

Dunstan News

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Alexandra artist, Barry Potter is painting the giant mural which will cover one side of the Daphne Hull underpass under the highway near Clyde's southern entrance.

Painting the 27m long wall will take about 450 hours and he says it is the biggest work he had ever done.

"I mostly do my work on canvas but I'm finding it quite a lot of fun painting on a such a large scale. It's unusual in that you'll never be able to see the entire mural at once. It has to be viewed in parts, a bit like what you see riding on the Rail Trail."

Also unusual is that he has only a few metres to be able to step back and look at what he has done. But he is receiving plenty of encouragement from cyclists and pedestrians who stop to look and chat.

Barry came to New Zealand from South Africa 29 years ago, first to Auckland and then to Central Otago which he describes as "the best thing I ever did." He has illustrated more than 120 children's books and has written five. His is writing and illustrating a novel for teenagers, and, as the father of three teenage boys, is something he knows about.

The \$20,000 mural is being paid for by Promote Dunstan as one of its community projects.

Mural on Underpass Wall Is Under Way



"Well, it was this big." Keen angler Graham "Ding" Bell describes his recent catch. Oh really? Turn the page to see.

Fire Risk Warnings

Autumn is now officially on us but that does not mean to say the fire risk has gone away: a total fire ban is still in force for Central Otago.

Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade's chief, Richard Davidson, says the risk is extreme and on-going nor-westerly winds are drying out the country which increases the fire danger.

Gas barbeques are allowed, but lighting fires in the open and setting off fireworks are prohibited.

Here is the link to our Rural Fire Authority website. www.otagoruralfire.org.nz

Talking It Over With Russell Garbutt.

Vincent Community Board member for Clyde & Earnsclough.

It has been a very busy time since Christmas with both board business and business associated with the various groups I've been appointed to.

The Clyde Recreation Reserve Committee has received confirmation that the costs of undergrounding the electrical supply to the camping ground will be met by Aurora/Delta which is welcome news since many of the power poles in and around the reserve are deemed unfit for purpose.

The Clyde museum group has a number of major issues to grapple with not the least of which is the condition of the Briar Herb Museum buildings. I have looked at the lower museum (in Blyth St) and read the report of Judith Taylor of Te Papa. It gives the group much to ponder including formulating a collection policy and how and where to display the museums contents.

I am currently working on a project which, if it comes to fruition, should be a bit of a game changer for some of our community. More to come on that later in the year.

In the meantime, anything that you want raised or if you just want to chew over some issues, give me a call on 03 449 2254 or 020 4039 0424.



New Master For Lodge Dunstan

Lodge Dunstan has installed a new master, John Hanning, for 2017.

John is no stranger to Clyde: members of both sides of his family settled here in 1865. Although John moved away with his parents as a youngster, he retained his links with the town and, in later life, moved back to the town where he is now the curator of the Clyde Historical Museums.



John Hanning

He joined the Lodge in 2010 and, as master, will lead the Lodge into its 150th year celebrations. These will be in November and visitors are expected from far and wide.

If you are interested in joining Lodge Dunstan, ring John on 021 151 8340.

Clyde Traffic Under Discussion

The Central Otago District Council recently called a meeting to identify the transport problems within Clyde's business precinct.

It comes after concerns were raised about the increased traffic in the precinct and the potential for accidents involving pedestrians and cyclists.

Participants at the meeting included landowners, businesses and long-term residents.

The information from the meeting will help the council develop options and preparation for the council's long-term plan.

If you think you have missed an issue of the *Dunstan News* this year you have not. This is our first for the year and we hope to have another next month.

Doll Exhibition in Clyde Church

Clyde artist and sculptress Prue Miller is returning to the church she served in as a priest for 10 years but, this time, to exhibit of more than 20 of her superbly-crafted dolls in St Michael's All Angels Church.

Prue, who holds a Bachelor of Theology degree, also graduated from the Elam School of Fine Arts, specialising in sculpture. She has some fine examples of wood sculpture in her studio but preferred to work with polymer clay and porcelain to create the exquisite detailed faces, hands and feet of her

subjects which range from young children to adults. She also makes the costumes which, on their own, are works of art.

The exhibition opens with a programme of entertainment from the St Michael's Players and Beau Meehan on **Thursday, March 23 at 5pm** at St Michael's in Clyde, followed by light refreshments. It is then open from 11am-4pm from March 24-26.



Prue Miller with one of her favourite dolls, Tamati, "my Maori toddler" which is one of the more than 20 dolls she has made and dressed. They will be exhibited at St Michael's and All Angles Church.



A complicated set wins Best Set Award

Theatre Awards for Group

Clyde Theatre Group picked up two awards for its production of *Noises Off* at the recent Otago Southland Theatre Awards (OSTA) ceremony in Dunedin.

Best Leading Female in a revue or play was won by Catherine Brown who was making her third appearance on stage since secondary school. The award for the Best Set Design was won by Jim McDonough.

The One That Did NOT Get Away

Graham Bell has been fishing since primary school and this is the biggest fish he has ever caught. The rainbow trout weighed in at 13 and a half pounds and was taken just above the Clyde dam in early January. It took about 15 minutes to land and he is mighty proud of it. "I was quite happy with it," he says. A brief pause, "No, I was beside myself really."

The fish was smoked and thoroughly enjoyed.



Gold Star Gathering

A special gathering took place in Clyde recently when 165 members of the Fire Brigade Gold Star Association assembled for their annual picnic – a tradition that stretches back more than 50 years.

The get-together is for members who are either serving or are retired fire service personnel and are recipients of the gold star awarded after 25 years in the New Zealand Fire Service.



Ross Bryant (Ravenbourne) John Grenfell and Paul Keenan (Clyde) tally up the registrations for the gathering in Clyde

Ross Bryant, president of the Otago-Southland Gold Star Association, says the occasion is a way of keeping in touch.

The group meets twice a year at venues around Otago and Southland.

Country Fair at Earnsclough

Organisers of next month's country fair are calling for stallholders who might be interested in going. The annual fair is held in Earnsclough Hall and there are spaces for just a few more stalls.

