

A local railway buff is working on a replica model of the Clyde railway station as it was in the days of steam trains.

Bob Allen has spent a solid month working on the 2m model for display in the station. It also includes the turntable, railway tracks and various railway buildings in the vicinity.



Building the model was something of a challenge for Mr Allen because he usually works on a much larger scale (1:32) and this one is 1:20. Mr Allen says he is "quite proud of what I've done", but still has some work to do before it is finished.

Presidents Gather

Promote Dunstan's first president, on a flying visit to Alexandra, caught up with members at their recent late, late Christmas lunch.

Selar Henderson, president from 2003 to 2008 is now based in Brisbane as head of business development for Cornucopia Consultancy which specialises in fundraising.

Selar was the former owner of the Blues Bar in Clyde and then the Blues Lounge in Alexandra. He went to Wellington in 2008 where he spent five years with the World Wide Fund for Nature. His brief time in Central was spent catching up with friends.



Past and present leaders of Promote Dunstan. (L to R) Selar Henderson, Clair Higginson (acting president 2008-2009) and current president Rory Butler.

Market Celebrates Clyde's Children.

Next month's Clyde On Sunday market will highlight what some of our pre-schoolers are up to. Playcentre Awareness Week will be celebrated by our local branch with a children's activity day at the market on March 8 at the Railway Station reserve.

This is the final monthly market of yet another successful season so do go along to enjoy the kids, the stalls, the food and the live music.

TrustPower is calling for nominations for its annual TrustPower Central Otago District Community Awards. Entries close on Friday, March 27. Entry forms can be obtained from the council office or downloaded from www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards.



Historic Clyde Church on the Market

One of Clyde's heritage buildings, St Michael's Anglican Church, is to be put up for tender by the Anglican Diocese Trust Board in Dunedin.

The sale has been forced on the church because it can no longer afford to maintain the 137-year old building due to a decline in parishioner numbers.

The Anglican Church in Omakau is also to be sold. Reverend Ross Falconer of the Dunstan Parish says the decision to sell St Michael's was made with incredible sadness and extreme reluctance.

"It is the oldest church in our parish and is a beautiful historic building on a wonderful site," he said, "but unfortunately the Anglican Church is not in the business of being a preservation society: it doesn't have the money."

The Rev Falconer says the decision to sell was made several months ago after a "good gathering" of parishioners held a special meeting in Clyde and approved the sale.

However, three people who attended, Kath Hughes and Jolyon and Enny Manning do not agree with the pending sale: "We felt we were manipulated at the meeting," Mr Manning says.

The Rev Falconer fully understands their opposition but says the sale of churches by various denominations is happening throughout the country as parishioners dwindle and maintenance costs escalate.

Fewer than 12 people attend services at St Michael's and the church closes in winter because the building is too expensive to heat.

The church would like to see interested parties form a trust or business to use the grounds and the building which could be an art gallery, a music conservatory or a wedding chapel with a reception centre built in the grounds.

Anglican Diocese trustees have been discussing the sale with several real estate agents and the property will be offered for tender within the next week or so. For inquiries contact Graeme Sykes, Diocesan Manager in Dunedin. (see inside for more).

Fire Risk Remains Extreme

The message from the Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade is "Do not even think of lighting fires outside."

Fire Chief, Richard Davidson says it is unbelievably dry in spite of rain that fell recently and total fire ban remains in force.

"We've been very lucky," he says. "We've only had about 10 calls but several of those were to fires started by people using public barbecues".

Gas barbecues can be used but people are being warned to take extreme care.



Kath Hughes, Enny and Jolyon Manning and the Rev Carol Masters after last Sunday's service.

St Michael's Church was opened and consecrated by the Bishop of Dunedin in October, 1877, six months after construction began of the stone building. The early English Gothic style church replaced a corrugated iron shed that had been used as a place of worship since 1863.

The church and the schist stone wall around the grounds both have a category two listing with Heritage New Zealand (formerly NZ Historic Places Trust).

The Diocese trustees have set some conditions around the sale including the future of the columbarium, along the front of the church. This is where the ashes of more than 20 former parishioners are interred. Tenders must offer a plan which satisfies the Diocese to ensure it is treated with respect, allowing relatives and others to visit the plots and, possibly, continue to allow ashes to be placed there.

Other aspects potential buyers need to be aware of are that the church has not been assessed for earthquake risk and there are three sections on one title which the Diocese cannot afford to have surveyed.

Glowing Report for Playcentre

Staff and parents involved in the Clyde Playcentre are delighted to receive a positive report from a recently completed review by the Education Review office.

The report praised the Playcentre for its environment, opportunities, relationships and education team available to the children.

It also signalled that the centre is well placed to promote positive learning outcomes.

The Playcentre is open to children from ages 0-6 and offers three free sessions to all newcomers. For more information go to : www.Playcentre.org.nz or email ClydePlaycentre@gmail.com



Ethan Udy an his mum, Rebecca Thomas getting toys ready for water play activity.

New Developments at Olivers

Two former Clyde residents are returning to help establish a major new development in the town.

Olivers restaurant will re-open next month, for the first time in about nine years, under the guidance of top Dunedin chef and former restaurateur, Michael Coughlin.

At the same time the first batch of beer to be brewed in modern-day Clyde is scheduled to take place at the Victoria Store Brewery, a new addition to the Olivers complex in the historic precinct.

The brewer is Grant Radka, Clyde-born and schooled, who is moving from the West Coast Brewery in Westport where he was chief brewer.

Andy Ritchie, of Olivers, describes it as incredibly exciting that both men wanted to come back and settle in Clyde and were keen to be part of the development of the town.

Central Otago SPCA is desperately seeking volunteers to help run its Op-Shop in Alexandra. If you can help, please contact Shirlene Steel on 4492320 or 0274 361028.

War Memorial Clean-Up

All hands to the fire hose was the rallying cry of half a dozen members of the Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade last Sunday (15.02.15) on the first of several working bees to clean the war memorial monument.

The brigade volunteered to clean up the grounds as well as the monument (unveiled in 1920) in time for this year's Anzac ceremony which commemorates 100 years since the landing on Gallipoli.

Fire hoses were used to blast a heavy growth of moss from the concrete, followed by water blasting using two generators supplied by Contact Energy.

There was also some hand-scrubbing of the monument's marble and granite components while the limestone sections were carefully hand-sanded ready for sealing.

The fence is also receiving attention with the cracks filled with grout and sanded ready for repainting with a long-lasting paint.



was so highly-respected that the town closed down on the day of his funeral which was attended by more than 200 townspeople.

Mr Stark is restoring Campbell's grave which is in the top right corner of the cemetery.

Historian Investigates old Grave

A small but appreciative audience gathered at the Clyde Historical Museum in January to learn more about the man who is buried in Clyde Cemetery's oldest surviving grave.

Wayne Stark came across the grave of Donald Kisson Campbell who was just 36 (the grave-stone age of 56 is incorrect) when he died after a three-day illness in December, 1863.

A Clyde businessman with a large shop, he was so highly-respected that the town closed down on the day of his funeral which was attended by more than 200 townspeople.

150 Years Ago - February 1865

" Our Hospital and School Committees are in a great fix for want of funds; the latter were (sic) promised many months ago £700 wherewith to build a school house; the money is now most anxiously wanted as the building which has hitherto been used, is required for other purposes." (Otago Daily Times)

Engineer Needed to Save Heritage Building.

