete a world class cycling destination. There is going to be off road trails all the way from Queenstown to Waihola and Middlemarch - where they stop. We have the Te Aka Moana Trail and many other cycling attractions when they get here or start here. The Otago and Waitaki Regions want this to happen as Dunedin Airport is a critical link for their riders.

We need to be sustainable here in Dunedin. looking out for our own and a big part of this is making sure the small businesses are supported and networking is flowing.
Keep the train going
Important
The DCC need ms to be active in these fields. The Mayor needs to be visible.
encourage small buisness. Do something about the terrible parking issues and fees which put people off even going in to town.
This is very important to the community
Getting the hospital built to it;s full capacity
Support shopping areas and businesses by making them accessible. Address the poor parking options in the city. I seldom go there now, its all too difficult and businesses are suffering
Widen scope of what is considered to fall within Economic Wellbeing so that it includes more (and more of a range) of creative industries.
Business need to be more resilient
Enabling and encouraging but not directly investing in business development feels important to me. As a tertiary education and secondary health hub we must ensure that these sectors and workforces are well supported. Ensuring that George Street is the #1 shopping destination in the lower SI is critical to Otepoti being a vibrant city.
Best way you can help economic wellbeing of retailers is get rid of the obstructions to parking, unnecessary seats, planter boxes, footpath extensions etc. More parking. Take on board the feedback from business groups.
Stop spending money on climate change and invest in bringing opportunities to the city. Climate action is really a central govt thing - the council should invest in ways to bring people here - business opportunities etc
Not sure why my rates shold be supporting a segment of our community who always seem to be complaining when things dont go their way all the time.
As above, pick certain winners. People interacting with our heritage have fantastic visitor experiences. The economic development unit with all its resources needs to focus on this potential and create offerings that exploit this. People getting off cruise ships don't necessarily want to spend on goods they can buy anywhere, but they will invest in cultural experiences. They want heritage tours and ways to immerse in history. Let's cater to that with our accommodations, restaurants and cafes also.
I feel a bit more could be done in this area
More resources are needed to support tourism. Pre-Covid, tourism was level with the University in terms of economic contribution to Dunedin. More investment in this area will pay dividends.
Despite our relative isolation, I think that Dunedin has the potential to become something of a destination for start-ups. Start-ups are not just tech (game developers, software developers) but a host of other industries too. the biggest challenge I believe we face in growing this sector is the lack of investment and investors. Dunedin's investor network is, as an over-generalisation, based on property or family wealth. As such they do not understand some industry sectors such as biotech and life science which have very different lead times and value propositions to tech (or property). I feel we need to consider how to attract investors to have offices in the city as they seem not to like making investments away from their base.
A vital area of activity for stimulation.
Seems the city is more interested in economic wellbeing for the already rich
Funding for skills development in the heritage sector, funded student internships in industry
This is not my subject of expertise but I would love to see more training on the job for young people. I like that there are some options for start ups. please keep that going. We need more affordable housing. People are struggling to pay ever increasing rents. I have worked as a tourgiude in the cruiseship industry and the saying that each tourist is spending \$700 a day as I have heard on the nes the other day is a myth. The development over several years was, that the ship companies have prebooked more and more tours all inclusive and they get the margine of the tours sold. For a great number of visitors, tourists have at the most one hour in the octagon and the rest is booked tours. Many people find a coffee too exensive and do not even have NZ money to spend.
The octagon needs a rainbow crosswalk, and murals of literary figures and titles to play up the City of Literature namesake. Also, consider an iconic crosswalk light figure similar to what Wellington has (haka dancers) and Germany (Ampleman). Dunedin's icon could be the train station turret or a castle turret; or a PENGUIN! ; or an albatross (flying v. standing) or a book (open v. closed). Have day use car rentals for locals and bike share services much like the Neuron scooters but safer and not necessarily required to have credit card. To build a large car park (hundreds of spaces, 3-5 tiers high) in the industrial area and offer transport shuttles to/from hospital would greatly help hospital workers and reduce number of cars on roadway and would make DPH distinctive among the health system quite possibly increasing retention. Have a satellite small electric shuttle that runs only in the

<p>Octagon so people can leave their car outside of Octagon and get around freely to merchants. Consider a bar and music venue down near the industrial area where or it is presently home only to industrial shops bit there is plenty of parking and no residences which a moderate size music venue would not disrupt quiet homes (something along the lines of NewNewNew/Ericks). Would like to see dilapidated buildings on at SE end of Octagon updated and hopefully used. Would like to see more small green grocers throughout city and in neighborhood entrance ways.</p>
<p>Does any of this actually lead to economic growth</p>
<p>I am not clear who or how this is done.</p>
<p>Destination Management Plan needs real energy to now implement - preferably with greater stakeholder engagement and empowerment than in the past</p>
<p>We are a low income city, with many people depending on part-time or minimum wage jobs. This needs to be accounted for with local body spending.</p>
<p>Otepoti needs to grow</p>
<p>Plan for change. Plan for innovation and creativity. Economic wellbeing carries more than dollars and cents.</p>
<p>Less focus on relationship with China, stop giving support to the same businesses year after year</p>
<p>I don't want public money going into supporting private business. I would rather see community specific opportunities supported.</p>
<p>Ensure adequate housing and focus what attracts people to Dunedin. Provide support incl. financial for Start Up Dunedin and CODE for example.</p>
<p>The two main employers in this city are the hospital and the University. Both need help and support.</p>
<p>Small businesses are struggling. Maybe some tools to help support those in need.</p>
<p>This seems to be working well. I'm fortunate to be part of start up Dunedin and they offer an excellent service. Is there's going to be a new business in Dunedin, they'll definitely get the support needed.</p>
<p>Support circular economy.</p>
<p>Retain the Taieri Gorge Railway Line, for benefit of local people and for attracting visitors.</p>
<p>Supporting our Polytechnic and our University by showcasing some of the work learners do is a sure-fire way to increase community participation. The Pasifikā Festival is awesome!</p>
<p>Encourage rural people back into the city by having more car parks</p>
<p>Some activities have a clear purpose, some seem more driven by ideological agendas that don't add the same marginal utility value to the city. What is the clear framework by which such are evaluated?</p>
<p>would appreciate support in finding jobs for students</p>
<p>The town is stagnating and business are leaving or closing. Al well and good to say work on schedule when you set your self over long schedules.</p>
<p>Invest in cycling and join Mosgiel & Dunedin to the trail network</p>
<p>You need to realise that there is a limit to growth - it's not infinite despite what some political parties think!</p>
<p>I don't feel that the council supports business in our city.</p>
<p>We can thrive without growing bigger. Dunedin is the right size.</p>
<p>Community consultations, strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders including young people</p>
<p>Would love to see a Food Hub for Startup food products. Like Nelson and Invercargill</p>
<p>Should be being down by other agencies</p>
<p>Council can create jobs directly as well as indirectly. They both count.</p>
<p>Why are we striving for growth, growth, growth? It causes so many other problems e.g. our INFRASTRUCTURE can't keep up with the surging population etc., and the pollution that the DCC and ORC can't control or punish. And the habitats destroyed by houses built on native bush and fertile farming land that we will NEED in 5 to 10 years. War is coming. We are entering another time of global war. China will most likely start a war in the next 5-10 years. Then 90% of our imports will no longer arrive in NZ. Will there be a fuel shortage too, now we don't make any in NZ? We will need local food grown locally. Stop focusing on "Growth" for growth's sake and rating profit. Instead focus on self-sufficiency of our city - are we a self sufficient city? Can we look after our citizen's social and food needs? Focus on food, health centres/services, businesses that can support our city if there was war etc.</p>
<p>This is not a priority for me, unless the focus is on sustainable business development.</p>
<p>Please open up the waterfront</p>
<p>To afford the luxuries previously asked about we need a strong economy. However advertising is not the way forward we need to review regulatory impediment to development first</p>
<p>The DCC should strongly support the University and fight against cancellation of programmes and firing staff.</p>

Do it differently: work with the zero carbon 2030. Shift to economy of 'enough'. Facilitate local self sufficiency. Create local banks and trusts, so money is available for acquisitions for the public good, and stays in the local area (land to grow local food on, for community housing, for biodiversity etc)
Skateparks. Destination playground
Rates rebates to attract business is ok but not fancy ad campaigns whose impact can't be measured
Around town has really quietened down, less foot traffic, hardly anyone in the eateries.
Invest in the Dunedin waterfront! It will bring economic growth and establish Dunedin as one of New Zealand's main cities again. We should be doing it while the hospital is getting built!
This section/description does nothing to inform me about council's activities in this area, so I have no idea what "these activities" actually are.
Stop being so restrictive on District Plan matters... It only increases the cost of housing with little to no benefit.
I am a pensioner and remain working. I would like to up skill to have a few more options to continue to work. Is there a possibility for job education for over 65.
Encourage positive engagement with the tertiary sector - also acknowledge and support engagement with and between business that are future focused - encourage engagement across a variety of industries and also encourage community engagement in community gardens -
I think continuing to promote Dunedin as a liveable city with manageable active commutes and a big small city feel is really effective in drawing in people from near and far who are seeking lifestyle changes.
Make it easier for small businesses, support initiatives
You need to be supporting local businesses to develop their products and services
Need more parking to support local especially in town
We need to work towards a de-growth economy
Ignore the moaning of shops that do not understand that commerce is changing
Need to be far more business friendly!
This is an old chestnut that has failed to progress the city by any measure. Meaningful employment in this province and Dunedin has been disappearing for years and economic well-being platitudes have done nothing to assuage the situation.
This is a horribly worded and vague question. What would/does this even include? Yes support businesses, but don't lower their rates, that does nothing for the community.
Do it better - the red tape is still choking development no matter what the bureaucrats say
There are doubts this area is giving full value for ratepayers expenditure and the future of EDU needs to be reviewed.
Haven't seen success over the years here, is it worthwhile having a large EDU?
Support small businesses
Concentrate on providing the residents with a great small city and providing for the economy they produce. If we live in a great place visitors will come.
Support the development of a Heritage Railway museum in Middlemarch as an economic catalyst for the town.
Everywhere I go, all I hear is negativity about the state of Dunedin. People are hiring buses to escape and going to Invercargill for the weekend because the shopping is better for goodness sake this is crazy. Recently I was in a shop in Chch and the store owner said to me they had come to Dunedin the week prior with the idea of having a day shopping but when they got to town it was absolutely dismal and depressing (her words) couldn't believe what was happening with roadworks everywhere and so many businesses closed. Parking is shocking. I park in great king street carpark and it's closed by 9am.
Genuinely don't know what DCC does in this regard
NZ's biggest challenge is translating knowledge into economic output. We have an incredibly well-educated population, excellent institutions and a strong knowledge base but struggle to commercialise and profit for it. The DCC should look into removing barriers and decreasing friction for young people to use their knowledge in emerging industries to create jobs and prosperity.
Maybe more activities to do
Not sure what you're currently doing to support Dunedin's economy to be honest
I am all for paying rates and taxes and want to see the hospital thrive as the rebuild continues.
If we must have cruise ship tourists, let's use better ways of getting them from port to city - trains instead of buses.
Economic development needs a complete overhaul as it's pretty much ineffective. Focus on our strengths - affordability, great education, proximity to Central Otago. Work far more with CO to be the service centre of choice - not Christchurch. Work out what Dunedin isn't so you can then work out what Dunedin is.

Increase marketing of the Dunedin area to encourage more people to move here, esp. as the effects of climate change appear to be more significant to the north.

Additional comments on Pools, Parks, Gardens and Sporting facilities
333 responses
I think the DCC provides a good level of financial support to the East Otago Community & its sporting organisations
Would be good to see an upgrade of playground / social / BBQ facilities at Tomahawk Beach, Ocean Grove as it's one area that hasn't had much \$ thrown at it over the decades.
Ddevelop a play area on the old Tomahawk School Grounds.
We need to act now to save the Physio Pool which is much missed. Speaking as a physiotherapist it is a huge loss for rehab for our injured and elderly and is in the best place in Dunedin to access. Council needs to get involved to save this vital and much wasted asset. We need to pressure the Health officials to hand it over complete with adequate surrounding parking included. Just because some Bureaucrat from wellington wants to save money we are losing this asset. From a Historical viewpoint it would be a tragedy to lose this- amazing historical building . .
I would like to ensure that horseriding trails are on the plan please
Focus on the quality of the natural values and wildlife of the greater city area. Focus on walks, eg Make progress on the Cargills Castle Tunnel Beach proposal. It may well be necessary to back out of the stadium because of its high costs.
Fencing and toilets at playground are appreciated
investment into mountain bike tracks, like signal hill, make it more of a trail centre and make more hills around Dunedin follow similar model. Support and invest in local track builders, not just Mountain Bike Otago diggers..
Better recreation facilities are badly needed in Dunedin. Moana Pool and the Edgar Centre and the physio pool should be replaced with a new community hub providing a pool, physio pool, subsidised community/rehab gym and space for clubs and groups. It could be located on some of the rugby grounds which will end up being underutilised with rugby player numbers rapidly decreasing. Provide more facilities for other growing recreation users e.g. people want indoor facilities more than muddy sportsfields.
Logan Park is well due an upgrade and has been on the cards for some time. In an era where we are trying to look after the wellbeing of the community it is a shame to see squash courts left unused.
A pump track suitable to roller skating, skate boards and scooters. all pump tracks in dunedin are suitable for bikes only. More areas and parks suitable for rollerskating and skateboarding is a must!
These spaces are vital for our communities, especially as leisure time increases and expectations also change.
For some of these, having information about schedules and timetables in slightly more advance would be appreciated if possible.
Close the chines garden altogether and transfer funds elsewhere
I love Lan Yuan and the Botanic Garden
include historic cemeteries authenticity (N Cem Sextons Cottage restoration)
the gardens are sick but you should make the pools cheaper because i can't afford \$7 for a swim
Drinking Fountains, Accessibility and Safety
Thank you. Probably need to increase the budget for these. Cost of living increases are likely to increase.
Parks and gardens should now be also used for the growing of food and orchards wherever possible.
Please continue to develop plans for green reserves and porous spaces, including carparks, that will enable stormwater to flow away or be absorbed and retained to support the biosphere.
Use moana pool lots. Good to see the upgrades taking place.
These are so important to a community – green spaces where people can gather, exercise and enjoy nature. Mosgiel pool - great advantage. As a swimmer I am very grateful for our St Clair and Moana Pools – public luxury, a winner! PARKS and BERMS: what about planting some 'food trees' – apples etc as a small approach to food resilience. Maybe less mowing of berms – replace with wild flowers and native shrubs/trees (homes for birds and insects).
Dunedin's facilities are fabulous! I am impressed with the recent development of playgrounds. What about an inner-city playground?
Upgrade to playgrounds are great but the the generic replacement of equipment has homogenised those areas. People seek out playgrounds for their unique experiences, not open air utilitarian distractions for children.
Consider allowing well behaved and approved dogs off lead in Ross Creek
Our DCC gardeners make our city amazing. Pickle ball courts please!! Sports for all!!
Like Art and Culture, developing a city with spaces and places that people love, and more people will want to live here.
Pools, Parks and Sporting Facilities

Pickleball is a really fast growing game (similar to badminton). Along with table tennis it would be great to have more facilities to accommodate the growing need.
Cut costs , pay off debt.
More facilities and cheaper rates
We need another pool. Support for the Physio Pool has been slow and we need that therapeutic space for patients, marginalised groups, children learn to swim etc etc. It is sadly lacking and felt by many in our community who are continually asking where is it, and why don't we have it still - it is a beautiful historic building that is well built - it just needs TLC and management by DCC to enable funding of manpower and R&M. A much loved Dunedin asset that has a wonderful history and perfect size.
Love the plantings all around the city
Large numbers in Dunedin urgently need the Physio Pool or an equivalent facility
In addition to supporting improving our parks, gardens and pools, we also need to support the wildlife diversity in the greater Dunedin area, including supporting the Orokunui Sanctuary and the Wildlife Hospital, both of which contribute greatly to the city's status as Aotearoa's wildlife capital. Between that and Te Ara Moana, we can build a sustainable tourism business that will provide jobs and international interest for decades to come!
Support a therapeutic pool of sufficient depth for rehabilitation and maintenance of health for all people
It's more important than ever that local pools, eg. Port Chalmers, local parks and sporting facilities are available to the community at a reasonable cost so that they can be enjoyed by everyone regardless of social status, income and ability to travel.
Please support the Physiotherapy Pool to enable local people in Dunedin to access a facility like there was before. It needs to be warm, accessible and have parking. I would also like to see Forbury Park used as a recreation facility. Putting down something similar to the Caledonian, with a football turf and hockey turf, cricket nets and basketball courts. It's so accessible and at the moment is just an overgrown eyesore!
The town belt is one of our great assets yet more and more weeds are allowed to grow. At the same time we lose more Clematis each year. Is this carelessness or ignorant clearing? The gravel in former flower beds outside Olveston is shameful
Mosgiel pool is incredible
The Edgar Centre is starting to get tied with the wooden courts in the main area sloping to the SE corner. Would be good to see a new stadium for sports such as table tennis, squash etc
Offer low cost swimming lessons, water safety opportunities for Pacific children
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fix the skate parks • Having more places for sporting grounds to increase events • More/better rubbish bins in parks like Fairfield Skate Park • Increase beach accessibility • I love the updated parks • Please fix and replace the fencing on Brighton PC sports ground – Ocean View Reserve – safe fencing for the members and horses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need more community based fruit/vege gardens • We need more playgrounds at the botanic gardens • Adding more equipment to smaller local playgrounds • Running more community fruit/vege gardens at the University and Polytech • Having music at the gardens • Introducing plant life, growing, and sustainability to younger age groups (ie primary schools and childcare centres)
The Botanic Garden is one of the best features of Dunedin. It's fabulous.
All of the resources named are looking tired, and ideally, with a burst of tourism expected along with a boost to local pride, wiser investment in improvement and not just basic maintenance is needed.
I hope the pools including St Clair can continue to be supported, as well as the parks and gardens, which attract many visitors
But it should be targeted at residents who pay for it, not tourists. The latter will come anyway
Just keep up maintenance see where savings can be made just making sure contractors are not ripping off the ratepayers
Work should be done, staying within or as budgets allow.
Can you help to reopen the Physio Pool ?
I want the council to stop the use of glyphosate altogether and use environmentally safe methods of weed control such as steam, mechanical trimming and allowing wilding of areas where possible.
Please stop using weed killer, why not use hot water?
More places to walk dogs off lead, and more places to engage with nature - forests access for horse riders too
Need some updates for the Moana pool. Maybe add something in the NEV
Need tracks plan to be implemented to improve the lifestyle for all of Dunedin and implement the playground plan. Need to upgrade Outram Glen
More indoor sports space required.

more of them all
Seconds beach/Whakahekerau - The fence at the start of the walk needs to be addressed (the one above the salt water pool). A lower fence, ideally with native planting, would open up the stunning view across St Clair and St Kilda beach at minimal cost.
Table tennis please
Edgar Centre is an good facility and a lot of sports in Dunedin would survive without it.
All these places need to be wheelchair accessible, not half accessible
More facilities for smaller sports to play eg a permanent table tennis venue!
Especially parks, invest and have these fantastic and not waste money by trying to put lipstick on a pig. Moana pool is a disgrace and requires more than what is currently happening this is the pool for the city such an emarrassment
The Botanic garden is a jewel and and the pools that we have are a joy.
Dunedin has the worst skate facilities of any metropolitan area in the country, and one of the highest proportions of skaters (due in part to the uni). A lot of people stop skating when they move to Dunedin because it's so poor here. Facilitate young people to get out and active by changing this.
With an aging population council must do more to provide exercise and recreation facilities for older people (e.g., pathways, table tennis, pickleball, etc)
The updates made around the community playgrounds has been a huge hit. Continued upgrades around the city playgrounds in particular pump tracks and scooter tracks.
TABLE TENNIS FACILITY!!! - the otago table tennis squad and general table tennis players from Dunedin have been having to play in various different areas ie school gymnasiums and the edgar centre for 26 years. This limits the ability for players to spend more time training and playing, improving, and reduces the possibility for the sport to grow. If a table tennis stadium/facility was built, the sport would grow, a new community of people would be built, and Otago players would be able to improve themselves to become more competitive within New Zealand. Table tennis is a very social sport, many motels, workplaces, and games rooms have table tennis tables, which are commonly used. If there was a facility built, this would give the opportunity for people to learn about the sport and try it out, as it is currently not widely know about in Dunedin.
Interested in table tennis at edger centre
Table Tennis needs its own facilities or upgrade current families, i.e. good lighting, permanent tables set up, affordable fees
We need more dedicated sports venues tables tennis) and more grass wickets for cricket development. Our cricket players have to resort to playing on artifical wickets, which is not good for thir game or bodies.
Dunedin's Botanic is world class and should be well cared for
I would love to see a stand alone stadium for Table Tennis, a sport that has enormous following in Otago and has produced international standard players.
Signal Hill recreational reserve needs to be viewed as a premium sporting facility for mountain biking, with further development led by the local club. Along with other trail centres around Dunedin, this has major potential in developing Dunedin as a destination for mountain-bike tourism, which is a significant economic earner in other areas of the country--why not here, too?
we need a table tennis gym
It would be nice to see some overgrown walking tracks (e.g. the Davies track on flagstaff) more regularly maintained, with continued funding for pest plant control (gorse, broom and wilding pines) on Flagstaff.
The parks are great but I'd love to see ones that are slightly more tucked away from busy roads, just little get-away spots of beauty central to town. It would also be lovely to see a section of George Street entirely traffic free! Even just the middle bit of the Octagon.
We don't need more of the current style of park, garden or sporting facility... that is not viable for what is ahead...lots of orchards, food growing, native planting for birds etc and CYCLE PATHS - off road, are what we need, all over the city and out to its surrounds... creating natural, beautiful spaces along these paths to stop for a picnic, to relax , to be in nature. Getting people active but not in an organised way & appreciating nature are critical to a sustainable life on this planet that we are destroying through our over consumption.
Moana Pool is a wonderful facility, but can cost savings be found by having it closed 1 day a week? We have an abundance of parks and practically everyone wherever they are in Dunedin can walk to a green area to experience "nature" and add to that the beaches and landscapes of the Otago Peninsula. Do less work maintaining parks and playgrounds, they should have been built/designed/grown to look after themselves. Rather focus on providing better access to these places to those suburbs who perhaps are not as connected to nature

The Woodhaugh Gardens are encroaching on the Leith Croquet Club. Trees are shading the greens and tree roots are blocking drains. Although the club pays the DCC over \$2000 per year the council does nothing to alleviate these problems.
Suggest the little pool at the Nth end of the main pool be heated to the therapeutic level that was available at the hospital pool. I only used the hospital pool when I was injured. I never realised it was available to all. Advertising?
A decent pump track and dirt jump area for mountainbikers would be great - preferably at Signal Hill.
Council should ask for a review of rubbish bins - are these in the right places, do we have enough and are they the right type - see Nelson Council as a good example.
people need to feel part of a place, belonging is key to a thriving community
our tennis courts are really embarrassing.
A permanent set up space for table tennis to make the sport more accessible and able to grow
Dunedin is well behind in terms of sufficient indoor sporting facilities. We need another Edgar Centre
Please support the Dunedin Gymnastics Academy to upgrade their facilities.
Provide a bus service to Edgar sports centre
Dunedin needs a skate facility for roller skating and roller blading . An all weather track that could be used by families and skating adults (speed and leisure skate as well as roller derby). Timaru has a fantastic skate rink and has a very successful skate club that encourages children to get off their devices and get some exercise.
We need a therapeutic pool in Dunedin. Aging population, Disability sufferers eg Arthritis. Plenty of room and infrastructure at Moana Pool.
Same comment all these spaces need access reviews. Community buildings need to be wheelchair accessible.
Pump track!! Proper built, tarseal it and make it big! Dunedin is behind in pumptracks compared to other towns. What Wanaka have with their pumptracks and Lismore jump park is awesome. Get kids and adults outside and onto bikes.
Dunedin parks playgrounds are generally awful compared to other major centres. It's sad our kids will likely not get to play on a cool playground. Hoping it could be better for future generations, and that facilities for teenagers are also given more thought.
regarding the pool, having the st clair pool open more would be good in Autumn (I don't know about winter, but people still go for surfing and even swimming in the cold sea, so even if it is not heated at 28, but only at 24, it will be attracting people! For the parks, it will be great to have more outdoor workout machines, as it is often used and there would be also a nice place for the parents to do some workout while their children are playing... more around the peninsula cycle path, maybe close to the beaches, st kilda, st clair, macandrew bay broad bay. also having a shower at st kilda would be really helpful, and some water to drink close to the beach.
Excellent swimming pools in dn
Playground upgrades very important. Sports grounds should be partially paid/partnerships with sporting groups. Gardens are great.
Please help Dunedin Gymnastics with their new facility!!
I'd like to see the council more involved in building and maintaining recreational cycling infrastructure, such as mountain bike tracks, pump tracks and leisure trails (e.g. linking with Waihola trail)
Do we need so many sports grounds ? Cricket and rugby are wealthy sports and they get free access..
Need to update the playground at Botanic Gardens. My oldest is 18 and youngest is 6, it hasn't changed in all of that time. Have a destination playground - it is so key and gives so many families an opportunity to visit our city. Having a purpose facility for gymnastics is a must. As a parent we are currently paying over \$2000 per year for a sub-standard facility. Gymnastics is a key activity for the development of fundamental skills. Having a facility where more children could participate and for a more reasonable price is a must. This is a growing sport and Dunedin are being left behind. The council also need to consider investing in a sporting complex at Bishops court. Have a purpose built facility that is close to the city, and services the hills suburbs is crucial, there is an incredible opportunity to develop an amazing asset to sport and community groups here - it needs to be seriously looked into
There desperately needs to be fenced children's playgrounds ,you take dog safety seriously enough to have fenced enclosures so why not for children?
PLEASE make some of these (botanic gardens!) accessible for dogs. The majority of dog owners are responsible people. We'd like to enjoy the facilities we pay for with our best friends. If other cities can do it, why can't we? As a dog owner I feel discriminated against - kids and teens cause all sorts of damage and disruption but they're not banned.
These facilities are a great asset enjoyed by residents and visitors. Keep maintaining them to a high standard!

