

Councils concerned about water plan

Invercargill City, Gore and Southland District Councils are lodging a joint appeal about areas of concern in the proposed Southland Water and Land Plan.

THE proposed Plan was issued by Environment Southland in June 2016. It aims to improve water quality in rivers and lakes through rules controlling the use of water and discharges of contaminants to land or water and will have impacts on both the rural and urban communities of Southland. The plan attracted numerous submissions which were heard by Commissioners through 2017. The Commissioners' decisions were released in April, and an appeal period ended on 17 May.

Invercargill City Council joined with Gore District Council and Southland District Council to make submissions on the parts of the plan affecting urban communities.

While the decisions document in

general took account of the urban concerns regarding the operation of stormwater and sewerage systems, there remain some issues of concern, and a joint appeal has been lodged.



The issues of concern are:

- Definition of stormwater. Currently the definition is strict, and excludes contaminants. This does not fit with the apparent intent of the redrafted stormwater rule which requires councils to have a management plan to identify contaminants in stormwater, and to improve the quality of discharges.

- Change in status for discharges of treated discharges from Community Sewerage Schemes to discretionary. Currently this status is non-complying, and this would make re-consenting of discharges to water from treatment plants more difficult.

The next stage is for Environment Southland to consider the appeals and to make changes to the Plan if it sees fit. Appeals that are still unsatisfied by this process will be heard by the Environment Court and decisions will be incorporated into the final Plan.

The new Invercargill Stormwater Consent is consistent with the rules of the proposed Plan and staff are working hard to ensure the conditions are met.

Works on Tweed Street overbridge

YOU may have spotted this LED sign parked near the Tweed Street overbridge notifying you of upcoming works.

The westbound lane of the overbridge, heading from Invercargill towards Otatara, will be closed for maintenance from 7am on Monday, 21 May to Wednesday, 23 May. Detours will be in place to help you get around.

Pedestrians will have access to the overbridge footpath at all times during these repairs.



New guide for folk heading south for oysters

WITH many out-of-towners (including two Air New Zealand charters) arriving for the Bluff Oyster and Food Festival, the Council's Communications Department has partnered with Venture Southland and Lemon Creative to produce a booklet called Southland On A Half Shell. This guide is packed with information about the Bluff oyster. It also highlights some great locations for eating oysters, doing some shopping or enjoying live music while here for the weekend. The booklet will be distributed to guests arriving for the Oyster Festival and be made available to central city hotels.

ICC Graphic Designer Kelly Braithwaite with the new booklet she designed - Southland On A Half Shell.



Breakfast updates for city centre retailers



RETAILERS and Council's City Centre Co-ordinator Ms Kari Graber gather for a working breakfast every second month to discuss initiatives and ideas for

Invercargill's city centre.

Ms Graber organises the retailers' breakfasts where the group discusses subjects such as Christmas initiatives, upcoming

events in the CBD, parking issues, and other ideas and topics that arise. The main objective is to build and maintain loyalty and support for our local businesses.

These meetings provide an opportunity for retailers and the Council to work together to achieve common goals and to identify new opportunities for success in the CBD.

The city is experiencing the biggest changes it has faced in over two generations and it's imperative the CBD's key stakeholders and the community work together to help create a city that is truly vibrant and thriving.

LTP - What next?

Council made decisions on the key matters for the Long-term Plan at its meeting on 15 May 2018.

THE following is the process and key dates until completion of the Long-term Plan:

- **22 May 2018** – Extraordinary Council meeting to discuss the overall 10-year impact on rates and the impact on different categories of ratepayers in the 2018/19 year following the decisions that have been made.
- Staff to complete the document for audit purposes, incorporating decisions made by Council.
- **28 May 2018** – Audit New Zealand arrives for a minimum

of two weeks to complete the audit of the final document.

- **21 June 2018** – Agenda containing the audited final document 2018 – 2028 Long-term Plan is made available.
- **26 June 2018** – Extraordinary Council meeting to adopt the Long-term Plan. The Audit New Zealand Director and Manager are likely to be in attendance to discuss their audit findings and present their Audit Opinion on the Long-term Plan.



