

City Centre Festive Events

Make sure to come and join in the Christmas festivities at the City Centre Christmas Festival on Esk Street this Saturday 9 December from 10am-2pm.

The day will be filled with lots for you and your family to do. There will be plenty of one day sales to help you with your Christmas shopping, kids will enjoy the roaming fairies and free face painting. Live music will take place throughout the day and includes The Tongan Drummers, Cheryl Anderson and the Foveaux Choir. Come meet our wandering Santa, try some take-away food from one of the city's fantastic food trucks and grab a bargain.

The Gingerbread House display and competition will be open to the public where you can vote for your favourite and see the winners. After looking at the Gingerbread Houses why not take-away your own free gingerbread man to decorate?

Along with all of this, the Arcade between Esk and Don Streets will be transformed into a magical Christmas Grotto, thanks to the efforts of SIT students. This is where you can enter in the family photo competition and get a feel for a traditional winter Christmas. Students will also be opening up the café and offering free massages. The day really will offer something for everyone.

CHRISTMAS AT THE LIBRARY

The Chatter Christmas Party

When: 11 December at 10.00am
Where: The Library Meeting Room.

Christmas Carols in the Foyer

When: 21 December 12.30pm
Where: Library Foyer

Christmas Story Time with Cris

When: 22 December 11.00am
Where: Learning and Activity Space



INVERCARGILL'S FIRST WEE ADVENT CALENDAR

The silly season is upon us, and to add a bit more excitement each day, Invercargill's Lemon Creative has teamed up with local businesses to create an online advent calendar for Christmas.

Just like a traditional advent calendar, people need to find a new 'door' each day to open and reveal their treat by zooming into the kooky illustrations of some of Invercargill's most iconic buildings, and clicking on anything that catches their eye. Lemon Creative director Louise Evans says, "there is something for everyone behind the 24 doors, including excellent Christmas gift ideas and fantastic opportunities."

Take a look at weeadvent.co.nz - there's a new Christmas surprise to find each day between 1 - 24 December.

SAY THANKS BY SHOPPING LOCAL

Remember this Christmas season to support your local retailers. It's a great way to say thank you for keeping our city vibrant and giving it a heart.

When you shop locally you help our economy stay strong and encourage other businesses to start up. Local dollars make a real impact in our city centre and if you're not sure where to shop visit invercargillnz.com for a full listing of CBD businesses and opening hours.

To help make shopping locally even better, the fantastic offers listed in the blue sidebar, will be available on 9 Saturday December only.



LOSS AND GRIEF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The holidays are often a time when we think of loved ones.

For those of us who have friends or loved ones who have passed the holiday season can be a time of reflection.

Caroline Loo of the Loss & Grief Centre is holding a Remembrance Service at the Civic Theatre on Wednesday 13 December from 6-7pm. This service is open to anyone who would like to attend and is free of charge.

Come along and join together to light a candle for your loved one this Christmas.



CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT

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!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Ambrosia Flowers 2 - Allan White 3 - K & K Fashions 4 - Simply Special 5 - PetSmart 6 - Elite Custom Hi-Fi 7 - Julie Bryce 8 - The Lollie Shop 9 - Vodafone 10 - Wool World 11 - Creativity Plus 12 - Mills Pharmacy 13 - Wensley's Cycles 14 - Invercargill Music Store 15 - H & J Smith 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ Snow Globe _____ Wreath _____ Reindeer _____ Stocking _____ Ukulele _____ Christmas Chocolate _____ Stars _____ Kiwi _____ Mittens _____ Christmas Cracker _____ Christmas Tree _____ Penguin _____ Angel _____ Captain Hook _____ Pine Cone
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CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT

The Invercargill City Council and city centre shops are teaming up again this year to provide a free and fun Scavenger Hunt from 1 - 31 December. This is open to all children up to age 16.

Cut out this form and find the items with a Shop Local sticker on them hidden in the windows of the stores on the list. Once you have completed your hunt, return the form to the Invercargill Public Library for a prize and go into the draw to win a super cool prize pack, made up of items from our local businesses.

Shop local SPECIALS

WENSLEY'S CYCLES

53 Tay Street Talks Turkey Day Sale - Rob and the crew want to help you so come 'talk turkey' for a great deal.

DEVIL BURGER

16 Don Street is having a \$10 Saturday with 18 Burgers to choose from, all just \$10.

MACPAC

48 Tay Street will take an extra 20% off Clearance. One day only, Saturday 9 December.

PETSMART

62 Deveron Street has at least 10% off everything with heaps of 20%, 30% & 50% deals throughout the store!

ART FUN WEAR

42 Tay Street will be offering lots of \$2 clothing and toys.

HANAN GALLERY

130a Dee Street is offering 10% off all items.

TOI TOI GIFT SHOP

119 Dee Street is offering 25% off all items.

ELITE CUSTOM HI-FI

31 Kelvin Street is offering 20% off all items.

**SATURDAY
9 DECEMBER ONLY!**

FIND OUT MORE:

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