

Duntroon Digest September 2026

The “dreaded lurgy” (aka the flu virus) has been apparent in the metropolis of Duntroon and its environs recently.

Fortunately, it did not impact the reopening of the Museum of The Vanished World on August 13th. The reopening served to bring together a good number of locals who had created and supported the Vanished World concept right from the beginning. The event was supported by members of the Duntroon and District Development Association and the Duntroon Photography Group, which provided photographic displays at the Duntroon Hall for the invited guests. The official report can be read here [Unesco officials assess geopark.](#)

It’s that time of year when calving is in full swing, so the Flying Pig Cafe reinstated Burger Night on Thursday nights so frazzled workers can chill out after a hard day on the farm and not worry about cooking tea. This has proved to be very popular.

The public toilets have for many years now been cleaned by Daniel and Katrina Moffat, with Richard and Janice White as backup. This arrangement generates funds for projects within the community. If you have had occasion to “spend a penny” there you will be familiar with the bunches of delightful flowers and the cleanliness of the facilities. It now appears we have a chance to express our appreciation for the hard work and generosity of our cleaners as the Waitaki District Council is requesting our feedback. Simply scan the QR code and have your say next time you visit.

The aforementioned Duntroon Photographic Group are planning another outing in Dunedin on 2nd of September. This time they will be taking their cameras to the Dunedin Railway Station and the environs.

This month the DDDA are looking forward to hosting Waitaki branch members of New Zealand Forest and Bird at the Duntroon Wetlands. Plans are afoot to show the group around and plant some native plants, thus adding to the asset, that the wetlands have become for the Duntroon township.

Also happening in September, is the reopening of the Duntroon Hotel. All things going to plan the hotel will open again on Thursday the 17 th for another busy season.