



Gingerbread House Competition

The popular Gingerbread House competition is back for a second year and we want you to show us your best creative baking and decorating skills! This wonderful community event is a great opportunity to showcase your talents and build your very own edible house!



All of the houses will be on display in the Cambridge Place Arcade from Saturday 29 December to Friday 5 January 2018.

The categories include Traditional Gingerbread or Authentic Reproduction of a Significant Invercargill Building.

A traditional gingerbread house is where your inspiration leads you. Any structure is allowed in this category: Victorian, colonial, modern, house, barn, cottage – it's up to you!

If you would love to see the Water Tower made out of delicious baking, you might like to consider entering in the Invercargill Building category. This is the ultimate test of realism in the art of building with gingerbread. We'd love to know how much icing it would take to decorate a mini Basillica, or perhaps a scale model of Tay Street? Be sure to include a picture of the real thing!

Entries can be made in either category under the following sections:

- Best By Child Under 10
- Best By Youth 10-17 years
- Best By Adult
- Best By Family
- Best By Professional
- Best By Classroom.

Entries will be judged on their overall appearance and design, originality, imagination and use of materials, "fit" in category, difficulty of design, execution and the "holiday spirit" incorporated into the design.

Prizes include more than \$300 in cash and prizes from local retailers and restaurants.

Entry this year is either \$10 or three cans of food, with all proceeds being donated to the local foodbank.

Drop off your entries at Cambridge Place Arcade, Esk St on Wednesday 6 December between 11am and 1pm, or on Thursday 7 December between 4pm and 7pm.

For more details, terms, and conditions, visit www.icc.govt.nz





Christmas Scavenger Hunt



Christmas Festival and Market



Invercargill City Council and city centre shops will be running a Christmas Scavenger Hunt from Saturday, 2 December.

This will be open to all children and young people up to age 16, but of course Mum and Dad can join in the fun too! Hunters can win a prize by looking for Christmas items such as Rudolph, gingerbread men or even woolly mittens which have been hidden in retailers' festive shop windows.

You can collect a copy of the list and instructions from the Invercargill City Library or the Council's Civic Administration Building, Help Desk, 101 Esk Street. Write the corresponding shop numbers next to the items on the list when you find them.

When you have completed your list, hand it in and collect your prize from the Council's Civic Administration Building, or the Invercargill City Library.



The Esk Street Christmas Festival and Market will take place on Saturday, 9 December and will feature live music, a craft market and activities for children. These include, gingerbread decorating, a bouncy castle and Santa. Plus there will be live entertainment including hula-hooping and a juggler! Retailers will be having special one-day sales, so don't miss out on your chance to join in the Christmas fun!

Special One-Day Sales!



Burt Munro Challenge



With 2017 marking 50 years since Burt Munro set his land-speed record, 2018 will mark the 12th annual Burt Munro Challenge, which will be held in February for the first time.

After being dogged by wet and windy weather during the past 11 years, the organisers of the Burt Munro Challenge decided to move the date from November to the second week in February.

The 2018 Challenge, which will run from Thursday, 8 February to Sunday, 11 February, includes:

- Bluff Hill Climb
- Super-X (Winton)
- Beach Race
- Teretonga Race Circuit
- Oreti Park Speedway
- Invercargill Street Race

Visit the official Burt Munro website for all the details:
www.burtmunrochallenge.co.nz/



Food Truck Fridays are back!

Food Truck Fridays were such a massive success in 2016 that we've brought them back again this year!

They will be held at Wachner Place every Friday from 11am-2pm, between Friday, 6 October to the end of February. City Centre Co-Ordinator Kari Graber said Food Truck Friday was a great opportunity for Invercargill residents and visitors to get outside during the summer months and enjoy some local fare.

If you would like to be a vendor at Food Truck Fridays, contact Kari Graber on (03) 211 8393.



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 LRxxxxx/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...



Payments should be made by **November 24th, 2017** to avoid a penalty of 10%.



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