



Tickets purchased through Viagogo invalid

WHEN purchasing tickets for events at the Civic Theatre or Rugby Park online, make sure to only buy them through www.ticketdirect.co.nz, or they will be invalid.

On September 5, TicketDirect, which all tickets for Civic Theatre and Rugby Park events are sold through, made a ruling to refuse entry to anyone with a ticket purchased through third-party ticketing site Viagogo.

This means that valid tickets to any event at these venues cannot be purchased through the Viagogo website.

Invercargill Venues and Events Management Venues Operations Manager Garnie Ashbrook said until now, IVEM staff had tried to accommodate people who had fallen victim to a Viagogo scam by trying to find them other seats in the venue at no extra cost. But TicketDirect's directive meant this would no longer be possible.

"Last Friday night was the first time we have put this into operation. We knew that Viagogo had sold at least two tickets. By the start of the show, there were at least five people who had Viagogo

tickets, some of whom had paid \$200 per ticket, and the show price was only \$79.

"Of course, this was a terrible experience for these patrons. After our staff explained they had been scammed they were very understanding, and while still disappointed, were willing to purchase tickets on the night."

Mr Ashbrook said it was important patrons understood that staff will not accept tickets purchased through Viagogo, or any other third-party website.

"Please remember to avoid online third-party ticket sellers with hugely inflated prices and only book through our trusted provider, TicketDirect."

The TicketDirect website is www.ticketdirect.co.nz

Tickets can also be purchased at the Invercargill Booking office at 101 Esk Street.

If you have any doubt or concerns that you may not be purchasing your ticket through the right website, you can contact Booking Office staff for help on (03) 211 1692.

Time flies!

Next week marks 20 years since the Queens Park Aviary opened, archivist **GEMMA THOMAS** looks back...

QUEENS PARK aviary was officially opened on Sunday, 27 September 1998 at 12.30pm. During the first week, access was limited and special tours took place to prevent overcrowding and stress to the birds. The Aviary was designed by American landscape architects David Roberts and Becca Hanson, who had worked on the redevelopment of Auckland Zoo and Te Anau's Wildlife Park. At the time of opening it wasn't the biggest aviary but was the most up to date. It had and still has objectives, such as providing an environment for the birds that is as natural and comfortable as possible, and providing an educational and exciting vista experience for the public. There is also a separate emphasis on captive breeding and working in close partnerships with DOC to ensure native species are being protected and are allowed to thrive.

The Southland Times, 8 July 1998 reported:

"Queens Park birds will be living in an architecturally designed aviary by the end of the next month. The aviary boasts a lofty octagonal colony enclosure, spacious quarters for the natives and parrots, a duck pond at the front and even an antique spiral staircase from the old Dee Street Maternity Hospital."

This ornate staircase came from the Dee Street Maternity Hospital's demolished Queen Victoria Jubilee wing, circa 1898.

In October 2000, Queen's Park Aviary offered to host a pair of Campbell Island teal at the park and in November they were moved in and made themselves at home. The Southland Times 11 November, 2000 reported; "Meurk and Marie arrived from the teal breeding programme at Wairapa's Mount Bruce national Wildlife Centre."

In May 2004, the first kaka hatched in the Invercargill aviary. Since then, this programme has gone from strength to strength and has become a successful breeding programme.



This is just a brief overview of the Queens Park Aviary. To find out more, head to Queens Park and see these living legends for yourself, listen to their calls and learn more about individual species by reading the interpretive signs.

Decisions released on District Plan

BY JUDITH CHRISTIE

THE Environment Court has just released its decisions and consent orders relating to the objectives, policies and rules around biodiversity in the Proposed District Plan. These decisions will make quite a large impact on how we as a Council and as a community will carry out our functions and responsibilities to maintain our native vegetation and wildlife.

What does this mean?

The Council's controls over what can and can't be done in areas of significant indigenous biodiversity identified on our Planning maps remain, but are slightly amended.

The biggest change is the introduction of controls over indigenous vegetation that has not been identified as being significant. Clearance of over 500m² of indigenous vegetation in the coastal environment, and 1,000m² of indigenous vegetation elsewhere in the District may now require resource consent.

Other changes include:

- Updates to the criteria for identifying significant areas
- Introduction of clearer buffer zones for clearance and trimming around infrastructure, accessways, fences and buildings
- Clarification that applications for resource consent should include an assessment of the effects of that activity on areas of indigenous biodiversity

Why do we need rules around biodiversity?

The Resource Management Act 1991 lists the protection of areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna as a



matter of national importance. The tasks of protection, along with maintaining indigenous biodiversity, are the responsibility of local councils, and are achieved through District Plans.

Why did we change rules around biodiversity?

As part of writing Invercargill's Proposed District Plan, we reviewed and changed the biodiversity provisions of our Operative District Plan. The public had an opportunity to get involved in the process through hearings. We released the decisions on these matters at the end of 2016 and then those decisions were able to be appealed to the Environment Court by the submitters. Sixteen parties lodged appeals relating to a number of matters, including the provisions that address our indigenous biodiversity. Most of the appeals have already been resolved.

Seven parties then either appealed the biodiversity provisions or sought to be involved in the process relating to those sections of the Plan. These parties covered a range of perspectives on the issues and over the last 18 months we have worked with them to find a resolution to the issues that they raised.

The Court decisions and consent orders will be available on our website, and the changes have been incorporated into the Proposed District Plan. Anyone with questions about how the rules may affect them or about any work they may be planning should contact our Planning Department.

Service contracts

COUNCIL has provided and, through its 2018-28 Long-term Plan, continues to provide funding to the following entities:

- Bluff Maritime Museum Trust
- Bluff Pool Trust
- Invercargill Public Art Gallery Trust
- Invercargill Venue and Events Management Limited
- Southland Indoor Leisure Centre Charitable Trust
- Southland Museum and Art Gallery Trust

Following the review of the Community Grants Funding Framework, we have identified that payments to these entities are not an unconditional gift of money. Service agreements will be established with these entities. A service contract agreement for each of the entities has been drafted and will be provided to the entity over the coming week. Included in the contract is an expectation of which of the Council Community Outcomes the entity is required to provide service toward and also an obligation on the entity to provide accountability reporting, both financial and non-financial. As this is a new process, we are anticipating that there may be some questions regarding the process. A covering explanatory letter will be provided to the entity and they will be advised that should they have any questions they should contact Melissa Brook, Manager – Strategy and Policy.



Helen Clark event coming to the Civic Theatre

COUNCILLORS may have already heard that Helen Clark is coming to town and will speak as part of a fundraiser for KIND Women.

But what you may not know is the event, which was to be held at SIT Centrestage, sold out in just 12 hours!

Luckily, the Civic Theatre was available and so the event has been moved.

Existing Centrestage ticket holders do not need to do anything. Their seats have been held at the Civic Theatre for them, so all they need to do is bring along their tickets on the night.

Centrestage is notifying its customers of the change of venue.

EVENT: Leaning In with Helen Clark

DATE: 17 October 2018

TIME: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

VENUE: Civic Theatre, 88 Tay Street, Invercargill

PRICES: Tickets \$15 per person
Plus service fees, credit card fees and method of delivery fees

TICKETS: Visit the ICC Booking Office, 101 Esk Street, Invercargill, Phone (03) 211 1692 or online with TicketDirect
www.ticketdirect.co.nz/eventdetails/189479/leaning-in-with-helen-clark



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