

CAHOOTS



Cool new space for co-working creatives!

INVERCARGILL'S newest creative hub - Cahoots - has taken two years from conception to fruition. The end result is a progressive, modern and beautiful mix of style and functionality.

Although it is not Invercargill's first co-working space, Cahoots is definitely its most attractive and a big move towards the city's aspiration of being a place for innovation that is attractive to young entrepreneurs.

Founder and operator Louise Evans (pictured above) says her inspiration for the space came from a combination of her experiences of co-working in cities like Sydney and Barcelona. "I wanted to make

a space in Invercargill that would allow me to live in the city I love but work in a city like Wellington and not be stuck at home," she says.

"It's important to be able to still work in a collaborative environment even when you work part-time from home. People need to interact and share ideas with each other," she says. "At Cahoots I am able to connect with other people, bounce off ideas and make connections for future work."

The rooms are set up as hot desks. Users can pay for a monthly subscription to come and work, or a one-off, drop-in fee. "So far there has been a lot of interest and I have a few people who have already

signed up for regular desk space," says Louise.

The idea of co-working and co-working spaces started back in the mid-1990s when people in high-tech industries were keen to collaborate on coding and networks.

In the 2000s the concept grew to become more of a hub for thousands of contractors, creatives and commuters like Louise who only spend half their working time in an office.

Many people now spend their working careers in these spaces, and some theorise that eventually many companies will base positions out of similar hubs.



Head to Esk Street on Saturday, 7 July: this year's Matariki Festival will be even bigger than last year with heaps of free activities for the whole family.

COME enjoy a day out in the inner city trying new things and learning about Matariki. If you haven't tried weaving give it a go with some of our local experts or learn to make poi. There will also be a large craft market, free face painting for the kids and the ever-popular stardome.

We're very excited to have some local kapa haka groups performing along with some fantastic local musical artists such as Lady Friday and Gabriel Lal. The Festival offers something for everyone. Remember to pick up your free Tawhirimatea's Eye Kit from the Invercargill Public Library, or Whitcoulls on Esk Street, so that your piece of art will be displayed in one of our local inner city shops.

Event CALENDAR

7 JUNE 2018

FOVEAUX HARMONY CHORUS
7pm-9.30pm, FREE
UFS Hall, 84 Tay St

9 JUNE 2018

LADI6 OUTTA TIME WITH
PARKS & DYLAN C
8pm, \$30, ages 18 and over only
Tillermans, 16 Don St

14 JUNE 2018

GAVIN BISHOP READING
AND BOOK SIGNING
3pm, Whitcoulls, 54 Esk St

16 JUNE 2018

PINOY FIESTA A FILIPINO
NIGHT 2018
6pm, Individual \$5, family \$10
SIT Hansen Hall
Filipino culture and celebration
of Philippines Independence
Day. Come along and enjoy
delightful Filipino cuisine.

24 JUNE 2018

BIKERS' BREKKIE
8am-10am, Classic Motorcycle
Mecca, 25 Tay St

28 JUNE 2018

THE BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT
6pm-8.15pm, SIT Centrestage
Theatre, 33 Don St
Under 17 \$16, adult \$20
Call to buy tickets -
0800 224 224

We're on a mission - sharing the best cycling short films from around the world with you at the SIT Centrestage Theatre in Invercargill.

1 JULY 2018

MUSCLE CAR BRUNCH
9.30am-12.30pm, Esk St Car
Park 1 (across from the Council
building), FREE

4 JULY 2018

SEEING STARS - THE SOUTH-
LAND DARK SKIES STORY
7pm, former ASB Building,
Esk St, FREE
Come along to this evening
event to hear key speakers
share their take on Southland
night skies; what makes them
unique and how we can protect
the views we experience.

'DARK SHOT' – DARK SKIES PHOTO COMPETITION



IN order to showcase the extraordinary nature of our night skies we are calling on all photographers to submit their best Southland night sky images. A selection of the best of these will be exhibited during the Matariki Festival and one overall winner will be announced, receiving flights and a night's accommodation to the land of the glowing skies - Rakiura/ Stewart Island. Staying at the luxurious Observation Rock Lodge, the winner will have panoramic views across Paterson Inlet and experience a Wild Kiwi Encounter in the evening.

For more information on how to enter, email Amie Reid (amie@venture southland.co.nz) or visit SouthlandNZ.com. Entries must be submitted in digital form by June 22, 2018. The overall winner will be announced during the 'Seeing Stars' evening event on Wednesday, 4 July, 2018.

GAVIN BISHOP POPS IN ON A BOOK-SIGNING VISIT

CHILDREN'S author, illustrator and Invercargill native Gavin Bishop will be home later this month to sign books in Whitcoulls on Esk Street at 3pm on Thursday, 14 June. His books include Counting the Stars, There was a Crooked Man, and Aotearoa. Bring your favourite book along to get it signed and meet the award-winning children's author.



WHITCOULLS MANAGER PAULA WINSLADE WITH AN INSTORE DISPLAY OF GAVIN BISHOP'S BOOKS

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