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Dear DD One members,

Welcome to the DD One June newsletter.

Summer is here, I think! It was great to see the aerial picture in the local press recently showing the progress being made on the Waterfront development, it is going to be fantastic for the city. What the BID process told us, was that there is a tremendous spirit of partnership in Dundee, and that businesses want to work together to deliver tangible benefits of this investment.

DD One is well placed to assist in this process, but in my view we need to adjust the way we operate and develop a new business plan.

I intend to circulate a short questionnaire over the coming weeks to get your views and input into this plan. I appreciate your time in completing this and look forward to seeing you at the AGM on 29 June.

Jon Walton
Wellgate Manager
Chair of DD One



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DD One Launches Eat, Drink & Shop Guide

A new guide highlighting Dundee's city centre shops and eateries has been unveiled.

The Eat, Drink & Shop guide showcases cafés, restaurants and independent retail offerings in the city centre.

Copies of the guide will be available at all contributing businesses, hotels and Visit Scotland tourist information centre in City Square.



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Take Pride in Your City

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Take Pride in Your City is the message that was unveiled at Dundee's highest point on 21 May as a new community campaign was launched.

Groups from across the city joined with Dundee City Council environment convener Councillor Craig Melville on top of The Law to encourage people to participate in the push to help keep the city clean.

The campaign aims to motivate city residents to help in the effort to prevent litter, dog fouling, chewing gum, fly-tipping and graffiti from blighting neighbourhoods.

Take Pride in Your City is designed to maintain and improve the city's record for cleanliness and persuade residents to support positive behaviour and attitudes to enhance the city's green reputation.

It will roll out across a number of areas including the City Centre, parks, woodlands, schools and communities over the next few months.

Take Pride in Your City will tap into the already strong network of groups and friends organisations which are working to support environmental efforts across Dundee including the DD One business group.





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Bear Bins Installed to Tackle Gum Problem

Dundee City Council has installed Gummi Bear bins in the City Centre in a bid to encourage people to deposit their chewing gum responsibly.

The removal of chewing gum from the streets costs Dundee City Council in the region of £20,000 every year. Chewing gum takes five years to degrade and once hardened can only be removed by using special chemicals.

The first bin has been fitted to a lamp-post in High Street, across from City Square.

Councillor Craig Melville said, "We have had quite a bit of a problem with chewing gum for a number of years.

"It costs a lot of money to power wash or scrape it off, and it looks unsightly.

"We will be looking at other hotspots, but that is the main area which we have identified as a problem.

"I would like to think that people will use them rather than just spitting gum out on the street, but we are asking people to change their habits."



Please don't feed the gulls

Dundee City Council Environment Department are urging City Centre visitors not to feed the gulls. Posters have been put up in key areas in the City Centre highlighting the problems caused by the gull population – littering, fouling and aggressive behaviour.



Tidying up and planting at the Overgate - students from Dundee & Angus College, the Overgate & Bonnie Dundee

Amsterdam Air Link

Flybe has applied to the Department of Transport for funding to establish a new Amsterdam Schipol route from Dundee.



The airline's bid has been shortlisted along with eighteen others for funding from the Regional Air Connectivity Fund.

Dundee Airport operators HIAL are confident the route will develop and could deliver major benefits for the City.

The successful routes are due to be announced in July.

bix-dundee International Conference 2015

Experts in City for BioDundee Conference

Life Sciences experts from all over Europe gathered in Dundee at the start of June to discuss innovations in collaborative healthcare.

Hundreds of delegates attended the 15th annual BioDundee Conference at the West Park Centre. Among the speakers was Professor Julian Blow, Dean of Research for Life Sciences, University of Dundee; Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport, Dr Glenn Crocker MBE, CEO BioCity and Dr Gemma Estrada, Managing Director at Barcelona Clinical Trials Platform.

The BioDundee Conference is a collaborative event created by the Life Sciences community which brings together key people in the sector to present and discuss key aspects of the industry and also showcase examples of excellence and best practice across Scotland. Among the topics discussed was precision medicine, regenerative medicine and cell therapy, finance and innovation. The conference brings in more than £144,000 to the Dundee economy.

Safe Place

The RANK Foundation will contribute £90,000 over three years to develop the Safe Place scheme in Dundee City Centre.



The Safe Place scheme will assist people in distress or with vulnerabilities or learning difficulties in the City Centre and provide a Safe Place for them to go. Window stickers will be placed in participating shops and businesses. Cards will also be carried by vulnerable members of the community with useful contact numbers.

The City Centre Safe Place scheme will be officially launched on Wednesday 24 June at a Civic Reception in City Chambers.

Waterfront Wine Bar

A new wine bar is set to open in the premises formerly known as Legends in Dundee City Centre's Dock Street.

Patrick Rhode, owner of Aitkens Wine, has taken over the lease and is set to open on 19 June. He said, "Owning the two shops already, this is a natural progression to what I'm doing."

"I have a good experienced manager and assistant manager and we will recruit another five members of staff who will be focused on wine. Through my other businesses we already have a 1500 strong customer database and I know the demand is there for this venture."