Efforts to preserve an old stone building in Matau Street (behind the Bridge Club) have paused because finding a conservation engineer to assess the building is proving difficult. Promote Dunstan and the Bridge Club have been working together on this project and now have a conservation plan but an engineer needs to look at how the structure of the building can be reinforced in a way that is compatible with its heritage status.

The building is something of a mystery. It was constructed before 1890 and originally did not have a plaster facade.

We know more about what it was not, than what it was. It was not the Bank of NSW, which was on Sunderland St, and can be seen there in early photographs. It was not a hotel – the hotel inscription was added when the building was used for the film *Illustrious Energy* in 1987-88.

We know that in 1863 the land was owned by the Crown and the first Clyde School was built on the Sunderland Street frontage. The school moved to Blyth St in 1865 and, seven years later, the site was purchased by John Cox, the proprietor of the Port Phillip Hotel. He might have built the stone building to extend the hotel accommodation.

Fire destroyed the Port Phillip hotel but it was replaced in 1903 by the Commercial Hotel, later called the Dunstan Hotel. The old stone building remained the property of the hotel until 1951 when it was bought by Clyde resident, Rex Stevens, who used it as a storeroom. He built a draper's shop (now the Bridge Club) after the school building was demolished in 1951.

The old stone building in Matau Street is part of Clyde's early history and is within the historic precinct. Both Promote Dunstan and the Bridge Club are keen to preserve the old building and as time goes by, it is showing more signs of deterioration.

If you know anything about the building or know of a conservation engineer who could provide advice, please let Karin Bowen know : karin@bowen.net.nz or ph 03 448 8408.

Brand New and Ready to Brew!

Brand new and ready to go: The craft brewery at Olivers expects to begin brewing its pilsener, called The Stonemason, possibly as early as next week. The beer on tap at Olivers has been brewed until now by Invercargill Brewery to Olivers' recipe.

The two beer tanks each hold 1200 litres and a range of styles including pale ale, porters and IPAs is planned.



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New Features for Clyde's Anzac Day.

The Anzac service in Clyde on April 25 later this month will be a little different from those in previous years.

The Alexandra-Clyde RSA has organised two services to commemorate the Anzac landing in Gallipoli 100 years ago, and, weather permitting, a flyover by an unusual aircraft.

RSA spokesman Kevin Harding says a special service will be held at 7am on the lookout above the town just below the Clyde-Alexandra highway. People can gather at the foot of the hill at the dam end of Clyde around 6.30am. Guest speaker is District Councillor Tim Cadogan.

That service will be followed at 8.30am by the traditional ceremony at Clyde's cenotaph in Matau Street. The parade will assemble at Clyde school at 8.15am and march to the cenotaph for a service which will be addressed by Navy Captain, Jim Gilmore of Wellington.

It is during this service that local man Nigel Forrester will fly over the Clyde Dam and down the Clutha River in his homebuilt replica of a 1915 German Fokker fighter plane – but only if the weather conditions are right.

Mr Harding says this there is a heavy emphasis on involving young people in the Clyde and Alexandra services with all schools taking part as well as the Air Cadet Training Corps.

Family Favourite on Stage

It's that time of year again when the Clyde Theatre Company is about to present another fabulous show.

This year's choice is one of television's best loved comedies and cast of characters – *The Vicar of Dibley*. The season runs between May 1 - 8.

With an experienced cast of eight working under the direction of Joy Ramsay, the play promises its audiences a load of laughs.

Tickets are on sale from April 16 at Floorpride Carpets in the Ennis street car park (across the road from The Warehouse in Alexandra).



Signs of deterioration: the base of the wall has been pushed in by a tree that was growing against it. Other walls are also in need of straightening.



Recollections of Early School Days in Clyde

Arriving in Clyde by steam train every day to attend primary school is one of the vivid memories of 89-year-old Faye Lunn.

Mrs Lunn shared those and other memories at a gathering at the Clyde Historical Museum in Blyth Street last week.

Her grandparents, Margaret and William Annan, planted the first commercial orchard in the Clyde district in 1902; her father later planted an orchard in the gorge about six km from Cromwell. Mrs Lunn caught the train from the Waenga siding near their orchard and more pupils were picked up on the way down to Clyde school.

"It easily took three-quarters of an hour to get to Clyde," she said. "We had to leave school early to catch the train going back. It used to give a toot down the line and we knew we had to run to the station to catch it. There was a water tank about 200 yards from the station where the train stopped and sometimes we caught the train there."

She remembers the stone buildings of the original Blyth Street school. "There was a lovely stone wall around the school and our school bell was encased in a frame – it was really something to ring the bell."

The headmaster was Billy George, known as 'Old Billy', and her first teacher was Miss Alice Bodkin who taught her father.

"She seemed to be very old when she taught me," Mrs Lunn said. "She also taught us to darn – I used to be a beautiful darning."

Mrs Lunn trained as a nurse in Dunedin but it was in Clyde, at a Fruitgrowers Ball "where everyone got dressed up to the nines" where she met her future husband, Bert. They were married in 1949; the same year he was selected as an All Black.

The couple were living in Dunedin when Mr Lunn retired in 1986. "I cried when he said we were going to live in Alexandra but I wouldn't leave it now if you paid me."

Footprints In Time – Your Suggestions

Promote Dunstan is looking at adding to its current collection of bronze plaques set in the pavement in Clyde's historic precinct. The group funded 20 plaques which were laid in 2014. They have been very popular with locals and visitors stopping to read them. The group would welcome your suggestions for more names for future plaques but there are some conditions.

The plaques need to be for people who have made an outstanding or a meaningful public contribution to the Clyde community and the town's development (both past and present). This could be in an official capacity – such as serving on local committees or in an unofficial capacity such as Fleur Sullivan and her original development of Olivers.

Candidates might have also been those who have achieved a level of notoriety which is of historical interest.

To qualify, the contribution to Clyde needs to be more than a length of residency in the town or a business owner who has not made a contribution to the community or development of Clyde.

Wine and Food Harvest Festival



It was an exceptional year – not only for the wine harvest but also for the annual festival in Clyde held on April 5.

The weather was kind and up to 4-thousand people enjoyed tasting wines from 21 local wine companies and food from 24 stalls each of which had an amazing variety of food for sale.

Promote Dunstan wishes to thank those residents and businesses who again gave support to hold this event. We know it can be a nuisance but, hey, – it is only once a year and it brings enormous economic benefit to the town and the region.

FOUND at the Wine and Food festival – A woman's black cardigan. Please ring 449 2119 to collect. If not claimed, it will be donated to the SPCA Op Shop.

Students to the Rescue

Stone mason students attending courses at the Otago Polytechnic's Cromwell campus have come to the rescue in Clyde.

The District Council contacted the Polytechnic after part of the schist stone wall near the entrance to the Briar Herb Museum fell down recently.

The group of students spent three days rebuilding the wall which is now as good as new.

Clyde Winter Bowls

The heavy snowfall the other day was a timely reminder that winter is hovering in the wings which means the Clyde Bowling Club is busy organising its winter programme.

The season starts on Monday, May 4 and if you want to take part, we suggest you act now before you miss out.

