



## Return of the Rimu St Races On Your Marks, Get Set, Go!

South Alive is bringing back the iconic Rimu Street races, last held in the 1980s.

The inaugural South Alive Trolley Derby will take place on Rimu Street on March 6 starting at 2pm, with an afterparty with food, games and entertainment at Elizabeth Park from 3pm.

Build a trolley or bring your drift bike and come along for a great event. There will be downhill races for trolleys and freestyling fun for drift bikers. If you need some advice about how to build your trolley we might be able to help – give us a

call or visit the South Alive office. Trolleys will need some kind of steering and brakes and you'll need to supply your own helmet.

There will be races for all ages. Registration is free but we'd appreciate your pre-registration by 4pm on 29 February. Visit our website to download an email the entry form or come into the South Alive office.

After the races there will be food, entertainment and music in Elizabeth Park with gumboot throwing, sack races, face painting, water slides and much more in the line up.

This will be a fantastic afternoon and we look forward to seeing you.



Colin Anderson getting Emily Evans lined up for a practice run in a trolley that was last used in the races in the 1980s

## Soft Business Skills Course

Would you like help with your employment skills? Feedback from our pilot course for youth last year was so positive, with requests to participate from other age groups as well, that we're going to run a second course, for all ages, starting at the end of March.

The purpose of the course is to provide individuals with valuable skills to help

with employment opportunities and we're very lucky that SIT lecturer Fred Musika, an international specialist in this area, has again offered his services for free to run the course.

The specific modules are: Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> - Confidence and Goal Setting; Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> - Job Search and Personal Branding; Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> -

Presentation Skills and Stress; Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> - Guest speakers from local companies talk about their business experience and what they look for when employing staff.

Each module will run from 4:30pm-7:30pm and a light snack will be provided, BYO dinner.

Places are limited and registrations are essential.



SIT Lecturer, Fred Musika, who will be teaching the course

## Showcasing South Invercargill Identities Can you nominate someone?

*Out of our own Backyard* will be an exhibition of photographic portraits and poetry that tells the stories of people who live in South Invercargill.

Does someone spring to mind?

The South Alive Arts team are asking the South Invercargill community to nominate local people they know personally, or know of, for a portrait exhibition.

Is there someone you want to know more about or a person from the neighbourhood you would like to introduce to others? Is there someone or a group making a big difference, that others might not know about? If so, let us know. Contact the South Alive office or Ari Edgecombe 022 1003728 by February 28, 2016



Ari Edgecombe, South Alive Arts Group, and in charge of the exhibition

## Introducing Nikki Aaron

We'd like to introduce Nikki Aaron, who joined South Alive in December. Nikki's role as Community Coordinator is to develop links and collaboration among groups within the South Invercargill community, and support any new initiatives that are identified as needed.

Nikki is Canadian by birth and lived in Dunedin for six years prior to joining South Alive. Nikki has a Ph.D in Community Development from Otago University and

lots of practical experience in various parts of the world. Mrs Hickman, Chair of South Alive said that South Alive considered itself extremely fortunate to have Nikki in the role. "Her enthusiasm and knowledge will be a huge asset to South Alive" she said.

The position is funded by a three year grant from the Department of Internal Affairs under their Community Development Scheme – one of only

twelve grants nationally and the only one in Southland.

If you'd like to talk with Nikki, contact her via the South Alive office or on 022 679 9404.



Nikki Aaron, Community Coordinator

## Youth Basketball Competition

It starts this Saturday, 20 February at 12 noon.

It's our very first basketball competition and we're really excited to get underway. It'll be a 3 x 3 competition for youth aged between 13 and 19 and will run for four Saturdays starting February 20 at 12 noon at the South Alive Community Park behind the South City Mall. There will be prizes and trophies, and food of course and we're hoping for a big turnout. Nikki Aaron, our Community Coordinator, is organising the competition and says she is keen to get alongside our local youth and find out what else they'd like to see in the community.

Call or text Nikki on 022 679 9404 to register or talk about other ideas you have. Competition entries are \$10 per team of five.



The 'after work' crowd playing basketball in the South Alive Community Park

## Tenant of the Year

Helen Roberts was announced as South Alive's Tenant of the Year winner for 2015. Her landlords, Mr DL & Mrs J I Humphries, said that Helen has been a dream tenant for six years and they're thrilled she has won the accolade. 'She really deserves it.' Mrs Humphries said.

Second prize went to Ms Jan McDonald and third to Laura Doyle, both nominated by

Regan Thwaites. Congratulatory certificates were awarded to two further nominees, Ronald and Margaret Scott, nominated by Ray White Property Management and Southern Pawnbrokers Ltd, nominated by Contel Holdings Ltd. All prizes were donated by the South Alive Housing Action group.

South Alive Trust Chair Robyn Hickman said the citations

showed the nominees were exemplary in paying their rent, managing their property and going the extra mile to make their rental property a home. 'It feels great to be able to recognise publicly, tenants who embody the spirit of pride in living in South Invercargill,' said Mrs Hickman and it augurs well for the competition in the coming years.

## Lucky Draw Winners

The winners of the two lucky draws of \$200 towards their power accounts were Mary Morton and Sam Glen.

The four hundred surveys, sent to randomly selected households in the 9812

postal district, were seeking information about attitudes towards and barriers to home insulation and renovation. We'll have more on this in future issues.

## Summer Concert Rocks



Some of the 200 plus crowd enjoying the music at our January concert. Three bands, The Hitmen, Midnight Cruise and Equinox played for three hours, to the delight of the crowd.

## Thanks to our supporters

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

- **Lakers House of Travel and Air New Zealand** - for helping a team from South Alive travel to Auckland for the announcement of the winner of the Kiwibank Community of the Year Award
- **Venture Southland and bands, Hit Men, Midnight Cruise and Equinox** – for the fantastic music concert in the South Alive Park
- **Bin Inn** – for supplying power to the concert for free

## What's On

**Youth 3x3 Basketball Competition** – every Saturday from February 20 to March 12 at noon. Entry \$10 per team of five. Call South Alive on 218 6882 to register or Nikki on 022 6799404

**Housing Group, Fundraiser BBQ** - Sat 27 February from 10am outside Harvey Norman

**Trolley & Drifter Races** – Sat 6 March from 2pm, Rimu Street with after party at Elizabeth Park from 3pm. See story for more and details on how to enter

**South Invercargill Identities** - Portraits Exhibition – call for nominations by Fri 28 February. Contact South Alive office or Ari Edgecombe 022 1003728

**Soft Business Skills** - Thu March 31<sup>st</sup> and following three Thursdays until April 21.

4.30pm – 7.30pm. For module information see story. Open to all ages. Free but places limited and registrations essential. To register, call or email the South Alive office, or see online at www.southalive.org.nz

**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 13 February, 10.00am, South Alive Office
- **Dog Park Group** – Tuesday 16 February, 5.30pm, South Alive Office
- **Arts Group** - Thursday 3 March, 5.30pm, South Alive Hub
- **Housing Group** - Monday 7 March, 6.00pm South Alive Office
- **Fruit and Nut Group** – Monday 7 March, 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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