

Floors laid despite frosts



The concrete block walls of the additional Splash Palace change rooms can be seen going up to the left of the picture. The timber framing to the right of the picture (inside the fence) is where the new access ramp will be installed.

CONSTRUCTION of the additional change rooms and foyer redevelopment at Splash Palace is steaming ahead: the concrete floors for the change rooms have been poured and the construction of the exterior walls is well underway.

The project is moving along well despite some very chilly and dark mornings recently that have seen builders out with headlamps and gloves!

The project is on schedule with a completion date still expected to be sometime around the end of 2018 or beginning of 2019.



The framing for the new access ramp. When completed this will enable easier access into the facility.



This picture was taken from inside the facility near the original reception area. The vertical steel reinforcing bars designate the access corridor for the additional change rooms while the large pile of concrete blocks is in the new retail area.

One ship's journey

BY KIMBERLEY STEPHENSON

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A special box houses the Seeadler, a replica of the ship made by Colin Anderson.

Collection of the Southland Museum and Art Gallery Niho o te Taniwha. Gift of Colin Anderson, 1954. 2004.938.99



Cleaning collections items is a slow and painstaking process.

EVERY day the Collections team here at the museum is faced with new and exciting challenges. No two items are ever the same, with each item posing their own demands in terms of documentation, cleaning, and packing requirements.

The Seeadler, a model of a square-rigged, three-masted ship made by Nigara local Colin Anderson, is one item from the collection that recently received some TLC at the hands of Collections Technician Chontelle Syme.

The first stage of the model's journey started with an upgrade of its documentation in our database. This process once again brought to light the notorious history of the real Seeadler and her German captain, Count Felix Von Luckner, who reportedly charmed his way on to at least 14 Allied boats in Australian and New Zealand waters during World War I. One of the men he took prisoner was Colin's uncle, whose tales later inspired him to create the model of the ship.

Once the ship had been described and measured,

and its key data checked against our paper records, Chontelle then undertook the task of cleaning a thick layer of dust that had built up on its surfaces over time. This is a slow and painstaking task that requires a great deal of care – particularly in this case as Chontelle had to navigate her way around the ship's intricate network of masts, paper sails, and cotton rigging.

Finally, in order to help better protect the ship for long-term storage and transport, a custom-built box was designed to house the ship. The box is built entirely of conservation materials, including polyethylene and Tyvek, which are inert and therefore do not chemically interact with the artefact. The box is designed to help protect the ship from direct handling and environmental factors, such as dust, while also taking into account the need to use our limited resources in an economical and sustainable way.

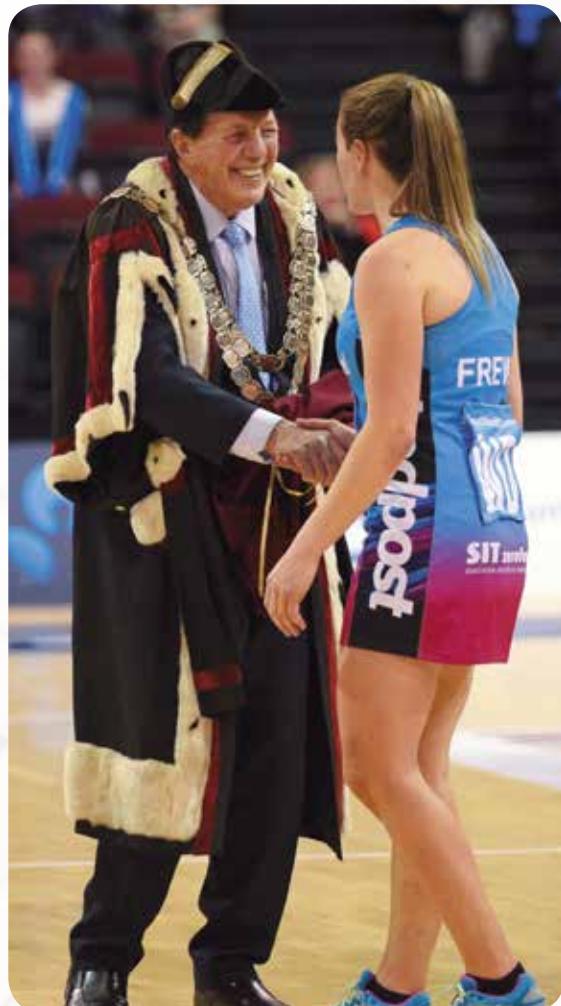
For more information on Count Felix Von Luckner, visit www.navymuseum.co.nz/worldwar1/people/count-felix-von-luckner/

The week in pictures...



◀ **ON** Tuesday Mayor Tim Shadbolt presented Barnardos Invercargill with its Friendly Brand accreditation.

Barnardos Early Learning Centre was also branded earlier this year so we are thrilled to have them both on board. Some of the great services they offer include: SWIS (Social Workers In Schools), Home-Based Early Learning and courses such as parenting through separation.



◀ **IT** was certainly a winning week for Southland sport as the Southern Steel beat the Mainland Tactix in their final home game of the season on Wednesday night.

