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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
ATTENTION: CHIEF REPORTERS
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Expressions of interest called for to operate Anderson House

People, business owners, or other groups are invited to put forward their interest in operating Anderson House.

On behalf of the Invercargill City Council, Venture Southland is seeking expressions of interest in operating one or more services from the iconic homestead.

Significant consultation has been undertaken in relation to Anderson House, in which the community indicated it supported the house reopening.

During the Long-term Plan process earlier this year, Council approved plans to undertake earthquake strengthening and make improvements to the building, which would allow it to be reopened to the public.

Improvements would include upgrading the toilets, adding a lift and fire safety upgrades.

The expression of interest process, which opens today, is for any party, including trusts or private sector operators, to put forward a proposal about how it would run Anderson House if offered the chance.

Expressions of interest should be well thought through, with information on the proposed operation, how it would be run and funded, and should outline the group's skills and governance model.

Any proposal submitted should also explain how the operation would fit within the context of the wider Anderson Park area and meet the needs of the community. Full details of what is required, including background documentation, is available at www.venturesouthland.co.nz.

Venture Southland staff will be available to provide advice to those wishing to submit an expression of interest. All information received will be treated as commercially confidential.

Expressions of interest must be made by 26 October 2018.

ENDS.

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Note to media:

The expression of interest process is not a repeat of community consultation. It is an opportunity for potential business operators to put forward a case for operation of Anderson House, to be considered by Council.