



The Branxholme water-treatment plant - currently our sole source of water is the Oreti River.

## Modelling planned in search for alternative water source

**Council has planned to improve its resilience in the event of its sole water source, the Branxholme supply from the Oreti River, being rendered inoperative.**

While the chance of this happening is low the consequences would be catastrophic. Council's belief is that an underground source would be the best if a suitable source can be found. Investigations to date carried out by Venture Southland indicate that potential ground water sources to act as an emergency supply in the immediate vicinity of Invercargill are reasonably scarce. However there is optimism that an underground sediment strata known as 'The Chatton Formation' might be suitable. It is likely that the Chatton Formation will be deep, have sufficient capacity but will probably require treatment to bring it to potable standard.

Using expert advice Council's intent is to model the likely extent of the Chatton Formation to predict its location, likely yield and water quality. The model will then provide guidance as to whether to progress the search for an underground source and if appropriate, where to prospect for a supply.

## Emergency management training a success

**MANY** ICC Staff participated in special training exercises at Emergency Management Southland last week.

The exercises were designed to test those of us who will have a role in a Civil Defence emergency response, as though a real emergency was taking place.

There were two exercises held, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

The fictional emergency we responded to was heavy rainfall causing the flooding of the Matura River, and evacuations of Matura and parts of Gore.

ICC staff commented on how beneficial the exercises were, especially when faced with new technology we will be using if we are activated.



**ABOVE:** ICC Parks Assets Planner Cassandra Scobie, left, Environment Southland staff member Ken Swinney and Sheryll Ashton, ICC Parks Assets Planner, along with Community Development Officer Gemma Crawford work together as part of the 'planning' team during the emergency management training exercise.



Mayor Tim, Glo Bro and the Invercargill Police thanking the road patrol volunteers during the Orange Parade.

## Safe in the South update

BY SANIYA THOMPSON

### Meth Awareness

Safe in the South, together with the Gore Community Resilience Group, is running a series of free meth awareness events in Southland. The first event was held in Invercargill on Friday, November 23, and covered topics about the situation with meth in Southland; employment law including drug testing, employers' perspectives and protecting properties from methamphetamine contamination.

We hope to raise community awareness to help stop the spread of this drug and empower people to make the right choices.

On December 3, Gore will host another session for

employers and landlords and Mataura will host a wider community session. More community sessions are to be held in 2019 in Invercargill and Southland District.

### Orange Day Parade

About 400 students participated in the Orange Day Parade on Tuesday. The parade is an opportunity to thank pupils for volunteering to do school patrols, and to recognise school patrollers and how important they are.

Students dressed up in orange and prepared their road safety chants; the loudest were invited by Mayor Tim Shadbolt to lead the parade. The patrollers were taken to Splash Palace for a swim to thank them for their efforts in all weathers to keep us safe.



## Save the date for the Southland Buskers Festival!

**SOUTHLAND  
BUSKERS  
FESTIVAL**  
2019

**JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 3  
2019  
INVERCARGILL**

**THE** Southland Buskers festival celebrates its tenth year in 2019 with a fantastic line-up of family-friendly circus and street theatre shows featuring Satya Bella (Australia), Pedro Tochas (Portugal), Pancho Libre (Mexico), Josh Grimaldi (NZ), Her Majesty's Secret Circus (USA), Li'l Chuck The One Man Skiffle Machine (NZ), Duo Looky (Israel) and Peter Mielniczek (UK).

The festival kicks off on Thursday, January 31 at 6pm in Queens Park with The ILT Busker Cabaret, and the laughs continue throughout the weekend with shows in Queens Park, Esk Street and at the Southern Farmers Market on Sunday, February 3.

Full festival programmes will be inserted with the Invercargill City Council rates invoices in January. A printable version will also be available to download from Venture Southland's website in mid-December.

Keep updated by following the Festival's Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/southlandbuskersfestival](http://www.facebook.com/southlandbuskersfestival)



## Fabulous fun planned for Library summer reading event launch

**TO** celebrate the launch of The Great Escape, the Invercargill Public Library is hosting a fun, free launch party for children on December 1.

Everyone's invited to bring their kids along to sign up for the challenge, and while there they can get their faces painted, take photos in the summer fun photo booth, and receive a free lucky dip prize.

The Great Escape is held every summer, and aims to help and encourage children to read during the summer holidays to make sure they don't fall behind over the break.

The launch party will be on December 1 between midday and 1.30pm – right before the Santa Parade – a perfect opportunity to get a car park and attend the party before ensuring you get a great spot to watch the parade from.

In 2017, more than 200 children completed The Great Escape challenge, which calls on children to read up to 10 books over summer, and keep a log of those books.

Children who return their log to the library go in the draw to win prizes.

More information about The Great Escape is available on the library website: [www.ilibrary.co.nz/the-great-escape-digital-entry/](http://www.ilibrary.co.nz/the-great-escape-digital-entry/)



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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL  
AND MARKET

ESK STREET, 8 DECEMBER 2018





## You're invited!

**SPORT** Southland will once again be presenting the Mitre 10 Tough Kid event at Rugby Park on Wednesday, December 5.

Elected members and staff are invited to check out this event in action.

One of Sport Southland's flagship events, it's just one of the ways they aim to instill a lifelong love of being active in Southland's young people.

Up to 1600 children from all around Southland will take on a range of fun, challenging obstacles the length and breadth of Rugby Park.

It's a great way for them to finish off the school year.

The first groups will be heading out onto the course from 9.50am.

For further information contact Nathan Burdon:  
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## Family friendly accreditation for Awarua Communications Museum



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Awarua Communications Museum which received its Family Friendly accreditation at a ceremony with Mayor Tim Shadbolt on Wednesday.

If you know of a business, organisation or event which you think might qualify to be branded Family Friendly, encourage them to check out our website and to get in touch:  
<https://icc.govt.nz/community/friendly-brand/>