Congratulations Quirky Coo

City Centre retailer Quirky Coo has been nominated for Best Greeting Card Retailer Newcomer in the Northern area of the RETAS which recognise the best greeting card retailers across the UK.

The winners will be announced at a ceremony in the Dorchester Hotel on 8 July.



New Bus Fleet for Dundee

Stagecoach has invested £3.5 million into upgrading the Number 73 bus route that links Dundee City Centre with Ninewells Hospital, Monifieth, Carnoustie and Arbroath.

A fleet of 18 new diesel and electric powered hybrid double decker buses have been introduced on the route – a step that will see a 30% reduction in carbon emissions.

Andrew Jarvis, Managing Director, said,

"Our investment shows we're not only committed to improving public transport in Dundee, we're also determined to reduce our overall environmental impact."

Dundee Chosen for £120 Million Film Studio?

Dundee has been identified as the preferred location for a £120 million major purpose built film studio and entertainment complex.

A consortium of developers is understood to have earmarked a site to the north west of the City with formal planning consultations already underway.

Martin Cherry, managing director of consortium member Bannerman Technology said,

"Dundee is the right place at the right time. The city is undergoing major regeneration around the new V & A so this development will capitalise on the attention that is attracting."

"This development will drive significant economic development for the city and Dundee City Council's planning and economic development teams are being highly supportive."

The studio development will incorporate state-of-the-art and environmentally friendly studios with multiple sound stages.

In Brief

Dundee University has been ranked first in Scotland and made the World top 20 in the International Student Barometer survey. The University came 7th in the UK and 19th internationally in the annual poll for overall average satisfaction with the student experience.

WHSmith will close in Dundee's Overgate this month. It's understood that the lease expires on 10 June 2015 and will not be renewed.

HMS Unicorn has received a £1113 grant to create a new garden on the quayside. It is hoped that the project called 'Greening and Growing the HMS Unicorn and City Quay' will act as a catalyst for wider regeneration of the area.

Whiteburn Properties plan to turn the former Dundee College building in Constitution Road into a combination of unique living, working and play space complete with a café or bar, cinema and gardens to relax in. The project, called VOX Dundee, is still in the planning stage.

Mint Accounting has opened in Dock Street. The business, which has offices in Aberdeen and Ayrshire, has expanded into Dundee after identifying the significant regeneration in the City as an opportunity for growth. The Dundee office will house a four strong team.

The Princess Royal attended a dinner on board **HM Frigate Unicorn** on 24 April to commemorate the 100th anniversary of British naval action at Gallipoli. The dinner was hosted by the President of the frigate, the Earl of Dalhousie, to also mark the opening of a week-long exhibition exploring the role of Commonwealth navies in the world wars.

Brightsolid has become the first and only Scottish cloud partner in the Microsoft Cloud OS Network. The company, part of the D C Thomson empire, were selected due to their ability to serve local markets with internet hosted IT solutions.

The Galloway Group, a Dundee based specialist engineering and metal fabricator, has renewed its licensing agreement with Leminar Air Conditioning in the United Arab Emirates. The £3.5 million contract will see products used at the Qatar World Cup in 2022.

BT is to create 30 new apprenticeships in Dundee. The new apprentices will be part of the operation dealing with a wide range of customer calls, including enquiries about mobile communications, high-speed fibre broadband and BT sport.

The Luminar Group, owners of Liquid nightclub in Dundee, celebrated an 18% increase in profits last year.

Nick Parr has been announced as the new CEO of Dundee's **Rep Theatre**. Mr Parr has 20 years of theatre management experience, most recently at the Festival and King's Theatre in Edinburgh.

What's On

A snap-shot of some of the events on in Dundee over the coming months. For the full list please visit www.dundee.com

- 11 June Edwardian Explorers – Shackleton. Find out about the natural history specimens he collected on his Antarctic travels. McManus Galleries, 1pm.
- 14 June The Name's Bond. An evening of your favourite James Bond hits performed live by professional singers and 20 piece big band. All proceeds to the Nasio Trust, Whitehall Theatre, 7.30pm. Tickets from the Box Office, City Square.
- 20 June Farmers' Market, City Square
- 24-26 June University of Dundee Graduation, City Square
- 27 June Armed Forces Day, Caird Hall and City Square
- 30 June Yer Granny. Riotous new comedy about a diabolical 100-year-old granny. Dundee Rep Theatre, 7.30pm.
- 3-5 July Almost Blue. Dundee's live music festival. Various City Centre Venues.
- 3-11 July The Lady Boys of Bangkok; Beauties and the Beats Tour. The Sabai Pavilion, Baxter Park, 7pm. Tickets from the Box Office, City Square.
- 5-12 July Broughty Ferry Gala Week
- 13-19 July St Andrews 2015 Open Golf Championship
- 16 July Windstar Cruise Ship Visit
- 17-19 July Island Sky Cruise Ship Visit
- 18 July Farmers' Market, City Square

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.

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