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Surf to City returns

As the 2018 Invercargill City Council Surf To City fast approaches, now is a great time to make sure you, or your workplace, is registered!

WITH 3km, 6km, and 12km options, the Surf To City is all about having a go and doing your best. This year, the team at Sport Southland hopes more businesses than ever will be entering a corporate team – especially with an easy way to register – online! The Invercargill City Council will be doing just that, and laying down the gauntlet, challenging other workplaces throughout the city to get involved too. Sport Southland Communications and Marketing Lead Jerrie Valli said entering a corporate team was a great morale booster for businesses, and the registration process was simple. “We set up a code for your staff, who then all register individually online using that code, and then your business is invoiced the total cost. “There are a limited number of finish line marquee spaces available for businesses too, so you get the advantage of getting that space for your workmates and their families to relax and enjoy the post-event festivities, or set up a barbecue.

“Businesses that have entered large groups in the past have gone all out with t-shirts, so they are a noticeable part of a team, and it’s quite special seeing workplaces include families within their plans too. “We’d really encourage corporates to get involved this year, challenge each other, be part of a fantastic community event, involve staff and families, get active and have a great time!” Mrs Valli said feedback on the Surf To City was always overwhelmingly positive, with participants enjoying the family and community atmosphere. “It’s a really inclusive, friendly, fun, and supportive environment. There’s also something for everyone, with the ability to run, walk or bike 12km, 6km or 3km, you should find an achievable option for everyone within the family.” To register online, or to find out more, visit: www.surftocity.co.nz **QUICK TIPS to make the most of Surf To City:**

- REMEMBER to register online at www.surftocity.co.nz – the



Invercargill City Council is encouraging staff and elected members to enter the 2018 Surf to City as part of a team.

easiest way!

- Be at the start line early – particularly if you want to enter on the day!
- Bring layers of clothing – you can leave extras at the start line in a gear bag and Sport Southland will transport it to the finish

line for you.

- Bring cash if you want to use the buses or enter on the day.
- Be prepared to have fun!
- Bus transport is available to the start lines of each event, from United Video South City and Queens Park’s Feldwick Gates

for \$2 per person (cash only). No bikes or push chairs are permitted on the buses.

The timetable is

12km
United Video 8.20am
Feldwick Gates between 8am-8.50am

6km
United Video 9.15am
Feldwick Gates between 9am-9.25am
3km
United Video 9.35am
Feldwick Gates between 9.30am-9.45am

Trustpower Community Awards celebrating 25 years

Local community groups have a chance to win even more prize money when entries for the Trustpower Community Awards open on March 5.

THE Awards, which recognise and reward the efforts of volunteers, first took place 25 years ago. Trustpower Community and Communications Advisor Alice Boyd said reaching this milestone has inspired Trustpower to adopt a fresh approach, with more prize money on offer as a result. “Over the past year, we’ve met with Councils, attendees, past and present winners, and the wider community to find out what people value most about the Trustpower Community Awards, and what they think we can do better. “While it’s clear that locals love the chance to celebrate the efforts of volunteers in their community, it’s no surprise that for many community organisations financ-



South Alive was named the supreme regional winner for the Invercargill/Southland area at the 2017 Trustpower Community Awards

es are a constant concern. That’s why we’ve increased the prize money available to Trustpower Community Awards recipients. “This year, the prizemoney for a Trustpower Community Award will double to \$1,000. Regional Supreme Winners will receive \$2,000 – up from \$1,500 last year – and a trip for two to the 2018 Trustpower National Community Awards.” “Invercargill and the wider Southland region has some incredibly passionate and successful community organisations. This includes previous National

Supreme Winners, Koha Kai, who continue to make their mark with the wonderful work they do. This year, we’re excited to have South Alive representing Invercargill and Southland at the Trustpower National Community Awards. We know that increasing prize money going forward will help groups like these bring real change to their communities.” Miss Boyd said the presentation of the Trustpower Community Awards for Invercargill and Southland would take place in Invercargill in October.

