



## Long-term Plan Summary

Invercargill City Councillors voted to include key projects in the 2018-2028 Long-term Plan (LTP) at an Extraordinary Council meeting.

**THE** LTP sets out Council's vision for the next 10 years, and examines the projects and services the Council will deliver during those 10 years.

At the Extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 15 May, the Council approved funding for many key projects, based on submissions received on the LTP Consultation Document and hearings for those submissions held earlier this month.

The final LTP Document will incorporate Council's decisions made at the meeting, and will be subject to audit before adoption.

Council has approved a rates increase of 4.91 per cent for the 2018/2019 year. Projected rates in-

creases for the following nine years will be confirmed and provided in the final LTP Document.

During consultation, the Southland Museum and Art Gallery was closed to the public due to safety concerns, and many submissions called for Council to work towards reopening the museum as soon as possible.

Mayor Tim Shadbolt said: "there has been robust debate both within the Council Chamber and the wider community, and this is a healthy sign of a city where democracy thrives."

Chief Executive Clare Hadley said the LTP Consultation Document had proposed money be set aside for redevelopment of the museum

in 2027/2028. However, as a result of the closure of the museum during consultation, there was an "overwhelming consensus" from submitters that the museum should be prioritised by Council.

"As a result of these submissions, staff recommended funding be brought forward to 2021/2022 and 2022/2023," Mrs Hadley said.

"This reflects the desire for swift action to be taken, while still allowing time for preparation of a robust project to be delivered."

Council approved this recommendation, and grants of \$9.5 million, spread over those years, will be budgeted for museum redevelopment.

Mrs Hadley said more than 400 submissions were received on the LTP Consultation Document, which provided excellent guidance from the community on what they felt should be prioritised by Council during the next 10 years.

"We're grateful to all those people who took the time to provide a submission, and to those who spoke to their submissions during hearings," Mrs Hadley said.

Final financial implications will be presented to Council on 22 May for approval prior to our audit process.

The Long-term Plan will be adopted on 26 June 2018 following audit by Audit New Zealand.

## Going pink for a good cause

**THE** Invercargill Youth and City Councillors alike have joined together to take a stand against bullying.

City Councillors Lindsay Abbott, Lesley Soper, and Alex Crackett joined Invercargill Youth Councillors at their meeting on Wednesday, May 16, dressed in pink, to mark Pink Shirt Day.

Pink Shirt Day is an annual event created by the Mental Health Foundation. The campaign encourages people to stand up, and stand together, to stop bullying.

It aims to create schools, work places, and communities where all people feel safe, valued, and respected.

While the official Pink Shirt Day was held on May 18, the Invercargill Youth Council organised a Pink Shirt Afternoon Tea on the same day as their council meeting, where both the attire and the food was pink, to help raise awareness for this campaign.

Invercargill Youth Councillor Renae Henderson said: "We are working together towards making young people feel good about who they are".

The Youth Council also made a donation to the Mental Health Foundation.



BELOW: Invercargill City and Youth Councillors Lesley Soper, Tanè Fraude, Renae Henderson, Lindsay Abbott and Alex Crackett enjoy pink snacks at the Youth Council's Pink Shirt Day Afternoon Tea.

## Applications open for forestry fund

**THE** 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 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](http://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.



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## LTP decision details

### SOUTHLAND MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

#### What was proposed in the Consultation Document:

- Grant provided for redevelopment of museum in 2027/2028.
- Grant for Regional Storage Facility of \$9 million scheduled for 2024/2025.

#### What was approved by Council:

- Grant provided for redevelopment of museum totalling \$9.5 million, to be spread between 2021/2022 and 2022/2023.
- Additional \$200,000 to be contributed to the museum's operating budget every year for four years, on top of what is already provided, to allow for an interim museum presence.
- Grant for Regional Storage Facility of \$9 million as proposed in the Consultation Document.

### INCREASE OF FUNDING FOR SOUTHLAND INDOOR LEISURE CENTRE CHARITABLE TRUST

#### What was proposed in the Consultation Document:

- Council's preferred option was not to increase funding.
- The Southland Indoor Leisure Centre Charitable Trust had requested an increase of \$300,000 to its annual grant from Council.
- A third option was also presented, where the grant would be increased by \$150,000.