The fair will be held at the hall on Sunday, April 30, from 10am to 2pm. If you are interested, contact Angela McNaughton (449 3237).



Preparations are well underway for the 16th annual wine and food festival, held in Clyde's historic precinct area on Easter Sunday (April 16).

This year, 21 wine producers in the Alexandra basin have signed up to come and 24 food stalls selling a variety of food ranging from gourmet sandwiches, waffles to seafood, Spanish, Mexican and Turkish dishes and gourmet hamburgers.

Lodge Lane and part of Sunderland St will be closed from 7am and will reopen by 6pm, probably earlier. Dunstan Hotel will be closed this year, but will sell beer, cider and food in front of the hotel.

Entertainment this year will be provided by @Large, Les Richardson's Jazz Quartet, The Valley Blue Grass Band, Kylie Price and The Gator Boys.

For more details go to the Promote Dunstan website, promotedunstan.org.nz or The Central App, which can be downloaded to mobile phones.

Clyde Theatre Group

The group's next production is a comedy with some singing, *Cinderella Meets the Mother-In-Law*, directed by Janice Millis, from 1-7 April.



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Heritage Building Rescued – Just in Time.

It was a good news day when the building which once housed the *Dunstan Times* newspaper changed owners at the beginning of April.

The badly deteriorated weatherboard building in Clyde's historic precinct was on its last legs with pieces of rotting timber hanging loose, gaps in the guttering and peeling paint. In fact, the first action taken by the new owners, Jo and Richard Flannery, was to take out public liability insurance.

"The front was falling apart and we were scared it would fall on somebody," says Richard.

The couple intend to restore the wooden façade and will turn three-quarters of the building behind it into a garage with an entry on the south side. They also plan to build a two-bedroom cottage at the back of the section, although digging will have to be supervised by an archaeologist because the section is in the historic precinct.

The site was occupied by *The Dunstan Times* from about 1864 to the late 1940s. An earlier building was demolished by Editor, Harold Stevens, who bought the business in 1900. He built the weatherboard façade and its northern extension. At the rear of the building, the remains can be seen of a schist stone structure which housed the printing press.

Australian Richard, a retired mechanical engineer for multi-national companies and Jo have spent the last decade or so wandering the globe – wherever Richard's work took him. Nelson-born Jo, knew Central Otago well (her father worked on the Roxburgh Dam construction) and, while in Canada they bought Onslow Downs near Millers Flat which they saw advertised on the internet. They have spent the last five years restoring the cottage and outbuildings --- even learning the art of stone masonry to rebuild the walls of a barn – but it was Clyde that drew them.

"We decided that if we lived in Central Otago, it had to be Clyde," says Jo. "It is a small community and we can walk to cafes and restaurants and be close to everything."

Work on the building will take place over winter. Part of the footpath will have to be closed and the couple are full of praise for the District Council which has done "everything it can to help the project."



Richard and Jo Flannery inspect the Dunstan Times building.

Upcoming Event at St Michaels Church in Clyde

The autumn event at the heritage church is on May 28 at 2pm when the St Michaels players and a guest will present poems and readings to celebrate "Mellow Time". The guest performer is the esteemed poet, Michael Harlow, who will read from his works.

Talking It over ... with Russell Garbutt

(Vincent Community Board member for Clyde and Earnsclough.)

At the last board meeting we were briefed on the Clyde Reserve Management Plan. The board is obliged by law to have a management plan for all of its areas and many towns in our area have completed theirs. Now it is the turn of Clyde. One thing that staggered me was the number of reserves in and around Clyde. Council staff are consulting with as many groups as possible, but all residents will be able to participate in the plan which will take about a year to complete.

Work is also proceeding on a Clyde Precinct group which is working on how to deal with the many issues that have arisen since the increase in both permanent residents and the burgeoning tourist trade which is bringing so much prosperity to our town.

If any resident wants to have a chat on any issue at all ring me on 449 2254.



Earnsclough Hall Fair

A steady stream of people braved a chilly day to venture to Earnsclough Hall for its autumn fair.

Many stalls packed the hall selling a wide variety of goods from soaps and plants to pottery, jewellery, dream catchers and knitted goods. Barbecued sausages and Devonshire teas were also popular.

Earnsclough Community Society president Angela McNaughton said the fair raised \$700 which will go towards the upkeep of the hall.

The next fair is in November.



Isabel Hyslop (4) tucks into a sausage

Pink Ribbon Afternoon Tea

The Clyde Friendship Group is holding a Pink Ribbon afternoon tea to raise funds for the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation. A full programme is planned for the afternoon, which starts at 2pm at the Clyde Bowling Club on May 25.

Singer Valda Cross will entertain, a fashion parade will feature garments from the hospice shop and there will be a raffle and a door prize.

Tickets cost \$15 and can be bought at Mitre 10 or from Betty. Phone her on 449 2210

Doll Exhibition Admired by Many

A collection of more than 20 dolls exhibited by an artist who "never played with dolls" was a major attraction in St Michael's Church in Clyde in March.

The opening of the exhibition of porcelain and sculptured dolls by Clyde's Prue Miller was celebrated with entertainment by the St Michaels players and Dunstan High School student, singer and guitarist, Beau Meehan.



Carole Randall (Clyde)



Lois Miller (Gore)



Valborg Agar, Beth McArthur and Carole Randall admire dolls.



The giant mural in the Clyde underpass progresses as artist Bruce Potter completes more panels

Pioneer Winemaker Makes Clyde his Home

Alan Brady, the person most closely associated with pioneering the wine industry in Central Otago knew for some time he needed a change. "My head was telling me that, at my age (80), I needed to be able to walk to places and the question was, where?"

There were no regrets about leaving Gibbston, the place he had lived in for 40 years. Alan's philosophy on life as he departed from the valley was that he had always enjoyed opening new doors but, once he had made up his mind to go, "you close the door gently behind you."

He opened the new door in Clyde which he regards as New Zealand's best kept secret and likens it to a little French village. Alan has seen plenty of them on his many travels to Europe extolling the wine produced in Central Otago.

