

Dunedin Event Calendar 2026

January

18 Brighton Gala Day
18-24 International Hockey Vantage Black Sticks
Summer of Hockey
31-5 Masters Games

February

10-13 International Deer Biology Congress
16-3 Chinese Cultural Festival
2 Chinese New Year
6 Waitangi Day
7 George Street Market
7 Bath Street Eats and Beats
13 Highlanders v Crusaders
20-21 Regent 24 Hour Book Sale
16-21 OUSA Orientation Week
21 Highlanders v Chiefs

March

5,8,11 White Ferns v Zimbabwe
12-22 Dunedin Fringe Festival
13 Otago Polytechnic Graduation
15 Three Peaks Mountain Race
20 Highlanders v Hurricanes
21-22 NZAGS Conference
23 Otago Anniversary Day - Public Holiday
28 Baseline
28 Moana Nui

April

3 Good Friday - Public Holiday
6 Easter Monday
10-11 Otago Rally
10 Highlanders v Brumbies
10-18 Wild Dunedin Festival of Nature
26 Highlanders v Moana Pasifika
25 ANZAC Day

May

9 Highlanders v Waratahs
9 University of Otago Graduation Parade
16 University of Otago Graduation Parade

June

1 Kings Birthday - Public Holiday
19 & 20 Midwinter Carnival

July

4-25 Puaka Matariki Festival
10 Otepoti Matariki Celebrations
10 Matariki - Public Holiday
15-19 NZ Science Festival

August

13 Alan Davies: Think Ahead
14-30 Film Festival
17-19 Wealthpoint Conference
26-28 New Zealand Institute of Forestry Conference
22 University of Otago Graduation Parade
31-3 QuakeCoRE Annual Meeting
31-3 NZSS Football Linwood Tournament
31-5 Rankin Cup and India Shield

September

7 Otago Polyfest
12 ASB George Street Mile
13 Emerson's Dunedin Marathon
15 Southern Sounds
17-18 Master Plumbers Leadership Forum
18 Brighton Backyard Ultra
25-27 NZ Wheelchair Rugby Nationals

October

21 First Cruise Ship
26 Labour Day Public Holiday

November

1 Diwali
9-12 NZ Coastal Society Conference
11 Armistice Day
21 Royal New Zealand Ballet - Sleeping Beauty
20-24 Reconceptualising Early Childhood Education Conference
27-28 Dunedin Craft Beer and Food Festival

December

5 Christmas in the Garden
5 South Island Marching Championship
5 Z Manu Comp
6 Santa Parade
6-10 International Basal Ganglia Society Conference 2026 (IBAGS)
12, 16, 19 University of Otago Graduation parade
25 Christmas - Public Holiday
26 Boxing Day - Public Holiday (observed 28th)
31 New Year's Eve Celebrations

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