

Support for Christchurch



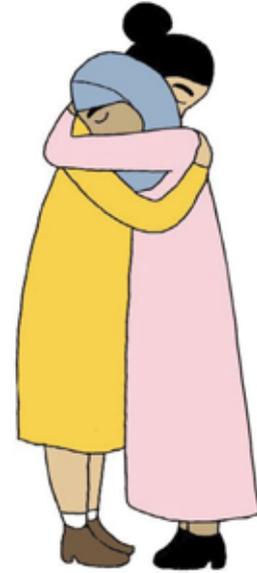
Flowers and painted rocks were laid at the base of a tree in Russell Square on Saturday. These were later given to members of the Invercargill Muslim community.

FOLLOWING the terror attack in Christchurch last Friday, His Worship the Mayor Sir Tim Shadbolt contacted the office of Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalziel very early on Saturday morning to express condolences and offer the City's help in any way possible.

His Worship and Councillors joined members of the public, including Council staff, at a vigil in Wachner Place on Sunday morning. As requested by the Government, flags on all Council facilities are flying at half-mast until further notice.

Mayor Tim and Southland District Council Mayor Gary Tong will, jointly, visit local Muslim leaders, in private.

Councillor Lesley Soper and Deputy Mayor Rebecca Amundsen, along with members of the Invercargill Muslim community, led attendees at the Discover our Parks event at Russell Square in a minute of silence on Saturday. Flowers were laid at a tree in the centre of the park, and children and adults alike painted rocks to show their support for those affected.



THIS IS YOUR HOME
AND YOU SHOULD HAVE
BEEN SAFE HERE

IMAGE: RUBY JONES

ICC to observe two minutes' silence this Friday

THE Prime Minister has announced that two minutes' silence will be held today at 1.32pm (Friday 22 March).

Chief Executive Clare Hadley says Council will observe the two minutes' silence, during which time the external doors will be closed and phones silenced. Signs will be posted at all facilities and on Council's Facebook pages and website advising members of the public of the observance.

Meanwhile, Council has been sent a message of support and condolence from its Japanese sister city, Kumagaya. Mr Nobuyuki Gonda, Public Relations Manager said, "We are very sad to hear the news about the Christchurch mosque shootings".

"We deeply understand how people in New Zealand must feel. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, please accept our deepest condolences to the victims and their families."