Hire community members local to the area to provide garden and park maintenance to the area. This will increase local involvement, provide local composting hubs and will save ALOT of money (as current contractors over charge the council by at least 200%). Stop mowing berms and plant other things than grass (as apparently you currently don't want the grass to even grow). Years ago the entire country of the Netherlands has decided to stop mowing and has reduced maintenance costs and a LOT of yearly pollution. STOP POISONING the land and waterways WITH TOXIC CHEMICALS!!!
Please develop a cohesive mtb tracks and cyclepath strategy. This will not only benefit residents but it will become a solid tourist attraction. The Lake Dunstan trail had 83,000 riders last year, compared to a paltry 11,000 on the Taeir Gorge railway. Cycle tourists spend money in town on food and accommodation unlike cruise ship passengers
Love the Dunedin Parks
Love Te Puna o Whakaehu!
Dunedin's playgrounds let the city down and need a big injection of money to keep up with the rest of the country at least.
I love thé opportunity to access these places, but like everywhere - we NEED more parking!!!! . They are well maintained although more (not electronic!!!) public toilets would be great as well as barbecue areas... this allows people to engage in the area for a longer period of time. Rather than leaving to find toilets and food
Separate cycle lanes to keep cyclists safe from cars and trucks
Please improve the Port pool...now that we have the cycle way it seems like we could have a fabulous triathlon set up!
Dunedin's well served by its town belt and gardens. Better signage might be good and a bit more seating. And of course the beach access needs to be sorted.
Sullivans Dam is a popular place for fishing, walking and many students use the peace and quiet there to study. I would really benefit from having a picnic table/ seating there
Mornington park seating areas need some modernising.
Modernizing family spaces. Offering beach facilities like Australia - showers and barbecue areas
Te puna o whakaehu is a great but a bit substandard, it was a pity cook Brothers was used due to budget. They really don't build for longevity. Lots getting broken in pool already and alos changing rooms are not suitable or fit for purpose. Nowhere to put clothes while you shower. No activities for teens either. Oamaru has a better mix of choices for a smaller pool. Maybe going about privacy in changing rooms if you do up other pools.thanks.
Compared to other cities our parks and play ground are average also Need more indoor play spaced Edgar is to small, gymnastics has no where
Good progress has been made on these places. The new parks are important and valued - especially in South D, Caversham. The cycle-way is great - now sort out what we do once we get to Port Chalmers - there's noting there not even good facilities out at the beach/marina areas to enjoy. And why it should cost the council several hundred thousand for a resource consent (paperwork only) to put groynes/poles back into St Clair to see if it helps form part of the solution is an example of RMA being no longer fit for purpose.
Back Dunedin Gymnastic Academy in their aspirations for a modern gymnasium open to the whole community. The City needs a venue which is open to a broader cross-section of the community where young, old, fit or not can exercise, have fun and compete
Considering mosgiel had to fundraise for their pool it would be a slap in the face if you pay to update other pools , we need a park like the Margaret Mahey park in chch
I know Moana pool has a lot of eq work going on but hoping to see an upgrade of the pools too. I am a user of the pool for therapy and find it too difficult in the warm pools to exercise - too shallow or too wavy. The other pools are too cold for 9 months of the year for me sadly.
Pools are wonderful but Moana could do with a revamp and the playgrounds are woeful compared to other areas
Support and grow green spaces to help Ōtepoti combat rising temperatures and climate change.
It's already good just needs to be kept ticking along tho I'd like to see grass verge plantings that create bio diversity and don't need mowing. These could easily be community led if it was allowed by a by- law change
These community resources are necessary to physical & mental health so should be prioritised
There is only one playground in fairfield. Equipment added to sunninghurst reserve would be amazing
We need sports facilities to support our athletes. Dunedin Gymnastics Academy is in desperate need for a purpose built facility for our young gymnasts and for the community to use
For a major city we are lacking a decent skate park, no commercial designed and built pump track, Marlow park looks neglected

We've got the base for fabulous green spaces in Dunedin but don't tend to put the emphasis into maintaining them in a way that makes them attractive to use. Tracks are a fine example as they degrade and close until undefined dates (Ross creek reservoir). But beyond that we could improve areas around the town belt helping to connect people to the city by foot
Mosgiel pool is great.
Our sporting facilities allow us to bring tournaments to the city.
Green spaces are vital for the health of a city and cannot be compromised.
Like the botans, can get a duck tamer
Healthy parks healthy people
For me and many others all and especially the gardens are the jewel of Dunedin and make me come in more than anything else.
I would like to see the Caversham tunnel developed as a walking and biking track
St Clair salt water pool is a valuable asset and should be kept as it is, except that the showers need greatly improved water pressure.
Our amenities in Dunedin are fabulous so would like to see them maintained but we don't need more right now.
I'd love to be able to walk our dog in the Botanical Gardens on a leash. Why not?
for the Caversham Tunnel to open
Winter lights at Botanic Garden, see popular zoo lights in any metropolis . Have family movie and picnic evenings and project movies onto side of large building in industrial area near Forsyth Barr stadium, side could be painted as huge picture frame or as old cinema stage curtains
Create more international standard facilities..in tennis..football..swimming..basketball so we can invite international competitions. This will put Dunedin in the map of sports
The skate park needs to be extended and beautified. It's also often filled with water and leaves which makes it less appealing to use.
Sporting facilities are terrible, playing fields not eellmsinted in winter.
Dunedin needs an amazing park like Margaret Mahy in Christchurch. Every other city has a brilliant park but Dunedin doesn't
Beautiful parks etc. I would like there to be a dog walking trail through the Botanical Gardens.
Our parks are pretty miserable. The recebt upgrade of the dinosaur park was good but after travelling around NZ recently we are lacking in facilities for families especially right in tje city and for older children. Something like the Margaret Mahy Park would be great. Our older kids and young teens need more to do in town to get them away from their tech.
More self funded..
It would be great to see the harbour water front area developed
A dog park for West Harbour
Support Logan park facilities more and help get Caversham tunnel for cycling open.
Green natural spaces are good for the soul
Would dearly love to see the physio pool back in action.
I would like to see projects for pollinator gardens and green streets programmes.
While I love being able to swim all year round, at the Salt Water Pool and at Moana Pool, the state of the changing rooms at Moana is an embarrassment. Very dated, mouldy, and run down. Not well cleaned, and often smell musty and unpleasant. The changing facilities at the Salt Water Pool are cleaner, but the showers are insufficient and the water flow is sometimes little more than a dribble.
these are lovely but again not part of basic infrastructure so discretionary
DCC does a great job maintaining public spaces - that makes people proud of Dunedin
Playgrounds need some serious love here in Dunedin. We want a destination playground upgrade!! Also, It would be great if we could have an accessible area to the Kaikorai Stream - from Green Island/Abbotsford. We have a lovely stream going through our community which is entirely inaccessible and left to be rubbish.
Give funding to Orokonui, the ecosanctuary is crucial for bringing back wildlife to the city!
The botanical garden playground could be tripled in size and include things like a tree house when children interact with nature. The Town Belt is sorely under utilized. A formal bush walk right through the Town belt would ge cool- or orienteering course through the Town belt, and built up wooden lookouts with steps going up through to the top of the tree canopy and a railed platform at the top would be cool in the town belt to get awesome views over the city. St Clair holt Salt water pool could be tripled in size and have water slides going in to it. Lane swimming could be available for the first Ancaster hour of each day, with fun allowed freely the rest of the time.

The LOS of our parks seems quite high
need a big playground
Pocket parks are valuable
Great to have the new Mosgiel pool. I'm very proud of our sporting and recreational facilities here in Ōtepoti. Ka pai!
excellent
Recreational cycling is growing having access to more tracks would be great. In particular if work could be accelerated on approving the Old Caversham Tunnel that would be great. The fantastic work trails trust has done to get the Winatui project underway has been fantastic. Would be good to replicate this with Caversham Tunnel.
Should have picked an easier to read name for the Mosgiel Pool as it still gets called 'Mosgiel Pool'
Keeping an equal standard to all parks etc not just those right in town.. or reduce rates of those who live outside the the main city area
Please prioritise the completion of the cycle trail from Mosgiel to Dunedin
Both main skateparks can be overwhelmed at peak usage, an upgrade might be due
Please support the Dunedin Gymnastics Academy
More toilets at sporting locations, toilets unlocked when games are happening. More accessible facilities.
Dunedin Gymnastics club needs a new facility. It so many would benefit & would potentially make the sport more affordable. Commercial rents are too high.
Thumbs up for the facility proposed by DGA! It seems to be designed to be beneficial for the local community of all the gym sports enthusiasts. Modern, purposeful, healthy and safer than the current one. Natalie
Dunedin Gymnastics offer a fabulous facility for even families with toddlers but they need better facilities/funding to support that
When I see the busy football turf, that anyone can use, I see a great example of what can be done for the community. Multiple organisations coming together to pay for an accessible resource. When I see the stadium closed off to all without money, and consider the debt rate payers are saddled with, I see a really poor example of a council project. Always remember your average and poor rate payers when spending their money.
We appreciate the efforts the Council goes to to make outdoor spaces accessible for all the people of this city.
Need to upgrade several parks and recreational centres within the district, e.g. Memorial Park Mosgiel
I support a new, fit for purpose gymnastics facility. Such a facility would be well-utilised and bring much benefit to the community in terms of health and well-being, as an indoor sporting option.
Giving clubs and or sporting facilities actual facilities example DGA the right space and equipment to encourage our tamariki and to keep them warm etc
The Dunedin Gymnastics Academy needs more support, as it is a fantastic resource to get kids active and they have incredible staff and programs. The Edgar Center either needs expansion, improvement or a separate facility to ease the strain - I'm grateful we have it but it constantly seems to be running at capacity, understaffed, and struggling to keep up with demands.
Need a new gymnasium facility - I fully endorse this
Something like Margaret Mahy playground would be nice. More playground near beaches. Better play structures in playgrounds.
We have somewhat of a mental health crisis. Maintaining and increasing access to these facilities is proven to help.
Pools need upgrading. Please hurry up and design, build a destination playground to replace Dinosaur Park
We are desperate for a facility for our Dunedin gymnasts. This was bad 20 years ago and now it is dangerous and not fit for purpose. There is not one gym facility in Dunedin for our many children that attend gym that is fit for purpose. Gyms are overcrowded making it dangerous and freezing cold.
I use many services and find Dunedin parks and sports facilities amazing. More parking at the Turf would be great
Please support the proposal for a new facility for the Dunedin Gymnastics Academy, which will benefit not only the gymnastics community but many others
I love all of these services and parks and pools etc.
Moana Pool has terrible family change rooms. Better maintained parks and outdoor spaces are needed. A water park like Invercargill's would be good... gymnastics facilities need an improvement too.
A gymnastics facility would be great!
There are groups like Dunedin gymnastics clubs for which there is no place to meet compete host events

We need a new gymnastics facility because it's the largest sports club south of Chch. 750 meBees and potential for heaps more. Something for everyone to build diverse skills and have fun. Indoor sports are very popular. The facility would be a simple construction and be relatively cheap. A great investment for Dunedin.
More indoor sporting space required
appreciate all of these facilities and love them.
we need a new multi purpose gymnastics facility, not only for thr children to play safely, but also as a designated space fir hosting larger gymnastics events like nationals that bring people to our city
A new gymnastics facility for little ones and a new indoor playground and a hydroslide for Mosgiel pool!
We would love a new gymnastics facility, one that suits the needs of our members and the community.
The Botanic Gardens Cafe in a disgrace to our city, I feel embarrassed when tourists don't want to go in
Ensuring sporting facilities like Dunedin Gymnastics Academy are safe and fit for purpose. Upgrading or improving where necessary
Warmer friendlier facilities for children
I would like some more done for the gymnastics facilities in Dunedin and would also like to see rubbish bins back in parks
We need a gymnastics facility!
Desperate need for a fit for purpose gymnastics facility. The current situation is cramped and dangerous and is disadvantaging our young people interested in gymnastics. Also urgent need to upgrade the facilities for dance, ballet and hip hop at the old technical college building which is also very run down and in desperate need for repair. Also desperate need to upgrade the park at St Kilda beach - has the opportunity to be a fantastic beach side park but is currently very run down and in desperate need of upgrade and repair
A new gym for the Dunedin Gymnastic Academy that is fit for purpose and will also serve the wider community for other sports and a Civil Defence and Emergency Management Welfare Centre
Green spaces and areas to sit in town etc
All well established so just need maintenance.
The state of the sportsfield infrastrucutre is poor. Minor rainfall turns our sportsfields into ponds and bogs, and sports is cancelled when a field with adequate drainage would cope with little to no damage. For example, Brockville Park is on top of a hill, doesn't get used for training during the week but it's a swamp after a minor rain event and never drys out all winter.
Critical for wellbeing.
A new gymnastics facility is urgently required for Dunedin as the numbers are growing so fast but the facilities are very old and there was even a serious incident this year with a roof window just randomly falling onto the gym floor below. This could've been a very grave and fatal incident due to the lack of good facilities. Kids are dropping out of the sport because there are too many of them in small facilities with old equipment.
Continue to support the Dunedin Gymnastics Academy and their proposal for a new facility
Support the development of a purpose-built gymnastics facility as an asset for a large community both in Dunedin and across the lower south
Development of pump track, tennis court, bbq area toliets at the old tomahawk school area, Gymnastics is wonderful for the children with disabilities so.an upgrade would be great. Also some more adaptive play equipment for children i work with that have disabilities as well as more fenced in playgrounds for these children who will run. Salt water pool could do with an upgrade as could the facilities for.changing at moana pool
We have to invest in the future health of everyone
It would nice to see the council supporting more recreational facilities such as a gymnastics centre.
I would encourage more for local parks playgrounds etc and a bit less on Larnach Castle and the Chinese Garden. If they can't pay for themselves then there is a question there. As a local I don't use those particular facilities more than once every 3-4 years, if that.
Gardens need to remain gardens, not substitute for sports facilities. These have a roll and can be adjacent but not imposed. A bike track at Rotary is not a user friendly option for other park users and property owners. Because the children from 1-2 families want it close to their own house and the parent (being a builder and not even a registered master builder) was helping them at one stage to create a ramshackle ramp course full of holes. Today's result is a path full of rocks, lumber debri, even dumped tires, many dug up ditches and destroyed tree hedge, while DCC sits on their hands and watches this hazardous illegal course development at Rotary for at least last 5 years. This trail (even if build from Rotary club funds) will not connect to anotherbike trail. Its too close to vital water storage. Further, its very windy here and rubbish that comes with increased park patronage will be littering the park more so than now. The nearby soccer sports fields are in danger from the bike track users. Also area us used by dog owners who let their dogs run loose but often have poor recall abilities to reign in their free

<p>romping pets. Dog parks are at times dangerous for when small and big dogs mix. Unfortunately, as is happening at Rotary, the pet owners arrive in cars, park by the picnic area, let the dogs loose there or play while the designated fenced dog park area is empty. Proper signage and change to rules where dogs are allowed. Why are penguins, seals and seallions being exposed to dogs (or rather their irresponsible owners) and allowed at places as Allans beach or even St Kinda off lead. Botanical Gardens are well maintained, the cafe round building is in huge need of modernising rather than being allowed to be ran down by succesive cafe businesses owners. Noisy sports or sports attracting huge patronage and need for car parking require special design facilities and optimally not be sandwiched into residential area or already established green parks. While biking focus is great in Dunedin, pleasure riders who at times use a car to transport their bikes (an oxymoron) have already many facilities. The city went on a bike hobby frenzy a bit here. Yes, the coastal track on the Peninsula is brilliant and scenic but rippi g more trees for even more cross or downhill biking is not necessary. Need to involve private initiatives to create good facilities to cater to different sports. For example, the badminton hall was frightfully cold and dingy for many years. Could sporting groups/organizations and their supporters contribute somehow to maintenance of such facilities or private initiatives given a stake in either running a business from it or partnership.</p>
<p>It is fantastic to see the investment in this space and the consultation with the communities has been excellent.</p>
<p>Need more facilities for wider range of sports like gymnastics, climbing. More investment in developing mountain bike trails</p>
<p>The Dunedin Gymnastics Academy desperately needs funding to upgrade facilities. They are a huge gym in Dunedin and full of some of the most amazing and inspiring Gymnasts. One of whom just competed for NZ in Paris and Belguim. They have been seeking funding and fundraising for years. The council should 100% help this amazing club as they support 100s of athletes on Dunedin. The club in Otaki Street has completed flooded last year in the rain. The floor and gym equipment needs updated. We are so so behind other clubs, even invercargill is way better than our gym here. These kids train hard, some of them 5 to 6 days a week...ontop of school. They deserve this so much. We know it's not rugby or a big sport here but it is growing and it is amazingly popular with young children. We need to encourage kids and supply them with decent facilities.</p>
<p>Beautiful and well maintained spots!</p>
<p>The Tracks Plan needs investment - as the Destination Plan suggests - walking and cycling. We have amazing outdoors assets which we have the opportunity to upgrade and link together to create a World Class Tracks Network. As I type this I am sitting in Queenstown where people are attracted to live work and play because of the wonderful beauty and the ability to do walks and cycle in it. The Tracks Plan needs at least \$250,000 extra budget a year and also to create partnerships to achieve a world class tracks network.</p>
<p>Recent increased activity in Sports field maintenance has been great (off the back of the FIFA Womens World Cup) - this should increase for such a vauable resource</p>
<p>Would love to see some more kids play spots and dog walk opportunities around the city.</p>
<p>New Mosgiel pool needs the name pool on it.</p>
<p>Green spaces and colour are important. Keep upgrading playgrounds and putting in seating through out the parks and shopping centres.</p>
<p>It would be fantastic if the proposed new gymnastics facility was supported. It's a sport that all ages can enjoy. With children it instils fundamental movement patterns that can be translated to many other sports. More importantly it is a sport that promotes resilience from a young age, something our youth of today need fostering. It also encourages social connection across all genders and ethnicities. It's an inclusive sport that encourages a strong work ethic.</p>
<p>Dunedin has an awesome trail network. These are not being maintained well enough. Flagstaff track hasn't been maintained for years. Bethunes Gully has been destroyed by the maintenance workers using large gravel.</p>
<p>The Botanic Garden is long over due for its upgrade and Moana Pool could do with more maintenance in the leisure pool to keep it more vibrant and inviting</p>
<p>Expand tracks and trails networks including for horses</p>
<p>Botanic Gardens Aviaries need more support/funding to do critical native species work e.g. breeding Kaka from release</p>
<p>Gardens and parks in Dunedin are great as they are</p>
<p>With increased numbers of people living in Woodhaugh / Leith Valley area, it would be nice to have more children's playground equipment at the Malvern Street park. It's a huge grass area, but under used as there is so little do there.</p>
<p>these contribute to wellbeing of our citazens</p>
<p>Maintain what we have. The green spaces and gardens are vital recreation and lungs for the people of Otepoti. The playground on Hillside Road is an excellent example of a whanau and child safe area.</p>

Be great to sort out some facilities at the Tomahawk/Ocean Grove old school site. Some basket ball hoops and play ground and more native planting would be great. Also a walking/biking track around Tomahawk Lagoon would be awesome.
These are all excellent facilities and appear well maintained.
I would like to see more pools but they are expensive. I understand the hydroslide at Moana Pool is to be replaced - please make it something cool - not some tedious thing with a green or red light where people stand around getting cold - and please make it fun, not all H&S dominated - make a gentle one and exciting one - the current hydro slide is cool, though a bit old - please don't replace it with the likes of Invercargills or Queenstowns boring hydrosrides
Cost of swimming is high
Dunedins parks, playgrounds, sporting facilities etc continually are well kept and look great for people to use.
We're fortunate - we can maintain what we have.
Work harder/ smarter with a similar budget. DCC should not fund every community pool. Moana, Mosgiel and St.Clair should be the focus, with DCC to partner/ facilitate elsewhere. Lan Yuan needs a dedicated director. Dunedin Botanic Garden is world class and must continue to be resourced. Likewise, Dunedin's other parks and gardens and special.
Moana pool needs a serious upgrade it's filthy. The playgrounds in Dunedin are disappointing, you construct new playgrounds and can't even spend the extra money to fence them with child safe gates. A brand new awesome playground on Hillside road and some rope to fence it in the even a baby could get through, not to mention it is next to an extremely dangerous and busy road.
Our sport and recreation infrastructure is aging, with a number of assets in need of upgrades or replacement.
Yes, it's very clear you support and invest in these things around high decile neighbourhoods...
They have definitely upgraded a lot in the past year keep going as you are
Doings beautiful job, would like to see interpretation in parks where there are heritage / archaeological sites.
Please consider an upgraded recreation (multi-sport) complex and pool
The council already has amazing facilities and has done an impressive job in recent times to upgrade and provide new facilities. It should keep up this momentum as this critical to thriving communities.
I find these basic services to be well facilitated.
Updating existing facilities like skate parks has been fantastic
Good work!
Dunedin needs a designer playground like the Margaret Mahy playground in Christchurch
Lights at Botanic Garden in winter, merry lights around the Octagon and CBD
The skate parks that I pass by are very popular, I'd like to see more of those facilities around for young people to use.
Please keep these well maintained so that they can be used and enjoyed
Parks and Reserves needs a big rethink. planning for a wider environment including vegetation, recreational uses, planting for fauna, pocket parks for people. Dunedin is way behind most urban areas in terms of planning.
more free activities indoors for dunedins winters
Revitalization of playgrounds to be a focus. ChCh example ie Margaret Mahy park could be a model suitable for Dunedin
It seems like all the garden spaces are being well looked after but I could be missing something.
Love the salt water pool, it's a very special and wonderful part of Dunedin.
Reserves such as Ross Creek and other recreational/natural areas important for well being of all.
These need upgrading and more regular maintenance. I would pay more rates to fund this.
Dunedin desperately needs a purpose built indoor gymnastics facility!
What a great range we have. Your team does a wonderful job, keeping these top-notch.
Non of these facilities have enough car parking!
Some of our parks are a disgrace and the signage could do with being cleaned. Bethunes Gully is hard for people to identify as the signage is lichen covered. I often get asked where it is when I go walking nearby yet other parks keep getting new signage and care constantly. Complaining to CSA / CSO doesn't seem to get the problem solved. Maybe these people need to be customer orientated not just kpi based
You're doing a great job in upgrading playgrounds and parks. Keep this up!
Again mixed. Gneerally speaking sports grounds are a disgrace, especially football fields. The level and quality of maintenance is an embarrassment. How are uttlilisation levels monitored and usage promoted - or non-usage result in reduced emphasis?

