



Dunoon Community Council

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Stefano Virgili a Cowal resident has built an App for Android phone users that will push notifications to your mobile phone in the event of any service issues with Western Ferries being posted on the Western Ferries website, as well as carrying details of the ferry times from both Hunters Quay and McInroy's Point.

Dunoon Community Council's Transport representative was invited to take part in the Beta trial which was a success, and the App is now available to download from the Google Play Store.. You can download it from here:<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details...>, search the Play Store for "Western Ferries Checker" or scan this QR code.



The next step in development will be an iOS version for iPhones once the installed base for Android increases.

Stefano Virgili said "This actually started from a pretty frustrating moment. I left Glasgow one day, weather was completely fine, so I didn't even think to check the Western Ferries website. By the time I got to Gourock, I found out the ferry had been cancelled due to wind... and I had to turn around and drive all the way back via the Rest and Be Thankful.

That was the moment I thought, there has to be a better way to stay on top of this.

If you do download the app, it would really mean a lot if you could leave a quick review on the Play Store and share this post or the app with anyone who might find it useful.

The more support it gets, the easier it is to keep improving it and adding new features.

Thanks again, everyone. I really appreciate it"

Combined with the CalMac text alert service and also their own App this now means that users of both ferry services to the/from the Cowal Peninsula can now be kept up to date with any service provision issues.

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