

Makarewa pupils get involved in LTP

FOLLOWING the submission from Room 5 at Makarewa School to the Invercargill City Council's Long-term Plan, Council staffers Melissa Short and Courtney Keen visited the school to tell students about the different projects that Council has planned.

The students offered feedback by showing either the thumbs up or thumbs down side of their voting paddles. Students then had an opportunity to ask questions. The questions were well thought out and included:

- What job do you do at the Council and what is the best thing about it?
- Why do they need to do the earthquake hazard safety check and how can the Museum and Anderson House be made stronger?
- What will be the first project to get done and how does Council decide?



- When are you planning to build the hydroslide?

Teacher Richard Goodson sent a message thanking Melissa and Courtney, saying "Room 5 is definitely buzzing and the whole school really enjoyed having you today. Very much appreciated."



Youth Council says thanks

THE Invercargill Youth Council would like to thank Councillors Alex Crackett, Lindsay Abbott, Lesley Soper and Lloyd Esler for attending our Pink Afternoon Tea.

Those attending showed their support for the elimination of bullying in schools, the workplace and across the community.

Pink-themed food was enjoyed, particularly the cheerios which were a blast from the past for some and everyone wore an item of pink clothing. The Youth Council has agreed to donate \$150 to the Mental Health Foundation in support of the pink shirt anti-bullying campaign.



Building assessment scheduled for June

The Building Services Team undergoes an assessment by International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ) every two years.

THIS assessment is to ensure that we are performing to the requirements of the Building (Accreditation of Building Consent Authorities) Regulations 2006.

Our next assessment is being undertaken from 5-8 June 2018. At that time there will be two IANZ assessors and two observers from MBIE working in the Building Services area.

The assessors are here to check that our procedures, detailed in the Southern Shared Services Group BCA Quality Assurance System Manual, are being adhered to.

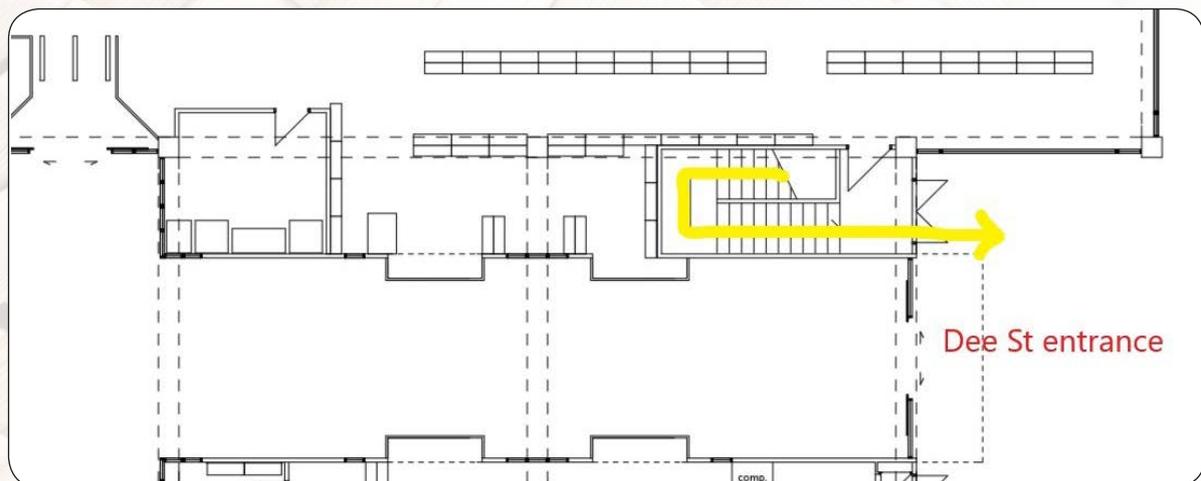


They will also be checking that our procedures are appropriate for the performance of our role.

The observers from MBIE are likely to be doing checks on how we

perform some tasks not covered by the BCA Regulations. This includes things like Building Warrants of Fitness and Certificates for Public Use.

Library refurbishment update



ON Monday 28 May from 4pm there is work being done on the Library's first floor foyer and walkway in preparation for the laying of carpet tiles.

This means access to the Meeting Room and Information Services will be via the stairway from Dee Street.

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.

Library Survey open now



LET us know what you think about the services and events we offer and let us know your suggestions about things we do well and things we can improve on.

The survey will take approxi-

mately five minutes of your time, please complete it online by going to the library website <http://ilibrary.co.nz/survey/> and you will go in the draw for a \$100 voucher.

The survey closes on 31 May.

Family friendly Disc Golf



THE list of “101 fun and family friendly things to do in and around Invercargill” is being updated and we decided

that Disc Golf rightly deserved pride of place at the top of the list.

On Mother’s Day – Sunday, 13 May – Gemma Crawford headed along with her family to the Disc Golf Course at Queens Park. They hired discs from the Herbert St Store as their bucket lids didn’t quite cut the mustard!

The hired equipment was only \$2 a pop, plus a bond, and they received a scorecard and a pen too. You can take your own discs and pens of course and score cards can be downloaded from the Healthy Families’ website.

The course was a lot of fun, although still challenging. There are 18 “holes” (baskets) which would take the average person around three hours to complete. Gemma’s family got up to number 10 after starting at the north entrance to the park. Her advice is to “wrap up warm and pack sturdy shoes”, as the course is in the trees and it can get quite muddy. And most importantly have fun!

Dog Control Bylaw and Policy

CONSULTATION for the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy is currently underway. It was anticipated at the time of advertising that the consultation period would end on 26 May 2018 and submissions on the draft documents would be considered at the Regulatory Services Committee meeting on 29 May 2018.

A number of submissions have been received to date that have been generally supportive of the proposed changes. In particular submissions have addressed the improved clarity in relation to the dog exercise areas and the proposed inclusion of a dog exercise area for Bluff. The hearing of submissions by the Regulatory Services Committee has been deferred to 3 July 2018 in order to enable proper consideration of these and other submissions. Those submitters who wish to make verbal submissions will be informed of the date and time for those submissions closer to the meeting.

Thank you to all those who have taken time to submit on the draft documents to date.



Satisfaction survey underway



On ICC's behalf, Versus Research is undertaking a short survey of residents on their opportunity to be involved in Invercargill City Council's decision-making processes.

THIS is to provide information for our Annual Reporting in the Democratic Process space.

The 2018 research is a repeat of the survey completed in 2017 and 2016, and will again be used to assess if Council is meeting its Long-term Plan target for residents' satisfaction with their opportunity for involvement in decision making.

The survey will be conducted both by phone and online over the next two to three weeks and asks questions to gauge what opportunities



(eg. the Consultation Caravan, Facebook, Imagine Invercargill, Public Forum etc) people are aware of; and then further questions to gauge which methods are used by the community and also which methods are preferred.

This work will help develop the Engagement Strategy and ensure that the Council is engaging with the community in the ways the community prefers to be engaged.

Water main renewal in Humber and Wicklow Street area

Members of the public are advised there will be some traffic disruption in the Humber and Wicklow Street area in early June as work begins on renewing an asbestos cement water main.

COUNCIL'S contractor Fulton Hogan will commence work on Monday, 28 May, to renew the 300-millimetre-diameter asbestos cement water main from the Bluff supply main through to Humber and Wicklow Streets, and on Elles Road to just south of Kew Road.

During the first week works will take place in a paddock and should not cause disruption but once the work enters Humber Street, traffic will be affected.

Road works signage and traffic cones will be set up around the



works site. There will be scheduled shutdowns of the water supply which will be individually notified to affected residents.

Scheduled completion is November 2018.

