

Body artists, beauticians share ideas

COUNCIL will today host two workshops for tattooists, nail technicians, beauticians, and piercing artists to share their ideas and thoughts on what should be included in a new bylaw.

Council is drafting a bylaw that would require all businesses in these fields to be inspected and registered to ensure public safety. Council want to talk to industry experts about what they think should be included, such as how much should registration cost, how often inspections should happen, and what kind of standards should be included from their industries.

Throne Room Tattoo owner and artist Heath Sellars said he was supportive of his industry being better regulated, but he did have concerns about how enforceable any new bylaw might be.

“If the hospitality industry has regulations, which they do, then why shouldn’t we? We are dealing with biohazard waste.”

Mr Sellars said some basic regulations which should be non-negotiable for any tattoo or piercing studio included owning an autoclave, which is a hospital grade steriliser, which was annually tested, cleaned, and calibrated by a specialist to ensure it was running properly, and either having a water distiller or only using bottled distilled water for wash bottles and rinse cups. He believed anywhere that had tattooing on offer should be covered by regulations, but he had some concerns about registration fees.

“Registration feels to me like a bit of a money grab. And that’s not going to deter people from doing tattoos at home in an unsterile environment.”



Throne Room Tattoo owner and tattoo artist Heath Sellars at his Kelvin St business.

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Mr Sellars wasn’t sure what the best option would be to address unsafe tattoo practitioners, but said he was aware of laws in place in Australia, with repercussions for people who were tattooing in an environment which did not meet regulations.

Council Policy Analyst Anna Goble said Mr Sellars’ ideas were the kind of information Council was looking for.

“Mr Sellars’ feedback is exactly what we at Council need to help guide us in the for-

mation of the new bylaw. While his views won’t be the only ones taken into account, it helps us to better understand the industry, what the risks are, and what type of regulations that industry might need to help keep people safe.”

Council Environmental Health and Compliance Manager John Youngson said consultation and research which had been undertaken in previous years would be reviewed as part of the process of forming the new bylaw.

“Feedback given at the meetings on September 7 will add to previous research and help to ensure Council can form a bylaw that the industries affected need.

“The motivation behind the bylaw is about reducing Hepatitis C and other health risks associated with the industries,” he said.

The workshops will be held today between 9am and 11am and between 7pm and 9pm. To share your ideas, or for more information, email Ms Goble at policy@icc.govt.nz

Making his Mark on Invercargill

INVERCARGILL has done it again, showing to the country what a great place this truly is - with a little help from TV3’s *The AM Show*.

Following Council’s successful Invercargill brand launch, Mayor Tim Shadbolt was interviewed by *The AM Show*. During banter between Mayor Shadbolt and sports host Mark Richardson the pair joked about Mr Richardson wanting a key to the city.

When Mr Richardson and show presenter Duncan Garner arrived in Invercargill on Friday night, Invercargill pulled out all the stops to make it a welcome worthy of a hero – complete with a powhiri, Town Crier, pipe band, and more.

Mr Richardson was presented with a hand-crafted key to the city, and other gifts were also given, including scooters for the TV presenters to zip around town.

The surprise and enjoyment was obvious, but solidified on Monday morning during *The AM Show* itself – when a full recap of the weekend’s visit was played.

Earlier in the year, the pair were challenged to travel to the deep south and surf in Curio Bay after several shark sightings.

That prompted a variety of locals to band

together to ensure the duo did come down to for a visit, thanks to support from the ILT, Catlins Surf, Invercargill Brewery, Venture Southland and Air New Zealand.

Giftng a key to the City was an idea batted around at the Invercargill City Council offices.

Mr Richardson has always been a staunch supporter of Invercargill and had spent years promoting the city though positive mentions throughout his years as a broadcaster and commentator. He spent time here when playing cricket for the Dunedin Bolts and is a massive Stags fan.

After a successful rebranding launch for the City Centre it seemed like the right time to further highlight how great our city is.

While in Southland Mr Richardson, Mr Garner and *The AM Show*’s Social Media presenter Aziz Al-Sa’afin were hosted for a meal at The Foundry, surfed at Curio Bay, savoured whitebait patties at the Niagara Falls Café, toured the Invercargill Brewery, had a sneak preview of Dig This before it opens to the public, visited the Bill Richardson’s Transport World and made goodies at The Seriously Good Chocolate Company.



Mayor Tim Shadbolt with son Declan, Mark Richardson and Town Crier Lynley McKerrow.



Visit the Council’s Facebook page to view a live video of Mr Richardson’s official welcome, and links to coverage by *The AM Show*.

Significant Events Bylaw review

COUNCIL is reviewing its Significant Events Bylaw, as required under Section 158(2) of the Local Government Act 2002.

This bylaw enables Council to address issues associated with street trading, distribution of free products or advertising material, advertising and trading/retailing from both public and private property and the contractual obligations imposed on Council during the hosting of Significant Events.

Council proposes that no changes are made to the existing bylaw and that it be reviewed again in 10 years.

You can view the full Statement of Proposal at the Helpdesk of Invercargill City Council, at the Bluff Service Centre and at the Invercargill Public Library.

