

Dunstan News

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Book Sales to Benefit Clyde Museum

Local photographer Sue Noble-Adams is close to publishing a pictorial record of past and present Clyde using photos held by Clyde Historical Museums.

She was delighted to receive a donation of \$2000 to help printing costs from The Four Marketeers who run the Alexandra Summer Markets.

Clyde Then and Now is a fundraiser to help the museums' committee gather and care for collections awaiting their transfer to the proposed new museum which will be built on part of the Briar Herb Museum.

All proceeds from the sales of the 40-page book will go to the museums. Photographs have been selected from the 1000 or so held in the Blyth St museum collection and she has taken identical photos showing what the subjects look like today.

Donations towards the cost of printing will be gratefully received.



Sue Noble-Adams checking proofs for her book, *Clyde Then and Now*.

A chute to deliver unwanted material to a dump truck has been working overtime at Dunstan Hotel as everything on the top floor was demolished. The owners of Olivers, David and Andy Ritchie, recently bought the hotel and plan to build new rooms with en suites as soon as the resource consent process is completed. Mr Ritchie says the demolition uncovered some original features in the hotel which will be retained.



Celebrating Clyde's Underpass Mural

A short ceremony to officially mark the completion of the huge mural in the Clyde Underpass will be held in August.

Everyone is invited to come along to inspect the colorful work of art depicting past and present activities on what is now the Otago Central Rail trail and to meet the artist, Bruce Potter. The mural is fast becoming an attraction in Clyde since it was completed earlier this year. The \$40,000 project was funded by Promote Dunstan. The ceremony will be at the underpass on Sunday, August 25, 3pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Talking It over ... with Russell Garbutt Vincent Community Board member

Russell has recently returned from visits to Germany, England and Vietnam and reflects on how things are done differently there and what can be learned. Rooding was one aspect he noticed:

Despite unlimited speeds on Germany's autobahns as well as having some pretty twisty minor roads, the German road toll is half that of New Zealand on a per capita basis. The biggest difference I saw was driver competence and behaviour as well as much better road surfaces. I never saw a power pole anywhere on my travels that had bracing or nails.

Prices of beef and lamb in the UK are beyond most people's budgets with some beef I saw at \$70 per kg.

I visited a lot of museums of all sizes and learned a lot about what to value and how to display it. St Michael's Church in Clyde is one of those things to value as a community and I applaud the group formed after a public meeting to look at how the church can be kept as a community asset.

We are already in the countdown to local body elections and I urge anyone with a desire to serve this incredible district to consider standing for either the Vincent Community Board or the Central Otago District Council. I consider it a privilege to serve the community on the community board and, as reported elsewhere, I intend standing again.

If you have a concern or issue, ring me on 03 449 2254 or 020 4039 0424.



Survey Circulated on St Michael's Church

The Friends of St Michael's committee has completed a questionnaire-survey to gauge public interest in keeping the Clyde heritage church as a community asset.

The committee was formed after a well-attended public meeting in late June after concerns that St Michael and All Angels Church might be sold. The Anglican Diocese no longer has a use for it and a diocese property commission has been formed to make recommendations about the future of the property.

A copy of the survey is enclosed in this issue and the committee is asking you to fill it in and either email it back to the committee or hand it into one of several places listed in the survey. **Replies must be received by Monday August 12.**

Results will form the basis of a submission the committee will make to the Property Commission which will make its recommendations to the Diocese Council about the future of the church.

Afternoon Tea Invitation

The Clyde and District Lions Club is inviting Clyde's older residents to share its annual afternoon tea at Clyde Primary School.

The function benefits both the club and the school. Senior pupils, assisted by Lions Club members, make scones and pikelets and serve the guests tea and coffee. Pupils also provide entertainment. The Lions help the school meet some its commitments for the Spirit of Clyde award for which pupils take part in community activities.

The afternoon tea will be held on September 13 from 1.30pm at Clyde School in Blyth St. If you would like to attend, please contact Launa McNaughton (4492 934) or Barb Grenfell (4492 792).

Major Film Shoot in Clyde

It was hard to miss the recent activities in Clyde as a major feature film used the town including the bridge and Olivers in the historic precinct.