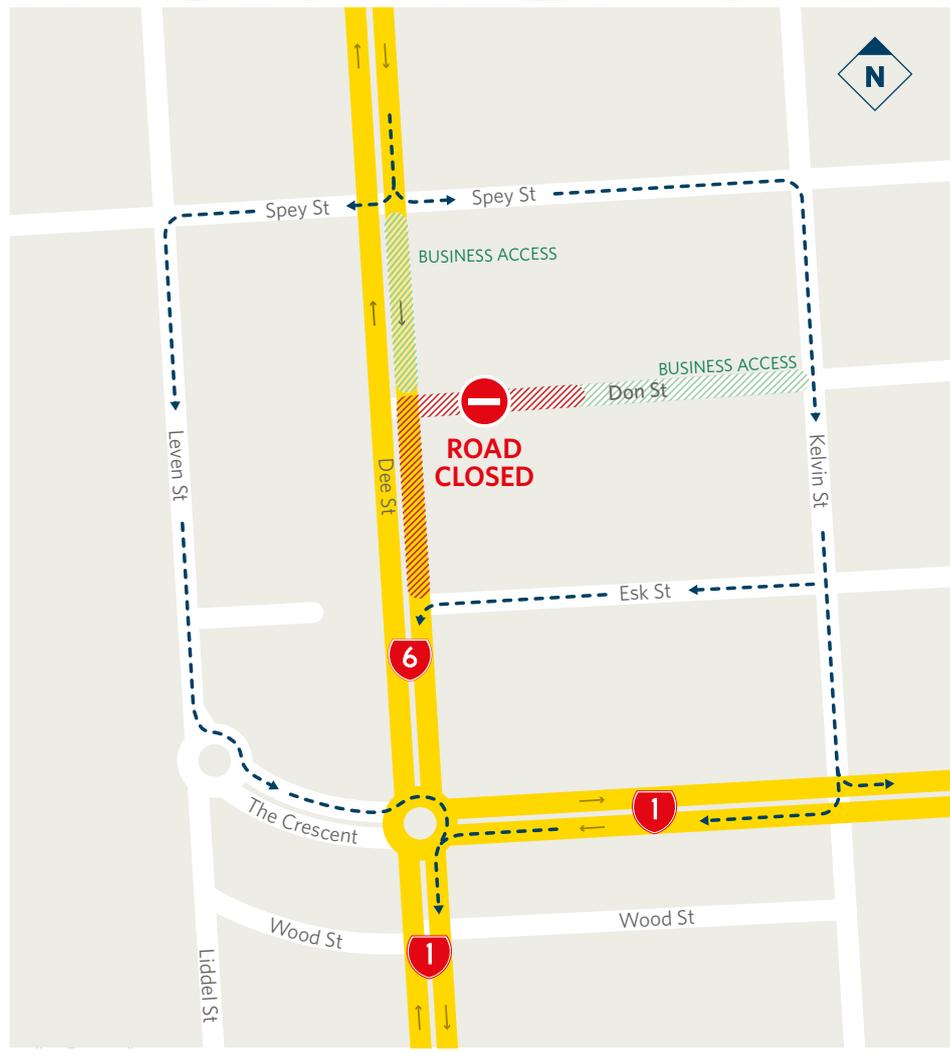
Oreti Beach to feature in UK commercial

ORETI Beach is set to feature in a UK paint commercial.

A film crew has been travelling throughout New Zealand, filming in different locations, and visited Southland's own Oreti Beach last week.

The crew used a drone and camera, and applied to Council for permission to do so. They gave the Parks team positive feedback on our beach, and said they were happy to be able to use it.





REMINDER: Inner-city closures, reversals, begin this weekend

A reminder to all elected members that significant, but temporary changes to Esk and Don Street take effect this weekend as part of the ILT's demolition work.

From 6am Saturday, March 23, until Saturday, April 7, detours and alternative access routes will be implemented throughout the inner-city:

- **Dee Street, between Don and Esk Streets, will be closed** to southbound traffic. Detours will be available.
- Business access only will apply on the eastern side of Dee Street between Spey and Don Streets.

- There will be some business access available on **Don Street**, which will **temporarily be two-way**.
- In an effort to maintain access to Esk Street businesses, **Esk street will be temporarily reversed**, so that vehicles may travel from Kelvin Street through to Dee Street via Esk Street.

There will also be some changes to the Bus Smart service.

For more information, visit: www.icc.govt.nz/infrastructure/demo-for-development/

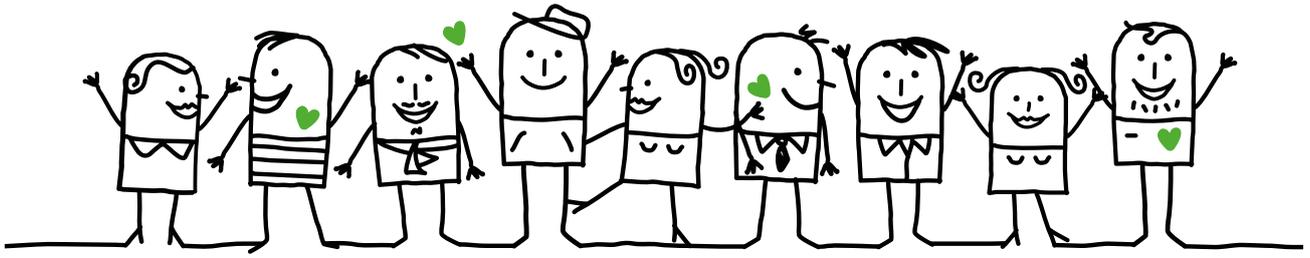
Parks discovered!

MANY thanks to everyone who attended Discover our Parks events throughout the city, and most especially to the organisations which came out to support Parks Week 2019.

Check out our new Photo Gallery section on our website at www.icc.govt.nz or visit www.icc.govt.nz/parks-and-reserves/discover-our-parks/ to watch videos from each event!



Does your Community Organisation need funding?



The Invercargill City Council
Community Grants Fund can help.

Applications for grants to help community organisations are now open.

- Information and application forms are available from www.icc.govt.nz/community/funding-awards-grants/
- Applications close 29 March, 2019.
- Don't forget you can apply to the Neighbourhood Fund at any time.