

Splash Palace updates under way

Work on the new changing rooms and foyer update at Splash Palace is now well under way.



SINCE Monday, 7 May, access to the pool has been modified with customers and staff now entering and exiting the building through a temporary walkway.

The entire foyer and reception area is closed off to public access, so a temporary reception and retail/café area has been put

together in the meeting room next to the Leisure and Learner pools.

Construction is expected to take six months with the whole project split into two parts.

Currently, the area where the changing rooms will be built is being prepared; test

piles have been driven in and deconstruction of the front stairs and ramp has also begun.

Internally, workers are busy stripping the original foyer in preparation for the rebuild.

The development includes two new open-space changing rooms, which will be big enough to accommodate big school groups,

while the original changing rooms can be used by members of the public.

The foyer redevelopment will also include new technology, so that people with membership cards can scan and enter, which will mean easier access for everyone, and less chance of a line heading out the door.



Kidzone tickets on sale now!

The ILT Kidzone Festival, now in its 14th season, will be held at James Hargest College Senior Campus from 11 - 16 July with tickets available now!

ILT Kidzone Festival director and Venture Southland major events co-ordinator, Claire Blau said the theme for this year's festival is 'Around the world'.

The theme will give attendees the opportunity to share their culture with the community and learn about diversity

and multiculturalism.

Ticket prices have increased this year to \$17.00 per person per day, with under two-year olds free.

Tickets are available from www.iltkidzone.co.nz or at the Invercargill i-SITE, Southland District

Council area offices and Gore Visitor Centre.

Volunteer registrations are also open, with people able to register either online at www.iltkidzone.co.nz or by picking up a volunteer pack from the Venture Southland office on Spey Street.

Applications open for forestry fund

NEW Zealand Institute of Forestry Foundation is offering awards of up to \$5000 to Invercargill residents, thanks to a donation from Invercargill City Forests Ltd.

The Invercargill City Forests Award, administered by the NZIF Foundation, is intended to assist Invercargill residents in studies, research, or travel in an area which benefits forestry.

Invercargill City Forests Ltd Chairman Alastair McKenzie said the scholarship was important to the ICFL board in supporting the local forestry industry.

The NZIF Foundation can make one or more awards each year, up to a combined total of \$5000. Scholarships, grants, or prizes may be awarded from the fund.

To view the application criteria, visit www.nzif.org.nz

Applications must be received by 5pm on Wednesday, 20 June 2018.

The awards will be announced at the Awards Dinner of the NZIF Conference in Nelson in July 2018.

The awards will continue to be offered for at least three years.

Have your say on dog documents

Should dogs be allowed in the Invercargill CBD? Where should dogs be allowed off-leash in the city and Bluff?

THESE are just some of the questions the Invercargill City Council is calling for feedback on as part of consultation on its draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.

Submissions on the two documents are open until Saturday, May 26.

Policy Analyst Andrew Cameron said many of the changes proposed within the two documents were to ensure consistency across all of Council's policies and plans, however there were some key changes which would be of interest to the public.

They included the proposal to designate part of Ocean Beach Reserve at Bluff as an area where dogs could be off-leash, and a proposal to allow dogs in the CBD of Invercargill, where previously dogs were prohibited.

Compliance Team Leader Elle Dickson said there was not presently an area in Bluff where dogs were allowed off-leash.

This meant there had been complaints

about people walking their dogs without a leash within the town.

"We hope that, if approved, an off-leash area will encourage people to exercise their dogs there, instead of in other areas in Bluff where this is prohibited," Miss Dickson said.

A new fee of \$40 for the return of a wandering dog instead of impoundment is also being proposed.

The proposed new fee comes following a recommendation from the Independent Advisory Panel which presented to Council in April.

Miss Dickson said if the new fee is approved, it is unlikely to be charged for dogs which are wandering for the first time, and could only be applied if the dog picked up is registered and microchipped.

More detail on how the fee would be introduced will be included in an Implementation Plan, which is being drafted following the Independent Advisory Panel's

recommendations, and will focus on the rehoming and euthanasia of dogs.

The draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy can be found online at www.icc.govt.nz/consultation or a copy can be obtained from the Invercargill City Council help desk.

The Regulatory Services Committee will consider written and oral submissions at a meeting on May 29.



COMMUNITY AWARDS

Empowering Volunteers

Trustpower Community Awards entries close May 31

Remember to enter your amazing community group or volunteers in the Trustpower Community Awards! This year's entries close on May 31. Last year's Southland Region winners were South Alive.

Library upgrade on now



THE long anticipated refurbishment of the Invercargill City Libraries and Archives building in Dee St has begun. The project is being undertaken in four stages, starting with the renovation of Information Services, which began on 7 May.

All efforts are being made to ensure as little disruption to services as possible, however, some closures will be unavoidable. All information about upcoming closures and affects to services will be updated regularly at www.library.co.nz/library-refurbishment/

You can also follow the Invercargill City Libraries and Archives Facebook page to find out more, including alternative activities being provided during any disruption.



"It's about creating a culture where smokefree is a normal part of life."

What are you doing to be smokefree?



Your rates payment is due...



Payments should be made by **May 25, 2018** to avoid a penalty of 10%.



Council meetings

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

Community Services Committee

Monday 21 May, 4pm

Finance and Policy Committee

Tuesday, 22 May, 4pm

Extraordinary Council

Tuesday, 22 May, 5pm

Infrastructure and Services Committee

Monday, 28 May, 4pm

Regulatory Services Committee

Tuesday, 29 May, 4pm

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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