

City calendars heading your way

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A new-look Invercargill City Council Calendar will be hitting letterboxes throughout the city and Bluff next month, featuring photographs taken by residents.

More than 70 people submitted more than 100 photographs for the Epic Invercargill photo run earlier this year, and the 2018 calendar shows the best of the best.

All of the photographs in the calendar were taken by amateur photographers, one of whom was Bluff resident Yvonne Pickford.

Two of her photographs were winning entries and feature as January and October.

Ms Pickford said she had been working on her photography skills for the past 5 years when she decided to enter the Epic Invercargill competition, and while she has always enjoyed her own photos, knowing someone else liked them too meant a lot.

"I wanted to get some of my shots out there. I think they're good [but] me liking them is a whole different story to seeing them getting picked and getting printed," she said.



Photographers David Whelan, left, and Yvonne Pickford check out the new 2018 Invercargill City Council Calendar.

Ms Pickford had the chance to get a sneak peek at the calendar earlier this week and said her photos were among good company.

"There's some fantastic shots in there, really really fantastic."

She would also encourage others to enter photography competitions in future.

"It's not just about entering, it's about showcasing your province and getting your

little piece of what you like out there."

Council Communications Manager Eirwen Harris Mitchell announced the names of the other winning amateur photographers, who were: Nancy Crawford, Ann Cain, Sarah Ward, Darren Shuttleworth, John Youngson, Kate Pita, Brogan Campbell and David Whelan, while Sasanga Roshana won the youth section.

Their winning photos will be revealed when the calendars arrive in letterboxes.

"We were overwhelmed by the quantity and the quality of the entries, and are incredibly proud to offer residents a beautiful calendar made up of images showcasing our wonderful area that were submitted by their peers," Mrs Harris Mitchell said.

Dog panel appointed



The newly appointed Community Advisory Panel from left: Katy Barker, Jo Miller, Colin Morrison, Erik Oostendorp, Rodney Tribe and Mike Sheppard with Regulatory Services Committee chair Rebecca Amundsen.

THE newly appointed Community Advisory Panel which will consider euthanasia and rehoming of dogs in Invercargill and Bluff has met for the first time.

Six people have been selected to engage with the public and sit on the Community Advisory Panel for the Invercargill City Council's Dog Rehoming and Euthanasia Review.

They are Katy Barker, Colin Morrison, Jo Miller, Mike Sheppard, Rodney Tribe and Erik Oostendorp.

Deputy Mayor and Chair of Regulatory Services Rebecca Amundsen is working to help co-ordinate the panel and ensure the members have access to, and receive all the information they need to make a recommendation to Council about the future of rehoming and euthanasia in the area.

Cr Amundsen said the first meeting of the panel was held on Monday, and included in-

troductions and an overview of the task ahead.

"This included a folder of information provided to each member, ensuring everyone knew the scope of the panel, which is to focus on rehoming and euthanasia methods and processes," she said.

The panel also discussed site visits to Council's Animal Care Facility and the SPCA, and talked about various groups and people to meet with.

"The panel will be gathering information and learning about rehoming and euthanasia over the weeks between now and Christmas, and after Christmas will be looking to the community to gather feedback from them before making a recommendation to council," Cr Amundsen said.

When the panel makes its recommendation there will also be a report which explains how they came to their conclusions.

Have your say on public transport plan



THE Invercargill City Council is calling for feedback on proposed changes to city bus routes and fares, among other suggested changes to the Regional Public Transport Plan.

The Regional Public Transport Plan is a strategy document which sets out the intentions and policies for how buses and subsidised Total Mobility Scheme will operate during the next three years. It shows what it costs, where the money comes from, the levels of service expected and what is likely to change during that time. Presently, approximately 199,000 bus trips are taken, along with 54,000 subsidised Total Mobility trips.

Council Roding Manager Russell Pearson said the proposed plan also included changes to Total Mobility, and members of the public were invited to have their say about where they believe bus travel should be improved.

The proposal includes three new connecting Invercargill Bus Smart routes and a new timetable, which, if approved, will replace the current four loops introduced in 2012.

The new routes look to address customer comments that the routes took too long, were not direct enough, and that timetables did not get them into town at the right time,

particularly in the mornings.

The buses will run generally from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and Saturday, 10am to 3pm.

This is similar to current timetables, but there will be extra buses on during the morning business run and again in the evenings to make travelling into the CBD and home again more desirable.

Also suggested is a change to the fare structure, which recognises that the service has a strong community focus and that the use of peak and off-peak fares was a disincentive.

The proposed fares are:

Children under five years – free.

