

# Election Protocols

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Deputy Electoral Officer

As you will all know, this year is the triennial Council elections, with Election Day on Saturday 12 October. We enter the election period on 1 July.

**THERE** are new Election Protocols published on the website and our intranet that set out expectations for staff during this time, and also for Elected Members as they continue to work as Councillors under the mantra "Business as Usual".

The ICC Officers' Protocol sets out key matters for all staff members during the election period. Key amongst them is political neutrality. This means that you cannot allow your personal views/interests to impact on your work, advice or behaviours at work.

Staff should make sure that their behaviour as a private citizen (for example, comments on social media or attendance at political meetings) does not compromise their ability to perform their duties, or the reputation of the Council. People will know you work at Council - you need to consider if your comments/support could be seen to represent the views of Council. This is a judgement we will all need to exercise and if in doubt, talk to your manager or to me. For most of us this should not be an issue, however we all need to be thinking about our political neutrality and exercising our best judgements as we move towards Election Day.

Another important protocol is that Council resources must not be used for election purposes. This means that during the elections candidates must not use Council time or resources of any kind for campaigning purposes. "Council resources" includes the Council's logo and branding, all ICC marketing and communication channels (including social media), ICC-supplied business cards, stationery, computers, email, mobile phones, photocopiers, cars, Council venues (other

than those available for hire to the general public) and Council's staff.

There is an obligation on Council to support public engagement with the election process. This includes providing information to potential candidates, ensuring all those who are able to vote are enrolled to do so and finally encouraging people to vote.

The first of these - the Candidates briefing - will be held on 26 June 2019 at the Drawing Room, Civic Theatre and advertising will start shortly. The enrolment campaigns are underway already.

The Protocols are on Council's website and on the intranet under Human Resources. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss.



# Weekend work for Tay St water main

BY ALISTER MURRAY

Water Manager

AS part of the replacement of the Tay Street asbestos cement water main it will be necessary to restrict traffic movements at the Tay/Elles/Queens Drive intersection over the weekend.

Work will begin on Friday night at approximately 6.30pm and will continue until completion, expected to be before 7am Monday, 10 June.