The Irish-born former television and newspaper journalist bought six and a half hectares of land in Gibbston in 1976 and, just over 10 years later, produced the first commercial vintage in Central Otago. Over the years he has worked hard at selling wine overseas and running a second winery, Mount Edward. Among his numerous awards he was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of merit for services to the wine industry in 1996.

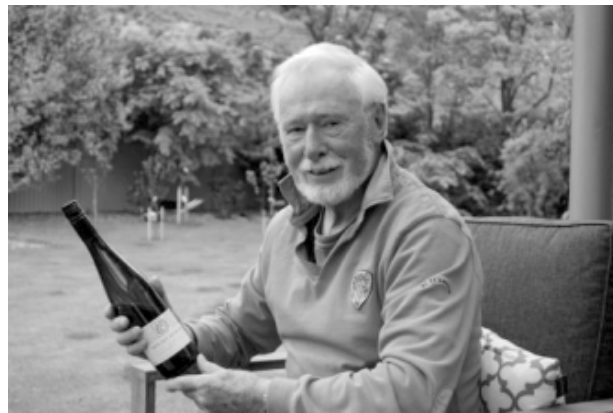
Clyde was always a special place: "It had a lot to do with the early beginnings of the wine industry in Central," he says. "It started with Feraud (in the 1860s)."

Clyde was the place the modern pioneers met in the 1980s to help each other in the infant industry. Olivers became "an unofficial headquarters".

The industry has come a long way since those days and Alan is impressed by the standard of wines being produced in the Alexandra basin.

"It was a real eye-opener as to how far they had come in developing their own sub-regional character, he says. "Pinot noir needs to be handcrafted by passionate people who own the land and care about it, and that is coming through."

Alan has retired now – well sort of. He still has a small vineyard in Gibbston and one of his "retirement" projects is a new wine label "Wild Irishman". He also has an idea for another book, if not some sort of writing. "I'm still a journalist at heart".



Alan with a bottle of his Mt Edward riesling



Trevor Goudie, Les Beer, Lionel Irving and Alan Gilmour at the restored grave.

Unusual Wood for Grave Restoration

The restoration of a nineteenth century grave in Clyde cemetery has just been completed by Promote Dunstan with the assistance of Alexandra Men in Sheds.

The grave is one of five specifically earmarked for attention by the heritage and community group which is funding the project, but president Rory Butler says there are others needing attention.

The wood used is a hardwood timber known as purpleheart from a tree which grows in Central and South America. It was chosen because it is an extremely dense, wa-

ter-resistant wood and is one of the hardest in the world. Its rich purple colour slowly changes to a chocolate-purple the longer the wood is exposed to sunlight.

Prominent Clyde Settler Honoured

The life of one of Clyde's earliest residents was celebrated by more than 130 of his descendants at the end of April.

James Hazlett set up a shop in 1863 in a corner of his property (the house is still there) in Sunderland St catering for gold miners. Unlike some of his customers, Hazlett prospered and became Clyde's third mayor in 1868. He then represented Dunstan as a member of the Otago Provincial Council. Descendants came from London, Australia and Otago and included Hazlett's only surviving granddaughter, Marie Bolt (82) of Perth.

The family gifted a commemorative park seat installed at the railway station and donated items, including Hazlett's prayer books, to the Clyde Historical Museum.



John Hanning (left), museum curator, and Jonny Hazlett of Drummond, great-great-grandson of James, with the framed photograph of James Hazlett's eldest grandchild, John, who was killed during the Second World War. It includes an Egyptian cotton napkin sent to his cousin, Marie Bolt.

Wine and Food Harvest Festival

Close to 4000 people flocked to Clyde's historic precinct on Easter Sunday. Promote Dunstan, organisers of the annual event, would like to thank ATL for providing the stage, Olivers for use of its garden, Peter Robertson our valued electrician, Robbo Gib-Stopping, Aotea Electric, the Central Otago District Council for adding extra portaloos and, above all, Clyde residents and businesses.

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Congratulations Carol – Community Service Recipient

It is probably fair to say a lot of people in Clyde know Carol because of her involvement over nearly 40 years in community groups and local organisations. Recognition of Carol's untiring contributions has come in the form of the Central Otago community service award for 2017.

The awards are made every two years and honour the excellence, innovation, big hearts and the contribution people make to the district.

"I was surprised and didn't expect this because I am not one to be singled out," Carol says. "If there's a job to be done, I like to do it without fuss."

She has been involved in the Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade, (serving as treasurer for many years), the Clyde Theatre Group, Clyde Historical Museum, Clyde Playcentre and Clyde School (where she is currently helping as a teacher-aid). She is a long-standing member and has been treasurer of Promote Dunstan for many years.

"It's great to be part of a community group for what you get out of it – friends, fun and challenges," she says.

Carol has been acknowledged for her community service along with Heather McPherson (Cromwell), Valerie Smith, (Maniototo), Judy Elliott-Hall (Alexandra) and Rod Peirce (Roxburgh). They will be presented with their awards at a function next month where the winners of other categories - Youth, Apprentice, and Business Excellence - will be announced.

P.S. Sorry Carol. We know that you'll hate featuring on the front page but we are all



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A Plea from A Young Clyde Resident

Nicco Murphy aged nine, has this to say about dumping rubbish and litter.

"We were driving home from Alex and we saw a lot of rubbish in Muttontown Gully Road. It was bad. Grams said, 'why don't you clean it up'? So she took me and my sister back to pick up the rubbish. We had to wear gloves. We picked up 3 rubbish bags of glass, cans and rubbish.

"Another day we walked down to the river. There is lots of rubbish on the bank. Grams says we all have to keep Clyde tidy and we could go and clean that too but I would much rather be playing outside than cleaning up other people's messes."

Talking It Over ...with Russell Garbutt. Earnsclough-Clyde Community Board member.

I shared the community's anger at the plans by Aurora Energy to turn off the power to Clyde on July 1 while remedial work was done on its network and also liaised with Dunstan Hospital to transport at risk, elderly residents to the hospital on the day.

Aurora, owned by the Dunedin City Council, is one of the country's worst in terms of the state of its network and while everyone is pleased it is being upgraded, it seems that the cost of this will hit hard on local consumers who are already paying high line charges.

