

KEEPING THE MOMENTUM GOING FOR



2016

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*Happy New Year to Invercargill's
CBD retailers AND businesses.*

I hope that the Christmas and New Year period went well for you – and that at some point you managed to have a few well deserved days off.

Over the late 2015 early 2016 period we've sadly seen a few businesses close their doors – the Wood Shed, Cradle Maternity and Hishon Lighting, all on Dee Street, plus WildThingz in Cambridge Place Arcade and Air New Zealand in Esk Street.

And new businesses have also opened during the same period – Fusion Fitness, Tasty Biz, Lily and Cedric designer cushions and BurgerFuel.

In the run up to Christmas, I had the pleasure of working with retailers, particularly in Esk Street, Wachner Place and Cambridge Place Arcade after the disruption and inconvenience caused by the Esk Street upgrade. Really my role was just to help communication as the businesses worked together to make things happen.

I'd really like to keep this communication going and working together to see what we can achieve in 2016. This year I would like to widen things to include Dee, Tay, Kelvin and Don Streets too.

Our central city businesses have their finger on the pulse and I'd like to visit regularly to hear your thoughts about what is going on – and also see how we can get everyone working together for the benefit of the CBD.

Anything you want to say, or let Council know, feel free to contact me on: eirwen.harris@icc.govt.nz or phone 027 293 8680 or 2111678.

Eirwen Harris

INNER CITY

HERITAGE

WEEK 2016

INVERCARGILL, NEW ZEALAND

Lots of CBD Events in HERITAGE WEEK



Invercargill's city centre will be buzzing with events for Inner City Heritage Week from 7-13 March.

Organiser, Rebecca Amundsen is encouraging inner city retailers to deck out their businesses and have heritage window displays for the week. There is a competition for the best window display.

There will be events and displays all over the CBD, from a pop-up museum in Dee Street to a heritage treasure hunt at the library, architectural tours, Victorian High Tea on Esk Street, movie nights at the Embassy Theatre (City Impact Church), a heritage ball at the Grand Hotel, a heritage building open day and late night shopping on Friday 10 March.

One of the proposed events will involve closure of Esk Street during Friday night shopping on 11 March.

The street will be closed to allow a horse and cart to give rides in Esk Street and other heritage activities. Esk Street retailers will be consulted over this road closure.

It is also proposed that parking outside The Southland Times building will also be limited from 1.30pm on Wednesday 9 March for the Victorian High Tea. Those parking meters would be bagged from 1.30pm until the event finishes. Esk Street retailers will also be consulted about this.

Any questions or concerns, please ring Council's Roading Manager Russell Pearson on 2111 645.

A FULL LIST OF INNER CITY HERITAGE WEEK EVENTS IS BELOW:

7-13 March 2016 10am-2pm,
and also 5-8pm on Friday 11 March.

+ POP UP MUSEUM

Treasures and curios lent by the community telling Invercargill stories will be on display at the Inner City Heritage Week Pop Up Museum at The Shed beside the Invercargill Public Library on Dee Street.

7-13 March 2016

+ HERITAGE TREASURE HUNT

Find the clues on our FaceBook page, at the library and at the Pop Up Museum. Can you find everything and win great prizes?

7-13 March 2016

+ HERITAGE WINDOW DISPLAYS

Inner-city retailers are encouraged to deck out their businesses and have heritage window displays for Heritage Week. Who will have the best display?

8 March 2016

+ ARCHITECTURE TOUR, 5.30PM

Meet at Bank Corner to join a walking tour of Dee Street with heritage building expert Mick Hesselin. Learn the fascinating history of the buildings you walk past every day.

9 March 2016

+ VICTORIAN HIGHTEA ON ESK, 3PM

Meet outside the Southland Times building on Esk Street and join an elegant, enormous high tea. Dress in Victorian garb and bring your own lovely China. \$10 per person, register by emailing invercargillheritageweek@gmail.com or just turn up in your bustle.

9 March 2016 – Movie Night

+ SHIRLEY TEMPLE'S CURLY TOP, 7PM

City Impact Church - formerly the Embassy Theatre on Dee Street - will be open for a screening of

the Shirley Temple classic *Curly Top*, the first movie screened at the theatre when it opened in 1935. Koha entry, supported by City Impact Church.

10 March 2016

+ ARCHITECTURE TOUR - TAY ST, 5.30PM

Meet at Bank Corner to join a walking tour of Tay Street with heritage building expert Mick Hesselin. Learn the fascinating history of the buildings you walk past every day.

10 March 2016 – Movie night

+ GOODBYE PORK PIE, 7PM

City Impact Church - formerly the Embassy Theatre on Dee Street - will be open for a screening of Kiwi classic *Goodbye Pork Pie*. Koha entry, supported by City Impact Church.

11 March 2016

+ LATE-NIGHT FRIDAY, 5-8PM

Remember late-night Friday? Put on your best outfit and wander through the Inner City. Heritage window displays, entertainment and plenty to keep you occupied and out of trouble, you young hoodlums.

12 March 2016

+ THE GRAND HOTEL HERITAGE BALL, 7.30PM

Cost: Tickets \$35, book by email or contacting The Grand Hotel.

Channel Gatsby glamour and dance the night away with music from throughout the last century from local band Rhythm n Brass. Ticket price includes entry, a glass of bubbly on arrival and supper.

13 March 2016

+ HERITAGE BUILDING OPEN DAY, 10AM-3PM

A range of inner-city heritage buildings will be open to the public for a good nosey.

VETERAN CARS IN THE CBD on Saturday 5 March



Car lovers are in for a treat when some of New Zealand's oldest cars will be parked up in the CBD on the morning of Saturday 5 March.

The New Zealand Vintage Car Club (Southland Branch) is planning to park cars entered in the Annual Veteran Rally in Esk Street between 9-11am that day and start the rally from 9am, with the cars leaving progressively.

The plan is to close Esk Street for the morning, so around 35 veteran cars can be parked nose to tail down the middle of the street. The Rally is for vehicles made before 31 December 1919.

Patron, Wayne Nicoll said people would be able to walk around the cars and have a good look at the old, rare vehicles.

The idea to have the cars in the middle of the street was based on Dunedin, where the Octagon is shut and the Rally is started by the Mayor.

It is hoped that having the vehicles in Esk Street will entice people into town to have a look at the cars and maybe enjoy coffee, some food, or a spot of shopping.

*Any questions about the planned road closure?
Please ring Council's Roading Manager Russell Pearson on 2111 645.*

CONTACT PEOPLE WANTED on Dee, Tay, Don ^{AND} Kelvin Streets

The CBD is a huge area to cover – so I am looking for more willing retailers on Dee, Tay, Don and Kelvin Streets who can let me know what is happening in their street, so we can work together and keep everyone informed.

You may want to get together with your neighbours to organise a late night, or special promotion, or be

keen on doing something for a special event.

Give me a ring or send an email and I'll do what I can to help.

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