- The Trustpower Community

Awards are open to all community organisations with a voluntary component.

- Trustpower Community Award recipients are recognised for services to the community in areas including, but not limited to: Heritage and Environment; Health and Wellbeing; Arts and Culture; Sport and Leisure; Education and Child/Youth Development.
- Anyone can enter a group – groups can even enter themselves.
- Enter online at trustpower.co.nz/communityawards
- Entries close Thursday 31 May

Panel nearly ready to report back on dogs

WITH more than 500 responses to a public survey, and having consulted with experts, the Independent Community Advisory Panel considering best methods for dog euthanasia and rehoming will soon begin deliberations.

Regulatory Services Committee chair Councillor Rebecca Amundsen, who has been helping co-ordinate meetings for the panel, said panel members thanked the organisations and volunteers who had spoken to them and shared their views and experiences, as well as the members of the public who responded to the survey or attended the drop in sessions held earlier this year.

The panel was appointed in 2017, and before Christmas members visited the SPCA and Council’s Animal Care Facility, met the Animal Services Team and Council’s Health and Safety Officer, and were visited by representatives from Christchurch City Council, two Greyhound rehoming groups and Furever Homes.

In 2018, the panel formed and distributed a public survey, which had more than 500 re-

sponses, held three opportunities for members of the public to meet them and discuss their views, and met with representatives of Invercargill-based veterinary clinics.

Cr Amundsen said the panel was presently reviewing the results of the public survey and awaiting a report from Massey University before beginning their deliberations.

It was anticipated the panel would provide a report and its recommendations on dog euthanasia and rehoming to the Regulatory Services Committee at a meeting in April.



february Rates due 2018

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March is Heritage Month in the south

Kicking off on Saturday, March 3, is Southland Heritage Month.

Brought to you by Heritage South NZ, there will be plenty of activities on offer throughout the city and the region.

This year, there is a theme of Built Heritage, and celebrations begin with a free Heritage Buildings Open Day on March 3, between 10am – 2pm.

Visit the Heritage South NZ Facebook page for a full list of events.

Students meet ICC at O’Week market day



Invercargill City Libraries and Archives Staff Jay Cooze and Andrew Eng entertained students during the Southern Institute of Technology O’Week Market Day.

Invercargill City Council Compliance Officer Lee-Ann Hunter, left, and Animal Control Officer Nicole Todd, right, chat with students entering competitions during the Southern Institute of Technology O’Week Market Day.



Invercargill City Youth Council appointed

THE 2018 Invercargill City Youth Council has met for the first time with its new members appointed.

The Youth Council meets once a fortnight to discuss youth issues and report on council agendas. 2018 brings many great opportunities to those involved including, leadership training; the opportunity to plan & implement projects; and, of course the experience of formal council meeting process.

Youth Council members represent their peers in Invercargill City and ensure a youth voice is heard both in decision making and new ideas.

In 2017, the Youth Council was instrumental in helping to establish the Smokefree CBD policy, organised a Plastic Bag Challenge for schools, and ran “Its LIT”, a youth forum for youth week.

The members this year are:
Brayden Ward – SBHS
Tane Froude – SBHS
Libby Flett – JHC



The 2018 Invercargill City Youth Council met for the first time last week at the Civic Theatre

Hamish Muhl – JHC
Rachel Boniface – JHC
Mackenzie Fallow – JHC
Johnathan O’Donoghue – JHC
Sam Kelly-Shanks – JHC
Emily Knowler – JHC
Kate Johnstone – JHC
Nepia Ruwhiu – JHC
Logan Murdoch – AC
Keegan Langeveld – AC
Renae Henderson – AC
Maryanne Sears – AC

Shanai Hiroki – SGHS
Libby Haywood – SGHS
Janaya Stevenson – SGHS
Madison Flannery – SGHS
Ella Richardson – SGHS
Molly Haywood – SGHS
Tully Paterson – SGHS
Caitlin Smith – VC
Tiffany Wilson – VC
Calvin Jenkins – VC
Hayden Scott-Chambers

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