Contact Lynn McArthur : Ring 449 2617 or email the.mcarthurs@xtra.co.nz

150 Years Ago – April 1865

"The securing of a water supply to the town of Clyde appears as far from being settled as ever considering the large area of purchased land, and the sums paid for it. ... In the case of a fire we should be in a very awkward predicament, our property would be destroyed without means of saving it.... We also require water for sanitary purposes, more so in this dry dusty part of the country than any other. .. It is greatly to be regretted that the Dunedin people don't pay a little more attention to up-country affairs than they are in the habit of doing, seeing that so much upon the prosperity of the one depends on that of the other. " Otago Daily Times, April 7, 1865.



The Clyde Outlook provided a fitting venue for almost a thousand people at a moving Dawn Service on ANZAC day with the spectacular sunrise recalling when the troops landed at Gallipoli.

Bookings Open for Mid-Winter Market

Stallholders who would like to take part in the Clyde Playcentre Mid-Winter Market are being advised to book their spaces.

Spokeswoman, Lisa Hill, says stall sites are limited and she suggests stallholders should get in early if they want to be part of the annual event.

The market draws large crowds including many families with young children, locals and people who like to browse at markets. There'll also be food and cake stalls, raffles, and kids entertainment.

The market runs from 10am-2pm on Sunday, June 28 at the Clyde Memorial Hall. Stalls are \$20 each and tables are available for an extra \$5.

Contact Lisa Hill on 02261 52233 or lisahillnz@hotmail.com



Did you lose this? Ring 4492119 to claim it.

Comedy Delights Audiences

The vehicles packing the streets around the Clyde Community Hall told the story: it was full houses for the Clyde Theatre Group's latest production, *The Vicar of Dibley*.

A strong cast under the direction of Joy Ramsey brought the popular British TV series to life and a clever script provided a load of laughs for the appreciative audiences.

The production team should also take a bow, especially the set changers who worked hard between numerous scenes shifting props and backdrops.

Correction - in our last issue we referred to Tim Cadogen as a member of the Central Otago District Council. Mr Cadogen is a former member of the Vincent Community Board.



Clyde Historical Museum in Blyth St and the Briar Herb Museum in Fraser St have closed for winter. They will reopen in October.

A Towering Challenge for Clyde Fire Fighters.



Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade's first team to enter the annual Sky Tower Challenge.

From left : Tim Paulin, Wayne Hill, Murray Petrie and Peter Robertson.

Four Clyde fire fighters are in the last stages of training for one of the toughest endurance challenges in New Zealand.

The team will be competing in the Auckland Sky Tower Challenge on May 23 against 750 fire fighters from throughout New Zealand.

Team members Tim Paulin, Wayne Hill, Peter Robertson and Murray Petrie will race up 1103 steps (51 floors) dressed in full fire-fighting gear, including breathing apparatus which weighs 25kg.

The team is at a slight disadvantage because it missed out on the first ballot, but was included after a late cancellation. This meant the team had some catch-up training to do and they've been practising on steps at Clyde Dam and are confident they'll be okay.

The competition is tough: the record is just under nine minutes. But winning is not the main thing for them: they will be happy just to complete the challenge.

The Clyde Volunteer Fire brigade has supported its team by contributing to air fares and accommodation. The Sky Tower Challenge, now in its 11th year, is a fundraiser for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand, and the Clyde brigade has raised about \$1500 for the charity.

Other fire-fighting teams from Central Otago are also competing in the Challenge.

Public Meetings Over Hospital Funding Cuts

Communities in Central Otago and the Upper Clutha are being urged to attend meetings called by Dunstan Hospital to let the public know what proposed cuts to its funding will mean.

The Southern District Health Board wants to slash \$1m from the hospital's budget in spite of the increased demand for the services it provides.

Hospital management says the cuts will have a major impact on the community including the loss of up to half of its patient beds, patients having to be transferred to other hospitals, staff cuts and the likelihood that outpatient services will also suffer.

The local meeting will be held in the **Alexandra Community Theatre, Skird St on Wednesday, May 20, at 7.30pm.**

Station Tenants Seek

Resource Consent

The operators of a cycle hire business have applied for resource consent to operate from the Clyde Railway Station.

Shebikeshesbikes was given the go-ahead by the Vincent Community Board in March to lease the station subject to resource consent. The family-owned business intends to hire bikes, sell associated products and souvenirs and to set up an art gallery. It will occupy about half of the heritage building, the remainder housing railway memorabilia provided by the Clyde Historical Museum.

Shebikeshesbikes operates out of Omakau and has been involved in rail trail tourism cycling for five years.

Submissions on the resource consent application close on May 28.

Mirrors For Public Toilets

Mirrors are about to be installed in Clyde's public toilets as soon as painting is completed.

Two stainless steel mirrors measuring 45cm x 60cm and each costing \$220 have been purchased by Promote Dunstan for the toilets.

Promote Dunstan president, Rory Butler says that this will improve the toilet facilities not only for locals but also for the increasing numbers of tourists discovering the attractions of Clyde.

Heritage Panels Installed

Detailed information about the historic Clyde cemetery is now available to visitors following the recent installation of a heritage panel.

It is the second panel in a series of 12 to be completed in a major project by Promote Dunstan. The first panel, with details about the old Alexandra bridge, was erected recently in an area of the car park overlooking the bridge.

The panels are designed to complement the *Dunstan Self-Drive Heritage Trail* brochure which was published by Promote Dunstan several years ago. It follows a trail from the Clyde cemetery to St Bathans including Moa Creek, Galloway Station, Alexandra Bridge, historic features on Earnsclough Rd and into Clyde.

The panels were researched and written by Promote Dunstan member Louise Joyce, designed by local artist, Maxine Williams, and will be installed at most of the places described in the brochure by Shane Hilton of Hilton Signs.

Shane Hilton and Maxine Williams install one of Promote Dunstan's panels in the Clyde Cemetery



The underpass takes shape on schedule

The views seen from the windows of a train carriage while the other could show a view of the train and its passengers from the outside. The suggestion is still being considered by the school.

In the meantime, construction of the long-awaited underpass started in April and is expected to be finished on schedule at the end of June.

The underpass will connect Clyde with the railhead and will mean cyclists and pedestrians will no longer have to try to cross a busy state highway.

Mural Suggested for Underpass

Dunstan High School has been asked if its art students could paint two large murals on either side of the Clyde underpass currently under construction.

The idea of a mural was suggested to Promote Dunstan which discussed the concept at its recent meeting. The group thought that the high school students should be given the chance to paint the mural as a school project.

In keeping with the Rail Trail theme, it has been suggested one mural could show



Bishop Kelvin Wright and Rev Lois Hurd-McKee outside St Michael's church

Trust to Manage St Michael's Church.
A call for people interested in forming an organising committee for Clyde's historic Anglican church has been made by the Bishop of Dunedin, the Rt Rev Dr Kelvin Wright.

St Michael's of All Angels, the earliest established church and the oldest church building in the area, was put on the market in March by the Otago and Southland Anglican diocese. But there was a change of heart and it was decided to instead turn it into a spiritual retreat and community hub.

Dr Wright says the organising committee will need a wide range of skills and resources. Its main job will be to set up a trust to manage the retreat.

Dr Wright hopes that the exterior of the church will remain the same, but inside, the pews would be removed to create areas for workshops. The Sunday school hall would become accommodation for about six people and, at a later stage, cottages would be built in the grounds. The church will not be consecrated.

If you are interested, send your CV and other details to Bishop Kelvin Wright, Anglican Diocese of Dunedin, PO Box 13170, Green Island, Dunedin.

Clyde Team Meets the Challenge

It was tough going, but they made it.