There needs to be more that just the one public pool in Dunedin especially as the population is growing.
Toilets needed along harbour walkway and Ross Creek Reserve
Better safer playgrounds for kids
Child and youth centric spaces will help the city thrive
Playgrounds - nicer and do up Moana Pool
Skatepark upgrades
Please do not reduce hours at Port Chalmers pool, it's too important to the West Harbour area
This area the council does well.
Keep up the work on cycle tracks.
Stop spending
We need good outdoor areas— especially places like port Chalmers for kids
People need green for mental and physical health. "Green prescription" is very valid and widespread in Europe.
Remember there are also a large number of ratepayers who own horses. Equine industry brings in money, ensure horses are also supported in Tracks and Trails projects
I would like to see Dunedin Botanical garden have an area where people can go with their dogs. Oamaru and Invercargill have access.
The playground situation is sad. Most playgrounds have something broken or they're old and run down. We could do with newer facilities around town. An indoor playground would be amazing.
Do it differently: work with zero carbon plan. Use park and gardens to grow local food, community orchards
Skateparks. Destination playground
Parking at Moana Pool is bad. Too expensive to visit Chinese gardens.
Stop planting native trees and shrubs. They are not deciduous and the leaves take months to rot down and block drains, they block light in winter and look so gloomy plus they look the same all year round and have no colour (apart from Rata and kōwhai which are horrible for shedding leaves which take forever to break down) or beautiful branch structure.
More activities around for all ages, the basketball hoops being installed are great. a bit more around would be nice. listening to the community children and ask what they would like.
I'd like to congratulate the DCC on their commitment to the swimming pool in Port Chalmers which is a real asset to our community. The staff that work there are terrific but are always under pressure because of the lack of lifeguards.
Love the Mosgiel pool. Can you do the same in Port Chalmers
More Basket ball courts like the Nairn street one and a Flood light Skate park for Brokville.
Very impressed with all the green space and how it is maintained!
Mosgiel needs a dedicated indoor sports facility. Memorial gym is dated, undersized and not fit for purpose. Now the town has the new pool, it is time for a new sports facility to complement the pool and give residents an indoor space for recreation rather than the entire city converging on the Edgar Centre.
Invest in trails for riding and running. Great start but work on expanding them.
Keeping our green spaces - and encouraging use of these - particularly encouraging more engagement by creating accessible spaces for disabled parents and children to be able to engage together
We need 1 large playground like Margaret Mahey and the new one at Timaru
We love Moana pool and the amazing fitness and activity spaces the council offers our community. Would be amazing to have subsidised bike skills training for adults to encourage the whole whānau to get out of cars.
Keep them up to scratch ⁹
Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Gymnastics facilities in Mosgiel
More on parks and sporting facilities less on pools and gardens that are used by a lot less people.
Think this is done well
We need a destination playground there isn't much for kids here
Have bi lingual names not just Māori.
Sporting facilities always need improving, something like the Logan Park Turf for those out south would be great - away from the congestion and parking issues around the university.
There needs to be more maintenance of established street side gardens and work to lower the level of vandalism.
Support our minority sports with quality purpose built facilities. Indoor playground for everyone would be the best kind of destination playground
Ensure there are cheaper rates for locals and community service card holders

We need destination playgrounds and better maintenance of existing ones. Some apparatus in Woodhaugh have been broken for two years now! The Mosgiel pool needs something to appeal to primary aged children. It also has a shortage of showers in the gendered changing rooms.
Fantastic facilities
There is room for less expenditure in these areas.
Better marketing for the gardens and beach volleyball court would be awesome.
Be more equitable across the geographically and across more sports
Outdoor activity needs some support. As a Moana Pool user, some work up there is probably necessary but suggestions that replacement of the 'stadium seating' is any sort of priority is rubbish
Investing in recreation facilities over sporting grounds will benefit the wider population more. Participative recreation eg biking, walking tracks, access to natural areas.
Improve Moana disabled access and facilities.
Sporting focus has shifted, so facilities need to reflect this. Traditional sports like rugby and soccer are seeing fewer people, sports like mountain biking, leisure riding, frisbee golf, etc are growing, we need to invest in more facilities to cater for this growth
All sports should have the rights to field, especially with those sports that involves wider community but with less popularity
Mostly we drive out of town to take our children to the beach as town parks haven't been updated since the 70s. Botanic gardens are great but there's no parking apart from up too if you're lucky and that's too much of a walk with little people. Green island and Mosgiel parks are good. Nothing in town with easy access.
Dunedins parks are woeful compared to neighbouring cities Christchurch and even invercargill
Big destination playground in Koputai, toilets along the cycle way, maara Kai
Make all the playgrounds accessible and inclusive
Create a hotpool venture under public private partnership. Potentially on domain at Esplanade or around the Salt Water Pool
Please fence the Woodhaugh garden paddling pool so it can be filled in summer. Please update the tired equipment at the dinosaur park.
ISNT IT TIME FOR A REPLACEMENT POOL AT MOANA?
More recreational activities for younger citizens, help keep them occupied and socialising to improve mental wellbeing
More parks and cycle stuff. Outdoor healthy activities to increase community well being and give constructive things for kids to do
I like the Lan Yuan park! Beautiful place. And it's always wonderful seeing the families and happy children at the playgrounds around St Kilda.
Make sure sign are in both Languages. Fencing to stop cars getting on fields
We have great facilities but as said before I do not know if any need upgrading.

Additional comments on Environment and Sustainability
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I would like to see more stabilisation measures made to stabilise the beachfront road & picnic strip at Waikouaiti. Perhaps rock dumpings at close intervals over several short sections could be trialed to see if sand will blow through between them accumulate behind where it could be planted in suitable grasses. Start in the areas where people have been illegally driving down the bank onto the beach
Zero waste & reuse facilities are needed in the city. Hot composting for businesses. Bring in the Again Again system over whole of city & phase out single use cups, etc. Aim to have the whole city single use cup free as phase one ie: no single use cups in the city at all, re educate people on this & become a progressive city in this way by leading the way.
Focus on local food security and resilient water systems
Support the carbon neutral goals of council now
Reducing emissions is critical as recognized by Council.
The environment should be the key focus of the long term plan. Reducing our GHG production and preparing for storms etc and maintaining our biodiversity.
Looking forward to the 3 kerbside bins, especially greenwaste collection.
demand more from companies to be more sustainable, introduce levies or incentives to be greener and have less impact. Impose fines on broken glass, littering and noise pollution.
I think the DCC is going way over the top with their plan to reduce emissions, climate change adaptations etc. this city can't afford it!
The recycling service upgrade needs to happen quickly and we need to have more bins and public toilets in some of the green reserves in order to make them useable.
Information about composting facilities would be appreciated but beyond that, it should be possible to have biodegradable waste collected separately to not fill up landfills with waste that can be composted. Encourage use of public transport especially by young people by making public transport cheaper in association to student cards would be an idea.
Sort the recycling out! Stop sending green waste to landfill. I don't want or need a food waste bin, I compost my food waste. I want a green waste bin instead.
I'm really excited that the DCC has adopted the goal of Net Zero 2030 and I hope that they will go hard out to fulfil that promise to the young people and future generations of the city.
I understand there is conflict between sealing roads and building cycleways but health and safety must be considered in all circumstances.
priority
i know you've signed onto an environmental plan so you need to really get going if you want to be carbon neutral by 2030 and support local communities in being self sufficient
Support reducing DCC Carbon Footprint to zero.
Should be out number one priority
None
Climate change is upon us and is impacting upon our communities well being, cost of living, livelihoods, infrastructure and the natural environment. The Council has wisely adopted a Carbon Zero 2030 plan and its success is dependent upon funding the work needed to achieve it's goals.
The increasing incidence of extreme climate events affecting resource availability and price suggests the need for concerted action in this area.
Reducing emissions means consuming less, shifting to an economy of goods and services that provide for the basic needs of using less materials
Please continue to develop connections between all strategies in line with the need for a resilient city that enables such current and developing needs as social wellbeing and food resilience in the face of changes to supply chains. Please make a permanent position for a food resilience networker for the city, one who can work with all the aspects of the city: environment and sustainability, pools, parks and garden, social and economic wellbeing, arts and culture and infrastructure--these can all be aligned in the kind of positive vision that we are seeing for South Dunedin. ,
If we can't sustain the environment, we fail future generations.
Do nothing...it's a waste of money.
So important...to build a climate-resilient city and reduce emissions
This is critical.

<p>This section is completely related to economic well-being. Support more FARMERS MARKETS (local economy/resilience) – may be indoors? An empty warehouse? A great step towards local economy - fewer emissions – less waste – people places (music, eating and chatter). Green reserves – sections could also be reserved for growing food – healthy food and FOOD resilience. Zero Waste projects need further development. Community COMPOSTING must be a new initiative and campaigns to educate on using less plastic. Convenient PUBLIC TRANSPORT (preferable cheap, or better, free), is a must if we are to seriously reduce emissions. ORC must be lobbied to effect as much change as possible – smaller buses for off-peak? This section is completely related to economic well-being. Support more FARMERS MARKETS (local economy/re</p>
<p>Folden Maar is now DCC property. It needs to work with OU to be delicately and sensitively developed to encourage ongoing scientific research into the climate change record it contains, and for small scale special interest tourism.</p>
<p>More work to do! Increase CBD parking costs and reduce the number of parking spaces. Make cycling easier to reduce car use - cycle routes, cycle parking, clearing glass from cycle lanes etc. More green spaces, more community grants for sustainable projects, continued improvements to recycling (food waste and soft plastics in particular).</p>
<p>The harbour cycleways are great but work still needs to be done creating safe links from the suburbs to main arterial roads.</p>
<p>A recycling centre similar to Wastebusters in Wanaka is essential to this city. Keep more out of landfill!</p>
<p>Face the climate crisis. We need to future proof the city, recycling etc are just chicken feed.</p>
<p>We need to be future focused and this is a no brainer.</p>
<p>Environment and Sustainability</p>
<p>More capacity to increase work into pest plants.</p>
<p>Climate change is a HUGE issue and must be faced head on. No more head in the sand.</p>
<p>Public transport, Taiari/Mosgiel commuter train. Supporting installation of composting toilets and grey water systems in suitable communities. Encourage rainwater collection. Put pressure on businesses to take back their packaging.</p>
<p>We need to be leading the country and the world in reducing waste. This means better recycling but also reducing waste in the first place, particularly from the building trades. Also, curbside recycling should include composting green waste, which also makes up a considerable percentage of methane producing waste in land fills.</p>
<p>Ensure recycling happens. Reduce recycling by reducing waste in the first place</p>
<p>Local food sustainability and resilience of production to feed our local population needs urgent attention, and education.</p>
<p>As a society we cannot continue to pollute and abuse our environment. Particularly with regard to the large population in south Dunedin and coastal areas which will have massive impacts from climate change. We must be seen as a forward thinking and forward acting community. Climate change is and will continue to have a massive effect on Nz and Dunedin in particular.</p>
<p>Stop encouraging cruise ships which are gross polluters and promote sustainable tourism. Keep on building cycleways</p>
<p>Most of Holland is already below sea level. I think your going about sea level increases the wrong way. Artificial reefs to combat king tides. Breakwaters bring safe harbors which bring business, thriving business is the key to Dunedins future.</p>
<p>More walk & cycle ways to connect north of Dunedin city to connect coastal communities</p>
<p>Support Pacific families sustain healthy environmentally friendly living here in Ōtepoti</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase amounts of recycling stations to help people recycle more effectively • More plants around the CBD and surrounding areas • Please stop cutting down all the trees when you are building • More rubbish bins with good lids • Cat control • increase in predator control • cat registration like what is for dogs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheaper bus/transport prices to allow more people to rely on these instead of a higher amount of car use • Getting companies involved in things like rain water collection • Please help schools teach their students to recycle eco-responsibly and allow compulsory tutorials around schools to educate them about sustainability and raise awareness
<p>We have to tackle this. No more head in the sand</p>
<p>Partly due to the illogical ORC-DCC split on this issue, it is hard to make specific comments. Maximizing outputs that minimise deleterious environmental effects is a priority. Environment is more important than economy as a priority, within the appropriate frame of reference.</p>
<p>As a daily cycle-commuter to the University of Otago, I'd appreciate better city based cycle lanes please!</p>
<p>There is no option, let's be fit for future, through innovative and clever local responses to climate challenges.</p>

need to consider that south Dunedin isn't going to be viable with tidal rises, should consider what we are allowing in rebuilds increasing population density in a flood prone area. Is this responsible
I think this should be the main focus of the city for the next ten years as it is the biggest crisis we are facing. Dunedin should set an example and aim to be a net zero city by 2030. It may seem like a lot of money will be needed to achieve this, but if it is left longer, it will only become more costly and we will have to bear the cost of multiple tragedies on top of that, ie flooding, displacement etc. I would gladly pay a climate change tax if it meant that Dunedin would reach climate change goals early.
Plans need to become tangible actions
Comply with central government legislation and stop at that.
But think outside the square. Buying up houses is not the solution that money is better used for a system that works. Like pumping stations making sure the stormwater system is working and not blocked. Creating a waterreservoir that can also be use for recreation. Maybe check how they have solved those issues let say in holland where big parts are below sea level
Climate change is coming faster than people realise, we need to act NOW
This will be a very important service in years to come, as this is the future act now, however funding needs to come from other sources/ services, instead of ratepayers having to carry the cost.
I think more should be done to protect and support wildlife in and around the city, including commitment to funding for the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital. Our wildlife species will struggle with the changes that climate change is bringing and I believe that most Dunedin ratepayers would want us to look after wildlife as effectively as we can.
I want to see wildlife cared for and protected in Dunedin.
Do MUCH more than now to protect our environment and biodiversity
get an ebike scheme started
There is so much change that needs to be made, particularly as it is looking as though we will be coming into a National/ACT government who clearly don't care about our country's environmental health. It's super important that more is done to reduce emissions (i.e., landfill, cars on the road, processing plants) due to Dunedin's location and its risk of South D flooding. Definitely get the uni to help out with this, so many great departments and amazing people ready to make change
Tracks and trails lower the carbon footprint of tourism and make the environment more more accessible. Creates true regenerative tourism. It also gives access for trapping and planting.
The environment needs priority
this needs to be our top priority- decarbonise energy and transport. replant and restore natural land and environments
Please include an urban cycle network in the 10 year plan and fully fund its early implementation in the 10 year cycle.
Fully fund and implement the recommendations in the Zero Carbon plan adopted by council
Green waste collection
There are challenging decisions on retreat/adaptation which will need central govt guidance/assistance.
You can always do more for the environment!
Don't mess this up, action now. Buy out private housing in flood prone areas (STH D). Make Dunedin a climate resilient city.
This is the one. Every bit of money you spend on this now is worthwhile. Climate change is the biggest and, genuinely, the most terrifying threat to our way of life. You must lead in this space.
Any strategies to bring the region to Carbon Zero operation must be number 1 priority
Seal the dirt roads in Green Island. The silica dust we are breathing is more dangerous and harmful than the dust suppression or road sealing.
Very much interested in zero emissions. I like financial part of it. That was my thesis topic during master's degree from University of Otago
Encourage people out of their cars. Our bus system is coming right and working well. More people want to use their bikes. Let's use a strong transport plan to reduce our emissions by making these things really attractive.
DCC can help to reduce emissions by making it easier to get around our city without driving.
The problem of climate change overwhelms all of the other issues we face. I commend the DCC for taking the issue seriously. More and better, please.
We need to focus on the old mans beard + banana passionfruit vines killing the native bush in the greenbelt and beyond
Please include a fully funded urban cycle network in the 10 year plan

Across all areas
try to encourage business and residents to recycle. create business opportunities for suScience and technology is our best chance, not only of dealing with climate change, but of also taking up the opportunities that exist to increase our economy to match those of countries like Ireland, Finland, Denmark sustainable and environmental companies I needed to see innovative solutions that dealt with the multiple challenges around reducing our emissions, feeding the planet, and transitioning to this new economy without destroying the resources and the people who can take us there. I wanted to hear policies that focused on providing innovative solutions, driven by technology, that would not only accelerate the reduction of our emissions, but would also show the world that New Zealand is a world leader in this space. sir Ian Taylor sustainable business to grow. to grow nizable
Please plant a lot more trees throughout the city, including kerbside and in parks (e.g. Queens Gardens). Please also transition from plantation forestry (City Forest managed) towards re-establishing native vegetation - there is huge scope to replicate what Hugh Wilson has achieved at Hinewai on Council owned land, e.g. the flanks of Mt Cargill. This would have great benefits for biodiversity and amenity (for views from the city and eventually walking trails) as well as sequestering carbon long term.
As mentioned above, Dunedin needs a more solid public transport network, which include cable Gondolas, trains and electric buses, as well as bikes to promote people away from their cars!
So much more to do! This could be where the jobs growth is ... is we had true leadership. Plant natives, grow food, composting facilities everywhere, resource recovery in all communities with remakery businesses attached. (See Wellington Remakery)
any efforts made now to de-carbonise where possible will pay off 10fold in the near future. It will never be a better time to change than right now.
Continue with research etc on erosion etc St Clair St Kilda. Insist all dogs must wear a preventative biting mask outside of their property. A threatening canine is dangerous and very intimidating.
Consider harbour ferry - that would take cars off the road and buses wouldn't travel the peninula routes empty most of the time.
Green waste collection would be appreciated.
great to see zero waste plan going ahead
don't ignore the science, we must act now for the cities future security
More funding for the Wildlife Hospital!!!!!! Without it we may loose out Hoiho!
Extremely important but infrastructure must be there if we are to reduce traffic - carefully thought out roading network, park and rides, public transport that actually works for all - at all times of day and week.
Stop bashing South Dunedin. Your recent climate change informatin and meetings were so one sided. You claimed we will have another flood such as 2015. Everyone knows the lack of DCC keeping up the basic maintenance work, clearing drains, and ensuring pumps run effieciently caused the floods. We attended a meeting where we were advise dto vote for Chisholm Park Gof course to be returned to a wetland. This gold course is the best draining golf course in Duneidn, possibly Otago. Every time we get heavy rain Otago GC, ST Clair GC, Taierie Gold Club have to close for flooding and the members all turn up at Chisholm - why because it drains. Also buying houses identified as flood risks - NO. This isn't for the local citizens, its for the developers such as Blue Sky to bang up more of these 'slums of the future" for rich property developers and landlords. This isn't affordable housing. The rent the young ones have to pay eg \$620-\$720pw prevents them from ever saving for their own home. You are helping the rich men of Duneidnto get richer on the back of the worker. Also if South D is going ot flood, why keep issuing consent sot build there.
It has taken so long to get green waste bins up and running. Promote bus use especially the Mosgiel run. Signage on the motorway promoting the bus run where people sitting in those huge lines of traffic at peak times might start thinking it is a good alternative
Desperately need light rail and cycle route to Mosgiel, better cycling and walking infrastructure, increase cost of car parking and localise to few locations to prevent cars driving pointlessly around city looking for a park
Per comment above - we have to prioritise the planet, or we're fucked. So let's get going and get out local selves sorted out so we can weather the storms that are heading our way. Build strong local communities and networks, food production and distribution - all of this will, create jobs and wellbeing locally and set us up well for the future.
There needs to be more information and education around recycling . I work in the student areas and I am appalled at the lack of care with recycling and the amount of rubbish and glass lying around.
more bike parks around the city, and re-think central city bike lanes layouts
Our recycling services have reduced, make it easier to recycle.

South D needs an appropriate management plan for climate change. Houses continue to be built on vulnerable land
More and varied recycling, more sustainability, less landfill, stronger action on polluters and those who abuse resource consents.
We need better recycling services. Our emissions or reduction targets are negligible on the global stage. The mindless adoption of EVs will have no effect on the general climate, they have a role in cleaning up the air in the city for sure but Claims beyond that are greenwashing. We also have no plans on how to deal with or mitigate fires from EV batteries in thermal runaway.
Prepare people for the change that otherwise will be forced on them. We can't afford to bury our heads in the sand. Educate people about options they have re recycling (e.g. as above increase options around battery recycling and tell us what is available rather than us having to look it up for ourselves). Electronic waste is another area - promote recycling of our old devices.
Presumably electric buses are mega expensive but would be dope. Otherwise more encouragement for people to substitute drives for cycling/walking please
Keep the pressure on Government to progress South Dunedin Future
Climate Change planning & emergency response planning need to be further developed
compost areas would be great, maybe making a new grant for farmers to have some volunteers helping to plant trees around their fences and streams because they don't have the time and the people to do it, but it is quite important to reduce the carbon footprint on farming, and reforestation with native plants will also be a plus.
SAFE CYCLE LANES
We must plant trees!!!
All very important.
Introduce a congestion charge in the central city at peak times, offset by subsidising public transport (I know its ORC but surely we can work together)
See earlier comments
Stop the Smooth Hill Landfill! Invest in greener alternatives for waste management.
More recycling of plastic, small plastic, bottle lids, tetra paks and more pressure on supermarkets to produce less plastic rubbish. Support all reduction of (plastic) waste, whether that is for private households or businesses.
More and faster action is required to mitigate the inevitable consequences of climate change.
New bike path is awesome! New pedestrian street is awesome!
See above comments about transport. Rezone land that's on the flat areas (North & Central Dunedin among others) for medium & higher density residential to allow for population retreating from threatened areas, as well as contributing to a more sustainable city in general.
Focus needs to be preparing for the future of more extreme weather events, not pretending that climate change won't affect us. More public transport, more bike lanes to cut emissions
drainage of south Dunedin is essential for the future, less money spent on things like "Stars on dams and teeth on Portsmouth drive" etc
Most of it probably described above. Add more community garden spaces. Open up any free (now) useless pieces of land to community growing. Stop focusing on only native growth, but increase biodiversity in stead. Make soil erosion illegal and make sure all public land with a slope over 30 degrees is permanent forest. AND STOP your poisoning sprays!!!
employ someone to get an overall picture of a cycling NETWORK, with smooth transitions, they should write a strategic plan and make it happen.
Dunedin Wildlife Hospital do an amazing job looking after so many creatures, but especially our native taonga. Please consider them in any funding support or budget. Their fb page is amazing, we are lucky to have them based in Dunedin
Sustainability is the way of the future to save our planet, as Dunedin is small yet capable it would be really neat to see us taking a big step forward in this direction.
We are known as the wildlife capital, and tourism is based on the precious taonga - albatrosses, penguins, seals etc.. We need to make sure they are well looked after and also Wildlife Hospital needs to be funded, as their patients ARE the attraction to our cities. We need to move more towards recycling OUR OWN RUBBISH HERE, by creating our own plant for recycling, and increase our education over the sustainability, e.g. supporting sustainable companies, organisations and educators..
There's no delaying this - climate change is here.

For emissions reduction prioritise making a safer walkable city and helping people to make their homes energy efficient. For adaptation don't forget that major Taieri flooding is likely to be the next climate disaster for Dunedin.
Prioritise sustainability.
Do a lot more on reducing emissions, and on climate change adaptation
Make the cycle way from Dunedin to Waikouaiti a reality! More bus services for us out east Otago would be great...
So important to keep improving our environment...including the coastal marine reserves - hooray!!
Easily accessible centres for e waste, batteries and lightbulbs, a good textile waste contract, and better information about where non-biodegradable waste can be redirected and reused. And separate landfill from biodegradable to non-biodegradable.
Provide outlying areas of Dunedin e.g. Waitati, with places to put stuff that can be recycled.
More funding to support houses to become energy efficient especially during winter.
We all need to be aware that this has top priority. Without the environment nothing else will work. There needs to be more education, campaigns, workshops to show people can live a life that has less negative impact and feel good about it. Money spent to get the message across is money spent well.
Needs to be more recycling options throughout city. Businesses don't have access to recycling very easily.
Recycling here in NZ is a joke. It largely goes to landfill and never in our own backyard, and we're too precious to burn it for energy too. We'd rather send it to another council area to deal with and not think about it. We shouldn't have our rates offsetting emissions - especially for scope 3 that we don't own - they just happen in our region as a part of being a functioning society. And no more pine plantations - the pollen and visual pollution adds to the biodiversity loss.
Look after our wildlife, on land sea and air.
Support the planting of natives over forestries. Remove GST from native plants, support people to grow their own green spaces. Move housing, and whanau away from coastal areas, plan ahead for coastal species, restore coastal habitats. Support groups who are already doing the mahi - planting natives, working with taonga species.
Climate change is the biggest threat to continued growth and prosperity. We must reduce the flooding hazard and have tsunami zone and evacuation route signage as they do in Oregon and Japan
More support for Orokonui sanctuary
Support conservation, environmental protection and wildlife rescue. That is the most important thing in a dying world.
As we are the wildlife capital of NZ I think it is crucially important to support our local conservation organisations like the YEPT, Opera and Wildlife Hospital Dunedin in their work, as well.
Support the wildlife hospital
NZ nature is absolutely stunning and unique, please don't take it for granted as you are planning the coming up years by forgetting about providing financial funding towards protecting it. For people's, the planet and the species wellbeing and survival financial focus here is crucial. Examples are Orokonui, Wildlife Hospital, Plant Based Treaty just to mention a few. These organisations do wonders for individuals and need all our support to be able to continue doing their fantastic work
It's great that you have adopted a Zero Carbon plan, I look forward to seeing the results of this over the next few years!
This should be the number one priority for every city council.
Please keep funding the wildlife hospital
Easier soft plastic recycling
See comment above re sustainable economy. Support the wildlife hospital to showcase this to the world. And pass some bylaws to reduce the amount of waste produced by retailers and the building industry.
Please also include long term funding commitments for care and stewardship of native wildlife (Dunedin Wildlife Hospital) and preserving night sky visibility (installation and maintenance of street light covers etc)
Rubbish collection and recycling should be free, paid for through rates. Would get less dumping illegally. The Yellow Bins should take all dry recycling: electronics, small appliances, soft plastics. Get your act together so we get an integrated recycling system for everything that can be recycled. I shouldn't have to go to lots of different places to recycle my stuff. Charging discourages people from recycling. Everything should be recycled that can be recycled. We pay for it in one way or another regardless. Might as well pay for it through our rates. Happy to pay more.
Reducing emissions should be given very high priority.

