



## We're feeling pretty good

The results from our latest round of research are in.

Each year since 2012 we have interviewed 210 South Invercargill residents to ask how you feel about South Invercargill and what you think of the job South Alive is doing – just to make sure we're on the right track.

Back in 2012, the percentage of residents that agreed or strongly agreed they felt pride in South Invercargill was 35 per cent.

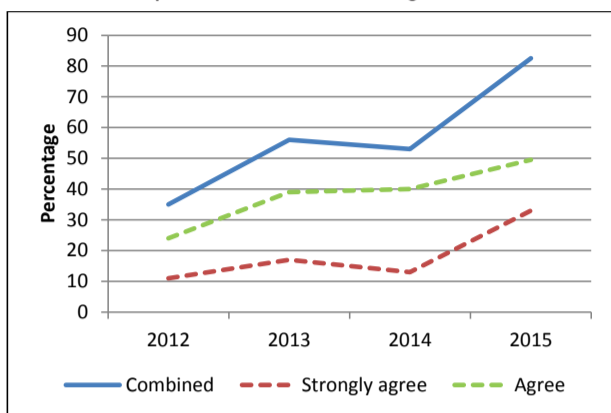
Three and a half years later, that number has shot up to an amazing 82.5 per cent.

The combined total of those who disagree or strongly disagree, i.e. they say they don't feel pride in how South Invercargill looks and feels, has dropped from 44 per cent in 2012 to a mere 8 per cent in 2015.

The remainder of people either had no opinion or were neutral.

Most people are also positive about the job South Alive is doing. 43% thought South Alive was making a big difference, 37% thought we

'I feel a sense of pride in how South Invercargill looks and feels'



were making quite a bit of difference and 12% a reasonable amount for the time we've been going. 2% said there was no difference they could tell and 6% didn't know. Overall therefore 92% of those in the survey were positive about the difference

South Alive is making. We are always keen to get more volunteers involved so if you might like to help out, please get in touch to discuss the options. See our Contact details below.

## Summer Garden Competition Winners



Back: Margaret Perkins, Edithjan Clyma, Leonard Houston, Andrea Sparks  
Front: Maureen Hartley, Sarah Aitken

The winners of the South Alive Summer Garden Competition have been announced and Andrea Sparks was very excited to be named the Supreme Winner for 2015.

Judge Anne Diack from Diack's Nurseries commended all who entered noting that the weather had not been helpful with a cold spring and continual blustery winds.

South Alive Board Chair Robyn Hickman thanked all of the 23 entrants for their contribution to inspiring Pride in South Invercargill, noting that every individual effort made a difference to the neighbourhood.

Mrs Hickman also thanked the sponsors who made the event possible: the ICC Urban Rejuvenation Committee, Invercargill Licensing Trust, Awarua Synergy, Glasines, Baillie & Lewis Pharmacy, Vamp Hair Design, Diack's Nurseries, Elles Road New World and the Housing Action Group.

Volunteers Julie Stewart and Pat Gnys of the Housing Group were congratulated for running this third successful event.

Other awards went to: Edithjan Clyma for her Decorative Garden; Margaret Perkins for Street Frontage; Leonard Houston for Vegetables with Michelle Rudgley as runner up; Sarah Aitken for Best New Garden and Mrs M Hartley for Owner/Occupier Garden with Natalie Thomson as runner up.

## A Festival for Scarecrows and Decorated Baskets

Bring your scarecrows and decorated or hanging baskets along to the first Scarecrow festival on Sunday December 13 at the South Alive Community park.

Entries for the competitions will be received between 11am and 12pm, with judging by public vote between 12pm and 2.30pm. A prize giving will take place at 3pm.

The fun will start at 11am with food and craft stalls and there will be activities for children from 1pm.

Gayle Hammond of the South Alive Beautification group, which is organising the event, said ever since the community garden was gifted its first scarecrow by a local school, there has been a lot of interest from the public in seeing more scarecrows in the gardens.

Call Gayle on 216 4348 for more information about the event.