The team of four from the Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade not only completed the marathon run up Auckland's Sky Tower but also came 38th out of the 85 teams which competed.

Murray Petrie, Peter Robinson, Wayne Hill and Tim Paulin joined 750 fire fighters from throughout New Zealand for the challenge in late May.

Dressed in full gear and carrying a breathing apparatus weighing 25 kg, the team raced up 1103 steps and admitted to being somewhat hot and sweaty when they reached their goal, 51 floors up.

The fastest team was the Otara Fire Brigade and the fastest Central Otago team was Alexandra in 16th place.

It's the first time Clyde has entered a team and it seems fairly certain it won't be the last.



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Murals for Clyde Underpass

Dunstan High school students are eager to share their artistic skills with the community with the school accepting the offer to paint murals on the walls of the Clyde underpass.

The idea came from the Rail Trail Trust which suggested Promote Dunstan could take it up as a community project. The school was asked if its art students would like the chance to work on the murals.

Shelley Sanders, of Dunstan High, says her senior pupils are very keen and there is also a group of juniors interested in the project.

One suggestion is that one mural might be a view from inside a railway carriage looking out the windows at the view showing cyclists, people, and orchards. The other mural would be of the carriage or train and its passengers from the outside.

Permission needs to come from the New Zealand Transport Authority which owns the underpass and its Central Otago manager, John Jarvis, believes there will be no problem provided the District Council and the community agree with the idea.

So, what do you think? We need to give the NZTA and the council an idea of community support, so **PLEASE email us at: lojo.rico@extra.co.nz or phone 449 2119.**

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Rory Butler, President of Promote Dunstan, takes the first selfie reflected in the new mirror in the refurbished Clyde public toilets.

Congratulations to Clyde

By the time most of you read this issue of the *Dunstan News*, the Clyde underpass, on the corner of Springvale Rd and State Highway 8, will have been officially opened. (Friday, July 24). Although it has been in use for the past couple of weeks while finishing touches were made, its official opening marks the end of an eight-year community campaign to install the underpass. Good on you, Clyde.

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Resource Consent Granted

The cycling business, Shebikeshbikes, has been granted resource consent to lease Clyde's railway station.

The building is expected to be ready for occupation in September. Electricity will be connected early in August and the council is looking at installing a power box at the front of the station after receiving a request from Promote Dunstan.

President, Rory Butler says a power box would mean Promote Dunstan and other groups could hold events requiring power in the reserve.

Clyde Identities

Des Paulin, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, is best described as one of Clyde's hard cases. He can entertain for hours with tales about people, his family and his youth spent in a Clyde very different from what we know today. A true raconteur, many of his reminiscences reveal a wicked sense of humour. We don't have space to tell them here, but rest assured they have been taped for posterity.

Des was born in Cromwell (there was no maternity home in Clyde then) to Noel and May Paulin, the eldest of five boys. His parents met after his father was sent from Dunedin to Central Otago for his health. "In those days," says Des, "everybody who showed signs of TB (tuberculosis) was sent to Central, and Clyde was full of those people".

Noel Paulin was wounded at Gallipoli, served in

France and came home after the First World War to become an orchardist on land across the river from Clyde. The extended family is still in the fruit business.

"They were mixed orchards in those days, a few apples, cherries, peaches, nectarines and plums. Because my old man died when I was 21 we sort of had to stay at home and look after the orchard. So we didn't really have a chance to get out in the world."

He would have preferred to have gone farming, but eventually owned his own orchard in Strode Rd, now run by his daughter Kathleen and her husband. He remembers the bitterly cold winters when pruning had to stop because they couldn't see the buds for hoar frost and he talks of the terrible conditions people worked in while frost-fighting using pots filled with crude oil. He and a brother used to sleep out in a hut and he talks about waking up to icicles on his pillow.

He recalls buying meat from the butcher's shop in Matau St in the days when there was no refrigeration – "in the hot weather they had to kill the sheep in the morning and sell it that day just about" – and when Clyde had three hotels, the present one, Dunstan House (then called Dunstan Hotel) and Hartley Arms.

"The policeman was very busy after hours. He'd raid the top one, everyone would whizz down to the bottom one and he'd raid the bottom one and they'd all go to the top one again."

Des remembers the old miners, many of whom lived in huts or camped down in Miners Lane and also the tunnels across the river which he and friends explored.

"On Sundays, us kids used to go there. Our mums would have had a fit if they'd known, because none of them were shored up. And we'd see if they left any gold behind. We never found any, though."

Des is well known for his long association with the Clyde-Earnsclough Rugby Club as a player, coach, manager and supporter. He is the club's patron and a life-member.

Although retired, Des worked at the family orchards doing odd-jobs until he turned 80. "Once I got to bloody 80 they seemed to think I was a silly old bugger and they all sacked me. I wasn't very impressed with them really."

These days, Des spends time at the bowling club (he started when he was 50) and in summer tends his vegetable garden where he grows "a lot of pumpkins".

Our very best wishes to you Des – the *Dunstan News* is looking forward to celebrating your one hundredth birthday.

Fifty Year's Service in Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade Recognised

Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade has an amazing record of long service awards earned by its members. Since the brigade became a member of the United Fire Brigade Association in 1906, it has been

awarded 11 gold stars for members who each served 25 years.

Now the brigade is proud and thrilled to celebrate the award of another long service award – this time, the gold medal for 50 years service by the Chief Officer, Richard Davidson.

It is only the 129th gold medal awarded in New Zealand since 1906.

Clyde hall was packed for the ceremony earlier this month with 120 people celebrating Mr Davidson's achievement.



Chief Fire Officer is flanked by his fellow brigade members as he is escorted into the Clyde War Memorial Hall by Carole Haig. (Photograph by Donald Lamont)

Well Deserved Recognition

The Dunstan Golf Club's efforts to upgrade the machinery needed to look after the course have paid off. The Southern Turf Managers Association recently judged the club as having the best presented course in the Southern region for 2014.

Vice-president Barry McCall says it is an amazing achievement and a recognition of the work put in by the club's greens superintendent, Scott Nevill, and the many volunteers who have maintained and improved the course over recent years. The next fundraising project is to build a shed to house the machinery.

The club is currently planning its men's two-day tournament, the Dunstan Classic, to be held on August 15 & 16. Entry forms will be available soon.

Clyde Lookout Track

Maintenance and tidying up work has been carried out on the track leading to the Clyde Lookout. New steps have been installed and the pathway has been gravelled, graded and compacted.

Planting for Future Generations.

Clyde Primary School is taking part in a community venture to help establish native plants around the town.

Six senior pupils along with principal, Doug White, spent an afternoon earlier this month with volunteers from the Community Nursery potting up 80 Kowhai tree seedlings.

Pupils have already helped plant native species at the head of the millennium track just under the Clyde Bridge but they have taken that a step further.

Anna Robinson, a member of Central Otago REAP's Enviroschool programme says the idea is to give students the opportunity to be involved with restorative planting from the propagation stage to planting out.

"The planting afternoon has given the school a further boost of inspiration and motivation to continue with its native plantings around the school," she says. "It also strengthens the link with community action, which is great to see."



Kowhai planting team from left to right: Kirsty Hayward (parent), Emily Wellstead, Peyton Robertson, Grace Tohill, Brianna Robertson, Neave McHugh-Smith, Doug White (principal), Chloe Robertson.

