

# Office of the Mayor



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## Otago Rally 1 – 2 April 2023 – Mayor's Welcome



Tēnā koutou katoa

On behalf of Ōtepoti Dunedin, I am delighted to extend a warm southern welcome to all the fans, volunteers, officials and competing teams of the 2023 Otago Rally.

This iconic event has been an annual fixture on Dunedin's event calendar for more than 45 years. In that time, it has also gained a substantial international following.

For many years, the City has supported the Otago Rally because of its very tangible returns. It repeatedly brings thousands of visitors to the city to view world-class competition, while also showcasing much of what we are proud of about – our beautiful city, wonderful scenic hinterland, the involvement of the community and volunteers and our relaxed way of life.

The Dunedin City Council also appreciates the continued energy and innovation organisers bring to this event every year. For example, we acknowledge and support their efforts to fully offset the carbon footprint of competitors.

I encourage visitors to the Rally to stay a bit longer and appreciate all that Dunedin has to offer, whether this be the eco-tourism of the Otago Peninsula, the many unique shops, galleries and museums, or the fantastic restaurants and cafes. Take a walk around the University of Otago, where the careers of so many New Zealanders have been formed. To the competitors, I wish you the very best of luck and great enjoyment. To the fans, you're in for some spectacular and exciting competition. And to the volunteers and officials, please accept the City's heartfelt appreciation for all that you do.

Enjoy a wonderful time in Dunedin.

Nāku noa, nā



Jules Radich  
**Mayor of Dunedin**