Good strong strategies for reducing landfill. Supporting greater recycling and education around minimising waste full stop.
Wildlife Hospital support is crucial
Add a green waste program, community composting. Wonderful to have disallowed plastic bags at market
Let's ramp up our recycling and waste reduction - including green waste management to divert this from landfill and more encouragement for recycling - so much still goes to landfill that could be diverted and put into repurposing projects.
Insurance companies and other money managers are paying attention to sea level changes and extreme weather events. The more Dunedin does in the short term, the greater the savings. Delay is false economy- think of the opportunities that Auckland council had to build out public transport in the 50s. We want to be part of the success stories, not the examples of failure.
The key challenge of the next decade. Any money spent reducing emissions has extra benefits in improving health and wellbeing, eg increasing personal mobility by giving alternative choices to car travel has hug health benefits by improving fitness as well as reducing air pollution and motor vehicle accidents.
I don't feel like we need to poor money into this.
No more cycle lanes, pleeeeeease.
We are killing our planet and every other species on it. We need to do a lot better.
Why should we pay the price for what our past relatives did.
Provide funding and support for the amazing work performed by the Dunedin Wildlife hospital. Their efforts towards conservation are incredible.
Green bins for garden waste
We need and should be at the forefront of environmental care as the wildlife capital of NZ; we should be supporting those non-profits that care for the wildlife, especially endangered native wildlife (wildlife hospital Dunedin, penguin place and rescue, etc); we should be better at caring for the environment and supporting biodiversity-planting natives, getting rid of invasive species, cleaning up after humans and domestic animals
I won't go into it, as there are many opinions and ideas, and a lot of them are good. But transportation is key: think "Free Bus Rides"... and "Electric Ho-On trams" up and down George St and in South Dunedin.
More green waste recycling curb side.
The Dunedin wildlife hospital plays a major part in maintaining the unique wildlife around a our country.
Wildlife hospital does a really important work and needs funds to keep on going!
Very very important. Lead the way and look after the environment
Support the wildlife hospital. We should be seen to be caring for hurt or injured wildlife because Dunedin is known for its wildlife.
Especially south Dunedin and coastal management
Continue to support the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital.More support for Habitat restoration and wildlife refuge.
Without a sustainable approach to looking after the planet, nothing else really matters.
It is complicated. I am not informed enough. But I do know that internationally the situation is virtually untenable, so we need to commit. We just need to commit with a real, actionable plan that is possible, not wishful thinking and lack of financial backing.
important for everyones future, NOT millions on cycle ways
Keep providing information to assist people to make the right decisions for Climate Change
Wetland area to protect future of South Dunedin without evicting everyone.
We need to strive for zero waste even if we can't reach that goal. More education on recycling and reusing
Put more resources into recycling- if people often don't wash or sort their recycling properly, then employ people and buy facilities to wash and sort recycling so that things actually get recycled rather than going to landfill. Bring electric trams back to the city hill suburbs and a tram running from the Gardens to St Clair Beach would be fantastic- with just a couple of stops like the uni, central city shops, South d.
Subsidy e-bikes for transport, less cars, more bike lanes
Dunedin needs to increase funding and support for predator control and conservation of native species. Dunedin needs to increase insentives to land owners to plant permanent native plants (not pines) and get livestock out of waterways. Introduce cat registration and a curfew for cats to reduce their impact on native birds and lizards. Intensify leash laws for beaches as dogs are causing undue deaths of penguins, seals, and other taonga. Only plant native plants in new developments (they are beautiful and unique). Increase funding to the Dunedin wildlife hospital for long term sustainability. Ban bottom trolling or severely restrict and monitor it. Reduce air pollution by subsidizing heat pumps and insulation. Reduce light pollution by shielding street lighting and regulating private

lighting. Support the halo project for long term funding. Reduce noise pollution by regulating tool use by landscape companies (switch to electric). Reduce flooding risks by restoring degraded wetlands like Tomahawk lagoon.
Please continue to fund the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital.
Even though times are tough economically we need to do what we can to mitigate the changes that are coming.
Increase funding to the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital - they do invaluable work!
This is the most important thing to focus on
More actual recycling would be great.
Accelerate climate change adaptation.
As above for curbside green waste/ composting options - we've been waiting for this for some time!
develop in partnership, and as technology evolves to realise urgency but manage cost
Please continue funding the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital.
Most of the sustainability stuff you do doesn't work and is just make work projects. Do real things that make a real difference
Continue to support safe travel for cyclists around the city. Support the development of the cycle way to Mosgiel.
What about engraving native biodiversity? This should also be a priority.
Running suburban trains could take up to 300 people on each train, this was proven at the seafood festival with an estimated 800 people taken for the day, that's 800 people or 200 cars or 20 less buses needed for that one day, rail is proven to be more sustainable than other transports.
Make sure carry through on Carbeon Zero plan
You need to get external money for this. Central government should be paying a lot more for this. Lobby hard
Deliver on high investment for zero carbon plan and lead the world in climate adaptation response for South Dunedin
Obviously this is critical work, and the time is NOW to address these issues in a proactive way while consulting, collaborating with and taking guidance from members of the community who are most impacted. This work should always centre the voices of those most impacted.
Collection charges seem to be on the rise with a reduction; of services.
Make cycling safer. Mixing with logging trucks on SH1 is *scary*
I chose, I don't know because, I can't see evidence of humans being sustainable on a government level. Climate change is subjective. It's kind of up there with Santa and Jesus and flat earth idiots. Enforcing rules around climate change is a reaction out of fear. Accept that the earth evolved as we do. It will never stop doing that. And that's ok.
I think this is being handled well - a focus on climate change and reducing human impact is vitally important moving forward. Access to bins and recycling wherever you are is important.
Stop worrying about parking. Decrease reliance on individuals in cars and increase access to public transport and cycleways.
Huge issue going forward. Lets future proof Otepoti for climate change
help people to recycle more of their household waste!
Green infrastructure is needed for identity, enjoyment and sustainability
This is the most important thing - we have to plan for our and our children's future
We need to ensure a city that is resilient to climate change and we need to do significantly more to reduce how much we damage the environment. Investment into getting people into more eco-friendly modes of transport (buses, cars, trains) would be amazing to see.
ensuring the planet remains suitable for supporting mammalian and other life is urgent
Better ways of recycling and waste disposal?
Anything that makes recycling easier is encouraged
Incorporate soft plastics with other recycling. More car charging parks, keep building cycle ways
Encourage electric, switch bus fleet to electric, encourage renewables like solar for household owners and grants for housing insulation, upgrades to double glazing for older Dunedin properties
Most important for everyone's future
All a waste of money- a gravy train for the consultants!
Get on with adaption, stop paying consultants for reports and get on with action. Spending time and money on emission reduction is flushing money down the toilet, you're not going to deliver any meaningful outcomes for the community..

We need to future proof our city - climate change is among us and is real.
NZ does more than most countries no need to spend more.
From what I understand, or maybe its rumour mill, our recycling sucks currently with a large amount going into landfill. All the 2 story apartments going into Sth Dunedin should solve that problem....for the 2nd floor anyway.
Upgrade the Green island landfill
Why not use solar power on the council building to make it self-sustaining and set an example? Could the council create a small-scale windfarm or solar farm?
Recycling for the sake of recycling is a shame as the materials collected in some cases end in a dump or an overseas dump. Yes, the city needs to promote recycling but it gives a very negative example when their own managed facility, Regent Theatre, does not recycle. The patrons come in hundreds, consume beer from bottles drinks from cans, wine from plastic cups and bottled water is sold on premises yet not one bin in the theatre or outside caters to rubbish separation. Many inner city Dunedin streets and inner city dwellers do not have recycling bins, nor other options. There are also many food related businesses in Central Dunedin with no way to recycle close to their premises or on a commercial scale. Not enough rubbish bins in parks or trail starting points, thus people leave dog poo on the ground because, even if they collect the poo into the bag, there is no place to dispose it (except by possibly main gate but not at side entrances). Same goes for rubbish, bottles and cans or plastic drink containers.
It's taking too long to make changes
Bring back trains will help with this.
Buying up houses in South Dunedin is a great idea. We know the area will be gone down the track due to global warming. It's a problem area for many reasons. No one wants too or should be buying out there as I can't imagine the insurance cover when it's flood prone. Council has good ideas to step in with a buy back plan. Turn it into green spaces. Fun parks for the kids. Nice walks for adults.
Would love to see a strong focus on lifting the health of our waterways. Clean them up and plant
We could all do better with environmental issues
Get the Dunedin Tunnels Trail done. Enable the Coastal Communities Cycleway. Reduce the carbon emissions of tourism by connecting with the cycle trails at our borders (which is 90 % NZ'ers) and creates staycations, regional vacations and domestic vacations that are low carbon and good for people and the environment. Work with the ORC on great bus routes and cheaper fares. Create greenways and blueways when planning with the use of greenways to create walking and cycling infrastructure and native plantings.
Further work on adaptation planning for at risk areas of Dunedin, more reserves
Continued efforts to create sustainable transport options and educate the residents on good practice
Soft plastic needs to be high priority. We have to get with the times as Dunedin is really not up to scratch with many other parts of the world.
Big cost in this
Do not put housing on Forbury Park. It needs to be at wetlands and board walks for community and wildlife.
I think a crucial part of this is supporting the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital, as it takes care of our very important native wildlife in the area.
Keep adding inline with the global response
climate action is the most imp't thing we need to be doing. Everything should have a carbon lens passed over it. emissions would reduce if people stopped flying everywhere just to fuel their hedonistic desires. The odd cow fart and electric cars makes no difference if the world keep burning aviation fuel.
look overseas to what other city's our size are doing, e.g Inland Port etc
is recycling bins really working?
We need to address climate change before it is too late.
Would like to see some results and access for the community
See comments on funding the Wildlife Hospital.
We are facing a climate crisis and need to do everything we can to limit the impacts of this for future generations. This includes taking a hard look at the tourism models and industries that the council endorses.
should have partnerships with central government but including the local MPs
Leadership here is vital to encourage the population to follow. This will take imagination, bravery and the input of Ngai Tahu, local and overseas experts and tomorrow's generation so get kids involved in thinking about how their city will function in 30 years time.
More support incl funding for the mahi conservation groups would be great. Ones of note include Tomahawk-Smail's Beachcare Trust, Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Trust and Whakahekerau/Seconds Beach group

I think the DCC should leave climate action to central govt.....NZers are shelling out a lot of our tax dollars to try and change the weather....why spend more ratepayers money on actions that generally aren't going to change the weather and make little impact to global emissions levels. Sure, look for ways to reduce waste and emissions, but don't try and roll out expensive schemes that ultimately won't work and will do virtually nothing to 'change' the climate back.
Sth Dn & coastal management is very important. New houses should not be allowed to build in areas identified as at risk from flooding. Houses relocated and wetlands established. More green reserves & laws against cutting down of trees, no removal of trees for houses. Recycling - current services are pretty good. But we all know the recycling goes to landfill, so its a rort to expect pple to pay for bins. Make all the bins 'opt in' - if you don't use it, you don't pay for it.
I'm concerned that solutions are imposed on ratepayers, without adequate consultation, the result being rates go up!
Keep this to personal responsibility. We've built the infrastructure so isn't that enough for now? Although a cable car up High St is lean and green and would help our tourist industry also.
DCC has been way too slow to respond to coastal erosion and related issues at St.Kilda. Show some spine and act before the problem is too large to tackle. Likewise show spine and sort a dump/ waste plan. Trucking waste outside the district is shameful and no solution.
South Dunedin and coastal management critical; waste recycling/zero waste initiatives needed but can learn from activity in other NZ cities.
Keep funding the Wildlife Hospital
You are going way to slow with protection and conservation. It's embarrassing how you are calling yourself the 'wildlife capital' but then fight against full protected reserves. Well done preserving less than 5% of our land and ocean
Residential recycling - push forward please
More recycling hubs; continue to provide good support for the Wildlife Hospital
Keep doing more of the same, invest in recycling and organic waste systems, more rain gardens, street trees to help reduce building heat and create shade, develop wetland areas
Recycling needs broadening
The council must do more in the environmental space. Dunedin is regarded internationally for its wildlife and wild places and if we are to maintain these more action must be taken. The council must lead the city in reducing emissions. The council must take a greater role in protecting and restoring biodiversity and look to support existing projects like Orokonui and the wildlife hospital. If Dunedin loses its natural heritage it would be a more significant loss in many ways than even losing the cultural heritage the city is so known for.
more cycling, more greening the city, demonstrable progress to net zero
This is a big opportunity for investments in the future. The more we do now, the more we are prepared for what is to come. i have prepared a project for tackling the aspect of period management to encourage people to be plastic free and reduce waste. if we as a city would take that one, we could have two full time positions for that and safe as a community and be a model. Please look at City to Sea initiative in Bristol UK for ideas. Initiatives like this can be funded if you think systematic (I mean analyse the systems) which create problems. In bristol they got funding from the waste water people for the period education as the misused tampons and pads end up not only in landfill but also in the sewer system. This is surely also possible in other aspects of life. (I mean otehr aspects than menstruation and bladder leakage)
I support the councils decisions in this to date and look forward to seeing them navigate this issue in the future.
What about Wildlife? What is the council doing to support the Wildlife of Dunedin.
This is where our key focus needs to be. Please include more funding for the wildlife hospital - this is an essential service. Human impact has a devastating effect on our wildlife - they need our protection and help.
Support for the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital is really important local environmental work
Climate chnge is very real, we see the under preparedness for this across the country we must be pro-active
Greater urgency is required on critical issues such as climate change, waste - and biodiversity. And given that Dunedin markets itself as NZ's Wildlife Capital -greater effort is required to protect that unique biodiversity. I suggest council should commit to long-term support of Dunedin Wildlife Hospital as a key link in this conservation chain, and engage with the community in other projects and causes.
More residential recycling areas or... big enough to service the area!
Dunedin is the self-proclaimed wildlife capital of New Zealand and uses wildlife to promote tourism activities to the city, esp. albatross and penguin tours on the peninsula. The lack of mentioning of wildlife and biodiversity projects is an oversight.

See above about electric shuttles for hospital workers to a park and ride carpark, orbit shuttle in octagon, being in the Ike and push bikes for borrow/rental in octagon
Improve what we currently do but don't waste millions more on tick box exercises...
I think the funding that gets put towards services like the wildlife hospital are really vital to their success and they provide a really important service for our community
Good luck with coastal management for South Dunedin. Our community is connected to Smaills Beach care trust and we are involved in Coastal replanting of native trees. More public green areas where we could grow vegetable and fruit trees would be awesome and beneficial for communities to use. People are struggling with food prices.
Get serious about soft plastics and disposal. Get serious about adaptive reuse of buildings. use Building Services for positive assistance instead of defensive protection.
Make your own deadlines for your projects
ban reusable products at fast food places, have more transparency around recycling and what happens to it, run more community based initiatives to ensure families are doing their best to care for the environment.
Focus on South Dunedin (preservation).
We need to make real changes in our city to support our environment and ensure that we are climate adaptable. Getting people out of cars (who can) and onto public transport and other forms of active transport is important. As is thinking about our future and resilience planning.
We all need to do more on this, especially around reducing waste and emissions.
This needs to continue to be a focus in the short and long term
There hasn't been mention of wildlife projects anywhere in the initial consultation document, which is an oversight for the Wildlife Capital of New Zealand.
We have a duty of care to ensure that our environment and our mahi are both sustainable and adaptable to climate change. Please support the wild-life hospitals and protection schemes.
The globe in general has a crisis on its hands. An improvement whether small or others will collectively result in an improvement in the environment
Safer cycling environment
The Wildlife Hospital is such a great resource - I'm sure you've been told how unique this place is, and what benefits it draws, not only to our native population of wildlife but also to the economics of Dunedin, because it draws in students from around NZ and even internationally. I hope that they are in your funding plan and that you have plans to consult ratepayers in a 10-year-plan around funding from rates? It is concerning that it hasn't been mentioned specifically anywhere (that I've seen) because I know that they are reliant on your help.
Beach access, bbq areas, toilets and showers all woeful
There is a myopic focus/emphasis on emissions (and reporting thereon) as opposed to a structured and focused consideration of resilience matters. A clear plan is necessary to save people from themselves. Eg actually discuss South Dunedin before property can't be insured and thus property values plummet. Ensure people can make conscious decisions understanding the strategy. What is impact on infrastructure spend - ie what and where?
Increase ability for recycling
would appreciate more effort in public transportation to help reduce traffic jams and encourage more bicycle commuters. slower streets and car-free zones would be a great help and would encourage more people to walk and cycle.
If we kick the can down the road the burden will fall on future generations.
Now is the time for drastic action to address climate change
this obsession with zero climate change is costing ratepayers a fortune and isn't necessary
Protect the environment and wildlife (and people!) from dogs running around freely. The amount of feral cats should also be addressed.
Fund the wildlife hospital to continue its wonderful work
Continue to fund the wildlife hospital
I am concerned that there is nothing in here about supporting, caring and protecting our wildlife. I hope a lot more is done for our wildlife over the next 10 years or we will lose it. As a rate payer in this city I would like to see my money going back into the wildlife too - they are of just as much importance then anything else. You talk about climate change, green reserves etc in the above section. There needs to be something here making it known the Council supports the communities beliefs in caring for the wildlife as much as we do. Our wildlife adds to our vibrance as a city.
Never enough

Think laterally about how to impact people's habits, perceptions, etc. For example, the Farmers Block has been closed to cars for ages and this could be celebrated as an opportunity to use the space for people! We could be having concerts and all sorts in that space while it's free of cars. Instead it's just framed as an inconvenience. Terrible missed opportunity.
As the Wildlife capital of New Zealand I think it's really important that we are seen to be leading the way and supporting the local wildlife conservation efforts. This is not an area that we should save money on as it so valuable for future generations. This will also be beneficial for the tourism industry, with lots of people excited about the prospect of seeing penguins and sealions in the area.
Huge problems exist and are coming. Relocation and adaptation should be top of the agenda.
Stop allowing building "outwards". We need our horticultural and agricultural land for future generations self sufficiency and food security. Just because we don't recognise the land as "economic" now doesn't mean very profitable forms of farming won't emerge e.g. maybe gorse has value like manuka one day? or farming special herbs etc. Who knows what the future holds for farming tech and demand. PLUS WHO states in the near future that cities will need "urban forests/jungles" for temperature decrease and flood mitigation. Building only on a small footprint from now on in. PLUS why allow building on beautiful areas that the public now and in the future can enjoy ?? "Green prescription" I look at what has been allowed in Taieri Mouth and feel so sad every time I see the native bush hacked in to with concrete driveways and housing so those selfish people can have a "grand view" --- the natural world and native species suffer also.
Wildlife hospital is required to avoid endangered species dying in transit relocation for treatments 'ie. Yellow eye penguins"
This must be a massive and urgent priority for future development, and must underpin all the choices the council makes.
Support wildlife NGOs
This is not the domain of the DCC. This is covered by the ETS. Saving carbon just allows cheaper carbon for others. The amount is dictated by central government.
Amidst the challenges of climate change, adaptation and environmental sustainability should be top priorities for the DCC.
Climate change adaptation is essential for the future of our city. On this point the voices of the up and coming generations must be listened to.
Otepoti is the wildlife capital of New Zealand. The DCC need to promote conservation and biodiversity projects including the Wildlife Hospital through consistent funding and other grants
The climate is changing now, we. We'd to invest as much as possible in mitigating sea level rise and conserving water
Green waste bins
Please support the great work of organisations like the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital
Work with zero carbon 2030 plan. Facilitate reducing waste, emissions, consumption of imported goods, incentivise growing biodiversity, self sufficiency
Skateparks. Destination playground
Get the big trucks off the arterial routes - they are ruining the city
School kids should walk or bus to school then roads would be emptier. Why do families leave town every time there's a long weekend, there is plenty to do in town, why do people fly so much? In the old days you flew once a year if you were lucky and made 1 road trip per year, not dozens.
See my comments above for waste. I am elderly and walking distances is hard and I won't use busses because of this. Plus all bus shelters should have seats another reason I won't use the bus.
Sustainability and helping combat the effects of climate change should be a very high priority
Reduce carbon as a priority please
There can never be too much spending in this area. This is our future
It would be great if we could recycle soft plastic. Plastic rubbish bags should be banned. More thought should go into where recycle bins are placed. At Portobello we are grateful for the new recycle bin outside the Store, but it should have been placed near the seating area where people sit to eat. I remove recyclable items from the rubbish bin daily and move it to the recycle bin. The rubbish bins are not cleared regularly enough and the bins are overflowing.
More adaptation planning in South Dunedin needed
Need to be able to keep up with impacts and mitigation for climate change.

The impact Dunedin has does not register on the scale of world issues. Yes we need to adapt and change, but severely penalising Dunedin residents financially in such a short space of time is only hitting residents in the pocket and irrespective of how hard it hurts financially the sea level will still rise and climate will get warmer.
There is absolutely no point at all in Dunedin trying to reduce its 'emissions' (of CO2). Doing so will have no effect on anything but will cost a ridiculous amount of money.
THis should be the biggest priority for our council, money not spent now will result in a lot more money later on, and then could be too late.
Wildlife Hospital is really important as a resource to help out native species, an asset for Dunedin and otago
Encourage green waste collection of compostable materials, soft plastic recycling options in waste management, - supporting businesses that reduce waste -
I am so proud of our city for addressing the climate issues through adoption of the Zero Carbon plan. I have taken part in some of the Zero waste education programmes, and while they're neat, it would be even better if more onus laid on corporations than on the consumers. It would be amazing for waste diversion streams to exist at the suppliers who create the packaging in the first place. Would like to see more businesses encouraged to de-carbonise their workplaces and policies and for DCC to remain a role model in this field.
The climate crisis is NOW...we cannot do enough to leave the motu in a better place for our mokopuna
We have a litter problem. Look around Otago Museum, Cumberland St, any road verges. Also recycling is disappointingly little. All plastics and lids, bottle tops should be recyclable or not be able to be sold
The payment needs to be focused on measurable deliverables.
We dont need food scrap recycling. People should be encouraged to compost waste themselves
Zero carbon emissions agenda will ruin our community, sad to see council follow this global agenda we are not even 1% emissions in NZ, pollution is another story yes cut environmental and plastic manufacture and waste pollution
A South Dunedin plan needs to get in place quickly because there are still houses being sold and land being built on. Need to ring fence what will be turned to wetland.
The impacts of climate change will be significant during the next 10 years. We need to be prepared to handle wind events and rain bombs on a more consistent basis. South Dunedin cannot afford to flood every year.
more toilets a needed. more rubbish bins.
climate change is real do a lot more now!
Climate change is a concern and keen for this to ramp up.
What ever happened to the poles at St Clair that was such a hot topic ?
This is the most important issue for all going forward, please work on making Ōtepoti resilient and sustainable!
Much more effort is required in actually lowering green house gas emissions
Cancel your so called climate emergency
Up your game and the rate of change around recycling and sustainability. Have drink bottle stations all over the city and portable ones for events make them all look the same so that people start looking for them and changing their behaviour
more cycle lanes and amenities to promote it as a good form of commuting our roads are too dangerous at the moment , lower car speed limits in towns and other areas as well
Get serious or we are stuffed!
Create better recycling spaces in neighborhoods to reduce barriers to participation!
Unessacary spending for very little gain if any tighten the belts!
Here we go with the carbon zero talk and climate change adaptation. Coastal management has been a disaster for years of consultation and talk while the ocean is allowed to erode the sand dunes every winter. If you believe that we need coastal management because of climate change then it is nmot unique to South Dunedin. It will affect the entire coastline including the harbour and river outlets, not to mention Waitati. Replace the groynes at Ocean Beach to protect the dunes and the reclaimed flat. That's what they achieved for 100 years before local authorities failed to maintain them. If you are at all serious about zero carbon emissions then you would ban all cruise ships from Port Otago and ground all aircraft, but that is not likely.
This is essential to our kids and grandkids future. Do something/more now so we aren't behind the eight ball.
Need to do a lot more to allow for safe active transport (walking / cycling/ scooter) for all levels of public.
Sustainability goes so far beyond recycling, that is the bare minimum. Reign in farms, protect waterways, expand public transport
Priority for South Dunedin futures is upgrading of stormwater pipes on the flat and removing of toxic fill at kettle park so that sand dunes can be protected

Encourage plant based options for the community
New projects should include planning for climate change. Existing parts of the city should be maintained properly and immediate problems should be addressed.
pivot to a long stay low impact tourism, and less of this short stay stuff.
This is imperative!
Invest in predator free initiatives, and supporting and protecting biodiversity.
Need to do more to future proof at risk areas from climate change like South Dunedin and coastal regions
Seems to be a lot of money and not much in terms of results. We need to make money to fund this stuff instead of just depleting our resources. A lot of this should be privatised by experts. We have bought in Southland and rubbish and recycling is included in rates which are 75% less than Dunedin on a similar value home and they provide better resources all round!!
This should be a major focus
Extend yellow bins for rural users
Extend Green Island land fill life for 15 more years. There is capacity there.
Strong movements towards decarbonisation and helping the community to adapt to climate change. Make the old green island landfill into solar and prioritize big buildings moving away from fossil fuels
Stop trying to delay the carbon Zero policy, and other environmental necessities
Make more areas accessible to ordinary cyclists so people don't have to drive everywhere, or not be able to go somewhere at all because they don't drive.
Focus in the emissions of supporting massive numbers of polluting cruise ships coming here.
Focus on South Dunedin and the issues out there. Give up on the city being carbon neutral - it doesn't make one ounce of difference to overall emissions.
An important area which needs serious consideration to limit increasing negative effects. Research work undertaken by other urban areas.
Climate change adaption is important. Just like I mentioned for infrastructure, Leith came up last year and I had to be evacuated from my home after Civil Defence knocked on my door and gave me 10 minutes. Thank God same didn't happen this year. The exact cause and who exactly to blame doesn't matter one bit, the matter of fact is that our climate has been becoming increasingly erratic and we need to prepare for it. Our stormwater drainage systems will be strained to it's limits, our roads and footpaths will be left cracked, decrepit and weathered by relentless assault of strong rainfalls more akin to what you'd see in the tropics. If we do not focus on our infrastructure, we run the risk of our urban environments being unprepared and soon unrecognisable in these changing times.
I think climate change adaptation is going to require a lot of time and money.