I am part of a small group that is looking to provide some interesting and innovative community heating to the Alexandra-Clyde basin. We are in the process of incorporating as a Charitable Trust and are excited about helping solve a problem that contributes to winter air pollution.

Recently I have discussed the dumping of waste material beside the Clyde Town Belt reserve with Otago Regional Council staff and councillors. This material could cause offensive smells and anyone experiencing this when using the reserve are asked to either contact the ORC pollution line or myself. Ring me on 449 2254 with

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Russell Garbutt

Celebrating the White Horse Cup Win

The annual dinner of former Clyde-Earnsclough rugby club members was held recently with more than 30 ex-players, wives and widows reuniting for an evening reminiscing over past glories.

The dinner celebrated the club's win of the White Horse Cup in 1965 which it held and defended for three years. The trophy has been considered the Ranfurly Shield of Central Otago club rugby since 1926 and, last month, was won by Cromwell.

Nine of the Earnsclough-Clyde players from 1965 are still alive and seven live in Clyde. Also at the dinner were Des Paulin, Bernie Love and Hugh McStay who were members of the squad who briefly held the cup in 1952 and the widows of two other players, Wilma Paulin and Marie Waldron.



Pre-dinner gathering of rugby stalwarts. L to R: Stuart McIntosh, Des Paulin, Ray Goodall, Allan Johnston, John Grenfell, Colin McMurray, David Tweeddale, John McArthur (obscured) and Sam Crawford.

"It was a Mission": Award-Winning Set Designer

A well deserved award for the Best Set Design made earlier this year at the Otago Southland Theatre Awards (OSTA) in Dunedin has left recipient, Jim McDonough "pretty rapt".

A linesman for 35 years, Jim combined a woodcraft hobby with a business and is now operating a kitchen franchise, Easy Kitchens. He has also been building sets for the Clyde Theatre Group but the set for the *Noises off* production last year was his biggest challenge to date.

Briefed by director, Joy Ramsey, Jim's first thought was how was he going to do it. The set was complex - two storied with doors and stairs - and it had to fit the half-sized stage with a low ceiling. It also had to be turned around three times during the show. "I did a lot of thinking, measuring and drew it out on my workshop floor," he says. "Height was the biggest problem. I had two guys working with me and they didn't understand what I was trying to do so, it was quite a challenge. When one hurdle was overcome, there was another".

Working with Joy on the design, Jim says his biggest concern was health and safety because with actors running and jumping on the upper storey, he did not want it falling to bits. The set was built in three pieces which locked together with straps and chains. Jim's next challenge was getting it into the theatre. It was 10mm too high to fit through the doors but that was remedied by cutting out a bit of the base.

Jim has been building sets for just over a decade and has no plans to give up his work for the theatre group.



Jim McDonough in his workshop

Lodge Dunstan Reaches 150

The glorious old Lodge building in Sunderland Street will host a bunch of enthusiastic Freemasons in mid-November when the Lodge celebrates its 150th anniversary. There will be a special Lodge meeting on Saturday 18 November, followed by a banquet in the Clyde Community Hall.

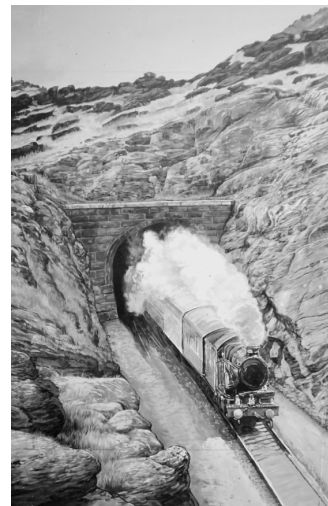
Older members still in the area will be particularly welcome to attend.

For further information contact Rory Butler 03 448 9049 or send an email to him at randcbutler@inspire.net.nz

Clyde Underpass Mural

A new section of the underpass mural has now been completed and has already been widely admired.

Artist Bruce Potter was forced to stop work over winter as it was too darned cold down there!



Town Belt Walk Proves Popular

The popularity of the walk around Clyde's town belt is proving so popular that organiser Russell Garbutt is planning a third walk.

Twenty-seven people turned up for the first walk and, in what Russell describes as a "huge, positive response", 37 others were ready at the meeting point for the second walk.

Russell says in view of the incredible response he is ready to set off again on another walk on Sunday, August 27 at 1pm. Meet at the Miners Monument on the corner of Sunderland and Holloway Streets.

Hey You! Seaton Square Is NOT a Short-Cut

The Central Otago District Council's Parks team would appreciate this message getting through to the few drivers who think Clyde's Seaton Square is their personal thoroughfare.

Complaints have been received about vehicles using the park as a shortcut, which, especially in winter, leaves the surface badly cut-up with deep gouges.

So be warned: residents who live around the park are being asked to keep a watch and jot down number plates.

Missed a copy? Check the website www.promotedunstan.org.nz

A Mental Moment

A whoops and a big apology to Richard and Jo Flannagan who appeared in our last issue in an article about their purchase of and plans for the old *Dunstan Times* building in Clyde. Somehow their name Flannagan was misspelt and for that we offer our sincere apologies.

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Clyde Railway Station Scoops Award

It took 10 years and a lot of hard work but the reward was worth it – a heritage building preserved for the next 100 years and an unexpected award from the Rail Heritage Trust.

The Clyde Railway Station was announced as the winner of the Trust's 2017 restoration award and an official ceremony is planned to unveil the plaque and certificate after their installation at the station.

The award was accepted by Clair Higginson on behalf of the Clyde Station Working Group, Promote Dunstan, Save Our Station fundraising committee and the Central Otago District Council, all of which contributed to the project.

Promote Dunstan, which provided more than \$20,000 to the project, is delighted with the honour paid to Clyde's 110-year-old station.

News In Brief

Clyde's popular monthly markets held over summer will not be held this season.

Earnsclough Country Fair will be held in Earnsclough Hall from 10am -2pm on November 5, 2017.

