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## Increase in illegal dumping on Oreti Beach and local conservation land



REVIEWING RUBBISH: Council's Compliance Team Leader, Kerry Kawe, and Council's Animal Control Officer, Peter Jones, look over some of the rubbish, which included about 100 vacuum cleaners, which was recently dumped on local conservation land near Tiwai.

THE Invercargill City Council is asking people to be vigilant after an increase in the numbers of people dumping rubbish illegally on Oreti Beach and local conservation land.

Council's Compliance Team Leader, Kerry Kawe, said last week they alerted the Department of Conservation (DOC) to a large mountain of rubbish, which included about 100 vacuum cleaners which was dumped on DOC land near Tiwai.

"Illegal dumping has started to

trend upwards. We see household waste, green waste, construction waste, and abandoned vehicles, which are commonly dumped at the North entrance to Oreti Beach. This waste is often dumped in parks and reserves around Invercargill and secluded places where offenders can dump without being seen.

"It impacts the immediate surrounding area and is a risk to the public's health and safety. The rubbish can leach toxins into the environment which is

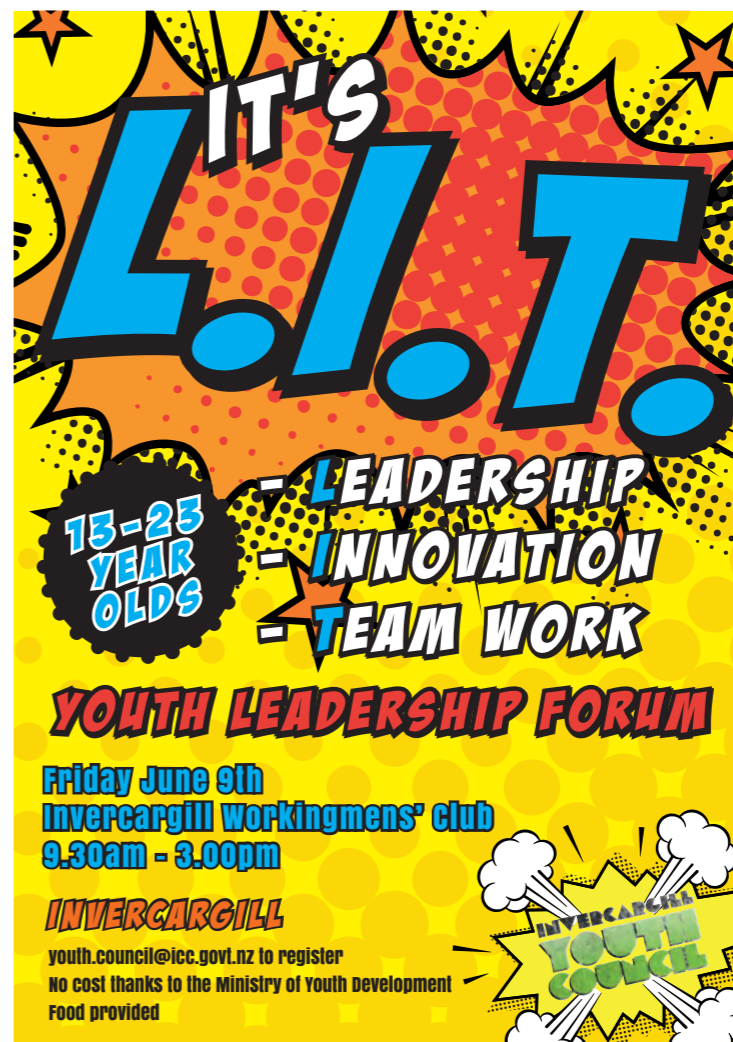
harmful to plant life, aquatic life, birds and mammals. The cost of clean-up can fall on rate payers and tax payers if the offenders aren't found and there is a risk public access will be restricted in future."

Offenders were liable for all related clean-up costs and could face infringements and prosecution under the Litter Act, Mr Kawe said.

