



THE DUNEDIN CLUB

FOUNDED 1858 - ESTABLISHED AT FERNHILL 1874

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UPCOMING EVENTS



UNDER 40'S LUNCH

Members and interested guests are invited to join this group of enthusiastic characters for a casual lunch.

12 for 12.30pm Thursday June 16th

email gm@dunedinclub.co.nz for details



WINEMAKERS DINNER

Join us for a fabulous evening with winemaker and business woman Jane Hunter

6.30pm, Thursday 23rd June

3 course meal with wines \$ 60 person.



BLUE TIE BCNZ CASINO NIGHT

Ladies put on your most sparkling cocktail dresses. Gents put on your most debonair suits. Then add a little something blue to signify the occasion and join us for a Blue Tie Casino evening. There will be food, drinks, casino tables, raffles, photographers booth and a silent auction.

7pm Saturday 9th July \$40

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members.

It is never an easy task to go "cap in hand" to members for money and the Committee is most appreciative of the support that has been given to the recent request for a levy.

Many members have given more than requested or given in other ways, for which we are very grateful. We acknowledge the right of members to decline the levy as has happened in the past. To date we have also had six paid up life memberships taken up. From our history book it records this category of "Subscribing Life Membership" was introduced by Sir Eion Edgar in August 1987 when nine paid up life memberships were taken up. The Committee fully realises that the levy is very much a short term solution to a short term problem and in that respect, together with the paid up subscribing life memberships, this has served to relieve our short term cash flow concerns and to "right the ship" so to speak and to give us some funds to carry on with.

This now gives us an opportunity to continue with our strategising and to look for ways to increase both revenue and membership. However, it does take time to bring together a coherent plan and one which we can bring to the membership for consideration especially, and as you will appreciate, like those before us, this is all done voluntarily and there have been other urgent issues pressing.

Rest assured, we have considered and continue to consider and take into account the many suggestions we have recently received. The Committee is also conscious that the Club needs a long term strategy to ensure we remain relevant in the 21st century whilst still meeting our members' needs. It is envisaged at this stage that a draft can be brought to AGM or to a special meeting for discussion. I am confident that what we start now will be carried on by the next committee.

The Club has had a busy May with the many functions we have hosted. These include the Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship in Otago who celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday in great style as well as their high tea to celebrate Queen Victoria's birthdate attended by the British High Commissioner, Mr. Jonathan Sinclair, who spoke about the pending referendum in Britain regarding whether they should stay in the EU or not. We also hosted a Steam Punk Fashion Show which was most spectacular and colourful. This was a charity event raising \$1,400 for Crohn's disease.

Looking forward to June, it looks like a very busy month with the Game Dinner, Winemaker Jane Hunter CNZM, OBE speaking at the Winter Dinner, All Blacks Test, wedding and a black tie function for Head Quarters. We continue to seek new members who would be fitting candidates for the Club and we thank the many members who have been active in that area.

Finally, it is with great pleasure to congratulate two of our members, Mr N G S Smith (ONZM) and Mr. R L Berry (MNZM), who received Queen's Birthday Honours Monday last for their outstanding contributions in their various fields.

With every good wish -

Malcolm Wong

EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE

Thursday 16th
Under 40s Lunch

Friday 17th
Game dinner

Thursday 23rd
Club dinner with Jane Hunter

Saturday 25th
Wales v All Blacks test

Thursday 30th
Presentation Speaker Nicolette
Connors
'NZ Property Queen'

JULY

Monday 4th
Club Members Lunch

Wednesday 6th
Oyster Lunch

Saturday 9th
BCNZ Blue Tie Casino
Evening

Wednesday 13th
Whisky Tasting

Thursday 14th
Bastille Day Long Lunch

Thursday 21st
Under 40s Lunch

Tuesday 26th
Mah Jong with Wong

Wednesday 27th
Pieroth Wines Tasting

Thursday 28th
Club Dinner with Glen Hazelton & Dr Hayden Cawte



The Christchurch Club -

Accommodation

Accommodation available in the new Club-house from Monday 1 August 2016

The Club has 6 luxurious accommodation suites, all with private ensuite.