Police are investigating two burglaries in Clyde earlier this year. If you have any information please pass it on to Alexandra police. Senior Sergeant Kerrisk would also like to remind everyone that if they see anything suspicious, ring 111 straight away.

Neighbourhood Support invite you to hear a motivational talk by reformed burglar, Alan Pritchard, on how to keep communities safe. Entry is free and the meeting will be at Alexandra Memorial Theatre on Friday, August 25, at 7.30pm Gold coin donation appreciated.

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Sewerage and Road Discussion Plans Revealed for Clyde

The lack of reticulated sewerage in Clyde cannot continue and it is likely the Central Otago District Council will be forced to act sooner rather than later.

Central Otago Mayor Tim Cadogan says Clyde is one of the largest towns in New Zealand without a sewerage system and that national water policy and regional urban water discharge standards will force the issue.

The cost of creating a system for Clyde is estimated at around \$34 million but significant savings could be made by expanding the Alexandra plant where a second pipeline could be put in when the pipeline taking water from Clyde to Alexandra (the Lake Dunstan Water Supply pipeline) is installed.

Mayor Tim says if that happens a Clyde sewerage scheme could be installed in three stages - the commercial and older area of town could be off septic tanks within three to five years; the second stage would cover all but the newer parts of Clyde within 12-15 years, and a final stage covering areas with modern septic tank systems, could be completed within 28 years. Cost estimates for stage one is \$12 million, stage two the same amount and the final stage costing another \$5 million but the rollout would stagger the cost.

Mayor Tim, in the mayor's annual "State of the Nation" address told Alexandra Rotary this is an important conversation that needs discussion and consultation.

Before the meeting, he was in Clyde discussing roading options with business owners. Increasing pressure on parking and traffic, created by increasing numbers of visitors, has been under discussion with a



Suggested new extension to Miner's Lane Road exiting at Matau St

working group and preliminary results include developing Lodge Lane and extending the lower Miners Lane as a one-way street to go through to Matau St to open up areas of long-term parking. The scheme also includes a walkway from the parking area up into the township. Consideration is also being given to creating areas of angle parking in some parts of the town.

Mayor Tim says that because the pressure is being caused by a tourist boom, it is likely an application for funding assistance will be made to the national Tourist Infrastructure Fund to help meet the cost of the developments.

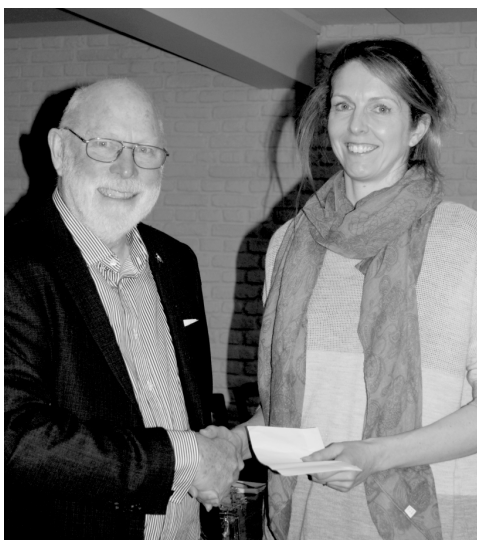
Talking It Over ... with Russell Garbutt
Earnsclough-Clyde Community Board member

Houses in Clyde are often snapped up within days of coming onto the market and, while that is good for sellers, it is tough for new home buyers. At the last Vincent board meeting it was decided to release a substantial block of land for housing adjacent to the Molyneux Estate while more land is waiting for some decisions concerning the proposed Leaning Rock retirement village in the same area to be made.

The Clyde Museum was visited by consultants and Lotteries Commission staff recently and, hopefully, a course can be set to finally get the Briar Herb Museum open to the public again. But it is going to be a long process. I have recently been elected to the board of the Central Stories Museum which I hope will lead to a much stronger link between the Alexandra and Clyde Museums.

Don't hesitate to ring me with any issues on 449 2254 or 020 4039 0424

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Promote Dunstan president, Rory Butler presents a cheque for \$1500 to Natalie Wilson, executive officer for the Central Otago Winegrowers Association (COWA) at a small function in Bannockburn recently. The money is to help travel expenses for three Central Otago wine students to travel to Burgundy, France, on an exchange programme. Students from Burgundy also come to Central Otago on the exchange programme. The Promote Dunstan grant is from money raised at its annual Clyde Wine and Food Harvest Festival where next year, the French students will showcase some of their Burgundian wines.

New Look Clyde Market Planned

The popular Clyde market will be back this summer but at a new venue and with a new organiser.

The market will be in the church grounds of the St Mungo's Union Church on the corner of Sunderland St and Fraser St opposite the Four Square Supermarket. Three markets are planned -- Labour weekend Monday, October 23, Tuesday, January 2, and Waitangi Weekend, Sunday, February 4.

The Clyde on Sunday group, which ran the markets in the historic precinct for the past six years, has handed over the reins to Clyde resident Linda Goding. The sites are three metres square on a first-come first-served basis and cost \$20 per market or \$45 for all three. Money raised from the markets will be donated to the church which needs to repair a leaking roof.

For further information, contact Linda at linda.goding19@gmail.com or call 4492915.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Promote Dunstan at Dunstan House, 7.30pm, October 18. Guest Speaker, Jonathan Howard, Area Manager for Heritage New Zealand.

Earnsclough Community Society at the Earnsclough Hall, 7.30pm, October 10.

Historic Places Central Otago at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Clyde, October 14 at 2pm.

Ferocious Wind Storm Batters Clyde

"It was bloody horrendous".

A succinct but telling description by a Clyde volunteer firefighter of the wind that swept through Clyde on last Friday morning (September 15) leaving residents hanging on to awnings, roofs and anything else exposed to the gale that targeted the town.



