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Tribute paid to former Invercargill Mayor Condolence book opened

Invercargill Mayor Tim Shadbolt said today that he was shocked and saddened to learn of the death of former Invercargill Mayor David Harrington, who he described as a "true gentleman".

Mr Harrington was Mayor of Invercargill from 1995 to 1998.

In paying tribute to Mr Harrington, Mayor Tim said that he had been dedicated to serving the community, not only as Mayor but as a long-serving member and President of the Invercargill Licensing Trust and many other community organisations, including Calvary Hospital, the Rotary Club of Invercargill South and the boards of several schools. He also served as a Director on Council's Airport, Forestry and Holding Companies.

"David was always a very calm and stable presence, with a wonderful sense of humour and was very sensitive to the needs of others. He was always fully supported by his wife Patricia in her role as Mayoress.

"On behalf of the people of Invercargill, Councillors and staff I extend condolences to Patricia and the family," he said.

Mr Shadbolt said that the City Council would this afternoon open a condolence book, so members of the public could pay their own tributes to Mr Harrington. The book would be available in the foyer of the Civic Administration Building, from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, until Friday 12 June (excluding Monday 1 June, when the offices would be closed for the Queen's Birthday).

Mr Shadbolt said Council would fly the flag at half mast, to mark Mr Harrington's passing.

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