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INVERCARGILL IS THE CAPITAL OF COOL

"I have been all over New Zealand from the Far North and everywhere in-between, here and there, and Invercargill is definitely the capital of cool," according to Miss Vintage Lighting owner Anne-Maree Thomas.

"WE have so many things that make us cool, it's not even funny: our classic cars, the Burt Munro Challenge, great architecture, amazing homes, plus the people. That's why my light shop is a natural fit for Invercargill."

Miss Vintage Lighting is located at 69 Deveron Street, selling lighting from the Victorian era, Art Deco, '50s, '60s and '70s.

"These were some of the best years for light manufacturing and design and I love selling lights that are more like a piece of art," says Anne-Maree.

Some might think that vintage lighting is just for restoring older homes but Anne-Maree says a number of her clients are buying for new-builds because they want the quality and character that comes with vintage pieces. Many of her unique lighting pieces have ended up all over the country including the famous

Ortega Fish Shack in Wellington, the Tuatara Café, The Designer Bank in Winton and a number of small cafes around the country.

"I sell all over the country and have become a destination for the Air New Zealand crews that stay the night in Invercargill.

"I think what sets us apart more than just filling a gap in the market is my unique business model. I am willing to let locals try before they buy. I would rather send someone away with a couple of options and let them experience them in the space instead of pushing the wrong light on them. My customers need to feel good about their choices and love what they do with their lighting."

Miss Vintage Lighting is already proving to be a great move. Previously only selling online, Anne-Maree missed the people side of business.

"We are far busier than I had expected and I love being in a location



ANNE-MAREE THOMAS

where I get to talk to people and work with my customers directly. I never would have expected the high foot traffic and the benefits being in a bricks and mortar shop could provide."

If you're keen for a look or just want to pop in and say hi and have a coffee, Anne-Maree says "come on

in", her door is always open.

Miss Vintage Lighting is open from 9am - 4pm, Monday to Friday, and 9.30am - 1.30pm on Saturday. If you want to check out the lights online you can find her on Facebook or ring her to book an appointment on (03) 216 2168.



As you all know a number of businesses have and will be moving from the block where the new and exciting HWCP development will be built. In order to help ensure you can still find your favourite stores we will be providing you with all the move details here each month.

VODAFONE



This popular store is now in its new location at 3/20 Don Street. Jo and her team are continuing to provide amazing customer experience and support, so stop by and see them Monday – Friday, 8.30am - 5.30pm and Saturday, 10am - 2pm.

MACPAC



This has been a favourite Kiwi-operated outdoor wear company since 1973. The crew are passionate about providing the best in outdoor and camping equipment, so make sure you continue to visit them at the new shop at 97 Leven Street. Open Monday – Thursday, 9am - 5.30pm, Friday, 9am - 6pm, Saturday, 9am - 5pm and Sunday, 10am - 4pm.

CREATIVITY PLUS & ARTISTS COLLECTIVE

Offering graphic design where your 'imagination is the key to creativity', Creativity Plus Ltd can meet all your needs. They also offer laser engraving and on-site laser cutting. If you are looking for a one-of-a-kind handmade gift, or need Lana to whip you up something fantastic, from August 6 you will have to visit them at their new location at 86 Dee Street. Opening hours are Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 5pm and Saturday, 10.30am - 3pm.



MATARIKI: ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION FOR INVERCARGILL

This year marked Invercargill's second annual Matariki Festival and what a day it was!

THE event was a major success thanks to all the local businesses that got behind it. We would like to thank all those involved in making the festival a success and look forward to celebrating with you all again next year.

Special thanks to:

- St Theresa's Invercargill kapa haka
- Salford School's kapa haka
- Lady Friday
- Te Tanga Mauri
- Wini Solomon
- Harakeke Down South

- HWCP
- Stacey Wilde and Tom van Eeden
- Southland Youth Jazz Band
- Gabriel Lal and Ryan Isaacs
- Holly Muirhead and Amber Niven
- Verdon Senior A Netball Team
- The Chatter Volunteers

And all the businesses which supported window displays:

- Toi Toi Maori Art and Gift Shop
- Amelia May Italian
- H & J Smith
- Ambrosia Designer Florist
- The Lollie Shop
- Just Incredible
- Artists Collective
- Young Reflections
- Whitcoulls
- McKnight and Brown
- Michael Hill Jeweller
- Stirling Sport
- Skelts Jewellers
- Lusty's Showtime Jewellers
- Turkish Kebabs
- Flight Centre
- The Seriously Good Chocolate Company
- Shoe Clinic

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