



Southland Real Estate have got our back

South Alive is thrilled to announce that Southland Real Estate have come on board as a major sponsor of the Zero Rubbish initiative. General Manager Gus Johnston said, "Southland Real Estate are proud to support such a fantastic initiative, and welcome the opportunity to work with South Alive to continue to make South Invercargill a place

to live and work that engenders pride and inspires its residents." Southland Real Estate's sponsorship has allowed us to produce high-viz vests for everyone involved in Operation Zero Rubbish to wear to show their support. A huge thank you to Southland Real Estate for showing their commitment to South Alive and the South Invercargill community.



The new Southland Real Estate vests for Operation Zero Rubbish

South Alive a NZ Community of the Year finalist!

South Alive beat off competitors from all over New Zealand to make the finals of the Mitre 10 Community of the Year awards at the Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year event held recently. The Community of the Year was an opportunity for regional or national groups and organisations to be recognised for their role in enhancing the social, economic, cultural or environmental prosperity of their communities.

thanks to the support of Lakers Travel and Air NZ. "Becoming only one of three finalists from all over NZ was only possible because of the vision, belief and sheer hard work from our incredible volunteers, supporters, funding bodies

and the wider community," Mrs Hickman said. "This will allow South Alive to continue to build momentum and effect positive change in the lives of the South Invercargill community."



Trevor Crowe, Marie Crowe, Janette Malcolm, Steve Jo and Robyn Hickman at the NZ Community of the Year awards

While South Alive didn't take out the title this year, becoming one of three finalists was a tremendous boost. Robyn Hickman, Chair of the South Alive Trust Board was joined by fellow trustees Marie Crowe and Steve Jo, coordinator Janette Malcolm and volunteer Trevor McKenzie in Auckland for the finals,

Introducing Cressida Evans

Cressida Evans has recently joined the team at South Alive, and takes over the part-time position of Manager. Cressida is a local who has recently seen the light and returned to Invercargill with her young daughter. Her background is in management, marketing and events,

both in New Zealand and overseas, and she is thrilled to be part of such a vibrant and energetic team and community. If you would like to talk with Cress she is in the office from 10am - 2pm most days or can be reached on 021 206 1134.



Cressida Evans, Manager

Keep warm and safe this winter

The South Alive housing group is offering you the chance to have your electric blankets safety-checked for just \$2 per blanket by South City Electrical. One of their staff will be in the South Alive

Community Hub to do the tests at the times below. The NZ Fire Service will also be there to offer advice about fire alarms and safe heating practices this winter. Come down and get your blankets tested, some

sound heating advice, grab a coffee, and rest easy this winter.

Testing times:
Tuesday 12 April, 12 - 1pm;
Wednesday 13 April, 5 - 6pm;
Thursday 14 April, 12 - 1pm



Murray Young's 'Bird in a Tree'

Art Gallery Happenings

The South Alive Art Gallery has been a hive of activity lately. In February, Josie Hibbs hosted her successful 'Dance Exhibition', and until 9 April, C. S. Art are showcasing their latest work. Full of vibrant colours, abstract thought and energy, this exhibition is a must-see!

Trolley Derby and Family Day round-up

Twenty years ago, trolley races were a popular pastime in South Invercargill. For Children's Day this year, South Alive brought these trolley races back to Rimu St. More than fifty trolleys and drift bikes raced down the steep slope of Rimu St. Following the races were activities and food stalls in Elizabeth Park including sack races, gumboot throwing and three-legged races. The

'have-a-go' day hosted by the Invercargill BMX Club, and the temporary water slide installed by South Alive at Elizabeth Park, were hugely popular. The South Alive Facebook page posted photos and videos of the day, and the Invercargill community were positive in their response. Due to the overwhelmingly positive feedback the race will now be an annual event for South Alive.



A huge thanks to all the volunteers and businesses who supported this event, as well the community that attended. A special thanks to the residents of Rimu Street, for their support of the races.



The inaugural South Alive Trolley Derby & Family Fun day

Thanks to our supporters

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

Southland Real Estate – major sponsor of Zero Rubbish jackets
Crowe Horwath – for their enthusiastic support for FUSE volunteer day

Aurora College and the Catering students and teachers for their support baking hundreds of 'whale tale' biscuits for the Multicultural Food Festival

For supporting the South Alive Basketball competition:

- Westpac South City, New World South City, Sport Southland, Healthy Families Invercargill, Allan White Sport, Southland Basketball Association

For their support of the South Alive Trolley Derby:

- Residents of Rimu St for their unwavering support, Invercargill City Council, Document Destruction, Full Circle, Southern Transport, Invercargill BMX Club, Cafe @ Southland Hospital, St Patrick's Church, Creativity Plus, Pro Med Ambulance, Media Works, The Garage ReUse Shop, Community Patrol, Town Crier - Lynley McKerrow, Rotary South, Cancer Society, VTNZ, Healthy Communities, Cleanways, The Eye, the Southland Express, Whats On Invers

Rockdale Park Kindergarten for their wonderful art display

What's On

Seniors' Friendship Group – Every Tuesday, 2pm, South Alive Hub

Ukelele Jam – 31 March, 5.30pm, South City Mall atrium

Soft Business Skills Course – March 31, April 7, April 14, April 21, Contact Nikki at South Alive

Electric Blanket testing – Tuesday 12 April, 12-1pm; Wednesday 13 April, 5-6pm; Thursday 14 April, 12-1pm, South Alive Hub.

Fruit and Nut Group fundraising BBQ – Sat 16 April, Mitre 10

Hanging Basket Workshop – Sunday 17 April, 2.30pm, South Alive Hub. Bring your own baskets, potting mix and 18 plants to pot up or help us plant ours. Please bring gloves and mask if required. No charge.

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.

- Fruit and Nut Group** – Monday 4 April, 7.30pm, contact Marie 027 207 8575
- Housing Group** – Thursday 7 April, 6pm, South Alive Office
- Beautification Group** – Saturday 9 April, 10am, South Alive Office
- Dog Park Group** – Tuesday 12 April, 6pm, South Alive Office
- Arts Group** – Tuesday 12 April, 5.30pm, South Alive Hub

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



Contact details

• **Office:** Shop 6, South City Mall.
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Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm
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