

Thinking of ways to reduce inequality is paramount

PEOPLE are going to have to get used to an increasingly changing world that is going to change life on Earth for humankind and other species which are going to suffer and die off.

It is paramount vast inequality in wealth and poverty are addressed. However, we are fortunate as New Zealanders to have a social welfare system.

As a species, we are a complex one that competes for survival through competition and altruistic means.

Our financial system is changing for good or ill, and new policies are being toyed with, such as a universal basic income. It is heart-warming to see Labour deliver a "wellbeing Budget".

However, gross domestic product does not work as it depends on continual economic growth for finite

resources, and jobs are being displaced through automation and new technology, for good or ill.

We must remember, as we reflect on celebrating National Volunteer Week, the good we can do by swapping goods and services through means such as time banking. We need money, but inequality could be minimised by bringing about some of these changes as a society and by being caring individuals.

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George St

I STRONGLY support Neville Jemmett's proposals (Opinion, 11.6.19) where he wishes to see not only full restoration of the High St

cable car service but a connecting tram service running along Princes St and George St from the Exchange as far as Frederick St.

This would then enable George St from Moray Pl to be fully pedestrianised and landscaped. St David and Hanover Sts would become "stub" feeders to George St, providing angle parking that would actually increase the number of spaces available.

The majority of people currently shopping in George St already have to walk from other parking locations. Having both cable cars and trams would be fully in keeping with Dunedin's heritage attractions.

Christchurch does it; so can we.

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