

DD · ONE

UNITED IN BUSINESS

New Chair for DD One

Brett Davidge, General Manager at Apex City Quay Hotel & Spa, has taken over as Chair of DD One.

Speaking about his appointment Brett said, "I have been involved with DD One since I came to Dundee a year-and-a-half ago and I'm delighted to have been voted in as Chairman.

"It's a beautiful City – something I noticed the very first time that I visited. It's also a very exciting time to be in Dundee and is the reason I came to the City in the first place."

Asked about his aspirations for DD One, he said, "I think more needs to be done to ensure a lot more events are taking place – a mix of both business and leisure events. We also need to look at how we boost footfall in the City Centre, to get as many people as we can filling the restaurants, shops and hotels and inspiring every visitor in such a way that they want to come back again and again.

"It is our responsibility to market the City Centre in the correct way and to get as many people into the area on a regular basis."

Originally from South Africa, Brett has worked in the hotel and hospitality industry in Scotland, England and his native South Africa.



Brett Davidge,
General Manager,
Apex City Quay Hotel & Spa,
and Chair of DD One

Christmas in the City Centre

The City Centre was alive with music, dance and lights at the annual Christmas Street festival. Around 25,000 people descended on the City Centre to enjoy entertainment in the square, the Christmas market in Shore Terrace and the spectacular fireworks display.



Amsterdam Air Link Announced



Chancellor George Osborne announced in his Autumn Statement that Dundee is to be given money to fund direct flights to Schipol Airport in Amsterdam.

£1.2 Million is confirmed to fund the daily return flight Dundee to Amsterdam. The route will see Dundee have direct access to a wide range of destinations given Schipol's standing as a major international hub.

leisure & culture DUNDEE

New Venues for Hire

Leisure and Culture Dundee have launched a range of new private and corporate venues for hire.

Businesses and individuals can now book McManus Galleries, Dundee Ice Arena, Camperdown Wildlife Centre, Mills Observatory and Broughty Ferry Castle for private events.

DD One member and Events Co-Ordinator with Leisure and Culture, Leanne Roberts, launched the new venue hire brochure at an event in the McManus Galleries in November.

For a copy of the brochure please contact Leanne at; leanne.roberts@leisureandculturedundee.com



Xplore Dundee Festive Fares

Xplore Dundee has reduced bus fares for the festive season in a bid to encourage more people to take the bus instead of the car.

The special price offer is available each weekend from midday on Friday until the last bus on Sundays. The reduced fares will run until January 5 2016. The festive fares are as follows:

- An Adult Daysaver is cut from £3.60 to £3
- A Child Daysaver drops from £2.40 to £2
- The Daysaver 5 has been slashed from £7 to £5

Managing Director Elsie Turbyne said, "With the winter weather setting in and the city getting busier it's simply easier and better value to take the bus this Christmas.

"You can avoid the car park queues and the parking fares, not to mention being able to enjoy a drink when you're out with friends or at the office party.

"Enjoy your shopping and celebrations and let us be your 'designated driver' during the festive season."



Citizen of the Year Sought

Dundee City Council is seeking nominations for Citizen of the Year.

Lord Provost Bob Duncan said, "The title of Citizen of the Year is a special one not only because it is awarded to someone who has provided outstanding service to the community, normally on a voluntary basis, but also because the nominations come directly from members of the community."

"People who have benefitted from, seen or been involved first hand with the person they are nominating and know for themselves the good work that the individual has been doing, sometimes over many years."

"In choosing Dundee's Citizen of the Year, the judges will look in particular for selfless service to a voluntary or the community or someone whose service activities bring distinction and quality to everyday life in Dundee."

Any nominee must live in the Dundee City Council area and nominations close on 31 December. The winner will be announced early next year.

Application forms can be found at www.dundee.gov.uk/supportservs/citizenyear or by calling 01382 434444.

DCA Announces New Director

Dundee Contemporary Arts Centre has announced the appointment of Beth Bate as the new Director.

Beth was previously Director of Great North Run Culture and will join the DCA in January.



SafeZone Bus Keeping People Safe in Dundee City Centre

The bright yellow Safe Zone Bus that parks in Lidl car park is having a positive impact on alcohol related incidents in the City Centre.

Not only has the bus helped reduce the number of ambulance call outs, its staff have helped 346 vulnerable people since its relaunch in June.

The number was made up of 233 men and 113 women. Of those, 161 were under the influence of alcohol or drugs, 79 received first aid and 75 simply needed verbal support.



Safe Zone co-ordinator Lydia Banks said the bus had been an "effective service" in helping those in need of support, and had helped reduce the burden drunkenness can cause Tayside's emergency services. She said, "The bus has been a great success since it was relaunched in June."

"It has offered a really effective service every weekend since."

"People use the service for a bit of respite to sober up but we also offer first aid services and use the sweeper van to take those in need of more medical attention to A&E."

"The service also helps the emergency services with the burden of drunken behaviour."