Firefighters holding down a Clyde roof

the business section of the town. But the wind steadily increased in force and by about 9am reached a peak - so strong that people could hardly stand. Gusts reached more than 100km (124km was recorded in an orchard at the Clyde end of Earnsclough Rd) and appear to have come over the Cairnmuir Range, across Dunstan Lake to Champagne Creek then along the river before spiralling up into and twisting



Two of the many trees felled at Clyde Golf Course

one day. The first call-out was 7.45am to power lines arcing near the hospital in Sunderland St and the last was at 4.45pm to help close Earnsclough Rd near the bridge because of a fallen tree. The fire service did not emerge unscathed either: a door on one of its fire trucks was wrenched back on its hinges which then had to be tied up with rope for the rest of the day.



Steve Truer straightens his weather vane.

The volunteer fire brigade plus units from Cromwell and Alexandra, and police were mobilised to deal with the havoc and many residents spent the weekend mending fences, battered roofs, boarding up broken windows and clearing wind-torn trees from property,

One resident was alerted to the wind about 5am by the swinging of metal signs in



Jo McKenzie-McLean photographs the dam

through the township and golf course.

Clyde Fire Chief Richard Davidson, said the brigade fielded 33 calls - the most it has ever received in



Wind blows water through the sluice gates into the spillways at the Clyde dam

Dog Day at St Michael's Church

A "drop-in" party of pooches and people will take place in the grounds of the heritage Anglican church in Clyde to celebrate St Francis of Assisi Feast Day next month.

Everyone is invited to bring their dogs to show their tricks and skills at a family gathering on Saturday, October 7, at 1.30pm.

The dog party will be followed by fun and laughter provided by the St Michael's Players performing "All Creatures Great and Small" which features stories, poetry and songs with an animal theme.

A doggy bowl will be passed around for donations to help the upkeep of the church building and everyone is invited for refreshments at the church hall.



Bruce Potter is making further progress on the Clyde Underpass mural. He is now well over half way through the project.

Clyde Railway Station Plaque

An invitation is extended to residents and others to come to the Railway Station on Saturday, October 21, for the official unveiling of a plaque.

The plaque was presented by the Rail Heritage Trust of New Zealand in recognition of the huge restoration project undertaken by Promote Dunstan, the Central Otago District Council and the Clyde Station Working Group.

The unveiling is at 2pm and the railway museum will be open for viewing.

Public Meetings for Clyde Museums Future

Several public meetings will be called to discuss ideas and options for an overall plan for the Clyde Historical Museums.

The museums committee has been reviewing its operation looking at potential long-term options for the buildings and their contents. Committee chair Clair Higginson says it is likely the conservation architects would want to talk to as many people as possible about a feasibility options report.

The committee is working closely with Christina Martin and Paula Penno from the Central Otago District Council on the project which involves the three museum buildings and collections – the Blythe St Museum, the Briar and Herb Museum and the Clyde Railway Station.

A funding application for the feasibility study has been lodged with the Lotteries Commission.

Plans for future displays have also been discussed including adding to the displays commemorating the centennial of the First World War. A "Word From the Front" exhibition will include postcards, souvenirs, photographs and letters home.

The Blyth St museum will open for the season from Tuesday, October 3 from 2-4pm.

Save A Date for Chook Chook

Clyde's thespians are rehearsing their next production which is two short plays.

"A Double Act", featuring two comedies, *Chook Chook*, by Fiona Farrell and *Hi Santa, Remember Me*, by Trevor Suthers, will be performed at Orchard Gardens in Dunstan Rd for two evening shows and one matinee on November 3, 4, and 5. Bookings open on October 19. More details are on the Clyde Theatre Group Facebook page.

Lilliput Libraries Pop Up in Clyde



A miniature library service has come to town thanks to the Clyde and District Lions Club which has installed two in the community.

Lions Club chairperson, Robyn Marshall, saw the libraries in Dunedin where there are now more than 100, and suggested it as a 2017 project by the Clyde Lions for the Clyde community.

The idea, which originated in the United States, aims to encourage reading as well as foster friendships within the community. The libraries are on the street frontage of properties lived in by library guardians who check them to ensure they are tidy and well stocked.

In Clyde, two are in Hazlett St and a third will be at Clyde Primary School. These quaint little libraries provide a place where people can take and leave books and are already proving so popular with the public that they have to be regularly restocked with good reading material.

Deirdre Kokich, a member of the project team, says they went to Clyde Primary School and talked about the project and the possibility of having one at the school:

"The children were very enthusiastic," she says, "and they are now working on the design for their own lilliput library which they will also paint." The art work on the other two boxes has been done by local artists.

The glass-fronted cupboards were made by Alexandra Men In Sheds and it seems they might be busy on this project for some time to come.

"We've already had requests for more libraries not only for Clyde, but also for Alexandra and beyond," Deirdre says. "The other plus for this project was the opportunity to get to know each other better as club members. Our project team has had a fantastic time working together to reach our project goals with a lot of fun and laughter along the way."



Clyde Railhead Community Eco-Nursery

Helping hands are much appreciated at the eco-nursery and volunteer working bees are now underway every Thursday at 10am at the Clyde rail head. Everyone is welcome to come and help. People are also invited to come along and take a look at the progress that has been made at Korimako corner. The new contact email is : nursery@haehaeata.org.nz They would love to hear from you.

Talking It over .. with Russell Garbutt Earnsclough-Clyde Community Board member

As some of you may have read, the Clyde Historic Museum committee, with assistance from Te Papa and CODC, staff has been busy making an application for funding to pay for a feasibility study on the future of the Clyde Museum. It is highly likely that community consultations about some of the artefacts in the Herb Museum complex will start in the New Year.

In case you are wondering, the earthworks behind the pine trees above the state highway are for the installation of a major underground electricity supply line which will run from the Alexandra end of Sunderland St, under the highway and Springvale Rd and will end up in Dairy Creek. This line will be used to power the pumps to take water out of the creek to the top of Golden Rd.

I led another walk with about ten people over the Clyde town belt during Thyme Festival Week and again, most had not known of the existence of the reserve. The CODC will be releasing a draft of the Clyde Recreation Reserve Management Plan in the next little while, and I urge everyone to make a submission on the plan.

Don't forget if you want to get hold of me, ring 020 4039 0424.



Russell Garbutt



Dogs - Great and Small Receive Blessing

Put 15 or so dogs together and what do you get? A lot of sniffing, some barking and a great deal of joyous energy.

