



Party in the Street



▲ The seating in the new covered hub is popular with children at the event



▲ The crowd looks up as the coloured lights are turned on for the first time

The votes are in, and the South's first street party has been judged a huge success. Robyn Hickman, Chair of South Alive, said at times during the event there had been standing room only. "There was a lot of excitement among those at the event, and the upgrade has contributed to a groundswell of pride and good feeling," she said. A crowd of well over 1000 people counted down in unison to switching on the light show. Landscape architect Craig Pocock, who designed the light show, said the intention is to deliver the colours and patterning resembling an Aurora Australis event.

The crowd was entertained by two bands; the Cook Island drummers and several groups of marchers as well as 20 craft stalls and eight food stalls in addition to all the South City shops being open. Many of the food stalls ran out or had to send for more food. James Fairweather of Jimmy's Seafoods said it blew everyone away how good it was. "I was selling so much I had to get my Mum to come and help and then I had to get Dad to bring more food down. Everyone was in such good spirits and there were people of all age groups," he said.

The success of the food stalls didn't hurt the retail food businesses either, with Matt Smellie of Glasines saying they'd done the most meals they'd ever done in a day and Night n Day said the shop was packed all night. The other shops were also very busy with the crowds. Helen McKowen of South City Gifts and Lotto said it was wonderful to see so many families come to such a fantastic event. "We've had customers coming in ever since saying what a great event it was, and how good it was to see the strong community support," she said. "Everyone is waiting for the next one," she said. Hear hear, we say!

South Alive wins funding grant – seeks applicants for position

South Alive has won a \$240,000 grant from the Department of Internal Affairs under their Community Development Scheme. The grant is to provide funding for the employment of a full-time person for three years to undertake projects in the South Invercargill community. The Department of Internal Affairs says there were 45 applications nationally, from which 12 were chosen, with South Alive the only recipient from Southland. Mrs Hickman, Chair of South Alive, said that the focus of the new projects would be to develop linkages and collaboration among groups within the community and support any new skills initiatives which are identified as needed. She said this is partly a natural progression in community development and partly the result of South Alive being approached in recent months by several groups including seniors, youth, young mothers and step-parents. "Winning this grant from the Department of Internal Affairs has been very timely," Mrs Hickman said. "It will enable projects to be developed with groups within the overall community in response to the already apparent need," she said. As well as the new Community Coordinator position, South Alive is also seeking a part-time Manager. If you are interested in either the Manager or the Community Coordinator position please contact South Alive for an application form and job description.

Quiz Quiz Night – support needed!

Everyone is invited to quiz night on the new date of Thursday November 12 at the Newfield Tavern, Centre Street, from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. We'll have plenty of raffles and great prizes, and we'd love to have your support. Each year we need to raise quite a bit of our own money for projects so your support by coming along would be greatly appreciated. Bring a team ... or two, or we'll be happy to make up teams on the night. \$20 per team of four or \$5 per person. If you'd like to help by donating a prize, please contact Marie on 027 207 8575.

Reminders

Call for Artist's Entries

Community Artspace

Seeking entries for South Invercargill Artists Exhibition.

Entry forms from South Alive office or our website, or phone us on 218 6882 and we'll send you one.

Landlord of the Year Tenant of the Year

Entries close on 1 December, 3pm

Tenants: Do you have a great landlord? Nominate him/her to be the Inaugural Landlord of the Year.

Landlords: Do you have a great tenant? Nominate him/her to be the 2015 Tenant of the Year.

Let's celebrate the spirit of pride in living in South Invercargill.

Nomination forms are available by e-mail from southalive@gmail.com or phone 2186882 or calling at the South Alive office, Shop 6 in South City Mall.

Reminders

Garden Competition



Entries close on Monday November 2 at 1pm. Entry forms at Diack's Nurseries, South City Gift and Lotto Shop and South Alive office.

Play me



This beautiful piano has been painted by local high school student and artist Josh Tipu and is a vibrant addition to the mall for anyone that would like to come in and play it.

Thanks to our supporters

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

- **Freight Haulage Ltd** - free loan of the curtain sider truck for our street party as well as a really helpful and patient driver
- **Invercargill Licensing Trust** – funding grant so we could have the street party
- **Invercargill South Rotary Club** – funding grant so we could have the street party
- **Fulton Hogan** – all the traffic management to close streets and the supply of food for street party barbecue
- **Westpac** - providing barbecue and cooking all the food at the party
- **Craig Pocock Design** – help 'above and beyond' on the whole South City project
- **Josh Tipu** – the beautiful artwork on the piano
- **Maori Wardens and Community Patrol** - security and assistance at street party event
- **Southland Museum and Art Gallery** - loan of 30 picture frames for the Tale of Southland exhibition
- **Corrections Dept.** – a team of great helpers to mulch our fruit trees

What's On

South Invercargill Artists Exhibition. Call for entries – Entries will be received Nov 1 – 3. See entry form for more details, available from our office, or by email request, or from our website. Call Marion 216 6679 or South Alive for more information.

Quiz Night Fundraiser for South Alive – Thu 12 Nov, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Newfield Tavern. \$20 teams of four, or come along and we'll put you in a team.

Scarecrow Competition – Sun Dec 13, 11am to 3pm at South Alive Community Park. Categories: Families, Under 5, Schools, Community. Call Gayle on 216 4348 for more info.

Seniors Friendship Group – Every Tuesday, 2pm – 4pm at South Alive Hub. Entrance from back of the South City mall. Contact Trudy 218 6882 or just come along. All welcome.

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.

- **Arts Group** - Saturday October 24, 2pm, South Alive Hub
- **Housing Group** – Thursday November 5, 6pm South Alive office
- **Beautification Group** – Saturday November 7, 10am, South Alive office
- **Dog Park Group** – Saturday November 7, 3pm, South Alive Hub
- **Fruit and Nut Group** – Monday November 16, 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
- **Opening hours:** Mon & Tue 11.30am – 1.30pm; Wed 11.00am – 3.00pm; Thu 3.30 – 5.30pm; Fri 12.00 – 2.00pm. Closed Saturday and Sunday.
- **Email:** southalive@gmail.com
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