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Preparation underway for work on corner of Don and Dee Streets

Part of the inner city's streetscape will begin a transformation early next month, as preparation work starts for the ILT's hotel development.

THE building on the corner of Don and Dee Streets, known variously as the Caledonian or the Langland, will be demolished to make way for the new development, and this work is expected to begin in early February. Members of the public will soon notice changes to Don Street, with acoustic walls to be put up, and a container-lined walkway developed to maintain pedestrian access in the area.

The demolition of the three-storey building is a mammoth task, which will be undertaken by contractors Ryal Bush Transport Ltd.

ILT or Ryal Bush Transport representatives will be visiting businesses in the inner-city area in the coming weeks to keep retailers up-to-date on the works, and what impacts they may have.

Safety is of the utmost importance, and so while there may be some inconvenience and disruption caused by the work, this is to ensure the safety of everyone in the area, including



LEFT: The former Caledonian/Langford building is to be demolished.

residents, businesses, contractors, and the public.

ILT Chief Executive Chris Ramsay acknowledged there would be some disruption during the demolition and build phases of the project.

"We are working closely with ICC and our contractors to ensure this is minimised as much as possible.

"The finished project will only add vibrancy to our CBD," Mr Ramsay said.

The ILT secured a resource consent to demolish the Victorian building following the decision of an independent commissioner in December 2018.

Updates on the work, including any road closures or diversions, will be advised as available through both Council and ILT publications, and online.

Keep an eye on the Invercargill city website: www.icc.govt.nz

Follow Invercargill Word on the Street on Facebook: www.facebook.com/InvercargillWordontheStreet

Follow the ILT on Facebook: www.facebook.com/InvercargillLicensingTrust



ABOVE: Architectural interpretation of finished ILT Hotel on the corner of Dee and Don streets.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

Child Youth & Family Friendly
Monday, 28 January, 4pm

Council
Tuesday, 29 January, 4pm

Bluff Community Board
Monday, 11 February, 7pm

Community Services
Monday, 19 February, 4pm

Regulatory Services
Tuesday, 19 February, 5pm

Infrastructure & Services
Monday, 25 February, 4pm

Finance and Policy
Tuesday, 26 February, 4pm

The above meetings will be held in the Council Chambers / Committee Room, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 101 Esk Street, Invercargill, except for the Bluff Community Board meeting, which will be held at the Bluff Municipal Chambers, Gore Street, Bluff.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Burt Munro Challenge

6-10 FEBRUARY 2019

SOUTHLAND HONDA HAVE A GO DAY
8:30am, Wednesday 6 February
Teretonga Park, Sandy Point

BURT MUNRO RALLY
Thursday 7 - Sunday 10 February
Oreti Park, Otago

CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE MECCA NZ HILL CLIMB CHAMPS
10am, Thursday 7 February
Flagstaff Road, Bluff

HIREPOOL TWILIGHT DRAG RACING
6pm, Thursday 7 February
Teretonga Park, Sandy Point

INDIAN MOTORCYCLE NZ BEACH RACING CHAMPS
10am, Friday 8 February
Oreti Beach, Invercargill

E HAYES & SONS TERETONGA SPRINT RACES
9am, Saturday 9 February
Teretonga Park, Sandy Point

SIEVWRIGHT ORETI PARK SPEEDWAY
4pm, Saturday 9 February
Oreti Park Speedway, Otago

HONDA INVERCARGILL STREET RACES
9am, Sunday 10 February
Bill Richardson Drive, Invercargill

Southland Motorcycle Club

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Buskers Festival celebrates 10 years in the south

This year marks a decade of international street performers and artists descending upon Invercargill to entertain and delight the city as part of the Southland Buskers Festival. HANNAH McLEOD caught up with festival organiser Jodi Wright to look back on the last ten years, and find out what's in store for 2019.



EVERY year for the past ten years, some of the world's best buskers have enthralled, surprised, and charmed Invercargill residents and visitors to the city with their talents.

We have Christchurch-based Jodi Wright to thank for our wonderful Southland Buskers Festival, which she has curated since its inception.

Mrs Wright was one of the founders of the World Buskers Festival, held in Christchurch.

The event, now managed by the Christchurch City Council, began in 1994, and is New Zealand's largest outdoor festival.

With the Christchurch event attracting international performers, Mrs Wright decided to attempt to introduce satellite festivals throughout New Zealand, with Invercargill on her target list.

"I was always envious of that beautiful park you have," she confessed.

Mrs Wright successfully approached various funders including

the Invercargill City Council with a three year plan, and the festival grew from there.

"There are a lot of other smaller festivals," Mrs Wright said, "but Invercargill is the only other festival I still produce."

While not a performer herself - "I don't have any of those skills," she admitted, Mrs Wright's background is in "organising and parties" - much to her parents' frustration in her younger years.

She handpicks many of the acts, most of whom she has seen perform on her travels throughout the world.

Mrs Wright accompanies the performers to their southern-most stop, and fills the role of 'Camp Mother', while her husband, Peter, is the driver.

"Invercargill isn't overly difficult [to attract performers to].

"It's another part of New Zealand they get to see, and the audiences there are always generous with their applause. It's not so much about the

money in the hat," she said.

"If you have money to give in the hat, that's great. If not, that's fine too. It's a gift to be able to perform in that beautiful park."

This year's Southland Buskers Festival includes performers from New Zealand, Portugal, Mexico, the United States, Israel, and the United Kingdom.

Mrs Wright said it was an incredibly eclectic group, with each act offering a different style, and all with plenty of entertainment promised.

The festival begins on Thursday, January 31, at 6pm in Queens Park, with performances continuing in the park, in Esk Street, and at the Southern Farmers Market at various times until Sunday, February 3.

To check out a programme and keep up-to-date on the latest information for the festival, follow the Southland Buskers Festival on Facebook: www.facebook.com/southlandbuskersfestival/

Free barbecue installed at Russell Square



ABOVE: His Worship the Mayor Sir Tim Shadbolt checks out the new barbecue at Russell Square on Elles Road.

VISITORS to Russell Square can now enjoy a family barbecue, thanks to an initiative from the Rotary Club of Invercargill South and Invercargill City Council.

To mark its 50th anniversary, the Rotary Club of Invercargill South has provided an electric barbecue, which can be used by park visitors free-of-charge, while Council provided a shelter offering shade or protection from wind and rain.

Club past president Ron Taylor said many local businesses and club volunteers worked together to make the project happen.

"This barbecue is a wonderful asset for South Invercargill and

the Russell Square area," Mr Taylor said.

"Judging by the feedback we have had so far, I am sure it will get lots of use, especially during the summer months with our lovely long twilight evenings."

Council's Acting Parks Manager Michele Frey said Council appreciated the opportunity to work with the Rotary Club of Invercargill South on the community project.

"The new double burner barbecue will be fantastic for families and social gatherings. It adds another attraction for families at the playground," Ms Frey said.

It is the first public electric barbecue in the city, and will be managed and maintained by the Invercargill City Council.

People using the barbecue are asked to use the 'Share with Care' code:

- Clean barbecue plate after use ready for the next user.
- Dispose of your rubbish in the bin provided.
- Limit your time on the barbecue to allow access for others.
- Supervise children in the area as hot plates will remain hot after use.

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