

Sustainable Dunedin City Inc.

Annual Report 2015

Vision

The Society aims to facilitate a positive, secure and sustainable future for Dunedin City in the face of challenges posed by climate change, declining energy security, and unsustainable resource use.

Objectives:

(a) The Society conducts research and disseminates information on climate change, declining energy security, and sustainability, and promotes awareness of these issues to the wider community.

(b) The Society aims to influence individuals, businesses and governments to adapt their behaviours and policies to reflect the importance of these issues.

(c) The Society fosters linkages between organisations with objectives similar to, or complementary to, the Society's own Vision and Objectives.

The Annual Report comprises:

- Society Office Bearers and committee members
- Chairpersons' Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Annual Plan
- Notice of the Annual General Meeting and Agenda
- Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting

Society Committee

Jenny Neilson	Co-chair / Secretary
John Cocks	Co-chair / Treasurer
Simonne Samuelson	Newsletter editor
Mark Jackson	Website / IT
Nicky Chapman	
Ann Dennison	
Bob Lloyd	

Chairpersons' Report

Activities August 2014 - August 2015

- Simonne Samuelson took over the reins of coordinating the SDC fortnightly newsletter from Nicky Chapman in September, and has continued to coordinate informative fortnightly newsletters.
- SDC, Forest & Bird, Fish & Game, Wise Response and Generation Zero held a pre- election candidates' meeting on 2 September in the Hutton Theatre. This was a well-attended meeting.
- SDC funded and oversaw the running of the Big Green Challenge, coordinated by Fran Bolger, August 2014 – February 2015
- SDC submission on the Dunedin City Council's Long Term Plan, April 2015
- SDC co-sponsored a Public Meeting on Climate Change organised by Wise Response, May 2015
- SDC submission on the DCC draft Environment Strategy, August 2015
- SDC began funding Maureen Howard's Otago Access Radio weekly programme in July 2015, formerly funded by the DCC. SDC's contract is for 6 months.
- Maureen Howard has resigned from her role of hosting Green Drinks in Dunedin. This role has been taken on by Bob Lloyd and Colin Campbell-Hunt
- Nicky Chapman has continued to organise monthly Green Drinks at Port Chalmers
- Mark Jackson has continued to maintain the SDC website and keep it up to date.
- John Cocks attended the Charities Trust workshop in March 2015
- John met with Clare Curran and Dr Megan Woods, Labour Party MPs about climate change matters, and SDC and Wise Response activities.
- Inquiry from Andy Barrett, Our Food Network, seeking SDC as an umbrella organisation for that group. This matter is on the agenda for September's SDC meeting

We thank

- Nora Calvert for her generous donation. □
- The Otago Polytech for providing meeting rooms.
- The committee members for their invaluable contributions of time, enthusiasm, and ideas; and all our members and supporters, noting Simonne for diligently maintaining regular newsletters, Mark Jackson for maintaining the website, Nicky Chapman for initiating submissions, and Fran Bolger for her thoughtful and attentive running of the Big Green Challenge.

**Jenny Neilson
Co-chair**

**John Cocks
Co-chair**

17 August 2015

Treasurer's Report

Sustainable Dunedin City Incorporated Treasurers Report Financial Year ending 31 March 2015

1 Introduction

The financial year of the Society begins on 1 April each year and ends on 31 March of the next year. This report is for the full financial year ending 31 March 2015.

2 Income from Membership:

SDC does not have membership fees so this is not a source of income. (Refer Grants and Donations below.)

3 Grants and Donations:

Nora Calvert, a strong and continuing supporter of SDC, generously donated \$2,500.

4 Financial Position:

The financial position and statement of accounts is presented. The society had account balances of \$4,497.23 as at 31 March 2015.

5 Funding Events:

SDC provided funds for Green Drinks for speaker gift vouchers.

6 Inland Revenue:

SDC has a Certificate of Exemption from resident withholding tax on interest and dividends. Thus, no resident withholding tax was due.

SDC de-registered for GST, effective 31 July 2012.

7 Financial Policy:

The accounts have not been audited.

8 Annual Plan:

A proposed operating budget for the current financial year still needs to be developed. This should form part of the annual plan development.

John Cocks
Treasurer (acting)
Sustainable Dunedin City Inc.

Income and Expenditure for 12 months ending 31 March 2015			
	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013
	\$	\$	\$
Income			
Subscriptions	-	-	20.00
Donations	\$2,592.40	200.00	2,780.00
Interest	\$295.49	327.22	415.51
GST Refund	\$0.00	-	25.95
Dunedin City Council: subsidy for forum	\$0.00	-	1,005.10
Total Income	2,887.89	527.22	4,246.56
Expenditure			
ACC	\$0.00	-	250.35
Advertising	\$91.78	-	-
Bank Fees	\$18.00	-	6.00
Big Green Challenge	\$6,738.58	570.00	5,370.00
Donations	\$0.00	-	500.00
community church	\$0.00	-	50.00
Generation zero	\$0.00	-	500.00
Green Drinks	\$280.00	500.00	-
Hampden Energy Group	\$0.00	-	-
Forest and Bird	\$0.00	-	-
Functions - (Forum)	\$0.00	-	-
Hire of Halls	\$342.53	-	563.50
PGG Wrightson Food Project	\$0.00	-	-
Postage Box	\$170.00	170.00	-
Presentations	\$0.00	-	-
Stationery	\$0.00	-	-
Wages	\$0.00	-	-
IRD - PAYE	\$0.00	-	-
IRD - Student Loan	\$0.00	-	-
Youth Action Expenses	\$0.00	-	-
Lost cash	\$0.00	68.70	-
Expenses	\$0.00	67.00	-
Total Expenditure	\$7,640.89	1,375.70	7,239.85
Surplus Income Over Expenditure:	- 4,753.00	- 848.48	- 2,993.29
Plus Opening Balance	<u>9,250.23</u>	<u>10,098.71</u>	<u>13,092.00</u>
Closing Balance	4,497.23	9,250.23	10,098.71
Account Balances			
Saver	\$4,435.56	9,170.56	9,950.34
Wages	\$61.67	79.67	79.67
Cash in Hand	-	-	68.70
Total	\$4,497.23	9,250.23	10,098.71

