

Maintaining magnificence



KEEPING the Civic Theatre's stunning Model D Steinway Concert Grand in top condition is a work of precision, and passion, for David Jenkin of Jenkin Piano Service.

The process takes an entire day, and is completed once every two years.

That's an improvement on when the Steinway first arrived at the Civic in 2007 – David says the piano needed to be serviced annually until it was "bedded in" and the service took two days.

David says this type of servicing, which includes all mechanical and tonal adjustments, ensures that our Steinway is responsive to our pianists' every wish.

David was born and raised on Auckland's North Shore and educated at Westlake High School. After completing a Bachelor of Music degree at the University of Auckland, he picked up holiday work preparing secondhand pianos for sale and has worked with pianos ever since.

With 30 years of experience servicing pianos, David has seen plenty of leaps forward in his industry. While you might think pianos haven't changed much, David says they're no strangers to technology. As manufacturing techniques have changed, so has the quality of modern pianos, and so has the tools which David uses to maintain them.

Civic Theatre functions and events co-ordinator Rachel Christensen says David will often hit the same note dozens of times, making small adjustments, until he is satisfied.

"You or I wouldn't notice a difference at all, but David clearly does!"

Watching David at work is certainly fascinating – and his appreciation of the instrument obvious when he plays a tune and finishes with a grin: "I'm certainly not a pianist though!"

Check out the video of David working on Council's Facebook page or website www.icc.govt.nz

Pre-election report now online

THE Pre-election report provides both voters and candidates with information about the key issues facing the Invercargill City Council.

Its purpose is to promote public discussion about these issues in the lead up to the 2019 local body election.

Our Pre-election report is now available online at: www.icc.govt.nz/elections/pre-election-report-2019



2019 Local Government Elections
PRE-ELECTION REPORT 2019

New funding opportunity for owners of earthquake-prone heritage buildings

BY JUDY CHRISTIE

Environmental Information Officer

A special government initiative to assist owners of earthquake-prone heritage buildings has recently strengthened its funding offering to the regions.

This means Invercargill and Bluff building owners could receive funding for up to 67% of their costs when strengthening their heritage buildings.

Council has invited about 150 owners of local heritage buildings, along with other stakeholders, to hear about the government fund, Heritage EQUIP.

Heritage EQUIP representative Mike Frew, Council staff, and Heritage New Zealand representatives will explain what support and funding building owners might be able to access, including up to 50% of the costs for obtaining professional advice, such as detailed seismic assessments and conservation reports.

There will be a Heritage EQUIP funding round towards the end of November 2019, and the meetings next week will set out how to go about applying for a share of it.

The meetings will be held on 8 August, 1pm - 3pm and 3.15pm - 5pm in Council Chambers, and building owners have been asked to register for one of two sessions.

If you know of any building owners who have not received an invitation, but may be interested in this funding, please ask them to contact council on (03) 2111 777.



Do you own a heritage building in Invercargill or Bluff?



You could be eligible for funding!

Heritage EQUIP
City Centre Repainting Initiative
are two of the funds you could apply to now!



Phone **03 211 1777** or visit www.icc.govt.nz/heritage to find out more!



TODAY is the last day for dog owners to register their furry friends without risking incurring a penalty.

Compliance Team Leader Elle Dickson said as of midnight Tuesday, 5500 dogs had been registered, with an estimated 3600 to go.

"We are seeing quite a few people coming in and queuing at the helpdesk during the past few days, especially at lunch times. There is always a number of people who leave registering their dogs until the last minute, so we expect today will be very busy."



Phone
Animal Services
03 211 1777

Sister City exchange students visit Council

TWO groups of students visiting Invercargill on an exchange from our sister city, Kumagaya, visited Council this week.

Twenty students from Kumagaya Prefectural Girls' High School are being hosted by Southland Girls' High School, and visited Council on Tuesday.

A further 20 students from a variety of schools in Kumagaya visited Council on Wednesday as part of the Kumagaya City Hall exchange. They are being hosted by James Hargest College.

2019 marks the 27th year of school exchanges between Invercargill and Kumagaya.



the BIG latch on

From small things **BIG** things grow

Big Latch On at Library

TODAY the Invercargill Public Library will host a Big Latch On event between 9am and 12.30pm.

Organised and co-ordinated by Public Health South, the event at Invercargill Public Library will include morning tea, information on local support services, and is a great morning of mums coming together to have a chat and form new friendships.

The Big Latch On is celebrated with events throughout the country during World Breastfeeding Week. Each event involves women gathering together at registered venues to breastfeed and to offer peer support to the other breastfeeding women in their community.

Family, whānau, friends and breastfeeding supporters from the community also attend the events to support and promote breastfeeding.

INVERCARGILL INDIAN COMMUNITY



and the Invercargill City Council
will be hosting a celebration for

INVERCARGILL INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

with a small ceremony and
flag raising in front of the
**Council building in Esk Street,
9.15AM ON THURSDAY,
15 AUGUST, 2019.**



Invercargill Public Library Activity Space

Saturday 10 August
10.30am – 12.30pm

Thursday 22 August
12.00pm – 2.00pm

Bluff Service Centre and Library:

Saturday 17 August
10.30am – 12.30pm

JIANGSU, CHINA INTERNATIONAL

Painting Contest

*Open to Invercargill children
aged 4 to 12 years*

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

The Theme: **'River of Friendship'**
Size: A3 (no mats or frames)
No 3D raised surface or stretched canvas can be accepted.

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

Please deliver all entries to:
ICC Administration,
101 Esk Street, Invercargill by 30 August 2019.