Gayle Hammond with our current scarecrow



Some of the ukulele players enjoying the jam session

## Ukulele Jam Rocks the Mall

What a great turnout for the first South City Ukulele Jam.

About 30 people played for over an hour, and passers-by joined in with songs.

The roof fairly rattled! There will be another jam before Christmas so keep an eye on our Facebook page and noticeboard for the timing.



Members of the public visiting the exhibition

## South Invercargill Artist's Exhibition

Our second South Invercargill Artists Exhibition has got off to a great start with six works sold.

Fifteen artists are exhibiting over 40 works, including paintings, carvings, jewellery and craft.

The exhibition runs until Saturday December 5 and is open Tuesday to Saturday 11am to 3pm with a late night until 7pm on Thursdays. All work, except for the carvings, is for sale.

## Quiz Results of Quiz Night

'A great night of fun with really good raffle prizes' was the verdict on our recent quiz night at the Newfield Tavern. Eighteen teams competed for the prizes, answering six rounds of questions.

All up we raised a total of \$1,000 which will be a great help for our community projects. Thanks to the Newfield for their hosting and contribution, and to everyone that came along as well as those who donated prizes.

## Thanks to our supporters

These businesses, people and organisations keep us Alive! So please support them whenever you can.

- **Stella Hire** - free hire of toilet for working bee
- **Prize donors for Quiz Night** – Hunting and Fishing, Gordon and Gayle Hammond, South City Pharmacy, Nichols Garden Centre, Baillie and Lewis, New World Elles Road, Night n Day, Shelley Price, South City Gifts and Lotto Shop, Robyn Hickman, Diacks Nurseries, Glasines, Marion Manley, Bonsai Sushi, South City Party Nibbles, Southern Pawnbrokers, The Gift Shed, Tramway Motors, United Video, Elles Road Pets, So So \$2 shop, Caroline Eve, Newfield Tavern

## Reminder

### Tenant and Landlord of the Year

Entries close Tuesday December 1 at 3pm. Tenants with great landlords, landlords with great tenants - nominate them in our annual competition to celebrate the spirit of pride in South Invercargill. Nomination forms are available by e-mail from southalive@gmail.com, or phone 218 6882, or call at the South Alive office, Shop 6 in South City Mall.



The Stanley Plums

## The Fruits of Their Labour

The Fruit and Nut Group are excited to see several baby plum Stanleys, the first crop from the plum trees they have planted in the last three years. Keep an eye out for apples and pears as well.

## What's On

**Landlord and Tenant of the Year Competition** – Entries close Tuesday December 1 at 3pm. Prize giving Sunday December 6, 2pm, South Alive office

**Scarecrow and Decorated/Hanging Basket Competitions** - Sunday December 13 at the South Alive Community Park at the back of the South City Mall. Entries received 11am to 12 noon. Judging by public vote, 12 noon to 2.30pm. Prize giving 3pm. Categories for scarecrows: Families, Under 5, Schools, Community. Food and craft stalls from 11am, Children's activities from 1pm. Call Gayle on 216 4348 for more info.

**South Invercargill Artists Exhibition** - Open Tuesday to Saturday 11am to 3pm, late night Thursdays until 7pm. Until Saturday December 5.

**Seniors Friendship Group** - Every Tuesday, 2pm – 4pm at South Alive Hub. Entrance from back of the South City mall. Contact Trudy 218 6882 or just come along. All welcome.

**Action Group meetings this month** – new members/potential members welcome to attend. Contact South Alive office for more information or just show up. All welcome.

- **Arts Group** - Thursday November 26, 5.30pm, South Alive Hub
- **Housing Group** - Thursday December 3, 6pm South Alive office
- **Fruit and Nut Group** – Thursday December 7, 7.30pm, contact Marie 027 207 8575
- **Dog Park Group** – Saturday December 12, 4pm, South Alive Hub

For more information on any of our events or meetings, contact us in any of the ways listed under our 'Contact details'



## Contact details

- **Office:** 6, South City Mall. PO Box 7055, South Invercargill
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