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THE ISLAND

## Denman Community Choir schedules spring concert

*The choir’s spring concert is listed for Sunday afternoon at Denman Island Community Hall.*

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The Denman Community Choir’s Spring Concert is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, at 2:30 p.m. at Denman Island Community Hall,

according to the Grapevine’s events calendar.<sup>1</sup>

The calendar also lists a Community Choir gathering at the Back Hall on April 23 at 2:30 p.m.<sup>1</sup>

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### Denman groups schedule annual beach cleanup

*The Association of Denman Island Marine Stewards lists its annual beach cleanup across several dates in the coming fortnight.*

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The Association of Denman Island Marine Stewards’ annual Denman Island Beach Cleanup appears repeatedly in the Grapevine’s events calendar for the fortnight beginning April 16.<sup>1</sup>

The calendar lists registration at the Old School and Farmer’s Market on Sunday, April 19, and “The Big Sort” at the Old School on Sunday, April 26.<sup>1</sup>

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### Denman marine stewards join concerns over proposed Union Bay port

*The Association of Denman Island Marine Stewards is among groups signing a letter urging federal and provincial leaders to scrutinize a proposed Baynes Sound port.*

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The Association of Denman Island Marine Stewards joined five other organizations in a letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney and Premier David Eby expressing concern about the proposed Coastal Gateway Port project in Baynes Sound.<sup>1</sup>

The signatories urged governments to ensure reviews are rigorous and science-based, respect Indigenous rights and protect the sound’s ecological and economic values.<sup>1</sup>

The letter says ship construction, repair and recycling require contained industrial facilities with environmental controls, and raises concerns about dredging or beaching vessels in the shallow sound.<sup>1</sup>

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### Denman trustees discuss housing and winery applications

*Minutes from the March 17 Local Trust Committee meeting record discussion of affordable housing, a proposed winery and other island planning matters.*

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Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes record public questions about affordable housing proposals, a proposed winery and foreign-buyer legislation at the committee’s March 17 meeting.<sup>1</sup>

On the winery, the planner said the applicant had applied for a retroactive development permit and had not applied for a development variance permit; the minutes say the Board of Variance call for expressions of interest was unrelated to the application.<sup>1</sup>

The minutes also record a public comment that affordable housing proposals in dense areas could create septic and traffic concerns, and a trustee’s response that clustering housing near amenities can reduce vehicle use.<sup>1</sup>

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

Forecast on record for this week. Later weather is not in this box.

Thu 2026-04-16: Fog; 12°C / 2°C; wind NE 6 kn; daylight 06:28–20:12; moon Waning Crescent, 3% lit; high water 5:11 AM (4.7 m), low water 11:53 AM (1.4 m), high water 6:15 PM (4.5 m), low water 11:53 PM (2.5 m).



|                                                                       | Thu 16          | Fri 17      | Sat 18      | Sun 19          | Mon 20          | Tue 21          | Wed 22          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sky                                                                   | Fog             | Overcast    | Overcast    | Overcast        | Overcast        | Rain            | Overcast        |
| High                                                                  | 12°C            | 12°C        | 15°C        | 21°C            | 24°C            | 18°C            | 18°C            |
| Low                                                                   | 2°C             | 3°C         | 3°C         | 6°C             | 10°C            | 12°C            | 8°C             |
| Wind                                                                  | NE 6 kn         | E 5 kn      | SE 6 kn     | NNW 6 kn        | NNW 8 kn        | SE 6 kn         | NNW 11 kn       |
| Daylight                                                              | 06:28–20:12     | 06:26–20:14 | 06:24–20:15 | 06:22–20:17     | 06:20–20:18     | 06:18–20:20     | 06:16–20:21     |
| Moon                                                                  | Waning Crescent | New Moon    | New Moon    | Waxing Crescent | Waxing Crescent | Waxing Crescent | Waxing Crescent |
| Open-Meteo historical forecast. Tides: Canadian Hydrographic Service. |                 |             |             |                 |                 |                 |                 |

DENMAN FIRE RESCUE

Emergencies: **911**. Denman Island Fire Rescue is a volunteer department. This space is theirs in every edition, free, and is not for sale.

Burning restrictions change through the season. Check before you light anything — including this newspaper.

Sources

Every claim in this edition is cited. Full documents, and the checks each source passed, are at denmanisland.co/news — or ask us and we will post you a copy.

**Denman Community Choir schedules spring concert**

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, April 16, 2026 — “Denman Community Choir’s Spring Concert 2:30pm Denman Island Community Hall”

**Denman groups schedule annual beach cleanup**

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, April 16, 2026 — “ADIMS Annual Denman Island Beach Cleanup Registration @ Old School/Farmer’s Market”

**Denman marine stewards join concerns over proposed Union Bay port**

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, April 16, 2026 — “On behalf of the signatories below, we are writing to express our strong concerns regarding the proposed Coastal Gateway Port project in Baynes Sound”

**Denman trustees discuss housing and winery applications**

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee regular meeting minutes, March 17, 2026 — “The planner responded that the applicant has applied for a retroactive development permit; and that no development variance permit has been applied for.”

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