



Operation Zero Rubbish

It's time to clean up! South Alive has had a lot of feedback from residents saying they are sick of seeing so much rubbish around – AND they are willing to do something about it if we could help them organise it.

AN elderly resident wrote to us and said, "I'm disgusted at the amount of rubbish lying in our streets... and wondered if you had a team to go out as a group and help clean up. I'm in my eighties but would be happy to join such a team to make our streets much nicer places..."

And a young mother wrote to us saying "I'm really concerned about the amount of litter lying around the streets... I would love to organise a group to get these streets cleaned up... but I'm not sure how best to go about it.

"I don't normally put myself forward like this, but decided there's not much point complaining... I'd be better doing something about it "

So, here's the plan.

We've set a goal to clean up and beautify South Invercargill streets and parks so they are places we are proud of.

To help achieve this we want to sign up 'caretakers' that will keep these areas rubbish free – until we get to a point where everyone is taking responsibility and there is no more rubbish left lying around.

You can volunteer as a team, or an individual (and if you want to join with others we can match you up with a team). So please, adopt a street or park, call Janet on 218 6882 to register or email southalive@gmail.com

So, lets go everyone! If we all do a little, the sum will be **Zero** and we'll be heroes!



South Invercargill resident Jan Duncan showing the way by taking a bag to pick up rubbish on her daily walk.



Kingswell Creek Clean-up

TWENTY six volunteers spent over 100 hours on Saturday, September 1 at a South Alive working bee. The task was to do a major clean-up of Kingswell Creek, between Elles Rd and Brown St prior to a large-scale planting project by local schools. It was made possible by Wastenet Southland, who picked up the cost of dumping all the rubbish so a big thanks to them. 2.03 tonnes of rubbish was collected! Students from Aurora College, Fernworth and New River Primary have joined together to care for the area on a continuing basis. Environment Southland have donated 450 trees and the students will start the project by planting these along the riverbank on Thursday, September 20.

Winning Art

JUSTINE Kairau-Mortimore, 11 from Fernworth Primary School, has won South Alive's first art competition. Open to all school children, the brief for the competition was to create a positive, colourful design that reflected the South Invercargill environment, character and culture. Justine said that in her design, the koru represents new beginnings and life. The mini koru patterns represent the children in South City while the tapa cloth and its colours represent the different cultures. The yellow mailbox and bird represents South Alive and the start of something new. The blossoming and colourful flower is to remind us of the talent and potential of young people.



The judging panel of The Arts Action Group, Eddie Cook of ICC and artist Danny Owen said they were really impressed with the thought that had gone into the 30 entries and were looking forward to seeing them all displayed in South City this week.

Justine's winning entry has been transferred by Danny Owen, to the traffic signal box on the corner of Elles Rd and Janet St.



Fruit tree grafting workshop

SOUTH Alive Fruit & Nut Tree group have arranged a workshop to teach people how to graft their own fruit trees. Robyn Guyton from the Heritage Trust will be with the group at Fernworth School on Sunday, October 7 from 11am – 3pm. Sessions will run on the half hour, and you will need to bring a container full of soil to plant your tree into. Marie Crowe, convenor of the group said that \$5 per tree was a wonderfully economic way to get a fruit tree for your garden, and to learn how to graft trees in the future. Registration would be appreciated. See details in 'What's On' below.

Fruit & Nut group members (l to r) Jacquie Webb, Marie Crowe, Trevor McKenzie

Date set to unveil plans for South City Shopping Project

IN our last newsletter, we talked about our project to improve the South City Shopping Area. We said that from the four workshops we ran, there were consistent themes and general agreement on what was needed. Especially strong was the desire for more colour and spaces where people could gather in an informal way. We also said we would come back to you once we had a timetable to present our ideas and we are pleased to say that we've organised this for Sunday, October 28, from 1pm – 3pm, followed by afternoon tea. If you are able to bring a plate that would be great. The venue is the St Andrews Community Hall, Elles Rd.

Thanks to our fantastic Sponsors!

Environment Southland: for supplying 450 trees to plant at Kingswell Creek and lots of other site help.

Wastenet: for paying for the disposal of the 2.03 tonnes of rubbish taken from Kingswell Creek during the clean-up.

Danny Owen Artist: for helping judge, and then transferring the winning art to the electricity transformer box

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What's on this month...

- **South Alive report back meeting** from Steering and all Action Groups. Today (Thursday) September 20, Aurora College, E Block. 6pm-7pm optional social hour (please bring a plate). 7pm-9pm meeting. The general public/anyone wanting to learn more about South Alive are most welcome to attend.
- **Fruit tree grafting workshop.** Sunday, October 7 from 11am. 30 minute sessions at Fernworth School. \$5 per tree. Call Marie on 216 5690 to register.
- **Unveiling design options for South City.** Sunday, October 28, 1pm – 3pm, followed by afternoon tea (please bring a plate). St Andrews Community Hall, Elles Rd.



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Post: Registration/ideas forms at our yellow letterbox, now in South City Gifts & Post Shop. 'Post' in letterbox and we'll contact you.