John Holland – 1925-2015

The family of former Clyde resident, John Holland, has brought him back to be buried alongside his wife Clarice and son, Terry, at Clyde Cemetery.

Mr Holland died in Oxford, Canterbury, last month. His mobile home was used as a hearse containing his coffin built by two of his grandsons from a tree felled on his Oxford property.

Born in Dunedin, Mr Holland moved to a 16ha property on Earnsclough Rd where he ran dairy cattle, as well as an orchard and market garden. He moved into Clyde in 1962, resuming his former trade as a builder, constructing many houses in the town and also worked on the Clyde dam.

Mr Holland was a trainer at the Clyde-Alexandra boxing club (in the Matau St stone building) and was a keen amateur athlete competing in masters grade for many years.



New Wines Available for Tasting

The annual tasting of new releases from vineyards in the Alexandra-Clyde basin takes place in Clyde next month. The tastings started seven years ago with a handful of local wine producers offering their new season's wines. This year more than 20 producers will have 50 varieties of red and white wines available from grapes grown in the area.

The tastings will be on Sunday, October 25 in Olivers Garden between 1-4pm. Entry is \$25 and, with the free tastings, stalls will also provide locally produced cheeses and crackers to nibble on. Olivers Restaurant plans to have a stall in the garden selling food.

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Official Opening of Restored Railway Station

It has taken ten years of planning, negotiation, inspections, and fund-raising but Clyde's 1907 railway station is finally ready for its new life.

To mark the occasion Promote Dunstan is planning a grand community afternoon tea. Everyone is invited to come along and inspect the building and its interior including the public area which will contain railway memorabilia sourced from the Clyde Historical Museum.

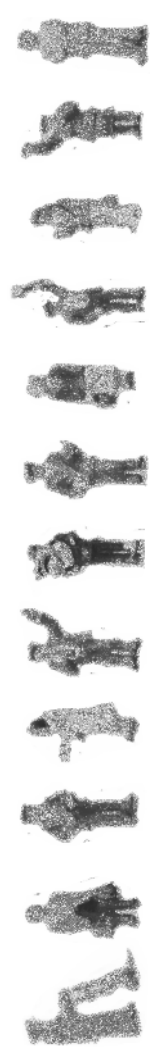
There'll also be a model of the railway station and the surrounding area which has taken local model-maker, Bob Allen, many, many hours to complete.

The opening will also mark the new direction the station is taking. It remains a transport hub but no longer sells train tickets. Its new occupants, SheBikesHeBikes, will sell tours and hire bikes to visitors who want to cycle the rail trail.

The Heritage New Zealand category two building had badly deteriorated over the years and cost more than \$90,000 for a conservation plan and the restoration work.

The opening is on Saturday, October 10 from 2pm and there'll be some words from a few people who have worked on the project as well as refreshments for both children and adults.

The people below will be attending the opening just as we hope you will too. They are about one cm high and they, and their friends, will populate the model of the station.



Clyde Information Panel Installed

Artist, Maxine Williams and Otago Daily Times reporter, Liam Cavanagh inspect the latest heritage panel commissioned by Promote Dunstan. It is the fourth panel in a series of 12 to be installed to compliment Promote Dunstan's Self-Drive Heritage Trail brochure. The panels have been designed and installed by Maxine who has included a rare, early water-colour of Clyde's main street, which she sourced from the Fletcher Art Collection in Auckland. The Clyde panel can be found alongside the War Memorial in Matau St.





Paddy-Ann Pemberton in her regalia.

Clyde To Host International Town Criers

Clyde will be ringing with the sound of bells and more than a few "oyez" next week when a group of international town criers hits the town.

Contestants in the tournament are staying at Dunstan House and Antique Lodge Motels and no doubt will want to rehearse their colourful cries in their full regalia.

Central Otago's Town crier, Paddy-Ann Pemberton from Millers Flat, is organising the tournament which is bringing about 20 town criers and 10 escorts from Canada, Wales, England, U.S.A., Australia and New Zealand.

Paddy-Ann, who has competed in nine world tournaments, has organised a full programme. They will each present three cries for the competition - one about gold, one on their home towns, and one about their sponsor. The cries will be performed in Alexandra, Roxburgh and Cromwell. The group will also attend a mayoral reception, the Blossom Festival parade and visit schools and rest homes. The week-long tournament ends with a prize-giving dinner in Alexandra.

Promote Dunstan AGM

Members of the community are invited to attend Promote Dunstan's annual general meeting at 7.30pm in Dunstan House on Wednesday, October 7.

Guest speaker is CEO of Central Otago District Council, Leanne Mash, who will give her views on caring for the region's historic places.

Delivery People needed

Need a bit of exercise to be rid of winter accumulations of weight? Then join the *Dunstan News* delivery team.

It takes an hour or less once a month and we would appreciate your help.

Top priority at the moment is Shields St but we have other streets that need deliveries.

Please contact Leanne at 449 2700 or

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Good For Another 120 Years

"It's been a mission".

Heartfelt words from John Davidson who, with his wife Maree, owns and operates Dunstan House accommodation in Clyde's historic precinct.

John is referring to the five months spread over two winters when he and up to four tradesmen worked to strengthen the historic building against earthquakes.

A significant amount of money has been spent on the project, but to look at the interior and the exterior of the building, you would not know it.

But, as John says, it is in much better shape than when he and Maree bought it and "it should be good for another 120 years".

Internal and external walls and the roof have been pinned together with high tensile steel rods and a strong (and expensive) adhesive. But that is only part of it.

The wooden panels and the wallpaper on the interior walls were removed exposing plaster over bricks. Further work involved raking the plaster, removing bricks and inserting specialist netting which was woven around the replaced bricks to create more strength. The walls were replastered with a hard rock finish, sized and primed for wallpaper. The panels, which had all been numbered, were replaced in order. The result is a solid building with a strength in excess of 67 percent which is well above the current 33 percent required for earthquake strengthening.

Six fadges (woolsacks) of rubbish, including a huge number of bird nests were removed from under the roof. The three chimneys were taken down and rebuilt and the balcony was strengthened. Re-pointing work has been done on some of the external walls for added protection and strength..

The Davidsons also decided to spend money on restorative work and enlisted the help of Greg Booth, of Otago Design, a specialist in restoring and decorating old buildings. A new feature is the stunning William Morris wallpaper imported from England featuring designs that were in fashion in the 1890s, the era when Dunstan House was built.

The project has been difficult and, at times, "a pain in the neck", but it has also been a labour of love.

"It's just a gorgeous building and looks fantastic," says John. "It is now safer for us and our guests and I feel a lot more confident if an earthquake were to strike than I did before".

Maree's next job is to empty the rooms piled with art work, ornaments and books and put them back where they belong and to prepare for renovations in a couple of downstairs rooms.

"It's been hard and exhausting," says Maree, "but the building is now in great heart".

Two heads emerge from the chimney at Dunstan House during earthquake strengthening

Clyde Sunday Markets

The popular Sunday markets will be back in the Clyde historic precinct this summer but the number of market days has been reduced from five to three.

Construction work at Olivers forced Clyde on Sunday group to move the markets last season to the Railway Station reserve.

The first market is on Monday, October 26 (Labour Day) followed by the Art and Jazz Market on December 27 and on Monday, February 7, Waitangi Weekend.

The markets start at 10am and finish at 2pm. For more information contact Chris Cockroft 4492287 or email her at :

clydevillage@xtra.co.nz

Busy Labour Weekend in Clyde

Clyde's streets will be even more crowded this weekend (October 24-26) with a number of events scheduled over the three days.