"Instead of going to A&E or even spending a night in the cells, people are able to use the bus - getting the help they need then helped with getting back home safely."

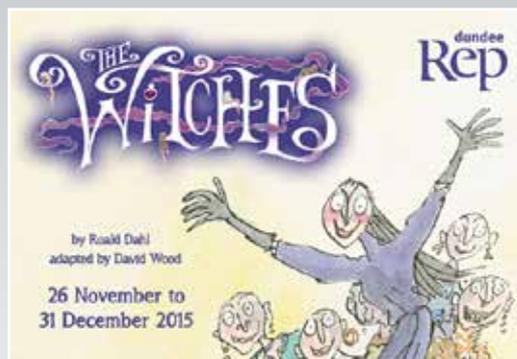
In Brief

- The **Deep Sea fish and chip restaurant** in Nethergate is set to re-open in March 2016 after being taken over by new owners and given a complete overhaul including re-fit. The Dundee institution, sold by the Sterpaio family last year, is now owned by Darren Spink who also runs the Tailend Restaurant and Fish Bar in St Andrews.
- Congratulations to DD One member, Lorraine Law, on winning a **VOWS Scottish Jeweller of the Year 2015** award. Lorraine picked up the award at a ceremony in Glasgow last month.
- **Krispy Kreme and Five Guys** are the latest food offerings to set up in the Overgate Centre. You can find Krispy Kreme and Five Guys in the lower mall. Planning has also been sought to open a Frankie & Benny's restaurant in the unit previously occupied by W H Smith.
- **Taxi marshals** will be introduced to the City Centre ranks in the New Year. The marshals will work at weekends during the busy taxi periods.
- **Jarvie Plant Group** is opening a new depot in Dundee as part of an expansion triggered by an increased demand in Scotland's construction industry. The group has invested 315 million in new plant, accommodation, vehicles and staff.
- The popularity of Dundee's **Overgate Centre** is seeing the centre having to turn away new retailers due to demand. The units between JD Sports and River Island are currently being converted to make way for new retailers moving in during the first quarter of 2016.
- A new guide celebrating Dundee's drinking and eating spots has been published. The independent **Dundee Larder** guide can be found at www.food.list.co.uk/guides/dundee-larder
- **Dynaminc Edge**, a technology provider, is opening new offices in Dundee's City Quay. The Aberdeen and Inverness based company currently employs 28 staff and will be recruiting staff for the Dundee office later this month.
- Congratulations to DD One members **The Greenroom** in South Tay Street on winning an Outstanding Achievement Award at the Scottish Hair and Beauty Awards 2015.
- Nicola Donnelly, DD One member and owner of **Time Boutique** in Reform Street, took time out of her busy schedule to speak to business studies pupils at Craigie High School. Nicola gave the pupils an overview of how she promotes and markets her business.
- Chief Executive of **Dundee Survival Group**, Irene Leighton, has retired from her post. Irene joined DSG in 1982 and oversaw the construction of the homeless unit flats in Foundry Lane.
- The number of people claiming **Jobseeker's Allowance** is at an all-time low in Dundee. In October 2015, 2935 people were receiving the benefit – a drop of 115 claimants from September 2015 and 569 fewer claimants since October 2014.
- Congratulations to Scott Clark, **Clarks on Lindsay Street**, on winning Tennent's Quality Award at the Scottish Bar and Pub Awards.

What's On

A snap shot of what's on in the City Centre this Christmas.

For the full list please visit : dundee.com



- 4 December Discovering a City. Scotland's Jute Museum, Verdant Works. A display of drawings, paintings and prints of the City of Dundee.
- 4 December Lunchtime concert with guitarist Stephen Morrison. 1.20pm in the Chaplaincy Centre, University of Dundee.
- 5 December Small Business Saturday. Support your independent traders in Dundee City Centre.
- 13 December Dundee Choral Union Christmas Concert, 7.30pm, Caird Hall.
- 19 December Christmas Market with Crafts, City Square, Dundee, 9am – 4pm.
- 19 December The Proclaimers play Caird Hall, 7.30pm.
- 20 December Dundee Record, CD and Music Memorabilia Show, 11am in Marryat Hall.

About DD One

DD One is a private sector-led partnership group whose agreed objective is to encourage representatives of both the private and public sectors to act together to develop the economic potential of Dundee City Centre.

City Centre businesses wishing to get involved please contact:

Sarah Craig, City Centre Manager

Tel: (01382) 434548

E-Mail: sarah.craig@dundeecity.gov.uk

or

Brett Davidge, General Manager, Apex City Quay

Hotel & Spa and Chair of DD One

Tel: (01382) 309460

E-Mail: Brett.Davidge@apexhotels.co.uk

If you have an article or idea you'd like to see in future newsletters please get in touch with Sarah/Brett.



Search for Dundee City Centre Management on Facebook



@DundeeCityMgt

DD · ONE
UNITED IN BUSINESS