

Fabulous fun planned for festival



From food to facepainting, photos, and maybe even flames, there's plenty of fabulous fun planned for this year's Matariki Festival!

INVERCARGILL City Centre Co-ordinator Kari Graber said this year's festival was likely to be even bigger and better than the 2017 event. There will be family favourites like carving demonstrations, displays of children's art, and the craft market returning, while new events like Venture Southland's Dark Skies photo competition exhibit are also planned for the CBD during the festival.

"Once again, our local retailers are supporting our wonderful community with displays of Tawhirimatea's Eyes which have been made by children.

"There will also be plenty of sales happening on the day of the festival," Ms Graber said.

"We're also very lucky to have Steve Solomon returning to show the beauty of traditional Maori carving, while a new attraction to the festival this year will be St Theresa's School Kapa Haka

group performing from midday."

Workshops for poi making will be on between 10.30am and 12.30pm, and between 3pm and 4pm.

In between the hula hooping, those who have made poi can also learn how to perform with the poi they've made.

Ms Graber said there were many other local musicians who would also be performing on the day.

The Matariki Festival will be held in Esk Street between 10am and 4pm on July 7, and is free to attend.

To find out more about what's happening during Matariki this year, visit the Invercargill Matariki Festival Facebook page, or www.icc.govt.nz

Matariki is the Maori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter and, in Maori tradition, heralds the beginning of a new year.

LEFT: Invercargill City Centre Co-ordinator and Matariki Festival organiser Kari Graber displays some of the many Tawhirimatea's Eyes created by children from around the City. Watch out for the Matariki displays around the CBD during the festival.



Council meetings

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

Community Services Committee
Monday, 2 July, 4pm

Regulatory Services Committee
Tuesday, 3 July, 4pm

Infrastructure and Services Committee
Monday, 9 July, 4pm

Finance and Policy Committee
Tuesday, 10 July, 4pm

Events Committee
Friday, 13 July, 9am

Council
Tuesday, 24 July, 4pm

Child, Youth and Family Friendly Committee
Monday, 30 July, 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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Southland Museum and Art Gallery consultation



A project to redevelop the Southland Museum is underway. Be part of Southland's future and help Tell Our Tale.

Join in one of our community conversations:

- **Gore** – Thursday 5 July, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Eastern Southland Gallery
- **Invercargill Farmers Market** – Sunday 8 July, 9.30am to 1.30pm
- **Invercargill Workshop #1** – Monday 9 July, 7pm to 8.30pm, Community Trust of Southland, 62 Don Street
- **Kidzone Invercargill** – Wednesday 11 July to Mon 16 July, 10.30am to 2.30pm
- **SIT Students Workshop** – Thursday 12 July, Noon to 1.30pm, SIT Main campus
- **Edendale** – Tuesday 17 July, 4pm to 5.00pm, Christian Community Centre
- **Tokanui** – Tuesday 17 July, 6pm to 7.30pm, Tokanui Tavern,
- **Invercargill Workshop #2** – Thursday 19 July, Noon to 1.30pm, Community Trust of Southland, 62 Don Street
- **Bluff Workshop** – Thursday 19 July, 6pm to 7.30pm, Te Rau Aroha Marae
- **Otautau** – Monday 23 July, 10.30 to 12.30, Library
- **Riverton** – Monday 23 July, 2pm to 4.00pm, Outside Supervalue
- **Te Anau** – Tuesday 24 July 12.30 to 2.30, Library
- **Lumsden** – Tuesday 24 July, 3.30 to 5.30pm, Railway Precinct
- **Winton** – Thursday 26 July, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, Outside New World
- **Invercargill Workshop #3** – Sunday 29 July, 3pm to 4.30pm, Community Trust of Southland, 62 Don Street

You can also take part in the our Ourtale survey at www.ourtale.co.nz

Total Mobility scheme to change this week

Changes to the Total Mobility scheme will result in easier travel for clients and improved efficiency for transport operators from tomorrow.



TOTAL MOBILITY is a nationwide scheme that provides subsidised transport to people with impairments. The Invercargill City Council administers the scheme in Southland on behalf of Invercargill City, Gore District, and Southland District councils.

The scheme provides discounted fares for transport, and is available to people who have a physical, sensory, intellectual, neurological or psychological impairment and are unable to access transport without help or assistance.

The Total Mobility scheme for Southland will change from Sunday, 1 July, with the introduction of a new Ridewise swipe card. This new card will replace an old sticker system.

Invercargill City Council Roading Manager Russell Pearson said the new Ridewise card would make accessing the Total Mobility scheme simpler for clients, and improve efficiency for the transport

operators. Until now, clients were sent stickers in the post annually to be able to access subsidies from the transport operators.

"Stickers involved a lot of administration, were often misplaced or lost, and there was no way for transport operators to confirm the person who had the stickers were entitled to the subsidies," Mr Pearson said.

"The new card has a personalised photograph printed on it, which will enable the operator to confirm the person holding the card is eligible for subsidised travel, and has an expiry date of five years. This card will resolve many of the issues we presently have with the sticker system.

"It won't get damaged in handbags or wallets and people are now much more familiar with the use of swipe cards. Hopefully it will be a helpful ID card for clients."

Council staff have been in close communication with both current clients and transport op-

erators, have received more than 1000 photographs to be printed on the cards, and will be sending out the new cards this week.

"We have appreciated all the help and efforts of the individuals and families who have arranged this, along with support from local agencies who have contacted their clients and assisted," Mr Pearson said.

"It's been a busy time but we've been grateful for the support received."

For most clients, the scheme offers half-price fares for transport, up to a maximum subsidy of \$25 per one-way ride. There is presently no limit on how often the subsidy can be used. The person travelling still needs to pay for the remaining 50 per cent of the travel cost at the end of the journey.

In Invercargill, the same transport operators will continue to offer the scheme and are ready to start swiping Ridewise cards on Sunday.

Countdown to Kidzone



Not long now until Kidzone returns for 2018!

The six day family festival will be held these school holidays at James Hargest College senior campus from 11-16 July, from 10.30am – 3.30pm daily. This year's 'Around the World' theme features over 150 fun, interactive activities and games, many of which will

explore multiculturalism and diversity through sports, arts and crafts, technology, food, science, music, performance and more. To find out more about the festival, and how to get tickets, visit www.iltkidzone.co.nz

Dog registrations 2018-2019

Payments are due by 3 August to avoid a penalty!

Register online at www.icc.govt.nz from this Monday,

or visit us at 101 Esk Street or at the Bluff Service Centre.



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