Cuisine@Clyde opens with its popular BBQ Challenge at the Post Office Cafe on Saturday at 6pm followed, on Sunday evening, by the wine and food match dinner at Olivers. On Monday, more than 30 stalls will fill Lodge Lane for the market which starts at 10am.

Wine lovers are reminded about the Alexandra Basin Winegrowers new releases wine tasting in Olivers garden on Sunday afternoon. More than 50 red and white varieties grown in the basin will be available to taste. Admission is \$25.

Playcentre Welcomes New Youngsters

Clyde Playcentre is looking forward to welcoming more Clyde pre-schoolers to its centre in Fache St.

Many of the children currently attending the centre are off to school and this has made space for more youngsters.

The playcentre has provided a stimulating environment for both children and their families for more than 40 years and new enrolments are important if it is to operate as a viable pre-school option in Clyde.

The centre has many resources and families who manage the preschool take an active part in the education of their children alongside trained staff.

If you are a working parent and would like to have your child at Clyde Playcentre, talk to the staff to see whether or not they can help make it work for you.

Call in any Monday to Thursday morning from 9-noon or phone 021 204 3026 for more information.



Dunstan House Strengthening

Further to our story last month on the earthquake strengthening at Dunstan House, we can report that the building has received a 67 percent rating which is just over double what is required under the present building code. Owner, John Davidson (pictured) is delighted with the high rating.



Clyde Museum Changes

The Fraser St museum (Briar Herb) will remain closed this season. The Clyde Historical Museum committee says it is in need of renovation and upgrading before it can re-open. However, the museum in Blyth St will open for business on Labour Saturday (October 24).



Festive Spirit at Railway Station Opening

There was great rejoicing by about 200 people gathered at the Clyde railway reserve earlier this month for the official opening of the restored railway station.

Members of the local community joined invited guests celebrating the completion of stage one of a project which began ten years ago when it was apparent the heritage building was deteriorating.

The station originally opened on April 2, 1907, when the Central Otago railway finally reached Clyde – 28 years after the first sod was turned at Wingatui by Vincent Pyke. As a

Member of Parliament representing the Dunstan electorate, he lobbied for years for a Central Otago railway line. Sadly he died before it reached Clyde.

The \$90,000 project was funded by Promote Dunstan, Central Lakes Trust, the Lotteries Commission and a public appeal spearheaded by the "Save Our Station" committee.

The station's first tenant, Shebikeshbikes is occupying part of the station while another large room is a public area where a two-metre long model of the station is displayed alongside railway memorabilia from the Clyde Historical Museum collection.



Former Chair of the Rail Trail Trust, Daphne Hull along with Clair Higginson, Chair of the Vincent Community Board officially open the Clyde Railway Station (More pictures inside).

Rates Increases Likely for Clyde

The Central Otago District Council is calling for submissions on proposed changes to its rating system.

The council wants the rates load to be spread more equally across the region but, unfortunately for residents in the Vincent ward (Clyde, Earnsclough and Manuhirika), it would mean a rates rise because they haven't been paying their fair share for many years.

A consultation document and the draft proposal are available on the council's website (www.codc.govt.nz/your-council/consultation-and-public-notices) or at council service areas. Pages 10-11 in the document show how the proposed rates would impact on properties.

Submissions close on Friday, October 30.

Built With Passion and Perfection

Passion, perseverance and above all, patience! Those are the key elements required to build models - although model maker, Bob Allen, can add perfection to that list.

Mr Allen worked for 10 months on the magnificent model of Clyde railway station and its surrounds as it would have been in the 1950s which he researched in archives held in Dunedin as well as other sources. The model is now on display in the station.

He had been a railway buff since a child growing up alongside the main trunk line at Papanui, Christchurch.

"My job before school was to pick up the coal that had fallen off the locomotives, particularly when they were shunting," he says. "They were laden (with coal) and the WAB locos used to wobble while shunting." The coal was used in household fires. Mr Allen's father, a builder, encouraged young Bob to build things. He started with model aircraft but crashed most of them. Racing cars followed but railway models proved to be his passion.

"Patience is a huge virtue in model-making but, believe me, sometimes it gets a bit thin," he says. "It's an awful lot harder the older one gets, so it's better you start young".

The model of the Clyde Railway Station was a test of his patience. It was the smallest scale (NZ1-120) he had ever built and sometimes he had to use a magnifying glass. If he was not happy with something, he would pull it apart and do it again, which probably explains why Mr Allen has twice been the national champion of the New Zealand Model Railway Guild.

He built a three-metre long layout modelled on the Central Otago railway in his Christchurch home and fortunately sold it before the devastating earthquakes of 2011. The quakes brought Mr Allen and his wife Margaret to live in Clyde where they had holidayed for the last 30 years.

He is pleased with the station model and glad that it is finished. But Margaret's list of jobs for him might have to wait a bit longer: he is now building another model railway in his garden shed. This one, in three parts, has a total length of 6m. Now that's going to keep him busy!

Thank you to those people who responded to our request for help to deliver copies of the *Dunstan News* to Clyde residents. We are very grateful.

Dunstan Golf Club, along with Mt Difficulty Wines, is planning a special treat for the girls at the club house on November 6 at 7pm. A \$15 ticket covers a fashion parade, make-up, jewellery, clothing, nail art, wine tasting and local art/craft. Contact : Bernie (4492575 or mobile 0275347967) or Lyn (4492251 or mobile 0274159232 for tickets.



Promote Dunstan members, Julie Davie (left) and Leanne Downie serving homemade scones and tea.



Bruce Shalders, Rail Heritage Trust (left) with Promote Dunstan president, Rory Butler.



Above & below : Some of the crowd enjoying the festivities.



Pride of place and centre of attention: Bob Allen's model of the station.



Promote Dunstan member, Maree Davidson presented a bouquet of flowers to Clair Higginson in appreciation of the many years she has put into the Clyde station project.

Family Friendly Halloween

The Combined Churches of Alexandra-Clyde are providing a safe environment for children to enjoy Halloween festivities this year.

The free event for primary school children and their families will be held in Pioneer Park in Alexandra from 5pm-7pm on Saturday, October 31. It rules out any door-knocking although organisers say there will still be lots of lollies.

Come in your most scary costume and enjoy sideshow games, bouncy castles and Little Flick the Fire Engine rides AND receive a goodie bag as well.

Free food and drink is available for children with a small charge for adults.

Clyde Pop-Up Market

A pop-up market at the Clyde Railway Station Reserve will be held in January next year to fill a gap in the local market calendar.

Organisers of the regular Clyde on Sunday markets have decided not to hold one in January so Promote Dunstan will run a one-off market on January 17. The market will also showcase the recently restored and reopened Clyde Railway Station. There is still more work to be done on the station and money raised from the event will go towards this.

A large number of stallholders have already indicated they will attend the market which starts at 10am and will also feature live music.

After Hour Medical Service

People wanting to see a doctor outside normal working hours (6pm to 8am) should be aware of a change that started this month.

Local GP's have drawn up a roster they say will provide a better service. The major change is where you visit the on-call doctor who will now be based in a room at the rear of Dunstan Hospital. Patients are asked to follow the signs to the GP.

So here's the rundown: if you need a doctor, phone your own GP as usual. That call will be directed to a call centre. You will be given advice as to how to deal with your problem or you will be connected to the doctor on call at Dunstan Hospital.

