



Smokefree CBD

The Smokefree Areas Policy was unanimously passed at the Invercargill City Council meeting on 7 November 2017. The policy makes the public areas within the boundary of Tay, Spey, Deveron and Dee Streets (including Wachner Place) smokefree.

The policy idea was originally submitted by the Invercargill Youth Council and has been actively encouraged by Smokefree Murihiku.

Invercargill Youth Councillor Mackenzie Fallow said it was great the voices of youth had been heard during the development of the policy.

"It's not about whether people should have the right to smoke. It's just about asking that they don't do it in places where it sends out the message,

especially to kids, that it's a normal life choice."

Youth Council Chairperson Jack Shaw said he believed the policy was a positive shift in the social paradigm for Invercargill in its entirety.

While this is a policy and cannot be legally enforced, it will be promoted positively through the use of signage.

To help denormalise smoking to children, smokers who work in the CBD are able to smoke behind their building so long as

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fresh air!



they are out of the public view.

Smoking, for the purpose of the policy, includes e-cigarettes and vaporisers. This policy will be reviewed in a year's time and could be extended to other areas of the city should this policy work well.

Event planned to Rev Up city centre



The Invercargill City Council is looking to kick-start the New Year by launching a new event to help show how the city centre can shine with a bit of cut-and-polish!

Business owners, volunteers and residents are being encouraged to get involved in the first ever Rev Up of the inner-city, to be held on the weekend of January 27 and 28, just in time to show the world how great the city centre is before visitors arrive for the Burt Munro Challenge.

The purpose of Rev Up is to tidy up the city centre, and to make sure our buildings look spectacular from the verandahs down. Cleaning will include windows, footpaths and shopfronts, touching up paint, removing old advertising posters and freshening up some alley ways. Litter will be picked up and plantings added to some areas to bring vibrancy.

Council City Centre Co-ordinator Kari Graber said the look and feel of Invercargill's inner city had been a recurring theme throughout a number of workshops.

"It's time for us all to work together to give the community and visitors a beautiful place where they will want to spend their time and money. The inner-city belongs to all of us no matter what part of Invercargill you come from.

"This is something I hope all of Invercargill can get behind to support. It's time for us to start showing more pride in our city centre," Ms Graber said.

Deputy Mayor Rebecca Amundsen said she would be working with Ms Graber to ensure Rev Up was successful.

"The Rev Up is a great way for the community to reconnect with the inner city and show their support for inner city retailers. The event is us as a city putting our best foot forward, together," Cr Amundsen said.

"We hope to build on the 2018 event by doing more and bigger projects in the years to come.

"I would like to encourage people to get involved. Even if you only have a couple of hours over the weekend, every little bit helps."

Burt Munro Challenge Organising Committee Chairman Wayne Affleck said: "We welcome the initiative and encourage the community to get out and participate.

A bit of a spruce-up will only add to the already warm southern welcome for visiting out-of-towners and locals alike."

Event organisers are looking for people with skills such as retired builders, painters and others who would be able to help run working groups on the day and help as advisors planning the work.

You can also find the Rev Up Invercargill Inner City event on Facebook and the Council website, www.icc.govt.nz. Contact City Centre Co-ordinator Kari Graber by email (kari.graber@icc.govt.nz) or phone (03) 211 8393 for more details.



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Buy your branded merchandise from our local stockists:

- E Hayes and Sons
- Toi Toi Maori Gift Shop
- Southland Museum and Art Gallery
- Invercargill Airport
- Fat Bastard Pies
- Skelts Jewellers

Or purchase online at INVERCARGILLNZ.COM



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Buskers Festival to return

The Southland Buskers Festival will return to Invercargill in February and promises a little something for everyone.

The four-day family friendly circus and street theatre festival has become a highlight of Southland's summer events calendar.

This year, the ninth annual event will feature some of the best acts from around the world including The Mighty Mike Show, Bex in Motion, and Tianna the Traveller from Canada, The Old Time Rags from the UK, The Red Trouser Show from the USA, as well as local entertainers Mr Quirk, Vinyl Burns aka Kim Potter, and 3 Three Ring Riot from New Zealand.

The festival will kick off on Thursday, February 1, at 6pm in Queens Park with the ILT Busker Cabaret and will continue to make magic and laughs around the city until Sunday, February 4.

