

SOUTHERN HERITAGE TRUST

The Southern Heritage Trust is the only registered charitable trust devoted to Otago's social, cultural, architectural and industrial heritage. We provide advocacy for threatened heritage structures, and run successful events, tours and talks for like-minded people who appreciate all our wonderful heritage.

Otago, and in particular Dunedin, has more heritage structures still standing than any other region in New Zealand, so it makes sense that there is an outlet for all those who share our passion.

The Trust has a strong membership and programme of heritage events, both for the public and exclusively for Trust members, including the Otepoti Dunedin Heritage Festival which is an annual event.

NEW ZEALAND AND SOUTH SEAS INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION: 100 YEARS

In 2025, the Heritage Festival is celebrating the great exhibitions of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, especially the New Zealand and South Seas International Exhibition of 1925-26, which showcased Dunedin's strengths to the rest of the country, and NZ's achievements to the world.

That exhibition remains the most successful event in NZ history with its sprawl of purpose-built structures and well over 3 million visits. This is a great opportunity to reflect on what Dunedin was capable of in the past, and what it might achieve now and into the future.

POP-UP MUSEUM OF 1925 MEMORABILIA AND NZ EPHEMERA

Please check Festival website for dates and location.

FREE

Browse Dunedin's biggest private collection of memorabilia from the 1925 South Seas exhibition, and explore the Retrowe Museum's collections of school journals, community cookbooks, anti-nuclear ephemera, and NZ-designed computer games.

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THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

PARADISE OF IMAGINATION:
MEDIEVAL AND MODERN ENCOUNTERS
Daily, 10am – 5pm
Dunedin Public Art Gallery

FREE

ARTWORKS OF 1889 & 1925
Mon – Fri, 9.30am – 8pm;
Sat – Sun, 11am-4pm
Ground Floor Cube, Dunedin Public Library

FREE

MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS
EXHIBITION
Mon – Fri, 9.30am – 8pm;
Sat – Sun, 11am-4pm
Reid Gallery, Dunedin Public Library

FREE

GREAT EXHIBITIONS DISPLAYS
Daily, 10am – 5pm
First Great City and Twentieth Century Galleries, Toitū Otago Settlers Museum

FREE

GREENBELT INVITATIONAL
EXHIBITION (AND OLVESTON TOUR)
Daily, 9.30am – 5pm
Olveston Historic Home

\$26

A DIFFERENT LIGHT:
FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS OF AOTEAROA
Tue – Sat, 10am – 5pm
Hocken Library

FREE

LARNACH CASTLE
Daily 9am – 5pm

\$45/\$22

1920S-THEMED WINDOW DISPLAYS
Daily
Op Shops of Dunedin: SPCA Princes St,
Inspire, Infinite, Salvation Army, Red
Cross, Quality Tailors, Shop on Carroll,
St John's Hillside Rd, 220 King Edward
St, Orphan's Aid, SPCA North East
Valley.

FREE

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GREAT EXHIBITIONS



2025
HERITAGE FESTIVAL
Otepoti Dunedin
1 - 31 October 2025



Many events require booking so check the SHT website for details.

About the photo: Mr and Mrs Te Rangī of Temuka in front of the great dome of the New Zealand and South Seas International Exhibition in 1926.
Toitū Otago Settlers Museum Collection CS714907
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1865 DUSK TILL DAWN CRIME TOUR
3 Oct, 9 – 10.30pm \$60
Hair Raiser HQ, 110 Moray Place
Hair-raising events that shocked a city. Hangings, holdups and more. Includes entry to the Old Gaol.

NORTHERN CEMETERY WALK
4 Oct, 1pm \$50 adult; \$35 kids
40 Lovelock Ave, Dunedin North
Visit Larnach's spectacular memorial, the remains of the author of NZ's national anthem, and more.

HOW TO LOOK AFTER HOME ARCHIVES
4 Oct, 2pm Koha
Community Gallery, 26 Princes St
Archivist Tom Riley will give some tips on how to organise your personal archives for future generations, and will attempt to answer the age-old question "who will want all of this?!"

