Culinary bites

Eat, drink and be merry

Buddha Stix restaurant - Buddha Stix is a vibrant fusion of the energy of Asian culture with the modern romance for fine dining. Vivid with colour and saturated with flavour, Buddha Stix indulges all of your senses to create an intimate and memorable dining experience. Relax and soak up the atmosphere while you sip on one of our classic cocktails and enjoy the best pan-Asian cuisine on offer.

Prohibition Smoke House - New to town and making a splash with its homemade Moonshine, Prohibition Smoke House’s speciality is slow cooking and wood smoking, American style pit grill food using the best quality New Zealand meats. Serving BBQ style food hot off the grill since 2016.

7 St Andrews Street  www.prohibitionsmokehouse.co.nz

The Daily Coffee Co. - Ice ice baby! Visit the new coffee kid on the block in Princes Street; try their new frozen flat whites, whilst listening to their blend of hip curated tunes on Soundcloud.

Buchan & Ralph - Two Dunedin locals hunting for everything that makes our unique and creative city so great. With years of hospo under their belt, and a love of the local culture and cuisine, Charlie and Kat are out to expose Dunedin’s finest experiences. Their pursuit of hidden gems and talent removes the uncertainty that plagues the ‘what to do’ decisions for dining. What’s new, what’s happening and what’s trendy. They place the spotlight on local businesses to showcase the things they do best.

www.facebook.com/Buchan-Ralph-388966294791730/

The Supper Club - Dunedin Food Stories explores the fantastic array of supper venues in the city. If you’re out late and looking for a stylish place to eat in the heart of the city, The Bund and Vault 21 in the Octagon, and Madam Woo and Laneway close by are vying for your attention. Each has their own special take on hospitality after dark, offering a range of Asian and European dishes, and superb original Kiwi cuisine using the best local seafood, meat, vegetables, and even insects. Check out all of Dunedin Food Stories here

www.dunedinnz.com/visit/around-and-about/dunedin-food-stories
**New New New** - A Craft Brew House soon to open in a historic brick stables in Dunedin’s Warehouse Precinct. Opening this Summer, the latest craft brewery will have a retail tap room to sell its fresh brews and flavours made on site, some using a mash filter – a first for a New Zealand craft brewery. Fancy a ‘Fear Not smoked eel stout’?

**Luvit Gelateria** serves up fresh, locally made gelato, smoothies and coffees in the main street of Port Chalmers. Flavours like brandy snap and Pinot Noir grape will get taste buds cranking over the summer months.

**Ocho Chocolate Café** - Dunedin’s artisan bean-to-bar chocolate maker has opened a café in the Warehouse Precinct, alongside their factory. Get a glimpse of the chocolate making production line whilst sampling the uniquely made hot chocolates in the cafe, (you get to choose the strength of your cocoa – 88% Papua New Guinea? Yes please.

**Running Hawker** - “Three ladies, three different Asian cultures, one common goal: we freaking love Asian food, in particular, Asian street food”. Three former students from Otago Polytechnic’s Bachelor of Culinary Arts have set up mobile culinary business. Running Hawker owners Mica Doc, Lucy Lu and Wenting Mere Cheung experiment with traditional Asian street food to create a fusion of tastes and showcase the true flavours and atmosphere of an Asian street food stall.

**Botanical Kitchen** - “We’re so lucky in New Zealand to have access to plants that can make us healthy, but most of us don’t know how to use them.” Penelope Baldwin is a trained naturopath, medical herbalist and holistic nutritionist and is also the founder and creator of Botanical Kitchen, a company that combines herbs and traditional medicine with food. A student of Otago Polytechnic’s Bachelor of Culinary Design, Penelope has plans for integrating botanical and nutritional medicine into everyday fun cuisine selling from an old ambulance. Her product development has started with a type of bitters made from foraged hawthorn berries.
Innov8HQ – Dunedin’s smart business hub

Innov8HQ is Dunedin’s new smart business hub and collaborative workspace, providing a supermarket of resources to house, connect and support businesses through start up, growth and sustainability in the digital age. Located on Level 1 of 123 Vogel Street, in the heart of Dunedin’s Warehouse Precinct, the hub occupies over 370sqm as a single level open plan space, it is a fully interchangeable and digitally enabled with WiFi powered by the Gig, in addition to having its own onsite Wellbeing Clinic, Innvigor8. Residents get access to a plethora of packages and services to profile and promote their brand, as well as access to a global ecosystem of mentors and coaches to support and resource residents in any stage of their business. www.innov8hq.com

Dunedin home to a Living Hub

Gig City is now home to a Living Hub. The Living Hub, based at Dunedin City Library, gives people the chance to experience gigabit technology for themselves and to see what it means for Dunedin.

