



FREE WI-FI in South City Mall!

Thanks to the very generous Pride Real Estate, we are excited to announce that there is now free Wi-Fi available in South City Mall. This is free to use for everyone, and there are no limits to how it is used, as long as what you are viewing and downloading is legal.

The last census data shows that access to the internet is lower in Invercargill than the rest of New Zealand. Managing Director, Avinash Varghese of Pride Real Estate, is passionate about ensuring that the South Invercargill community enjoy the same benefits that are available in other New Zealand communities. "In 2013 a conversation sparked an idea about providing free internet access at South City Mall for the public to bring closeness and connectivity to the community. Pride Realty is privileged to sponsor this service. It is our belief that supplying this high-speed filtered access will help provide opportunities for the community and in particular young people, to access the internet to enhance their education



Pride Real Estate team, - L-R, Laina Goodmansom, Laticha Harvey, Jackie Alexander, Sara-Jane Milne, Avinash Varghese

and make it easier to enter the workforce." This free Wi-Fi is a trial. If it is well used it will continue, but if this service is abused, stronger filtering and limits will be put in place. The free Wi-Fi network is called 'Pride Free WiFi'.

Just a Little Nutty!

The South Alive Fruit and Nut Tree group was formed after the South Invercargill community indicated that having fruit and nut trees in public spaces was important to them. This wonderful group has since been responsible for planting more than 70 fruit trees in public spaces and schools throughout South Invercargill; organising grafting workshops for the community; maintaining the planted trees and orchard areas; and fundraising in order to be self-sufficient. They are a very active group within the wider South Alive family, and are some of the first to volunteer to help out with other South Alive groups and events. They are a hardy bunch of volunteers who work hard, but play hard too. If you would like to join this amazing group of volunteers, get in touch with us – we'd love to have you!



Fruit and Nut group members - back row: Dianne Baker, Leo Groszewski, Paula Moyles, Jackie Webb, Anna Groszewski, James Akbar-Given, Margaret Perkins. Front row: Marie Crowe, Trevor McKenzie, Jess Chalmers and Charlie the Dog

'Down South, Heads Up' a success!



Stan Fox, photo courtesy of Southern Exposures

The South Alive Arts Team had the privilege to present *Down South, Heads Up*, a collaborative exhibition celebrating some of the unique people who have lived, worked and played in South Invercargill. With a wonderful opening event that featured stand-up poetry from Mayor Tim Shadbolt, the South City Mall was alive with people, conversation, camaraderie, and laughter. This exhibition came to fruition through the tireless efforts of photographer, David Russell and poets Edna Weedon and David Griffin. A heartfelt thank you to these three people, the South Alive Arts Team and the amazing people in the portraits.

Short Bites



- Steve Solomon is a recent addition to the South Alive Arts Group and is the first artist in residence at South Alive Arts – a very exciting beginning and the team looks forward to continuing the opportunity of artist residency. You will find him working at the Community Hub.
- We are calling for entries for *South of the Tracks*, the third annual South Invercargill artists exhibition. This is a fantastic opportunity for artists in the area to showcase their artwork. Entries close on September 15. Entry forms are available at the South Alive office and from the website.
- A big shout out to Tearii Toru, one of our amazing Zero Rubbish volunteers who just keeps on giving. Tearii is heading back to Rarotonga – we'll miss you!



- Little Free Libraries will be popping up soon at Kew Hospital, New World Elles Road, Tramway Motors, Mighty Meats and the South Alive community park. We've also upcycled our old piano into a fabulous new library in South City Mall – come down and check it out.

Spring Flower Show

Let's celebrate the artistic and green fingers of South Invercargill families! South Alive's Spring Flower Show will be held on Saturday 1 October in the South City Mall. Programmes and entry forms are available from the South Alive Office or you can visit www.southalive.org.nz for more information. Entry is open to anyone living in the 9812 postal district, and there are sections for all ages.



Thanks to our supporters

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

- Harvey Norman, for their sponsorship of the photograph printing for the Down South, Heads Up Exhibition
- Resene for their sponsorship of paint for the Little Libraries project
- The Community Organisation Grants Scheme of Southland for their financial support of South Alive
- Pamela, Peter and Ursula Calder for their generous donation of the new South Alive piano
- Sports Southland for their organisation of the Walking Group
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What's On

- Volunteer Potluck Dinner** – 21 August, 5pm, Aurora College
- Community Garden Working Bee** – Saturday 27 August, 11am, South Alive Community Gardens
- Community Law workshop on Consumer Rights** – 31 August, 2pm, Community Hub
- Manapouri Arts Group Exhibition** – until Tuesday 6 September, South Alive Art Gallery, South City Mall
- Grafting Workshop with Robyn Guyton** – Saturday 10 September, 10.30am, South Alive Community Hub
- Number 10 Arts Group Exhibition** – 7 - 14 September, South Alive Art Gallery, South City Mall
- Senior's Friendship Group** – Every Tuesday, 2pm, South Alive Community Hub

Action Group Meetings

- South Alive Hub Action Group meetings this month - new members/potential members are welcome to attend. Contact the South Alive office for more information or just show up. All welcome.**
- Arts Group** – Thursday 1 September, 6pm, South Alive Community Hub, South Alive Community Hub
- Fruit and Nut Group** – Monday 4 August, 7.30pm, contact Marie 027 207 8575
- Beautification Group** – Saturday 10 September, 10am, South Alive office
- Housing Group** – Thursday 1 September, 6pm, South Alive office



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