DIZZY HEIGHTS: The Civic Theatre’s technicians and some other interested parties, undertook a Working at Heights and Safety Course on the stage at the Civic Theatre recently. This training is a requirement for staff

to be able to work at heights, and is repeated every two years. The training was carried out by local company, Adventure Southland, which conducts this type of training throughout the country.

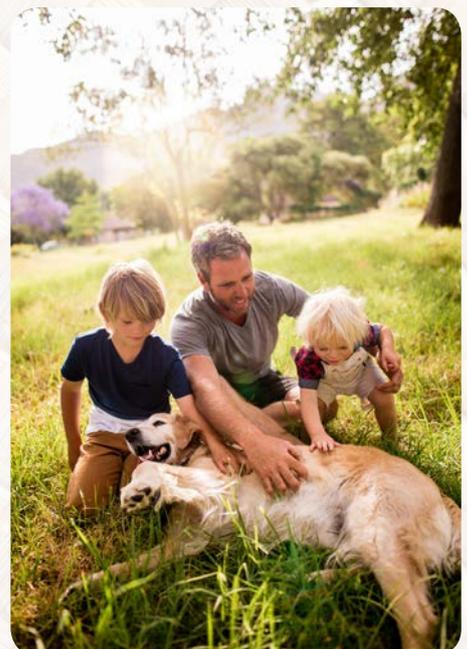
Community Expo outreach

THE Community Development Team attended the Community Expo at the Invercargill Workingmen’s Club on Saturday, 5 May.

Our display included the funding opportunities available through Council, the Dog Policy and Bylaw consultation, the Friendly brand and Neighbourhood Support.

Dog owners we spoke with were thrilled to learn that their pets may be able to be returned to their registered address when picked up for a lesser fee than having to go out to the pound to get them.

We also gathered contacts for several people wishing to learn more about Neighbourhood Support. A great way to spend a cool Saturday.



Bouquet for Parks appreciated

SELDOM do we receive compliments for holding events on Council reserve land and we are pleased to share the attached letter of thanks from the Jaguar Club, noting - "This event was a great success, helped along by our being able to use Queens Park as a show venue."

Parks events by numbers

A total of 329 events were booked on Council's Parks and Reserves within the period of 1 December 2017 – 30 April 2018.

There have been 30 Community Events. Some to note include:

- Council's Food Truck Fridays at Wachner Place
- Webber Bros Circus, Gypsy Fair and Anzac Day Celebrations at Gala Street
- Zirca Circus and NZ Vintage Car Club Easter Rally at Surrey Park
- Horse Eventing and the Southland A&P Show at Donovan Park
- Jaguar National Rally Show and Shine, Buskers Festival and ICC Surf to City at Queens Park

• Arrow Adventure Race at Sandy Point
The 159 sports events included:

- Rugby and football training and competitions at Bain Park, Donovan Park, Slaney Street Reserve, Bluff, Surrey Park, Town Belt Appleby, Turnbull Thomson Park and Waverley Park
- School athletics and Special Olympics at Surrey Park
- Disc golf, pilates in the park, harriers, park run at Queens Park
- Cowboy Challenge Event, horse treks, sled dog training, orienteering and motor car events at Sandy Point
- Southland Stock Cars pre-race expos at Town Belt – Gala Street Reserve

There have been 14 filming/UAV bookings on Parks and Reserves, and four bookings for other Council land.

Other events include corporate BBQs, weddings, birthday celebrations, school visits, environmental and charity groups.

NZ JAGUAR NATIONAL RALLY 2018



HOSTED BY
SOUTHLAND JAGUAR DRIVERS CLUB

15 May 2018

Robin Pagan
Invercargill City Council Parks and Reserves
101 Esk Street
INVERCARGILL 9840

Dear Robin

Thank you from the 2018 Jaguar National Rally Committee

The purpose of this letter is to thank Council for making Queens Park available to us on Easter Saturday for the Show 'n' Shine part of our event. The Park was a stunningly good site for the show and in turn the event helped showcase for visitors one of Invercargill's gems.

We had 250 Jaguars and nearly 500 people from all over New Zealand, not forgetting some Australians and one couple from Yorkshire. One of the Australians has been to events all over the world and stated that Queens Park was the best venue for this type of display that he has ever seen.