It showcases the way local organisations and businesses are using the Gig, Gig projects and Dunedin’s tech industry.

It has computer devices with free public access and a multi-screened cube with interactive content. The space is a learning environment, where people can experience interactive, teacher-led classes and trial new technology. www.gigcitydunedin.co.nz

SIGNAL to launch in February

SIGNAL stands for South Island Graduate Network and Laboratories. It is the first collaboration of its kind partnering five South Island tertiary institutes – Ara Institute of Canterbury, Lincoln University, Otago Polytechnic, the University of Canterbury and the University of Otago. As well as producing highly-skilled IT graduates with work-relevant skills, SIGNAL will provide more effective pathways for graduates from IT education into employment.

SIGNAL is now open for enrolments across its four industry-aligned programmes: Educate, Shift, Xtend and Accelerate and will open its doors at two physical locations – 123 Vogel St in Dunedin’s burgeoning Warehouse Precinct and in the Innovation Precinct, Christchurch in February 2017. www.signal.ac.nz

SIGNAL’s big move on SHIFT

SIGNAL, the new South Island ICT Grad School, is excited to announce Shift - a year-long programme for graduates looking to move into an IT career. SIGNAL knows ICT businesses need people with project management, technical writing and high level communication skills in addition to in-depth technical skills. And they need them now. So if you are a recent graduate, someone returning to the workforce, or just looking for a change of direction, then Shift is the programme for you. This is a one year Graduate Diploma for those who want to be a part of this incredibly dynamic industry.

SHIFT SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE! Find out more here: signal.ac.nz/shift
Getting international students Work Ready
Supported by Education New Zealand, Enterprise Dunedin has led New Zealand’s first Work Ready programme in partnership with the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic. Now in its third year the Work Ready programme helps Dunedin’s international students gain the confidence and knowledge they need for successful career development, building on research showing that international students are considering career outcomes and support when choosing where in the world to study. www.getworkready.co.nz

Dunedin Fonebook
The best of Dunedin captured through a phone lens, the DUNEDIN FONEBOOK is a collaboration between gallery owner and up-and-coming photographer Michelle Chalklin Sinclair and cooking class connoisseur and global gourmet Judith Cullen. The hard covered book launched at Christmas time is full of beautiful Dunedin images from a true insider’s perspective and features recipes by Judith Cullen, artwork from five well-known Dunedin artists and photographs taken by Michelle, all on her iPhone.

Sub24 | Dunedin skincare business
Dunedin business Sub24 is a new natural skincare range developed specifically for young skin. Creator Carolyn Armstrong came up with the idea for Sub24 after searching high and low for products that were natural, effective, and free of chemical nasties for her own daughters. In response to an obvious gap in the market she set about creating her own line using active botanicals and high quality ingredients. The building blocks of the range are the natural botanical oils and herbs, and the powerful nutrients they exude into skin, feeding it and allowing the skin to clear and become strong over time.
Visit www.sub24.nz/

Good Food Dunedin
As well as being affordable and nutritious, the food we eat should be good for people, good for the city, and good for the planet. By promoting healthy and sustainable food as part of a thriving local economy, the Dunedin City Council-led Good Food Dunedin project aims to improve the wellbeing of residents and visitors alike, and create a more vibrant, connected and prosperous city. The project will do this in a number of ways:
• supporting and connecting those who share a vision of a thriving and sustainable food city
• protecting high quality land in and around Dunedin, so it can be used for food production
• advocating for environmentally sustainable practices
• making it easy for home-owners and communities to grow their own food
• strengthening our support of local food businesses
• developing and marketing food-related events
• supporting those who are working to ensure that everyone has reliable access to enough food.
To find out more visit the website, www.goodfooddunedin.com.
50th Anniversary for Otago Peninsula Trust
Otago Peninsula Trust, Dunedin’s pioneering ecotourism operator, is celebrating its golden 50th birthday in 2017 with a calendar of commemorations including sharing 50 stories in 50 weeks. The Trust, New Zealand’s first private charitable conservation trust, was formed in 1967 with a mission to preserve and enhance Otago Peninsula for all to enjoy.
http://otagopeninsulatrust.co.nz/

50th Anniversary for Larnach Castle
The third of March 2017 will mark 50 years of restoration and innovation at Larnach Castle by the Barker Family. It will be a year of celebration, acknowledging the work carried out initially by Barry and Margaret Barker and the progress that continues, through a reunion, exhibition, debate and more.
www.larnachcastle.co.nz/Larnach-Castle-50th-anniversary

We are Stars | New 3D show at Otago Museum
Otago Museum’s Perpetual Guardian Planetarium is now the first 3D planetarium in the Southern Hemisphere; with the recent launch of We are Stars - 3D show. Take a journey through time and space and explore the secrets of our cosmic chemistry, in amazing Stereo 3D. Answering the biggest question of all time – where does everything, including ourselves, come from, We are Stars, connects life on Earth to the evolution of the Universe by following the formation of the earliest Hydrogen atoms to the molecules for life today.

