

## Nominations open Friday for local government candidates

Nominations for candidates wishing to stand in this year's local authority elections open this Friday, 19 July 2019.

**INVERCARGILL** City Council Deputy Electoral Officer Michael Morris said anyone wanting to stand as a candidate for the Invercargill City Council, the Invercargill Licensing Trust (ILT), or the Bluff Community Board should get their nominations in from Friday.

Nominations close at noon on Friday, August 16.

"We are encouraging anyone who wants to make a difference in our community to stand. Local government and local democracy are fundamental to our society, giving the opportunity for everyone's voice to be heard on local matters," Mr Morris said.

"It is important that our councils, trust and boards are representative of the community because elected members exercise a leadership role in our city and represent the views of the community."

Anyone over the age of 18 can stand for election as long as they are a New Zealand citizen and are enrolled on the electoral roll.

Invercargill City Council is managing the electoral process for the City Council, Bluff Community Board, and Invercargill Licensing Trust.

Mr Morris said nominations must be received by noon on August 16 at the Invercargill City Council Civic Administration Building, 101 Esk Street, Invercargill or the Bluff Service Centre, 94 Gore Street, Bluff.

"We are encouraging candidates for the City Council, Bluff Community Board, and ILT to avoid waiting until the last minute to get their nomination in - this gives them peace of mind that everything has been delivered for processing," he said.

Each candidate must be nominated on the nomination paper, which is available from Council's website, Invercargill City Council Civic Administration Building, or the Bluff Service Centre.

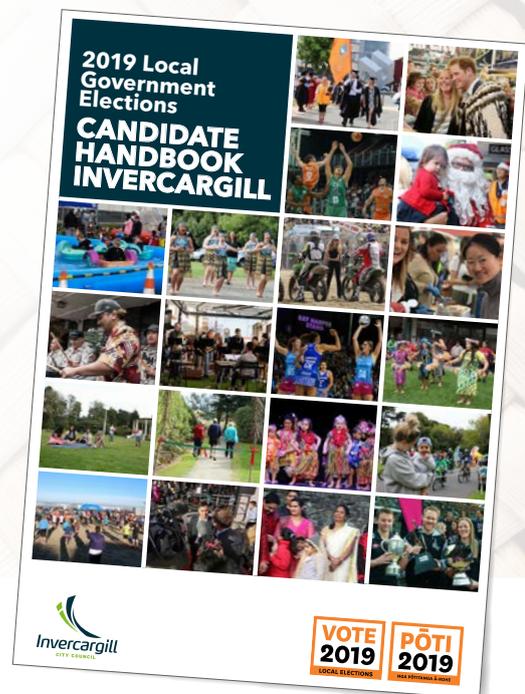
A deposit of \$200 (GST inclusive) or evidence of a payment by direct debit must accompany nominations.

Cheques are not being accepted this year.

Candidates may provide a recent passport-style photograph and a 150-word-statement.

Evidence of New Zealand citizenship is being requested this year for the first time, Mr Morris said.

"This could be a Birth Certificate, New Zealand Passport or Citizenship Certificate."



For further information and to download the Candidate Handbook visit the Council's website;

[www.icc.govt.nz/elections](http://www.icc.govt.nz/elections) or [www.lgnz.co.nz](http://www.lgnz.co.nz).

## Future leaders take part in Forum

**BY MARY NAPPER**

Manager - Community Development

**FIFTY** young people gathered at Transport World last Thursday for the Invercargill City Youth Council Leadership Forum.

Participants came from all over Invercargill to listen to our two keynote speakers.

Chlöe Swarbrick, New Zealand's youngest MP, shared her story about how she has become a leader.

Alex Pledger, captain of the Southland Sharks, spoke about how he began his pathway to leadership in basketball at the age of 16.

Attendees also enjoyed leadership activities and watched YouTube clips.

The afternoon concluded with a leadership themed Cahoots devised by our members.

Well done to all involved in the planning and execution of an excellent afternoon.



## Positive feedback from Retailers' Breakfast

**BY SHRU SHRIVASTAVA**

City Centre Co-ordinator

**THE** breakfast held earlier this week was attended by retailers from Esk Street, Kelvin Street, Dee Street and Tay Street.

The Matariki Festival 2019 was discussed, the feedback was positive and retailers were happy with how the Festival went.

They liked the quality of stallholders, the event organisation and reported that they had customers coming in to their the stores all day.

The retailers support the idea of organising events in the future and feel that it not only helps the business but also makes the city vibrant.

We talked about the Council producing maps showing relocation of the retailers who have moved. When the maps are ready they will be posted around town.

Ideas were shared about the upcoming Halloween event to be held on Esk Street. Suggestions included Friday Fright Late Night Market, Treasure Hunt etc.

The Halloween Treasure Hunt for the kids was supported by all the retailers present at the breakfast, and it was decided to move forward with that idea.

We are planning to have face painting, play pod, games and competitions for kids and adults and a treasure hunt, involving retailers on Esk Street.

Betty Holden, Team Leader Environmental Health also attended the breakfast and talked about the new Health & Hygiene Bylaws.

There were ideas around changing the breakfast to an evening event, so the next retailers' meeting will be for evening drinks.

### Dog registrations 2019 -2020

**Payments are due by 2 August to avoid a penalty!**

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or visit us at 101 Esk Street  
or at the Bluff Service Centre.



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## Public consultation on new road safety strategy opens

**THE** Government is seeking feedback on a road safety plan that aims to prevent 750 deaths and 5,600 serious injuries on New Zealand roads over the next 10 years.

“Most roads deaths and serious injuries are preventable and too many New Zealanders have lost their lives or been seriously injured in crashes that could have been prevented by road safety upgrades,” said Associate Transport Minister Julie Anne Genter.

“This plan adopts the world-leading Vision Zero approach to road safety – which applies the principle that no one should be killed or seriously injured on our roads.

“We do not expect to eliminate road deaths overnight but we can, over time, improve our roads so that simple mistakes do not result in devastating consequences.

“To drive real action from central and local government we are proposing to set a target to reduce annual deaths and serious injuries by 40 percent by

2030 (compared to the 377 people killed last year).

“If achieved, this would prevent 750 deaths and 5,600 serious injuries on New Zealand roads over the next 10 years.

“The new target would be achieved primarily by increasing investment in road safety infrastructure over the next decade.

“We are taking a balanced approach to making our roads safer – investing significantly more in safety improvements, increasing safe driving messages and investigating lower speed limits only on the most dangerous roads in the country.

“Already this Government is investing a record \$1.4 billion over three years to upgrade over 3,300km of our most dangerous roads. This plan proposes greater investment in proven safety upgrades like median barriers, roundabouts and safe cycling infrastructure.

“Drivers also have to do better, and we’re investing more in driver training and education, with new programmes targeted at helping younger drivers get their license and develop safe driving skills.

“As part of taking a balanced approach to road safety we are also proposing to:

- make it easier for local government to review speed limits
- improve the safety of vehicles entering the fleet
- include a new focus on work-related road safety
- prioritise road policing to tackle high risk behaviours; and
- improve the safety of footpaths and cycleways,” Julie Anne Genter said.

You can have your say during the Public consultation which will run from 17 July to 14 August 2019 at: [www.transport.govt.nz/zero](http://www.transport.govt.nz/zero)



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