

2019 SOUTH ISLAND COLGATE GAMES

Caledonian Ground, Dunedin.

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Newsletter Two

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To Clubs, Parents and Athletes,

The planning for the South Island Colgate Games 2019 continues as we work to produce a memorable Games experience for you in Dunedin.

Like our planning we suggest you also start your planning to come to the Games. As you know the Colgate Games timetable, which has been developed over 35 plus years, remains constant year by year which allows you to plan your trip to Dunedin.

While in Dunedin you may like to add a few extra days to your visit to take the opportunity to see some of the many tourist attractions the city offers.

- Head to the [Otago Museum](#). A lush, living tropical environment, the [Tropical Forest](#) brings you face to face with hundreds of beautiful, live exotic butterflies.
Visit [Tūhura](#), a stunning new science engagement development. The Tūhura Otago Community Trust Science Centre has over 45 hands-on interactives, including a giant DNA-inspired helical slide, and a three-tier tropical butterfly enclosure.
The Forest is also home to other hot-weather-happy inhabitants, including birds, fish, turtles and a gecko. With a wide variety of plants including orchids and bananas, the Tropical Forest is a paradise for any gardener.
Experience the Forest from above, through its centre, from the stunning glass swing bridge and at the forest floor. The Tropical Forest is the only three-level, live butterfly experience in Australasia. Always warm (around 28°C) and humid (about 75% humidity), the Tropical Forest is Dunedin's hottest attraction!
After you have sweltered in the heat, take a stroll around the galleries to refresh yourself.
- Swim at [Moana Pool](#). The children can play and Hydro-slide while you do some laps or use the gym facilities or if they are little, you can entertain them in the leisure pool area For something different try the outdoor [St Clair Hot Salt Water Pool](#).
St Clair Pool is an outdoor hot salt water pool built on a beautiful site at the southern end of St Clair beach. Its wonderful location on the beachfront makes it a highly pleasurable swimming experience. It is particularly suitable for those who love swimming in salt water, but may not wish to venture into the brisk ocean water. The pool is heated to 28 degrees Celsius and is a mixture of salt and chlorinated water.
- [Toitū...Otago Settlers Museum](#), New Zealand's newest and most innovative museum experience. It is all about the people of Dunedin and their stories from the earliest settlers through to those who have recently arrived. Admission is free, and the museum is open every day during the Games.
- Take the [Taieri Gorge Railway](#) trip one of the world's great train trips and an experience not to be missed. Departing from Dunedin's beautiful railway station the Taieri Gorge Railway begins its scenic journey into some of New Zealand's most ever-changing, spectacular and iconic scenery. The natural wonders combined with the challenge of man-made engineering will leave you amazed, but somehow the railway blends into the natural environment perfectly. It is a wonderful example of the sheer determination of early railway pioneers.
- Go on a [Monarch cruise](#). Friendly local experts will guide you on the classic boat MV Monarch, so you see the best of the Otago Peninsula and its wildlife - albatross, penguins, marine mammals, and ocean birds. In addition to this wonderful wildlife they share the fascinating history and geology of the Dunedin area with

you. As three-time New Zealand Tourism Award winners, operating since 1983, they're passion is helping you enjoy our great outdoors

- A wander around the [New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame](#) will take you back in time to meet some of New Zealand's sporting legends and explore the history of our sports mad nation from a different perspective. The New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1990 as part of the celebrations to mark New Zealand's 150 years of organised settlement. In the first year, 75 of New Zealand's greatest sports achievers were inducted - one for every two years of nationhood. Inductions now take place at least every two years. Rugby phenomenon Jonah Lomu and cycling great Sarah Ulmer are the latest inductees into the Hall of Fame.
- Climb [Baldwin Street](#), the steepest street in the world.
- Take a stroll around Dunedin's beautiful [Botanic Gardens](#). The Dunedin Botanic Garden is New Zealand's first botanic garden and holds the status of Garden of International Significance. It has hill views from sunny lawns, more than 6,800 plant species and the song of wild native bellbirds, wood pigeons and tui. The Garden celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2013, marking its position as New Zealand's first botanic garden. It occupies 28 hectares in North Dunedin at an altitude of 25 – 85 metres above sea level.
- ...explore [Larnach Castle](#)
...marvel at the authentic [Chinese Garden](#)
...try [ice-skating](#), give [ten-pin bowling a go](#).
...[Megazone](#) Dunedin, is the largest indoor laser tag centre in New Zealand, with up to 50 players per game in our huge multi story Arena, we've also got a bunch of other cool stuff to make your next outing a blast!
...expend some spare energy at [Inflatable World](#)
...[Clip 'n Climb](#) is now based at LEAP Dunedin and is the most exciting new concept in indoor climbing in the last 10 years. It was developed in Christchurch, New Zealand and is 100% pure Kiwi.
...take in the shops and food outlets of the city.

To find out more visit the [Dunedin iSITE visitor centre](#) and /or www.dunedinnz.com

Accommodation:

Don't forget to book your [accommodation](#); you have many options, from camping grounds, to motels and hotels and with many flats empty and people going to Central Otago for summer holiday's over this time try placing an advertisement for private accommodation options.

Book early....some facilities are already filling up.

Tent sites at the Caledonian Ground There will be NO in ground club tent sites. There will be club tent sites available around the track warm up field

Down here in Dunedin we have plenty of work to do to organise the Games, all we need you to do is start organising your trip to Dunedin and the 2015 South Island Colgate Games.

Officials

South Island Colgate Games 2019 Officials, Volunteer and Gold Team (runners) applications open at <https://eventdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&EventDesqID=29028&OrgID=24809>

If you have any questions or need some local help please do not hesitate to contact us.

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