ILT Stadium Southland underwent a name change for the night in honour of Steel captain Wendy Frew, who has announced she will retire at the end of the season.

Mayor Tim presented Wendy with a key to the city after the winning match.



▲ **MAYOR** Tim greeted members of the Southland Sharks Basketball team when they landed at Invercargill Airport this week, returning home as third-time champions of the New Zealand National Basketball League!



Primary school pupils possibly our future politicians?

BY MELISSA BROOK
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LAST Wednesday about 75 students from Makarewa School came to see how the Council works as a part of their study on Community.

Room 5 at Makarewa School had submitted to our Long-term Plan and Courtney and I had already presented on the Long-term Plan at a Makarewa School assembly.

The students who came to Council were all aged between 8 and 11. The Council visit was part of a day trip which also included visits to Demolition World, the SPCA and the Fire Station.

The students were treated to a tour of the Civic Theatre backstage areas (shout out to Shannon and Jeff) before heading into the Council Chamber where we held a mock Council meeting.

The meeting was chaired by the “Mayor” with help from his “Chief Executive” and both sessions unanimously supported a hydroslide project that they debated.

From what I saw we have a number of budding politicians and city managers at Makarewa School and I was excited to see that some very young people were already so interested in Civic education and how they can influence the decisions of the Council!



Makarewa School pupils check out the Civic Theatre (top photo) and practice politics in Council Chambers.



Fresh start for Scottish Hall

Plenty has been happening at the Scottish Hall lately as refurbishment work begins!

Check out the photos for a glimpse of the improvements underway!



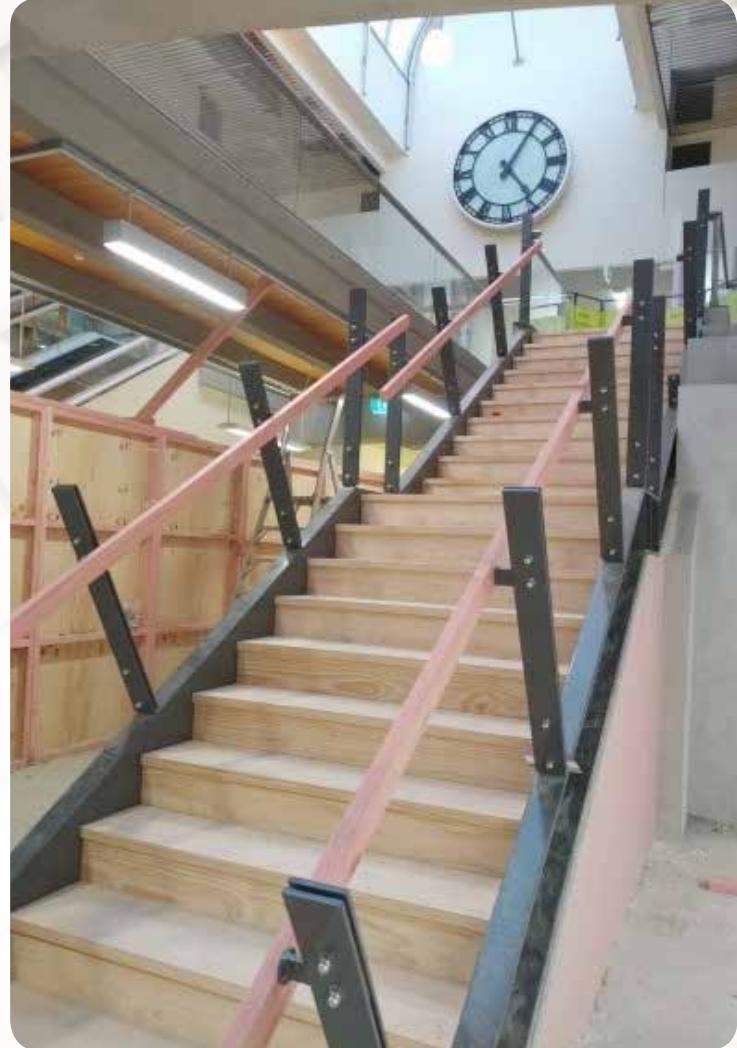
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Library refurbishment forges ahead



WORK continues in the Adults' Services section of the Invercargill Public Library with painting and LED lighting completed.

The stairs are nearing completion with carpet tiles about to be laid.

The scheduled changeover to Stage 3: Children's Services is set to begin on August 23.

Staff will be moving all collections and services in Children's Services across into Adults' Services and will be available to retrieve items until the area is open to the public on August 28.

There will be a temporary help desk and returns area and space has been set aside to continue holding library programmes.

The start of Stage 3 will also affect access to Dee Street from the car parking building before 9am.

At present the Library access doors open before 8am to allow people to walk through to Dee Street. Unfortunately during this stage of refurbishment these doors will not open until 9am.

Signage will advise that access to Dee Street is available by exiting the orange side-door on Level 2, and using the lane between Speights Alehouse and Tuatara Backpackers.

We apologise for the inconvenience.