What else do you want us to know?

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As above - lead the way in removing single use cups, etc, create reuse systems, multi story car park in Thomas Burns car park in preparation while hospital build happens to ensure the Otago Farmers Market remains operational & user friendly to the city. Development of the wharf area in the long term vision of the city - the harbour is the gem of the city - look at developing & beautifying this area in the latter part of the decade once the basics of service, etc are functioning & finished in the city without rates having to be increased for the next 3yrs at least. A few more pieces of contemporary public art (outdoor) in the city would be better over more murals in the city (nothing original about a mural trail as many cities have). Wet house available for some of the homeless. Educate people around the new bins system (ie: they don't need to put them out every week if not full - doing so increases costs for labour, etc). The question of why are wages less in the city when costs generally - apart from housing are similar to other regions / cities - something that never made sense for me, coming from a big city it was a shock to find out the lower wages here - but maybe it has improved in recent years? Am interested to know of the 920 former refugees here since 2016, how many of them are still here? How can we retain them? Long term vision for the city would be to see that amazing waterfront clam shell design happen in my lifetime - would bring in more tourism, put us on world scale, big picture thinking is needed, but first we need larger population to sustain the city & grow. Climate change factors for housing in Sth D, etc - housing lightly on the land & off the land - ie: on legs, stilts, not concrete pad foundations. Rectify the damage of old ie: the tips around the city & sea walls as already discussing - I think you are on the right track & I feel positive with the councillors we have to make change to progress the city without crippling us.

That public consultation, not just through community boards, needs to happen when developing or redeveloping recreation site i.e. Tomahawk School grounds.

I have pulled together some useful people to investigate options for horse-riding facilities within the DCC region. I will attach a statement but will approach Parks and Recreation staff once we have some plans to present

Carey's Bay 3 waters infrastructure needs upgrading.

I am an immigrant. I have settled in Dunedin as a matter of choice. It is a great place. I am happy to pay rates to maintain its quality of life.

Could the stadium be utilized better for free community events etc

Less cars in the city, more bikes and buses instead. More public gathering spaces/sheltered (wind and rain)/sociability street furniture/meeting places and be to connect districts of the city i.e. octagon to Vogel to wharf to harbour mouth etc. How to get foot traffic from the centre to the water front without disrupting (too much) the industries that reside there.

The Council needs to focus on low-income housing, possibly by linking in with a Trust, as in Queenstown. They also need to cater better for the growing older population and for disabled people. A disability policy would be a start so playgrounds and other facilities and services have a minimum requirement for accessibility and inclusiveness.

You talk about coastal management plans and the environment but there is nothing in the plan around the management of our native wildlife population. If Dunedin is going to continue to trade on its "wildlife capital" title then maybe there should be something in the future plan as to how we are going to achieve this. Are we going to continue to fund the wildlife hospital in rescuing injured wildlife? Are we going to fund Orokanui in its vital work? Are we going to protect our wildlife from predators on our beaches by actually having a dog warden present and on patrol? If we're not going to do this then looking after the galleries, public reserves and roading will become difficult and many more businesses will close without the visitors that come to see our wonderful wildlife.

Councillors need to be aware of the significant challenges faced by local performing arts organisations arising from two DCC-related factors: the substantial decline in the present day value of arts grants, and the increases in Town Hall hire charges which far exceed inflationary increases. For our organisation this amounts to \$100,000 (ex GST) available to us each year - funding which could more profitably be channelled to employment of artists.

Roller skating has had huge increases in recent years and as a lifestyle sport it is one of the most inclusive sports for creating connection and community- it would be nice to see some consideration to these lifestyles wheeled sports.

Dunedin should consider improving public transport facilities even though we don't have a high population. For the number of people living here, the number of cars is far too high.

Support the Wildlife Hospital! Support the cycleways. Better connect the cycleways with regular traffic streaming, somehow. The riskiest part of the cycleways for users is entering and exiting them as it's all a bit random.

Climate change is going to be a defining issue and we need to be brave if we are going to meet the challenges that lie ahead of us. You have the power to make decisions that will determine how well our communities are prepared for what lies ahead. I was really encouraged to hear that the DCC has committed itself to the Zero

Carbon 2030 Plan, now I challenge you all to be brave enough to follow through on that promise, even when it means making hard decisions. You've done so much great work. We are counting on you, don't let us down.
The DCC has some extraordinary residents which have forged a pathway to some great decision making outcomes - for example, the Mosgiel swimming pool. However, the DCC also has a history of poor decision making and especially around the gravel roads still to be found within 20 minutes of the Octagon. It is not reasonable to expect ratepayers who have, through their rates paid for sealing in the past and cycleways now and into the future, to be asked to provide 50% of the funding for dust suppression. The process used to identify ratepayers sent letters is flawed, the process of consultation is flawed. This city wide conversation needs to be revisited and done properly.
Focus on retaining Dunedin's heritage character, DP guidelines /policy/ Heritage Strategy to protect city scape / green open space within residential areas/ strengthen consent controls/ heritage advisors' capacity, incentives for owners +\$
Referring the statistics from the Dunedin City Snapshot, the majority of residents (i.e. 66% of Dunedin residents and 77% of Maori) considered racism or discrimination as a problem in the city. "Dunedin's youth are far more likely to experience mental health issues and feeling isolated" The same survey reported that "Dunedin's ageing population are far more likely to experience stress" and only 59% of Dunedin residents feel accepted and valued in their identity. Only 66% of Dunedin residents can participate, perform or attend activities or groups that align with their culture. Given these indicators, we advocate for more investment in and support for projects that aim to foster social and mental wellbeing, for instance through enhancing social inclusion and countering racism and discrimination. One example of a project is: In Common. That project aims to connect people from different demographic groups to reduce loneliness and enhance a sense of belonging. NPHS-Southern are exploring whether this could be adapted for use in Otago/ Dunedin district given that racism has been identified as an issue. Funding support from DCC for a collaborative initiative such as this would be excellent.
Active transport and public transport should be a priority so we aren't reliant on parking in town.
Dunedin needs more events in the city!
Reducing the Carbon footprint of our city while attending to the needs of the most vulnerable is essential council work. Thank you for taking it on.
There is a widely recognised and growing potential for significant disruption to food supply, due to impacts of climate change and geopolitical events on national and international food production and distribution. The City Council therefore has a vital role in supporting food resilience for citizens. The take-home message from this presentation is that we urge the Council to create a full time permanent position of Food Resilience Coordinator, separate from Enterprise Dunedin, in the next DCC 10 year plan. The reasons for this recommendation are: * Food resilience is critical and is too important to be left simply to community organisations & volunteers. * Food resilience is multi-dimensional and can't be addressed by different sectors in isolation. * Food resilience is complex and it is central to the future wellbeing of the City – everyone should have access to healthy, nutritious and environmentally sustainable food. * It links strongly to DCC strategy re: Zero Carbon by 2030 and the City Portrait with its social foundations. It thus links to Community Wellbeing, Environment and Economic Development strategies. There are lots of ways that city councils can support food resilience – food policy councils, food procurement strategies, etc. But fundamentally, taking food resilience seriously means building, supporting and resourcing the capacity to do so. This requires a permanently funded position that would coordinate community-wide efforts to bolster truly sustainable local food production.
The adoption of the doughnut economic model is both inspiring and pragmatic, but it needs to be present far more explicitly in all aspects of the city's planning.
Councillors need to focus on future generations.
Cut spending to bare minimum and pay down debt.
The most important thing to me is that we live in a sustainable city that promotes wellbeing. I think when it comes to spending, avoid simply kicking the bucket further down the road until when it will no doubt be much more costly to remedy (as opposed to taking preventative measures now)
More carparks in the CBD. You need to think ahead as we transition to electric cars we still need somewhere to park them
10 Years out from now we must have a local economy well established. This will protect all our citizens in the best possible manner from the affects of environmental change. What is now, will be no longer in ten years and we must be prepared to make the best for each person in our community. This is a challenge for councillors, but we have a new opportunity and need to be responsible to our people. (Crisis = Opportunity). It will not be easy and there will be those who believe that everything can carry on as it is. Unfortunately, it is an inconvenient truth that change will be forced upon us and therefore the preparation path must be set upon now – entirely possible for a small united city like Otepoti/Dunedin. He waka eke noa. (We are all in this boat together) Kia kaha!

There's already an assessment process for Responsible dog ownership that results in reduced fees. Please consider adding to this assessment to determine if a dog is controllable in public and pose no threat to people or wildlife to allow dogs to be off lead in areas where a blanket ban is in place such as Ross Creek.

that as a 76 year old what I care about is making sure our city is a functioning, beautiful, safe place to live for my children and grandchildren, so that they will be able to live here if they choose because in 2023 the DCC were bold and realistic about the Climate Crisis. Not just tinkering around the recycling edges but facing, full on, the changes in lifestyle necessary to become carbon neutral - sooner! Being strong enough and caring enough to do it in spite of the inevitable whingers and moaners and deniers. Our world is burning, droughting and flooding, it's too late to be whimps. If you a a counsellor who votes against anything to do with becoming carbon neutral, you obviously don't have children and know anyone younger that you care about. It's real, it's past being a maybe, or a lefty, sandal wearing issue and I'm not one of Them!!! Thank you for being bold, (bolder than the current plan) and taking action to protect our beautiful city and the lovely people in it. In 20 years time, don't have to face one of today's young people and be asked "BUT YOU KNEW IN 2023, WHY OH WHY DIDN'T YOU DO , MUCH MORE ABOUT IT Thank you. (It's actually quite challenging to write in a long line!!!) i

Accessibility to Dunedin is becoming more difficult and as for parking!!! None existent. When you come from out of town and try to do business or attend appointments it is nigh on impossible. It is widely known that cars are not welcome in Dunedin yet you expect people to come to the hospital, university etc and do not provide parking. Espically the new hospital that SHOULD have had a parking facility included in the plans. This is an ageing society and we all cannot ride bikes to get to where we want to go.

I want Councillars to Know parents need support for children Education both College and Tertiary

I wish Councillors to know that Outram still has no kerb & channelling or footpaths on one side of some of our streets, nzmely Bidston, Orme ,,& Lynas streets.d

That I value the Wildlife Hospital, Orokonui ecosanctuary and the environment and biodiversity of Dunedin. Dunedin pitches itself as the wildlife capital of New Zealand and a large part of our economic foundation relies on this. It is short sighted to not promote and support our critical key biodiversity hubs. It is shocking and short sighted that no ether the Orokonui Ecosanctuary nor the wildlife hospital receive any longterm foundational support from the DCC.the second point I would like to raise is the impact of the cruise ships and passengers on the local community along west harbour. It is in conscionable that the west harbour Community and port Chalmers in particular bare the brunt of this inundation of tourists without adequate infrastructure being in place to accomodate the passengers. The Port Chalmers Main Street desperately needs the promised upgrade. The chaos caused by last year's cruise ship passengers makes it clear how poorly served Port Chalmers is by the DCC. Not a whisper was heard from councillors in support of the local community. The DCC ultimately owns the Dunedin Railways company.but have been silent in discussions about a passenger commuting train form Port Chalmers into Dunedin and back. Even just one train a day that would allow Port residents to reliably get into Dunedin for work, school and appointments and back home in the evening would make a huge difference. Aside from the attraction of this route as a tourist run it should be a viable public transport option. We hope to see the DCC pushing for log trucks to be replaced by freight in the very near future. With hillside workshops reopening and the city forests being owned by DCC at here is no excuse. and

Orokonui ecosanctuary has been protecting biodiversity in the city since 2007 and is one of the largest and most ecologically significant biodiversity projects in Otago. It is responsible for the return of breeding populations of many species including kākā, kiwi, takahē and tuatara to the city, and is a stronghold for many species found nowhere else in the region, allowing local residents and visitors to experience these taonga species in the natural habitat. Orokonui is a community driven not-for-profit organisation, and funding the important conservation and advocacy work that we do can be challenging, especially over the last few years with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on visitor revenue, the impacts of inflation. Financial support from the Dunedin City Council for our work has been quite limited to date (as a comparison, Wellington City Council provides \$1 million of funding to Zealandia annually and has done for over a decade). Even a modest amount of long-term funding from the Dunedin City Council would support Orokonui Ecosanctuary to deliver the significant biodiversity restoration and conservation advocacy outcomes that it has achieved over the last 16 years – and will continue to deliver for decades to come. We are seeking a contribution of \$32,650 towards the wage costs of the Volunteer Coordinator role at Orokonui Ecosanctuary (the total wage cost is \$65,300) in the Dunedin City Council's long-term 10 year plan. This role is directly focused on engaging our local communities in our core biodiversity restoration and conservation advocacy work, and providing them with the skills and knowledge to make a positive contribution to our local environment throughout their lives. Volunteers are an integral part of our community driven project, delivering c. 12,000 hours of work per annum, with a conservative value of \$272,400 (based on minimum wage).

Dunedin is such a wonderful city but it is being shafted by the larger cities in terms of access. Young people want (and need) to be able to commute in a sustainable way, have easy access to resources and at a cheap cost. Living

here is not on the radar for many of our young because prices have become unaffordable, along with lower wages compared to other cities. Making the living environment appealing with cycleways, distinctive pool assets (Physio Pool refurb), university town and gown arts and culture boost and positive vibes will really help attract and retain our young families for quality of lifestyle.

In addition to making some real progress on protecting South Dunedin with a proper sea wall, we should consider the possible need for tsunami towers. It's a long way from the central, flat areas of South Dunedin to any of the surrounding hills. This may not seem urgent until the Akatore Fault strikes. With the potential for a couple of metres of uplift, the consequences could be stunningly disastrous. Havine some kind of well designed structures that allow people to get to some form of elevated satey quickly could save many lives. Separately, I want to reiterate the importance of providing more and increasingly bettee ctcling infrastructure. There have been huge improvements over the last decade and a bit, and in that time the death toll of cyclists in Dunedin involving other vehicles has been reduced to zero. Let's keep moving that ball down the field.

Please tone down big spends like the theatre space.

This survey seems to have a different language at the bottom

to recognise and value the contributions that Arts, Culture and Creativity can bring to Dunedin's wellbeing. Arts, Culture and Creativity can help deliver across all areas of the DCC 10 Year plan investment categories. Arts, Culture and Creativity can help share messages and stories, including uncomfortable ones. Please continue to fund local, place-based Arts, Culture and Creativity

Social housing needs to be increased. with an aging population we will need more available. Rent should stay under the Government Accomadation subsidy qualification as increasing rents to be subsidized but the govt is morally wrong. The council could also offer rate rebates to landlords offering housing at similar discounted rates. A vacancy tax should be put on landlords who are land banking and not occupying properties that are capable of housing families.

As a ratepayer I look at the affordability of living in Dunedin, paying thousands of dollars of my rates money on interest on staggering debt is not sustainable, it is more productive to have an affordable 10 yr plan rather than bankrupt the city. No more raising debt lev

- Dog control on Ocean View/Brighton beaches as many dog/horse attacks/accidents occur making the beach unsafe. Also dogs disrupting the wildlife on the beaches

Maintain financial support for heritage and adaptive re-use of buildings as a way to contribute to our climate adaption, zero waste and future resilience policies, whilst maintinig the quality of Dunedin's built environment for communities to live in. South Dunedin needs more investment generally to support its vulnerable neighborhoods.

- Cheaper transport fees (bus etc)
- Extending child fare ages on public transport (up to 16 should still remain labelled as a 'child fare')
- Cheaper car parks/parking spaces in town/city
- Getting schools involved in activities like markets (ie veggie and fruits, herbs etc)
- Growing and selling school garden things at markets
- We need to get more schools involved in gardens

I would like support for the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital and Bird Rescue organisations, etc.

Open spaces for families to relax on a good day with shared bbq spaces that can be used by all

Re-establishing local food production (both commercial ahorticulture and home gardening will be as essential as managed retreat of living spaces from threatened areas) as the global heating crisis, rising costs of energy etc affect the ability of supermarket supply chains to provide our food needs. In order that the Council has sufficient focus on this key aspect of sustaining Dunedin's citizenry a dedicated staff member for whom this is the prime focus of their work is required.

More community housing, bigger, more modern and spacious DCC flats for pensioners. Private rental market monitored. Warrant of fitness for rentals. Better, cleaner, tidier roads. Less orange cones just left everywhere. More done to attract international music here. Seems they all just do AKL, ChCh, WGT - not here anymore. I know SH88 is under waka kotahi but all the SH's in Dunedin need a tidy up, and esp SH88 with all the trucks - surface is terrible, road is sooo dirty. Potable water to areas that currently have no mains water, its a postcode lottery. Keep parking easy, no buses from where i live, buses that are more frequent so you dont have to look at a timetable will incr usage. Round harbour pathway is great, thank you.

The cycle trails around the harbour are a huge success, and keeping them safely maintained is a priority. Helping out Rachel McGregor with a subsidised bus ferry between Port and Portabello will be an issue.

Better cycling infrastructure for vastly increasing numbers of cyclists is a no brainer. Also, why is there silence on supporting our native wildlife, a big economic driver for this city? I believe that the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital may lose funding. Why not be democratic and ask rate payers directly, via a question, during the 10 year plan if they are prepared to pay via rates to support this invaluable institution - I'd imagine that there will be overwhelming support amongst the public.

<p>Climate change resilience should be the main focus of the DCC in the upcoming 10 years. We should aim to reach a net zero city by 2030 and adhere to the donut economy model Dunedin committed to a few years ago. It will cost a lot more money if we are slow to respond and have to react to the devastating consequences. I believe Dunedin can and should be a frontrunner in climate change resilience and make adaptations to water systems, coastal areas, support a green economy, community initiatives, public transportation and biking. There is a lot of work to be done and I hope the Council will take action now. I fully support the climate change plan that was accepted recently and hope the council will go forward with the high investment plan.</p>
<p>Please update DCC Code of Conduct lasted review was in 2016. Please allow public input.</p>
<p>Saving our heritage is essential to be a heritage city we can not lose any more do everything possible to make sure people who own heritage building are not going to demolish them. They are part of Dunedin and not for one person to take that away from us.</p>
<p>maintaining the natural environment contributes to residents well being. At present the city lacks a full time Biodiversity Officer to advise on ecological matters. The ORC has rules on pest plant control that residents are expected to comply with, however the DCC does not take appropriate measures to control these pest plants on their road reserves.</p>
<p>We need a better solution to accessing healthcare in a city where the hospital is going to be smaller than we currently have and a rapidly aging population.</p>
<p>Electrification of public transport. Provide a medium -sized performance venue for different-sized groups. Reduce speed limits and make reductions clear.</p>
<p>How do I organise to speak to the 10 year plan?</p>
<p>I want Councillors to know that the climate emergency is the most important thing we are facing over the next ten years and I want them to look at all their decisions through the lens of greenhouse gas reduction, biodiversity protection, ecological awareness and climate mitigation.</p>
<p>I want ratepayers to be surveyed (via a separate question) in the 10 Year Plan document around whether council should fund the Wildlife Hospital for the next 3 years from rates.</p>
<p>Personally I am happy to pay more rates to have better programmes in place for the environment, biodiversity and the arts. People who are in a position to pay more should do so</p>
<p>Help the nurses and teaching students please. They're going on placement for 4-8 weeks completely unpaid but doing a 40 hour week while paying 2 rents. We need both of these in NZ so encourage people not make them drop out</p>
<p>Please keep the railway to Middlemarch and with Dunedin railways operating on it also help project steam get a community based railway operating out of Middlemarch to help the town gain another visitor attraction</p>
<p>That I want to follow in the footsteps of Central Otago, Southern Lakes and invest in Hiking . When it comes to biking, new trails are being opened and more are being constructed, and in a few years, cyclists will be able to ride from Queenstown to Dunedin on the east coast". Whilst the region may be best known for luxury wineries, world-class golf courses, and premium snow sports but Lonely Planet said what was truly "extraordinary" was the landscape - something people can freely enjoy. "A commitment to environmental stewardship and the appreciation of natural wonders through cycling and hiking offer a more sustainable and accessible way for visitors to engage with this extraordinary landscape," said Lonely Planet's Senior Director of Trade Sales and Marketing, Chris Zeiher. The future is about low carbon regenerative tourism. It is about local communities and the planet benefiting - this investment does this . Creating active transport routes and walking trails for all of our community to enjoy and creating a wonderful recreational and lifestyle asset that will attract people to live work and play here. This investment has earned the area 9th in the best Value Tourism Destination in the world . Dunedin has the opportunity to be a central hub in a regionwide connected network of trails. Our destination plan recommends connecting to the Central Otago Trails. Waitaki and Central Otago want Dunedin to do so too - so as to pull low carbon high value tourist across the region.</p>
<p>We now have 6 years to do all we can to mitigate global warming- Dunedin needs to be a front runner in this! It will cost but the alternative is apocalyptic. Be bold and brave!</p>
<p>I want councillors to know their petty squabbling and pursuit of pet hobby horses is detrimental to the community and extremely demeaning of themselves and the city.</p>
<p>Dunedin has a magnificent Town Hall (large and with great acoustics), but the city suffers from a lack of a mid-sized performance venue. Submissions have been made on this for more than thirty years!</p>
<p>More mana whenua representation.</p>
<p>Everyone from the taxpayer is hard earned. Each resident deserves to see where each penny is being used and councillors need to be more accountable and remember why they are in the position they are. Strip right back councilor expenditure and be more accountable to the people of Dunedin. Dunedin is a city and should be a great tourist location as well as a proud city of residents.</p>

