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Wastewater Scheme Underway in Central Clyde

Preparations for the biggest scheme in Clyde since the building of the dam are now underway in the town centre as contractors start designing the first stage of the Clyde Wastewater project through the town's streets.

All of the town's commercial and residential properties are on septic tanks and considerable work has to be done before connections start because of the age of some of the properties, possible renovations and septic tanks that have been replaced. Contractors expect to visit up to 165 affected properties in the historic precinct to inspect ground levels and take measurements. Construction work begins next year and all septic tanks will have to be emptied and disinfected before properties are connected to the new scheme.

The overall project which includes a pump station, reticulation and a treatment site at Alexandra has been described as a high-risk financial project in a report given in early September by the District Council's Capital Projects Programme Manager, Patrick Keenan.

The risk has prompted the council to approve the reimbursement of contractors for the actual costs plus an agreed margin. This is similar to a model already used by the council for some of its other projects. As soon as the first stage of the reticulation design is finalised the Council will advise all property owners how the process will happen from here. Property owners were advised last year that the cost of connecting to the system would be about \$10,000 per household or business.

Clyde residents are also welcome to come along to a public drop-in session being held in the coming weeks. An explanatory letter is included with this issue of the *Dunstan News*.

DROP-INS

Construction won't start until autumn next year, but we're getting organised now.

Come along to find out more about how this project will happen.

SATURDAY 19 October 2-5pm
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CLYDE BOWLING CLUB - 70 Sunderland St, Clyde

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Major Power Upgrade in Clyde

Aurora Energy is advising residents in Fache, Newcastle and Whitby streets of disruptions during October as Delta installs new power poles and lines as part of the Clyde network upgrade project.

Delta will need to isolate the power supply to properties next to poles scheduled for replacement and property owners will be contacted beforehand.

There will also be two major power outages in Clyde before the project can be completed. If there are any questions please contact Delta Utility Services on 0800 433 582 or call Aurora Energy on 0800 22 00 05, or visit its website www.auroraenergy.co.nz/ outages

Talking It over with Russell Garbutt

This is my last column before voting ends in the local body elections and I'd like to say what a privilege it has been to represent our community over the last three years. I have attended every meeting of the board and the range of issues that we have dealt with has been significant. There are those who think community boards are not relevant but, in my experience, they are an essential link with communities such as ours.



I have received a number of calls from people wanting to ensure that the character of the Clyde historic precinct is preserved after the waste water system is installed. Of particular concern is the land around St Michael and All Angels and St Mungos churches. Both are included in the first stage for connections and if the land was sold it could be used for high-density housing. It seems to me that we have to make a strong statement in the district plan and other planning to ensure that the essential character of the precinct is retained.

Allied to this is the need to provide affordable housing in the wider area. I am seriously concerned at the prices being realised for land. While the market determines prices, this is also affected by availability and we do need to be able to provide affordable and sensitive development where we can.

If I am returned as a community board member, I will continue to be available on 449 2254 or 020 4039 0424.

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Hiccups Follow Book Launch

A problem with the binding of a new photographic book about Clyde has devastated its author, Sue Noble-Adams. The book was launched in late September and sales were steady but copies started to fall apart.

The book's printer has agreed to re-print the book at no extra cost and all books that have been sold will be replaced. *Clyde Then and Now* is a fundraiser for the Clyde museum which will receive all the proceeds from its sale. The reprinted books will be available from Paper Plus and the Clyde museum.



Clyde photographer, Sue Nobel-Adams at the launch of her book, *Clyde Then and Now* in late September at Olivers.

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Winter Bowls Champions

This year's Clyde Bowling Club champion Conor Muir was introduced to the sport by his grandfather when he was about 13 years old. Now in his mid-20s he represents Central Otago and his skills were evident over the winter bowls tournament.

He won three of the four titles — the singles, the triples (with Ray Harvey and Alister Watson) and fours (with Leon van Boxtel and Ray and Kevin Paulin).

Van Boxtel and the Paulins also won the 10-week triples competition, and van Boxtel won the champion pairs with Trevor Ludlow.

Meeting with Church Commissioners

Representatives from the Friends of St Michael's Committee say they had a constructive discussion with the four property commissioners appointed by the Anglican Diocese to review the future of St Michael and All Angels Church in Clyde.

Committee chairman David Ritchie says the commission confirmed the diocese was keen to end its liability for the running and maintenance costs of the property and was considering all options for the church including its potential sale.

