



Food to go - Way to go!

Our wonderful Fruit and Nut Tree group are continuing their legacy of planting trees in our parks to provide free food for us in the years to come. Last year they planted 30 fruit trees in six different locations, and they've recently planted another 40. These have been a mix of apple, pear, nectarine, plum, walnut and hazelnut trees. Some were added to last years locations – Manse, McQuarrie and Ball Street Reserves and Russell Square while those planted in Elizabeth Park and Dunbarton, Dunbeath, Avon Road and Wagner Street Reserves are the start of new orchards.

And it doesn't end there. The group also make their own mulch and take care of the trees on an ongoing basis (see details of the free pruning workshop in our 'What's On' section) – and that's after they've had a sausage sizzle every month to raise the money to buy all the trees themselves. Thanks Fruit and Nuts!



From left, Leo Groszewski, Marie Crowe, Jacquie Webb, Trevor McKenzie, Diane Baker, Paula Moyles, Margaret Perkins, Jess Chalmers

Mulch Materials Needed

The Fruit and Nut Tree Group urgently need more vegetable material to make mulch – for example, hedge or plant cuttings (not roses) and tree pruning – but no weeds in anything, please. If you can help, please ring or text Marie 027 207 8575

Martin Street Developments

Yes, there has been some progress on our plan to make Martin Street into a great place to meet, sit, watch the world and celebrate. The traffic engineering study has been done and detailed design options are now being developed. We'll have a summary of these in our next newsletter, followed by a public meeting the week after that. So mark your calendars now and come along to the discussion on Tuesday 15 October, 7pm, inside South City Mall.

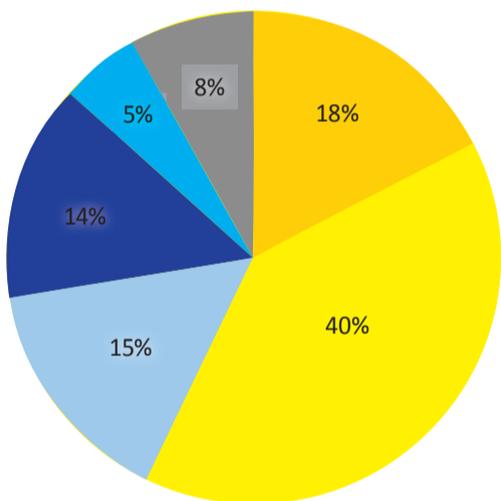


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How do we feel?

Pretty good actually, and way better than a year ago. South Alive recently completed it's second round of asking you about the way things look and feel in South Invercargill and we're delighted to say that 58% of people asked said they now feel proud versus only 35% a year ago. That's a massive increase of 65% over last year – see the full results in the graph below.

I feel a sense of pride in the way South Invercargill looks and feels



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

If you want to help the change, join us! See our contact details.

We also asked if you'd heard about South Alive and 59% said yes.

We asked you what kind of a difference we've made and:

- 63% said we were making a big, or quite a bit of difference - an 85% increase from last year
- 21% said we were making a reasonable difference for the time we've been going
- 3% said no difference and 13% didn't know

The hanging baskets

It's really great to see a new batch of hanging baskets in place and we can now sit back and watch as they become a mass of blue, yellow and green colour along Elles Road. Big thanks to our Beautification Team members who did all the work, and who take care of the baskets on a daily basis.



Community Park – Help Wanted

You might have seen teams of people working – or you might have just been an admirer. There's no doubt about it, our community park is proving to be a real winner. There's a lot more to do yet though - more fence to build, trenches to dig for the raspberries and the water fountain, ground to prepare and grass to sow, edging to install, painting, a stage to build, an outdoor gym to install and of course the food to make that we like to give our workers. So there is a role for everyone that wants to help – and the next opportunity is:

Working Bee

Saturday 21 September from 9.30am.

You can just show up, or contact Jan 214 8348 / 021 313 170 for more information. If you have any/all of a wheelbarrow, shovel, rake, hammer, saw etc. it'd be great if you bring those along. We'd love to see you.

Thanks to ...

Diacks Nurseries Limited

Big thanks to Anne Diack for doing the free workshop on planting hanging baskets, as well as Diack's donation of the potting mix and a selection of plants.

ICC Parks Operations

Brendan Monaghan, Parks Operations Manager has our gratitude for the loan of equipment for sowing our grass, as well as his team's advice and support.

What's on this month...

Neighbourhood Project Fund – Applications close Mon 16 September

Fruit and Nut Tree Group fundraising sausage sizzle – Sat 28 Sep from 9am in front of United Video

Fruit tree pruning workshop - FREE Sat 14 Sep 10.30am 32 John St
Community Park Working Bee - Sat 21 Sep from 9.30am. See story for more info

Martin Street Changes, Public meeting - Tue 15 Oct, 7pm South City Mall

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

- **Beautification** – Thu 26 Sep, 5.30pm South Alive office
- **Fruit and Nut Trees** – Wed 18 Sep, 7pm. Call Marie on 216 5690
- **Children & Youth Projects** - Tue, 17 Sept, 6.30pm Aurora College Boardroom

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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