

Join the conversation on ideas website

A new website has been set up so you can share your ideas on how to improve Invercargill.

THE new site, called *Imagine Invercargill*, is a place where anyone can add, discuss, and vote on ideas to add vibrancy to the city.

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.

It is the vision that the Council looks towards for 2018 - 2028 so it can prepare for what is to come.

The Council is looking to enhance the city and preserve its character while embracing innovation and change.

Council Policy Analyst Anna Goble said *Imagine Invercargill* was another tool for consulting with ratepayers as part of the Long-Term Plan process.

"Council uses various ways to consult with ratepayers, one of which is the Consultation Caravan, another is offering online surveys, which have been very popular via social media. *Imagine Invercargill* is another mechanism for consultation."

Ms Goble said *Imagine Inver-*

cargill was all about engaging with the community.

"You can upload an idea, any photos or documents to go with it, then others can comment or vote on your idea."

Two topics have already been uploaded to *Imagine Invercargill* to help get people started; one on welcome signs for the city, and another on whether the central business district should be Smokefree.

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.

Ms Goble said that people can also post to the site anonymously, which may be of benefit to some who might not otherwise come forward with their ideas.

Should the website prove a popular tool for consultation during the Long-Term Plan process, Ms Goble said it could be used for further consultation in future, for projects and reports such as the Annual Plan.

To add your idea, visit www.imagineinvercargill.nz



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Council Policy Analyst Anna Goble with screenshots from the new Imagine Invercargill website.



Council meetings

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

Infrastructure Services Committee

Monday, 31 July, 4pm

Finance and Policy Committee

Tuesday, 1 August, 4pm

Waste Advisory Group

Friday, 4 August, 9am

Community Services Committee

Monday, 7 August, 4pm

Regulatory Services Committee

Tuesday, 8 August, 4pm

Events Committee

Friday, 11 August, 9am

Council Meeting

Tuesday, 15 August, 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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Fire Prevention (Vegetation) Bylaw Review 2017

The Invercargill City Council is in the process of reviewing bylaws that were enacted in 2010. Council has bylaws that are required under the Local Government Act 2002 and these must be reviewed regularly.

The Fire Prevention (Vegetation) Bylaw addresses the need to prevent fires from spreading and control any nuisance that may arise from smoke or ash within the City.

The Government is restructuring the existing fire service, and as such, Council's role in the future in relation to fire prevention and control will be limited. This bylaw may not be required once this restructure, which is expected to occur over the 2017-2018 years, has been completed. Council proposes to extend this current bylaw with no changes required, and then review this again once the Fire Service has been restructured to either amend or revoke the bylaw.

Submissions opened on 23 June 2017 and can be made online at www.surveymonkey.com. They close on 28 July 2017.



Animal Services Acting Team Leader Elle Dickson with her dog Buster at the Dog Park.

Animals a labour of love

FOR Animal Services Acting Team Leader Elle Dickson, working with dogs is a labour of love.

In fact, Ms Dickson loves working with all animals – although she admits chickens do freak her out a little bit.

"Usually if we get called out to a chicken I cross my fingers that someone else can go," she said with a laugh.

Dickson said she and the three other Animal Control officers share the same passion for animals, and they can be dealing with animals of all shapes and sizes on call-outs.

"Pigs, sheep, cows, chickens, horses, pretty much anything that wanders out on the roads. We don't really chase after ducks though, they tend to fly away," she said.

It's not all chasing after lost or wandering animals though. The Animal Services team also works hard to help educate others, particularly about dogs and keeping safe.

"We do school visits and teach the kids how to approach dogs safely, we provide training for some businesses and their staff, for example meter readers, if they're a bit unsure about how to handle dogs in their situation," Ms Dickson said.

Animal Services also provides support and advice to the public, so if you are worried about your

own dog's behaviour, or the behaviour of a dog in your area, people are encouraged to call the Council and ask for help, Ms Dickson said.

A big part of the job, and an important one, is the work Animal Services staff undertake to reunite lost or wandering animals with their owners.

And, if the owner cannot be found, sometimes those animals can be rehomed.

In Ms Dickson's case, she has personally adopted two animals from the pound; a Kunekune pig named Ginge, and an eight-year-old dog named Buster.

"We knew Buster's owners and we knew their history, and they agreed for me to take him on," she said.

To find out what your dog registration fees cover, and to meet Elle and Buster, check out our video at www.facebook.com/InvercargillCityCouncil

Reminder: The final date to pay registration without penalty is July 31. Dog owners can register their dog and pay at icc.govt.nz or in person at the Civic Administration Building, 101 Esk Street. Owners will then be supplied with the red registration tag for the 2017/2018 year. If owners fail to register their pets by 31 July, they will incur a 25 per cent penalty fee.



A family enjoys reading together at the Invercargill Public Library during the school holidays.

Join the winter reading challenge

THERE are just a few days remaining in the Invercargill Public Library's Winter Reading Challenge.

Open to all ages, the challenge calls on you to read six books during July and get the chance \$100 worth of Whitcoulls vouchers.

Children's Librarian Megan Findlater said 20 people had returned their reading logs so far, meaning 120 books had already been read.

"When we last ran the challenge in 2015 we received 164 entries for a total of 656 books read.