The lawn at St Michaels and All Angels Anglican Church last month became an outdoor venue where an assortment of dogs, large and small, were individually blessed by the Rev Lois McKee in a celebration of St Francis of Assisi feast day. Certificates were presented and after a march-past



**Did you bring any food Mum?
Rascal contemplates his first visit to
a church.**

everyone, dogs included, was invited into the historic church for an hour's entertainment of music, poetry and stories with an animal theme by the St Michael's Players.

Organised by a delighted Rozena Hallum who was not sure what to expect, the dogs demonstrated true fellowship with not an ooops moment or a snarl to be heard.



**Rev Lois McKee blesses
SPCA dog Walter watched by
Shirlene Steel (SPCA) and
Cath Brock (SPCA)**

Three Cheers for Lord Clyde

A colourful parade celebrating the birth of the man after whom Clyde is named, all came about by the curiosity of John Cockroft.

John, who is a member of the Clyde on Sunday group, discovered that Lord Clyde's birth in 1792 coincided with the annual Cuisine@Clyde and decided a parade was in order. Field Marshall Colin Campbell (Lord Clyde) was



raised to the peerage after his part in several prominent nineteenth century British military campaigns including the Crimea and the Indian Mutiny.

Volunteers were rounded up, authentic Royal Hussar scarlet costumes were obtained from the Alexandra Musical Society and the Invercargill Repertory Society. Modern replicas came from London - which was just as well because most of the older outfits were a bit of tight squeeze for the men of today. The skirl of bagpipes and drumming led the 13-man squad along the main street followed by Florence Nightingale nurses and a

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House Tour Outstanding Success

A second new event for Cuisine@Clyde surpassed the expectations of organiser, Marnie Kelly, of Touch Yarns. More than 200 tickets were sold for a house tour of nine heritage and modern properties within Clyde. It followed an equally successful kitchen tour three years ago. Marnie says the feedback was excellent and



Warren Struan of Alexandra and his son, Crawford, inspect the refurbished kitchen facilities at Hartley Arms Accommodation, one of the buildings on the tour.

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Wine Tastings Draws Large Crowd

The annual tasting of the season's new wine from producers in the Alexandra basin continues to be a major drawcard for people in the district over Labour Weekend.

Now in its ninth year, 18 of the world's most southernly wine producers set up stalls in Olivers Garden offering wine grown from grapes best suited to Central Otago's climate.

The next wine event in Clyde is the annual Wine and Food Harvest Festival on April 1, next year.

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It is with great regret we record the death of Prue Miller this month in Clyde. Prue, an artist and sculptor, recently held an exhibition of her hand-made dolls in St Michaels and All Angels Church. Prue's funeral service was held in

Market Day in Clyde

A new venue, new stalls and a new organiser added up to a successful Clyde market at Labour Weekend.

A nervous Linda Goding who had "never run anything like this before" soon relaxed as 28 stalls went up in the grounds of St Mungo's Union Church and a large turnout of locals and visitors gave it the thumbs up.

Linda volunteered to run the market after the Clyde on Sunday group, which had run the Clyde markets for the past six years, was unable to continue. But group member Chris Cockroft passed on her knowledge and help to Linda and was there to ensure all went well.

Funds raised from the market will be donated to St Mungo to help repair the roof of the historic building.

Meanwhile, a "really thrilled" Linda, with nerves now settled, is preparing for the next Clyde market on Tuesday, January 2. (For information email: linda.goding19@gmail.com)



Market organiser Linda Goding

Letter to Editor

A huge thank you to the couple who spent a long time on Sunday (15 Oct) tidying up the walking track along the Clyde side of the Clutha between Miners Lane and the hospital - what a wonderful job you have done! It was an absolute pleasure to walk along a clear track without having to mountaineer over or tunnel under the debris that had collected since last November and which had been badly exacerbated by the recent storm. You have done an amazing job. Thank you both so much! (Pat Braddick).



Stall holders Annette Kwick (left) and Grace Johns at the Earnsclough Country Fair which



Enjoying wine and sun at the Alexandra Basin Wine Tasting at Labour Weekend.



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Community Feedback Needed on Clyde Reserves Plan



The number of reserves and parks in and around Clyde is probably more than most people realise. There are at least 16 areas which come under this heading and a draft plan has just been released looking at how to care for and manage them.

The Vincent Community Board now wants feedback on the plan and is hoping for a major response from the community which will help to shape the final plan.

Policies and objectives for the management of the parks and reserves as well as how these spaces might be used in the future are covered in the 93-page document.

There are several areas where the board is keen to have feedback. These include ideas to develop the town belt area, options proposed for the Clyde greenway corridor, the development of the dog-walking area and suggestions for an alternative play structure at the Fache St playground reserve.

Community Board Chair Sharleen Stirling-Lindsay says it is important to the board that it continues to hear from users of the land and to create spaces not only for today but for future generations to enjoy.

A copy of the draft plan and an information sheet are available on the council website www.codc.govt.nz/consultation, from council service areas (e.g. the Library) and also from Clyde Library, 4 Square, dairy, and the Challenge service station. Submissions can be made online or you can get a submission form from council offices.

If you want to have your say, you have until 5pm, Friday, 16 February, next year.

Needing Urgent Medical Treatment? Here's What To Do If you Don't Have a Doctor.

The most important thing is: if you need a Doctor, ring **ANY** General Practitioner and your problem will be assessed (triaged). It might take some time so be patient and follow the instructions that are given. There is always a GP on call. The list of GP's can be found in the telephone book, local papers, and on the Central App.

Please be aware that Dunstan Hospital does **NOT** have an Emergency Department and local GP's are the first point of call. If it is a medical emergency, then dial 111.



The Underpass Mural – Clyde’s Vibrant New Attraction.

The word is spreading and already the 22-panel mural adorning one side of the Daphne Hull underpass in Clyde (above) is receiving admiration from locals and visitors.

Artist Bruce Potter says he is thrilled with the mural because it is the first one he has painted.

“It’s been quite different painting on concrete rather than canvas,” he says. “It’s been a great experience.”

