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Parks Week set to connect communities with nature

The third annual Parks Week will take place across Australia and New Zealand from 3 to 9 March 2014, celebrating the important role that our parks play in contributing to the health of our communities.

The Invercargill City Council will be one of many organisations that will be taking part in this year's Parks Week, with a range of events being planned at Queens Park, Invercargill.

David Clarke - CEO of Parks Forum - Parks Week coordinating body, encourages engagement from the whole community during this year's Parks Week. "This is the week where everyone in our community should take ownership of the beautiful parks and green spaces by getting involved in Parks Week events, or organising their own special event", he says.

Parks Week 2014 campaign message - '*Connect with Nature*' – will bring the community together under one banner to connect with and celebrate our natural world. A range of public events will take place across Australia and New Zealand during Parks Week to spread the word that parks are essential to healthy, happy and strong communities.

This year, Parks Week is proudly supported by Conservation Volunteers Australia, and Active in Parks - a Healthy Parks Healthy People program of Barwon Medicare Local, Medibank Community Fund, People and Parks Foundation, Parks Victoria, and G21 – Geelong Regional Alliance.

On Sunday 9 March, 2014, from 12.00pm-3.00pm, The Invercargill City Council Parks Division, in conjunction with Department of Conservation - Murihiku District, will be providing free activities at Queens Park, including guided tours; a family quiz trail and competition, orienteering map and a free BBQ. For more information contact the Parks Division: (03) 2199070, parks@icc.govt.nz.

Further information on Parks Week and how to get involved can be found on the Parks Forum website, http://www.parksforum.org/cms/pages/Parks-Week.html

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