



## OPTIONAL TOURS - Wednesday 17 June (included with a full registration to conference)

- Depart 1000- return 1230
- Includes a light snack. Registration on return with tea/coffee n sandwiches available
- Tours depart from The Dunedin Centre, Harrop Street

### Tour 1: Harbourside shared path tour

Come and see the construction of the Transport Agency's largest ever single project in Dunedin. The project is to complete the final 5km section of the State Highway 88 shared walking and cycling path, which will provide a safe direct walking and cycling route away from the busy highway between Port Chalmers and Dunedin. But this isn't any straightforward cycleway construction:

- Over 50,000m<sup>3</sup> of harbour reclamation
- Over 2.5Km of rail to be shifted
- Dunedin longest boardwalk over water
- Nearly 2km of retaining walls, some up to 4.5m high
- See Dunedin's first Cable-stayed bridge
- Walk a short section of the existing path
- Running commentary of the path from Dunedin to Port Chalmers

### Tour 2: Central City and Waterfront Development

The heart of Dunedin is its central city, renowned as a bustling hub of activity. Our goal is to create the inner city that is vibrant and offers public spaces where people want to spend time.

Our projects are designed to have a greater density of pedestrians by creating compelling, attractive spaces where people want to spend time.

But it doesn't end there! Dunedin's waterfront (also known as the Steamer Basin) is a public space primed for redevelopment. Envision structures designed like cockle shells, green spaces for walking and cycling, and a children's playground. We'll show you a 3D model of what the development will look like and then we'll walk through the central city to show you where it will be located. On our way there, you'll see some funky street art and restored heritage buildings

Get a glimpse of the waterfront development by visiting this website where you'll see a video of the project:

<https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/council-projects/waterfront>

### Tour 3: Ross Creek Reservoir Refurbishment

The Ross Creek reservoir and associated reserve has been part of Dunedin's local heritage for the past 150 years. Cherished by all who visit, this part of the city is a popular recreational area.

Construction of the original dam structure and the iconic masonry valve tower date back to 1860's, a period of rapid expansion in Dunedin on the back of the Otago gold rush. Given its age and significance, being the oldest large earth dam still in service in the country, the dam structure and valve tower both hold a heritage listing as a category one historic place.

Large cracks appeared on the downstream embankment in 2010 and due to the high potential impact category (PIC) of the dam, the structure was placed under a special management regime and lowering of the water level to prevent further instability.

The Ross Creek Reservoir Refurbishment project proceeded on the back of the city's Security of Supply Strategy with the 150,000m<sup>3</sup>+ storage capacity identified as worthy of refurbishment so as to act as a backup water supply in the event the city's primary water supplies were cut off.

Take a visit to this multi award winning project and view fist hand the challenges faced by the project team to refurbish the dam to provide resilience of water supply while preserving the high amenity and heritage value.

*(Note: This tour involves some walking, including bush tracks. Decent footwear and warm clothing / rain jacket recommended)*