



## THE 2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

### FEBRUARY

- First concert in the South Alive Community Park
- Second garden competition by Housing Group
- Pro bono design partnership announced with Craig Pocock
- Special clean-up of South City Shopping area

### MARCH

- Launch of national sculpture competition for \$100,000 artwork for Elles Road and Dalrymple Street
- New hanging baskets on Elles Road

### APRIL

- The stage is built in the South Alive community park
- First outdoor fitness class runs in the community park gym
- Ocean week art installations on the dog park fence

### MAY

- Working bee in our community park builds stage steps and a corner seat in the community garden
- South Alive road show in four venues to report to the community and ask for input into future projects
- The revised design concepts for the Elles Road and Martin Street upgrades are unveiled at a public meeting

### JUNE

- Our community artspace gallery opens in premises on Elles Road, with 'Making Our Mark' comprising work by 50 Aurora College students
- Six adult art classes are run in the new artspace

### JULY

- South Alive wins a competition and gets a new website
- Fruit and Nuts two year birthday celebration and pruning workshop
- The number of untidy sections shrinks by 60%
- Art banners for Matariki
- We open our second art exhibition 'South of the Tracks' with works by leading South Invercargill artists
- 5 art classes run for children in holidays

### AUGUST

- Second outdoor fitness class starts in the South Alive community park
- Fruit and Nut group bag 20 cub m of mulch and take it to the 11 parks where they've planted their 71 fruit trees
- A childrens art exhibition for Matariki opens in our gallery

### SEPTEMBER

- Our biggest fundraiser so far – Scholars vs Outlaws raises \$7,300 for South Alive projects
- Some of the eight groups which have adopted garden boxes in the community garden come for a visit
- Georgetown Pippins adopt a garden box

### OCTOBER

- Our market research shows 62% of locals have heard about South Alive, and of this group, 90% think we are making a positive difference
- New hanging baskets are ready to install on Elles Road
- South Alive fixes and cleans the mall toilets and the landlord fixes all the leaks in the roof
- South Alive coordinator invited to give a key note address at Victoria Local Government Community Development Conference in Melbourne

### NOVEMBER

- The new South Alive Community Art Gallery opens inside the mall with an Exhibition by 21 South Invercargill artists
- Decisions are made on the street upgrade project, allowing the tender to be awarded
- A broken sign at the entrance to the mall car park is fixed

### DECEMBER

- Meeting is held with dog park users to review the first year of operation
- South Alive erects a Christmas tree in the mall and decorates it
- Our garden scarecrow is converted into Santa and mans a selfie station in the mall
- South Invercargill Tenant of the Year competition is run for the first time

### Winner of Tenant of the Year

The South Alive Housing group has announced Merlene Thompson as the winner of its first Tenant of the Year competition. Housing group convenor Margaret Cook said that many landlords had answered the call to nominate their best tenants with the citations showcasing tenants that were exemplary in managing their property, paying their rent and going the extra mile to make their rental property a home.

The competition is another South Alive Housing Group project to recognise persons who show pride in their property, embodying the spirit of the South Invercargill community.



Reshmi & Jinu, Lea Pasco, Merlene Thompson (front) and Clifford Griffiths

### Coming up in the New Year

– please note these events & dates

#### Summer Concerts

A reminder that we'll have two great music concerts in the New Year – on January 18 and February 15, from 1pm, in the South Alive community park

#### South Invercargill Heritage Photographic Exhibition – call for material

South Alive is putting on an exhibition of photographs depicting historical views of South Invercargill as part of Southland Heritage month in March. Please contact us if you have any photographs you would be willing to exhibit. These can be anything from the far to the relatively recent past. Call Colin on 027 262 4368.

#### Childrens Day Talent Show

South Alive is running a Childrens Talent Show to celebrate Childrens Day on Sunday 1 March, from 3pm – 5pm in the South Alive community park. So start thinking about your acts and we'll have details on registration in our February newsletter.

### Thanks to our fantastic volunteers

A big shout out for our volunteers – especially those in the teams who put in hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours, also our Zero Rubbish street adopters who've made such a difference to our streets, and those who come to help when they can. Thank you all so much for your contribution which is changing the look and feel of South Invercargill and making lots of people proud and happy.

### Thanks to the Council

Our achievements are also due to the strong and generous support of the Council – which is partly (and crucially) about funding, but also about other support and advice. We'd especially like to thank Council's Urban Rejuvenation Committee members, Crs Neil Boniface and Rebecca Amundsen and Venture Southland Chair, Trevor Johnston. We'd also like to thank a huge number of Council staff – secretaries Rae Dorricott, Jan Jennings and Deborah Wilson for their friendly and always generous support; Michael Hartstonge from Building Consents who's part of our team; Roading Manager Russell Pearson for his outstanding support on some of our key projects; John Youngson and his staff for their willingness to work with the community and address key concerns; Robin Pagan and Parks staff for beautification and amenities projects like the dog park and roundabout; Directors Pamela Gare and Cameron McIntosh for their mentoring and belief in our goals, and the Mayor and other Councillors for continuing to support South Alive and attend events.

### Thanks to our donors, sponsors and supporters

Numbering well over a hundred, these companies, organisations and individuals have supported us with cash, prizes and in-kind help, without which we wouldn't have most of our projects. We can't thank you enough, and once again, express our strong gratitude to you all.

### Contact details

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

• **Opening Hours:** Mon & Tue 11.30am – 1.30pm; Wed 11.00am – 3.00pm; Thu 3.30 – 5.30pm; Fri 12.00 – 2.00pm

• **Christmas Closure:** The South Alive office will be closed from Monday 22 December and re-open on Monday 12 January. If you need to contact us during this time, please email or leave a phone message.

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