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Touch, Pause, Engage

TOUCH base with your community dreams

PAUSE to celebrate our successes

ENGAGE with others to make projects happen



Peter Kenyon leading a session.

An event not to be missed...

South Alive is having its second annual fun event to get your ideas for more great community projects.

Everyone is invited and we'd love to see you. Renowned community development guru Peter Kenyon is returning as guest speaker and will lead some sessions.

Have you got changes or ideas you'd like to see happen? Events you think would be good? New things you'd like to see and do in the community? We need your input so please save the date and come along:

Sunday April 14th; 1 - 4pm (entertainment from 12.30pm)

At the Pacific Island Trust building 135 Bowmont St, Appleby.

We'll provide free childcare on site, afternoon tea, prizes and competitions, dance, drumming and singing entertainment and VIP parking for yellow cars! See you there.

Martin Street – Stage 2 begins



Artists impression of the changes proposed for Martin Street.

Spaces with seating, trees and art in Martin Street just got a step closer with the great news that Stage Two has been given the go-ahead.

It involves a lot of 'behind the scenes' technical work and studies though, so there won't be much to see for a while. But we will be doing a lot more community and business consultation and, towards the end of the six months needed for this phase, you'll be able to see a specific design plan. We look forward to talking with you!

Dog Park Gets the Green Light

Invercargill's first dog park has been given the go-ahead and will be situated on Elles Road in South Invercargill. The approval is subject to the Council approving the actual layout plan, including the fencing style and setback from the road. The South Alive Dog Park Action Group will now work with the Council to come up with the final plan. We think this will probably take until late May with construction starting after July, in the next financial year.

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Thanks to our fantastic Sponsors!

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

- **John Elliott, Surveyor**, for doing all the survey work and plan for the South Alive park
- **Arrow Consulting's Nick Hamlin** for helping us develop the costings for the park
- **Mall owners, Contel Holdings** for giving South Alive 6 months more free office rent
- **Kathryn Mitchell, SIT** for working with us on art projects for the park and mall
- **Invercargill City Council** for all they are doing to get untidy vacant sections cleaned up

Autumn Splendour

The South Alive Garden Competition

Open to all residents in the 9812 postcode area

The categories are:

- Flower/potted/rockery/cottage
- Street frontage
- Vegetable/herb/fruit
- Best new garden
- Best rental garden
- Best owner/occupier garden

Six categories – each winner will receive a prize to the value of \$100
One overall winner who will receive a prize to the value of \$500

South Alive gratefully acknowledges those who have provided prizes:

- Mitre 10 Mega
- Awarua Warm Homes Trust
- Jan Duncan Osteopath
- Invercargill Licensing Trust
- Riverton Environment Centre
- Glasines
- Invercargill City Council Urban Rejuvenation Fund

Entries close 5 April, 2013.

Entry forms available from

Diack's Nurseries, South City Lotto & South Alive Office in South City Mall

South Alive Housing Action Group

partners with ICC



The South Alive Housing Group has been working with the Council to identify overgrown vacant sections. At our public meeting a year ago residents identified these as having a very negative impact on their sense of pride in South Invercargill so its been great to see Council taking such a strong and dedicated approach to fixing the situation. So far, 116 sections have been identified. Of these, 72 have been cleaned up by the owners, 27 are under action by the Council and the remaining are in process. The Council also say they are determined to make sure these vacant sections stay tidy so they'll keep on the case. South Alive wants to congratulate, and thank the Council for all the great work it is doing.

Flower plants and cuttings needed

If you have any spare plants or cuttings, we'd love to have them! Our Beautification Action Group has plans to plant lots of flowers - with Elles Road the first target (with permission from landowners), followed by other roads and streets with high traffic volumes. Your plants can be dropped into the South Alive office at the mall (see opening hours in the Contact Details) or if you need us to collect them, please call Gayle on 216 4348.



Gayle Hammond with plant cuttings

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, Appleby - see article above for more information.
- **South Alive Garden competition** - entries by 5 April, 2013.
- **Evenings for landlords in the 9812 area**, 4 & 16 April. Contact Margaret, South Alive Housing Group on 021 02212120 for more information.
- **Sausage sizzle** - the Fruit and Nut Tree Action group are holding a sausage sizzle outside United Video South City this Saturday 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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