

Crematorium to use eco-friendly urns



ABOVE: The new wooden urns alongside the old plastic urns.

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The Southland Crematorium has changed from plastic urns to sustainably sourced wooden urns.

THE new wooden urns are made in New Zealand from untreated pine sourced from sawmills that have Forest Stewardship Council 'Chain of Custody Certification'.

This means that their timber products must be from a responsibly managed forest.

We believe the move away to the eco-friendly wood and paper bags is a good decision as they are more aesthetically pleasing and a natural

product that is better for the environment.

The initiative has received positive feedback from the public.

New Zealand has been looking at the use of plastics, and sustainability in what we do and the products that we use.

This is a part of that movement and a good step for Invercargill City Council to take.

Parks team offers animal feedings



FROM RIGHT: Living Species Officer - Animals Jessey Beattie-Mackey, Living Species Officer - Aviary Abby Harrex and Environmental Team Leader Kate Gough.

BY BONNIE MAGER
Manager – Digital and Communication

Join the Parks and Recreation Living Species team this summer for a new event the whole family will enjoy.

IN December and January, visit Queens Park to watch our staff feed the furry, feathered, and hairy critters in the Animal Reserve and the Aviary!

This new initiative is to educate the public about what goes into caring for the animals in our care, as well as showcasing their unique personalities.

The idea came from Environmental Team Leader Kate Gough who saw the opportunity to give families something free to do these school holidays that was both fun and informative.

"We have an ability to provide opportunities for our community to enjoy our greenspaces, animals and aviary so let's ensure that they can get the best value out of their experiences," Kate said.

Living Species team members Jessey Beattie-Mackey and Abby Harrex will feed the animals while giving the talks.

Join Jessey at the Animal Reserve to find out the answer to questions like "who's eyes are bigger than their brain?", or visit Abby at the aviary to discover why our native parrots are some of the smartest in the world!

Feeding times:

Thursday 17 December.

Thursday 7, 14, 21 and 28 January.

Animal Feedings start at 10.30am and Aviary Feedings at 11.00am.

Summer Event Guide launched

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IN August, the Library communications team was restructured into the ICC communications team.

Since the transformation, we have noticed all of the great things team ICC does for the community.

With summer fast approaching, we saw the opportunity to create a new booklet aimed specifically at Invercargill families looking for free, or low cost, things to do over the long summer break.

And so, the summer event guide was born. A collaborative effort between council departments and supported community organisations.

This year's events range from Christmas events at the Parks and Libraries, to the newly established Invers play trail.

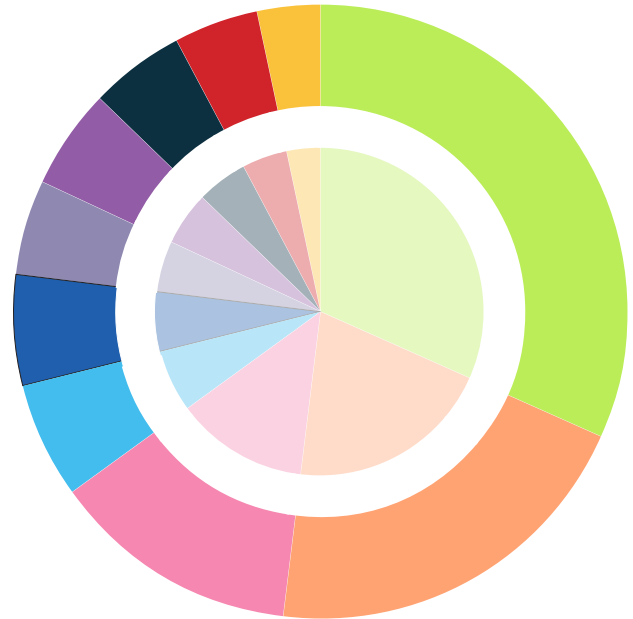
A one-stop shop for all ICC family events in December and January.

You can pick up a guide from CAB, Library, Pools, Stadium Southland and Great South.











BELOW: Summer Event Guides can be picked up from the Library.



Communications Advisor – Digital Media
 Daniel Tobin checks in on the best of
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Top 10 pages for 2020

	129,181 Home page		21,157 Maps
	81,246 Rates search		20,574 Rates
	53,461 Cemetery search		20,456 Online Payments
	24,023 Buses		17,872 A-Z menu
	23,422 Splash Palace		13,032 Your Council



Library thrives during 2020's challenges

BY MARIANNE FOSTER
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THIS year one of the successful COVID responses that the library initiated and has continued is the popular My Book Bag service.

This enables library borrowers to ring up and order either a general selection of books, DVD's or magazines, or a specifically tailored loan that can either be collected from the library or delivered to their homes.

We look forward to continuing to provide these loans as another way to serve our community better.

The ever popular Monday morning Chatter group is an opportunity for anyone from the community to meet, chat and make new friends over a cuppa.

It is also an opportunity to practice language skills for those who would like to practice their English.

There are two dedicated library team members who share responsibility for this group, Amanda Corrigan and Saniya Thompson, our newly appointed Community Connections Librarian.

In November Coordinator of the Southland Oral History Project, Rosie Stather, presented at a conference in Wellington.

The National Oral History Association of New Zealand, in conjunction with the Stout Research Centre for New Zealand Studies, hosted their biennial oral history conference at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington.

The theme of the conference was "Ko wai mātou? Who are we?" and Rosie presented on "Capturing the Stories of Southland".

This presentation gave an overview of the Southland Oral History Project and included excerpts from the collection as well as an overview of how the collection was set up and how it is managed day to day.

Another success story of 2020 is the upsurge in interest in the Library's digital offerings.

During the Alert Level 4 lockdown, these really came into their own.

BELOW: Oral History Coordinator Rosie Stather.

RIGHT: Library Chatter there is always plenty to chat about and treats to chew at the weekly Chatter Group.

Our physical building was closed but we were still able to reach our customers in their own homes with our eBooks and eAudiobooks.

During lockdown, borrowing figures for eBooks and eAudiobooks were not far off double the same time last year, and borrowing has continued at a higher rate even since the library reopened.

Anecdotally, people discovered our digital services during this time and many have chosen to keep using them.

Around the same time, we also added free, streaming movies, TV shows, and documentaries through Beamafilm.

This new service has been very well-received by customers and over the past few months, viewing tastes have been wide-ranging and include Catherine the Great, Top of the Lake, Book Club, Un Village Français, and Daffodils (starring Invercargill's own George Mason).

In October the library launched a new 3D printing service for the public.

Since then the Library's 3D printer has been running almost nonstop, printing a wide range of objects for the people of Invercargill.

The most interesting projects so far include a 10cm tall Mandalorian (with Baby Yoda) and a full sized steering column for a flight simulator, which took 2 weeks to complete.

Anybody can visit the library website and upload an .stl file or give us a thingiverse link for files they would like printed.

We'll let you know estimates on time and cost for your file before printing. It's as easy as that.



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Saturday 19 December

★ from 3.00pm ★

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