"This year we are hoping to receive 200 entries back, which would be 1200 books read. We

usually receive a number of entries on the final day." Ms Findlater said.

"We have also been incredibly busy this month with our school holiday programming. We have re-introduced storytimes which has proven to be a popular session to attend, and our digital and craft activities have been very well supported.

"On most days we had more than 500 visitors come into the children's area," she said.

Log books can be downloaded from the Library website, or picked up at any Help Desk.

The Whitcoulls vouchers will be drawn on August 1.

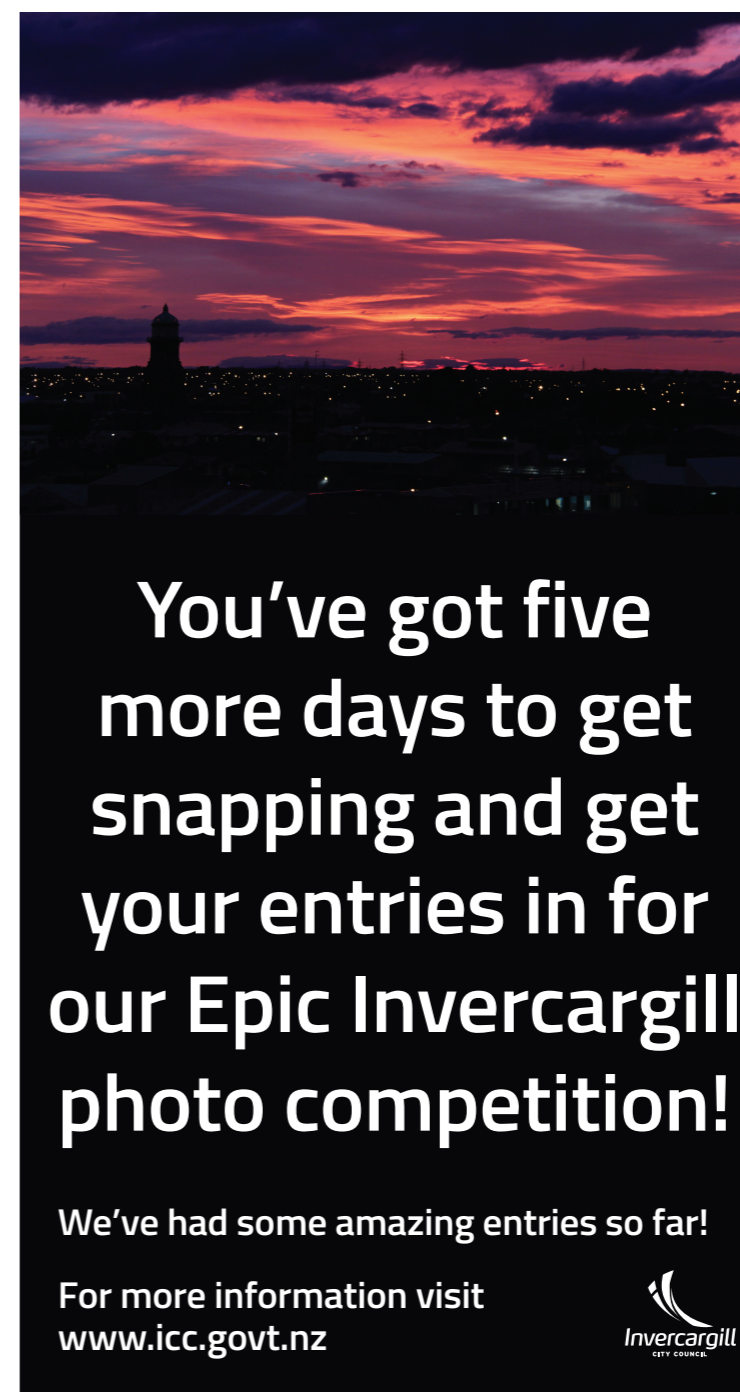


On Ya Bike!

THE four Councils of Southland are looking for three community representatives with a passion for the promotion of cycling in the region to join a new Governance Group.

In response to growing interest in recreational, commuting and cycle tourism, there has been region-wide consultation over the last year to develop a vision and strategy for cycling in Southland. The draft regional Cycling Strategy for Southland has been presented to local councils.


The Governance Group includes four elected Council representatives from the Gore District, Invercargill City, Southland District and Environment Southland.



You've got five more days to get snapping and get your entries in for our Epic Invercargill photo competition!

We've had some amazing entries so far!

For more information visit www.icc.govt.nz



Meetings are planned to be held on a bi-monthly basis, further input may require reading and drafting of documents and consultation with key stakeholders.

This is a voluntary, non-paid position. Successful candidates will be notified in August.

This is your chance to have a positive impact on the future of cycling in our region. To apply please send your CV with a short summary of why you would be the ideal candidate, including references from two other groups or individuals active in the area of cycling within Southland, to isabel@venturesouthland.co.nz by 5 pm Wednesday 2 August 2017.



THE My Invercargill tool can be used on any device connected to the internet, including smart phones, computers, and tablets.

It allows people to lodge a request for service, view their previous requests, or make a Council-related payment. More initiatives are being developed and will be brought online in future.

Visit www.myinvercargill.nz/ More information, including terms and conditions, are available on the council website, www.icc.govt.nz

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