

Another chapter finished in Library refurbishment



Library Customer Experience Manager Cynthia Smith (left) and Libraries and Archive Manager Marianne Foster in the newly refurbished Adult Services Area.

THE refurbishment of the Invercargill Public Library is forging on, with about half of the project now complete.

Libraries and Archive Manager Marianne Foster said most of the work in the Adult Services side of the ground floor was now complete, and the public would now be able to browse for their choice of books once more.

“This does mean, however, that Children’s books are also on that side of the building as stage three of the refurbishment begins,” Ms Foster said.

Library Customer Experience Manager Cynthia Smith said the biggest difference people will notice when they enter the new Adult Services area is the large amount of space.

Stage three involves upgrading the Children’s Services area, which began this week.

This work should be completed by November 2, when the final stage of the project will begin.

Ms Foster said once the Children’s Services area is complete, there will be much less disruption for library users, because stage four focuses on the public meeting space, a part of the foyer, and staff work areas.

Mrs Smith said all the library’s programmes and activities were continuing, however the location where each programme was held could be a bit of a mystery.

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Staff were happy to help advise of any changes to programme locations, she said.

The entire project is expected to be completed by mid-December.

Ms Foster said staff had been impressed by the contractors carrying out the work, who had been considerate and professional, and she was pleased the project was running on-time.

It had been fun to see members of the public regularly popping in to see how work was going, and some people had even used the first-floor walkway as a viewing platform to watch the refurbishment happen, she said.

RIGHT: New smart return shelves arrive at the library.

BELOW LEFT: Staff start moving collections into their new homes.

BELOW RIGHT: New stairs and carpet on the Adult Services side of the library. Work is starting on the Children's Services side this week.



New citizens welcomed

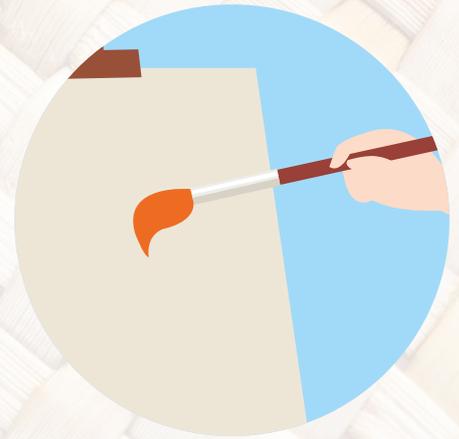


MAYOR Tim Shadbolt welcomed 31 new citizens during a citizenship ceremony in the Council Chamber on Tuesday.

Special congratulations to Aby Pooppanal Cherian and family (pictured).

Councillors and staff may recognise Aby, who is a familiar face around the Civic Administration Building – he often delivers our mail!

Community funding and scholarship opportunities open now!



THERE are heaps of awesome opportunities through our Active and Creative Communities funding, and through musical scholarships, which are open now. Application information can be found here: www.icc.govt.nz/community/funding-awards-grants/

Here's a little bit more information on what we have to offer at the moment:

- Do you know a young musician who plays the piano or an orchestral instrument and is hoping to undertake tertiary music studies? Do they need a scholarship? Check out the Alex Lindsay and O'Byrne/Jones Memorial Scholarships!

- Are you aware of an arts or cultural idea for an event, workshop, or performance that involves Invercargill residents and needs a little funding support? They could be eligible for Creative Communities Funding!
- Physical activity is an important part of our lives. Do you know a club or group in need of a grant to help people participate? Send them in search of the Active Communities Funding options!

Applications for all these opportunities close on September 28. Check them out now so there is time to get help with the application form.

Staff help fight forestry fire

WHAT was supposed to be a day spent training for an emergency ended with an actual response to one for two Parks and Reserves staff members on Monday!

Ricky Mulqueen and Simon Jamieson had been at an emergency response driving course when they were called to the fire on an Invercargill City Forests Ltd block at Dipton.

Ricky explained the Council supplies manpower to the

Southern Rural Fire Brigade.

The photo on the front page of the Southland Times on Thursday included Ricky and Simon attacking hotspots alongside members of the Hedgehope Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Fortunately there was minimal damage to trees on the block. The fire was mostly confined to windrows and slash.

Invercargill to say Kia Ora, New Zealand!



CITY Centre Co-Ordinator Kari Graber, along with Venture Southland staff, have this week hosted a writer for Air New Zealand's *Kia Ora* magazine.

A special article will be included in the December edition of *Kia Ora*, which will feature several hospitality businesses in the city.

Kia Ora is a complimentary in-flight magazine offered by the airline.

Good Fix owner Harry Moss with *Kia Ora* magazine's Sharon Stephenson during her visit.



A 3D render of the proposed slides.

New hydroslide proposal approved

THE new hydroslide proposal for Splash Palace was approved at the Council meeting on Tuesday night.

Here's a quick look at how the project stacks up:

- The existing hydroslide was first installed at Queens Park pools in the 1970s, before it was moved to Splash Palace in 1996/97.
- The existing slide is about 34 metres long, and creates a few issues around lane usage because of water being drawn from the pool, and it can't be used during competition events. It's also a higher risk area because

children have to pass the deep end of the pool to get to the slide.

- The existing slide is nearing the end of its operational life.
- The new proposal includes three slides. One is atop an 11m high tower, which is a 101m long raft slide, a second slide will be 60m long, and the third slide will be 75m long, and pitch black!
- The slides will be installed in a new location, on the "leisure" side of Splash Palace. This will improve on many of the concerns associated with the existing slide and it's location.

