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Long-term Plan Consultation Documents hitting letterboxes this week

Submissions are open for the Invercargill City Council 2018-2028 Long-term Plan, and Consultation Documents will be arriving in letterboxes throughout Invercargill and Bluff this week.

THE Consultation Document is your guide to the key projects and proposals Council wants your opinion on from within the Long-term Plan, and includes a submission form.

Submissions will close on 20 April at 5pm, so if you haven't received a consultation document by 27 March, please contact Council on (03) 2111 777 and let us know.

The Consultation Document and other supporting information about the Long-term Plan can also be accessed from Council's website - www.icc.govt.nz

Council's Policy and Strategy Manager Melissa Short said there were some key projects people needed to be aware of in the Consultation Document, and a projected rates increase of 3.96% for 2018/2019.

The Long-term Plan includes proposals and options for five key projects which are: the future of Anderson House, a poten-

tial new Arts Centre, the Living Dinosaurs project, developing an alternative water supply, and an additional pool for Splash Palace.

Council also wants to hear from the community about whether funding should be increased for ILT Stadium Southland from \$400,000 per year to \$700,000 per year, Ms Short said.

This year, Council has enlisted the help of the Invercargill City Libraries and Archives team, of Keeping Up with the Librarians fame, to create some amazing content about the key projects for Council's Facebook page - www.facebook.com/InvercargillCity-Council/.

Ms Short said staff brainstormed to come up with new ways to engage more people, including younger demographics.

"We launched www.imagineinvercargill.nz in 2017, a website where people shared ideas which were presented to Council to help develop the Long-term Plan, and

where you can now complete a survey on the key issues included in the Consultation Document," Ms Short said.

Entertaining videos and other visual content has also been launched on Council's Facebook page, with the aim of generating conversations about the key projects proposed in this Long-term Plan.

"Feedback posted to Council's page, while not considered formal submissions, will be collated and presented to Councillors for their consideration at the conclusion of the submission period," Ms Short said.

"Everyone at Council wants to give a massive thankyou to the creative, talented people at Invercargill City Libraries and Archives, who have done a wonderful job of creating this content. Remember to keep your eye on the Invercargill City Council Facebook page for more content in the coming weeks."



Invercargill City Libraries and Archives staff Connor Chamberlain, bottom left, Andrew Eng, and Bonnie Mager (aka the dinosaur) with Henry the Tuatara during filming for a promotional video for the Long-term Plan.



Council meetings

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

Child, Youth and Family Friendly Sub-Committee

Monday, 26 March, 4pm

Bluff Community Board

Monday, 26 March, 7pm

Community Services

Monday, 9 April, 4pm

Regulatory Services

Tuesday, 10 April, 4pm

Infrastructure and Services

Monday 16 April, 4pm

Finance and Policy

Tuesday 17 April, 4pm

Council Meeting

Tuesday, 24 April, 4pm

The above meetings will be held in the Council Chambers / Committee Room, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 101 Esk Street, Invercargill, except for the Bluff Community Board meeting, which will be held at the Bluff Municipal Chambers, Gore Street, Bluff.

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Signs promoting Council's Smokefree Policy for the CBD are popping up in the inner-city this week

THE Smokefree Areas Policy was unanimously passed at the Invercargill City Council meeting on 7 November 2017. The policy makes the public areas within the boundary of Tay, Spey, Deveron and Dee Streets (including Wachner Place) smokefree.

Since then, representatives from Council, Smokefree Murihiku, Public Health South, WellSouth, the Cancer Society, Healthy Families, and the Invercargill Youth Council have been working on developing signs for the inner-city advising there is to be no smoking.

City Centre Co-ordinator Kari Graber said the signs were a positive way of letting people know smoking and vaping is not allowed in our CBD.

"We didn't want the signs to be aggressive and in your face. They're artistic and appealing, but assertive."