And from a New Zealand visitor:

Erica and I would like to thank you all personally for the fantastic weekend Rally we enjoyed in Invercargill over Easter. We appreciated the very warm welcome as part of the Wellington JDC 14 strong contingent (cars that is!) and really enjoyed all the activities we participated in. As the skies cleared at Queens Park on the Saturday we could appreciate this beautiful site – how lucky you are. All in a truly memorable trip South made possible by the Rally.

I should also mention the positive feedback I received about various Parks and Reserves staff. With our comings and goings during and after the day there were several points of contact with your on-site staff and they were invariably positive and helpful and pleasant.

So thank you for the part you played in making our event such a success.

Yours faithfully



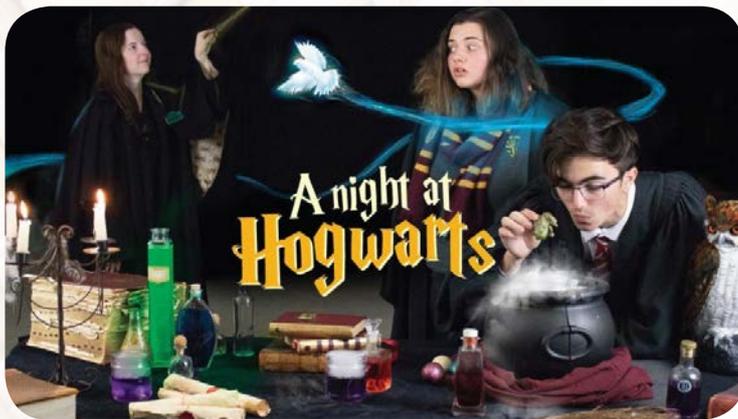
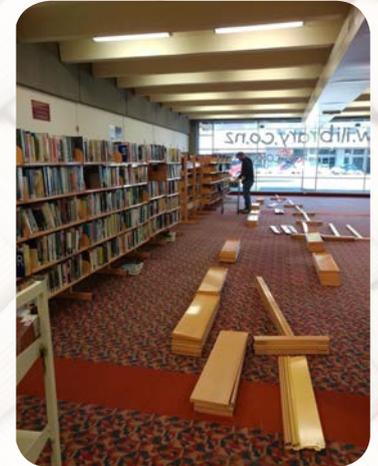
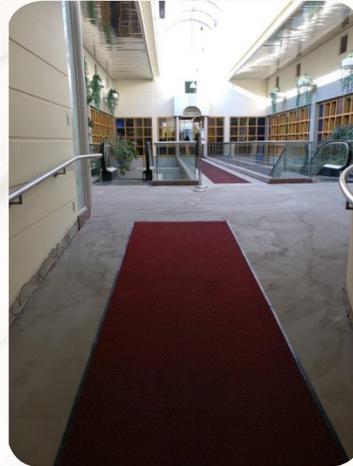
Brett Flintoff
CHAIR – RALLY COMMITTEE

Library project continues

THE Library refurbishment project continues with collections in Adults being moved into Children's Services.

Tiles have been removed on the first floor and carpet tiles are scheduled to be laid at the beginning of June.

All updates about changes will be available on our website <http://ilibrary.co.nz/library-refurbishment/>, Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/invlibrary/> and notices in the Library.



Teen event – A night at Hogwarts

THE ultimate teen event for Potterheads is being held on 19 May 2018 between 6pm and 9pm.

There will be a number of themed activities and a photo booth will also be available for photos to be taken. This is being run by Teen Librarian Michelle Cunningham and the Library Volunteen group.

Earthquake-prone buildings: inspection process

THE Council has considered public submissions on priority building areas and strategic routes within the Invercargill City Council area.

The next step in the process is to send building owners in these areas a letter advising them that Council staff will be assessing their buildings within the next two years. These letters will be sent next week.

There are approximately 506 buildings within the Invercargill priority area and 43 within Bluff Township. The areas also include some residential buildings, which are not subject to the earthquake legislation.

The Council will generate maps of these areas, showing blocks numbered 1-23. Council staff will then inspect the exterior of these

buildings at a rate of approximately one block per month over the next 24 months.

Closer to the time that staff plan to inspect the buildings in a block, owners will be sent a further letter advising when this inspection will take place.

For any inquiries on this process, please contact Simon Tonkin on (03) 211 1705.