In your 25 September council meeting you heard from many about the absolute urgency of climate change. You must support the Carbon Zero 2030 plan. You must support and accelerate the work that you are doing in South Dunedin as this is one of the city's most vulnerable areas.
Please invest and support table-tennis (which has been under valued for too long). Its a very inclusive sport and a great way to get people active.
Absolutely disgusted with the 8 plus years fighting the council to get our road sealed. The Council has become negligent in regards to human and animal health but not sealing Church Hill Road and by now charging for it and expecting \$6k upfront to sort dust suppression without even putting it on our rates bill over 5 years.
I want that there must be a permanent place for table tennis at edger centre. I don't want to fold table after playing every time. Like other permanent place for other sports at edger centre, table tennis should have a permanent place there.
Let's put wildlife first in Dunedin by supporting conservation efforts to protect our precious species. One such conservation effort is the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital which does so much to care for our native species. In the 10 year plan document, I want to see ratepayers surveyed around whether the council should fund the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital for the next 3 years from rates.
I would like to see council support for the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital so that it mat continue and grow - after all this is the wildlife capital of Aotearoa
Wildlife hospital! It is awesome and needs support. Dunedin's wildlife is a huge asset and the hospital supports that not only for the wildlife but also in raising awareness of our taonga.
Plan for further safer cycleways - especially up to the hill suburbs
we need another sport stadium
All infrastructure should place climate change mitigation front and center , including inequity
remember that they are elected to be innovative and take Dunedin forward not backwards. Spend time on progressing decisions made not trying to reverse decisions
I have lived in many places all over the world and am a bit shocked by how many cars there are in Dunedin on the road. This could be greatly improved by setting up an Urban Gondola network which runs from suburb to suburb, with stations located near or on the roofs of the supermarkets of each suburb. Then have a smaller network of electric buses and scooters/bikes to get people home. A lot of the traffic also comes from people commuting from places like Waikouaiti, Karitane, Seacliff, Warrington and Waitati, which could easily commute via train if a public service was instated. It wouldn't need to run a lot, two in the morning heading into town, and two in the evening heading back. Dunedin could be a great place to live, but the lack of public transport and quiet 'people places' to get away from the noisy traffic is tempting me to move back to England. More pedestrian zones, more secluded gardens and less traffic and Dunedin would be the best place to live! Oh also having penalties for smashing glass everywhere would be fantastic! And a digital noticeboard in the Octagon, with all the events for the next two hours displayed.
Dunedin is a great city but it is still incredibly car-centric and as a cyclist I still feel like I'm playing roulette every morning when I ride to work. The current cycle network is piecemeal and disjointed. The main north-south route along SH1 is unpleasant due to heavy traffic noise and exhaust fumes which are known to cause significant numbers of premature deaths. More trees, lower speed limits, improved cycle ways and traffic light phasing that prioritises pedestrians and cyclists over cars would transform our city.
Parking, easier access to town, invite more investors,
Your councillors need to educate themselves...about the critical factors that will change the future ... low energy availability, lack of critical metals for the supposed high tech future we're all expecting, environmental impacts ... lack of biodiversity due to industrial agriculture - monoculture & all its energy intense, costly inputs ...etc etc etc we are not facing the reality ..we are in planetary overshoot.....please set up well resourced citizens assemblies with teeth to involve the citizenry in making vital decisions about our lives ...this, I believe, will avoid the silos we are stuck in that prevent us communicating....this is a very clumsy tool for giving feedback!! Please update this for future surveys! i
I feel the general public are not partuculaly aware of what council actually does, what councillors can and can't do, what are the main problems Dunedin if facing =, we need to know what we are in for. What are the main key challenges that we all need to get in behind over the next few years. I think publicity to council achievements could be better communicated in public spaces
I want council to know that they are appreciated
The lack of pensioner housing in Dunedin is a real concern for me and many people I know. As you know, a 42% increase in Dunedin's 65 years and over population is projected by 2054 - we need to start building for this now, because many low income seniors I know are buying cheap old caravans to live in at holiday parks - and if that

trend continues with an increasing population, Dunedin will end up with dozens of holiday parks acting as retirement villages (and not a great image for tourists wanting to stay in said holiday parks)
The number of students in the city should be a major consideration in the councils proposed plans. Providing services and events that cater to students and encourage them to be involved in the local community would help curb anti-social behavior. If students feel the city cares for their wellbeing they would care for the wellbeing of the city in kind. Such initiatives could involve public transport options (in consultation with ORC), student centered events and a better council presence/visibility on the campus. Many students will choose to stay in Dunedin and so the more the council is able to involve them in current decision making and events the more involved they will be with the community in future years.
that local arts organisations need your support to keep delivering the quality of activities resulting in social wellbeing and confirming that our council supports the peoples that make, do, deliver, facilitate and support our unique creative communities that are often used in marketing of our city.
keep investing in our infrastructure. And provide more city parking.
A high budget for The Carbon Plan and no delays. We could be leading the country!
There have been some success stories. The harbourside cycle track and the George Street development all make our city more attractive to residents and visitors. I would support an increase in rates if we see such projects being done and completed. The Taieri Gorge Railway is greatly important to Tourism as it is a commissionable activity and has world wide renown. If a bike track could be put next to it then we would make it even greater - cycle one way and train the other. The harbourside development was a great vision and I would like to see the council support this. We want to make this the greatest small city but without such plans it is never going to happen. Would also like the city to support a bus link to the airport, and short term e bike and e car hire services in the city where residents and visotors can hire by teh hour rather than by the day and pick up and drop off in multiple locations around the city similar to e-scooter system.
Please support the wildlife hospital, it's a very valuable facility that needs ratepayers support facility
I am the President of Table Tennis Otago. We desperately need a home. WE are based at the Edgar Centre but we struggle to get access when we need it. We have to set up all the tables and barriers every time we play which is challenging on our members and equipment. With no permanent space we can't grow. It is hard to build our community. We are willing to help fund the project and also willing to work with other groups. We are the only main centre in NZ to not have a venue. Our sport is holding its own but has a huge amount of potential. Table Tennis is a sport for all. It is growing here in NZ and the National body is focussed on growth. We can do a lot to get people active.
Most of my comments for last question actually belong here. Please stop walking over the little man, the worker who pays rates and probably more tax than the rich, who get so many concessions. Pay respect to people that have worked their butts off to raise families, save hard and retire in a nice town house only to have a high rise built within 1m of their home, blocking sun, light and privacy, - ruining their peace of mind and adding more strain on the already dated and under maintained infastructure. Fix the pot holes! Fix the footpaths so they are not trip hazards, remove the lichen to prevent falls.
Think about the future of our children and grandchildren; build a 500 year plan like Whakatū; anything less is suicide. Also we should continue to support the Dn Wildlife Hospital - it's such as asset to Dunedin and to conservation; and being a eco-tourism hub, we absolutely MUST provide theses services to the local wildlife.
Continue to develop public and private investment and development opportunities
That access to our community buildings, spaces and events is still incredibly difficult for wheelchair users. We all deserve equal access to the spaces our rates pay for. A fund to upgrade community spaces for access would be amazing. This would allow spaces like scout halls, parent centres, and sports facilities to upgrade their facilities.
Please continue your support of the wildlife hospital and the yellow eyed penguin trust. Any support you can give these excellent organisations to support their work for your threatened wildlife will be wonderful. Thank you
I'm passionate about conservation and would like to see the Wildlife Hospital receive secure funding that recognises it as a taonga
Debt reduction should be a council priority. Wasteful spending needs to be reigned in.
Why do we have a bylaw outlawing leashed dogs from the central city streets? Might it be true that some elected representatives already take their pooches to their places of business? For inner city dwellers who own dogs, it is very difficult to navigate this antiquated bylaw. When are we going to follow Auckland's lead by allowing pets on public transport?
It is essential to restore the Taieri Gorge Railway, to reclaim the position of being the major tourist drawcard in Dunedin. This needs to include upgrading the track formation right through to Middlemarch.eclaiming the majo
the Wildlife Hospital needs further funding

for the bus service, that is run by the ORC, but I am sure it is possible to change the line to have a hub close to the university and maybe another one close to south dunedin? also having buses that can go to the peninsula and aramoana for the weekend to have people visiting more on their bikes/walk
Tapering road needs to be gritted before the snowfall, not after, when cars start using this road to get to town for work the snow is compacted and creates a smooth glassy dangerous road. Please be more prepared beforehand not after. Last time we had bad snow people were at work, I contacted the council and asked if the road was going to be done and I was assured that it would be however it was not done until 10pm that night and I know this because I couldn't get home until it was done. Please please please be more prepared for the people of Dunedin
Can't make omelettes without breaking eggs ! Get on and get stuff done but remember that the city is more than just business owners so maybe user pays rather than rates...
Clarity to be sought about the Council's position on carparking in the central city/around the new hospital (including a carparking building) and view about planning flexibility in the city to allow for future growth of future health/education facilities.
We can no longer think and plan in the short-term, we must think long-term and be strategic about the choices we make.
I want councillors to be mindful about their spending in the current environment. Having robust reasons as to why they are doing things and the economic benefit its going to bring to our city is a must.
The public toilets in dunedin are appalling, especially the self contained superloos. Something as basic as a coat hook is often not provided meaning anything im carrying either gets put on the dirty floor, in the sink or i struggle to hold everything and pee at the same time, baby changing tables are rare. No public facilities are suitable for people with IBS and gastro issues who benefit from elevated legs or squat toilets. We need places to sit out of the rain, the new central street upgrades are pretty but don't provide anywhere to sit out of the sun or rain. Bus shelters are woefully inadequate, there is no bus shelter provided for several stops at the brand new purpose designed bus hub, if it's raining there's nowhere to sit, nowhere to put my bags down, there is usually no seating in the brand new bus stops around the city, I NEED TO SIT DOWN. I do not feel the DCC cares at all for people who arnt average height,who carry things,who have disabilities, are old, pregnant or who care for children.
I want councillors to support better heritage protection for Dunedin's heritage houses and buildings. Currently there is a lack of protection in the suburbs of old villas, cottages and arts and crafts period houses.
I'd like councilors to continue DCC financial support for the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital, running on charity & donations. Without major business, DCC & Govt help, this facility is likely to close. 40% of their patients are Yellow Eyed Penguin. This hospital was set up specifically to help Yellow Eyed Penguin. At the current rate of decline, these penguin are expected extinct on the mainland in 10 to 20years. Tour guiding the Peninsula, including these penguin, I know many of us value them highly. Can you help/do your bit by continuing your financial support of this hospital. Without these penguin, Dunedin holds less attraction. They need everyone's support, and more
Be more proactive regarding abandoned buildings/structures
Our major point if difference is wildlife - wild Dunedin! Invest and support ventures such as the wildlife hospital, bird rescue, orokanui etc.
I don't see any mention of support for our wildlife. We set ourselves as the wildlife capital. Maybe it's incorporated into the environment section. I would like to see continued financial support for the Wildlife Hospital.
I really like the way the city was headed under the previous mayor. Please build on this work to create a good place to live for children and grandchildren
Money spent on basic infrastructure around the City is essential rather than making George street pretty and other places
All councilors that decide and discuss any of the above should be provided a free Permaculture design course. Only if you were to understand the underlying connections between all the systems and activities described above, you can make an informed decision.
very nice meeting Sophie barker, what a great job she is doing.
Encourage more Community Gardens so that people have the support and skills to reduce good insecurity now and into the future
We have a beautiful city that we can be proud of. Thank you for this survey to further improve
please get the train up and running for passengers. It would be great if we could catch the train to cities near like Christchurch, or from Waitati to town
Kia kaha tonu. Love seeing the relationship with mama whenua growing and more visibility of the ao Māori and Kāi Tahu in Ōtepoti. Ka rawe!

I would like to see Wildlife cared for and protected in Dunedin and I want rate payers to be surveyed (via a question) in the 10 Year Plan document around whether the council should fund the Wildlife Hospital for the next 3 years from rates.
The probability of a major alpine fault earthquake within the next 50 years is now 28 percent. DCC is asleep on this huge risk because Dunedin has been put in the 'low' seismic risk area by MBIE. You need to start identifying and remediating earthquake prone buildings now and making sure that infrastructure ie being stress tested for an 8+ event.
Keep the wildlife hospital running to protect our native species
Better footpaths and cycle way in Karitane
I want counsellors to stop squabbling amongst themselves and start getting jobs done to improve our city.
I love Dunedin. I love our supportive inclusive community.
There's also a space for DCC as the custodians of our stories. It's not easy to work out who to talk to about where to go with some ideas. For instance, Dunedin was a major contributor to the suffrage movement but there's no permanent recognition of this, or of the part of the Women's Franchise League. (I'll take this up again with Heritage NZ but a plaque on the old temperance hall is only a small part of the story.)
Stop putting so many barriers up for those wanting to subdivide unproductive farmland. There seems to be no problem subdividing the most fertile land in the land in the region (Taieri Plains) but for some reason unproductive, low quality land in Waitati has ridiculous reatricktions on it. We own 76 hectares and can't even put a second house on it, let alone divide it for our 3 chldren. Need to be logical and practical instead of just treating all situations as black and white.
Lowering speed should be targeted into high risk areas not blanket coverage. The continual erosion of car parking space in CBD can only continue to negatively impact businesses. Difficulty getting a park has considerably reduced my time in CBD
Concentrate on unique attributes of Dunedin. Fight like hell for our university our medical school our musical heritage our arts and our wildlife
As a city we won't regret modernising George Street. Once it's done we'll look like a more modern. progressive city - like many we envy in Australia. Parking is not an issue for Dunedin. I'm a driver who regularly parks in the city and we have lots of free and affordable options. Visit a city north of Timaru or over the straight, open your eyes to what we've got, and then please stop campaigning on it. Playing to this issue only makes you look insular, and irrational and makes people like me doubt your decision-making abilities. Also why are we campaigning for an inland port in Milburn which will benefit the Clutha DC? I've been involved in logistics and the Mosgiel solution that was shared with the community meeting makes much more sense - start the work on the heavy traffic bypass south of Mosgiel and you'll see fewer log and container trucks through the whole city and off the Port road too - it's a clear fix.
With all the great things that Council does in Dunedin, one important place not to forget is the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital. As well as the kakapos — where people all over the world are watching what's done so well in Dunedin — the Wildlife Hospital has cared for more than 80 other species, many absolutely unique to New Zealand Aotearoa. I believe Dunedin rate payers would keenly want to see wildlife cared for and protected in Dunedin. I suggest adding a question for ratepayers in your 10 Year Plan document, as to the need for Council to fund the Wildlife Hospital for at least the next 3 years from rates.
That I'm fed up with ALL my money going towards cycle ways/tunnels etc. we need housing for the elderly, a destination playground for our tamariki & world class sports facilities including DGA's new build proposal.
Keep funding the wildlife hospitals
Easier locations public transport stops - when I have a hospital appt I find it hard to walk from the bus stop to the hospital. Will this change for the better once the hospital moves? Prefer it to happen much sooner if possible
Dunedin wildlife hospital and other ecological cornerstones need continued and improved funding and partnership
I want councillors to make a ten year plan with a 50+ year plan in mind. I want councillors to think less about their reputations now and think instead of their great grandchildren living in this city in the future.
Less emphasis on road transport and more, better train services
Protect our people and our animals. As part of this continue community efforts with the wildlife hospital where the work they do to protect and better our local wildlife is essential. Continued / increased funding priority should be considered for this group. Also too, develop a programme that can support our growing housing crisis / homelessness in Dunedin.
More focus on how to get houses warm and dry for Winter. Lots of our young people are gettign sick in subpar student flats as well as young families being stuck in not being able to upgrade insulation or double glazing.

Don't just think about cycling and walking. Plan for those who can't walk even a block. I feel completely shut out of the Dunedin shopping area due to my mobility issues and the nightmare of parking.
Please don't forget the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital. They do a great job and are worthy of your support and should be on the list.
I would like to see assistance to the Wikipedia hospital as it supports our tourism position as the wildlife centre of NZ
We desperately need to address and help the wildlife sanctuary here in Dunedin. The work they do is extremely important as they are the guardians of our native animals. More harm and not enough support being done. Once these species are gone they are gone for good. My whanau would love to see more support financial and awareness please.
We need to capitalise on the facilities and resources that we have already. Make the town belt and our green spaces more attractive. Give people more reasons to discover the great stuff we already have! The harbour cycle track and George street redevelopment are both marvellous and now maybe it's time to reinvigorate what was established at the foundation of Dunedin city. Botanic gardens, town belt, tree lined streets.
I really want to see wildlife cared for and protected in Dunedin. The Kakapo in particular are such rare and beautiful creatures and the wildlife hospital does such an amazing and essential job looking after them. I want rate payers to be surveyed (via a question) in the 10 Year Plan document around whether council should fund the Wildlife Hospital for the next 3 years from rates.
More AFFORDABLE housing, with modern whiteware like a fridge, washer, & dryer included by default. More flat complexes (like the American 'apartment complexes') where people can rent at an affordable rate. The rental options currently are absolutely ABYSMAL: housing is damp, very old, lacking amenities, yet so expensive. It's very hard to find an affordable place to live.
Work collaboratively to create solutions.
Please focus on strengthening and preserving the assets we already have rather than grand new visitor attraction additions.
Stop an ever increasing number of licensed bars, have all of them have mandatory inside and outdoors security cameras. Issue maps of the city that indicate all walk and cycling paths and colour code them according to their safety (ie the brighter/warm colors = safer). Invite community contribution to suggest safety improvements related to security, environment, etc. Oh, and really important: reestablish a Dunedin North Recycling shop again, the one close to the stadium is sorely missed !!! (model it on Christchurch's Red Barn) and please generally improve recycling, ie more places for soft plastics and greater overall separation. Please also improve glass collection so there's not glass splinters in many places exactly in the path of bicycles. Thank you !
Caversham tunnel to be developed
Dunedin is the wildlife centre of New Zealand and our Wildlife hospital is critical to the continuation of that status and protection of our unique species
save and respect our wildlife
Makes are streets safe for walking and cycling. Speeds should be lowered, say 40km/hr, and 30 in small residential streets. 50 only for main streets
A free city link bus would be great. From South D up through Mornington/Roslyn/Maori Hill down to NEV shops then through town. The one in Auckland was awesome. More accommodation should be high priority to keep big events here, especially with CHCH building a stadium. We need to keep promoters wanting to put shows on here. An extension to our runway at Dunedin airport would help too. Less regulation for businesses to spread out on to the streets to create social hubs. Closing all the student bars was a silly idea. I believe having all the students in the middle of town has prevented a lot of older people with money wanting to come in to the centre in the evenings. The Octagon should be more set up for our terrible weather. Places to sit that are covered. The new main street looks amazing, it's great to see the city coming alive, more modernising that fits with our heritage too. The city needs more public toilets. Especially in the Princess street end. The new cycleway to Port is fantastic but parking and toilets need to be sorted all along (have heard this might be happening. Parking at the stadium would be good. Lastly, thanks for everything you do.
WORK ON OPENING A DIRECT FLIGHT IN OUR DUNEDIN AIRPORT ... DIRECT FROM AUSTRALIA..SINGAPORE..MANILA...SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN... THIS WILL OPEN MORE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITIES.
Please give additional consideration to our wildlife resources, like the Wildlife Hospital, Orokonui, and the trusts that look after our sea lions and hoiho.
We need to fund the wildlife hospital to ensure our endemic animals are cared for so their populations can grow. Our taonga species are essential to Otago's tourism and ecology.

<p>You come from a range of backgrounds and beliefs about the best way to manage a city. We all elected you with the faith that you would be willing to sit down and ask the hard questions about what really matters to keep Dunedin the fantastic city it currently is, and fulfil its future potential. Much is often made of costs, and rates increases and obviously it is essential that we are fiscally responsible, but this should certainly not preclude sensible investments that nourish the city's roots and ensure healthy development. When it comes to climate change, the reality is that it is coming whether we like it or not (I certainly don't), and we need to get ahead of it and make strategic investments that position us as forward thinkers. Similarly, protecting the vulnerable pays dividends, even for the most economically rational actor- we don't want our CBD going the way of Auckland's. Ratepayers will bear their part of the burden if they see the vision that is justifying acting now rather than later.</p>
<p>I want Councillors to know that any money and effort spent on improving safe cycle access north of the central city, for example the "Northern Cycleway" will have a huge economic and social benefit for those of us who dwell north of Pinehill, as well as visitors to the region. The Caversham tunnel route to Mosgiel and beyond it also a vitally important project. I would also like to see the DCC playing an active role in developing better public transport throughout the city</p>
<p>What about support to community organisations like city ecosanctuary, halo project, Dunedin wildlife hospital and other animal rescue programs?</p>
<p>Although, this could be loosely covered in the Environment section, there is no mention of providing support for our very special co-inhabitants, the flora and fauna we adversely impact. We are so lucky to share the area with unique species, and are well aware of their importance and our impact on them. We also have in the last few years specialist facilities that try to reverse the effects we have on some of them. I hope that funds will be set aside to provide support to e.g. Dunedin Wildlife Hospital, so they can sustain the vital and much needed service. It is not only the veterinary care and rehabilitation they provide, but are constantly able to monitor situations, and will be an early warning device for extra problems developing. They are also building such an internationally important expertise. Perhaps the local rate payers should be asked about their willingness to have part of their rates used to support them?</p>
<p>Keep the Wildlife hospital. Does amazing things</p>
<p>I don't want my rates to be on an upwards projectory because rate payers are considered open checkbooks. I don't want to see wasteful spending, I think council spending needs to be conservative. There is too many roadwork disruptions in the CBD. Also not enough parking makes it so hard to visit the CBD, it doesn't suit everyone to take a bus in. We had family come from out of the region and they were disgusted (not elderly friendly - not young family friendly). My daughter no longer wants to move to Dunedin when her husband completes his specialist surgical training, which is a loss for the Dunedin Hospital. I don't think it is welcoming for tourists coming in on cruise ships either.</p>
<p>I really value the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital and the asset it is to the city. To have such expertise here on hand when our threatened taonga need it is invaluable, but unfortunately it does cost money. Funding and investment in our wild patients from government, local and/or national would definitely be put to good use.</p>
<p>Fund the Wildlife Hospital, it's so important to support this</p>
<p>The most important resource we have in Dunedin is the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital. It needs and deserves Council funding to the absolute utmost. New Zealand is famous for its amazing and unique native birds. Without the Wildlife Hospital the yellow-eyed penguin population would have been reduced possibly to the point of no return in the last couple of years. They have saved numerous kakapo from a certain death. These are species that are very, very endangered and it is the Wildlife Hospital that has kept them alive. It should be an absolute priority to continue funding this vital resource. An absolute no-brainer.</p>
<p>Please fund the wildlife hospital</p>
<p>Please develop the foreshore. It will become an amazing amenity like the main street. Please push for better design of the two story monstrosities being built in St Kilda. 2 stories is bad. 2 with pitched roof is a nightmare for those that will lose all their sun in the winter. We had two neighbours, shortly we will have 12. Where are all the rubbish bins going to go on collection day. Who do we deal with when there are issues.</p>
<p>Please find the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital to continue looking after our precious native birds</p>
<p>that i'm keen for the Caversham Tunnel to open</p>
<p>I had never heard of Dunedin, until I found out about the Wildlife Hospital. I was trying to learn more about Kākāpō. First time I've heard of this amazing bird was in a book, cowritten by Douglas Adams. Please support the hospital, it is likely the most famous, most well spread ambassador using the name Dunedin.</p>
<p>I want the councillors to know that hiking our rates is not going to help us, the ratepayers live. We are all struggling now. I am a one wage family with no children and get \$29 a week from WINZ to help pay my mortgage, dcc rates and orc rates.. what a bloody joke. If you keep hiking our rates, something's gotta give. I can't afford firewood, to cloth us. A holiday is a dream, no one will help us. So the dcc and orc rates are going to be what i stop paying soon. I</p>

