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Council launches Discover our Parks events for Parks Week 2019

Everyone is invited to get out and about to discover Invercargill's parks and reserves this March.

To mark Parks Week, the Invercargill City Council Parks and Recreation team has planned a suite of events called Discover our Parks.

The events will be held at different locations each day between March 10 and March 16.

Focussing on health and wellbeing, environment, conservation, animals, fitness, fun, and learning, each event will offer something a little bit different, but all promise to be awesome.

Many Invercargill community groups and organisations have also volunteered their time to come along to different events, including Southern District Police with their dogs, Southland Basketball, Rotary Club Invercargill South, and the Department of Conservation to name just a few.

Acting Parks Manager Michele Frey said she was incredibly excited to share Parks Week with the wider Invercargill community.

"We here in the Parks and Recreation team are incredibly proud of our beautiful green spaces.

"Our rangers wanted to use Parks Week as an opportunity to meet others who love our parks, and to show them all the fantastic things we can get involved with."

As if the events and activities themselves weren't enough, there will also be the chance to win a family tour of the Queens Park Animal Reserve.

For those who would like to get in early, visit the Parks and Recreation team at the Southland A&P Show this Saturday, March 2, to find out more about each event and to pick up a Parks Week Passport.

Get your Passport stamped at as many Discover Our Parks events as you can, then pop it in the draw to win.

Donovan Park

Saturday 2 March

Time: All day
Location: A&P Show, Donovan Park
Event Info: Our friendly Parks and Recreation Rangers will educate you about the birds and animals from Queens Park, with special guests from the animal reserve!

Queens Park

Sunday 10 March

Time: 2.30-4.30pm
Location: Queens Park
Event Info: Participants of Surf to City will finish at Queens Park. Here you can learn more about discovering the park, such as the fitness trail, disc golf and more!

Queens Park

Monday 11 March

Time: 2.30-4.30pm
Location: Queens Park
Event Info: Various sports activities with clubs will be on offer... check Facebook for more details.

Elizabeth Park

Tuesday 12 March

Time: 2.30-4.30pm
Location: Elizabeth Park
Event Info: Use the Magical Park app, join in Tykes on Bikes or have a go on the BMX trail.

Sandy Point

Wednesday 13 March

Time: 2.30-4.30pm
Location: Sandy Point
Event Info: Demonstrations from Police with their dogs and the Sled Dog Club. Catch up with the ICC Animal Services team!

Gunpit, Bluff

Thursday 14 March

Time: 2.30-4.30pm
Location: Gunpit, Bluff
Event Info: Learn from the Department of Conservation and meet members of Bluff 2024. The Bluff Hill Motupōhue Environment Trust is holding a planting session at the SIT site, too!

Anderson Park

Friday 15 March

Time: 2.30-4.30pm
Location: Anderson Park
Event Info: The new walkway at Anderson Park will be opened by His Worship the Mayor Sir Tim Shadbolt.

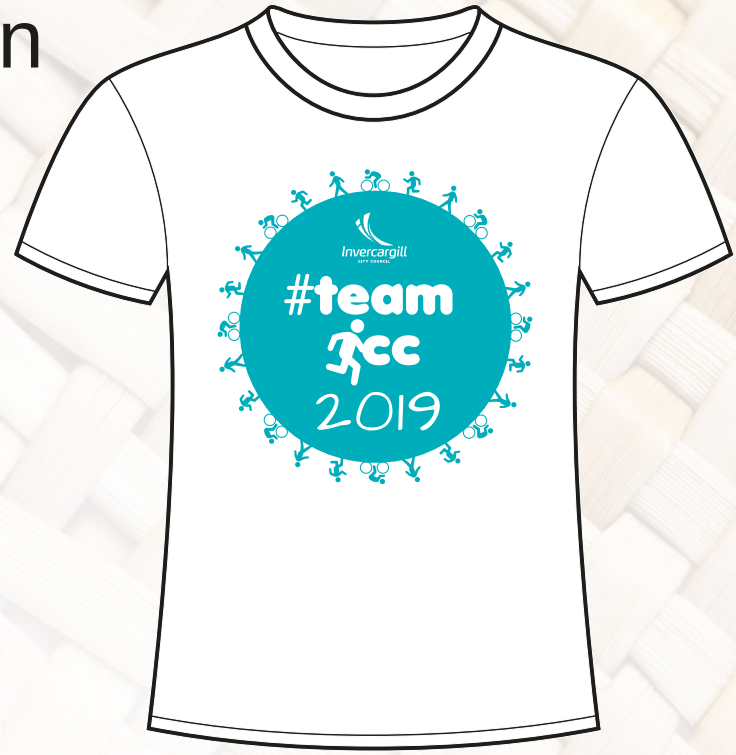
Check our Facebook page for more details!
www.facebook.com/DiscoverOurParks

Russell Square

Saturday 16 March

Time: 2.30-4.30pm
Location: Russell Square
Event Info: Join Rotary Club Invercargill South for a barbecue, check out Sport Southland and Healthy Families' play equipment, hang out with the team from South Alive and bring the kids to shoot hoops with Southland Basketball.