GASWORKS GROWERS AND CRAFT MARKET
4 Oct, 4 – 7pm FREE
Dunedin Gasworks Museum, 20 Braemar St
The Gasworks Market returns, featuring a range of local art and craft stalls, plus bring your damaged clothing, electrical or tech items in for consultation at the Heritage Repair Station.

OTAGO ART SOCIETY SPRING EXHIBITION
4 – 25 Oct, Sun – Fri 10am – 4pm; Sat 9.30am – 3.30pm FREE
Dunedin Railway Station, First Floor
A special exhibition for the Heritage Festival on the theme Past, Present, Future.

HEAVENLY TOYS
5 Oct, open 12 – 4pm FREE
Dunedin Gasworks Museum
An interactive exhibition of handmade whirlingig toys by Gasworks stalwart John Heaven.

FORENSIC MYSTERY AT THE 1925 EXHIBITION DUNEDIN GASWORKS MUSEUM
5 Oct, open 12 – 4pm (45 min activity) \$12/\$40 Family Pass
Solve the mystery of the missing exhibit! Look for clues, uncover secret messages, work as a team. Family fun.

THE HAUNTED HERITAGE ROOM
5 Oct, 1 – 2pm FREE (booking recommended)
Hair Raiser HQ, 110 Moray Place
Enjoy a rare opportunity to explore Dunedin's Ghost Gallery! Fascinating stories, objects and artifacts.

COMBINED CLANS INFO TABLE
6, 7, 9, 13, 14 & 16 Oct, 10am – 2pm all dates FREE
Dunedin Public Library
Check out the Scottish display table and chat to members of the Combined Clans group. They can help you find your clan!

CRIME AND CONSUMPTION
10 Oct, 6.30pm \$85
No.8 Distillery, 90 Bond St
Step into the underworld of Dunedin's roaring 20s! Join The Science of Crime for an immersive evening of intrigue, forensic sleuthing and heritage mystery.

RYMAN HEALTHCARE HERITAGE BYTES
10 Oct, 6 for 6.30pm \$25
Dunedin Railway Station
An evening of fun, fast and fact-filled short presentations on a range of heritage topics.

THE WIZARD OF OZ
11 Oct, 11am \$15 adults/\$10 kids. Under 3s free
Regent Theatre, The Octagon
A rare screening of the original 1939 film with Judy Garland. Dress up and sing along!

OLD MASTERS PAINTING CLASSES
11 & 18 Oct, 1 – 3pm \$70 for 2 classes
Life Drawing Room, Dunedin School of Art, P Block
Unlock the secrets of Leonardo, Rembrandt and Vermeer using fast-drying acrylics!

SOUTHERN CEMETERY WALK
11 Oct, 1pm \$50 adult; \$35 kids
22 South Rd, Kensington
Featuring stories of a survivor of the Charge of the Light Brigade, a Polish Prince, victims of a triple murder, and more.

EXHIBITION TOUR OF A DIFFERENT LIGHT
11 Oct, 2 – 3pm Free (bookings essential)
Hocken Collections, 90 Anzac Avenue
Curator's tour of *A Different Light: First Photographs of Aotearoa* at the Hocken followed by a cuppa in the researcher lounge.

BUILDING THE DREAM
11 Oct, 4pm \$5
Regent Theatre, The Octagon
A meditative photo essay on the construction and delivery of the 1925 South Seas Exhibition. Narration by Dougal Stevenson.

THE GREAT GATSBY
11 Oct, 7pm \$15 adults/\$10 concession
Regent Theatre, The Octagon
Celebrate the Roaring Twenties in style with Baz Luhrmann's spectacular take on the classic novel.

THE GHOST GARDEN TOUR
11 Oct, 7 – 8.30pm \$60
Northern Cemetery, 40 Lovelock Ave
A spine-tingling tour! Delve into the supernatural significance of the intriguing plantings, and ancient Celtic beliefs intertwined with the cemetery's mystique.