Dunedin Segway Tours
This summer Dunedin Segway Tours has launched a selection of tours to discover Dunedin in a uniquely fun and personal way. Visitors can see more and travel further on a Segway, than on foot.

Dunedin Literary Walking Tours
Find out why the great small city of Dunedin is a place where writers, books, and literature thrive. Enjoy stories about famous past and present New Zealand writers - their lives, their work, their LOVE of Dunedin. A leisurely 90-minute walking tour through the stunning historic University of Otago campus (with plenty of photo opportunities) brings these literary stories to life. Tours run from 10.30 – 12 noon every Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday mornings and cost $30 per person.
Dunedin UNESCO City of Literature

- Ruth Arnison and Sheryl McCammon, aka the Step Sisters, are taking poetry to the streets with their Poems on Steps project, which involves painting poems and words on many of Dunedin’s steps.
- An international Creative Cities Symposium will be held in Dunedin at the end of November 2017, supported by the NZ National Commission for UNESCO and in partnership with the University of Otago’s Centre for the Book.
- The Department of English and Linguistics has announced an annual University of Otago City of Literature Doctoral Scholarship.

www.cityofliterature.co.nz

Current exhibition brings Otago Museum textiles to life

In time for iD Dunedin Fashion Week 2017 new Otago Museum exhibition: Current opens Saturday 18 March. The exhibition will showcase the work of nine local designers and artists who have been invited to creatively respond to specific garments from the Museum’s costume and textile collection.

Showing in the Museum’s historic 1877 Gallery, Current will highlight nine pieces from the collection, displaying them alongside the contemporary works by the artists, delivering a visual narrative on ways museum collections can inspire the creative process.

Wilbur Force – down not out

Dunedin filmmaker J. Ollie Lucks is about to complete filming of his feature film debut called The King in the Ring about Dunedin born and bred wrestler William McDougall.

The documentary is about the comedic journey of two best friends who must wrestle their demons and each other in a quest to achieve ultimate happiness. It is based on a 3 minute short film created as part of the Loading Docs Initiative called Wilbur Force, which premiered at the New Zealand International Film Festival 2015 and has raked up more than 300,000 views online. Launching 22 Feb in Dunedin.

China Film Festival | Inaugural festival - March/April 2017

Shanghai Film Festival

Dunedin is proud to host the first China Film Festival in New Zealand which will celebrate the city’s unique relationship with Shanghai. Six new release movies ranging from classical opera in 3D, through crime drama, martial arts and rom com will screen at the magnificent Regent Theatre. Join the Mayor and our special visitors from Shanghai for a public launch in the Octagon from 6pm on Friday, 31 March. Contact Antony Deaker at Enterprise Dunedin for further details on Antony.Deaker@dcc.govt.nz
When Dreams Turn to Gold | DPAG

The Benson & Hedges Fashion Design Awards
18 March – 25 June 2017

Offering glamour, spectacle, opportunity and reward, the Benson & Hedges Fashion Design Awards elevated the profile of New Zealand fashion from the 1960s to the 1990s. The awards offered a platform for design excellence, high style, cultural change and political activism. Featuring garments, photography and film footage, When Dreams Turn to Gold explores the changing face of recent New Zealand fashion through the lens of this prominent award.

1988 After-Five Award, highly commended "L'Bom"
Designed by Lisa McEwan
Model unknown
Photographer unknown
Mayzie Bestall-Cohen Collection. Courtesy of Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand
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Art Ache – First Dunedin event

Art Ache brings NZ's brightest artists to you. This special Dunedin premiere will see 6 of the region's strongest creatives, each featuring hand-picked, exclusive work at affordable, entry level prices ($50 and up). Art Ache is a must for art fanatics and the art curious. Artists will be present on the night – facebook.com/artache.net for more info.

