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Hoani MacDonald and Key Frost, a South Alive Trustee outside our office on Monday discussing the Touch, Pause and Engage event. Come and meet Hoani there.

Only three days before we... TOUCH, PAUSE, ENGAGE

The biggest event in our South Alive yearly calendar – and the most important in getting your ideas and opinions about projects in the coming year. Everyone has something to contribute and everyone is welcome.

Besides the ideas part, we've got entertainment from the Cook Island drummers, the Aurora College dance group, Fernworth Kapa Haka and the South Alive Choir. There's free afternoon tea and free childcare on site. Of course, yellow is the colour and the Mayor will present prizes for the 'Best Yellow Accessories' competition, and if you come in a yellow vehicle of any kind, you'll get VIP parking right outside the front door.

We're also really excited that Peter Kenyon is returning to lead the day. Last time 92% of people said they were delighted with Peter's participation, Peter works all over the world and his stories and community tools are both inspirational and practical. Don't miss the chance to hear him.

Sunday 14 April, 1pm – 4pm, with entertainment from 12.30pm.
135 Bowmont Street



Peter Kenyon

Volunteers needed to paint the garden boxes



Don't miss your chance to play with these fantastic colours, meet new friends and help South Alive – all on the same day! We are having a working bee to paint 18 large corrugated iron garden boxes (most will be 2.4m diameter) and we need your help. Bring your lunch and a paint brush (if you have one). We do need fine weather though, so if it's wet, we'll transfer the working bee to Sunday 21.

We'll be having a second working bee, probably the following week, to install the boxes on the park and fill them with dirt - please let us know if you can help with that. See below in 'What's On' for details including numbers to call for information.



The Teams are Busy...

The Housing Action Group

has been holding information evenings for South Invercargill landlords. Feedback from those attending has been great... "excellent information... every landlord should hear it...". There is still one more evening to go on 16 April so if you are a landlord and would like to go please see our 'What's On' column below for details on how to register.



A group from the last meeting discussing fire safety with the Fire Service



Back row: Leo Groszewski, Jacqui Webb, Jess Chalmers, Margaret Perkins, Paula Moyles, Front row: Marie Crowe, Trevor McKenzie

Fruit and Nut Tree Action Group

has been mulching their fruit tree orchard in the Panton Street Reserve.

They are also working on their plans for more fruit and nut trees in public spaces and schools

The Beautification Group

has been collecting your plants and cuttings and now has a plant bank of several hundred flowers, thanks! And, if you have **vegetable plants** that would be ready to plant towards the end of April or after, we'd love to get those then to fill our community garden boxes.

Call Gayle on 216 4348 for collection or leave at our office after 26 April.



Gayle Hammond with plant cuttings

South City Design - Our Park Is Coming to Life

About all you can see right now is mountains of dirt! But if you look closely, you can see the different areas starting to take shape. There's the gravel area with a curvy front where we'll put the brightly coloured community garden boxes. A huge mound has appeared that will be a great play area for kids, and the half basketball court is in the excavation phase at the Grace Street end. Huge thanks again to South Roads for donating all this preparation work.

Mike Bell, Foreman with South Roads making easy work of building our community park



What's on this month...

- **'Touch, Pause, Engage'** - South Alive's annual fun event to get your ideas for more great community projects. All welcome. Sunday 14 April, 1pm – 4pm (with entertainment from 12.30pm). Pacific Island Trust building, 135 Bowmont Street
- **Volunteers to help paint and fill the garden boxes for our community park** – 1st working bee Saturday 20 April from 10am (if wet, Sunday 21 April from 11am) 168 Chesney Street (opp. holiday park), or meet at South Alive office in mall to get a ride. Bring a paintbrush if you have one. Ph Colin on 027 262 4368 or South Alive on 218 6882 for more information.
- **Evening for landlords in the 9812 area**, Tue 16 April. Contact Margaret, South Alive Housing Group on 021 02212120 or register at southalive@gmail.com
- **Prize giving for garden competition**. Wed 1 May, 12.30pm, South City Mall in front of South Alive office
- **Sausage sizzle** - the Fruit and Nut Tree Action group are holding a sausage sizzle outside United Video South City, Saturday 27 April to fundraise for more trees
- **South Alive office in the Mall**. Open Monday – Wednesday 11.30 – 1.30pm, Thursday 3.30 – 5.30pm, Friday 12- 2pm and Saturdays 10.30am – 12.30pm and often at other times as well

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

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These businesses and organisations keep us Alive! So please support them wherever you can.

- **Invercargill City Council Urban Rejuvenation Fund** for agreeing to fund a good proportion of the costs of our community park, and helping bring Peter Kenyon back
- **The Southland Times and The Eye** for providing free advertising and the loan of a very large tent for our planning event
- **Community Trust of Southland** for helping with the costs of bringing Peter Kenyon
- **Mega 10 Mitre** for donating items we needed, including a timer, for the watering system for the hanging baskets on Elles Road
- **ICC staff** – Russell Pearson, Robin Pagan, Sheryll Ashton and Building Consents for all their help with issues around building the park
- **ICC Parks Department** for supplying the mulch for our Panton St orchard



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- **Or:** Registration /idea forms at our yellow letterbox, in South City Gifts & Post Shop. 'Post' your forms in the letterbox, and we'll contact you