"Do the right thing. Put household waste into red rubbish bins, recyclable items into yellow

recycling bins, and take excess waste (household waste, green waste, hard fill) to the Invercargill Waste Transfer Station. Take excess recyclable items to the Invercargill Recycling Centre on Ettrick Street and unwanted vehicles to a scrap yard which will often pay for the scrap.

"We encourage people to report any instances of illegal dumping to Council on (03) 211 1777 and, if possible, record the registration plates of the vehicles involved," Mr Kawe said.



## Youth Councillors attend Youth Forum

FOUR Invercargill Youth Council members recently attended the South Island Youth Council Forum, hosted by Youth Voice Canterbury, at Blue Skies Youth Lodge in Kaiapoi.

Youth Councillors Hayden Scott-Chambers, Hamish Muhl, Caitlin Smith and Janaya Stevenson attended the Forum, which ran for the second year. It was attended by 120 young people from over 20 other youth council or youth participation organisations, across the South Island.

Council's Community Project Development Co-ordinator, Oliver Mortensen, said multiple workshops were held across the two-day event including:

Code of Ethics; Treaty of Waitangi; Wellbeing and Resilience; Running Events; Social Media; and Engaging Pasifika Youth.

The keynote presentation was from the National Refugee Youth Council, the first type of Youth Council for refugee youth in the world.

"All OF the youth councils across the South Island run events for youth in their communities and the delegates from Invercargill gained valuable points from others attending the workshops on how to improve the running of their events. This information will help in the facilitation of the Youth Council's key event for 2017, It's L.I.T., which is to be held June 9," Mr Mortensen said.



### Council meetings

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

**Child Youth and Family Friendly**  
Tuesday, 6 June, 4.00pm

**Bluff Community Board**  
Monday, 12 June, 7pm

**Community Services**  
Monday, 19 June, 4pm

**Regulatory Services**  
Tuesday, 20 June, 4pm

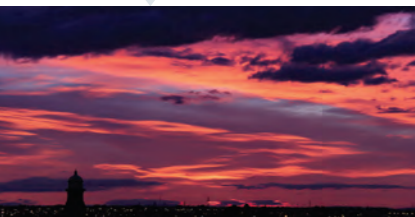
**Infrastructure and Services Committee**  
Monday, 26 June, 4pm

**Finance and Policy Committee**  
Tuesday, 27 June, 4pm

**Events Committee**  
Thursday, 29 June, 9am

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

Thanks to all those who've sent in their Epic Invercargill photos - keep them coming!

For more information visit [www.icc.govt.nz/start-snapping-for-epic-invercargill-photo-competition/](http://www.icc.govt.nz/start-snapping-for-epic-invercargill-photo-competition/)



Invercargill  
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FESTIVAL

JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
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](http://www.icc.govt.nz)





STEPPING UP: Invercargill Public Libraries' Community Connections Co-ordinator, Jay Coote, teaches one of the *Stepping Up* programmes, which helps people with digital literacy and computer skills.

## Free computer classes offered at Public Library

A RANGE of free computer training programmes, titled *Stepping Up*, are to be run through the Invercargill Public Library, to help people build digital literacy and computer skills.

The programmes are a joint venture between the Library and the 20/20 Communications Trust, which administers the programmes. Programmes start on May 15 and are to be rotated indefinitely. People must register online at [www.steppingup.nz](http://www.steppingup.nz).

There are eight subjects to choose from including: Computer Basics; Word Processing; Emailing; Social Networking; Ancestry and Help with Navigating Government Websites (such as WINZ and RealMe). Each module, called a 'digital step', takes two hours to complete.

Invercargill City Libraries and Archives Learning Connections Co-ordinator, Morgan Code, said the programmes would

provide the community with access to free step-by-step computer courses, which would give people greater confidence in their computer skills.

"Digital steps allow patrons of all ages to be on their way to computer confidence and literacy. The *Stepping Up* courses are an excellent opportunity to gain new computer skills, meet new people, and learn, via a step-by-step instructional lesson from a friendly local instructor," Ms Code said.

### noticeboard

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