

Theatre warns patrons about ticketing resale site Viagogo

IVEM Manager Kate Feaver is encouraging people purchasing tickets to The Ten Tenors at the Civic Theatre to make sure they buy tickets through the ICC Booking Office or TicketDirect because of concerns that an overseas re-sale site, Viagogo, has purchased tickets for the event.

Kate said “as this show is likely to be a complete sell-out, theatre management is a little concerned that some of the tickets for this event have been purchased by Viagogo”.

“When searching for show or concert tickets on-line, Viagogo pays a premium to ensure that its website pops up at the top of your search.

“Unsuspecting purchasers will be unaware that they are on a site whereby they may pay anything up to three times the value of the correct ticket price. There is no guarantee that the ticket has not been sold multiple times and now some venues around New Zealand are refusing entry to the event for anyone who has purchased their tickets from this site.”

Kate said that Invercargill Venue and Events Management Ltd, which runs the Civic Theatre, is being pro-active in all its marketing to try to inform people to only purchase their tickets online through TicketDirect.

“For those of you not aware of Viagogo, please ensure that you never

purchase your tickets from this site. Please spread the word to family and friends.”

Meanwhile, the Commerce Commission is advising consumers to seriously consider whether buying tickets from ticket reselling website Viagogo is worth the risk after the latest series of complaints.

The Commission is investigating Viagogo and to date has received 228 complaints. This includes 21 received over the weekend related to a number of recent and upcoming sporting events and concerts including Celine Dion, Ed Sheeran, Shania Twain, and Bruno Mars.

Kasey Ward recognised as an emerging leader

CONGRATULATIONS to Quality Assurance Officer Kasey Ward, who has won the Building Officials Institute of New Zealand’s Emerging Leader Award.

Kasey, who works in ICC’s Building Services, was presented with the Resene Construction Systems Emerging Leader Award at the Building Officials Institute of NZ (BOINZ) annual conference in Dunedin recently.

Every year awards are given to members who have excelled in a number of chosen fields. The Resene Construction Systems Emerging Leader Award

is given to an individual who has shown exceptional leadership skills at a local and/or national level and whose actions have grown the value of BOINZ among members.

Kasey is driving the Building Services Department’s Quality Manual, along with continuous improvements to enhance it. She also takes a lead in coordinating the planning, implementation and recording of training for the Department.

Manager Building Services Brendan Monaghan said the award was great industry recognition for Kasey’s efforts.



Ten Tenors show just about sold out



THE Ten Tenors are performing at the Civic Theatre at 7.30pm on Friday 8 June.

IVEM Manager Kate Feaver said the last time they performed at the Civic Theatre was June 2016. They

attracted a great house then of just under 800.

“For this year’s performance we are just about at sold out – with only 12 seats remaining for sale at the time of writing,” she said.

Here’s the Facebook event link for the The Ten Tenors coming to the Civic Theatre on 8 June.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/161278734528504/>

Tuesday lunch with Russell in South City

SHOWING a personal commitment to public consultation, Council’s Roading Manager, Russell Pearson is going to eat his lunch at South Alive’s Pantry Café on the first Tuesday of every month.

From 12noon – 1pm (or thereabouts) Russell will be at a table in the café and is looking to invite residents from the South Invercargill area to join him if they have any questions about Council that they’d like to discuss – especially those concerning roading.

For people who have something else on their mind other than roading, he will put them in touch with the right person at Council.

Why you might ask?

He says he has been to a few workshops with the South Alive Team and met some really interesting people who have lots of great ideas. Sometimes a one-on-one is just what they want, to tell someone about that new idea or that thing which just isn’t working for them. They often won’t ring Council but this is a chance to discuss their ideas about roading or other stuff.

So, starting this Tuesday 5 June, 12 noon – 1pm, Russell will be at The Pantry. Come in and discuss that roading issue!





Starbucks gets innovative

STARBUCKS Coffee Company, in collaboration with the Invercargill City Council, is now selling custom Invercargill branded mugs.

The mugs have the store's co-ordinates and the new Invercargill branding with the design provided by Council's Senior Graphic Designer Colleen Montgomery.

Many locals are unaware Inver-

cargill's Starbucks is world famous due to its southernmost location in the world. The new mugs are one of the store's best-selling items, with tourists snapping them up, as well as photos of themselves in the shop.

