



More works to affect City Centre soon

With significant proposals for redevelopment in our City Centre, the Works and Services and Infrastructure teams are putting extra thought and consideration towards their own renewal and maintenance programming. This means that some projects are being brought forward, while others will happen in concert with the proposed developments.

It's a tricky balancing act, but by taking a slightly different approach to these planned works, staff will be aiming for the best solutions for the infrastructure while minimising disruption for businesses, road users and the public.

Work to replace Invercargill's ageing water mains network in Tay, Dee, and Clyde streets will begin in early 2019.

The project to replace the 250mm asbestos cement water mains had been planned for 2023, however this work has been brought forward due to the proposed HWCP development.

Council staff were concerned that if the water mains project were to wait until the scheduled time of 2023, it would be likely to cause further disruption following the construction of what could be a new-look Tay and Dee Streets.

By undertaking the water mains renewal project

sooner, it means the work will not cause disruption at a time when it is hoped a proposed development will be launched.

New businesses may be opening their doors for the first time, and footpaths and the road surface may have been replaced as part of the development. Council staff do not want to cause further disruption by beginning our projects when all other work is finished.

We are also aware that current business owners and the public have already experienced disruption on Tay Street this year with the replacement of the foul sewer and stormwater network. Many businesses have been incredibly supportive and we thank them for this.

Some businesses have already moved out from the south side of Tay Street, between Dee and Kelvin Streets, in anticipation of the proposed development, which means bringing the water mains project forward will hopefully impact less businesses than after the proposed development is completed.

Some people may be wondering why the water main renewal could not have taken place at the same time as the foul sewer and stormwater renewal project.

Water Manager Alister Murray explains that due to the positioning of the pipes for the two very different, but equally important networks, working on both networks



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at the same time would have resulted in large sections of Tay Street being completely closed to traffic for periods of time, rather than just being reduced to one lane.

The foul sewer and stormwater network is positioned near the roadside and footpaths, while the water main is in the centre plot.

During the foul sewer and stormwater renewal project, we have been able to keep Tay Street open for traffic, and we have ensured pedestrians can still access businesses. This will also be the plan for the water mains renewal, which would not have been possible if we had undertaken both projects at the same time.

Meanwhile, Council's work to upgrade the foul sewer and stormwater network will be finished in Tay Street very soon.

Council is considering how and when to approach the foul sewer and stormwater renewal in Dee Street. At this stage, it is intended any work will be undertaken at the same time as the proposed ILT Hotel and HWCP developments, should they go ahead.

Drainage and Solid Waste Manager Malcolm Loan says the Dee Street renewal is likely to encroach onto the footpaths, which of course may also be impacted by any construction work during the proposed developments.

Rather than having to close or rip up footpaths and the road surface multiple times, Mr Loan plans to co-ordinate the work so it can all be completed at about the same time.

City Centre redevelopment application lodged



HWCP Management Ltd has lodged a resource consent application for the proposed inner-city block redevelopment.

The application applies to multiple properties in the block between Dee and Kelvin Streets and Tay and Esk Streets. It includes demolition of multiple buildings within the block, as well as redevelopment of the sites.

The buildings HWCP proposes to demolish include two Category II buildings that are on the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga register. They are known locally as the Government Life and Brown Owl buildings.

The façade of another Category II building, the former Southland Times building on Esk Street, is proposed to be retained, but altered.

Further, HWCP has applied to demolish 13 buildings which have Class 2 heritage protection under the Invercargill City District Plan, while the façade of three Class 2 buildings will be retained.

The former Bank of New South

Wales, which is also known as the Troopers' building and is a Category I Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga registered building, has been incorporated into the design of the redevelopment.

The application includes a multi-faceted redevelopment of the sites, which incorporates food and dining outlets and associated dining spaces. HWCP also proposes to build a variety of retail outlets, including a large anchor retailer and boutique shops. Office space, apartments, a medical centre, civic facilities, a piazza and a multi-level carpark have been included in the design.

The submission period opened on Thursday, 18 October 2018 and will close on Friday, 16 November 2018.

Full details about the application can be found on the Council's website – www.icc.govt.nz

Spookytime and Halloween Hijinks at the Library

Prepare for a night of fun this Halloween as the Library runs two amazing events for kids. Costumes are a must and fun is guaranteed.

Spookytime at 5.30pm is aimed at little ones aged up to five. Gather around for a (not-so-scary) Halloween storytime and craft. Bring your torches and blankets and get your photo taken in front of our Halloween display. No registrations are required, just show up on the night for this Halloween treat.

For kids aged 6-10, we have our night of Halloween Hijinks. Be in for a scare and join us for spooky stories, ghastly games and a frightful scavenger hunt! We'll provide the snacks and the scares - don't forget to dress up and bring your torch! Registrations are required so head to www.ilibrary.co.nz now before the spots are filled.



Trustpower Community Award winners for our region to be announced

COUNCILLORS are reminded that the Trustpower Community Awards for Invercargill and Southland will be announced on 25 October at Bill Richardson Transport World.

The presentations will begin at 6pm, and are expected to go for about an hour.

The Supreme Winner for Invercargill/Southland will be announced, with the group then representing the region at the Trustpower National Community Awards taking place in Tauranga next March.



COMMUNITY AWARDS



Pest control success

Contractors have recently carried out night shootings for pest control at the request of the Parks and Reserves team.

This month alone, 189 rabbits or hares and eight possums have been recorded.

Of the 189 rabbits, 95 were located at the Eastern Cemetery, 23 at the Sandy Point golf course and 16 at the Southland Crematorium.

The Parks and Reserves team hopes to continue to minimise the number of pests in future to help with ongoing environmental protection of Invercargill's Parks and Reserves so the community can continue to use and enjoy them.

There will be two more shoots before Christmas.

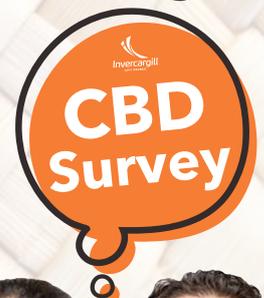
Join in the Halloween fun at the Queens Park Stumpery

Bring the whole family to the Queens Park Stumpery on Wednesday, 31 October, to enjoy an evening of frights and delights with a treasure hunt, sausage sizzle, costume prizes, and games.

Why not head down by bicycle or on foot, as a great alternative to driving?

This year, Invercargill Hire and Cleanways are generously supporting the event by providing portaloos.

Last day today!



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Queens Park Stumpery

HALLOWEEN FUN

31st October 6:30 PM

FREE FAMILY FUN THINGS TO DO :

- TREASURE HUNT
- BEST COSTUME PRIZES
- GAMES
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE

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