

Aviary Celebrates 20 years since opening

This September marks 20 years since the Queens Park Aviary was officially opened to the public.

THE aviary features a large walk-through dome where visitors can walk among the birds and watch a variety of species, such as doves, budgies, canaries, and cockatiels as they interact at close range.

It has several functions – it provides another area for entertainment and enjoyment for the public visiting Queens Park, as well as great educational opportunities for lots of people.

There are also various other, smaller aviaries, providing a wide variety of indigenous and exotic birds.

The complex has been designed to ensure that birds enjoy a warm and sheltered environment.

The site itself has an open sunny position and each aviary unit includes an enclosed roosting area which provides both protection and privacy.

Members of the parrot family, including the South Island kaka, Antipodes Island

parakeet, and kea are on display in separate aviaries.

The aviary complex is also home to the rarest waterfowl in the world, the Campbell Island teal.

The Queens Park Aviary is part of a New Zealand Captive Breeding Programme which includes the Antipodes Island parakeet and South Island kaka.

The aviary has now bred 11 kaka for release into the wild since 2007.

This successful breeding programme has helped build up the wild population in Dune-din and Tasman areas.

The Queens Park Aviary was possible thanks to a \$750,000 grant from the Community Trust of Southland, and donations of both money and birds were also received from Grey Power Southland, Cage Bird Club, Forest and Bird Society and many individuals in the community.

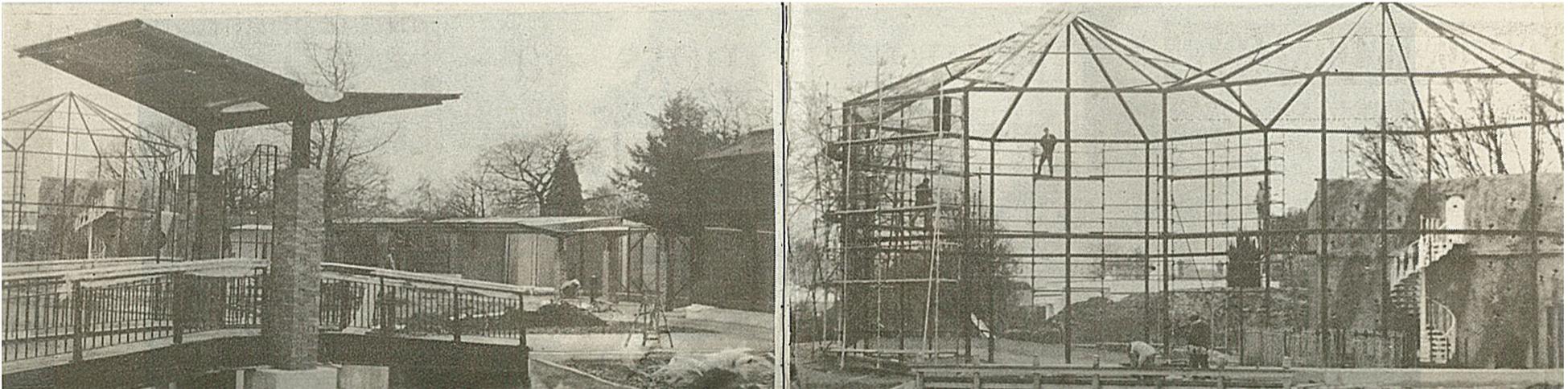
Here's to another 20 years!



Right above: The entrance to the aviary.

Right below: The aviary area provides a great space for people to enjoy.

Below: Newspaper clippings from when the aviary was being built.



Should camping be allowed at Stead Street Reserve?



STEAD STREET RESERVE



COUNCIL is considering making an amendment to the Linkage Reserves Omnibus Management Plan to allow camping on the Stead Street Reserve, for the purposes of it becoming a NZ Motor Caravan Association Site.

Forward your submission to the Parks Manager, Invercargill City Council, Private Bag 90104, Invercargill. Submissions must be received by the Parks Manager by 4pm on Wednesday, 29 August 2018.

For more information, visit: www.icc.govt.nz/public-documents/consultation/

August goes to the dogs

It's set to be a big month for Animal Services at Invercargill City Council this August, with dog registrations closing and reports for Councillors to consider.



The Animal Services Team with their very own furry friends.

DOG registrations were due to be paid by August 3, and this year staff noticed people were leaving it to the last minute to get their payments in.

Compliance Team Leader Elle Dickson said one week before registration was due to close just over 3500 dogs had been registered, with more than 5000 still to go.

“Last year, more than 9000 dogs were registered in the Invercargill area, so we are concerned that many people have left their dog’s registration until the last minute”, Miss Dickson said.

By the time the due date came, about 6800 dogs had been registered, with about 2300 outstanding.

Miss Dickson said a 25 per cent penalty may now be applied to fees for those owners who still had not registered their dog.

If the registration remains unpaid, then Animal Services staff may issue warnings, infringements, or may even seize the dog.

“Please do get in contact with us urgently

if you have yet to pay your registration,” Miss Dickson said.

Meanwhile, there are several dog-related documents to be considered by Council’s Regulatory Services Committee next week.

Three different reports will be considered by the committee, including the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw, the Animal Services Annual Report, and an Implementation Report which has been prepared by Council staff. The Implementation Report is based on the recommendations from an Independent Advisory Panel which considered rehoming and euthanasia options for dogs.

The meeting will be held on August 14 in Council Chambers at the Civic Administration Building on Esk Street.

The agenda for the meeting will be available on Council’s website at least two working days prior to the meeting, at www.icc.govt.nz

Sharing our culture

Mayor Tim Shadbolt hosted exchange students from Kumagaya, as well as students from Southland Boys’ High School, in Council Chambers last week

STUDENTS enjoyed having their photos taken with Mayor Tim, with two students (pictured) even getting the chance to try on the Mayoral robes and chains!

Students from Kumagaya Nishi High School will visit later this month.

This year marks 25 years of the sister-city relationship between Invercargill and Kumagaya, Japan.



Council meetings

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

Community Services

Monday, 13 August, 4pm

Regulatory Services

Tuesday, 14 August, 4pm

Resource Consent Hearing

Wednesday, 15 August, 9am

Infrastructure and Services

Monday, 20 August, 4pm

Finance and Policy

Tuesday, 21 August 4pm

Events

Friday, 24 August, 9am

Council Meeting

Tuesday, 28 August, 4pm

Audit and Risk

Friday, 31 August, 8.30am

The above meetings will be held in the Council Chambers / Committee Room, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 101 Esk Street, Invercargill.

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Working out in Queens Park



THE Fitness Trail Equipment in Queens Park has been upgraded.

There are now eight great activities on four pieces of equipment, enhancing the opportunities to work out along the trail:

- Pull-up Rack and Parallel Bar
- Leg Press and Arm Wheel
- Push Chair and Pull Chair
- Space Walker and Cross Trainer

The equipment is located along the George Street Track opposite the castle.

The equipment will be well used, especially by people who want to stay active without running a marathon!

LEFT: The Space Walker and Cross Trainer on the Queens Park Fitness Trail