Reciprocal Member Tariffs:

One Queen Bedded suite (suitable for single occupancy) \$169 per night
Four King/Twin Bedded suites \$180 per night
One King/Twin Bedded suite with bath in ensuite \$249 per night
Tariff includes a light continental breakfast and GST

Club Accommodation

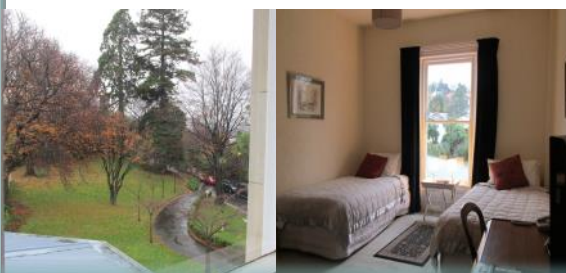
June Feature Room - Room 5

This room has twin single beds great for a comfortable night sleep.

This room also has a lockable connecting door to the Sir David Beattie Suite making room 5 ideal for family groups. The bathroom consists of separate hand basin, toilet, and shower. This room also has a lovely outlook over the bowling green and grounds.

- Jan Lee Beecher (your house-keeper)

For bookings email dc@dunedinclub.co.nz



CLUB MEMBERS LUNCH 12pm Monday 4th July

Guest Speaker: Liam McIlvanney

Scottish Independence: An Un-won Cause?

The Scottish independence referendum of 2014 was expected to settle the question of Scotland's constitutional status for a generation. It didn't. While the 'No' side secured victory, it was by an uncomfortably narrow margin.

More importantly, the referendum precipitated a massive and unprecedented political realignment in Scotland. At the British General Election of 2015, the Scottish Labour Party lost 40 of its 41 seats, while the pro-independence Scottish National Party won all but three of Scotland's 59 seats, a position of dominance confirmed in the Scottish Parliamentary Election of May 2016. The continued existence of the United Kingdom (particularly in the event of a 'Brexit' vote) looks shakier than ever, and it may be that Scottish independence is not a lost cause but rather (as John Steinbeck told Jackie Kennedy in 1964) 'an unwon cause'.



MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Hello Members.

Well, another excellent month here at the Dunedin Club.

I would like to acknowledge the fantastic enthusiasm and commitment that all staff have shown in our march to recover the Clubs vibrancy and relevance to its members. Also a big thank you to members who have attended events and supported the Club in various ways.

As some of you will be aware, your General Manager—Kylie Bell is returning to her position in a couple of weeks. I can assure you as members that the bookings and upcoming events calendar is looking pretty exciting with plenty for all to enjoy in the coming months. I ask that you support these events as best you can to ensure that the Club remains cash positive and that hopefully any future requirement for extra member funds is

minimalized or better still...non existent.

The Dunedin Club is a fabulous Club with some exceptional members. I have very much enjoyed working hard to help to recover the clubs energy and operational performance. I have also very much enjoyed working with the wonderful staffing team, they are all good people. I certainly hope that the future continues in a positive direction for the Dunedin Club.

The committee are now directing their energies towards rebuilding the clubs membership which, 'speaking as it is' has taken a bit of a knock lately for a number of reasons. The committee does however need the enthusiasm and support of you as members to enable this so if you know of any suitable prospective individuals, couples, or groups than please let someone in the committee know.

Cheers and thank you.

Simon Thomas

GUEST SPEAKER: 30TH JUNE

NZ Queen of property—
Nicolette Connors

A
Fabulous
Failure

*How New Zealand's Queen of Property
Turned Failure into Fabulous!*



NICOLETTE
CONNORS

"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly" - ROBERT F. KENNEDY

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Candidates for Membership:

Prof P Brunton Proposer Prof J Mann Seconder Dame Linda Holloway
M J Taylor-Cyphers Proposer W A Anglin Seconder R J Somerville

Mr B Jarvie Proposer D Jarvie Seconder C Brook

New Members:

Mr Kyle Murdoch Proposer M Wong Seconder R Hall

Mr Hayden Breese Proposer G Easton Seconder H Van Leewen