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Keeping you up with the play in Central City

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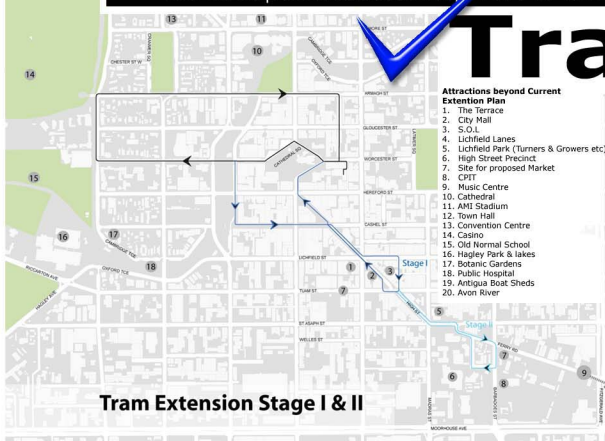
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Tram Extension



- Attractions beyond Current Extension Plan
1. The Terrace
 2. City Hall
 3. S.O.I.
 4. Lichfield Lanes
 5. Lichfield Park (Turners & Growers etc)
 6. High Street Precinct
 7. Site for proposed Market
 8. CPIT
 9. Music Centre
 10. Cathedral
 11. AMI Stadium
 12. Town Hall
 13. Convention Centre
 14. Casino
 15. Old Normal School
 16. Hagley Park & lakes
 17. Botanic Gardens
 18. Public Hospital
 19. Antique Boat Sheds
 20. Avon River

Tram Extension Stage I & II

The Council has proposed funding to extend the tram route through City Mall and beyond.

The first stage will see the extension completed to Tuam Street in time for the Rugby World Cup in 2011.

The second stage is proposed to continue along High St and Ferry Road to Barbadoes St, connecting the Music Centre, Cathedral and CPIT to the central city.

Many people think that because the tracks are being laid the extension is going ahead however this is not the case. The Council is seeking public approval for the final stage. We all need to get behind it to ensure it does go



Paul Lonsdale
Central City Manager
Business Association

ahead. I have started compiling letters and emails of support so I urge all of you who are in favour to send me an email supporting the tram extension.

Dusk - Poplar Street Ellerslie International Flower Show

Best Retail - Gold

More than 16,000 visitors attended the opening day of Ellerslie International Flower Show in Christchurch's North Hagley Park today - the biggest opening day attendance in ten years.

Thousands of visitors braved the cold wrapped in coat and scarves and carrying umbrellas

to ward off intermittent rain, to be among the first to view the horticultural and floral exhibits.

More than 20,000 people visited the show on the second day, enjoying the warmer weather and variety of horticultural exhibits on display.

About 36,000 visitors viewed the more than 80 horticultural exhibits, including 25 exhibition gardens, during the first two days.

"Numbers are unprecedented," says Managing Director Dave Mee.

Central City Businesses Pick Up Awards

I would like to thank all businesses who took part in the Ellerslie Flower Show window competition.

Your efforts were rewarded with the central city picking up most of the top honours and showing we support this important event.

Some efforts were just outstanding.

Dusk in Poplar Street created their window from last year's calendar, making each flower by hand from the calendar cuttings. Very clever!

Retail Supreme Award
New Regent Street

Best Retail - Gold
Dusk - Poplar Street

Best Retailer - Silver
Chill - High Street

Best Retailer - Bronze
Whitcoulls

Best Hotel - Gold
Grande Chancellor

Where has Johnny gone?



Johnny Moore has opened a new bar in quaint Poplar Street. It's called Goodbye Blue Monday, after a line in a Kurt Vonnegut novel 'Breakfast for Champions'.

The bar has a thirties theme and mainly built around an old Pianola. This Pianola is one of those really old piano's that automatically plays role music. He has a huge selection, mainly from the thirties and managed to

acquire up to two hundred titles.

The bar is aimed at two target audiences: the older 35-plus crowd looking for somewhere quieter and a little different, and after midnight a younger crowd keen on live local and national original music. Long term they are looking to introduce comedy, debates, philosophical and political, poetry and daytime music aimed at

families with children. The rumour is correct that Garry Moore, Johnny's dad and former City Mayor is the silent partner but Johnny says "He just isn't that silent".

Goodbye Blue Monday has a great selection of wine and food available. The food is supplied by a new High St restaurant, Macas. Check it out next time you are down that way.