Festival programmes will be available from January.

The annual SBF is produced by the Invercargill City Council Charitable Trust, in partnership with the Invercargill Licensing Trust, ILT Foundation, The Community Trust of Southland, Southern Trust, Venture Southland, Creative Communities and MORE FM.



Mighty Mike

Storbie Online Marketplace



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I am home to The World's Fastest Indian and one of the biggest transport museum collections in the world. I am home to wonderful beaches, wetland reserves and beautifully groomed public parks. I am home to the longest daylight in New Zealand and to the spectacular Southern Lights. I am home to delectable seafood and premium export-grade beef and lamb. I am home to the Southern Steel, the Southland Sharks, the Stags and New Zealand's first velodrome and training ground for Olympic cyclists. I am home to affordable living, free education and an unbeatable lifestyle. I am home to 50,000+ Kiwis and they are some of the friendliest people you will ever meet. I am Invercargill.

As part of our new brand launch Invercargill City Council has partnered with Storbie to create an online marketplace that allows visitors and locals to view business information and browse products or services available in the region.

The new site also provides information and resources for people wishing to visit, explore, live, work, and study in Invercargill.

Invercargillnz.com is the new digital hub of our city featuring a comprehensive business directory. The site will be evolving into an ecommerce-enabled shopping portal, which will allow consumers to connect with and buy directly from a range of local businesses.

The website is powered by Storbie – a NZ based ecommerce company that provides online shops and marketplaces to businesses and organisations here in New Zealand and overseas. The Invercargill marketplace connects local businesses and their products together in one place and allows shoppers to form relationships with individual retailer brands. It enables shop owners to boost their discoverability and sales by being part of a larger online retail destination.

Choose how you pay your rates



Online Payments

You can make online payments using either of the following two methods:

- Credit Cards: Visa, MasterCard
- Account to Account: ANZ, ASB, BNZ, Kiwi Bank, TSB, Westpac

A surcharge of 1.7% applies to all credit card transactions (on the payment amount).

Rates can also be paid via the My Invercargill tool available on the Council website, www.icc.govt.nz.

Direct Debit

We recommend you use direct debit to pay your rates. It is easy to set up, hassle-free, convenient, reliable and cost-effective. This method will guarantee you will always pay rates on time and will avoid late payment penalties. You can choose to pay weekly or fortnightly (Wednesdays), monthly on the 15th of each month or quarterly. It is important to note that your rates account/s must be up-to-date before you commence direct debit payments.

You can get a direct debit application form by phoning Council, picking one up at the Council's Service Centres (Esk Street or Bluff), or downloading a form from Council's website.

Automatic Payment, Internet or Phone Banking

You can pay your rates by internet or telephone banking into the Invercargill City Council BNZ bank account. If you pay by automatic payment, you will need to make sure that you contact your bank and adjust your payments to allow for changes each year.

Please note that all properties

have a unique Rate Account Number (a 6-digit number beginning with LRAxxxxx/x on your rates invoice). You should include this Account Number under the "Reference" field in your payment. Ratepayers who own more than one property should make a separate payment for each property.

Rates and water billing

- **BNZ BANK ACCOUNT:**
02 0924 0019668 02
- **PARTICULARS FIELD:**
The name that appears on the invoice. (12 spaces only available)
- **CODE FIELD:** The text LRA plus the assessment number.

For example, the assessment number from the rates or water invoice LRA 99991/2 would be entered into the Code field as LRA99991/2.

Cash, EFTPOS, Cheque

Cash, EFTPOS and cheques are accepted at the Council's Esk Street Offices and Bluff Service Centre. Cheques can also be posted to Invercargill City Council, 101 Esk Street, Private Bag 90104, Invercargill 9840.

Rates Rebate

Previously successful applicants for the low income earner rebate will be sent an application form in September. New applicants can pick up a form from the Customer Services' Help Desk from September onwards.

Contact

Contact Council's Customer Services team by: phoning (03) 211 1777 or email service@icc.govt.nz.

For further rates information and online payment details visit Council's website, www.icc.govt.nz

Your rates payment is due...

february 2018

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Payments should be made by **February 23rd, 2018** to avoid a penalty of 10%.

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REMINDER: If you pay your full year's rates on the second installment, we will remit your first installment penalty.