Annual Plan 2015-16

Planned activities of the Society include:

- organising and supporting public talks on issues in line with objectives of the society
- dialogue with community leaders and local businesses
- continuing SDC's networking with other organisations
- further development of SDC's website and newsletter
- submitting on the Dunedin City Council plans
- funding Maureen Howard's radio show on Otago Access Radio - *Eco Living in Action*.
- funding selected other activities.

The Committee adopted the following criteria for funding.

1. Requests for funding should be in line with SDC's objectives;
2. The maximum of any grant will normally be \$500;
3. Applicants should supply full details of the event, work plan, and budget, and
4. Recipients of funding should provide final feedback.

Annual General Meeting 2015

Date: Monday 24 August 2015

Time 5:30 pm

Place Room D101 Otago Polytechnic, Dunedin (Ground floor of D Block on Harbour Terrace
- accessible from doors on Quad side of building)

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 10 September 2014
3. Chairpersons' report on the business of the Society
4. Treasurer's report on the finances of the Society, and the Statement of Accounts
5. Annual Plan
6. Election of Committee Members
7. Motions to be considered
8. General business

Followed by a talk

Neville Peat will provide an overview of sustainability initiatives in Dunedin, finishing with the draft Environmental Strategy

**Annual General Meeting 2014
Sustainable Dunedin City Inc.**

Wednesday, 10th September, 5.45pm, Room D101, Otago Polytechnic, Dunedin

Attendance: John Cocks, Mark Jackson, Ann Dennison, Jenny Neilson, Nicky Chapman, Simonne Samuelson, Peter McDonald, Mike Hazel, Daniel Benson-Guiu, Findlay Campbell, Ashlea Muston,

Apologies: Bob Lloyd

Confirmation of 2013 AGM minutes – moved Mike Hazel, seconded Jenny Neilson, that the minutes of the AGM 11 September 2013 be adopted as a true and accurate record. Agreed.

Co-chairperson's annual report on the business of the Society – John spoke to the report. Mark thanked John for his work for another year. Moved Ann, seconded Nicky that the report be accepted. Agreed.

John Cocks presented the Treasurer's report on the finances of the Society, and the Statement of accounts. It was noted that one major donation does not show up, as it was banked after the end of the financial year. Moved Mark, Dan seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved. Agreed

Annual Plan 2014/15 – John spoke to the Annual Plan that the Society will continue with a similar focus to the past years, and that the Big Green Challenge will take most of the funds currently in the bank account. John moved, Jenny Neilson seconded that the Annual Plan be accepted. Agreed.

Election of members – moved John Cocks seconded Mark Jackson. Agreed.

Nominations Received and Accepted for Committee 2014/15

Position	Nomination	Nominated by	Seconded by
Co-Chairs	Jenny Neilson John Cocks	Mark Jenny	John Mark
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Newsletter Editor	Simonne Samuelson	Nicky	John
Other committee members	Mark Jackson	Jenny	John
	Bob Lloyd	John	Jenny
	Ann Dennison	John	Jenny
	Nicky Chapman	Jenny	John

Motions to be considered

No motions were tabled.

General business

There was a formal motion for a vote of thanks for the excellent work Nicky has done over the past 3 years as Newsletter editor. Proposed Mike Hazel, seconded John Cocks. As well, there was a welcome and a very big thanks recorded to Simonne Samuelson for taking on the newsletter editorship.

Ann Dennison asked whether there is to be a Climate March in Dunedin 21 September. Gen Zero people will inquire. **Ann to draft an email** to send to Tim Groser for the impending Climate Change meeting in the USA. **Mark will circulate the draft around Wise Response** for possible input.

John acknowledged that we are a smaller group these days than in past years, and members can be assured that feedback we've received indicates SDC's input e.g. in submissions to Council and the Big Green Challenge initiative matter, is appreciated and we are urged to continue as an organisation.

The meeting closed at 6.10pm

Speakers: Generation Zero (GZ) members on their organisation and their work
Ashlea Muston, Dan Benson-Guiu, Finn Campbell

GZ is a nation-wide, non-partisan, youth climate change organisation. It's three years old, there was a great emphasis on education initially, it's now running more targeted campaigns e.g. Power Shift in 2012. It often runs events and stunts, and uses Loomio, an on-line platform to support consensus decision-making. GZ writes submissions to local Council plans and holds local events such as Cheer up Bob in Dunedin 2012.

Its main branches are in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. In Dunedin it's very much student focused; in Auckland, its members tend to be young professionals.

One initiative this year is RockEnrol. This was initially part of GZ urging young people to vote in this year's general election.

Climate Voter – this is new for GZ, as it's a collaborative approach with organisations whose focus is not solely climate change. It is having a great reach nation-wide.

GZ national team has eight core members, there is a Direction Setting Team and there are many volunteers nationally. It also has mentors and advisers.

In Dunedin, there are about 15 core volunteers and about another 20 who are fairly regular, many others can be called upon on Facebook.

Mark Jackson asked when GZ members will be back in schools talking to students.

After some discussion, our appreciation of the content of their talk and of their core work was mentioned in our thanks to the three GZ members.