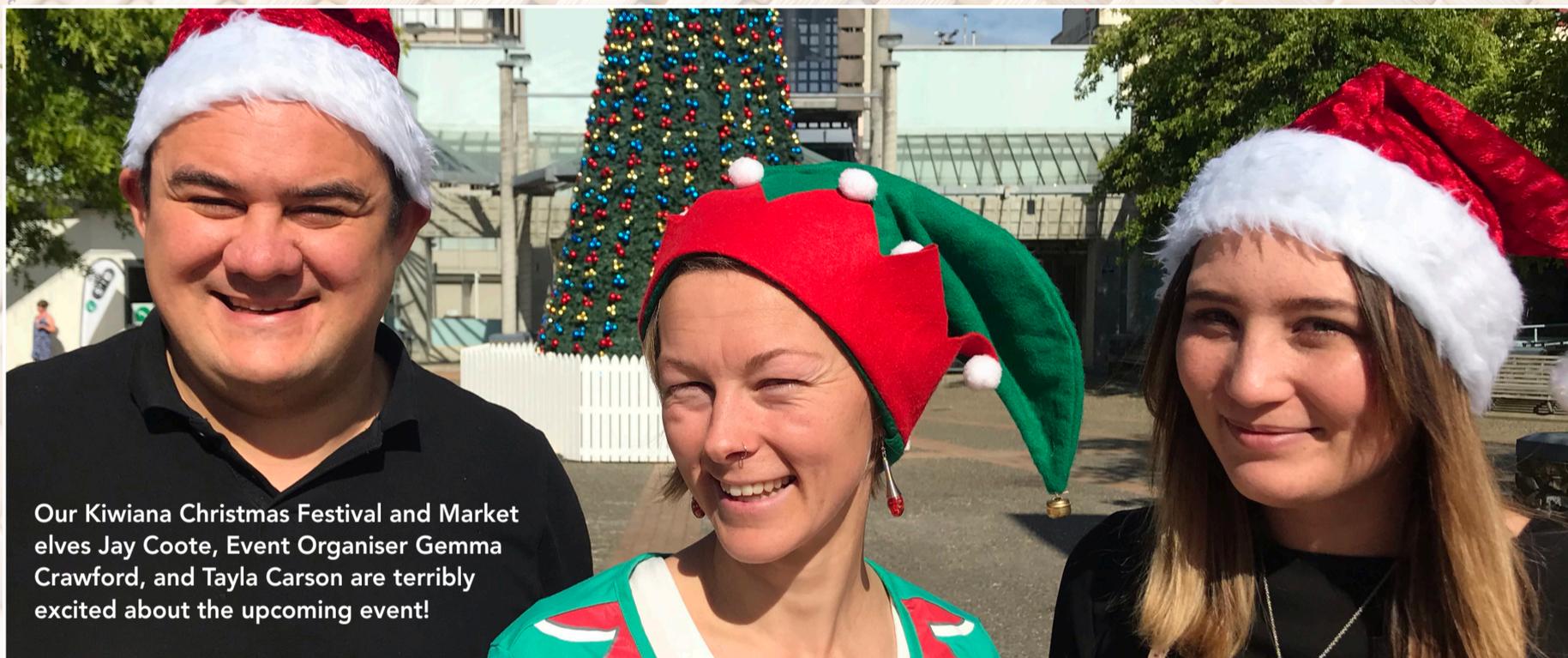


## TWO MORE SLEEPS UNTIL OUR KIWIANA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!



Our Kiwiana Christmas Festival and Market elves Jay Coote, Event Organiser Gemma Crawford, and Tayla Carson are terribly excited about the upcoming event!



Jandals, barbecues, pavlovas and all things Kiwi – it's time to celebrate our favourite things about Christmas in New Zealand at the Kiwiana Christmas Festival and Market in the city centre this weekend.

KIWI Christmas traditions are often a little different to those in the northern hemisphere, so for this year's festival and market, organiser Gemma Crawford thought it would be great to celebrate all the things New Zealanders love most about their summer Christmases.

Ms Crawford said a full line-up of local performers - from the Te Uki Ou Cook Islands Drumming group to Invercargill's very own Rock 'n' Roll dancers – will

be coming along, so there's sure to be something to entertain everyone.

"You can satisfy your inner shopaholic with more than 30 market stalls including local products like handmade clothes, jewellery, toys, knitting, baking, natural beauty products, and we'll have an array of food vendors to delight your tastebuds," she said.

Don't forget, retailers will be open too, so you can support our inner city busi-

nesses this Christmas and Keep it Local! Visit the SIT Arcade to check out the Kiwiana Christmas Grotto, and keep an eye out for our very own Santa who will be enjoying the market too.

"We'd love to see you in Christmas costume, or you could get your face painted at the festival," Ms Crawford said.

Spot prizes will be handed out to those in their best Kiwiana Christmas get-up on the day.

### SHOP

Stallholders in Esk Street and Cambridge Arcade include:

- Appleby Wooden Pallet Ideas
- Willowtree Crafts – handmade jewellery, bears & books
- Vintage Rose - succulents, retro kitchenware, deer hides, vintage clothing
- Natural Balms Southland/Felted Forest – handmade beauty products & felted creations
- Art by Alba – prints & cards
- Sea Shepherd New Zealand
- Deep South Oils – bath products & essential oils
- Julie R Jewellery
- Flash Scooters
- Linda Green – ladies' clothing
- Wendy Butler – fabric crafts
- Fiona Dooley – children's items
- Jen's Crafts – cards & crafty bits
- Denise Young – Carseat/stroller, sleeping bags & girls' clothes
- Roseanne Zyskowski – 2019 calendars, postcards
- The Wytch's Haven – crystals, jewellery, incense
- Hemp Health – natural hemp products
- Sprout Store – children's clothing
- Cell2U – secondhand books & new toys, lucky dips
- Kath and Terry Pinkerton – woodware & jewellery
- David's Chopping Boards
- Nana's Treasure Box – hand knitting & baking
- Stefan Kitshoff – Noah's Ark
- Lynette's Candles – Winton
- Hazel May – Handmade clothing
- Katie Herman – Scentsy consultant
- Lil Bird Studio – Artworks & pallet ware

### EAT

Check out the food vendor area in Esk Street, near the Kelvin Hotel, to refuel after all your shopping:

- Spicy Chook – Korean fried chicken & sushi
- Fiesta y Olé – Spanish paella
- Bonsai Restaurant – Sushi & chicken on rice
- Yea Nice - burgers, wraps, cheese rolls
- Bhakti Parashar – Indian snacks
- Donut Dude – donuts, slushies, candyfloss
- Guilt Free Zone – GF, DF & RSF baking & treats
- Lunchbox Surprise – baking & Christmas treats
- Southern Fare
- Robbie's Pickles & Preserves

### BE ENTERTAINED

We have an awesome line-up of performers and musicians planned:

- 10am - 11am: James Hargest Past & Present student band
- 11am – 11.30am: Invercargill Rock 'n' Roll Club
- 11.30am – 12 noon: Amber Niven
- 12 noon – 12.30pm: Ukulele Group
- 12.30pm – 1.30pm: Te Uki Ou Cook Islands Drummers
- 1.30pm - 2pm: Ascot Park Hotel Brass Band

Thank you!

To the amazing organisers & wonderful volunteers who made the 2018 Santa Parade such a success!

