

Word of the Street



Summer Edition



Welcome...

to our new CBD Newsletter which the Council plans to distribute on a quarterly basis to stakeholders in the inner city area.



My desire to herald the completion of the first stage of the long awaited CBD upgrade in this issue has unfortunately been thwarted by a number of factors. Work on the Esk Street section will now start in the New Year and I am confident the end result will be up to our expectations.

Our timetable for this work was always very tight with little margin for any unexpected delays. When tenders closed the contractors advised they were unable to complete the work before Christmas. To avoid disruption to Esk Street at the busiest time of the year it was agreed to delay the start until January 2015.

This newsletter is yours and we encourage readers to send us any items of interest for inclusion in the next issue.

We don't want to provide a council-only view on these pages so get those letters in to Council by emailing andrei.robertson@icc.govt.nz

The Inner City Working Group is now looking at the next phase of the upgrade, finalising plans for Kelvin Street and Esk Street East. Our intention is to tender this work early in 2015, following a round of consultation.

Next March will be Heritage Month in Southland and you can read more about this new initiative on page 3. Heritage South has an interesting schedule of events planned and city retailers are being encouraged to get involved by recognising our past.

Graham Sycamore

Invercargill Christmas Parade 2014

**22 November 2014, 2pm - 3.30pm
Gala, Dee, Tay and Kelvin Streets**

The Southland Santa Parade has been a feature in Invercargill since 1999, drawing crowds of 15,000 to 20,000 from throughout Southland.

Organiser Alice Pottinger says it may be a good day for businesses to offer specials to encourage shoppers. "If they want to promote themselves, that's one way of doing it."



Road closures will occur from 1pm - 3.30pm in the above streets. Contact Alice Pottinger: 027 228 9693

Council urges property owners to update their BWOF



Council is reminding commercial property owners to ensure their Building Warrant of Fitness (BWOF) is up to date for buildings with specified systems (e.g. fire alarms, emergency lighting, backflow prevention devices etc) installed.

A Building Warrant of Fitness (Form 12) is a statement from the building owner confirming that the systems in the building have been checked and the inspection and maintenance required for the building (stated in the Compliance Schedule) has complied for the previous 12 months.

The building owner is responsible for ensuring the requirements of the Compliance Schedule are met. The owner is required to use an Independently Qualified Person (IQP) to check the systems. The owner pays for an Independently Qualified Person to inspect and maintain the building's specified systems.

For more information on the BWOF process please visit www.icc.govt.nz and look under the 'Building' page.



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Feedback wanted on Christmas lights

A decision is to be made by Council on the future replacement of Invercargill's ageing Christmas lights, following their crucial maintenance this year which will see the current lights used for another two years.

The Council owns the Christmas lights and Electricity Invercargill Limited arranges for them to be put up and taken down.

Cr Boniface said the ageing lights that had been installed over the last 25 plus years, usually lasted about seven years and were gradually replaced over time, but the English supplier of the Christmas lights had now gone out of business. Council would need to look at alternative suppliers for replacements.

"With the inner city redevelopment, this is a good time to

discuss options for replacement lights, what they should look like, where they should be sourced and where they should be hung.

"The Christmas lights were also originally hung in Esk, Kelvin and Don Streets but since the last inner city upgrade they were hung only in Dee and Tay Streets. With the new redevelopment, people might like to consider whether they should be moved back to Esk and Don Streets.

"There is also the option of looking at the possibility of winter lights.

"Council will be looking into this from 2015 onwards and consulting with the Inner City Working Group and other key stakeholders," Cr Boniface said.

CBD Extravaganza

As part of Heritage Month in March 2015, Heritage South is hosting a fun, family event in the CBD on Friday March 27, and they want you to be a part of it.

The event, labelled CBD Extravaganza, is one of a wide range of heritage themed activities held throughout the Southland region during Heritage Month.

During this time in the CBD there will be a number of old fashioned themed activities happening including street performances, toffee apples on sale, classic car displays, old film screenings, a community sing along and much more. Added to this is a range of hi-tech activities that will appeal to young people, encouraging them to think about their heritage and the heritage of the city.