LARNACH CASTLE SPRING COLLECTIVE
12 Oct, 9am – 5pm \$22 entry fee, current Loyal Locals and kids free.
Larnach Castle and Gardens
A Market of Makers celebrating 100 years of local industry and craftsmanship; handmade products, fresh and baked goods, brewers and distillers.

OUTRAM OPEN DAY
12 Oct, 10am – 4pm Koha
Start at Blend Café, 17 Holyhead St
Explore the riches of Outram township's heritage trail, Taiari Historical Park, and the incredible Vintage Machinery Museum.

DUNEDIN'S EARLY EXHIBITIONS: CITY OF GOLD
12 Oct, 2 – 3pm Koha
Opoho Presbyterian Church, 50 Signal Hill Rd
Brian Miller explains how Dunedin's gold rush wealth led to four remarkable exhibitions, including the 1925 NZ and South Seas International Exhibition.

BARE LEGS, BOUDOIR CAPS, PYJAMAS AND FURS: RADICAL SWINGS IN 1920S FASHION
13 Oct, 5.30pm Koha
DPAGS office, The Octagon, next to i-Site
An illustrated talk about the radical fashion of the Roaring Twenties by historian Dr Jane Malhus.

DUNEDIN CLUB BLACK TIE DINNER
14 Oct, 6pm \$100
Dunedin Club, 33 Melville St
A formal four-course dinner in the historic Dunedin Club to celebrate the centenary of the opening of the New Zealand and South Seas exhibition. Musical entertainment.

NEW LIGHT ON PAST HISTORY: RECENT WORKS AT FIRST CHURCH
Oct 15, 12.30pm Koha
First Church, Moray Place
A short talk by heritage stonemason Andrew Barsby on the recent repair work at First Church, some background history, and an interesting discovery.

FOSSIL TREASURES OF THE GEOLOGY MUSEUM
16, 17, 18 Oct, 11am – 1pm FREE
Geology Museum, south end of Geology Building, University of Otago
Fantastic Fossil Treasures of the Geology Museum on display. Draw a picture, colour in a paleo-poster or take a photo of your favourite fossil.

DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL ARCHIVES TOUR
16, 17, 24 Oct, 12pm FREE
DCC Civic Centre, 50 The Octagon
A behind-the-scenes look into our new and improved Archive! Come check out our upgraded reading and storage rooms, including highlights from our collection.

THE POLTERGEIST OF THE PRECINCT
17 Oct, 9 – 10.30pm \$60
20 Thames St, Oamaru
The White City awaits! Uncover Oamaru's resident hauntings and the sinister legend of Spring-Heeled Jack.

VINTAGE JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP
18 Oct, 10am–12pm \$30
Shop on Carroll, 169 Princes St
A glittering Vintage Jewellery Workshop where you'll learn how to create stunning, one-of-a-kind bracelets from pre-loved treasures!

H.K. TAIAROA: IMPACT AND INFLUENCE
18 Oct, 11am FREE
Dunedin Public Art Gallery
Exhibition talk celebrating 19th-century Kai Tahu rakatira and political leader H.K. Taiaroa. DWRF partner event.

BUSKERS FESTIVAL OTEPOTI
18 Oct, 11am – 2pm. Koha
King Edward St, South Dunedin
Enjoy the vibrancy and fun of the revived Buskers Festival. Multiple stages. Celebrate local talent. Gasworks prizegiving at 3pm.

LINDEN HERITAGE HOUSE TOURS
18 Oct, 11am, 1pm, 3pm \$5 (pay at the door)
22 Royal Terrace, City Rise
Come explore the 1879 home of the Hudsons, the first chocolatiers in the Southern Hemisphere. This is a Grade 1 Heritage House with many original features.

THE WELCOME OF STRANGERS
18 Oct, 1pm FREE
Dunedin Centre: Fullwood Room
Discussion of the new edition of *The Welcome of Strangers*, featuring historical and contemporary photos, and compelling stories of southern Māori. DWRF partner event.