Other points discussed were the strong community support for keeping the church in the public domain and possible uses for the property. The St Michael's committee is now awaiting a formal reply which is expected by the end of October.

More than 95% of people who responded to a survey and questionnaire circulated in Alexandra and Clyde in July and August voted against the sale of the property and wanted it kept as a community asset.

A majority also supported St Michael's use as a shared venue for commercial and community events or activities such as creative arts and performance, ceremonies, heritage and history, health or well-being.

The heritage church was closed for services two years ago because its congregation had dropped to fewer than 15 and it was decided to concentrate services on St Aiden's Church in Alexandra.

St Michael's is an important heritage building in Clyde. The interior is particularly cherished for its simple beauty and for its stained glass window featuring a dove (right). This came from a bomb-damaged window in St Paul's Cathedral in London and was installed in 1980.



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New Release Wine Tastings

The annual wine tasting in Olivers Garden on Labour Weekend Sunday continues to grow in strength with at least 20 vineyards from the Alexandra basin taking part this year.

The wines on offer from 1pm to 4pm have just been released and the event gives people a chance to meet the owners and the wine makers while sampling the wines.

Guest speaker this year is Master of Wine, Emma Jenkins. A wine writer and consultant, Emma is also a local and international judge. Tickets are \$30 which includes wine, cheese and crackers and tasting glass and are available at the Alexandra i-Site or online at www.centralotagonz.ibisnz.com

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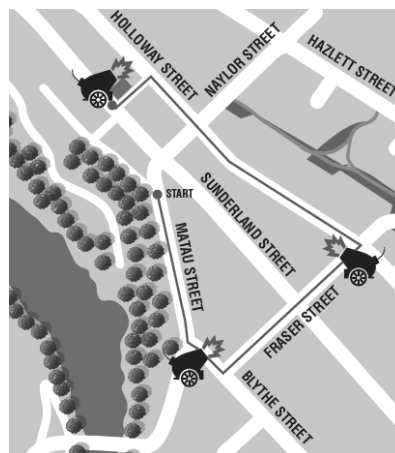
Labour Weekend Activities in Clyde

The following all take place on Sunday, October 27.

Market at St Mungos Church grounds (opposite the 4 Square). From 10am.

The Lord Clyde Parade.

The parade will take place around the historic precinct at 12.30pm finishing at Lodge Dunstan. It celebrates the October birth in 1792 of Field Marshall Colin Campbell, 1st Baron of Clyde, after whom the town is named. On the right is a map showing the route of the parade.



Burgundy Exchange Students Given a Send-Off.

The annual exchange scheme between wine makers in France and Central Otago this year saw five local wine industry workers travelling to Burgundy to observe and learn what their counterparts are doing. The students travel costs are assisted by Promote Dunstan which donates some of the proceeds from its Clyde Wine and Food Harvest Festival. This year the grant was \$2500 and was presented by Promote Dunstan president, Rory Butler.



From left – Hamish Hay, Anika Willner, Rory Butler, Monique Lynes, Ben Tombs. Absent, Donald van der Westhuizen

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Brief Bites

Earnsclough Spring Fair is on at the Earnsclough Hall on Sunday, November 17, from 10am to 2pm. If you want a stall (\$15) or to hire a table, contact Rebecca becsaaron@xtra.co.nz or text 027255996.

Congratulations Kath Hughes, former Clyde resident now resident at Ripponburn Retirement Village, on turning 100.

Eat. Taste. Central. It is in its third year with a record 65 dishes in five categories offered by eateries throughout Central. Clyde is represented by Olivers restaurant, the Merchant of Clyde Café and Paulina’s. Vote for the dish of your choice. Ends October 28.

Congratulations Finlay Russel for her highly commended award in the youth category at the Central Otago Awards. The 17 year-old is a volunteer fire-fighter at the Clyde Fire Station.

Our sympathies to the family of Jan Rasmussen, Clyde’s well-known artist who died in August. Her enduring memorial is her gallery and delightful home skillfully planned for a tiny section in the historic precinct.



A delighted Barbara Dineen from Dunedin admires the bronze plaque laid in the historic precinct in memory of her great-grandfather, Anthony Brough. He was Clyde’s first practising solicitor and started his business in 1869. Two years later he built the heritage house at 45 Sunderland St. The memorial was one of three new plaques laid by Promote Dunstan in May.

Looking to join a Community group
 Come along to Clyde Bowling Club, corner of Sunderland and Whitby Streets, Clyde
 Social Bowls are played on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm
 You will be assured of a warm welcome
 Bowls are available for use