Heritage South wants shop and building owners in the city to be part of this exciting event and to make the most of the opportunity the event will bring. There are a range of ways you can do this; dress your shop window with a heritage display, use photos showing what shops used to look like, stay open late on Friday March 27, provide heritage



activities for people, and dress up and get involved. Don't forget that the heritage eras don't have to date back to the 1800s, as more recent decades also count – think about the 1980s!

They have a detailed information sheet for people with lots of ideas and suggestions on how you can get involved, with a range of ways they can support you to be involved in this event. Please contact the co-ordinator Rebecca Amundsen on 027 225 2664 or by mail, southlandheritageforum@xtra.co.nz and please visit their Facebook page 'HeritageSouthNZ'.

Council gives the green light to Esk Street upgrade

The Invercargill City Council has given the green light to a \$1.4 million makeover of Esk Street, adding in \$267,000 of extra amenities after public consultation.

Chair of the Inner City Working Group Cr Graham Sycamore presented the proposal to Council, along with the Inner City Working Group's recommendation that the budget be increased to include the extra amenities requested by public submissions.

Council's Roading Manager Russell Pearson said the original cost estimate of \$825,000 was set in 2012 and was based on the design concept at the time. "Following continued consultation with the public, people's expectations changed. After adding in the extras requested by the public and tendering the project, the cost rose to \$1.4 million.

"This is the first of the 12 precincts to be tendered. The

Inner City Working Group's resolution was to prioritise the spending on the Esk Street Hub from the pocket park to Dee Street and reduce expenditure in future precinct developments. The Committee agreed that there were significant savings to be made in future stages to compensate for the additional costs in this first stage.

"The Committee considered whether they should identify savings for this stage and remove certain elements to cut back costs, or recommend to Council to spend the full amount. As Esk Street is the key foundation element of the CBD, the Committee felt it was the best investment to make," Mr Pearson said.

Council accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the full proposal.

Work is scheduled to start mid-January and take approximately four months to complete.

Word on the Street



Southern Farmers Market



The Southern Farmers Market aims to provide shoppers, both local and from far and wide, with access to the best local artisan food products and seasonal produce. On offer is a high standard of quality goods at the market from produce to jams, chutneys, baking and so much more. In the summer season the market has an abundance of fruit, berries, flowers, tomatoes and many other items.

The best thing you can do is come and look for yourself. The stall holders are a wonderful group with friendly faces who just love to tell people about their products, adding a personal touch that just simply cannot be found at other outlets. The fine warm days are usually spent outside but if the weather turns nasty, never fear, as they have a lovely indoor venue in the adjacent Scottish Hall to retreat to. This

ensures that everyone stays warm and dry no matter what the Southland weather decides to throw at people.

They look forward to meeting new customers as well as seeing regular customers every week. If you are interested in becoming a stall holder, please do not hesitate to contact them (details below). The Southern Farmers Market is held every Sunday at the car park opposite the Civic Administration building (101 Esk Street) from 9:30am to 12:30pm so make sure you check it out this coming Sunday!

Enquiries to: southernfarmersmarket@hotmail.com

Esk Street Mall Christmas Market Day

Presented by What's On Invers, the Esk Street Mall Christmas Market Day will be held on Saturday December 6 from 10am-2 pm.

This year there are buskers & entertainment for the kids on the corners of Esk & Dee Streets, Esk & Kelvin Streets and the Tay Street entrance of Cambridge Arcade, as it links the CBD to Esk Street Mall.

Retailers on Dee, Tay, and Kelvin Streets, along with the Esk Street Mall are being encouraged to put out sale racks and tables for the market day. Santa will be present with a few of his helpers who will be busy handing out balloons and lollies for the kids. Local band "Into The East" has been confirmed to be one of the main entertainment acts playing in Esk Street Mall with more to be confirmed.

For one day the CBD will be turned into a big market day.

Esk Street Mall
Christmas Market Day
Sat 6th December
10am-2pm
PRESENTED BY **what's on invers**
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Sausage Sizzle & Balloons for the kids
Market Stalls
Get your photo with santa
Sale racks & bargains galore

For more details contact event organiser Mike Sanford on 021 183 4640, email mike@invers.co.nz or check the website, www.whatsoninvers.co.nz/esk.