



May clean-up month

Next month we encourage you to get behind our Operation Zero Rubbish scheme through regular scheduled rubbish clean-ups in South Invercargill. Our aim is to pick up rubbish in areas of South Invercargill which haven't been adopted under the scheme, talk to residents in those areas and encourage them to adopt a street and keep it rubbish-free, and to raise awareness of Operation Zero Rubbish. The dates and locations are:

- May 8th, 1pm – meet at Frome St playground
- May 15th, 1pm – meet at Macquarie Park
- May 22nd, 1pm – meet at Russell Square
- May 29th, 1pm – meet at Elizabeth Park

These are family-friendly events, and we encourage you to involve children and show them how to be Tidy Kiwi's! Thanks to the

Keep NZ Beautiful Trust we will provide the gloves and rubbish bags, and thanks to Southland Real Estate we will also have Operation Zero Rubbish vests for everyone to wear. WasteNet will be on hand to offer advice and support as well. On the last Sunday in May we will also host a BBQ for all involved in Elizabeth Park to say thank you.



Win a South Alive, 'Tale of Southland - Murihiku' t-shirt worth \$29.90!

South Alive is giving away five 'Tale of Southland - Murihiku' t-shirts and all you need to do to enter the draw is type this link into your browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/southalivebrand> (or visit our website and follow the link on the home page) and complete a short survey. We want to know what you think about the South Alive brand, how it makes you feel, and how well the South Alive brand represents what we do. It is a very short survey which

will take less than 5 minutes of your time, but will provide invaluable feedback to us. Complete your contact details at the end of the survey and you're in the draw – easy! You can also pick up a copy of the survey from our office



Quiz Night is back

Mark it in your diaries - the South Alive Quiz night is back! Join us at 7pm on Thursday 9th June at the Newfield Tavern for a fun night of quizzing and raffles. Get your friends and workmates together and enter your team of four for \$20 on the night for guaranteed laughs. This is one of South Alive's

main fundraisers, and allows us to continue delivering events and developments in your community. We are still looking for prizes and donations for the raffle, so if you know of a company who might be interested in supporting this great cause, give Cress a call on 218 6882 or 021 206 1134.

A friendly lunch

At the request of some local seniors, late last year South Alive started a weekly friendship group. This weekly meeting gives seniors in our community more local opportunities to socialise. Thanks to a grant from the Human Relations and Counselling Trust, we are able to not only provide these meetings for no cost, but the group has also been able to enjoy subsidised outings. Last Wednesday, nine of this group enjoyed a subsidised two-course lunch at Glassines. If you

are interested in joining this group, come along to the Community Hub in the South City Mall on Tuesday at 2pm.



We want to know what you think

South Alive's Community Coordinator, Nikki Aaron, is getting out into the community to find out what you want. Over the next few months, Nikki will be running focus groups with a variety of people in the community. In the first week of May, she will begin with South Alive volunteers, and local young people.

If you are a South Alive volunteer or you are a young person from South Invercargill who would like to have your voice heard get in touch with Nikki before May 3rd. Stay tuned for upcoming focus groups with parents and migrants in June, and seniors in July. Also in the first week of May, we will be undertaking our annual research in

South Invercargill in relation to community development. University of Otago students will be in front of the South City Mall during the first week of May to carryout South Alive's annual survey. If you live in South Invercargill, we encourage you to take part in this research and help us to continue to make our community a fantastic place to live and work.



New poetry group

A new poetry group has been started by local Terry Lynch. Feel free to join the group on the third Thursday of the month at 6pm! All types of poetry are welcome, whether it's

your own personal writing or your favourite classics. Bring a rap, a rhyme, a narrative, or some spoken word.

Thanks to our supporters

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

- Invercargill City Council for the purchase of the Community Park land
- For their support of the Soft Business Skills course: SIT tutor Fred Musika, Steve Jo of South City Pharmacy, Diane Baker from Columbus Coffee at Mega Mitre 10, Dominique Canny from McIntyre Dick Accountants and SIT for providing the venue
- South City Electrical for their electric blanket testing
- NZ Fire Service for their support and advice on safe heating practices
- The Thar and Feather for their support for our Yellow Drinks
- Lana at Creativity Plus for her continued support
- Preston Russell for their ongoing support
- Digital Stock for their ongoing website support

What's On

- **Ukelele Jam** – Thursday 28 April and 25th May, 5.30pm, South City Mall atrium
- **May clean up month** – May 8, 15, 22, 29, contact the office for more information
- **Ewen Anderson exhibition** – until 15 May, South Alive Art Gallery
- **Poetry Group** – Thursday 19 May, 6pm, South Alive Mall atrium
- **Seniors' Friendship Group** – Every Tuesday, 2pm, 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** – Tuesday 3 May, 5.30pm, Community Hub
- **Dog Park Group** – Tuesday 17 May, 6pm, South Alive Office
- **Fruit and Nut Group** – Monday 2 May, 7.30pm, contact Marie 027 207 8575
- **Beautification Group** – Saturday 7 May, 10am, South Alive Office
- **Housing Group** – Thursday 26 May, 6pm, South Alive Office

For more information on any of our events or meetings, see our contact details at the bottom of this newsletter.



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