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Dunedin Charitable Trust

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Series 2 2008

DUNEDIN – OUR CITY

Dates: Wednesday, 18 June – Wednesday, 30 July 2008

Time: 2.15 pm - 4.15 pm

Venue: Leith Bowling Club, 2 Duke Street, North Dunedin

Enrolments for this group will be limited to 100

Course Fee: \$30.00

Tea and Coffee provided

Course Organiser: John Burton (477 7371)

Course Assistant: Graham Mortimer (477 9867)

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You may apply to enrol in more than one course in each series (subject to numbers). If you wish to do so, you must indicate your choice preference on the application form, and include payment of the appropriate fee(s).

All applications must be received by noon on Wednesday, 14 May 2008, and you may expect to receive a response to your application on or about 23 May.

Any questions about courses after 23 May should be made to the Secretary, U3A Dunedin, telephone 471 9913 or on email at <graysinn@clear.net.nz>

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The City of Dunedin has developed from a whaling station to its present status as a centre of learning and commerce over a period of only 160 years. In that time it has gone through periods of growth and stagnation, and of optimism and pessimism. For many it is an exciting and fulfilling place to live; others do not share that view.

This course, presented by staff of the Dunedin City Council and Tourism Dunedin will examine 7 topics of importance to all who choose to live in our city.

The Programme

- 18 June** **Economic Development.** What drives Dunedin's economy? How does the city support economic growth? What role does Tourism play?
Presenters: Peter Harris, Economic Development Unit, Jan Hindson, Tourism Dunedin and Louise Van de Vlied, Visitor Centre.
- 25 June** **Dunedin Harbourside.** Redevelopment of the industrial and wharf areas: the vision, issues and process.
Transport and Traffic Planning
Presenters: Debbie Hogan City Planning, and Don Hill, Manager, Transportation Planning
- 2 July** **Climate Change.** Climate change and Peak Oil – some thoughts on what it might mean for Dunedin?
Presenter: Tony Avery, General Manager City Environment
- 9 July** **The Draft Annual Plan.** How is it formed? What is the consultation process? What does the DCC expect from ratepayers in the way of response? What does it get? A commonly held view is that "consultation is a waste of time; the originators of the plan have already made their minds up and will press ahead even if there is opposition" – is this valid?
Presenter: Mike Roesler, Policy Analyst
- 16 July** **The Dunedin Chinese Garden.** History, development, construction (methods, personnel, role of Chinese artisans) planned role as a prime Dunedin attraction.
Presenter: Siew Gek Sim, Manager Dunedin Chinese Garden
- 23 July** **"Water, Water everywhere (or is it?)"** The history of Dunedin's water supply, current collection, treatment, quality, distribution and disposal of water and sewage – controversies associated with same. And why do so many people drink bottled water or water from Speights tap?
Eco-friendly Dunedin –recycling of waste. When huge amounts of our unwanted goods are going into landfill and this is known to have damaging long-term effects on the environment what possibilities are there for dealing with animal, vegetable and mineral waste products in a more eco-friendly way? What has been tried? What are the economics? Where might the future lie?
Presenter: Jenny Neilson, Water and Waste Services
- 30 July** **Dunedin's Botanic Garden.** History, the present, and plans for the future – the recently announced \$6m upgrade.
The Town Belt. Rationale, development, the present, the future
Presenters: Alan Matchett, Botanic Garden Curator, and Scott McLean, Parks Officer.