



Past Special Exhibitions 1991-2019

1991

Footrot Flats

Shirakee: the children of Walker Street 1900-20

Images of War

Facing the Past: photos by Dave Mann

Victorian Gardens: photos from the collection

We the Undersigned: illuminated addresses

In Vogue: fashions, decorative objects and accessories 1920s-1950s

Time & Tide: Work and Recreation around Otago Harbour

Crowning Glory: a social history of hairdressing

1992

Nga Kupu Korero: the people of the Treaty speak

Through a 1930s Lens: the photography of Remfry Harris

Risen From the Dead: the vision of George O'Brien

Otago Polytechnic Students Craft Design students' exhibition

NETHERLands: Post-war Dutch Settlers in Otago

1993

What to do with Our Girls: a history of women's employment at the Dunedin Botanic Gardens 1922-46

It's a Small Small World.

Women in Sport

1994

The Purple, White and Green: the suffrage movement in London 1906-1914

Kāi Tahu Whānui Ki Otago: 1844-1994

First and Still Flourishing: history of the Dunedin Competitions Society 1902-1994

There are 3 Sides to Every Story: Queens Gardens

A Bit of Cheek: the many faces of Muldoon

From Photo or from Sittings: John Irvine & Reuben Cole portrait painters in the photographic age

Kiwiana

1995

Julia: An Exile in Love

Time Captured 1941-45 (McIndoe paintings)

A Head in Time: a twentieth century chronology of haute couture millenary

Ōselling New Zealand

Classic Plastics

1996

The Hope That is Within Us: the Dominican Sisters in Otago 1871-1996

The Sound of Dunedin: Forty years of Popular Music in Dunedin

Speaking of Change

Stitched Legacies (embroidery)

Open House: stories from Parliament

1997

If They Could Have Bottled It: the YWCA in Dunedin 1871-1996

Saga of the Voyage: Diaries of the 1848 Otago Settlers

Robin Morrison photographer

Anne Frank: a history for today

Made in Dunedin

Cranks, Cures and Curiosities

1998

Across the Ocean Waves: Otago Migration Experiences

Taking a Wider View: photographic panoramas from the studio of R P Moore

Polish Perceptions: Four Polish Artists

There's Nae Place Like Otago Yet: Scottish Collections of the OSM

Southern People: an exhibition of Otago Biography

1999

Windows on a Chinese Past: Otago's Chinese Migrants 1865- 1999

The World Through a Pinhole

Children of the Holocaust: drawings from the Terezin Concentration Camp

Cool Midwinter: contemporary British pottery from the 1950s and 1960s

Hothouse: 100 years of home heating in Otago

Reel Gold: moving moments from Otago's past.

2000

Exhibition of the Century: Otago and the World 1900-1999

Showing Off: Dunedin's International Exhibitions 1865-1925

Always Plenty to Do: Women of the Wakatipu - 1860-1920

Pulse of the Nation: Shortland Street the exhibition

2001

Liquid Jade; the story of tea.

Abbotsford '79: the Human Dimension of a Natural Disaster

Nine Lives: early Otago artists from the collection

Collectomania: interesting & wacky local collections

2002

A Voyage to Lilliput: models & miniatures from the Museum collection

1951: Lock-out, Strikes, Confrontation

The Birth of Modern Times: Dunedin's Southern Suburbs 1890-1940

Always busy with a needle: founding members of the southern Embroiderers' Guilds

Monster to Miniature: the personal computer comes of age

DNTV2: the fortieth anniversary of TV in Dunedin

Sound Waves: Celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Otago Radio Association

Seamless: costume from the Royal NZ Ballet

On the Move

2003

More than a hobby: 25 Years of the Otago Excursion Train Trust

Lost Food: a colonial culinary past

Fabulous Frocks: glorious 19th century gowns from the Otago Settlers Museum Collection

2004

Fellowship of Fire: celebrating 125 years of the United Fire Brigades Association

