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Newsletter of the Timaru Civic Trust - November 2022

It's been another busy year for the Timaru Civic Trust, with plenty of activities keeping our voluntary Board members occupied.

As another year draws to a close, the Timaru Civic Trust Board would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very happy festive season and offer our best wishes for the new year ahead.



Annual General Meeting

The Trust held our Annual General Meeting on the evening of 19th October, in the Landing Service building Conference Centre.

Thank you to those who attended and special thanks to Philip Howe from the South Canterbury Museum, who spoke to us about the history of the museum and the plans for the proposed new Heritage Hub, next to the Theatre Royal.



Feedback sought on Council's Theatre Royal/Heritage Hub proposals

You may have seen recent media reports about cost overruns relating to the proposals for the redevelopment of the Theatre Royal and the associated new Heritage Hub facility. Timaru District Council are now seeking feedback from the public on the updated proposals.

There are three options the Council are consulting on before making a final decision on the project:

- *Option 1: Theatre Royal refurbished with the Back of House removed and rebuilt, and a new Heritage Facility built (Council's Preferred Option) - \$57.1m*
- *Option 2: Theatre Royal with the existing Stage House/Back of House retained and refurbished, and a new Heritage Facility built - \$56.1m*
- *Option 3: Theatre Royal only refurbished and the remaining area landscaped - \$40m*

Further information on the proposed development options is available and submissions can be made via the Council's dedicated webpage:

<https://www.timaru.govt.nz/tell-us/current-consultations/theatre-royalheritage-centre-consultation>

The deadline for submissions is 6pm, 24 November 2022.

We encourage all interested Civic Trust members to submit their own individual responses to the proposed options.



Heritage Grant for former Chalmers Church

The Timaru Civic Trust has contributed \$10,000 from our Heritage Grant scheme to assist with the earthquake strengthening work currently being undertaken on the former Chalmers Church in Sophia Street.

The upgrade of this prominent James Turnbull designed heritage building is being undertaken by St George's Coptic Church, who now own the building and the Trust congratulate the owners for investing in the upkeep of this iconic heritage building.



Council's proposed replacement District Plan released

TDC have recently released their proposed replacement District Plan for public consultation. There are a lot of changes proposed in this latest review of the District Plan rules and regulations.

The Timaru Civic Trust will be making a formal submission, but we also encourage our Civic Trust members to submit their own individual responses to the proposed changes.

Information on the Proposed District Plan changes is available and submissions can be made via the Council's dedicated webpage:

www.timaru.govt.nz/pdp

The deadline for submissions is 15 December 2022.

One of the more positive changes proposed is the increase in the number of heritage building's across the district that will be protected/scheduled under the new District Plan.

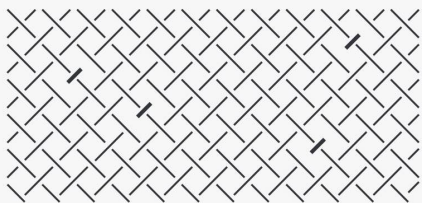


Street Art: Proving Grounds event

On Saturday November 5th *Alive Vibrant Timaru*, in collaboration with the *Timaru Civic Trust*, *Timaru CityTown* and *Ignite Timaru* ran a Street Art workshop at the Sophia Street car park where local street artists painted some of the walls around the car park and members of the public were invited to have a go at creating some of their own street art on the Civic Trust's Street Art shipping container.

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Timaru 'CityTown' - Public Talks

As part of the council's 'Timaru CityTown' initiative to enhance our city centre, a series of public talks, themed around urban regeneration, has been organised to support the development of the regeneration masterplan for the CBD.

More information about these 'speaker series' talks can be found on the 'CityTown' website, [here](https://www.timarucitytown.co.nz/speaker-series).

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The next scheduled speaker is Mike Fisher, (NZ based urbanist), on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, to be held at the CityTown 'Project Space' at 184 Stafford St. There are two separate session times to choose from and you can also choose to attend the talk online. Please register to attend this talk at the web address above.

Earlier this year Glen Hazelton (Dunedin City Council) gave an excellent talk about the importance of retaining heritage as a crucial part of an inner city regeneration project. We would highly recommend viewing Glen's talk, which is available to view online by following the link on the 'speaker series' website, above.

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... a special 'thank you' to Jan Gilbert

At this year's Annual General Meeting, held at the end of October, long-standing Board member Jan Gilbert stood down from her role as a TCT Trustee.

Jan has been involved with the Civic Trust since its inception and the Board would like to sincerely thank her for her dedication and commitment to both the Civic Trust and the wider local community over a great many years. We would like to wish Jan all the best for her future endeavours.

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