



▲ *Tale of Southland – Murihiku* described by the artist as: 'A rich connection to the land and sea and flourishing co-existence of cultures. The geometric patterning of nature provides the blue print for strength and growth and the tail flick of a great whale propels a forward momentum.'

Photographic Exhibition Opens

How the Sculpture was made

Back in June 2014, when we chose the winning sculpture design after a national competition, we thought our job was almost done. Oh, how wrong we were!

Since then we've learned a lot about how a large scale sculpture is constructed as we've come into contact with all the different skills involved. We've also been fascinated by the number of people needed, all of which led to the idea of creating a photographic record of the process. Professional photographer David Russell of Southern Exposures agreed to donate his time to photograph every step and our exhibition started to take shape. It includes the artist's original drawings, the engineering plans, the photographic documentary of the construction, photographs of the artist's other works and some of the lights for which the artist is most well-known.

The exhibition opens on Friday August 21 and runs until Saturday September 19. Hours are Tue – Sat 11am – 3pm, late night on Thursdays until 7pm.

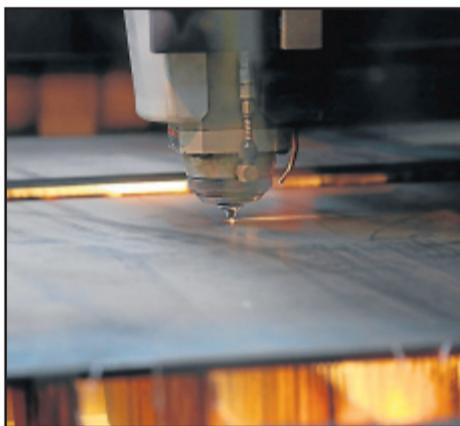


Photo: David Russell, Southern Exposures

Location is the South Alive Art Gallery in South City Mall.

A photo from the exhibition: Sheet Metalcraft's Amada Laser Profile Cutter, cutting out the steel shapes for the sculpture.

Sign up for art classes

By popular demand, our art classes are returning in September, and this time we're offering several classes in the most requested areas, and a one day workshop covering several media.

On offer:

- **Leadlighting** - Thursdays
6pm – 8pm, four classes beginning September 24. \$40
- **Jewellery making** – Wednesdays
12.30pm – 2.30pm, four classes beginning September 23. \$44
- **Mixed Media workshop** combining canvas, card and art materials, Saturday September 26, 10am – 3pm. \$26
- **Use of power tools** - A course of two classes that will use the tools to make a seat or footstool followed by one class in how to upholster it. Timing to be advised. \$42

The classes will be held in the South Alive Hub, South City Mall.

Numbers are limited so contact South Alive (see our Contact Details) if you'd like to register – or if you'd like more information on any of the courses. Costs include fees and all materials.



Thanks to our supporters

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

- **David Russell, Southern Exposures** – for taking over 1000 photographs documenting the construction of the sculpture – for free
- **Harvey Norman** – for generous assistance in printing the photographs for our exhibition on the construction of the sculpture, Tale of Southland – Murihiku
- **Jill Howie & Roger Scheele** – for providing accommodation for our artist David Trubridge during his visit



PROCESSION



Sculpture Unveiling and Street Procession

The hard work is done and it's time to celebrate! Everyone is invited to come and take part in our procession and the opening of the sculpture – and you're welcome to dress up, or bring balloons, flags or banners. The more colour the better!

- 5.15pm: Gather at the South Alive Community Park at the back of South City Mall for entertainment as we organise ourselves into a procession. Fire breathing, flag twirling, bag piper and more. Free glowsticks for everyone! Aurora College Cook Island Drummers play at the site, awaiting our arrival.
- 5.40pm: Procession leaves from the back of the park and walks to the sculpture site
Note: Dalrymple Street between Elles Rd and Ness St will be closed to traffic during the event.

