

HONOURING THOSE WHO DIED FOR US



Wendy McArthur from Invercargill City Council, left, and Dianne Blair from the Awarua Communications Museum preparing for the exhibition.

A special exhibition to mark Armistice Day 2018 opens today.

THE Invercargill City Council, together with the Southland Museum and Art Gallery, Awarua Communications Museum, Invercargill City Libraries and Archives, and volunteers, have joined forces to honour those who fought, and died, in World War I, including at Les Quesnoy.

His Worship the Mayor Tim Shadbolt will formally open the exhibition this morning (Thursday).

The exhibition will be held between November 1 and 10 at 63 Esk Street, the former ASB Bank Building, and will be open between 10am and 4pm daily.

Representing the Council's contribution to the exhibition will be the stories of Southland men killed in the liberation of Les Quesnoy, on November 4, 1918, as well as the Invercargill Borough Council employees killed during WWI. Their stories have been

researched by local historian and Council Archives Assistant Wendy McArthur.

More than 100 poppies knitted by Council staff, family and friends, will form part of the displays.

Meanwhile, Invercargill RSA and Awarua Communications Museum are planning displays, and the Invercargill City Libraries and Archives team will display their research efforts into the diaries and letters written by Southland servicemen as part of the Since Writing you Last project.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.

CAFES ENCOURAGED TO GO SMOKEFREE

TAKING the lead from the Invercargill City Council's Smokefree CBD policy, the Cancer Society and Public Health South are launching a pilot programme to encourage cafés and restaurants to go smoke-free.

Cancer Society Health Promotion Co-ordinator for Southland Bridget Forsyth said the Fresh Air Project was about celebrating cafés and restaurants with outdoor dining areas which were also smokefree.

They would be providing those cafés with smokefree signs, table toppers and posters, and would promote the establishment on the Fresh Air website and via social media.

The Fresh Air project is the first voluntary smokefree outdoor dining pilot to be developed where

hospitality venues are supported to go smokefree, and has been highly successful in other regions of New Zealand.

Bridget said pilots in Christchurch, Nelson and Whangarei had positive results with the majority of businesses reporting increased customer satisfaction.

"This project will be monitored and evaluated throughout the five-month period and promotion and resources are provided," she said.

"There will be feedback forms available for customers and people who provide feedback will go in the draw to win a \$30 gift voucher for the establishment, which we will buy from the venue."

For more information, contact Bridget Forsyth (03) 211 8835 or email bridget.forsyth@cansoc.org.nz



HERE at the Invercargill City Council, Christmas Festival and Market organiser Gemma Crawford has been a busy wee elf as she receives registrations for the inner-city event.

The Christmas Festival and Market will be in Esk Street on December 8, between 10am and 2pm.

This year, we have a Kiwiana Christmas theme, and are encouraging people of all ages to come in their favourite Christmas outfit for the chance to receive a spot prize.

There will be fantastic local craft stalls lining the street, with some

GET YOUR COSTUME READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AND MARKET

It's nearly time to dig out the Santa hats and tinsel, raid the costume box, and get crafty to make your very own Kiwiana Christmas costume for this year's inner city Christmas Festival and Market!

inside the Cambridge Arcade too. In the Southern Institute of Technology Arcade, you will find a magical Native New Zealand Grotto, installed by SIT Hotel Management students.

The Esk Street Pocket Park will be host to a variety of entertainers throughout the day from ukulele musicians to Invercargill's very own Rock 'n Roll dancers.

Kids and kids at heart will be thrilled with bouncy castles, face painting and a family photo booth to snap that Christmas shot to share with friends and family.

Look out for a summer Santa and his helpers, along with roving faeries from a remarkable land.

Bring the whanau to town to join in the festive spirit that is Christmas in Invercargill.

Should you wish to volunteer or have a stall at this awesome event, please contact Gemma Crawford at the Invercargill City Council on (03) 211 1777 or email gemma.crawford@icc.govt.nz

More information about the Festival and Market will be updated on Council's website: www.icc.govt.nz

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY TAKING A BREAK

FOOD Truck Friday won't be happening on Friday, November 16, as our contractors put up the Christmas Tree at Wachner Place.

It is hoped that Food Truck Friday will return on Friday, November 23, however if there are



delays for the Christmas Tree, this date might also be affected.

Make sure you follow the Invercargill City Council Facebook page, where we will keep you updated on when Food Truck Friday returns.



NZ'S BEST BARISTA RIGHT HERE IN INVERCARGILL

HUGE congratulations to Global Byte head barista Charanjeet Singh Saini, who was named Barista of the Year at the NZ Hospitality Championships 2018.

Charanjeet competed against about 30 other baristas from throughout the country, and received a gold medal for his Latte Art, and silver in the Live Barista and Barista Smackdown sections.

Well done, Charanjeet, and enjoy the trophy!