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Archives announcement "fantastic news"

Invercargill Mayor Tim Shadbolt has welcomed as "fantastic news" the announcement that Invercargill City Libraries and Archives is now authorised as an approved repository for public records.

The announcement of the approval was made today by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon Peter Dunne.

Mayor Shadbolt said the Invercargill City Council had opened the state-of-the-art, purpose built facility in 2008 at a cost of $2.4 million and, while it was a lot of money to spend it was an investment in protecting the City's heritage.

"Southlanders value their heritage; and the archive facility provides a permanent, secure home for important parts of our heritage that might otherwise be lost.

"The Minister's announcement of the facility as an approved repository is a big tick for the foresight and all of the hard work that has gone into making a safe environment for our City's important documents.

"Congratulations especially to our Libraries and Archives staff on a job well done," Mr Shadbolt said.

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