ANDERSONS BAY CEMETERY WALK
18 Oct, 1pm \$50 adult; \$35 kids
192 Tomahawk Rd, Andersons Bay
Visit Dunedin's famous hermit of Flagstaff Hill, the first NZ death of WW 2, a mass grave of Spanish Flu victims and more.

1865 DUSK TILL DAWN GHOST TOUR
18 Oct, 9 – 10.30pm \$60
Hair Raiser HQ, 110 Moray Place
Hair-raising events that shocked a city. Hangings, holdups and more. Includes entry to the Old Gaol.

TWEED RIDE 10TH ANNIVERSARY
19 October, 10am \$5
Meet at Dunedin Botanic Gardens main entrance
Celebrate ten years of the Tweed Ride by dressing in your finest tweeds, and cycling from the Gardens to the Gasworks!

CARGILL'S CASTLE HERITAGE HOMES DAY
19 Oct, 11am – 4pm \$55
Homes and buildings to visit will be listed on your entry ticket.
Visit a selection of fascinating historic homes plus other interesting buildings around Dunedin City.

WALK WITH PLUCK CEMETERY TOUR
19 Oct, 2 – 3.30pm \$60
Northern Cemetery, 40 Lovelock Ave
Join Andrew Smith as he celebrates 50 million steps in the name of haunted heritage. Meet his ghostly friends who have stories to tell from beyond the grave...

TURBULENT THREADS: WOMEN RISING
19 Oct, 5.30 for 6pm \$95
Larnach Castle
Novelist Karen McMillan explores how pivotal moments in history become backdrops for stories of female transformation. Ticket includes drinks, canapes, and bespoke castle tour.

HOW TO BUILD A GREAT SMALL CITY: 2025 LAWSON LECTURE AND BLUESTONE AWARD
22 Oct, 7pm FREE (booking advised)
Sargood Centre, Logan Park
Guest speaker Sophie Barker presents the 2025 Lawson Lecture; How to Build a Great Small City: Revisioning Dunedin

QUARANTINE ISLAND/KAMAU TAURUA TOUR
25 October; Depart Back Beach Port Chalmers 9.30am; return 12.45pm or 3.30pm \$25 adult/\$15 child plus a \$5 donation
Back Beach Port Chalmers for boat transfer to island
Ever wondered what happened to materials from the 1925 South Seas Exhibition? Visit Kamau Taurua/Quarantine Island to find out more!

MURDER AND WOE VAN TOUR
25 Oct, 5.30pm \$110 adult; \$65 – \$95 kids
The Octagon
The gold rush in 1861 brought a new population to Dunedin – a much less law-abiding one. Your guide will share true stories of crime and murder from Dunedin's grim past.

THE GOLDEN GHOST
26 Oct, 9 – 10.30pm \$60
49 Buckingham St, Arrowtown
In the shadowed streets of Arrowtown, encounter ghosts of weary miners, lawless pirates and spectral monkeys.

DIWALI!
26 Oct, 3 – 8pm FREE. No alcohol
More FM Arena, Edgar Centre
Celebrate Indian cultural heritage in style: street food, fashion show, music, games, prizes and more.

THE SECRET HISTORY OF WALLPAPER ART
27 Oct, 5.30pm Koha
DPAGS Office, The Octagon, next to i-Site
Eva Forster-Garbutt discusses the role of New Zealand Art Schools in the creation of wallpaper and linoleum patterns, and how these shaped the idea of good taste in New Zealand.

SOUTH DUNEDIN HERITAGE WALKING TOURS
28 October, 11am and 29 October, 2pm FREE (Bookings essential)
Meet at Dream South D, 183 King Edward St
Join Alison Breese from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and Rosie Hill from Dream South D as we take a walking tour of South Dunedin celebrating its rich heritage.

ARCHAEOLOGY ON ICE: FIELDWORK AT THE ROSS SEA HUTS
29 Oct, 5.30pm FREE
Archaeologist Jeremy Moyle presents his recent work managing a heritage site in one of the world's most extreme environments.