As always, if it is an emergency, dial 111.

Clyde Community Planning Group

This group was set up after the first public workshop was held in September 2005. People attending that meeting listed their views and opinions on what was important to them about Clyde and what they would like to happen that would improve the town and add value to the lives of people living there.

A draft plan went out to the community for comment and the plan was launched in April 2006. It was the planning group's responsibility to ensure the recommendations made by residents were updated in 2010 and the planning group has held regular meetings to monitor progress on actions set out in the plan.

In the past five years there have been a number of changes within the town and an increase in population so it is proposed to have a third community workshop next year to update the 2010 plan. This is a chance for you to have your say.

The *Dunstan News* will bring its readers regular updates from the planning group's meetings so that you have an idea of what has been achieved and what is still to be done as well as identifying new issues of concern to residents.

The Planning Group is also working with the Council on the survey to gather the views of the Clyde community (see article on Clyde Survey).



Some of the members of the Clyde Community Planning group (from left) Dave Tyrrell, Ross Cowie, Chris Cockcroft, and Council staff member, Paula Penno.



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Clyde Community Survey

The Central Otago District Council is keen to hear the views of Clyde residents about future development in the village so that they can be included in the District Plan which is currently under review.

A short survey has been posted to all property owners asking for their views on residential growth within and beyond the township, what their vision is for Clyde and what they value about it.

There are also three questions directed at the youth of Clyde.

No decisions will be made based on this survey but it will provide planners with an insight into understanding overall community opinion. Further public consultations are planned next year before the draft district plan is released.

Copies of the survey are also available at the Clyde Library, Clyde Four Square and Dunstan Motors. The close off day for the survey is December 4.

Fifteen Minutes of Fame

A great night's entertainment was provided by a group of people who braved nerves to perform on stage, mainly for the first time, in front of family and friends at a recent Clyde Theatre Group social evening.

Committee members often hear people saying they'd like to go on stage but are terrified at the prospect so it enlisted the aid of some of the group's actors and directors to mentor those who wanted their 15 minutes of fame.

About 13 people took the opportunity and presented six skits to the enjoyment of a large audience.


The Theatre Group plans to repeat the event next year.



Treading the boards for the first time are (from left) Sarah Falconer, Fiona Kissel, Bruce Kissel, and Liz Dawson. They were helped by mentor, Janice Millis.

More Plaques for Historic Precinct


Promote Dunstan is adding two bronze plaques to 20 already installed in the pavements in the main historic precinct area. They list the five mayors of Clyde and the first five masters of Lodge Dunstan. Membership of a lodge was considered to be very important and most prominent men in Central Otago belonged to a lodge.



FOOT PRINTS IN TIME

Masters of the Lodge
Lodge Dunstan first met in Clyde School and, from 1869, here, in what was then the Town Hall.
The first five masters were:

Livingston Carter	1867-68
Vincent Pyle	1868-70
Anthony Christophers	1870-72
Franz Siedberg	1872-73
Anthony Christophers	1873-74
Joshua Jones	1875



FOOT PRINTS IN TIME

The Mayors of Clyde
Clyde was served by five mayors before residents voted to merge with the newly established Vincent County Council in 1878.

They were:

Jean Deleir Feraud	1866-67
Donald McPherson	1867-68
James Macdonald	1868-73
Benjamin Taylor	1873-77
Samuel Wedford	1877-78

New Directions for Clyde Church

New developments are taking place at St Michael and All Angels Anglican church after the recent arrival of two ordained priests whose prime task is to ensure the survival and spiritual well being of Clyde's oldest established church.

The Reverends Lois Hurd-McKee and Helen Metzger have sold their Dunedin property to come to Clyde to care for the heritage building, help guide new directions and offer pastoral support.

"I felt a strong sense of call to return and care for this place so that it can remain a holy place that people can come to," says Rev Hurd-McKee. That is not surprising. Clyde born, Rev Hurd-McKee is the daughter of Canon Stanley Hurd, the longest serving vicar of the Dunstan parish, who spent 19 years at St Michael's.

The Anglican diocese in Dunedin initially wanted to sell the church but decided to keep it as a consecrated church that can still hold weddings, baptisms and funerals.

The first task is to set up a trust that will oversee and take responsibility for the church and grounds and explore how it can be used by the community. They hope members of the community will be part of that trust. Some ideas mentioned include using the church for concerts, recitals, poetry readings and art exhibitions.

"It is difficult for us to say how it will develop," says Rev Metzger. "We would like to see the community embrace new ideas as part of the life in Clyde."

The reverends have made a promising start. Two open days over Labour weekend attracted about 50 people, many giving positive feedback and offering support. A sales table raised nearly \$500 which will help fund necessary projects such as an earthquake risk assessment of the 138 year-old church that has been commissioned.

"We want to establish an open and inviting place for local people and for visitors to this area," says Rev Hurd-McKee.

Although Sunday church services are now held in Alexandra, the Clyde church will be open for prayer and contemplation - details of opening times will be posted on the church door.

December at St Michael's

Weekday services will be held every Wednesday (also during February).

On Saturday, December 12, between 9.30am and 3pm, Bishop Kelvin Wright from Dunedin will lead a "quiet day" to reflect during the busy time leading up to Christmas.

Please register with Rev Lois Hurd-McKee at lois.mckee@xtra.co.nz or phone 449 2328.

Challenges Ahead for Museum Group

Clyde's Fraser St museum will remain closed indefinitely while its future, including its relationship with the Blyth St museum, is worked out.

The museum, also known as the Briar Herb Museum, has been of concern to the Clyde Historical Museums committee for the past three or four years, but it was the opening of a museum room in the newly restored Clyde railway station that prompted the committee to take some action.

"The (Fraser St) museum occupies a number of different buildings, there are health and safety issues and the exhibits are becoming more vulnerable," says Clair Higginson, the interim chairperson of the Clyde Historical Museums Association. "It's a big job and it's hard to know where to start."

The committee will first discuss the project with its volunteers and will then prepare a development plan covering topics such as preserving exhibits, the possibility of combining both museums or how to make them complement each other and other matters.

"The larger picture is making sure that the entire historic fabric of Clyde, including the town centre, is sustained into the future, says Ms Higginson. "We have a sub-group, Clyde 2050, which is looking at ways to link all Clyde's historic places and we have looked at museums and historic towns in other parts of New Zealand and around the world to see how they've managed it."

As soon as some initial assessments are made, the committee wants to hear from the community about its thoughts on Clyde's historical places.

Smoking Ban Proposal

A move to introduce a smoking ban in Clyde's main street has not been well received by some businesses.

WellSouth Primary Health Network and the Cancer Society recently conducted what they claimed was a survey of business owners and employees.

The result was that 81% were in favour of a ban and 19% were neutral. However, only 16 people were surveyed and inquiries by the *Dunstan News* revealed that at least four businesses in the historic precinct area from Naylor St to the dam end of Sunderland St were not surveyed. None of those four were in favour of a smoking ban and one that was surveyed, did not agree to the proposal. This was not reflected in the survey results.

WellSouth and the Cancer Society were involved in the smoking ban in the Cromwell Heritage Precinct and are now aiming to make the Cromwell Mall a smoke-free area.



