

Matariki Festival on this weekend!



After weeks of planning, the Matariki Festival is ready to sparkle in Esk Street tomorrow!

ROAD closures will be in place as the street is filled with stalls, entertainers, food vendors, and even a giant stage truck!

The festival will begin at 10am with a traditional Maori opening ceremony.

We will have all-day entertainment with a variety of performances including kapa haka, te reo singing, Cook Island drumming and street fire performers to name just a few.

Multicultural food will be available throughout the day. There will be Maori storytelling, face painting and lots of kid's activities.

Weaving and poi making workshops will offer the

opportunity to learn a new craft and be sure not to miss the carving display and weaving art exhibition.

Local crafters will participate as stall holders positioned down Esk Street and in the SIT Arcade.

Don't forget to check out our awesome retailers, many of whom have entered the shop window display competition, sponsored by the ILT.

ILT president Alan Dennis will present the winning shop with its prize around 3.40pm on the day!

The weather forecast is looking great, so come along and join us for a day filled with fun, art, music and food, 10am to 4pm in Esk Street.

Final look of new hydroslides revealed

Council is now able to reveal the final rendered images of the new hydroslides!



THESE latest pictures show how the hydroslides will look against the recently completed upgrades at Splash Palace and also confirms the colours for the slides.

Splash Palace Manager Pete Thompson said staff were excited to show the look of the new hydroslides to everyone.

“They’re generating a huge amount of attention and anticipation and it’s really great to be able to show the size and dimension of the slides relative to everything else”.

The three new slides are a massive upgrade from the existing 30m slide which was built sometime in the ‘70s and moved to Splash Palace from Queens Park.

It’s an addition that Pete for one is looking forward to.

“It’s not often you get to be involved in a project that is essentially all about fun; the hardest thing at the moment is trying to decide who gets to go first!”

The biggest new slide, at 102m long, requires the use of single or double inflatable rafts and includes a journey around the inside of a large sphere.

The second and third slides are 71m and 76m long respectively.

“There’s one or two other surprises in store for users” says Pete with a laugh.

Pete wouldn’t elaborate any more on this except to say slide designers are doing some quite “cool things with colours and light, people will have to wait and see”.



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Leadership Workshop!

An opportunity for youth to enhance their leadership skills.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Chlöe Swarbrick
New Zealand's youngest MP

Venue: Bill Richardson Transport World

Date: 11 July 2019

Time: 1.00pm - 5.00pm

A light snack will be provided.

For more information & to register contact:

youth.council@icc.govt.nz,

021 391 674 and [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/InvercargillYouthCouncil/)

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Youth Leadership workshop planned

THE Invercargill Youth Council is holding a youth leadership programme on July 11 at Transport World. The programme targeting young people aged 12 – 18 years includes keynote speaker, Chlöe Swarbrick, New Zealand's youngest MP, and two players from the Southland Sharks. The afternoon will also include leadership and motivational activities.

Young people must register to attend.





Lights shine in Queens Park for Matariki

Queens Park was shining bright last weekend for Matariki celebrations. Walkways, trees, and the Band Rotunda were lit up and the story of Matariki was shared.



The Parks team put a lot of preparation into the set up for the Matariki Light Festival which was on last weekend.



Art Contests

Open to Invercargill children aged 5 to 12 years

JIANGSU, CHINA
INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

'River of Friendship'

Size: A3 (no mats or frames)

No 3D raised surface or stretched canvas can be accepted.

The purpose of the contest is to highlight the friendship between the younger generation of China and those in Sister Cities around the world.

Entries close: 30 August 2019

20 entries will be sent to China for the International competition.

To all the young people in Invercargill and Bluff – we need your help!

'Your Big Dream'

FOR INVERCARGILL PARKS
& RECREATION IS...

Size: A4 (no mats or frames)

Entries close: 30 August 2019

The winner will have their artwork featured in the Parks and Recreation Strategy document which will be distributed on the Council website and in hard copies for people to look at.



Deliver all entries to: ICC Administration, 101 Esk Street, Invercargill.

By entering these competitions you agree for Council to use your artwork for promotional purposes.



Its Art Competition Time

Council is promoting two opportunities for Invercargill children and young people to create an artwork.

OUR Parks and Recreation staff want to know "what your big dream for parks and recreation is".

It's your opportunity to use creativity to show what your dream park would look like.

The winning entry will be published in the Parks Strategy.

This competition is open to young people aged up to 12.

Another competition for 12-18 year olds will be announced soon.

Our Sister City, Suqian, in China has invited us to send paintings to the International Painting contest. The theme is "Rivers of Friendship". We hope to send 20 paintings to China.



Consultation on gambling policies

TOMORROW, we open consultation on Council's two gambling policies.

Below is the quick guide which will be made available to help people understand the proposed changes, and how to make a submission.



The Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy The Board (TAB) Venues Gambling Policy

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The Invercargill City Council is reviewing two Gambling Policies, the Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy and the Board (TAB) Venues Gambling Policy. These Policies provide guidelines and regulations for private providers of gaming machines, and ensures a safe environment for public participation, in relation to the Gambling Act 2003. Proposed changes to the Policies include:

- Confining the areas where venues can relocate to if moving (to specific areas defined in the District Plan as the Business 2 Zone, as well as the CBD).
- Capping the number of pokie machines (Class Four Machines) to a total of 247, a reduction of 37 machines.
- Any relocated venues must be at least 100 metres from an ATM.
- A rule which means patrons can "self-ban" from all ILT Foundation sites, rather than just going to each venue one at a time.
- Operators who are relocating their venue must also provide a social impact assessment as part of their application.

WHY ARE THE CHANGES BEING MADE?

Council is keenly aware of gambling-related harm and its impact on the community, but also acknowledges the positive impact which results from gambling-related revenue being provided back to the community. Council is mindful of the health and well-being of participants and aims to make sure the operators of gambling venues follow consistent rules to ensure the well-being of patrons. There have been a number of operators who have decided to not renew their gaming licences. This has meant a reduction in the number of machines. Council seeks to cap the number of existing machines, which will help control the growth of gambling and also help minimise harm from problem gambling.

By promoting a defined area for licensees and their venues, Council will be able to ensure vendors are demonstrating host responsibility through staff training. This may help with

identifying patrons who are problem gambling, and enable them to self-ban from all sites.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

The review of these policies depends on community involvement, this ensures that all communities in the Invercargill District are represented in a culturally appropriate manner. The current policies can be viewed on the council website at www.icc.govt.nz/public-documents/consultation

HOW CAN I HAVE MY SAY?

If you would like to make a Submission on the proposed reviews, you can do so by writing to Council. Submissions must be received by 5pm Friday 26 July 2019. Please indicate if you would like to speak to your Submission at a hearing. Feedback is appreciated and verbal submissions will be heard at Council's Finance and Policy Committee Meeting, held on the first floor of the Civic Administration Building, Invercargill City Council Chambers, from 4pm, 17 September 2019.

You can provide your feedback through completing a submission form or writing to:

Manager – Strategy and Policy
Invercargill City Council
Private Bag 90104
Invercargill 9840

By emailing: policy@icc.govt.nz

Or by filling out an online submission form at www.icc.govt.nz/public-documents/consultation

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Information relating to the policies can be found on the Invercargill City Council website or you can contact the Manager – Strategy and Policy on 03 211 1777 or email policy@icc.govt.nz for more information.