



Peter Kenyon, our guest facilitator, speaking at the event.

Planning Event generates great projects for 2013-14

Our annual planning event was held in April and got a very positive response from the 100 or so people attending. And everyone loved the entertainment provided during the afternoon by Aurora College Cook Island Drummers and Pacific Dance Dance Group and the Fernworth Kapa Haka Group.

- **Good Neighbour Project – Housing Group** - assistance to selected residents whose gardens have got out of control
- **Pop-up Flower Gardens – Beautification Group** - planting flowers in roadside spaces e.g. in front of businesses
- **Gateways to South Invercargill – Beautification Group** – a combination of art and planting to identify the four gateways
- **Teen Park – Children & Youth Group** - developing a concept and plan for a park for teenagers
- **Getting to know your neighbours** – providing assistance and developing a program for neighbours to get to know each other
- **Supergrans/granddads** – transfer of knowledge and skills to young people
- **Russell Square enhancements** – looking at how additional facilities might be added
- **South Invercargill Pride** – telling the unique story of South Invercargill, past and present, and identifying and promoting unique places to visit.

As well as these new projects, we also have many continuing projects such as fruit and nut tree planting, the hanging baskets on Elles Road, Operation Zero Rubbish, Community Choir, Road Changes to Martin St and Elles Road, our Community Park and another garden competition.

It will probably come as no surprise, with so much we want to do, that we also need more volunteers. In this, and future newsletters, we'll be advertising the time and place for all project team meetings and invite you to attend any of them and see if you want to get involved. We have levels /types of involvement to suit everyone!



The winner of the 'Best Yellow Accessories' Competition – the prize was collected on the car's behalf by the owner!

Quiz Night

South Alive is having its first Quiz Night on Thursday 20 June, 7pm at the Newfield Tavern in Centre Street to raise funds to support our projects. If you think South Alive is doing a good job for the community please try to come along with your friends, family and neighbours and support us - teams of four @ \$20 per team entry. We'll have lots of really great raffles and awesome prizes for the winning teams.

See you there!

Community Park Update

Three massive working bees later, Stage One of our park is close to being finished and soon you'll be able to garden and play basketball whenever the mood takes you while we get on with Stage Two. This will include seating, a shelter construction along Ness Street and art work around the park, especially the Bin Inn walls. If your group would like to adopt a garden box, or you'd like to get involved as an individual gardener please contact South Alive.



A view over the Community garden boxes with the basketball court in the background

We need donations of vegetable seedlings/plants - if you can donate any plants for the community vegetable gardens call Gayle on 216 4348 or drop them at our office.

'Splendid' Garden Competition



Supreme Winner, Raewyn Shaw's best overall garden

With a great sense of anticipation, participants in the South Alive 'Autumn Splendour' Garden Competition gathered recently to hear the results.

It was exciting to hear the judges, Anne Diack and Robin Pagan describe the winning gardens and to hear that we have so many hidden treasures in South Invercargill.

The winners were: Supreme Winner for best overall garden - Raewyn Shaw; Best Street Frontage - Marie Chilton; Best potted/cottage garden - Christine & Graeme Darnill; Best rental garden - Norman & Jean Giles; Best owner/occupier - Bruce Allen; Best vegetable/fruit/herb garden - Jackie Whyte; Best new garden - Sandy & Pita Dawson.

Given the success of this first competition, its likely to be run annually in future with the next one probably in the summer.

Zero Rubbish update

We recently talked with most of those who have adopted streets in our 'Operation Zero Rubbish' project. Almost everyone was still on the case. They were finding there was less rubbish around and were pleased to be meeting new people while out collecting. We also got some good suggestions to follow up. A huge thanks to everyone that's taking part in this project – we get comments from all over saying what a difference its making and that's all due to your efforts. THANKS!

A few streets need re-adopting – these are Centre St from Conyers to Pomona; Ness St from Crinan to Tweed; Ythan St from Crinan to Tweed. Please call the South Alive office if you can adopt any of these.

What's on this month...

- **Beautification Action Group Planting Bee** - to clean up and plant bulbs on Scott Street, cnr with Maher Street (which is a bit further out past the intersection with Chesney St). This Saturday, 18 May from 10am at the site.
- **Good Neighbour Project** - This project tidies up sections for those who can't. Next 'tidy-up' Sat. May 18, 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Needs a team of 6-8 wearing gloves and strong shoes, armed with chainsaw, hedge trimmers, wheelbarrow, strong arms and large trailer. Please register with times and tools available on 218 6882 or text 021 022 12120
- **South Alive Quiz Night** - Save the date of Thursday 20 June 7pm for South Alive's first Quiz night at the Newfield Tavern. See story above.
- **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.
 - **Housing** - Thu 23 May 6.00pm South Alive office
 - **Beautification** - Sat 1 June 10.00am South Alive office
 - **Children & Youth Projects** - Tues 28 May, 6:30pm Aurora College
 - **Communications & Events** - Mon 27 May, 5.15pm South Alive office
 - **Get to know your neighbours** - Tues 13 June, 5:15pm South Alive office
 - **Russell Square Enhancements** - Tues 6 June, 5.30pm South Alive office

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

Thanks to our fantastic Sponsors!

The businesses we want to thank this month have made a huge contribution to South Invercargill by providing us with free products and services so we can build the Community Park.

- **Resene Paints** – Supplied all the paint for free to paint the garden boxes and shed
- **Hirepool** – Provided us with two loaders and a tip truck for a long day to cart all the dirt for the garden boxes
- **SouthRoads** – Have done all the excavation and most of the back filling in the park for free, as well as continuing to help us with other jobs that came up like carting extra dirt. We've thanked them before, but their contribution has been so massive they really deserve thanking again!
- **Bin Inn** – Jamahl Lobb, owner of Bin Inn for giving up a day to drive one of the loaders and the truck to cart the dirt. Thanks Jamal!
- **ICC Urban Rejuvenation Fund** – for major funding assistance with the park.

We would be grateful if you can support these businesses wherever possible, and please tell them that you saw them mentioned in our newsletter. Thanks!



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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