



Making Our Mark – Community Artspace

Our first exhibition, Making a Mark, by Aurora College students, opened last Friday and was a great success. Around 70 people attended and were impressed with the quality of the gallery and the exhibition. It made the hundreds of volunteer hours to get the space refurbished and fitted out all worth it. "It's fantastic that South Invercargill now has an artspace of this quality and size", said Colin Anderson, the Chair of South Alive.

And we're excited to announce that 'South of the Tracks', an exhibition by South Invercargill artists, will open on Sunday 6 July. It will include works by Johnny Peninsula, Tony Bishop, Katy Buess, Louise Craig, Dorne Kini, Spring Thomas, Anna Claire Thompson and Josh Tipu.

The artspace is intended for exhibitions, as well as art and other classes and artists-in-residence from time to time. Inquiries about booking the space are welcome.



The blessing of the Community Artspace, led by the Rev. Peggy Peek



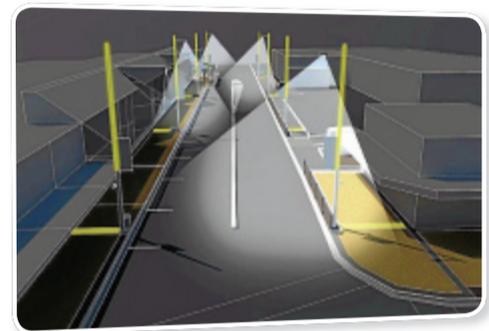
Tarryn Barrett and Shakira Nanai speak at the opening



Some of the crowd of around 70 people at the opening event

The transformation of South City

Another key element in the plan to transform South City is falling into place with the new designs for upgrading Martin Street and Elles Road receiving public approval at a recent meeting. "People seem to be really enthusiastic," the Mayor said. Others have commented that the designs are both striking and vibrant and the local South City Business Group have told us they are totally in favour. Which is all great news and it is hoped that work will start in September and be completed before the end of the year.



Looking north on Elles Road by night with lighted poles



Pocket park on the corner of Grace St and Elles Road

The Neighbourhood Projects Fund

Don't pass up the chance to get up to \$1,000 cash for your project! A reminder that the current round of the Neighbourhood Projects Fund closes on Monday 14 July. Information sheets and application forms are available from our office or email us at southalive@gmail.com and we'll send them to you.

Drawing students

Our art classes got off to a great start with a two hour drawing class led by Gina van Wichen. Participant Cushla McKenzie said they'd all had a lot of fun, and she'd noticed a real improvement in her drawing by the end of the class. Now she's going to all the classes she can! Still to come are Printmaking, Painting, Mixed media textures and Jewellery making. See 'What's on' for more information.



Some of the students. From left, Cushla McKenzie, Jan Duncan, Gina van Wichen (teacher) Zerika van Jaarsveld and Kahu McMurdo



Adam Lilley, Colin Anderson and Fraser Murdoch preparing the ground

The final stretch

It's taken awhile, but on Saturday our volunteer team made a start on putting down the rubber tiles at our Outdoor Gym. It's the final finishing task and should make the gym more comfortable for all those who are using it to keep fit.

What's On

Art Classes – adults 4 classes remaining – printmaking 20/6; painting 23/6; mixed media textures 27/6 and jewellery making 30/6. All classes 12.30 – 2.30pm. \$10 per class. To register phone 03 - 218 3102 or 03 - 215 6060 or email wings@woosh.co.nz

Art Classes – children – July school holidays. Jul 15 – 17; 5 classes, various subjects and age ranges \$5 per class. To register phone 03 - 218 3102 or 03 - 215 6060 or email wings@woosh.co.nz

Exhibition – South of the Tracks. An exhibition of work by South Invercargill Artists. Opens Sun 6 July at The Artspace, Elles Road in the South City shopping area. Hours Wed - Sun 11am – 3pm. Current exhibition, Making a Mark continues until Sat 28 June.

Yellow Drinks – Fri Jul 4, 5.30 – 7.30pm. Southland Tavern, 410 Elles Road. All South Alive participants and anyone interested in getting involved warmly invited to come along to this informal social gathering

Neighbourhood Project Fund – grants of up to \$1,000 for neighbourhood projects. Applications close July 14, 5.00pm. Contact South Alive for more information.

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.

- **Children & Youth Projects** – Wed 18 Jun, 6.30pm, South Alive office
- **Fruit and Nut Trees** – Mon 30 Jun, 7.30pm, 22 Nichol St. Enquires 027 207 8575
- **Arts Group** – Mon 30 Jun, 5.30pm, South Alive office
- **Housing Group** – Thu 3 Jul, 6.00pm South Alive office
- **Beautification** – Sat 19 Jul, 10am, South Alive office

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

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

ICC Urban Rejuvenation Fund - support for the fit-out of the Community Artspace

Newfield Tavern - hospitality and food for our hungry volunteers at Yellow Drinks

And the following for supporting the construction of our Outdoor Gym: New World Elles Road, Invercargill Active Communities Scheme, Staff of ICC Parks & Reserves, DN Brown Ltd, E.Hayes & Sons, Saecowilson, Spot On Panel Repairs, JK & WBE Wilson Bros., Beaufaures.



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

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