

## Scottish Hall all spruced up!



IVEM staff, along with John Wallace, have worked together to give the Scottish Hall a well deserved make-over. IVEM Venues Manager Kate Feaver says staff had input into the colours chosen, and the extent of work that everyone hoped to achieve.

“We had previously looked at more substantial alterations, but have opted for a more modest approach to keeping The Scottish Hall in it’s original state, but a bit spruced up.”

The main hall space has been painted, new LED lights installed, and the walls have had acoustic walling lining applied. This will help greatly with the acoustics in the main Hall area.

The Supper Room has had quite a major tidy up with the very dated two-toned pink ceiling and pink radiators now a nice neutral shade. New lights and new ceiling heating panels have been installed, and the room now is carpeted.

IVEM staff were the first to experience the newly refurbished Supper Room on Tuesday, while attending a First Aid Training Course.

Kate says the room was a really good warm and cosy space to be trained in – apart from it still slightly smelling of new paint.

While the Scottish Society’s tartans and crests were removed for the painting work, the Scottish Society had the opportunity to check, mend and wash them. They are all now back up in place, and look fabulous.

“I have had a number of people express interest in having a look at the work that has been done, so we will have the doors to the Scottish Hall open from 12pm –2pm today. Please feel free to pop in and have a wander through,” Kate says.

“If anyone has any queries around the hiring of the Hall, please feel free to contact me for further details. Please also feel free to spread the word that the Scottish Hall is a great venue for hire.”

The Scottish Hall was built in 1957 as a memorial to the pioneering Scottish settlers in Invercargill and wider Southland.

A decade ago, Council planned to demolish the building before feedback from the public convinced Councillors to agree to retain the building.

Kate says the Scottish Hall is popular in terms of people hiring it.

“It is a great venue for a wide range of events – weddings (with seven weddings being held there in 2017), family celebrations, fundraising events, antique fairs, church meetings, training courses and more.

The Hall can be hired as the full complex, or alternatively the supper room and/or the kitchen can be hired separately.



## Stories of suffrage to be shared

**MAKING** the Invisible Visible: Uncovering the stories of the 1893 Suffrage Petition is on at the library this coming Wednesday.

Join Stefanie Lash from ArchivesNZ as she uncovers the stories of the 1893 Suffrage Petition.

With a focus on the Invercargill and Southland suffragists, Stefanie will discuss some of the interesting people researched so far and demonstrate how visitors can upload their own stories of the suffragists to the ever-expanding database of knowledge about the Women's Suffrage Petition.

Invercargill was a hotbed of women's suffrage, and contributed over 1,200 signatures to the suffrage petition that directly led to the passing of the Electoral Act giving women the right to vote. Behind Kate Sheppard and the well-known campaigners of the day were over 25,000 suffragists whose stories are yet to be told.

### EVENT DETAILS

Wednesday September 12

5.30pm – 7.00pm

Note: Car park closes at 7.00 pm

Invercargill Public Library Meeting Room



## Making the Invisible Visible

- 12 September
- Invercargill Public Library
- Meeting Room

5:30 – 6:00pm  
Refreshments

6:00 – 7:00pm  
Talk with Stefanie Lash  
from ArchivesNZ

For more information and to register visit at [ilibrary.co.nz/suffrage](http://ilibrary.co.nz/suffrage)

## Food Truck Fridays are back!

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and staff are advised that Food Truck Friday will return to Wachner Place this month.



From September 21, food truck vendors will be at Wachner Place offering their products between 11 am and 2pm every Friday until at least December. City Centre Co-ordinator Kari Graber said this is the third year Food Truck Friday has been offered from Wachner Place, and many retailers are supportive of it as it attracts people to the CBD.

## The Invercargill i-SITE is on the move this weekend!

**THE** i-SITE has been at the Northend Bowling Club since the closure of the Southland Museum and Art Gallery earlier this year.

However, the i-SITE will be moving to Wachner Place during the weekend, and will reopen on Monday 10 September as a pop-up i-SITE while construction for a purpose-built, portable i-SITE building, also to be located at Wachner place, is completed.

This means that the i-SITE will be closed over the weekend before it reopens at Wachner Place on Monday morning.

The services offered by the Invercargill i-SITE will remain the same at the pop-up location at Wachner Place, however, coaches will continue to arrive and depart from Queens Park for the time being. Staff are working to get them into the city shortly.

Council and Venture Southland staff have been working together to make sure the i-SITE provides the best possible service to visitors to the city while making arrangements for its new home!

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**ako** **whakarongo** **waiata** **pānui** **tuhi** **kōrero**

learn listen sing read write speak



**Te Wiki o te Reo Māori**  
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# Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 10 - 16 Mahuru 2018

**NEXT** week is Māori Language Week, which has been held every year since 1975.

It is a time for all New Zealanders to celebrate te Reo Māori and to use more Māori phrases in everyday life. The theme of this year's event is Kia Kaha te Reo Māori (Let's make the Maori language strong).

In keeping with this theme, the kupu (words) that are at the forefront of this year's event are those that express the ways in which we learn a language.

**Ako** *Learn and Teach*

**Whakarongo** *Listen*

**Waiata** *Sing*

**Pānui** *Read*

**Tuhi** *Write*

**Kōrero** *Speak*

So next week, don't be shy and have a go incorporating these kupu into your vocabulary! Te reo Māori is a beautiful and unique language and we can all strengthen and celebrate it by using it in the work we do.

If you need help with pronunciation, check out some of these useful resources:

[www.maorilanguage.net/how-to-pronounce-maori/](http://www.maorilanguage.net/how-to-pronounce-maori/)  
[www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/resources/](http://www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/resources/)

Of course, Council is working alongside Te Ao Mārama Inc and Runanga to develop a strategy to further strengthen our relationship with Māori. Previous work has been undertaken by Council staff to identify methods of building our relationship with Māori and a number of these initiatives (including training in Te Reo, cultural awareness and marae visits) have been implemented.

Representatives from the Council and Runanga have had their first hui discussing the strategic plans of both Iwi and the Council to begin determining the areas of common interest and how we can progress these in partnership. Lifting knowledge and skills within staff will assist in building the Council's relationship with Māori.

A strategy, developed in partnership with Māori, will help to ensure the Invercargill City Council meets its requirements under legislation and continues to strengthen its relationship with Māori on an ongoing basis.