

Better BMX track for Elizabeth Park?

The Invercargill City Council has been asked to amend its Elizabeth Park Management Plan to allow Southland BMX to relocate to another area of Elizabeth Park and develop a new track, while removing the old track to ground level.

SOUTHLAND BMX plans to develop a new track which meets national standard requirements.

The club's proposal, including a proposed concept plan is available to view as part of the Elizabeth Park Management Plan review.

The current state of the track is falling well below the required standard and Southland BMX need to create a new track that meets national track guidelines and criteria. This will mean the club can apply for national events and also allow riders to practice at a level they will compete in at major competition tracks around the country. The development will attract riders from out of town for meets and competitions, while also being available for anyone in the community to use it for their biking needs.

While this amendment is being proposed, Council staff propose to review the whole Management Plan document at the same time.

This is your opportunity to present your feedback on all proposed amendments, and to make suggestions for other changes you might like to see in the Elizabeth Park Management Plan.

To have your say on this proposal you need to provide feedback to the Council by 4pm, Friday 28 February, 2020.

To find out more, and to print off a submission form or make one online, visit www.icc.govt.nz/public-documents/consultation/



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ICC Surf to City Entries Open



ENTRIES are now open for the annual ICC Surf to City on March 8, 2020.

Sponsored by the Invercargill City Council and presented by Sport Southland, the ICC Surf to City is Southland's largest participation event.

The full 12km course starts at Oreti Beach and finishes at Queens Park, but there are also 6km and 3km options to suit all abilities and ages.

Sport Southland chief executive Brendon McDermott said the long-running event had become part of the fabric of the province.

"The ICC Surf to City is one of those great events where you can't help but walk away with a smile on your face," he said.

"I can't think of another event which brings the community together in quite the same way as the ICC Surf to City. We see people of all ages and backgrounds taking part as individuals, work groups or families, and loving it. The atmosphere at the Queens Park finish, with the music and food and activities for the kids, is something special."

While the ICC Surf to City is already the largest participation event of its

kind in Southland, regularly attracting more than 3000 participants, McDermott would love to see it get even bigger.

"It would be great to share this event with even more people," he said.

"We work hard to ensure that as many people as possible are able to take part. We offer a range of distances. We welcome runners, walkers, bikers, pram-pushers, scooters – you name it, and we try and keep the cost as low as possible."

The ICC Surf to City was also a great event to partner

with the Invercargill City Council on, McDermott said.

"Being active is about so much more than being physically fit. It's about helping to build communities which are resilient, positive and engaged, and the Invercargill City Council gets that," McDermott said.

"Working with the ICC, this event has evolved into a truly family-friendly occasion which the city is justifiably proud of."

For more information about ICC Surf to City 2020, visit www.sportsouthland.co.nz



Surf to City

Sunday 8 March 2020

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WORD ON THE STREET

It's been a busy start to 2020 for our roading and infrastructure teams and contractors, with lots of projects already underway. Here's the essential information on a few of them...

WATERMAIN RENEWAL IN TAY AND DEE STREETS

Residents might recall the Trooper's Memorial Roundabout being a hive of activity in late 2019.

The project is to replace the 250mm asbestos cement water mains, which were installed in the 1950s.

Work is continuing along Dee Street, from Don Street to the roundabout, and east along Tay Street from the roundabout.

Please take care to obey all signs.

TWO NEW ROUNDABOUTS FOR CITY

Contractors began building one of two new roundabouts in early January – at the intersection of Dunns Road and Marama Avenue in Otatara.

Work at the intersection is expected to take about three months, and those travelling to or from Otatara should be mindful of any speed restrictions and diversions as the works progress.

Meanwhile, the intersection of Rockdale Road, Tweed Street, and Oteramika Road will also be changed to a roundabout, with work expected to start in the second half of February.



WATERMAIN RENEWAL FOR CONYERS STREET

Work has begun to replace an old asbestos cement pipeline along Conyers Street between John Street and Tramway Road.

The project involves replacing a 200mm asbestos cement watermain which was originally installed in 1962, and is part of the upgrade scheme happening throughout the city.

Along with a new pipeline, new valves and hydrants, fittings and connections to properties will be installed.

The work is expected to take until May to complete.

There won't be any full road closures, but there might be some disruptions to traffic flow and access to properties at times.

Please take care to pay attention to traffic management signs.

While there is a possibility of disruption to the water supply at times, this should be kept to a minimum.

ROAD REHAB FOR JED STREET

Rehabilitation of the road on Jed Street, between the intersection with Spey Street and the intersection with Don Street, is underway.

The work is to ensure the pavement can handle the frequent heavy vehicle use from the fire station and other traffic. At the same time, Council investigated the utilities under the road and decided to renew the foul sewer main as well. This pipeline was originally installed in 1915.

The work is expected to be complete in March.



Applications open for grants programmes

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THE start of a new year is exciting for all the clubs and organisations in our city.

Many people will have been away for a break and have been involved in exciting and interesting activities in another centre.

These ideas are often taken to clubs as ideas to have in Invercargill over the new year.

Others are shared with staff as suggestions that Council could undertake.

Applications are now open for clubs and organisations to apply for grants from Council's Community Grants Programme, Invercargill Active Communities and Creative Communities Invercargill.

Individuals can also apply for Creative Communities grants if the project is one which results in community benefit.

All projects seeking a grant must fit the criteria of that programme, and must be held in Invercargill to benefit Invercargill residents.

Visit www.icc.govt.nz/community/funding-awards-grants/ to find out more.

Applications close on 31 March 2020.

Environment Southland consulting on vehicle restrictions for Oreti Beach

ENVIRONMENT Southland is seeking feedback on proposed options to protect toheroa (a native shellfish) on Oreti Beach.

The four options suggest different levels of vehicle restrictions on the beach, and each would provide a 'safe zone' for people and young toheroa, free from vehicles. To find out more and to submit your feedback on which option you prefer visit www.haveyoursay.es.govt.nz/protecting-toheroa



Work to begin on Stirling Pt track repair

THE Stirling Point walking track will soon be open to the public once more, as work begins to repair damage from a slip.

The track has been closed since a slip occurred near the Stirling Point Lighthouse car park, damaging the walking track and some coastal protection.

From Monday, work will begin to build a boardwalk over the slip, as well as reinstating the coastal protection.

This will mean the track should be able to reopen for the busy summer period.

The work is expected to take about a month to complete, with the car park to be closed for approximately two weeks during this time.

2019 WEB TOP TEN

In 2019 the ICC website got a total of **1,132,329** page views, with the 10 most visited pages being:

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| 3. Buses | 8. A to Z menu |
| 4. Maps | 9. Careers |
| 5. Splash Palace | 10. Contact ICC |

Te kupu o te wiki

word of the week

Kia ora

Greetings! Hello! Cheers! Good luck!
Best wishes!

Kia ora koutou: **Greetings, hello to you - 3 or more people**

Kia ora rā kōrua: **Greetings, hello to you - 2 people**

Kia ora koutou katoa: **Greetings, hello to you all - 3 or more people**