



## Our Park is off to a flying start!

Thanks to a generous offer from local contractor Southroads, the groundwork will soon start to get this project underway.



Colin Anderson, Chair of South Alive Trust and Grant Isaacs, Southland Regional Manager of Southroads discussing the plan for the park

Artists impression of the South Alive Park on Ness Street, behind the mall

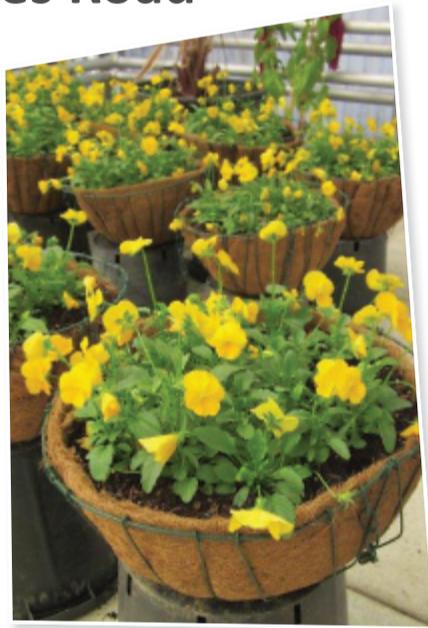
From our earlier newsletters you'll know that, in response to what you've told us you want, South Alive is planning to build a community park. Our plan provides space for informal gathering – where it's possible to do a bit of gardening or pick veggies for dinner, where youth can play some basketball and where there's often music and other performances and market days. And we just got off to a flying start with the very generous offer from Southroads to do a lot of the ground preparation we need. Southroads has agreed to excavate and refill to form the surfaces that are required under the garden boxes, basket ball court and café area and to form the paths.

Grant Isaacs, Southland Regional Manager of Southroads, said work would start in about three weeks. "We are really pleased to be able to help such a great community initiative" he said.

So, look out for progress on the park, and we'll give you another update in the next newsletter.

## Colour comes to Elles Road

When we asked what you wanted to improve in the South City shopping area, more colour and vibrancy was high on the list. We thought a great way to do that would be to have hanging flowering baskets. So we spoke to the landlord of the mall and he agreed to clean and repaint the iron work along Elles Road (thanks Contel Holdings!). With that done, we will hang the baskets in the next week or so and install an automatic watering system. The baskets should flower through until autumn, and will then be replanted – probably with a bright mix of colours.



## Operation Zero Rubbish - 95 down, 63 to go!

95 streets and 8 parks have already been adopted in our Zero Rubbish project, which leaves 63 streets still needing someone/group to take them under their wing. All sorts of groups and individuals are involved - including 3 kindergartens (Kew, Rockdale Park and Newfield), 7 classes at Aurora College, Southland Girl's High School, Georgetown Scouts, lots of families with young children, groups of neighbours that have got together just for this project, local businesses such as Westpac and many individuals ranging from juniors to seniors. What a fantastic

effort, and South Alive is really thrilled with the community response. Lots of people have also told us how much cleaner things are. But there are still those 63 streets waiting for adoption – so if you haven't already, why not volunteer yourself or get together with a few neighbours or friends. We've listed the available streets below and would love to hear from you if you can adopt any of them – see our contact details in this newsletter. You can also keep updated by looking at the full map in the window of the South Alive office in the mall.

### Streets waiting for adoption:

Argyle, Armagh, Ash, Avon Pl, Bain (Avon/Ball), Beatty, Bluff Hway, Boyne, Brown (Ball/Scott), Burns, Collingwood, Cushen, Dome (Conyers/Lime), Earn (Elles Rd/Princess), Enwood, Eriniskillen, Ethel, Farrar, Forfar, Frome, Glenalmond, Hamilton, Humber, Jack, John (Conyers/Newbie), Kew, Kinmont, Landsdowne,

Lauder, Lothian, Manse, Martin, (Princess/Pomona), Metzger, Molson, Morton (Centre/Tweed), Ninth (Crinan/Tweed), Norwood, Oban, Ottrey, Raymond, Regent (John/Tweed), Roy, Severn, Shannon, Stirrat, Totara, Tramway (Conyers/Newbie), Venus, View, White, Wicklow, Wilfred, Wye, Ythan (William/Balmoral) (Crinan/Tweed)

## Garden Competition

Show off the *autumn splendour* of your gardens. South Alive is running a garden competition for all residents, including tenants, in the 9812 postal district and we'd love you to share the pride you have in your property.

The six categories for the competition are:

- Flower/potted/rockery/cottage
- Street frontage
- Vegetable/herb/fruit
- Best new garden
- Best rental garden
- Best owner/occupier garden



The entries will be judged by local personalities with good prizes to be won. Entries forms will be available from South City Lotto & Gift Shop, South Alive office and Diacks Nursery Ltd. Entries close 5 April with judging in mid-April. We hope you'll encourage your friends, neighbours and your block to enter and share your pride in South Invercargill!

## The fruit of our labour

The Fruit and Nut Tree Action group is proud to announce that one of the fruit trees they planted in August last year has borne [a] fruit - one very large apple! The group intends to plant many more trees this year and we are all looking forward to a large community harvest in the future.



## Thanks to our fantastic Sponsors!

These businesses and organisations keep us Alive! So please support them wherever you can.

- **SOUTHROADS** for their great generosity in getting us started on the South Alive Park including excavation and building back the different surfaces we need – see report above
- **Richard Inns of 46 degrees** - [www.46degrees.co.nz](http://www.46degrees.co.nz) for doing 3D visualisations of fencing options for our proposed dog park
- **Rotary South** for dismantling and removing the kiosk from the mall
- **Kai Tech Ltd**, training provider, for always hosting meetings of the Children & Youth Action group

## What's on this month...

- **South Alive office in the Mall**  
Open Monday – Wednesday 11.30 – 1.30pm, Thursday 3.30 – 5.30pm, Friday 12 – 2pm and Saturdays 10am – 12pm and often at other times as well.
- **Sausage Sizzle** - The Fruit and Nut Tree Action Group are holding a sausage sizzle outside United Video South City on the 23 March to fundraise for more trees.

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



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