Tootlin' and Whistlin': a living family history

New Rugby: photographs by Stephen Rowe and Brett Whincup

Fashion on Wheels: NZ Gown of the Year

Across the Ocean Waves: Otago immigration in the age of sail

Water Like Wine: a history of the Kaikorai Valley and Stream

Living Memories: Lives, Memories and Treasures

Dovetails and Davenport: colonial furniture and furniture makers in Otago

Deeds, Delinquents and Death: the legal profession in Otago 1879-2004

From Poland to Pahiataua: remembering the refugee children of 1944

2005

Arcadian Dreams: the imaginings of R. A. Lawson and George O'Brien in 19th century Dunedin

Family Silver: collections and connections

Hiroshima Nagasaki A-Bomb Exhibition

Vikings in our Midst: Nordic Connections in Southern NZ

Dunedin's War: the wartime experiences of Dunedin people 1939-1945

A Barbarous Measure: the poll tax and Chinese New Zealanders

2006

60 Years Ago: celebrating the anniversary of diplomatic relations between NZ and France.

Songs of Innocence: photographs by John Pascoe

Cover Stories: quilts old and new from the OSM collection

Our Southern Poles: Otago's Polish Heritage 1872-2006

Shipwrecked: maritime mishaps and misadventure

Keepin' the shiny side up: 60 years of the Otago Motor Cycle Club

My Pix: photographs by Stephen Jaquier from the Otago Daily Times, 1979-2004.

Portrait of a People: the southernmost Jewish congregation in the world.

Towards the Precipice: Propaganda posters collected by W B Sutch

2007

Stitched in Time: samplers from the Otago Settlers Museum Collection

Return to Monte Cassino: the 2nd NZEF War Veterans 2004 Commemorations

Raising the Alarm: celebrating the centennial of the Dunedin Fire Board

Be Prepared: 100 Years of the Scout Movement

Kāi Tahu Whānui Ki Otago

Erin Go Bragh: the Irish in Otago and Southland

Let the Good Times Roll: Dunedin in the 1950s

Open Wide: Centennial of the Otago Dental School

2008

Fabulous Frocks 2: more glorious gowns from the Otago Settlers Museum collection

To Fame Undying: the Otago Early Settlers Association 1898-1908

We Will Remember Them

Chinese Treasures from the OSM & DPAG

Shopkeeping: a view on Dunedin retailers by Chris Gable

Joseph Conrad: Twixt Land and Sea

Our Southern Poles: 10 Years of The Polish Heritage Trust of Otago and Southland

2009

Paintbox Pioneers: Visions of the past from the Otago Settlers Museum Art collection

For Auld Lang Syne: 250 Years of Robert Burns.

On Your Bike: Cycling Then, Cycling Now

We Will Remember Them

Passchendaele: the Belgians Have Not Forgotten

Built to Last: Engineering in Otago

Wilkommen in Dunedin: a history of German-speaking people in Otago

Scots Wha' Hae: Scottish week at the Settlers Museum

Squares & Compasses: Freemasonry in New Zealand

2010

War Brides: Leap of Faith

Fringe Inventions: an exhibition of Chindogu

We Will Remember Them

My Invented History: accessing ancestry

Just Passing Through: Celebrity Visitors to Dunedin

2014

Dunedinburgh: Are we still a Scottish City?

Dunedin's Great War 1914-1919

2015

Cats 'n Dogs: An Illustrated History

Life on the Edge: Otago Harbour Communities

Victory Medal – Sculpture by Helen Pollock

Harbour Caretakers: Healthy Harbour Watchers

Dunedin & Otaru: Sister Cities

2016

The Scottish Diaspora Tapestry

Slice of Life: The World Famous Dunedin Study

2017

Toitū Te Whare Taōka

Sketched in Stone: Lithograph Printing in Dunedin

The Women's War: Patriotism, Service and Dissent

A Shared History: Photographs from China in the Presbyterian Archive

What If... The Dunedin Harbour Vision

2018

Suffrage and Beyond 1893-2018

Object. Affection. A Dialogue with Ancestors.

Field Punishment No. 1

A Day in the Life of Dunedin 2017-2018

2019

The Mount Felix Tapestry

Brought to Light: Collections. Processing 2018-2019