The Fraser St Museum (Briar Herb)



Many people enjoyed the atmosphere at the seventh annual tasting of the Alexandra basin new wine releases which was held in Olivers recently. Wine expert, Joelle Thomson, who was a guest at the function, says the basin has huge international potential in producing white wines such as riesling, pinot gris and chenin blanc. For information : www.joellethomson.com

Clyde Pop-Up Market
Railway Station Reserve
Sunday, January 17
From 10am

Live music, heaps of stalls
selling fruit, food, tasty
treats, art, craft and fashion
clothing.

Bring a picnic and a chair

For stall inquiries : 4492
1119 or lojo.rico@xtra.co.nz

150 Years Ago December 18, 1865

Great preparations are being made to celebrate the Christmas Holiday; races, Caledonian sports, and picnics, besiege us on every side. In fact, there is such a variety of

amusements provided that one scarcely knows which to patronise, or whether to visit Alexandra, Cromwell, St Bathans, or stay at home. Yesterday was the hottest day ever experienced ... at one o'clock, the thermometer stood at 95°F (35°C) in the shade; at midnight, it was 70°F (21°C). After so long a spell of cold weather, the heat was particularly oppressive. (Otago Daily Times)



Rory Butler displays two of the five Railway Station posters.

Bronze Pavement Plaques

Alert Clyde residents might have noticed there are two new bronze plaques in the footpath outside the Masonic lodge building. They were installed earlier this month and list the names of the five mayors of Clyde when it had a town council (1866-1878).

The second plaque contains the names of the first five masters of Lodge Dunstan.

Promote Dunstan plans to install more plaques next year.

Former North Otago resident, Frances Shoemack, now living in Amsterdam, reading one of the two new bronze plaques.



Railway Posters Restored

Hours and hours of work have gone into restoring five old posters advertising holiday trips on NZ Rail.

The posters are stored in the Fraser St Museum (previously Briar Herb) where they were found to be in a mouldy and dilapidated condition. They were photographed and then photographed by Rory Butler to restore them to their former glory. They have been printed, framed by Keith Parks, and will be hung on the walls of the new museum room at the restored Clyde Railway Station. One of the other three posters promotes the Picton Ferry crossing and the other two show Destinations in Canada.



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Thank you to our dedicated team of people who deliver the *Dunstan News* and thank you to all our readers for your positive feedback. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Reasonable Response to Survey

Central Otago District Council staff are happy with the responses received to the survey about the future development of Clyde.

Just under a thousand forms were posted to Clyde ratepayers and 250 of them replied. Many property owners do not live in Clyde and there are several with joint ownership.

The survey asked for views on residential growth within and beyond the township, their vision for Clyde and what they value about it. Questions aimed at Clyde youth were also included.

The data from the survey is being loaded for analysis and those results will be included in the current review of the district plan and in the Clyde Community Plan which will be discussed at a public meeting next year.

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 where all past copies are available.

Clyde School Pantomime



Year Eight pupils from Clyde Primary School are ready to do battle – but in a peaceful way. The members of the group are part of a cast of 135 pupils (the entire school!) who performed *Way Out West*, written and directed by staff member, Sally Lloyd.

The story tells of a peace-loving cowboy who wants to run a crooked sheriff out of town but it is against his principles to use violence. The show involved all pupils and performed to sold out houses in the Clyde Memorial Hall.



Clyde Identities

Thirty years ago, after years of moving around the country both as a child and adult, **Lynne Stewart** decided she wanted a permanent home.

She convinced husband Phil that the dirty, smelly, rat-infested, run-down little house on Earnsclough Rd, sitting on a section littered with rusting vehicles and appliances, was to be that home.

Its location meant they could walk to the peacefulness that was Clyde for their mail and visit the market at Olivers. "We can do it," she told Phil. So the house was cleaned up, insulated and, between the births of her two sons, gradually renovated. Work also started on clearing the land around the house.

"We put in a fence and then slowly cleared the broom, the briars, gum and wilding pine trees, blackberries and other weeds," she says, "and then we started planting a mixture of exotic and native bushes and trees."

That desire to reclaim the land spilled over about five years ago into being involved with Project Gold, a project replanting native species along a strip of public land at the Clyde end of the Millennium Track. The community and enviro-pupils from Clyde Primary School joined in. Imagine Lynne's delight when the school this year won the School Plant Conservation Award given by the NZ Plant Conservation Network.

Born and raised in the tiny settlement of Waingaro in the Waikato, Lynne was surrounded by native bush and birds. From the time she joined the Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club, a move encouraged by her school-teacher parents, Lynne was on the way to becoming a committed conservationist, a cause she is now fostering in Clyde children.

Lynne shows seedling cabbage trees



Revised and Reprinted Brochure

The popular *Walk Around Clyde* brochure produced by Promote Dunstan will be available in local businesses and at the Railway Station before Christmas.

It is the third reprint of the brochure which is bigger than previous editions because three buildings have been added to the list. It also contains more sketches as well as more information about some of the entries.

Ten thousand brochures have been printed which are expected to last for five years. The brochures are also distributed to Information Centres in Alexandra, Ranfurly and Roxburgh and to businesses in Ophir & Omakau.

Heavy Traffic Issue in Clyde

A solution to the heavy traffic driving through Clyde's historic precinct will not be resolved until next year.

The increase of traffic in the town centre combined with heavy transport vehicles passing through came to a head recently when local resident, Lynne Stewart was cycling into Clyde across the bridge to collect her mail, closely followed by a heavy transport vehicle which unnerved her.

Arriving in Clyde she experienced a close encounter with the back wheels of the trailer towed by another large transport vehicle trying to turn from the main street into Matau St to cross the Clyde bridge.

"If I hadn't seen it and stepped back," she says, "I don't know what would have happened. We need a heavy traffic bypass."

Lynne, who was the first Road Safety Co-Ordinator for Central Otago and the Lakes District was so shaken by these events that she started a petition campaigning for a heavy traffic bypass of the precinct and a 30kph speed limit.

She is also concerned at the weight of vehicles crossing the Clyde Bridge. Lynne is often under the bridge weeding and tending plants established on the Millennium Track and worries about the rattling and shaking of the bridge when heavy vehicles cross it.

The Vincent Community Board discussed the petition at its meeting this month and decided more homework is needed before any decision is made.

Promote Dunstan some time ago, expressed its concern at the volume of heavy traffic and the impact it was having on historic buildings in the street.



Awards Treasured by Pupils

It is the time of the year when schools recognise the skills and achievements of their students but Clyde School has one award not available in many other schools.

The Spirit of Clyde Award, modelled on the Duke of Edinburgh awards, was taken up by the school five years ago. It is a series of physical and academic challenges as well as community service, tailored to suit the age of the pupils.

Principal, Doug White is delighted how the award has taken off saying it is now something children aspire.

"It has allowed us to emphasise that learning comes in many shapes and forms," he says. "It builds skills and confidence."

The badges are evidently treasured. A group of former Clyde pupils, now at Dunstan High School, are still wearing their Spirit of Clyde badges on their uniforms.

This year, Promote Dunstan donated \$200 to cover the cost of the badges in appreciation of those pupils who help deliver copies of the *Dunstan News* as part of their community service challenge.

December Market

Historic Clyde (formerly Clyde on Sunday) will hold a market in Lodge Lane on Monday, December 28.

The theme is Jazz and Art with working artists on the other side of the Masonic lodge car park.

Christopher Nevill proudly displays his *Spirit of Clyde* certificate and badge. Christopher has been delivering the *Dunstan News* for the past three years.