Supergold Card Holders, 9am to 3pm and Saturdays – free

All other users – at all times:

Payment by Bus Smart Card (and trip tagged on and off) \$2 per trip

Payment by cash \$3 per trip

Visit the consultation of Council's website at www.icc.govt.nz for more information including a diagram of the proposed routes, the draft Regional Public Transport Plan, and submission forms.

Submissions are open until December 15, and are expected to be heard by the Community Services Committee on February 26.

Draft bylaw to be discussed at workshops

THE Invercargill City Council is taking the next steps in the drafting of a bylaw that will require all tattoo, piercing, nail technician and beauty therapy businesses to be inspected and registered to ensure public safety at all times.

Two workshops will be held later this month, to which business owners and staff are invited to view and discuss the new draft bylaw.

Council Policy Analyst Anna Goble said staff had sent more than 120 letters out to businesses Council knew would be affected by the new bylaw, but there were many more people working from home who might not be aware of the draft bylaw, or the impact it could have on them.

“We know there are lots of people who work from home, or offer one-off services, like make-up for special occasions, for example,” Miss Goble said.

“Often these people get their clients

through word-of-mouth or via social media pages, which means we haven’t been able to ascertain just how many businesses the bylaw might affect.

“We’d love for members of the public to encourage anyone they know working from home in these areas to register for these workshops to make sure they, too, can have their say on the draft bylaw which might affect the way they work in future.”

The bylaw has been drafted following the workshops held earlier this year, at which staff received some amazing feedback and information from industry members.

Register your interest in coming to one of the following workshops:

- Monday November 27 – 9am to 11am, Council Chambers
- Monday November 27 – 7pm to 9pm, Council Chambers

RSVP to Anna at policy@icc.govt.nz

October Funding Allocations

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

Glengarry Community Action Group

- Drumming Festival
- *Tagged awaiting further information*

Bluff Promotions

- Summer Sounds Concert
- \$1,000

Foveaux Harmony Chorus

- Workshops for members
- *Tagged awaiting further information*

Shakespeare in the Park Charitable Trust

- “As You Like It” production in Otepunu Gardens
- \$2,805

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

Sport Down South/Aurora College

- School holiday programmes equipment and volunteer training
- \$1,000

Southland Softball Association

- Equipment
- \$750

Southland Badminton

- Online booking system and associated equipment
- \$2,000

Southland Softball Association

- Bases for playing diamonds
- \$1,600

The next funding round closes on December 15th at noon with decisions being made before Christmas.

Bluff Community Board Bursary

APPLICATIONS are now invited from residents of the Bluff Ward for the Bluff Community Board Bursary.

The bursary is \$2,000 per annum for three years for:

Candidates enrolled for a full-time course of study at university or other agreed establishment within New Zealand.

Candidates who are making applications for admission to a university or other agreed establishment within New Zealand to a full-time course of study in the coming year.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from the Service Centre Manager with whom applications close on Monday 15th January 2018.

november rates due 2017

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Council meetings

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

Community Services Committee
Monday, 27 November, 4pm

Regulatory Services Committee
Tuesday, 28 November, 4pm

Infrastructure and Services Committee
Monday, 4 December, 4pm

Finance and Policy Committee
Tuesday, 5 December, 4pm

Events Committee
Thursday, 7 December, 9am

Council
Tuesday, 12 December, 4pm

The above meetings will be held in the Council Chambers / Committee Room, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 101 Esk Street, Invercargill.

- www.icc.govt.nz

CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT

keep it local
invercargill

Name: _____ Ph: _____

Write the corresponding shop number next to the item when you find it in their window display, look out for the Keep it Local logo!

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - H & J Smith 2 - McKnight & Brown 3 - Just Incredible 4 - The Gift Shed 5 - Wensleys Cycles 6 - Young Reflections 7 - Invercargill Music Shop 8 - Invercargill City Library 9 - Whitcoulls 10 - Lusty Jewellers 11 - Voyant 12 - Seriously Good Chocolate 13 - Ambrosia Flowers 14 - Creativity Plus 15 - Mills Pharmacy 	<p>_____ Captain Hook</p> <p>_____ Wreath</p> <p>_____ Christmas Lights</p> <p>_____ Santa</p> <p>_____ Elf</p> <p>_____ Rudolf</p> <p>_____ Mittens</p> <p>_____ Christmas Tree</p> <p>_____ Angel</p> <p>_____ A Train</p> <p>_____ Star</p> <p>_____ Candy cane</p> <p>_____ Ukélele</p> <p>_____ Cookies for Santa</p> <p>_____ Stocking</p>
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Join in the CBD Scavenger Hunt starting December 1st and spot the listed items in shop windows with a *Keep It Local* sticker and mark the shop number next to the item on the list. Once you have completed the list, take it to the Invercargill Public Library on Dee Street, 9am to 7pm, Monday to Friday and 10am to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday.

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