



## Our tale is coming – join us for the procession and opening



The sculpture, near the end of the fabrication phase, in a prone position for access. It will soon make its way to be painted which will take three weeks followed by installation including lighting and landscaping.

We've set a date for the official opening of the sculpture. It's Friday evening on August 21 and you're all invited. Come and join us, and the community procession beforehand.

Such a great occasion deserves some serious ceremony and celebration.

So we're organising a community procession which will start from the South Alive Community Park at the back of the South City Mall at 5.30pm and make its way along Ness Street and Dalrymple Street to the sculpture on the corner of Elles Road.

We're encouraging everyone to come and be a part of it – come as your class, your family, your club, organisation, church, with your friends, by yourself...just come!

Banners, flags, national flags, costumes and dress up are all encouraged – we'll be wearing a lot of yellow!

There will be free glow sticks for all!

We'd also love to hear your ideas for the procession and opening event, so get in touch with us at our office (see Contact Details) or via our website or Facebook.

## Seniors Friendship Group starting

Valmai Grace has a great idea. She said it's been in the back of her mind for awhile now, especially since she stopped driving.

Valmai's idea is to establish a weekly coffee and chat group for seniors. She said that there aren't enough neighbourhood opportunities for older people that they can easily get to when no longer able to drive.

To start with, the gathering will simply be a get-together with afternoon tea. From there, Valmai says, they'll take ideas that come along and see what develops. So, all seniors, women and men, are warmly welcome to come along. The group will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 2 – 4pm, in The Hub which is opposite the South Alive office at the back of the South City mall. Contact Trudy at South Alive 218 6882 for more information or just come along.

**Also note:** A Craft and Coffee group is starting in the Hub and will meet weekly from Wednesday 29 July, 1pm–4pm. We'll have more on this in our next newsletter.



Valmai Grace talks with Trudy Saunders of South Alive

## We thank our Volunteers

We recently celebrated Volunteer Week with a dinner for our volunteers.

Without them, and all the hundreds of hours they put in, we wouldn't have the long list of projects and changes that you now see around South Invercargill.

So dinner it was, for about 55 hardy souls who braved the terrible weather to dine together. And when you get people from groups such as Fruit and Nuts, Beautification, Arts, Zero Rubbish, Housing and the Dog Park swapping stories, it's bound to be a fun night.

We'd also like to say a very big thank you to the South Invercargill businesses that donated food and drink so that we could 'shout' this dinner - New World Elles Road, Glasines, Subway, Nigh 'n Day, Bells on Martin, South City Party Nibbles, United Video and LiquorLand.



Volunteers start the task of devouring the huge feast

## Thanks to our supporters

These businesses, people and organisations keep us Alive! So please support them whenever you can.

- **The Southern Trust** - for one third of the funding for our Volunteers Manager
- **Appleby & Southland Taverns** – really generous provision of food to South Alive volunteers at our Yellow Drinks
- **New World Elles Road, Subway, Night n Day, Bells on Martin, South City Party Nibbles, Glasines, United Video, LiquorLand** - for supplying our volunteers with food and drink at our annual Volunteer Week thank you dinner
- **TNZ** - donation of 20 cubic metres of mulch for our Fruit and Nut group
- **McNeil Distribution** – free delivery of the mulch

## South City Upgrade

Just a quick update on where this is at.

The footpath upgrades and associated gardens, outdoor seating, bike racks, barriers and light poles were completed last week, except for the area outside Westpac which is waiting for some piles to be constructed.

There has been a delay with the construction of the shelter hubs and seating and these are now expected to be installed in August/September.

And psst,... there's going to be a street party for the big opening once it's all finished. We'll have all the details in our next newsletter.

### Wanted: Strawberry Plants for our community garden.

Contact Gayle on tel 216 4348 for pick up, or drop off at our office.

## What's On

**Sculpture Opening** - Friday 21 August 5.30pm More details soon

**Exhibition** - Dance photographs by David Russell of Southern Exposures. South Alive Gallery

**Senior Friendship Group** - Every Tuesday, 2 – 4pm, in The Hub (opposite South Alive office at the back of the South City mall). Contact Trudy at South Alive 218 6882 for more information or just come along.

**Craft & Coffee Group** – starting Wed 29 July, and then every Wednesday from 1pm-4pm in the South Alive Hub (rear of 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 Group** – Saturday 11 Jul, 10.00am, South Alive office
- **Dog Park Group** - Saturday 11 Jul, 3.00pm, South Alive Hub
- **Fruit and Nut Group**, Monday 13 Jul, 7.30pm, contact Marie 027 207 8575
- **Arts Group** - Tuesday 21 Jul, 5.30pm, South Alive Hub
- **Housing Group**, Thursday 6 Aug, 6.00pm 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'

## Calling South Invercargill Artists

The South Alive Arts Group is planning its second exhibition for South Invercargill artists in November.

Participation is open to anyone that lives in the 9812 post code area and makes art; whether its paintings, crafts, sculpture or something else.

We'll have more details on timing and how to enter soon, and in the meantime if you want to register your interest, email or call South Alive.



Next South Invercargill Artists exhibition November 2015



## Contact details

• **Office:** Shop 6, South City Mall. PO Box 7055, South Invercargill

• **Opening hours:**  
Tue 11.30am – 1.30pm;  
Wed 11.00am – 3.00pm;  
Thu 3.30 – 5.30pm;  
Fri 12.00 – 2.00pm,  
Sat 11am – 1pm.  
Closed Sunday and Monday.

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