Large signs made from metal would be put up in Wachner Place, which will be movable in case of any future development, while the back of a bus would also carry the new signage, Ms Graber said.

Some signs would be installed featuring Te Reo Maori as well. "We will also be providing signs on request to businesses which perhaps have a particular issue with smoking outside their building. That way they have a tool to let people know there is no smoking."

Another exciting use for the signs has been dreamed up by Public Health South, who will be providing coasters with the sign design

to all businesses in the CBD with outdoor tables, Ms Graber said. While the Smokefree Areas Policy is a policy and cannot be legally enforced, it is intended to help denormalise smoking to children. Smokers who work in the CBD are able to smoke behind their building so long as they are out of the public eye.

Ms Graber said if businesses required ashtrays to provide for their employees, they could contact council for one to be provided.

Smoking for the purpose of the policy includes e-cigarettes and vaperisers too.

Should this policy work well, it will be reviewed in a year's time and could be extended to other areas of the city.

Have your say on Heritage buildings in the city

A pop-up shop hoping to gather your views on some of Invercargill's heritage buildings is open until this Saturday.

Invercargill City Council Senior Planner Liz Devery said Council was keen to get the public's opinion on City Centre heritage, and the pop-up shop at the former ASB Bank building on Esk Street will be one of the ways they would gather those opinions.

Ms Devery said there would be multiple ways for people to show Council which buildings they believed were important at the pop-up shop, including:

- Photographs of every protected heritage building in the City Centre. People will be able to 'sticker' those that are their favourites.
- Photographs of the buildings that have been recommended to be removed from the heritage register.

• A place where people can let Council know what Invercargill heritage means to them.

• A way of voting to find out how people think rate-payers should assist owners of heritage buildings. Is the care of a heritage building just the responsibility of building owner, or does the community have a responsibility too?

Council staff will be on hand to answer any questions people had, Ms Devery said.

An online survey is also available, so that people who can't make it to the pop-up shop won't miss out on having their say. It can be completed here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ICCHeritage>

The pop-up shop will be in the old ASB Building on Esk St and is open from 10am til 2pm daily until Saturday, 24 March.

As part of Southland Heritage Month, a pop-up museum celebrating the 125th anniversary of women's suffrage will also share the space.



Invercargill City Council Environmental Information Officer Judy Christie, left, and Senior Planner Liz Devery with one of the posters featuring in the Heritage Building pop-up consultation



Donna Brinsdon, Sharron Hanley and their family dogs taking part in the Surf to City on Sunday.

PHOTO: RICHARD DIMMOCK

New tool to keep residents up-to-date on roadworks and infrastructure work



THE Invercargill City Council has launched a new Facebook page called Invercargill Word on the Street.

The Page will include updates from Council's roading and infrastructure teams about work throughout the city which may impact traffic movements or be otherwise disruptive.

Council understands that some works, including the stormwater renewal project currently under-

way in the CBD, are particularly disruptive not just for the public but for businesses as well.

It is hoped that Invercargill Word on the Street will become the go-to place to get the latest, most up-to-date information on road closures and diversions, as well as any other activity which could have an impact.

It will also be a tool for you to ask questions, or post feedback. So far, posts have included pho-



tos and information about new traffic lights being installed at the intersection of Gala and Deveron Streets, and a new pedestrian crossing installed near Peacehaven Village on Tweed Street, among other matters.

To follow the page, visit www.facebook.com/InvercargillWordontheStreet

Invercargill City Council Easter Hours

CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:

The Civic Administration Building (Esk St) will close at 5pm Thursday 29 March and reopen at 8am Wednesday 4 April.

BLUFF SERVICE CENTRE

The Service Centre will close at 5pm Thursday 29 March and will be open on Saturday 31 March 10 am until 1.30 pm for NZ Post, and from 10 am until 7 pm for Lotto. It will then be closed until 9am Wednesday 4 April.

Don't forget Tuesday 3 April is Southland Anniversary Day!



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