#### What submitters said:

- 53 per cent of submitters supported Council's preferred option of not increasing the funding.
- 32 per cent supported increasing the funding by the full \$300,000 per year as requested.
- 15 per cent supported increasing funding by \$150,000 a year.
- Many submitters commented that Council does not own the facility, and that it is a regional facility which should be funded further by regional funders.
- Many submitters also said the Stadium has received a great deal more funding than arts and cultural facilities and it was time this was balanced.
- Submitters in support of increasing funding highlighted the importance of the Stadium as both a sporting facility and a community events centre and said events at the Stadium had a positive economic impact on the city.

#### What was approved by Council:

- To allocate a one-off \$300,000 grant to the Trust in the 2018/2019 financial year, and to undertake to work with the Trust to look at other ways of funding the shortfall in future.

### ARTS AND CREATIVITY INVERCARGILL

#### What was proposed in the Consultation Document:

- Develop and operate an Art Centre at a cost to Council of \$6.3 million, with the remainder to be funded externally.
- The total cost is estimated to be \$16 million.
- The project was proposed to begin development in 2021/2022, with funding budgeted from 2018/2019.

#### What submitters said:

- 57 per cent of submitters supported the proposal.
- The tone of submissions changed after the museum was closed. Many submitters felt the museum redevelopment was more important than a new Art Centre.
- Other submitters felt the two projects should be completed together and within one facility.

#### What was approved by Council:

- The Art Centre proposal was approved as it appeared in the Consultation Document.

### LIVING DINOSAURS EXPERIENCE

#### What was proposed in the Consultation Document:

- Develop a Living Dinosaurs Experience, which would provide a home for tuatara and the Department of Conservation's kakapo breeding programme.
- This would cost Council \$2.5 million, with external funding of \$2.5 million to be sought.
- Funding from Council was to be budgeted in the 2019/2020 year.

#### What submitters said:

- 70 per cent of submitters supported the proposal.
- Tone of submissions changed following the museum closure. Many felt providing a safe home for tuatara was now more pressing.
- Many submitters were of the view the two projects should be completed together and within one facility.

#### What was approved by Council:

- Council approved the proposal, as it appeared in the Consultation Document.

### ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY

#### What was proposed in the Consultation Document:

- Develop an Alternative Water Supply, beginning in 2025/2026, at an estimated cost of \$10.7 million.

#### What submitters said:

- 80 per cent of submitters were supportive of the proposal. While some asked for the project to be brought forward, staff commented that while having an alternative water supply sooner would be desirable, this would not allow a thorough investigation into determining the best option and may not be affordable.

#### What was approved by Council:

- The proposal and funding as it appeared in the Consultation Document was approved.

### ANDERSON HOUSE

#### What was proposed in the Consultation Document:

- Four options were suggested, with Council's preferred option being to strengthen Anderson House to 67 per cent, but not to include an upgrade of the kitchen.
- The proposed schedule for this option was for it to begin in 2019/2020.
- Cost was estimated at \$1.72 million.

#### What submitters said:

- Most submitters (55 per cent) supported strengthening Anderson House to 67 per cent, and including an upgrade of the kitchen.
- 26 per cent of submitters supported Council's preferred option (leaving out the kitchen upgrade)
- Remaining submitters were in favour of other options.

#### What was approved by Council:

- Council adopted its preferred option, and considered that finding a tenant for Anderson House and working with them to establish appropriate kitchen facilities is more efficient than upgrading the kitchen immediately.

### ADDITIONAL POOL AT SPLASH PALACE

#### What was proposed in the Consultation Document:

- Build an additional pool at a cost of \$6.3 million, beginning in 2020/2021.

#### What submitters said:

- 68 per cent of submitters supported the proposal.

#### What was approved by Council:

- Build an additional pool, however delay the project to start in 2023/2024 to allow funding for other projects, like the museum, to begin sooner.
- The estimated cost of building the pool will need to be revised as a result of the change to the intended date for the project.



## Council meetings

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

### Infrastructure and Services Committee

Monday, 28 May, 4pm

### Regulatory Services Committee

Tuesday, 29 May, 4pm

### Events Committee Meeting

Friday, 1 June, 9am

### Council Meeting

Tuesday, 5 June, 4pm

### Child, Youth and Family Friend Sub-Committee

Monday, 18 June, 4pm

### Bluff Community Board

Monday, 25 June, 7pm

### Extraordinary Council Meeting to adopt the audited Long-term Plan

Tuesday, 26 June, 4pm

The above meetings will be held in the Council Chambers/ Committee Room, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 101 Esk Street, Invercargill, except for the Bluff Community Board meeting, which will be held at the Bluff Municipal Chambers, Gore Street, Bluff.

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