



SOUTHLANDERS INVITED TO REMEMBRANCE EVENT THIS SUNDAY

The Southland Muslim Association is inviting Southlanders to a remembrance event to be held at the Masonic Centre, 80 Forth Street, on Sunday 7 April at 3.30pm.

THE memorial gathering is to remember those who lost their lives in the mosque attacks in Christchurch and to thank people in the wider Southland community for their support.

Everyone is welcome to

attend the event, with formalities expected to last about an hour, followed by a time of fellowship and sharing.

The event will be held inside the Masonic Centre, but depending on numbers, it will

also be broadcast on a screen and speakers outside.

There is no requirement regarding dress code and people are invited to wear whatever they feel comfortable in. Headscarves for women are up to the

individual's choice.

Formalities will include speeches and prayers from Muslim leaders and leaders from the wider Southland community.

The focus will be on unity and supporting each other.

Members of the media have also been invited to attend, as part of the community.

The event is being supported by the Southland Multicultural Council and the Invercargill City Council.

INTRODUCING SHRU SHRIVASTAVA

INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL'S NEW CITY CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR

Following positive feedback from businesses, staff, and the general public, Invercargill City Council has appointed a new City Centre Co-ordinator. SHRU SHRIVASTAVA began her role with us last week, and we asked her to tell us a little more about herself.

I AM a lawyer by profession and have worked in areas of Family, Criminal and Immigration Law. I was born in India and have studied, lived and worked in different cities including London, San Francisco and Melbourne. I came to Invercargill on Waitangi Day in 2017 and instantly fell in love with the city!

For the past two years I have been involved in different community activities. You can spot me donating blood, volunteering at the Lego Show or distributing comics on Free Comic Book Day. Other than getting involved

with the community, I like sketching, hiking, swimming and a good yarn over a cup of coffee.

As a City Centre Co-ordinator, I hope to create an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcomed. I will be focusing on developing, co-ordinating and facilitating programmes and activities that will help in:

- Bringing vibrancy to the inner-city
- Increasing community involvement
- Enhancing culture
- Supporting the business community

I am looking forward to



ABOVE: Your new Invercargill City Council City Centre Co-ordinator, Shru Shrivastava, centre, with McKnight & Brown owner Bernie Brown and former retailer and ILT Marketing & Sales Manager Angee Shand. Bernie and Angee generously gave their time to consider applicants for this crucial role, and were part of the appointment panel.

having the opportunity to get involved more with the community and make a difference. I will provide support and links between retailers, inner-city businesses

and the Council, with the aim to build and promote a strong, sustainable and engaging city centre.

I aim to find an amicable solution to any problem and

in doing so I will welcome as many suggestions and ideas as possible. I am looking forward to working with the City Council and the community.