



Invercargill

Get those votes in the post **TODAY!**

BY MICHAEL MORRIS

Deputy Electoral Officer

NOW is your chance to have your say on who will govern the City, ILT, Region and SDHB for the next three years.

Voting is open and all voting papers have been delivered. If you have not received your voting papers then you will need to complete a special vote.

Special votes can be taken at the Invercargill City Council's Civic Administration Building (CAB) and at the Bluff Service Centre during ordinary business hours.

Voting closes at midday on Saturday 12 October, so we highly recommend to get those votes in the post today, Friday 4 October, to make sure they make their way to the Electoral Officers in time to be counted!

If you haven't had time to get your voting papers in the post yet, don't worry – you can drop your voting papers into our CAB, the Invercargill Public Library, or the Bluff Service Centre.



Martin Street next to get foul sewer renewal

COUNCIL'S engineering services group is replacing the sewerage pipes in Martin Street as part of ongoing work to improve the city's infrastructure.

The works are scheduled to start on Monday 7 October, and are planned to take a couple of months to complete.

Martin Street will be closed to traffic during the works with detours available.

Resident's access will be maintained.

Council Project Technician Capital Projects - Neill Ungerer said the new PVC pipes will replace old brick pipes which were installed in 1905 and have degenerated.

"The old pipes have lasted quite well for their age but now are being damaged by roots," Neill said.

The project will be done in stages, beginning at the intersection of Martin Street and Nelson Street before moving to the next stage.

Bus routes and bin collections will not be affected by the works and will continue as normal.

The project is scheduled to be completed in December 2019.



Learn about the stars at the Library

WORLD Space Week, held between 4 and 10 October each year, is the largest space event on Earth. Join us at the Invercargill Public Library on Saturday 5 October at 2pm for "A Brief History of Astronomy" by Phil Burt from the Southland Astronomical Society.

What is World Space Week?

World Space Week is an international celebration of science and technology, and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition. The United Nations General Assembly declared in 1999 that World Space Week will be held each year from 4 – 10 October.



Queens Park fish installation success

BY MICHAEL SOLITT

Stormwater Technical Officer

ON 21 September, Council, in association with Environment Southland, Department of Conservation, Southern Landcare Trust, Otago University and several of Invercargill's Rotary Clubs took part in a Conservation Week event held at Queens Park.

We were lucky to have such nice weather for the event, meaning it was well attended with over 30 volunteers from various agencies present and hundreds of members of the public also in attendance.

There were multiple marquees and tents set up, all with information on how to better protect our local waterways and environment.

The day was headlined by Otago University's Aquavan, a mobile aquarium with interactive touch tanks and learning displays for the public to be involved with.

Also included on the day was the installation of 67 plastic moulded fish around Queens Park by volunteers from local Rotary Clubs.

The fish installation project is the result of a collaborative effort between members of the Sunrise Rotary Club and Council's stormwater team.

Moulded plastic fish have been installed near stormwater drains in the park to help the public make the mental link that what goes down the stormwater drains will ultimately end up in our streams and rivers.



FROM TOP: The Aquavan was a popular attraction, stormwater maps proved fascinating, plenty of people gathered to hear about conservation and installation of the moulded fish.





COMMUNITY FUNDING INFORMATION SESSION

Open to all community groups, clubs and organisations

Thursday 24 October, 6.30—7.30pm

Bluff Council Chambers, 18 Gore Street, Bluff

Learn about funding opportunities which may be suitable for your group

Local funders and fund administrators will provide an overview of their funds

- * Dianne Williams, Grants Manager, Community Trust South
- * Juanita Thornton, Community Advisor, Department of Internal Affairs
- * Mary Napper, Invercargill City Council

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