Team ICC locked in for Surf to City!



BY CHARISSA TAKACS

In this year's Surf to City, Team ICC isa participating with a team of 32 members comprising of Councillors, staff members and their friends and family.

Team members could choose between participating in a 3km, 6km or 12km walk, run or cycle with most people opting for the 12km run or cycle!

Our graphic design team have created an amazing t-shirt for this year's event, which will be available for the team members on Monday 4th March.

A big thank you to everyone who has registered for this fun event.

District Plan appeals resolved

BY JUDY CHRISTIE

After two years of working with appellants and interested parties, all appeals on the decisions on the Proposed District Plan have been resolved.

Sixteen appeals were lodged with the Environment Court on the provisions included in the Proposed District Plan and they covered a wide range of issues. Some addressed specific technical provisions and others questioned the Council's overall approach to environmental matters. The appeals came from a mixture of businesses, government agencies, interest groups and members of the public.

Working through the Environment Court, Council and appellants were involved in numerous mediations, telephone conferences, and meetings. A couple of Environment Court Hearings were convened to determine technical elements on one issue and to get a decision on one part of another matter. The Environment Court issued its last consent order on the District Plan appeals on 15 February 2019.

There is still some administrative work to be completed and the Council has a formal process to carry out before the Plan is technically the "Operative District Plan". However, all provisions of the Proposed District Plan are now to be treated as operative. This is an important milestone and has come after a lot of hard work by our Planners and elected representatives.

Background

Invercargill City Council's District Plan, prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991, manages land use, subdivision and development within the Invercargill District. The Plan identifies where activities can take place, what land can be developed, and how our natural and built features should be managed.

The Council is required to review the District Plan at least once every ten years, and the review of our District Plan commenced in 2010. The Plan was publicly notified in 2013 and this opened it up for the submission process. The District Plan Hearing Committee, made up of three Councillors and an independent Commissioner, heard over 2300 submission points at fourteen different Hearings. Decisions on the submissions were released in October 2015, at which stage submitters had the opportunity to appeal the decisions to the Environment Court.

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Archivists Escape!

Are you curious to know what gems are in the Archive? Perhaps there's an old photo you'd like to see again? Maybe you need a hand with your Family History research.

This Heritage Month the Archives, Family History and Oral History teams from the Invercargill Public Library are escaping the office, hitting the road and parking their caravan at locations all over Southland. Visit us at one of the locations below!

When	Where
Saturday 2 March 9am – 3pm	**Southland A & P Show** Donovan Park
Tuesday 5 March 11am – 3pm	**Hokonui Heritage Centre** corner of Hokonui Drive & Norfolk Street, Gore
Thursday 7 March 10am – 1pm	**The Pantry** 133 Grace St, South City, Invercargill
Thursday 7 March 2pm – 4pm	**Feldwick Gates** Queens Park, Gala Street
Wednesday 13 March 10am – 12pm	**Wyndham and District Community Rest Home** 24 Alma Street, Wyndham
Wednesday 13 March 1pm – 3pm	**Tokanui Food Centre** 7 Niagara-Tokanui Hwy
Friday 15 March 10.30am – 12.30pm	**Waiau Memorial Library** 10 Orawia Road, Tuatapere
Friday 15 March 1.30pm – 3.30pm	**Otautau Museum** 146 Main Street, Otautau
Tuesday 19 March 9.30am – 11.30am	**Ascot Retirement Village** 211 Racecourse Road
Tuesday 19 March 2pm – 4pm	**Waikiwi Countdown Supermarket** corner North Road & Durham Street
Thursday 21 March 10.30am – 12.30pm	**Five Finger Crafts & Information Centre** Old Railway Station, 23 Diana Street, Lumsden
Thursday 21 March 1.30pm – 3.30pm	**Great North Road, Winton** Beside Merv n Milly's
Wednesday 27 March 10.30am - 1.30pm	**Windsor Community Church** 19 Windsor Street
Wednesday 27 March 2.30pm – 4pm	**Glengarry Shopping Centre** Yarrow Street
Friday 29 March 11am – 3pm	**Four Square Supermarket** 54 Gore Street, Bluff
Sunday 31 March 10am – 12pm	**You'll find us on Palmerston Street** Riverton
Sunday 31 March 1pm – 4pm	**Templeton Flax Mill** Otaitai Bush, RD3, Riverton