



ABOVE: His Worship the Mayor Sir Tim Shadbolt and Sport Southland General Manager Vanessa Hughey warming up for the ICC Surf to City with members of the Colombian refugee community.

Colombian community to be part of 2019 ICC Surf to City



Sport Southland and New Zealand Red Cross are working together to support Invercargill's Colombian refugee community to take part in this year's ICC Surf to City.

One of Southland's most popular annual family events, this year's ICC Surf to City will see more than 3000 people run, bike or walk from points between Oreti Beach and Queens Park on March 10.

Among them will be members of the Colombian refugee community who have been calling Invercargill home since 2018, as well as staff and volunteers from New Zealand Red Cross.

Sport Southland will provide free entry for this year's ICC Surf to City to the Colombian refugee community and plans to make entry free for incoming

refugees in the future as part of their welcome to the province.

New Zealand Red Cross staff will have a marquee and barbecue at the finish line as part of the event.

New Zealand Red Cross National Migration Manager, South, Sue Price said events like the ICC Surf to City helped integrate newcomers into their communities.

"It's fantastic that all these families will be able to be a part of a big community event like ICC Surf to City – it will help them make new connections, engage with the wider Southland community and simply have fun on the day, just like

thousands of other Kiwis attending the event."

His Worship the Mayor Sir Tim Shadbolt said he had been delighted to welcome the refugees upon their arrival last year.

"It's fantastic they will be able to join Invercargill's long-time residents in what is something of a local tradition," he said.

"Hopefully they have been loving Kiwi life and joining in the ICC Surf to City will be just as fun."

Online entries are now open for the 2019 ICC Surf to City. For more information go to <https://www.sporty.co.nz/iccsurftocity>

Join team ICC for Surf to City – register today!

THERE'S just one more day to register for team ICC and join in the Surf to City, securing a sweet t-shirt while you're at it! Check out the details below, and make sure you email Charissa today!

Be part of Team ICC for

Surf to City

and get this amazing t-shirt as well!



Open to the whole family, bring the kids, husband, wife or your friends and make a day of it on **March 10, 2019.**

- Sign up for the
- 6km run/walk
 - 12km cycle or
 - 12km run/walk.

Entry Fee Includes this amazing T-Shirt - \$15 Adults - \$10 Kids

Entry must be received by **22 February**

Email charissa.takacs@icc.govt.nz with your t-shirt sizes, to register or for more info.



Discover our Parks and Follow our Rangers

Parks Week 2019 is fast approaching, and Council's Parks and Recreation team have some ambitious plans for the week of March 10 – 16.

Elected members are invited to join us, and various other community groups and organisations at one or all of the events we have planned.

It's all about encouraging our community to discover and enjoy our fantastic green spaces, reserves, playgrounds and facilities throughout the city.

Along the way, they'll get to meet our rangers, have fun, and hopefully learn about their environment.

While we're still locking in details, below is a guideline of what's happening.

Please keep your eye on Mahi, Council's website, and Facebook pages, as we provide more details in the coming weeks!

Date: Saturday 2 March

Time: All day

Location: A&P Show, Donovan Park

Theme: Launch of Parks Week and Animal Theme

Event info: Our friendly Parks and Recreation Rangers will educate you about the birds and animals from Queens Park, with special appearances from some of the animals at the animal reserve! We will be promoting Surf to City and other events happening throughout Parks Week.

Date: Sunday 10 March

Time: During Surf to City

Location: Queens Park

Theme: Health and Fitness

Event info: Participants of the Surf

to City will finish at Queens Park on their bikes or feet. Here they can learn more about discovering Queens Park such as fitness trail, disc golf and other awesome activities on offer! The Healthy Families team at Sport Southland will be undertaking some insight gathering on how to encourage visitors to our parks. Plus you can learn more about the up and coming events for Parks Week.

Date: Monday 11 March

Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Location: Queens Park

Theme: Sport

Event info: Invercargill Disc Golf will be there to play a round of disc golf. This sport is for all ages and abilities. Croquet and Golf will also be available. After This, Ultimate Frisbee will be playing at Teviot Street Reserve from 6pm. There is a Facebook Page 'Invercargill Ultimate' that will post a wet weather location if it is wet.

Date: Tuesday 12 March

Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Location: Elizabeth Park

Theme: Play Theme

Event info: Magical Park, Tykes on Bikes, BMX trail and the Healthy Families team at Sport Southland will be undertaking insight gathering about playgrounds and how to encourage visitors to our parks.

Date: Wednesday 13 March

Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Location: Sandy Point



Theme: Dogs in the Environment

Event info: Demos and talks from Police with their dogs and the Sled Dog Club. ICC Animal Services Team will also be on board.

Date: Thursday 14 March

Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Location: Gunpit, Bluff Hill

Theme: Conservation

Event info: There will be educational discussions from the Department of Conservation. The Bluff Hill Motupohue Environmental Trust is holding a planting session at the SIT site during that time as well.

Date: Friday 15 March

Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Location: Anderson Park

Theme: Walkway Launch – Health and Fitness

Event info: The new walkway at Anderson Park will be opened.

Date: Saturday 16 March

Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Location: Russell Square Playground, Town Belt Reserve

Theme: Playground/Finale of Parks Week 2019

Event info: The final event will include a BBQ by Invercargill Rotary. Sport Southland will be undertaking some insight gathering around play facilities and will also bring along some play equipment.

