DUNEDIN COMMUNITY Christmas Dinner

Event Brief

25 December

Dunedin Town Hall

Free Community Lunch



The Dunedin Christmas Charitable Trust is a registered charity which organises a two-course meal, accompanied by a musical programme, in the Dunedin Town Hall each year on Christmas Day.

We provide a nutritious and healthy lunch for **around 600 guests and around 100 volunteers**. We ensure that many dietary requirements (gluten free, vegan, halal, kosher and others) are provided for and look to create meals that use the best ingredients possible while keeping costs at manageable levels. The menu is designed by a qualified chef. who then leds a team of chefs, cooks and volunteers to produce a mains-and-dessert menu featuring chicken, hogget, pavlova and plum pudding.





The meal is accompanied by an entertainment programme which is planned by a local professional musician. The programme includes several different performances, which gives many local artists an opportunity to contribute to the event. The programme leans into the Christmas spirit throughout, providing guests a chance to sing along with popular carols and songs.





The Christmas Dinner is an annual event has been taking place for more than 10 years. It is well **attended by around 600 guests**. We have **a team of around 150 volunteers** (including the entertainers) who help make the day a huge success. The event is free to attend, and we welcome anyone from the Greater Dunedin community who wishes to join.





Primarily designed for those who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day, and/or find themselves financially constrained, we host guests from across the community: the elderly, migrant families with young children, international students and visitors and many more.















The total cost of the event is approximately $62,000, with the main costs being for venue hire and food and beverage. Funding for costs is sourced from other grant funders, corporate sponsorships, and in-kind donations of other items.