Submissions can be made in the following ways:

- A written submission can be posted to the Invercargill City Council clearly labelled with the submitter’s name, address and contact phone number

- Online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/significantevents

- Or emailed to policy@icc.govt.nz

NOTE: Submissions close 5pm on Friday, 15 September 2017.

Funding applications open

TWO funding opportunities and two scholarships are on offer with applications closing in September.

The Invercargill Active Communities fund is available to support Invercargill clubs and organisations undertaking projects which aim to increase participation in sport, play, and physical activity.

Applications for funding requesting under \$1000 close on the 15th of each month; applications seeking funding of more than \$1000 close on September 29, and on December 15.

Creative Communities Invercargill supports Invercargill groups and individuals aiming to increase the range and diversity of arts opportunities for Invercargill residents.

The funds are provided by Creative NZ for local projects happening in the Invercargill City Council area. Projects supported during 2016/2017 include street art installations, a dance workshop with international tutors, and an orchestral and choral music evening featuring international and New Zealand singers.

Applications close on 29 September and December 15. The forms can be downloaded from www.icc.govt.nz. Meanwhile, applications for the O'Byrne/Jones Memorial and Alex Lindsay Memorial scholarships are open until 29 September. Information and application forms are available online at www.icc.govt.nz or from Council offices.



Consultation closing soon

THERE are just a couple of weeks remaining to provide your ideas on the Long-Term Plan by using the Imagine Invercargill website.

Every three years, Council develops a Long-Term Plan that is a ten-year forecast for the city and projects, and a thirty-year forecast for infrastructure.

The Imagine Invercargill website was launched as a way to engage with people in the community who perhaps had not engaged with council before. Multiple ideas have been uploaded to Imagine Invercargill, where others have then discussed those ideas.

While the ideas posted on the site will not necessarily be included in the Plan, it gives Council a fresh perspective and some ideas may be considered further.

To share your views, visit www.imagineinvercargill.nz by 30 September.



Time's running out for submissions

THE Invercargill City Council is calling for submissions on the draft Smokefree Areas Policy, which has been out for consultation for several weeks.

Council Policy Analyst Anna Goble said many people had already taken up the opportunity to have their say.

"It has been great to see so many students, CBD business owners and members of the public engaging with the process.

"We have received 50 submissions on this so far with a mixture of responses, and we are looking forward to hearing from more members of the community before the consultation finishes up on 15 September," she said.

Aiming to encourage the development of a healthy community with a clean air environment, Council has developed the new policy which would result in areas around the Invercargill CBD becoming smokefree.

It encompasses a broad definition of smoke-free to include any smoking device as the policy seeks to be educative and denormalise anything that may appear to be smoking.

The policy was drafted to be in line with

Central Government's Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 goal, the Invercargill City Youth Council's request for a smokefree Esk Street, and extensive consultation undertaken by Public Health South and the Cancer Society also helped form the policy.

The policy does not suggest or recommend areas that could be areas for smokers to go to and utilise, but if this is something that is sought, then it could be commented on through the submission process.

Council would like your views on the policy and, in particular, would like particular about the areas which the policy should cover and how it can best meet Central Government's goal of a Smokefree Aotearoa 2025.

The draft Smokefree Areas Policy can be viewed online at www.icc.govt.nz

Submissions can be made in writing and posted to the Invercargill City Council with the submitter's name, address and contact phone number, emailed to policy@icc.govt.nz, or made online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/smokefreecbd

Submissions close at 5pm on Friday, 15 September 2017.

Bee friendly Invercargill

COUNCIL has joined other New Zealand councils to celebrate Bee Aware Month, September 2017, by dedicating a "bee friendly" patch to feed local bees.

Council's Parks Department has designated a patch at two sites on Bainfield Road opposite Kildare Drive, which has been planted with wildflower plants that attract local bees.

Parks Manager Robin Pagan said Council was happy to support Bee Aware month as it helped to ensure the sustainability of flora and fauna in the future.

Apiculture New Zealand is encouraging members of the public to bring out their bee costumes and gardening gloves this month to do their bit for our bees.

Schools, councils, gardeners and bee enthusiasts all over the country will be getting involved in generating awareness about bees.

Apiculture New Zealand runs the month-long campaign designed to educate New Zealanders about bees and celebrate their vital role in our biodiversity and economy.

Apiculture New Zealand Chief Executive Karin Kos said people who lived in both rural and urban spaces could play a part in helping bees do their job by creating safe and nourishing spaces for them.

That meant growing bee-friendly plants and minimising the use of sprays.

Kiwifruit, chili peppers and coffee are just a few things that we wouldn't have without bees. Up to 75% of the world's food crops depend at least in part on pollination.

The honey bee is the most widespread managed pollinator globally.

New Zealand's smaller native bees, of which there are 27 species, play an important role in pollinating native flora such as pohutukawa and harakeke.



Council meetings

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

Regulatory Services Committee
Tuesday, 12 September, 4pm

Infrastructure and Services Committee

Monday, 18 September, 4pm

Finance and Policy Committee
Tuesday, 19 September, 4pm

Events Committee

Thursday, 21 September, 9am

Council

Tuesday, 26 September, 4pm

The above meetings will be held in the Council Chambers / Committee Room, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 101 Esk Street, Invercargill, except for the Bluff Community Board meeting, which will be held at the Bluff Municipal Chambers, Gore Street, Bluff.

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