

November 17, 2015





### **Key Christmas shopping dates**

**Saturday 21 November - Christmas 2015**Free parking from midday Saturday at the City Centre Shoppers' Carpark

#### **Saturday 21 November**

- Southland Santa Parade
- Arts Market, Wachner Place, 10am 2pm

#### **Thursday 26 November**

Esk Street CBD Late Shopping Night

#### **Saturday 5 December**

City Centre Esk Street Market Day

#### **1st week December**

Youth Council Smoke-free Survey

#### **Friday 18 December**

Arts Market, Wachner Place, 5pm - 8.30pm

#### 7 - 13th March 2016

Inner City Heritage Week

#### **Tuesday 8 March 2016**

Possible Vintage Car Club event starting from Esk Street

#### Friday 11 March

Late Night Friday Shopping for Inner City Heritage Week



## Free Parking AT CITY CENTRE SHOPPERS' CARPARK

Free Saturday afternoon parking at the City Centre Shoppers' Carpark starts on Saturday and last week 250 pads of tear-off brochures were delivered to businesses in Esk Street and Wachner Place.

Even while I was still out delivering, enthusiastic retailers were already putting the brochures in the bags with purchases — which was great to see!

If you need more brochures, please pop in to Goody Two Shoes to see Jan or Judith, who kindly agreed to store the extras for me.

For inquiries or comment, please contact Eirwen Harris on 211-1678, 027 293 8680, or eirwen.harris@icc.govt.nz



Retailers are advised that members of the Invercargill City Youth Council will be undertaking a survey in Esk Street during the first week of December.

Smoke-free Esk Street

The Youth Council is exploring the idea of having Esk Street declared a smoke-free area.

Council Community Development Manager Mary Napper says the survey will provide a snapshot opinion from those in Esk Street to inform the Youth Council as they explore the idea of having Esk Street declared a smoke-free area.

For inquiries or comment please contact Mary Napper on 211-1669 or mary.napper@icc.govt.nz

The Vintage Car Club is exploring the idea of starting a

The Vintage Car Club is exploring the idea of starting a Car Run from Esk Street on Tuesday 8 March 2016.

They have contacted retailer David White and Council's Russell Pearson about filling the street with vintage cars between 8am-11am that day before the start of the run.

David White suggests local cafes could embrace the idea by offering a Special Big Breakfast and the retail stores could open an hour earlier, to make the most of the vintage car enthusiasts who might like to do some shopping.

It is early days, but we'll keep you posted.



Invercargill's inaugural Arts Market is planned for Wachner Place this coming weekend, on Saturday 21 November. The Market will operate from 10am to 2pm prior to the annual Santa Parade.

Spokesperson Rebecca Amundsen said the Arts Market Invercargill is a celebration of all things art.

"The Market was conceived as a way to give local artists and creative types a venue to promote their talents and sell their art. In addition the Market is another way to encourage people into the inner city and to help bring vibrancy to the city," she said.

A second market is planned for Friday 18 December from 5pm to 8.30pm.

"The Market will be interactive with opportunities for the public to watch artists at work and to have a go at various activities,

as well as purchase products from the artists. The Arts Market is not just for visual artists but will also include musicians and performers. Businesses are welcome to contact us to participate in the Market directly if they wish," Ms Amundsen said.

For more information contact us by email on artsmarketinvercargill@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HandmadeLocally/



Inner City HERITAGE WEEK

Following the success of the CBD Extravaganza as part of Heritage Month in 2015, the Inner City Heritage Week is planned for 7-13 March 2016.

"A series of heritage related activities will be held throughout the week in the Inner City including walking tours of Tay and Dee Streets with heritage building expert Mick Hesselin; an old-time dance; a pop-up museum; a building open day and of course another night of late night Friday Shopping," spokesperson Rebecca Amundsen said.

"This dedicated Inner City Heritage Week will bring to life Invercargill's heritage, highlighting the historic buildings, cultural traditions and bringing back lost activities. The range of events will create a buzz within the Inner City and provide opportunities for the public to come into the City to participate. The value of the City's heritage is one of its greatest assets," she said.

Retailers are invited to get involved in the Inner City Heritage Week by:

- Having a heritage window display between 1-14 March
- Staying open late on Friday 11 March as part of the Late Night Friday Shopping
- Hosting a heritage event or activity as part of Heritage Week
- Dressing up in heritage wear throughout Heritage Week

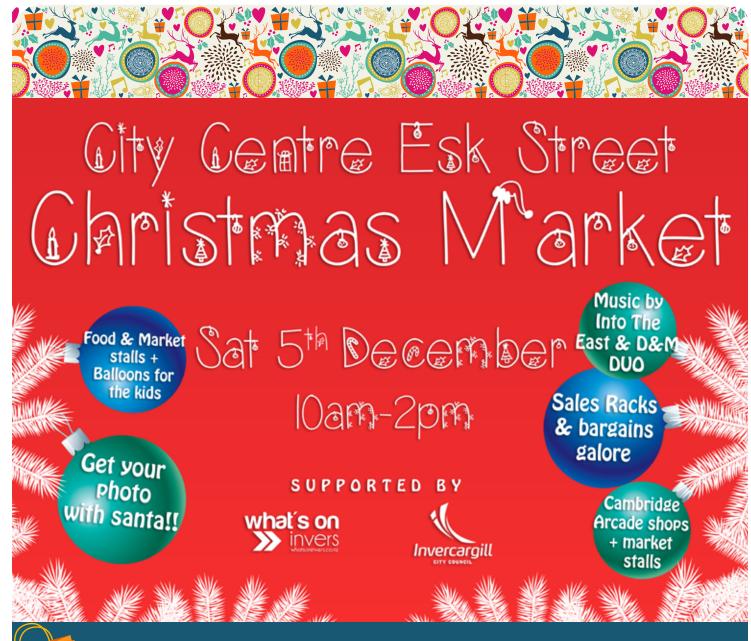


"We are looking for spaces that can be used in the Inner City for events, activities and displays such as vacant shops or spaces within or outside shops. We also welcome groups or organisations to get involved in participating in the week - contact us with your ideas," Ms Amundsen said.

An information pack will be delivered to retailers prior to Christmas with more information.

If you have any questions you can contact Cathy Lowther on invercargillheritageweek@gmail.com





# Free Parking

in the City Centre Shoppers' Carpark after 12 noon every Saturday from November 21 till Christmas 2015