Anything could happen

Anything could happen – an exhibition of fashion and art by Dunedin makers at Yu Gallery, Yu Yan Garden, Shanghai in May 2017

Applications are being sought from the Dunedin arts and culture community to be included in a first ever exhibition of Dunedin arts and fashion in Shanghai. The exhibition is being developed and managed through Enterprise Dunedin in partnership with the Otago Polytechnic School of Fashion and School of Art. Set in the more-than-400-year-old Yu Yuan Garden, the gallery has over 6 million visitors a year and the exhibition will raise the profile and visibility of Dunedin artists and designers to dealers and agents in Shanghai, gaining profile and for their work. The exhibition will also be a platform to promote Dunedin business and studying art and fashion at Otago Polytechnic.
Event-full calendar

**Night Noodle Market - 22-26 February**
For five nights, a range of high-quality food vendors will offer delicious, authentic Asian meals from a hawker-style market in the heart of Dunedin: Kensington Oval. Enjoy the colour, sounds and smells of this vibrant outdoor festival – a must for all food-lovers who want to drink, dine and soak up the atmosphere.

**Bulldogs vs Warriors - 17 March**
The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs to take on the New Zealand Warriors at Forsyth Barr Stadium in round three of the NRL Telstra Premiership on March 17, 2017!

**International Cricket NZ vs South Africa - 8-12 March**
Grab your friends and family to experience the buzz at the University Oval, the costumes, that dad catch from the crowd, and the nail-biting excitement at those crucial crunch points that define tension. www.dunedinnz.com/events/blackcaps-vs-south-africa-1st-anz-test

**Dunedin Fringe Festival 2017 - 9-19 March**
The Dunedin Fringe Festival is the largest festival of its kind in the South Island of New Zealand. A highly anticipated annual 11-day event, the Festival incorporates all art forms and features artists from throughout New Zealand and overseas. www.dunedinfringe.nz

**Portobello Blues Festival - 10-12 March**
The Portobello Blues Festival is a boutique music festival held over three days in the beautiful setting of Portobello, Otago. During the day, open mic sessions, a music workshop, an artisan market and gourmet food trucks. The main concert on Saturday night will feature national and international blues talent. www.portobellobluesfestival.co.nz

**Armageddon Expo - 18-19 March**
The Dunedin Armageddon Expo is back and it is going to be bigger than ever before. #DUNEGEDDON is set to feature an awesome line-up of animation, comic, film and television guests, all the merch your heart desires, the cosplay contest, a Pokemon Go Lure Fest, wrestling and a hot dog eating contest... and that is only the beginning! www.armageddonexpo.com/
iD Dunedin Fashion Week 2017 - 18-26 March
Escape to Dunedin for New Zealand’s premier fashion event - iD Dunedin Fashion Week!

Featuring stand-out designer collections, including high profile international and Kiwi designers alongside a new generation of top design talent from around the world, iD is a must-see on the global fashion calendar. The iD Dunedin Fashion Show features new collections from iconic Kiwi labels alongside top international designers on one of the world’s longest catwalks on the platform of Dunedin’s historic Railway Station. Don’t miss your chance for the country’s best night of fashion!

www.idfashion.co.nz

iD International Emerging Designer Awards 2017 – 23 March
The iD International Emerging Designer Awards is New Zealand’s largest fashion design competition and a highlight of the iD Dunedin Fashion Week. In proud partnership with Otago Polytechnic, the iD International Emerging Designer Awards offers a glimpse of the future with some of the world’s most talented and innovative next-generation designers.

www.idfashion.co.nz

Otago Rally - 7-9 April
Don’t miss the southern hemisphere’s foremost Classic Rally, and NZ’s longest running round of the National Championship. The exciting programme offers plenty of opportunities for spectators to be involved in the action.

www.otagorally.com

All aboard the love train | Middlemarch Singles Dance 2017
The world famous Middlemarch Singles Dance is being held on April 15; singles looking for love or just a great night out take the Taieri Gorge rail journey through stunning scenery to Middlemarch from Dunedin for the biggest event on the Middlemarch social calendar. A good time is promised for all, fun in the form of a live band playing contemporary country rock, a continuous spit-roast supper and maybe meeting the love of your life - what else could you want? Limited to 700 tickets which always sell out keep up with updates here www.middlemarch.co.nz

Wild Dunedin Festival -21-25 April
Dunedin is New Zealand’s wildlife capital so come join us for a myriad of activities and events celebrating nature and conservation during the Wild Dunedin Festival—take a walk on the wild side this April. A wide variety of activities will be on offer including talks, open days, children’s programme, conservation events, guided walks, exhibitions and public participation at their attractions.

www.wilddunedin.nz

Dunedin Writers and Readers Festival - 9-14 May
Dunedin Writers and Readers Festival 2017 will host an array of writers and events from 9-14 May 2017. As befits a UNESCO City of Literature, Dunedin’s festival will showcase an amazing line-up of writers, from New Zealand and further afield. www.dunedinwritersfestival.co.nz