<p>know there are hundreds of families in Dunedin in the same boat and its going to come to a head sooner than you all think.Try putting yourselves in our shoes.Try paying all your bills on what we earn i dare you.</p>
<p>Please provide financial support to the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital and their efforts towards conservation.</p>
<p>We ratepayers do not have unlimited pockets to fund everything</p>
<p>I want to give a shout out to the Wildlife Hospital here in Dunedin. They are doing tremendous work, and are an example of how we can make Dunedin special. I don't need to explain how successful their work with wildlife has been, as I'm sure you already know this. But please, continue to fund them! They are doing some of the best, most rewarding work out there. Thanks.</p>
<p>The high esteem of the country in the wonderful work of the Dunedin wildlife hospital in maintaining and reviving the county's unique wild life particularly birds.</p>
<p>Look after the environment and wildlife. They have no voice. Really push to clean up your act in regards to the aging infrastructure. This will save money.</p>
<p>Speeding g traffic in streets around Forbury where there are a few schools should be addressed with speed bumps</p>
<p>The Dunedin Wildlife Hospital are playing a vital role in Dunedin, and need your ongoing support.</p>
<p>Please continue to financially support Dunedin Wildlife Hospital</p>
<p>I think the upgrades to George St are great. We need to continue to upgrade Dunedin and invest in economic development to keep our younger people here. Investing in the environment is also super important to me, including financially supporting the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital and investing in better recycling measures like taking away green waste and ensuring we don't get flooded in low lying areas again. Also love the changes going on in King Edward st</p>
<p>They should be supporting the amazing work being done by the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital, and by Bird Rescue Dunedin. Both of these organisations are doing a fantastic job, and need to be supported to continue that work.</p>
<p>Please consider that this town is stalled, it is limited by small facilities that are under developed. DGA services the whole of Dunedin and is in dire need of an upgrade, our children deserve a cleaner and upgraded facility. We need more developed centres for family activities . It would be of benefit if the council opened another salt water pool or the existing pool longer to suit the growth of Dunedin and work it to bring in revenue. I know alot of people have to work outside of Dunedin because of the limited work here or leave for more progressive places like chch or Invercargill. Grow Dunedin don't stall it.</p>
<p>Businesses are not people. Genuinely struggling businesses that contribute to our local economy are incredibly important, but society is made of people, not money. I want a plan that centres the people and environment of Otakou, but is realistic and transparent. I know that's awfully optimistic.</p>
<p>initiatives like the wildlife hospital should be funded as part of this, crucial for our environment ad biodiversity</p>
<p>Please consider supporting the work of goups like the Wildlife Hospital, Bird Rescue, SPCA, and Social support agencies. These groups are part of what makes Dunedin special, vibrant, safe, and supportive.</p>
<p>That we need to FINALLY protect our land, our waterways and our wildlife</p>
<p>I would like to see some form of being able to control neighbourhood Sycamore trees on private property. Where an owner of a large sycamore tree refuses to have it removed because of the seedlings being spread around the district, nothing at present can be done. I understand DCC are happy to remove sycamores from DCC owned land as DCC recognises that this tree is a weed.</p>
<p>I have huge desire to see Wildlife cared for and protected in Dunedin AND would like to have rate payers to be surveyed (via a question) in the 10 Year Plan document around whether council should fund the Wildlife Hospital for the next 3 years from rates. Thank you sincerely!</p>
<p>Recognise the world is changing and we need to develop a city that works for the future rather than the past... celebrate the heritage but don't pander to those who can't see past their individual wants... such as the use of cars over alternative transport.</p>
<p>Dunedin is known for being the wildlife capital of nz. I want to ensure they continue to be in good hands protected by the Wildlife Hospital. Ratepayers should be surveyed via a question in the 10 year plan around whether council should fund the Wildlife Hospital for next 3 years from rates.</p>
<p>To look after suburb communities more, not just focus on the Centre City beautification.</p>
<p>Given that we live in Dunedin, the Wildlife capital of New Zealand, we urge consideraation be given to the funding of the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital which provides critical support to our endangered species. We ask that consideration be given to the DCC funding the Wildlife Hospital out of ratepayer monies for upwards of 3 years to enable this essential service to continue for our Taonga species.</p>
<p>I think it's really important predator free Dunedin and the wildlife hospital retain funding in the next decade to maintain Dunedin's status as the wildlife capital. In the next decade we will see a major increase in wildlife populations within the city if pest control continues to be supported. This will great for tourism!</p>

We need to do all we can to protect our unique and rare wide life. That includes more funding for the wildlife hospital so we can continue to help our endangered species
I think where social housing goes needs to be well planned- it is currently destroying neighborhoods. And the same goes for housing density. Dunedin has a lot of land and there is no need to intensify most suburbs- I feel like the CBD should be built a lot higher (most buildings on the main st are only 2 stories high which is ridiculous), and suburbs living can be built along the whole motorway south between dunedin and mosgiel. I also think the wildlife hospital should be supported and it perhaps could in some way be integrated into a tourist attraction- like at penguin place where tourists can see the recuperating penguins. And I think more needs to be done to force owners of inner city commercial buildings to use it or lose it- just leaving buildings empty and/ or derelict really changes the vibe of an area. The Gardens shopping area is one area and princes st south of the Exchange is another.
Really important that we recognise and find our wildlife initiatives wildlife capital. Assist with funding for Otago Peninsula Trust, the wildlife hospital, Orokonui Sanctury, Penguin Place, all of which supply the backup care.
Would greatly appreciate it if you keep funding the Wildlife Hospital.
I would like to see more funds to go into wildlife care and hospital (e.g. Dunedin Wildlife Hospital) in Ōtepoti given the unique wildlife (such as the Royal albatrosses and Yellow-eyed penguins and many more!) that call Dunedin home.
Denounce the occupation by Israel of Palestine and their war crimes of collective punishment.
About stamp duty - Australian example of revenue generation. When a house is sold 1% or 2% of the sale price goes to local government. Rather than raising taxes on our very poorest - why not take a slither from the wealthy homeowners. PLEASE consider this
Please don't defer maintenance on our critical infrastructure (roads, pipes, etc). Deferring maintenance to hold rates artificially low will only cost the city more in the long run. By ignoring the cost escalations of the maintenance of the city's assets and not passing them onto today's ratepayer, we will continue to deteriorate the assets putting an increased burden on future generations
Octagon needs to be upgraded. Bikes need an easier way to get into the city from the waterfront. The coast needs to be protected. We need better access to the waterfront from town
Destination playgrounds are good for families and good for business. Please invest in the wildlife hospital, please speak kindly about one another in the press
Please continue you funding for the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital - such fabulous work they do and so IMPORTANT for furthering the understanding of ther treatment of our native taonga species
I and many Dunedinites wish to see Wildlife cared for and protected in Dunedin, the wildlife capital of NZ; rate payers should be surveyed via a question in the 10 Year Plan document around whether the council should fund the Wildlife Hospital for the next 3 years from rates.
More funding for places like The Wildlife Hospital, and the Bird Sanctuary
Please continue to support the Wildlife Hospital - it's way more important than an aviary in the Botanic Gardens. And you haven't mentioned mana whenua! this relationship is critical to maintain and develop.
I really support the Dunedin wildlife hospital with their great mahi, and know they rely on DCC funding. I was concerned not to see it mentioned on an early draft plan.
Please continue funding the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital.
That all areas of 'Dunedin' should be maintained and cared for.. we all pay significant rates and are struggling with the cost of living. Please use the money wisely and care about all of us.
Cycling infrastructure is great but no one can find it cos you forgot to provide the pathways to google
Resilience and sustainability, facilities for recreation a focus and supporting charities who help our homeless people rather than beautification projects for our next decade please
Dunedin Wildlife Hospital plays a crucial role in ensuring Dunedin's valuable and under threat wildlife is looked after. Please consider continuing to provide them with economic support.
The wildlife hospital is extremely important and needs funding and priority
If we want to attract and keep health and education professionals we need to provide an attractive, sustainable environment as we can't compete with bigger centres. The wonderful environment is our point of difference and needs protecting.
Continue and grow relationship and input from mana whenua. Particularly for wellbeing of people and environment.
Councilors please retain dunedin railways under the DCC, do not loose control over this key part of Dunedin tourism buy handing it over to OETT, this should be held with DVML and there board, keep the line running to middlemarch, grow the business into a sustainable asset for the city, what other council has acess to one of the

best tourist attractions in the country, please retain trains that depart from the most photographed building in the country.
The frequency of wastewater overflows into our waterways from DCC's wastewater network is appalling - I don't know how this is not a priority, and given the status how do you have the luxury of prioritizing other things?. Might be useful to publish accurate wastewater overflow data this would help with community understanding and justification for why money needs to be spent on infrastructure.
No bloody vanity projects. Be mindful of where your money comes from and remember economic return isn't your funding model. Tax is an economic return to central government. Do the basics well and not much more coz we're paying for this.urn
I don't really have much faith in them. Filling their pockets is more important than the community they suggest they care for. Stop putting the bloody rates up. People shouldn't lose out in mass while a select few maintain a sweet deal. Oh, and how about when someone has a good idea that would be awesome for the town, how about do it instead of creating enough red tape bullshit to justify your existence. All those old brains in there should retire and let younger folks have a go cos man it's lame.
Wildlife of Dunedin. For more than 30 years I have been voluntarily working with injured wildlife in our city. Since I was 17. The Wildlife hospital has made a massive difference to the outcomes for wildlife in our city and surrounds. A city that is known as the wildlife capital and that many of our tourists visit for this reason. The veterinary industry in in crisis - with Dunedin being in a very bad way. Only 2 fully staffed veterinary clinics remain in the city, the rest are short-staffed. This year alone we've seen the closure of 2 clinics. Without the wildlife hospital our injured wildlife would be in a dire situation with no veterinarians to care for them. I sincerely request the consideration of funding the wildlife hospital be part of the long term plan and feel that it should be a separate question for rate-payers to be asked - if they support the funding of the Wildlife Hospital from rates.
I believe Dunedin could become a world class Mountain Bike destination. A hundred thousand dollars for example could turn signal Hill into something special
I would like councillors to know that we can make a new gym facility happen even in these economic times. We want active healthy kids lets make it happen and work together.
Im proud of you all and am thankful, Otepoti is a treasure. Lets look after one another which centres upon an eye for our most vulnerable citizens
Dunedin is the wildlife capital of NZ and this is capitalised on in tourism encouraging visitors to our beautiful city. Dunedin is home to a number of some of the countries most endangered and threatened endemic species including yellow-eyed penguins (hoiho), NZ sealions, Kākā to name a few. In spite of the importance of this and the tourist destinations such as The Royal Albatross colony, etc. it is disappointing that there is no mention of wildlife projects anywhere in the initial consultation document. This is a huge oversight for a city that is claiming to be the wildlife capital of NZ. Most issues with wildlife that require them to be hospitalised occur as a result of interactions with humans, our pets, our cars, our infrastructure, our fishing practices etc. The Dunedin Wildlife hospital (DWH) cares for over 600 native birds per year and in particular is playing a massive role in the conservation of endangered Hoiho by slowing the decline of this species, without DWH interventions and collaborative research it is estimated that > 80% of Hoiho chicks would have died in 2022. Without DWH these birds would be a massive step closer to extinction. DWH is the only veterinary hospital in the South Island that has the expertise/knowledge to provide veterinary care for the critically endangered kakī, and kākāpō among other species. Avian medicine is highly specialised and the work this hospital does for these endangered species requires highly trained and knowledgeable vets and vet nurses. It is essential that rate payers are given the opportunity to decide whether the council should use rates to help fund this essential service for a further 3 years in order to help save some of our most critically endangered (kākāpō, Kakī) and endangered (Hoiho) species. Without the hospital how long until these species are extinct and therefore no longer able to be capitalised on? A separate question should be included in the 10 year plan document specifically asking this question
Dunedin is super quiet. There needs to be more going on, especially for young people (10yo to 25yo).
consider using rail connections to reduce freight roading costs and as a method of public getting from mosgeil or other dunedin outlying to town.
More bike lanes. Trains to christchurch and other cities. Investment into cultural programmes. Investment into community support hubs. Investment into local (not international) business. Restriction of maccas, starbucks and other international companies and encouragement of local cafes, eateries and businesses.
engagement with central government to obtain new and innovative funding sources must be a priority as rates afre not a sustainable form of funding
It is crucial that those entrusted with guiding the future of our city take a proactive, progressive approach that steers us towards being innovative, prosperous and growth-focused. For far too long, the only zeal local government has displayed is in being overprotective of the status quo and resisting change, content to stagnate,

<p>with its most vibrant moments in the past. Instead, we ought to be embracing the future and its boundless possibilities: we have some of the most beautiful environs in the entire country and are based around a natural harbour and waterfront area that could be the equal of Auckland, but with greater accessibility and ease of travel on foot. New businesses and innovators with their proposals for growth and investment should be encouraged, not shot down at every opportunity. The area from the stadium through the waterfront could be improved into something akin to what the Viaduct area has become in Auckland. Our arts and music scene needs to be supported and encouraged, with more live venues and opportunities for local bands to play their music - we were an internationally recognized musical nexus in the 1980s and there is no reason we cannot become one once again. The closure of many bars, especially in the University area, was in part an understandable reaction to poor behaviour by some students, but there needs to be a thriving hospitality scene. The Octagon is a convenient and somewhat unique location which needs to be another hub for events, community and a healthy social scene. The numbers of desperate folks seen begging in the streets has grown over the past few years, no doubt in parallel with massively inflated cost of living and a lack of commensurate increase in compensation - their issues must be resolved and their basic needs must be addressed, for we are only as strong as our weakest links, and the health of our society is reflected by those among us in direst need.</p>
<p>Improve the timeframe between curbside mowing and weeding</p>
<p>The biggest item to concentrate on now is the prevention of flooding especially in South Dunedin.</p>
<p>Stick to the essential infrastructure expenditure, don't dream up new community feel-good initiatives that require ever increasing operating expenditure forever. Look for efficiencies within your current significant operating budget, households are tapped out financially..</p>
<p>Having moved from Auckland earlier this year, my family and I love the lifestyle that Dunedin offers. A 5 min city. A much less stressful life but all the things we need, just in a much smaller place. We are happier here than we thought we would be! Keep up the good work building and maintaining a beautiful place to work and live.</p>
<p>Make sure a heavy bypass around Mosgiel is not missed out for another 10 years. Everyone will work together to make this happen and we need council direction to stop the bully boy corporates just doing what they want with no help for the residents of the area.</p>
<p>What a disaster the cycle lanes are! Waste of money. (from a cyclist!)</p>
<p>That bickering for bickering sakes is ridiculous and makes you look like a poor mans central govt where the "art" of politics is so, so stupid. You have put the effort to get elected, and that I imagine took quite an effort, so be bold yet responsible with our money and remember we have a lovely city so just keep it going as is and it will take care of economy and happiness itself.</p>
<p>Upgrade the Dunedin public library building in Moray place.</p>
<p>The communication system between public and DCC is poor. There is no followups to check that problem was resolved or a job completed. The phone workers seem to be just message takers rather than help.</p>
<p>Please continue to support our Wildlife Hospital</p>
<p>The parking situation in George St is making it impossible for elderly and people who rely on cars to access this area.</p>
<p>As a leading social service provider, we want you to know that alongside other social sector including other community networks we continue to see an unprecedented level of need across all demographics within our communities. We appreciate the City Council efforts to engage with community and engage and partner with us and other community groups and would urge this continuation and if not an escalation of this. We believe as City Councillor's you can work alongside us to make a significant difference to Dunedin residents in the community housing, community grants and community development spaces.</p>
<p>Would love a park for kids with disabilities fully fenced and wheel.chair inclusive, a green waste bin as soon as possible, a new facility for gymnastics and other sports and activities</p>
<p>This aligns to economics well being as well as other topics. Invest in Dunedin. Place an emphasis on keeping key drivers going such as Dunedin Railways and the train to Middlemarch.</p>
<p>I want councilors to know that change is good. Some of the recent improvements have not only ensured our infrastructure is improved but the city is getting a modern new look and feel at the same time. The Octagon could be a more utilized space....it's a total yawn fest at the moment.</p>
<p>Be transparent even with small things eg Pitt St corner, proposal to change parking outside PC library.</p>
<p>When we plan we need to be thinking of what would be best for our children and our children's children. Healthy and active people who are connected to nature and to each other is really important. That is why investment in walking/cycling is important - it enables a healthy lifestyle and will also attract many people to live here - like Wanaka for example.</p>

Please dig a little deeper into those pockets. There's room to spend on sustainable practices because we are behind the 8 ball right now.
Spend money on the retention on our world renowned Dunedin Railways, put money into the infrastructure for med to long term gains in Dunedins tourism. tourism
That you have an opportunity to make South Dunedin a poster for facing climate change.
Trail maintenance is really poor. Trails have been started on and then left closed or unfinished. Are the contractors being held accountable?
More focus on keeping Dunedin as NZ's City of Heritage
stop traffic cones ending up in the Barbour for ever. put a deposit on them to make sure they are returned.
Dunedin is the wildlife capital of NZ and this is capitalised on in tourism advertising to promote visitors to our beautiful city. Dunedin is home to a number of some of the countries most endangered and threatened endemic species including yellow-eyed penguins, NZ sealions, Kākā to name a few. In spite of the importance of this and the tourist destinations such as The Royal Albatross colony, Orokonui Ecosanctuary etc. it is disappointing that there is no mention of wildlife projects anywhere in the initial consultation document. This is a huge oversite for a city that is the self-proclaimed wildlife capital of NZ. Most issues with wildlife that require them to be hospitalised occur as a result of interactions with humans, our pets, our cars, our infrastructure, our fishing practices etc. The Dunedin Wildlife hospital (DWH) cares for over 600 native birds per year and in particular is playing a massive role in the conservation of endangered Hoiho by slowing the decline of this species, without DWH interventions and collaborative research it is estimated that more than 80% of Hoiho chicks would have died in 2022. Without DWH these birds would be a massive step closer to extinction. DWH is the only veterinary hospital in the South Island that has the expertise and knowledge to provide veterinary care for the critically endangered kakī, and kākāpō among other species. Avian medicine is highly specilaised and the work this hospital does for these endangered species requires highly trained and knowledgeable vets and vet nurses. It is essential that rate payers are given the opportunity to decide whether the council should use rates to help fund this essential service for a further 3 years in order to help save some of our most critically endangered (kākāpō, Kakī) and endangered (Hoiho) species. A separate question should be included in the 10 year plan document specifically asking this question.
Many Heads are better than one. Listening is a powerful tool not many people have it.
Please continue to support the Wildlife Hospital and the vital work they do.
The funding for Otago Polytechnic Te Pūkenga Dunedin Wildlife Hospital is a crucial part of our community, providing specialised and fundamental support to our native wildlife (especially native birds) and should please be further supported with funding grants.
We need to ensure our heritage buildings are maintained. We cannot afford to have more demolition by neglect! Dunedin is a vibrant city with great gardens and public facilities so anything that maintains this should be encouraged.
The completion of the roads on the peninsula around to Otakou area is important. It is currently in poor state and has a high risk for accidents or injury of walkers,cycilists and drivers. Come on.We pay rates, we have no sewage or water provided. We also have no fibre internet. I ask that you consider us as worthy communities for these services
Don't raise rates. People are already financially over-stretched.
I want Councillors to know that their engagement around a new performing arts industry has been less than adequate. As one of the many practitioners who engaged in the Charcoal Blue consultation, it has been thoroughly disheartening to have that considerable work largely disregarded. The Ara Toi strategy does not reflect this process, how the council works with the arts sector, or the realities of working in the sector. One of the biggest barriers to our sustainability and profile is the Dunedin City Council, both in terms of support and communication. And it's such a needlessly lost opportunity.
I do not agree that council should spend ratepayers on public campaigns such as stop the cuts. This was politically motivated and all councilors should be required to declare membership of a Political party not just some of them
I want councillors to know that we are looking for inspirational leadership and brave engagement with the people of Otepoti. Currently this is not evident at all.
Would love more support for groups like the Tomahawk-Smaills Beachcare Trust. It's a win win for Council. Volunteers putting their time and effort in and Council getting their reserves improved with native planting providing environmental, ecological and coastal erosion benefits. Also volunteer opportunities for people to get involved in their local community providing cohesion and social benefits.
It seems the council staff have all the power. Who comes up with the ideas for all the eg road layout changes, roadworks etc? All I'll say is, 'remember the circles'. Highly embarrassing and the person who thought of it should be fired. Stop the stupid ideas, the 'make-work', concentrate on the basics, and the areas above. When planning

<p>for the next decade and beyond, don't destroy what makes Dn special. Very important to have protection for heritage houses & buildings. Outlaw 'demolition by neglect' - double the rates for owners from other cities that buy our buildings & let them decay. Keep the city easy to move around in. No more layout changes. Maintain green spaces. Support for our arts & culture sector, as above. For the next 10 years we want - retention and protection of what we have, no massive scale development destroying our green spaces. Maintain and enhance our special facilities.</p>
<p>Be brave enough not to go with the woke agenda of doom and despair around everything from the weather to gender. These are all ridiculous side-shows that aren't the councils's responsibility to sort out - stick to your knitting.</p>
<p>If you are going to continue to remove parking in the CBD then please allow for larger retail outlets outside the CPD.</p>
<p>Just get visionary and be clever and courageous in what you do - we have natural assets that are not being maintained eg our heritage and potential ignored. Decades of visitors have told us they enjoy our heritage the most. Wake up and listen to them. Heritage use and restoration benefits citizens, the environment and our visitor industry and jobs. The benefits could be felt across so many aspects of our wellbeing. Firms like Naylor Love are willing and prepared; jobs and wellbeing will follow</p>
<p>Keep the taieri gorge train running no cycle trail</p>
<p>The constant increasing of council rates is making living hard for many</p>
<p>With global warming and associated challenges, DCC will soon be overwhelmed if it does not focus more on the important stuff (infrastructure, primarily) and stop fluffing around with trending 'feel-good' stuff that oftentimes proves divisive. Let communities lead some of that other stuff. Focus on the considerable strengths Dunedin has. Work more closely with the University across several fronts, work harder/ smarter to ensure Dunedin's character-contributing buildings are preserved/ re-used/ not trashed. Get rid of middle management at DCC: this alone will streamline services, ensure accountability and ensure stuff gets done.</p>
<p>It is a massive oversight that there is nothing mentioned in this early draft of the plan about protecting and preserving wildlife in Dunedin. There should be specific wording addressing our dedication to the preservation of wildlife and dedicated funding for the wildlife hospital. How long can Dunedin, and the broader government of New Zealand expect individuals/organizations/others to step into the breach of caring for our wildlife? Tourism is the lifeblood of our country and tourists are coming to see our natural habitat and wildlife. When properly funded, there is absolutely no reason that the investments being made in wildlife care and protection should not be returning dollar for dollar in economic growth within our community.</p>
<p>Dunedin's quite a disappointing city in general. We are 6 generations of Dunedinites and this place just progressively worse and more boring each year that goes by. Compared to other thriving cities in New Zealand we are not keeping up. Everything other than our stunning views needs to change. Knowing our council however this information I have provided will fall on deaf ears because I'm most certainly not the first person to raise these complaints and yet no change has happened.</p>
<p>Basics such as infrastructure need to be prioritised in order to keep rates at a reasonable level., the</p>
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<p>No more cycleways</p>
<p>Dunedin Wildlife hospital needs funding!!!</p>

<p>The council has made some recent positive strides with the likes of the George street redevelopment and accepting of a zero carbon plan. However, more work needs to be done particularly to protect our biodiversity and area the council has not adequately supported to date. The council should look to support projects like Orokonui Ecosanctuary to ensure the cities biodiversity is protected longterm and future Dunedin residents enjoy the wildlife we are so known for and proud of.</p>
<p>As the wildlife capital of NZ there is a distinct lack of biodiversity and conservation themes in your plans</p>
<p>Please support community projects as much as possible, especially with helping keeping overheads low. Maybe by providing cheap (affordable) spaces. These are the potential thinking pools for the future and also keep including and educating young people. Any action to provide culture, community and collaboration and 'a culture' of using people's potential by including them is important to keep this city great. I know many people were against the George St project but we can already see that it will be beautiful!! Please remember that all we do needs to be done as if the planet and the people mattered.</p>
<p>There is no mention in the plan on how the council is supportive local wildlife. Dunedin is known as the Wildlife capital of NZ but the council is not supporting that. Without the wildlife such as yellow-eyed penguins, sealions and albatross there would be reduced tourism which is great for our economy as well as biodiversity. This wildlife is under threat from any sources and the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital plays a major role in ensuring these species survive. The Dunedin Wildlife Hospital needs continued support from the DCC in order to keep open and to keep treating the local wildlife so that there is Wildlife for people to come and see and appreciate. It would look terribly on Dunedin if the yellow eyed penguin was to become extinct because there was not enough funding to support the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital and other conservation projects which make the city so attractive to wildlife and conservation enthusiasts</p>
<p>Please don't forget the Dunedin Wildlife hospital at the Polytech. They need funding to continue the necessary work that they do.</p>
<p>Investing in the city pays back. Important to develop and maintain our resources for long-term gain. Money spent by the council goes straight back into the economy.</p>
<p>The Dunedin Wildlife Hospital needs funding and does not appear in the plan</p>
<p>That we not only need to be addressing today's issues but planning for the future - a difficult balance of funding and prioritisation. The council needs to be proactive and actively involving the community in decision making.</p>
<p>I want councillors to know that I support increasing rates to finance long-term efforts to improve our infrastructure, economic success, plus social and environmental health.</p>
<p>STUDENT BARS! how many students need to die for you to realise this is an EMERGENCY!</p>
<p>Please stop destroying the roads when it comes to car use. Safety is paramount but roads are for cars. A healthy medium should be aimed for, not rendering cars redundant</p>
<p>Wildlife in the city are directly impacted from human activities, such as vehicle collision, window strike, cat/dog attacks. They are also indirectly influenced by people due to climate change, habitat loss, and introduced mammalian predators. Dunedin Wildlife Hospital cares for over 600 of native wildlife patients every year and they deserve to be continually funded by DCC in the next run. It is essential that rate payers are given the opportunity to decide whether the council should use rates to help fund this essential service for a further 3 years in order to help save some of our most critically endangered (kākāpō, Kākī) and endangered (Hoiho) species. A separate question should be included in the 10 year plan document specifically asking this question.</p>
<p>Please can the DCC continue to fund the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital through the Long Term Plan. The Dunedin Wildlife Hospital does a fantastic job in helping our endangered wildlife when they become sick or injured. Please continue to support the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital.</p>
<p>Thank you Sophie Barker for actively posting on FB! And caring so much about our city</p>
<p>I am very surprised that there is no mention of supporting the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital on this survey. Ratepayers should be able to choose whether this critical service is a priority for the DCC</p>
<p>Dunedin needs to grow to maintain pace with other NZ urban centres. We are in danger of being left behind the north island. We need international flights to be connected to the world. If we are to call ourselves the wildlife capital of NZ we need to invest and support wildlife initiatives around the city. These include the Peninsular, the wildlife hospital, Orokonui etc...</p>
<p>Keep funding the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital</p>
<p>Do what you can whenever possible. I have been involved with sustainable concepts for 50+ years. There are never perfect solutions but we used that philosophy.</p>
<p>I want Councillors to know that they should behave like Councillors at all times - including having mental opinions on social media.</p>