More than 100 crew, cast and extras from China and New Zealand spent about nine days in and around Clyde and Ranfurly filming the movie, with the working title of OCK.



Crew members outside the transformed Merchant of Clyde café.



Movie director, Feng Xiaogang taking a break during the film shoot. He is well known in China as a successful film-maker and also as an actor and script-writer.

Oliver's café, the Merchant of Clyde, which closed for a week, was almost unrecognisable after receiving a yellow paint job and new signage which declared it to be Yun's Chopsticks Restaurant. The interior was also used for shooting some scenes while part of Oliver's Restaurant was transformed into a high-tech production studio.

Filming started two months earlier in Auckland before moving to locations in Kaikoura and Tekapo. The Central Otago shoot took place during nearly a week of extremely cold temperatures and fog and crew members huddled in newly-bought puffer jackets, scarves, hats, gloves and boots. Several of the cast clasped hotwater bottles and hand warmers between takes. Even the locals felt the cold, especially those extras who had to be on set at 7.30 in the morning.

While the film shoot was beneficial for some of Clyde's business's not all were so fortunate. Road cones and closed areas discouraged foot traffic accessing some shops and car parks. Some had no idea the film production was going to be so big and so disruptive. A lack of communication was a common complaint with one resi-

dent "grumpy" about being woken at 7a.m. to shift a vehicle, although they had asked the previous night if it needed to be moved.

On the plus side several people commented the filming was good for Clyde and that there might be future benefits for the town.

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Feature Filming in Earnsclough

Clyde was not the only place where scenes for a feature film involved a fire at a landmark building. In early July, Earnsclough Station homestead was "set on fire" as part of a Hollywood movie, *Black Christmas*. The film is a remake of a 1974 Canadian horror movie about female students being stalked and killed on a University campus. Scenes for the movie have also been shot in Dunedin and the movie is scheduled for release in December..

Clyde Church to Celebrate 125 Years

Parishioners at St Mungo's Church in Clyde are preparing to celebrate its 125th anniversary in September.

The Presbyterian church was built in 1894 on a section once listed as six tent sites. It was originally timber-clad, but roughcast in 1960s. It is named after Mungo, an apostle of the Scottish kingdom of Strathclyde in the late sixth century.

St Mungo's became part of the Alexandra-Clyde-Lauder Union parish in partnership with the Methodists in 1970 and is the only one of Clyde's three churches (all heritage buildings) that still holds weekly services.

The celebrations start on August 31 with a bus trip to Maniototo historic places. On Sunday, September 1, a service and communion will be held followed by a guided walk of the historic precinct and a shared pot-luck lunch.

For more information contact Pat (4492 695), Sheryll (4492 703) or Kathi (021 026 15866) or visit the Alexandra Clyde Lauder Union Parish Facebook page.



Goldfields Celebrations in Clyde

Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust is using Clyde as its base to celebrate the trust's 30th anniversary.

Committee member Jeanette McKay says celebrations start with a morning tea at the Post Office Restaurant and Bar on Friday, August 30 and will continue over the weekend during which a number of activities are planned. The celebrations are open to everyone. If you are interested in registering, email Terry@Cavalcade.co.nz or phone (03) 4450111.

Thanks: Promote Dunstan sincerely thanks the roading team at Fulton Hogan for donating its services to install three bronze plaques in Clyde in June. The plaques, which commemorate people who have contributed to the town's development, were the latest to be added to the 25 that have already been laid in the historic precinct footpaths.

The two major pipelines now being laid between Alexandra and Clyde. One will bring an improved water supply to both towns and the other will carry Clyde's wastewater to Alexandra's wastewater treatment plant.

The system will replace Clyde's septic tanks and disposal fields. Stage one — the pipeline, pump station and the reticulated wastewater scheme in central Clyde — will cost \$13.6 million.



Clyde Theatre Group AGM

Clyde Theatre group is holding its AGM in a few weeks and invites people to come along and see what the group is planning. Venue and date are to be confirmed but check its website,

www.clydetheatregroup.co.nz for further details.

