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From the editors...



We are thrilled to be bringing you this very special edition of *The Life*. 2018 was the year New Zealand celebrated Suffrage 125, the anniversary of women winning the right to vote in this country. To pay homage to this milestone, we are proud to be celebrating Southland's leading women (page 12). By no means is this the entirety of Southland's top female voices but is a snapshot across various industries. It was fantastic catching up with such an amazing group of inspiring women! Empowering women is something close to our hearts at Market South. We take an active role in encouraging women to

step up and be recognised and Carla in particular is a passionate supporter of this movement, having been recognised three times as a finalist for the Women of Influence awards.

This edition also features some musings from two of Invercargill's well-known personalities; Liv Cochrane's hilarious and very real take on pregnancy is a must-read (page 104) and Steve Broad's raw and honest account of his career highs and lows sheds light on the man behind the microphone (page 58).

Change is in the air and our features on the HWCP inner-city redevelopment (page 90) and the Southern Institute of Technology Centre for Creative Industries (page 96) signal exciting developments on the horizon for Invercargill.

It has been a delight and honour to bring *The Life* to you. As a region, we are spoiled for choice with our stories of success and local heroes – sit back, enjoy and be inspired!

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