<p>I have regular cars parking in the road reserve outside my house with people littering, doing drugs and having sex. I have a young family. I have requested the council address the issue and suggesting planting our the road reserve and placing rocks like at Signal Hill and other reserves around town. I have communicated with the office of the CEO of the DCC and there has been a complete lack of action. I am disgusted with the lack of care the DCC has taken in this and as a ratepayer I believe I deserve more from the DCC. I want the Councillors to know that issues I have raised with the DCC both via their help desk and direct email to the assistant to the CEO have been ignored beyond saying "this will be followed up".</p>
<p>Let's continue the work that was started under our previous mayor (Hawkins). Reduce emissions, plan ahead for climate resilience, and support the vulnerable members of our community.</p>
<p>I feel like the coastline is so often overlooked by Council, yet it is a huge asset to so many people. I'd like to propose that we enhance the asset by creating a shared pathway from Smaills Beach to Brighton. Include toilets, bins and hot showers at our most popular surf beaches and improve the quality of the car parking areas at those also.</p>
<p>1) Try to find a balance between the non parking space and (free) electrical public transport. 2) We have to do something with the Harbour front.</p>
<p>Save the Taieri Gorge railway; there is room for both a cycle way in that area and the railway.</p>
<p>The Wildlife Hospital is in crucial need of financial support, I think it would be a huge oversight of the DCC to not support and build in ongoing funding support for the Wildlife Hospital as part of the Long Term Plan. It is a key service that cares for our local wildlife, which is a major tourist attraction for Dunedin and ultimately brings a lot of money to the city. I think it would be worthwhile surveying ratepayers (via a separate survey) in the 10 year plan document around whether the DCC should fund the Wildlife Hospital for the next 3 years from rates.</p>
<p>Please support the wildlife veterinary hospital currently run by Otago Polytechnic. This is an amazing service that deserves to be funded better and we note there is no funding for it in the latest Plan.</p>
<p>I want Councilors to now that we need the DCC to continue to provide funding to the Wildlife Animal Hospital. We are the kaitiaki of our area and as such are obligated to look after our wildlife too.</p>
<p>That you are doing a great job, thank you! But that we need you not to forget the important work of the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital, the positive marketing it has on the region, the important, species-saving work it does with endangered and native wildlife. Please don't overlook it in your plans for funding.</p>
<p>Our road is in serious disrepair. McMaster road saddle hill</p>
<p>Some councillors are there for the customers others are there for themselves. Thank you to those who are there for the customers</p>
<p>Councilors should consider a reset and reveiwe of all DCC activities to determine what should stop/start/remain (more/same/less). Not necessarily about reducing rates but extracting value for the rates collected and ensure new projects are understood by the ratepayers.</p>
<p>I would also like Councillors to know that they should support the wonderful work being done by the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital. Their work is critical for the survival of wildlife in need throughout the south island.</p>
<p>The Peninsula road connection needs to be completed. This includes cycleway/ walkway leading in to the village, beyond Portobello school all the way to the Albatross Colony.The road is falling away in places.</p>
<p>Look and plan ahead</p>
<p>That Dunedin is dying and we need to generate essentials before nice to haves</p>
<p>More activities central to dunedin for kids. A playground similar to Margaret mahy In Christchurch. Playgrounds with water features and high safe climbing structures. In a sheltered location</p>
<p>More investment in skateparks, mountain bike tracks etc</p>
<p>You have given money to the polytechnic to fund the wildlife hospital, they rake in millions in sponsorship, the ratepayers should not be give this any more money, it should be spent on other projects that benifit all of dunedin, not just a few people empire building</p>
<p>I want council to know that work needs to be planned within a finite budget, not developing grand ideas then charging rates to cover the cost!!!</p>
<p>That you need to support your elderly and less mobile by making it easier to get around. Less distances to walk and activities aimed at that age group.</p>
<p>Please include a question in the plan on weather or not the wildlife hospital should be funded by DCC</p>
<p>I want the Council to do a stock take of the projects from the past back to the time of amalgamation in 1989 and follow through with any that have been ignored or side-lined. I have the impression some communities have never benefitted from an equality of services with the old Dunedin City. Imbalances such as these can fester within a community for years. The 'bread and butter' is infrastructure followed by looking after the young and old</p>

and supporting cultural institutions. Doing the basics right and providing good amenities will attract business and population.
The appalling state of the streets in the University area is an embarrassment, there needs to be at least a weekly street sweeper and clean up. It impacts on the City's reputation. The 660 house in Castle Street is now a tourist attraction, heaven forbid what impression visiting Kiwis and Tourists get of our City when visiting that part of town. Dunedin is the Wildlife Capital of New Zealand and the Wildlife Hospital is a big part of keeping the wildlife healthy. Please consider continuing to fund this vital service and also consider how it can be promoted as an asset to the City (which it is) I am a DOC volunteer and see first hand the decline of the Hoiho, the Wildlife Hospital helps support the business that is attached to this Taonga eg Penguin Place and Nature's Wonders. If the Wildlife Hospital is not supported it will affect business, our Tourist dollar and the decline in wildlife. It is so special to have it here. volunteer
We want to support our wildlife, support it with us!!
Presently the Portobello School area is hazardous to children walking or biking to school
You guys don't listen. You have your own agendas. Please start working for all, for your most vulnerable people perhaps
Arts & culture are not just 'nice to have's'. They are key to Dunedin's well-being.
I want safe not shared pathways and cycle lanes as I have a vision impairment
To reinforce my earlier suggestion. Given that environmental, economic and demographic situations are rapidly changing, there is a critical need for a rapid response to affordable housing demand whilst minimising the burden of the rate payer. Community housing schemes based on Tiny Houses on Wheels (THoW) do work elsewhere and with my knowledge of building methodologies, I know that they can be built to be efficient with resources and safe.
The current rubbish collections should be extended to take green waste. I have composting but some things do not compost well in small domestic situations. This is good for the environment
Language matters. Like, if you want people to drive less then stop saying a road is closed when it's actually more open to people than usual (such as during a marathon) Stop calling parking areas that house different transport options "car parks" etc etc. I wonder if what you need is to employ some sort of discourse analyst?
- Stop focusing on GROWTH and POPULATION INCREASE. We don't need it. Growth for growth's sake is the problem environmentally. Instead focus on a vibrant, self-sufficient small city where intelligent business can be done. Where we have food and economic security against coming wars (it is likely there will be a China - Pacific war within our generation and then our imports will be cut off). I think the key to us meeting climate obligations is to stop this focus on growing the city. Instead focus on making it profitably self-sufficient. Also focus on doing the "right" thing with garbage and pollution. Composting. Big Rubbish days so we can recycle within our communities. BIG fines and public punishment for those who litter on our beaches and John Wilson Drive and fly dump. LOOK AFTER OUR WILDLIFE HOSPITAL. It needs funding. Dog ownership. Most dogs are very socialised and good. They provide "green prescription" and social connection for their owners. BUT because of poverty and community deprivation there are more and more dangerous dogs. They are the UNSocialised dogs that don't go out for walks. Dog Control should focus their efforts on these UNSocialised dogs hidden mostly in people's homes. Perhaps a promoted phone number for neighbours and concerned people to call to say "There is a dog on the street who looks a bit scary. Can you give them an educational call and check the fencing is fully secure, that they are not "life chained", that the owners are coping?" Dogs given good lives and treated with responsible care are social. But with the growing poverty and social disconnect, we are getting people on the fringes who shouldn't have dogs. There should be stricter laws here around DOG WELFARE - that dogs are living humane lives, not life chained, getting adequate walks, muzzles if necessary. We don't need all the low level visibility of Dog Control. Focus on WELFARE and PREVENTION.
I would also support specific reference to support for the Wildlife Hospital and other wildlife projects as part of Dunedin's commitment to Environment and Sustainability. There is no mention of wildlife projects anywhere in the initial consultation document. I strongly feel that ratepayers should be given an opportunity to give feedback on financially supporting the Wildlife Hospital in the long term plan consultation process.
With us being the wildlife capital of NZL, we need support for NGOs and businesses who care and promote them Please add a question in the 10 year plan about the DCC allowing rates to be used to support the Wildlife Hospital
Keep things like the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital running. Without this our iconic and vulnerable animals have nowhere to go for specialist treatment. Ensure there is enough funding for for this important area.
that I think the Recue Wildlife Centre should have permanent on going funding. We are unique is what wildlife is in our environment and we need to support their protection and wellbeing
I think that Dunedin should develop the waterfront

<p>We need to get back to core services the level of rates rises is unsustainable. Setting a budget and then deciding how much to charge is the wrong way around. You need to limit rates to inflation and then make best use of the funds available. This is an important mind set shift. Budget first allows "we have to do this" thinking. Somethings that is undoubtedly true but clearly not for everything. For example you could close the library. Is that desirable, is that what people want probably not but it is possible. We should start at zero and work up and do the trade offs. In order to have a library what can we not have. Not lets have all this stuff and see how much we need to charge to get it. The current version of rate setting.</p>
<p>Please ensure facilities like Orokonui Eco Santuary and the Wildlife Hospital continue to provide through their mahi - we are incredibly fortunate to have these special needs places and it would be embarrassing for Dunedin to let thing such as that falter when they should be supported. Please think of our taonga species, and show that thought with positive actions towards biodiversity, and protecting our taonga species for generations to come.</p>
<p>Considering that Dunedin is the Wildlife Capital of NZ, I'm suprised there is no mention of projects and attention given to this subject. I am particularly focused on the amazing work of the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital and would look forward to its continued funding.</p>
<p>There should be more beaches and other areas where dogs are explicitly not allowed (and where this is strictly enforced). This would be of great significance for local wildlife as well as residents like me who are afraid of dogs.</p>
<p>While it's nice to see the environment and sustainability part of this document, I'm surprised there isn't any mention of wildlife, particularly preservation of our native animals. Places like the Wildlife Hospital and Orokonui sanctuary do so much for the nations wildlife, especially given the amount we see around Otago and our coasts.</p>
<p>ratepayers should be surveyed (via a separate question) in the 10 Year Plan document around whether council should fund the Wildlife Hospital for the next 3 years from rates.</p>
<p>Protecting the wildlife of Dunedin and helping to increase the population of the unique animals that call Dunedin home through support of the Wildlife Hospital. The Wildlife Hospital is a unique and crucial organisation to the support of threatened species across the South Island and support should continue.</p>
<p>As a ratepayer I don't want to pay more rates than I currently do but I think we will have to. Aging infrastructure, lack of investment in making Dunedin a vibrant small city will cost us all more in the long term.</p>
<p>Portobello wants there road finished it looks like you don't care, portobello would be the main destination place along that road and you just stopped what you were doing to concentrate on slowing the town and surrounding areas down.</p>
<p>There is no comment re the Wildlife Hospital, to see wildlife cared for and protected in Dunedin. Ratepayers to be surveyed (via a separate question) in the 10 Year Plan document around whether council should fund the Wildlife Hospital for the next 3 years from rates. The Wildlife hospital is an important and necessary facility to our region. We are doing well with working towards a predator free region, our wild life is an important part of where we live so we need the hospital to serve the region. .</p>
<p>Please support the great work of organisations like the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital</p>
<p>I'm missing focus on protecting our wildlife and biodiversity. Dunedin is the Wildlife Capital of New Zealand and we should do more to make sure it stays that way (or improves). I think the DCC should financially support conservation and biodiversity efforts and great facilities that we have here - like the Wildlife Hospital.</p>
<p>I wish councillors to continue to develop the City Portrait, so that the full picture is visible and can be acted on. Food resilience has to be a priority, with locally grown food, which leadss to less food mile emissions, greater health and biodiversity (using agroforestry and permaculture principles).</p>
<p>Skateparks. Destination playground</p>
<p>Our elderly feel unsafe & vulnerable they struggle to navigate around out city Centre & feel unwelcome in town.</p>
<p>a) there hasn't been mention of wildlife projects anywhere in the initial consultation document, which is an oversight for the Wildlife Capital of New Zealand, and that b) ratepayers should be given the opportunity to specifically weigh in on financially supporting the Wildlife Hospital in the Long Term Plan process.</p>
<p>Reducing parking in town will only drive people out of the centre city. Why not encourage people to reduce road trips and flights out of the city and spend holidays in town. We have school kids chanting climate change but then hear of school groups travelling to Dubai to play cricket! Are we trying to reduce carbon emissions or not?</p>
<p>Stop putting in bike lanes, in fact get rid of them. I hardly ever see anyone in the city using them between 10 and 4.00 pmand as a result we have lost masses of parking making it even more difficult for the elderly. The George St one way is another restriction and not necessary. I don't wander down the street - I only go down there now if I have an appointment at the optician and have to get dropped off where before this I could get an early morning appointment and get a park for a 20 min visit but not now. All of my friends say the same!</p>
<p>I don't see any mention of continued funding to support our wildlife. I moved here two years from the US, and chose Dunedin in large part because of the work done to help preserve and protect our wildlife. The Wildlife</p>

Hospital plays an integral role in this, and deserves continued funding. Protecting our natural environment and the wildlife is one of the things that makes Dunedin great. Ratepayers should be given an option to weigh in on whether they specifically support the Wildlife Hospital. With the coming climate changes, our involvement is more crucial than ever to helping prevent extinction of numerous species.

One thing that is noticeably absent in your survey is the commitment to the wildlife of Dunedin. Dunedin is often touted as the wildlife capital of NZ and wildlife tourism brings a huge economic boost to the city. Rather than being ignored it is so important it deserves its own separate category in your survey. Institutions such as the Wildlife Hospital, Penguin Place and Orokonui do a wonderful job and deserve as much support as the DCC can give. The rate payers of Dunedin need to be informed of the true benefit our wildlife brings and be given the opportunity to press for commensurate funding.

Dunedin calls itself the Wildlife Capital of NZ - this message is highly visible to all who arrive via Dunedin Airport. And yet none of the previous sections mentions anything about our local wildlife and/or management of our biodiversity. There is nothing about the value of caring for our high-profile, highly endangered wildlife and how the DCC plans to contribute to ensuring these species can flourish into the future. It's impossible to ignore that without the Wildlife Hospital we wouldn't have Yellow-eyed Penguins today, and the Hospital rescues and saves countless other individuals, native to Aotearoa and resident here in our environs. The DCC should be asking ratepayers in the 10 Year Plan about whether they still wish to support the Wildlife Hospital from their rates. That question should be very clear.

Dunedin waterfront as a priority in the next 10 years!

I am disappointed to see no mention of the DCC's role in the care and protection of wildlife, which is the beating heart of our city and region, and one of the main reasons that so why so many people come to Dunedin. Where else can a visitor see such a variety of mammals, birds and sea creatures. The Wildlife Hospital is particularly important, and there is no mention of this crucial facility. I urge councillors to continue with vital funding for the hospital's important work. It would also be useful for council to survey rate payers in the 10 year plan document, via a separate question, about ongoing funding for the hospital from rates. Our wildlife is precious to our city and coast, and the hospital plays a key role in supporting our toanga.

In terms of the impacts of climate change, I think that it will be increasingly important for wildlife to be cared for and protected in Dunedin. I would like to see ratepayers surveyed (via a separate question) in the 10 Year Plan document concerning whether the DCC should help fund the Wildlife Hospital for the next 3 years from rates.

Please find a way to stop the steadily increasing fees. Its so incredibly challenging to try and provide for your family when everything is increasing at rates far higher than your income is adjusted. Please find a way to ease some pressure.

What about the Wildlife hospital? Why are there no questions specifically about our wildlife and continuing to protect the unique animals living and breeding right here in the city? Ratepayers need to be directly asked if we wish to continue to fund amazing places like the Wildlife Hospital as I personally believe many of our residents do! Please don't forget about important initiatives like this.

There has been no mention in the questions above that specifically relate to our wildlife and Ōtepoti is the wildlife capital of Aotearoa. We need to be looking after our taonga species and making special provision in our long term plan to fund and support local wildlife causes such as the Wildlife Hospital which is a shining light in the care and rehabilitation of our native species. Please ask ratepayers directly if they wish to continue funding the wildlife hospital as they have done for previous years.

Firstly, the previous mayor had the temerity to argue with a submitter who expressed concern that women's only spaces would be preserved in its facilities. It is NOT the role of the council to argue against, express their feelings of hauteur, or criticise what submitters say. And it's doubly offensive when the councillors express luxury beliefs signalling their membership of a class that has no skin in the game. Women's sex-based rights are enshrined in international law and have to be upheld by the DCC. Secondly, this council chose to reprimand a chairman of one of its community boards. The chairman's mandate comes not from the council but from his electors. The reprimand was beyond the powers of this council but has involved the city in a costly exercise the purpose of which is solely to signal the virtuous beliefs of some of the council's members. Ratepayer funding doesn't exist to be used to signal the luxury beliefs of the councillors.

Just because you want to make things cheaper, do it in a considered way that will not result in more costs later on. Cutting grants for example, means that you end up having to pay a contractor to complete the work. Particularly on parks and reserves - our volunteer groups contribute immensely, and these grants save our contractors having to look after these assets.

Wildlife and climate are key. Please look at restricting dogs on beaches where penguins are vulnerable

More pensioner housing for those that do not have their own home. Why do they have to be homeless of living in sub-standard conditions in order to qualify for a Pensioner Home that is in very good conditon

I am proud we have adopted the Zero Carbon Plan.
It is good to see the rock walls being repaired before the road caves in. A step in the right direction.
You are spending too much money on glory projects and are not getting delivering on basic services. Dunedin is a big city. Start looking outside the main centres and the needs of those that are ignored away from the city centre.
Listen to the people. Dont ask for comments and then ignore them. Biild a fit for purpose hospital
Repeating the words of a one of our community board members as 100% agree with them! :The Peninsula Connection, Road Safety Improvement Project has come to a standstill due to a lack of funding. Our community has yet to see the boardwalk built along in front of Coronation Hall, the road widened through past the Portobello school, and the road widening done on Harington Point Road from the Golf Course road through to the Fisherman's wharf. It is absolutely crucial we get these areas done for the safety of everyone. We want our Council to finish projects that have been started before they start spending on new ones.
There is no evidence reducing carbon emissions will stop climate change
Electric passenger rail between Port Chalmers and Mosgiel is an urgent need for environmental, traffic management and quality of life reasons. There needs to be a station at the stadium and in time rail to the airport.
More parks and not so expensive I refuse to shop local because it cost more to park in town then it does to buy online
Spend the money that you have wisely, to the best value.
No one cares about your infighting, just get stuff done to support the community.
Bikes are our future stop pandering to car users.
The council must do the thinking ahead and unpopular boring stuff similar to parents with unruly kids. And that is the point. The council must do it because people, left to themselves, will not rise to the challenge. They will just complain, like unruly kids. So get in there and lead, do what needs to be done for all the people.
More car parks and stop the traffic calming your killing our local economy with no economic plan to back the traffic calming measures.
I am looking for more prudence and less self-indulgence.
Get the network of cycleways all completed and connected urgently.
Dunedin needs to be a livable city. The george st rebuild was a great step. Expand walk-ability in the city further, we need more foot traffic, not carparks.
A little perplexing that 'Creating Our Future Together' is silent on wildlife and the fact that one of our economic drivers is as the wildlife capital of NZ! I've been a volunteer at the dunedin wildlife hospital in the past, is there going to be support for it as we and our native taonga species enter even more climatically uncertain times?
What plans are in place to reduce debt as interest rates remain high.
I like that there is more green in town and
Reduce reliance on private vehicle travel, increase public transport, taking a train to other cities should be the norm not air travel. Public transit should be considered a public service not with intentions to be profitable.
We need transport solutions that don't assume everyone can afford an ebike and is able to ride one. We need park and ride in the suburbs to keep cars out of town and affordable public transport when night workers finish work.
That Dunedin is bigger than the urban area. Its amazingly rich in things to do and visit and it should all be promoted, but focussed on short haul local tourism and as much active modes as possible
Revisit the Malls block traffic by making an exclusive pedestrian zone. Plan for additional car parking building for the new hospital. Move with speed on the Kettle Park Landfill. Removing ditrius up to 10m inland from the Berm. Relocate rugby fields. Reinstate as sand dune.
Rates are far too high and it should be decreasing
The most crucial thing facing us, especially those of us in low lying parts of the city, is climate change, and I urge the Council to prioritise projects which will mitigate and defend us against these effects.
Provide a connection for the public to talk to council.
For those of us on fixed income, we are not a bottomless pit of money. You've wasted a lot of money on vanity projects (George St etc). I don't have money for all the rate increases we're getting, both you and ORC
To retain the Railway to Middlemarch as "Point of difference" for Dunedin to locals and visitors.
I would like Councillors to consider the proposal by DGA to build a Gymnastics centre which will give much grater community benefits than just gymnastics.
Walk down George street and talk to the people and you'll get a good idea of everyone's thoughts on the city.
That the provision of three waters servicing should be widely extended so that unsafe drinking water supplies and individually managed septic systems can be phased out. Developers should be forced to pay for this at any

subdivision. E.g. absolutely outrageous that the school road south subdivision can be allowed to have individual onsite wastewater treatment. Similarly outram.
Sort out the parking in the city. Residents are struggling and visitors aren't appreciating Dunedin as they can't even get into the city centre. It's very sad for Dunedin.
Please do not commit funding to future projects until the current ones are completed. E.g. South Dunedin Library, Peninsula Connection Road Safety Improvements.
St Clair Groynes should be trialled as part of coastal management plan.
Climate change is happening now and Dunedin needs to make decisions to help the community mitigate and have infrastructure in place for the inevitable need to adapt. Community resilience must be paramount - we need new reliable ways to live without consuming as much as we do now. Community gardens and upskilling in horticulture, cycling infrastructure, renewable energy for communities and individual houses, exploration of options for South Dunedin as if predictions are correct (and they have been surpassed so far), it will be under water by 2050. Dunedin needs a strong message from council because division will only hold us back and its scary thinking what the consequences might be.
They need to keep investing in the city. Underinvestment now will lead to bigger problems in years to come. Do what is right for the city, not what you think is good for your political career
We need passenger trains and more cycleways/shared pathways so people don't HAVE to drive, and so those who CAN'T drive can still get around and do interesting things.
Even though its the regional council our public transport needs to be fit for purpose. Smaller, more regular and more efficient public transport solutions. Sick of seeing so many empty large buses clogging up the central city.
Please do an improved waterfront like Auckland and Wellington. Bars, cafes, restaurants. Outdoor heating and blankets.
I want councillors to understand that Dunedin is more than the CBD, as important as that may be. They need to also focus on the needs of the outlying areas as well.
Key-points: Invest in stormwater drainage, it's obvious rainfall's getting worse. Don't penny pinch on UV disinfection, protozoa barriers and other water treatment. Queenstown already shown the consequences. Steady supply of community housing is good, puts some competition into the market. Other people have already mentioned past investment into this. Look into partnerships and opportunities to translate our University's knowledge into economic output. TOP's Ben Peters would be good to talk to. Keep Lan Yuan and the big playgrounds open. Quite fond of those places. Public transport, shared footpaths are always appreciated and the latter quite practical, low maintenance infrastructure.
Make the buses free for everyone! Free buses would be an absolute game changer and make Dunedin a truly awesome city! We should also be investing a lot more in community housing, get building, and buy more land or demolish old houses to build new as needed. And sell the buildings we don't need, Fortune Theatre, Sammys, etc
All new facilities need to include both Languages in all new and old facilities and buildings Don't replace English to Te Reo so our visitors can find their way around
I'm recently mildly disabled and using a walker. If the joins between footpath, kerb and road are not smooth the walker can jam on them which is dangerous for the person using the walker. Why will households need a green waste bin as well as a food waste bin? To my mind they should be put together. A lot of the new build houses, multiple to one site, will not have room for three bins, let alone four
We should not see any co-governance initiatives as a threat. Working together for the greater good is necessary.