Adding to that experience is learning to deal with quick-drying paint which at times was frustrating and having to down tools every time the overhead light, which is on a timer, went out and he had to reactivate it by walking to one of the entrances. But on the plus side, he has numerous visitors which is very different from working alone in his studio.

“A lot of people have come to see the mural and there are some who keep coming back to see the progress made,” he says. “It’s good. I get instant feedback.”

Not everyone is local – a couple from Auckland who heard about the mural from family in Clyde came visiting and there have been other people from out of town as well.

Bruce is looking forward to painting the other side of the underpass and has a good idea of what he wants to do which, without giving too much away, involves the building of the railway line and the rail trail.

“It’s nice to make a mark in the community by creating a permanent outdoor gallery.”

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Musicians To Entertain in Clyde

The sound of music will ring throughout the historic precinct outside business premises every Sunday for the next 14 weeks.

The music event started on December 10 and is organised by the Clyde on Sunday business group. Twenty local businesses have supported the cost of the musicians and singers who will entertain from 11am to 2pm, except December 24.



Bruce Potter adds finishing touches to the mural

There is a perception that rate-payers are funding or part funding the project. That is not so: it is being funded fully by Promote Dunstan. The money (\$20,000 for one side of the underpass) comes from revenue raised by the Clyde Wine and Food Harvest Festival which the group organises. At its recent meeting, Promote Dunstan members agreed to fund a second mural on the other side of the underpass. It is the group’s hope that this work of art will become a major visitor attraction in Clyde and it is looking at ways to increase public awareness of the murals.



Dunstan Lodge Turns 150

Barely four years after the rush to the Dunstan goldfield, a meeting was called in Clyde with the aim of establishing a Masonic Lodge. It took another year, but the infant lodge finally received a charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1867.

Last month Lodge Dunstan proudly celebrated its 150th anniversary by holding a weekend of events in Clyde. A special Lodge meeting was attended by several high-ranking dignitaries, past and present Lodge Dunstan members and many visitors. It took more than an hour for all the visitors to be admitted and welcomed into the lodge rooms – now one of Clyde's major historic buildings.

It was originally the town hall, built in 1869 and designed by the mayor and councillors. Perhaps not surprisingly, as seven of them were masons, it looked remarkably like a Freemasons' Lodge. However, it was not until the mid-1950s that the Lodge moved into the beautiful building it now occupies.

A separate programme for member's wives included visits to several gardens around Clyde and to one in Letts Gully Rd. More than 100 guests attended the celebration banquet held in the Clyde Memorial Hall and it is sincerely hoped Lodge Dunstan will be around to celebrate its next 150 years.



The magnificent cake at the banquet was cut by Beth MacArthur and long-serving member, Worshipful Brother John Lines. Three generations of Beth's family have been members.

Helpful Gift for Emergency Hospital Admissions

Going into hospital? No doubt the bag and toiletries are packed ready for the day of admission but what happens if people are admitted unexpectedly?

This was a need recognised by the Lions Club of Clyde and District whose members put together hygiene packs for people involved in accidents or those with a medical emergency delivered to Dunstan Hospital by ambulance.

The club started this project three years ago. Hundreds of people have received a hygiene pack: a plastic bag containing soap, toothbrush and toothpaste and a comb.

Feedback from those who have received a pack and hospital staff is full of praise for the project which is an ideal way to help those coming into the hospital, especially if they are not local and do not have friends or relatives to support them.

The club also gives out what it calls distraction bags for children. These contain pencils, paper, and other items designed to distract a child who might have to undergo unpleasant medical treatment such as injections.

Talking It Over ... with Russell Garbutt Earnscleugh-Clyde Community Board Member.

The year seems to have flown by but it is great in many ways, to have had such an incredible late Spring and early Summer. Let's hope the fine spell continues for all of our "cribbies" and other visitors over Christmas.

The Clyde Reserve Management Plan is now open for public submission and I am urging everyone to either go on-line to the Central Otago District Council website or have a look at a copy at the service station, 4 Square, dairy or the library. I cannot stress enough the importance of making YOUR voice heard.

This month also sees the departure of the council's CEO, Leanne Mash and I'd personally like to thank her for the incredible contribution she has made in leading the team at the CODC. She is an amazing woman.

We are looking forward to the decision of Central Lakes Trust for the final funding for the feasibility study into the Clyde Museum. Recently the Lotteries provided over \$40,000 for this project and hopefully a start can be made on the study shortly.

Finally, I'd like to wish residents and visitors the very best wishes for a happy and fulfilling Christmas and a prosperous 2018 and hope that it will be a holiday period full of good things. Like most people I'll be hosting family – some of whom have never visited our corner of paradise – but I'll always be on the end of the phone if you would like to get hold of me at any time. 449 2254 or 020 4039 0424.

Bold New Venture for Theatre Group.

Auditions have just taken place for the Clyde Theatre Group's major production next year for a play that is a distinct departure from its usual bill of fare.

Barry Gibbons will direct *Daughters of Heaven*, the stage version of *Heavenly Creatures* based on the true story of the relationship between Christchurch teenage girls Juliet Hume and Pauline Parker which ultimately leads to the murder of Pauline's mother.

Theatre Group president Joy Ramsay says it is a New Zealand play and was suggested by Barry when he was asked to direct a play next year.

"It's quite different from what we usually do," she says, "and it is a bit of a challenge to try a dramatic play rather than a comedy."

There is no doubt the theatre group will rise to that challenge. It has consistently provided great shows over the years, usually to full houses. Considering the small populations of Clyde and Alexandra, there is a large number of hugely-talented people providing top-rate theatre and musical entertainment. *Daughters of Heaven* will run for a season of eight days in mid-March next year.



Clyde Railhead Community Eco-Nursery

Volunteer working bees are now underway every Thursday at 10am at the Clyde rail head. People may also come to see progress that has been made at Korimako corner Nursery@haehaeata.org.nz

Clyde Theatre Group president, Joy Ramsay is flanked by Connor McDowall and Emma Rees, co-winners of this year's Clyde Theatre Group "Contribution to the Performing Arts" Award for Clyde School.