



## The Lights are Coming

You might have noticed that the upgrade project has started in Martin St, and this work should be finished by March 23, 2015.

Work is expected to start on Elles Rd on March 11 and the whole project should be finished by the end of May. Council has asked us to pass on its thanks to shop owners and the public for their understanding during this very disruptive construction phase. They say they appreciate your patience very much.

In the meantime, there's a lot happening behind the scenes with the construction of the street hubs and furniture and the really exciting gateway lighting project.

Shown below is the 10m high light pole which has a computer generated design of the southern lights hole punched in the metal cowlings.

These cowlings encase the top 4.8 metres of the light poles and have a computer controlled LED light stripe in behind them which will provide a dynamic light show, resembling the southern lights, each night. The poles have street lights, banners and a custom paint job to create visual interest during the day, all of which will all add up to a significant visual gateway for South City.



Staff from Spunlite Poles, left to right Gianni Veronese, Denholm Griffin and Stuart Wright talking to designer Craig Pocock far left

## Heritage Exhibition Opens ... but our search continues

Our South Invercargill heritage exhibition has opened, and Convenor Colin Anderson says it is a fascinating look back to the past. Colin says there is still room for more material and he's come up with some ideas, in case this helps. His wish list for additional photos includes: "grand" houses in Dalrymple or other streets, photos of tramways or the horse and cart days, early families, street scenes, Kew Bowl in its heyday, construction photos of buildings such as the South City Mall, photos of old hotels, community events, and characters and personalities – in short, any interesting photos that help celebrate the heritage of South Invercargill. Call into the Art Space or the South Alive office in the South City Mall to discuss or leave your photos for the exhibition.



South Alive volunteers Trudy Saunders and Jan Duncan discuss the exhibition

## Great Ideas for the Dog Park Volunteers invited for group

Interested South Alive dog park users met last week to further discuss ideas for improvements to the dog park. The meeting was also attended by Robin Pagan, ICC Parks Manager. Parks advised that they will initiate some upgrading and maintenance including drainage improvements, more gravel in front of the shelters, some changes to signage and a picnic table on the barked area.

Several other improvements were seen as desirable by the group.

These include agility equipment, additional seating, perhaps more/different shelters and lighting for night time use. For these changes to happen though, enough volunteers need to get actively involved in the Dog Park Group, which would then decide the



Dogs at the park, discussing the various options while the owners look on

priorities and develop a plan. If you're interested, contact South Alive (see Contact Details) or just come along to the meeting. All users of the Dog Park are welcome. The next meeting of the group is on Monday March 23 at 5.30pm at the South Alive office, South City Mall.

## The Hub is Open for Business

Lead lighting, painting and drawing classes have so far been held in our brand new Hub, located alongside the Art Gallery in the South City mall.

"We're really excited to be able to offer this space to the community" says Janette Malcolm, South Alive Coordinator.

"It's available for classes, workshops, demonstrations and meetings and can be rented by the hour, half day or day. We already have groups using it for a wide range of purposes," she says.

To book the Hub, contact South Alive or book via our website.



The Hub has a flexible table arrangement that seats at least 12, a high bench with stools, yellow 'whiteboards' and a kitchen

The Gallery alongside is also available for exhibitions at a weekly rate.

There are three more classes in the current 'Introduction to Art' series – Bookmaking, Jewellery and Acrylic Painting. Contact South Alive to book.

## Concert in our Park

Finally the good weather arrived, and so did the music and the crowd. About 120 people soaked up the sound and the sun, and we're really grateful to the bands and the organisers for providing such great entertainment.



Dene Allen playing to the crowd

## Thanks to our supporters

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

**Venture Southland and Shannon Cooper-Garland** – for organising the summer concert series, and especially the concert at South Alive Community Park

**The Bands, The Hit Men and Dene Allen** – for coming and playing the concert for free

**Bin Inn** - for providing the power for the concert

**Travis from Resene Paints** – for coming and personally putting on the paint that turned our MDF into whiteboards – we're loving them!

**South Invercargill Rotary** – for coming en masse to install edging around the grass boundaries in our park

## What's On

**South Invercargill Heritage Photographic Exhibition** - during March in the South Alive Art Gallery, rear of South City mall. Open Tue – Sat 11.30 – 3.30pm

**Fruit and Nut Tree Group, fundraiser BBQ** - Mitre 10 Mega, Sat 29 Nov from 9.30am

**Art classes for Adults** - Tue 17 Mar – Bookmaking; Tue 24 Mar – Jewellery; Wed 1 Apr – Acrylics. All classes 7pm – 9pm. At South Alive Arts Hub, in the South City mall. Entrance via car park at rear. \$10 per class. To book, contact South Alive via email: [southalive@gmail.com](mailto:southalive@gmail.com) or telephone 2186882 or call into our office in the mall and put your name on the list.

**Yellow Drinks** – Friday 3 April, 5.30pm, Appleby Tavern

**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.

- Dog Park Group – Mon 23 Mar, 5.30pm, South Alive office
- Arts Group – Tue 31 Mar, 6.00pm, South Alive office
- Housing Group – Thu 9 Apr, 6.00pm South Alive office
- Beautification Group – Sat 11 Apr 10am, South Alive office
- Fruit and Nut Group – Mon 13 Apr, 7.30pm, contact Marie 027 207 8575

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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## Contact details

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