5.55pm: Official opening and light up of sculpture

Before we sign off on the sculpture project, we want to observe that while we're told it takes a village to raise a child, we now know that it takes a community to make a sculpture. South Alive therefore wants to record its deep gratitude to the donor, Cliff Broad and family and to all those who have worked so hard, with such expertise and dedication, to construct and install our work of art.

We know it took a lot, requiring contributions 'over and above' at times and we want to particularly acknowledge fabricators Sheet Metalcraft Ltd, painters Pneumatic Contractors Ltd, foundation constructors Donaldson Construction and engineers Kensington Consulting as well as the fantastic moral support and advice from Invercargill City Council.

Our new Trustees

We're delighted to introduce Jodi Conway and Steve Jo as our new trustees. A third appointment will be announced in early October.

Jodi was born in South Invercargill and returned six years ago with her partner and children. She is in her second year of a Commerce Degree at SIT and is the current chair of the Fernworth School board of trustees. She is also on the executive committee of the Nga Hau e Wha marae in Conon St. Jodi says she is passionate about South Invercargill and has been loving the recent developments.

Steve is a pharmacist with a diploma in business. He will be operating the new pharmacy in the South City mall from August. Originally from South Korea, Steve came to New Zealand as an adolescent and now lives in Invercargill with his wife. He's keen on sports – playing soccer, basketball and golf and his community participation and volunteering has included volunteer missions to Cambodia and Vanuatu. He says the main motivation for him to join South Alive is to be able to contribute to the community.



New South Alive trustees, Steve Jo and Jodi Conway

We think we're very lucky to have both Jodi and Steve and believe their participation will bring new skills and insights to the Board and South Alive.

Business skills training for youth

South Alive has been hearing feedback that there is a need for soft business skills training for youth. Coincidentally, we were recently approached by SIT teacher, Fred Musika who specialises in this area and who has offered his services on a voluntary basis to provide training for our South Invercargill youth.

So, we're very happy to announce a pilot course of six modules which will cover the topics: Job search skills, Presentation skills, Assertiveness and self-confidence, Stress management, Personal branding and Goal setting and getting things done.

The course will run over two weeks, with each session from 6pm - 9pm and dinner at 5.30pm. There will be a limit of 10 participants per module. The dates are Week One: September 21, 22 & 23 and Week Two: September 28, 29 & 30. Location is South Alive Hub in the mall.

Contact Trudy at South Alive for more information and to register.



Teacher, Fred Musika

What's On

Sculpture Unveiling - Friday 21 August. Join our celebratory procession from the back of South City Mall. Gather from 5.15pm and walk from there, leaving about 5.40pm, to the sculpture. Unveiling and light up, 6pm corner Elles Rd and Dalrymple St.

Note: Dalrymple Street will be closed between Elles Rd and Ness St during this event.

Exhibition: Tale of Southland – Murihiku. A photographic exhibition showing the process of construction of the sculpture and all the people involved. From Friday 21 August to Saturday 19 September.

Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 11am – 3pm. Thursdays until 7pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. In the South Alive Art Gallery, South City Mall.

Senior Friendship Group - Every Tuesday, 2pm – 4pm in The Hub (opposite South Alive office at the back of the South City mall). Contact Trudy at South Alive 218 6882 for more information or just come along. All welcome.

Youth Business Skills Training - Six modules, September 21-23 and 28-30. See story.

Art Classes – Leadlighting, Jewellery, Mixed Media, Power Tools – September/October. See newsletter story for details.

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 15 August, 10am South Alive Hub
- **Fruit and Nut Group**, Monday 31 Aug, 7.30pm, contact Marie 027 207 8575
- **Housing Group**, Thursday 3 Sep, 6pm South Alive office
- **Beautification Group** – Saturday 12 Sep, 10am, South Alive office
- **Dog Park Group** - Saturday 12 Sep, 3pm, South Alive Hub

For more information on any of our events or meetings, contact us in any of the ways listed under our 'Contact details'



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.
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