City Centre Coordinator Kari Graber said the project was a great example of investment in the city's new brand from a business.

Total Mobility to go electronic

Council's Roding Team is working with Southland Total Mobility clients on new, personalised swipe cards for the service.

THE Total Mobility scheme provides subsidised services (via taxis or approved operators) to people who have an impairment that prevents them from undertaking an unaccompanied journey on a bus in a safe and dignified manner.

Initiated in the early 1980s, the scheme is provided throughout New Zealand and is jointly funded by local and central government. The scheme is managed and operated by mobility co-ordinators in regional councils or, in Southland's case, by ICC.

The new, personalised swipe cards will replace the manual sticker system on 1 July 2018.

In preparation, Council staff have been obtaining photographs of 1,400 clients (800 are already complete) and setting up the software which will make the processing of the monthly claims much more efficient than manually keying-in the old sticker-based sheets.

For some clients, the new card with their photo on it is often the only form of photo id they have.

Roding Manager Russell Pearson said this process had been time consuming, but good progress was being made and would lead to a more secure, efficient Total Mobility service in Southland.

Welcoming Communities

The Welcoming Communities Action Plan currently being developed will be presented to the Council in July/August.

THE Community Development Team is working on developing specific Invercargill actions within the regional plan.

We want to develop a picture of what being a Southlander means. What makes you a Southlander?

Email community.dev@icc.govt.nz with your thoughts. We will create a kete of responses.



JIANGSU INTERNATIONAL

Painting Contest

Open to Invercargill children aged 4 to 12 years

The purpose of the contest is to highlight the friendship between the younger generation of Jiangsu's 13 cities and those in Sister Cities around the world.

The Theme: **'Dreams of the Future'**

Age Groups: 4-6yrs, 7-9yrs, 10-12yrs

Size: A3 (no mats or frames)
No 3D raised surface or stretched canvas can be accepted.

Get your entry form from,
www.icc.govt.nz/your-council/sister-city/

Please deliver all entries to:
ICC Administration,
101 Esk Street, Invercargill by 29 June 2018.



Drainage work on Queens Park course



DRAINAGE maintenance work is being carried out on the Queens Park golf course 5 and 7 fairways.

This is part of the Parks drainage network in Queens Park which the golf course will then connect their drains into. The work involves using an open drain system as opposed to replacing the old buried pipes. This method

has worked well in other areas of Queens Park and the concept has been discussed with The Queens Park Golf Club.

Work should be completed in the next few weeks, with an access way provided for golfers and maintenance equipment.

Applications open for forestry fund

THE New Zealand Institute of Forestry Foundation is offering awards of up to \$5000 to Invercargill residents, thanks to a donation from Invercargill City Forests Ltd.

The Invercargill City Forests Award, administered by the NZIF Foundation, is intended to assist Invercargill residents in studies, research, or travel in an area which benefits forestry.

Invercargill City Forests Ltd Chairman Alastair McKenzie said the scholarship was important to



the ICFL board in supporting the local forestry industry.

The NZIF Foundation can make one or more award each year, up to a combined total of \$5,000. Scholarships, grants, or prizes may be awarded from the fund.

To view the application criteria, visit www.nzif.org.nz

Applications must be received by 5pm on Wednesday, 20 June, 2018.

The awards will be announced at the Awards Dinner of the NZIF Conference in Nelson in July 2018.

The awards will continue to be offered for at least three years.

Award-winning author to visit



JOIN us down at the Invercargill Public Library and meet award winning New Zealand author and illustrator Gavin Bishop. Gavin was

born in Invercargill and will be back in his home town for a book reading and signing session, Thursday, 14 June, 6pm, in the

Learning and Activity Space.

Get the family together and come on down!

Stepping Up - Spark Jump

Spark Jump – help for families to get online at home



INVERCARGILL City Libraries and Archives are teaming up with the 20/20 Trust as part of Stepping Up to offer Spark Jump.

Spark Jump is designed for families with the care of children

(aged 0 to 18yrs) who don't have a current fixed broadband connection at home, and whose household is in the 4G coverage area.

Workshop participants receive a free wifi modem and 30GB of data

for \$10 on the pre-pay service with no fixed contract.

For further information contact the Library on 211 1444 or email learning@ilibrary.co.nz.