



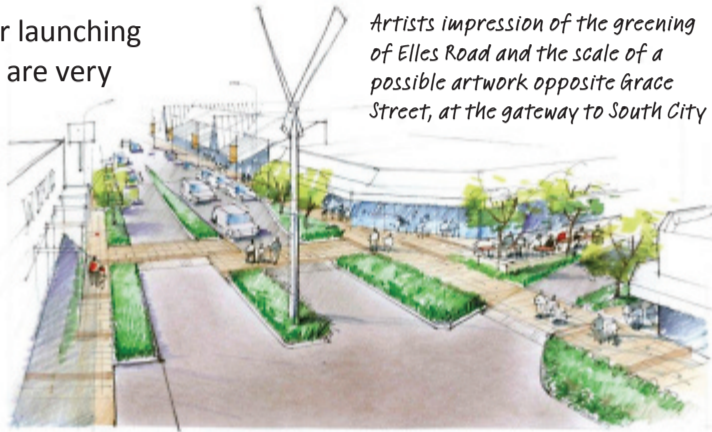
# SOUTH *alive.*

NOVEMBER 2012 Newsletter

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## South City Changes – What was unveiled, and where to now?

Six months after launching South Alive, we are very excited to have unveiled our concept plans for a rejuvenated South City Shopping area.



Artists impression of the greening of Elles Road and the scale of a possible artwork opposite Grace Street, at the gateway to South City

THE instructions from our August workshops were clear and very consistent across the workshops that we ran with businesses, children, artists and residents.

The biggest identified need was for civic gathering spaces – areas to meet, look, rest and share activities. Groups also identified a need for improved presentation – a lot more colour, plantings, art/sculpture, shelter, signage (entry, directory, banning poor signage) and improved shop presentations. Other common requests were for more community services and some retail changes. Groups' acknowledged the great strengths they had with much of the existing retail – particularly key services such as the supermarket, post office, bank, chemist etc. and the potential benefits in having 10,000 traffic movements a day along Elles Road.

The main elements to the proposed concept plans, which are on display in the South Alive office, are:

**Martin Street** – sheltered seating area, planting, art

**Elles Road from Dalrymple to Janet Streets** 'green columns' and other planting, significant work of art at the high point of Elles Road

**Grace Street** – sheltered seating area, planting

**Temporary Park** – South Alive has leased the vacant sections on Ness Street, behind the Mall. Plans are developing but will include large scale community garden boxes, a stage, art works and mounds for kids to play on. We are also working on the idea of a half basket ball court and 'pop-up' cafe

**Community hub** – the potential for a community hub building, probably in the medium to longer term

### The next steps

The street changes have to go through Council's approval process and, if approved, are likely to occur over two or three financial years. The next steps in terms of design are an engineering study and drawing detailed plans - likely to take six months.

Work on the temporary park can start almost immediately – first step, more planning!

The next stage with the community hub is to do a feasibility study which will aim to specify and quantify the demand in more detail to recommend whether it should go ahead or not.

## The Big [Rubbish] Day Out

Mark your calendars for Sunday 25 November. On that day, South Alive will be coordinating a South Invercargill wide rubbish drive, followed by a free BBQ for volunteers with spot prizes, bouncy castle and heaps more.

IF you can spare a couple of hours, and want to help make South Invercargill clean and beautiful, come to the Blues Rugby Club between 11am and 12 noon for street allocation. Bring your rubbish back by 1pm and have fun and meet others at the BBQ 1pm – 3pm.

*Note to everyone that's adopted a street or park – no need to come for street allocation - you already have one! Just bring your rubbish by 1pm to the Blues Rugby Club and stay for the BBQ.*



Zero Rubbish team Planning

## Housing Group offers 'Speed Dating' and Great Cash Discounts

Lucky Appleby residents recently had the opportunity to attend evenings organised by the South Alive Housing Action Group. The aim of the evenings was to provide advice and assistance for any changes residents might want to make to their properties.

SOUTH Alive's mission seeks to ensure that all homes are weatherproof, healthy, warm and safe. Housing issues were chosen as a priority at the public meeting in April this year, which also identified that the work should begin in Appleby.

The evenings began with dessert and coffee served by Aurora College students. Then those attending rotated around the many agencies present to get their advice and find out what assistance was available. The evening closed with residents being given a booklet which contained fantastic discounts negotiated by South Alive with local suppliers of home improvement materials.

The good news is that these discounts are now being made available to all South Invercargill

residents. Just take your proof of residency in South Invercargill to the supplier and ask for the South Alive Discount. And South Alive would like to say a huge thank-you to these suppliers for giving our residents such a helping hand with their home improvements. Thanks!

**E H Ball** - 30% off timber, 15% off gib board, 17.5% off batts and 20% off steel reinforcing.

**Colourplus** - 30% off paint, 20% off wallpaper and 15% off other painting requirements.

**Diacks Nurseries** - 20% off plants and bagged compost, potting mix and fertiliser between November 16 and 25.



Residents at Appleby Housing 'Speed Dating' events talk with some of the agencies

## What's on this month...

- **The Big [Rubbish] Day Out.** Sunday 25 November. Rubbish drive, free BBQ for volunteers. Come to Blues Rugby Club from 11am. See story this newsletter.
- **South Alive community choir.** Every Thursday, 7pm. St Andrews Church, Elles Road. Gold coin donation. All welcome. Any ability. No auditions.
- **South Alive office in the Mall.** Open Monday – Friday 11.30 – 1.30pm, and Saturdays 10am – 1pm and often at other times as well.
- **Coming soon... Garden Competition.** Look for a leaflet in your letterbox soon, or contact us for more information.

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

## Volunteer Opportunities

- **Treasurer** – South Alive needs a treasurer. Please contact Janette on 218 6688
- **Adopt a street (or park) campaign.** Contact us – see our 'Contact details'

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- **Contel Holdings Ltd** (mall owners) for lease of vacant sections for temporary park
- **Craigs Office Products** for best letter of support ever, plus heaps of free office products
- **Warwick Cambridge, Preston Russell Law** for legal services
- **Aaron Fox, Our Way Southland** for always helping
- **Pacific Island Cultural & Advisory Trust** for being 'home' to our steering group meetings
- **Aurora College** for the loan of premises, gear and huge community spirit
- **Environment Southland** for loaning us equipment, often!
- **Wastenet** for gloves, bags & other rubbish collecting items
- **E H Ball, Colourplus and Diacks Nurseries** for really great discounts
- **Binn Inn**, free sweets for fundraiser
- **Bowmont Meats** supply of sausages for the sizzles at a very generous price
- **United Video** for sausage sizzle area



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