

Dog owners: registration notices on the way soon



MEET THE ANIMAL SERVICES TEAM: Micheal Murdoch (left), Peter Jones, Elle Dickson, Nicole Todd and Compliance Team Leader, Kerry Kawe, take a break at the Elles Road Dog Park. Registration notices will be sent to dog owners in early July.

MORE THAN 5000 dog registration invoices will be sent out to Invercargill dog owners in early July and the Council's Animal Services team is reminding people that reminder notices will no longer be issued after payments are due.

Kerry Kawe said people have until August 1 to register their dog, after which a 25% late penalty will be applied.

"If you are sent a dog registration fee please ensure you pay on time to avoid a penalty fee."

Animal Services Team Leader

notify the Animal Services team if their dog had been desexed to receive a discount on their dog registration.

"Bring us a certificate from your vet to show that the dog has been desexed," he said.

A competition will be run by

The Hits (98.8) in July; tune in to see how you can win a free registration for your dog.

For more information visit the Invercargill City Council website www.icc.govt.nz or contact the Animal Services department on (03) 211 1777.

Three-yearly revaluations of Invercargill city properties to start

THE three-yearly valuation reviews of Invercargill properties are to start soon.

Council has contracted Quotable Value Ltd (QV) to do the job which must be legally undertaken every three years. Valuers are expected to finish in early October; the previous valuation was completed in 2014. The valuation work covers about 25,700 properties, including 20,800 residential properties within the Invercargill City Boundary.

The effective date of the revaluation is July 1, 2017, and the new property value information will be used by the Council to set rates from the 2018/2019 financial year. Notices will be sent to property owners with their new property values from October 18, 2017.

Ratepayers have a right to object to these valuations provide the objections are received by November 24, 2017. QV will also handle objections from

ratepayers in respect of their valuations.

The rating value is established by considering relevant property sales from each area around the time of valuations. A market trend is established and then applied to properties.

Further information from QV plans on each property and other sources, including Council records, are used. Valuers then inspect a sample of properties (which may include recently sold properties) and those where building consents show work has been completed recently.

Valuers will be carrying identification at all times during inspections.

Before release, the assessed values are audited by the Office of the Valuer-General and will be released to the public following approval. For people whose properties have gone up in value, it may not mean a rates increase directly as it is only one of several methods used to apportion rates.



IT'S LIT: Kapiti Coast fashion designer Orion Scott was one of three guest speakers at the Youth Council It's LIT conference held on June 9.

Council meetings

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

Infrastructure and Services Committee

Monday, 26 June, 4pm

Finance and Policy Committee

Tuesday, 27 June, 4pm

Events Committee

Thursday, 29 June, 9am

Council

Tuesday, 4 July, 4pm

Child, Youth and Family Friendly Sub-Committee

Monday, 17 July, 4pm

Bluff Community Board

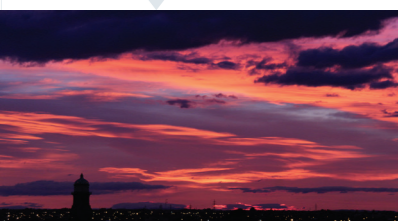
Monday, 24 July, 7pm

Community Services Committee

Monday, 31 July, 4pm

Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 101 Esk Street, Invercargill and the Bluff Community Board meet at the Municipal Chambers in Bluff.

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Epic Invercargill

You have until July 31 to send in your entries for the Epic Invercargill photo competition

For more information visit www.icc.govt.nz



The Invercargill Southland TrustPower Awards are now open for nominations.

Any voluntary group or community organisation is eligible for the Awards which recognize achievements or work undertaken by volunteers over the previous 12 months. There are five categories: Heritage and Environment, Health and Wellbeing, Arts and Culture, Sport and Leisure and Education and Child Development. Entries close on August 4.

Enter online at www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards or pick up a form at your local council office.

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2017 Matariki Festival



KITE TIME: Robbie and Angus Duncan show off their Matariki kites. The kite kits are available, free, from the Invercargill Public Library's Children's Section and many are displayed in city centre shops.

THE Invercargill City Council is excited to announce its first winter Matariki Festival, which is to take place in the city centre on Saturday, July 1.

Matariki is the Maori New Year and is a time to celebrate community, the end of the harvest season, remembering the dead and celebrating new life.

Council's City Centre Co-ordinator, Kari Graber, said the idea for the Festival came after requests for more events that would stimulate activity and vibrancy in the city centre.

"Matariki as a celebration seemed like a natural fit for a winter event because it is the Maori New Year and is an opportunity

to learn about and celebrate New Zealand culture," she said.

"We have a lot of summer events that bring vibrancy to the city centre but have lacked anything major in the winter months.

"Esk Street will be closed for the Festival and a marquee will be erected to house a large market, thanks to one of our CBD businesses, Party Plus.

"The Festival will have free activities throughout the day from 11am to 5pm including weaving workshops, poi making workshops, live music, kapa haka and more," Ms Graber said.

The following free events

will be taking place on-the-day on Esk Street:

- Matariki Market (10am-3pm)
- Food Truck (10am to 6pm)
- Weaving Workshops (noon to 2pm and from 3pm to 5pm)
- Kapa haka performance from 1pm (Pocket Park)
- Poi Making Workshops (11am to 1pm and from 3pm to 5pm)
- Stardome (Scottish Hall, 1pm to 5pm)
- Cook Islands dancing group (3.30pm) and Cook Islands drummers (4pm)
- Fire Show (6pm)
- Hula-hoops, face painting, carving demonstrations and other activities throughout the day.

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MATARIKI FESTIVAL

JULY 1ST
2017



LOTS OF ACTIVITIES & WORKSHOPS
THROUGHOUT THE DAY & INTO THE EVENING

- * MARKET ON ESK STREET, 10AM-3PM
- * STARDOME AT THE SCOTTISH HALL, 1PM-7PM
- * KAPA HAKA & FIRE SHOW
- * LIVE MUSIC DURING THE DAY, INTO THE EVENING

FREE

Check the Council website for more details, www.icc.govt.nz