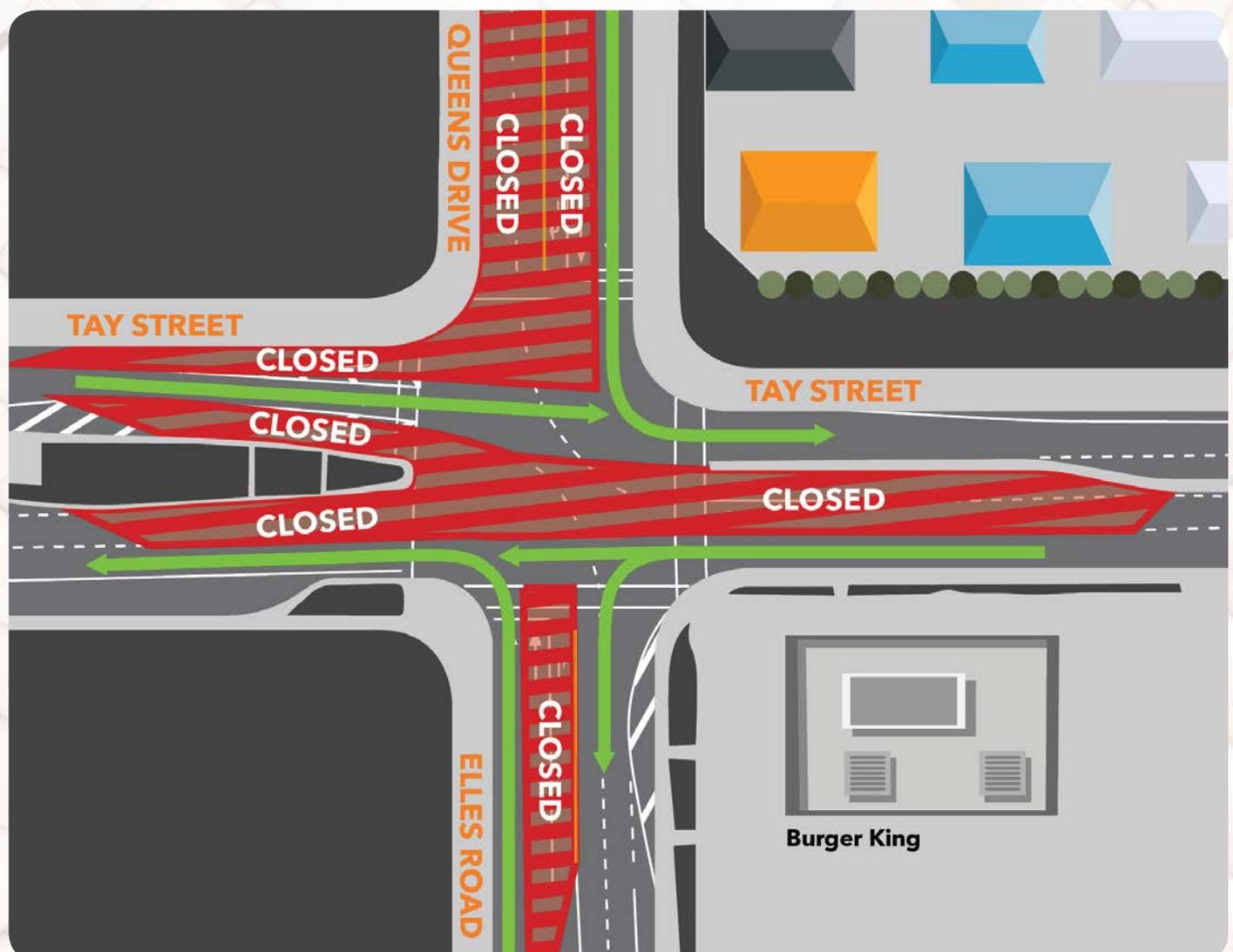
Road users are advised that the north-bound lane on Queens Drive will be closed to all traffic with no

right turns permitted on any leg of the intersection.

Detours and signage will be in place.

Subject to weather conditions it may be necessary to place a temporary seal rather than permanent asphalt. That will require a return to the site at a later date and a repeat of traffic restrictions but for a shorter time.

For yours and other people's safety please obey all traffic signs and diversions.



## Fresh Air Pilot project success

BY BRIDGET FORSYTH

Cancer Society Otago & Southland Health Promotion Co-ordinator

**THE** Otago and Southland Division of the Cancer Society and Southern DHB are excited to announce the results of the Fresh Air Pilot Project. Thank you so much for being a supporter of this project. Customers are definitely in favour of Smokefree outdoor dining and all the venues that participated chose to continue to have Smokefree outdoor dining which we're really pleased with.

Invercargill café customers were very supportive of this initiative. In total we received 362 feedback forms from the Invercargill cafés with 95% in support of the venues having Smokefree outdoor dining areas. Only 4% not in support and 1% did not indicate if they supported or not.

When asked if they'd be more or less likely to visit the venue again because of the Smokefree outdoor dining areas 60% were more likely, 38% said no difference and only 2% said less likely. Combined more likely and no difference was 98%.

Key results for all areas (Invercargill, Queenstown, and Dunedin):

- 94% of customers were in support of Smokefree outdoor dining
  - ◆ 67% said they were more likely to visit again
  - ◆ 29% said it would make no difference
  - ◆ 3% of people would be less likely to visit again
- 100% of pilot venues stated that they would continue to have Smokefree outdoor dining
- There are now 45 venues throughout Otago and Southland

A huge thank you to all of our venues and project supporters. To read the full report visit:

<https://freshairproject.org.nz/fresh-air-regions/otago-and-southland/>




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