



Win leads to website

How lucky can you get? Very lucky it turns out. Thanks to Digital Stock, a local company owned by award-winning software designer Will Finlayson and partners Jim Dowling and Nash Varghase. Because of their generosity, we have a new website.

It all started with South Alive winning a competition at the recent Lifehack weekend run in the city. This provided funds for the development of some on-line tools. But as the Digital Stock guys soon discovered, our information base was in several different places, and just putting the tools online would have been a poor foundation going forward. So, they took a deep breath, committed themselves to days of donated time, and set about developing a new centralised system to collect, structure and manage our data. And the result was a whole new website for us. One that means our volunteer and project management is working from the same information base, which can be accessed and managed from anywhere. It's also exciting for our volunteers, who can now sign up on-line as well as join teams or choose other ways of volunteering, fill in their hours, adopt streets in the Operation Zero Rubbish project and book bike loans. Check it all out at www.southalive.org.nz.

What can we say but a huge thank you to a young group of guys who have given us such an important new tool to help South Alive. Thanks!



Jim Dowling and Will Finlayson of Digital Stock

Fruit & Nut Party

Who can resist the invitation to come to a party put on by fruit and nuts! It's two years since this South Alive group planted its first fruit trees and they now have 71 trees in 11 different parks in South Invercargill. Imagine the free, healthy food that this will provide in the future. It's time to celebrate ... and also to prune, so the group have decided to combine the two.



Marie Crowe and Jess Chalmers inviting you to prune and party!

On Saturday, July 26 at McQuarrie St Park, they'll hold a pruning workshop at 10am with Diacks, which will show everyone how to correctly prune fruit trees. Then at 10.30am they'll kick off the birthday party with a free sausage sizzle and a treasure hunt for the kids. Come along and celebrate with the group. Everyone is welcome.

Matariki banner – bring your art

Ngā mihi o te Tau Hou Māori - Greetings for the Maori New Year. Known as Matariki, the name for the small cluster of stars called the Pleiades or the Seven Sisters in the Taurus constellation, the literal translation means the 'eyes of god' (mata ariki) or 'little eyes' (mata riki). Some say that when Rakinui, the sky father, and Papatūānuku, the earth mother were separated by their offspring, Tāwhirimātea the god of the winds became angry, tearing out his eyes and hurling them into the heavens – where they became the Pleiades stars.

Our South Alive Children and Youth group has installed a banner on the dog park fence on Elles Rd as a place for artwork to celebrate Matariki. They invite participation and look forward to lots of groups and individuals from all over the community contributing their art.



Art on the fence from Elston Lea Kindergarten

Untidy sections shrink 60%

There has been a dramatic 60% reduction in untidy sections in South Invercargill. When the project started in October 2013, 138 sections were identified as overgrown. At the recent May inspection that number had reduced to 43. Convenor of the South Alive Housing group, Margaret Cook, says it was a great result, and showed that most owners were getting on board with efforts to improve the look of neighbourhoods in the area.



Renee Brown, ICC Compliance Officer, and Margaret Cook from South Alive discussing a recently cleared section

"Locals have been noticing the change and commenting positively about this", she says. South Alive would like to thank the Council for its ongoing commitment to carrying out this programme.

Project Updates

Martin St and Elles Rd upgrade - Green for go. Final drawings being done before going out for tender. Lighting ideas look fantastic (think Aurora Australis). Work scheduled for completion by end of November.

Sculpture Competition – After receiving 38 entries from across New Zealand, the judging panel has narrowed it down to three. These entrants are now taking their concepts to a more developed stage. The winner will be selected by the end of August.

South of the Tracks exhibition – The exhibition opened with a great event last Saturday night, attended by about 50 people. It features work by South Invercargill artists, including internationally-renowned and NZ-honoured sculptor Johnny Penisula. A 'not to be missed' opportunity. Open Wednesday – Sunday, 11am – 3pm, until August 3.

Thanks to our supporters

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Digital Stock, software developers - our heroes! They developed a new website for us, for free, which involved them writing lots of new software ... see story.

Kathryn Mitchell - SIT for all her help in setting up the recent Aurora College art exhibition, Making a Mark – and for her vision for, and commitment to, community art.

Southland Glass - for just quietly fixing the broken glass in the door to the Community Artspace

Dept. of Corrections - who give us ongoing manpower for working bees and our zero rubbish project. Thanks guys.

Southland Sports Bar, Elles Rd - hospitality and food for our hungry volunteers at Yellow Drinks. Thanks Eileen and team.

What's On

Fruit & Nuts Second birthday party - Saturday, July 26, 10am – 12 noon. 10am Pruning demo, 10.30am Free sausage sizzle, 11am Children's treasure hunt. McQuarrie St Park. All welcome

Exhibition – South of the Tracks. Sunday, July 6 – August 3. Hours: Wednesday - Sunday 11am – 3pm. An exhibition of work by South Invercargill Artists. At the Community Artspace, Elles Rd in the South City shopping area.

Yellow Drinks – Friday, August 1, 5.30 – 7.30pm. Appleby Tavern. All South Alive participants and anyone interested in getting involved warmly invited to come along to this informal social gathering.

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.

- **Fruit and Nut Trees** – Tuesday, July 22, 7.30pm, 22 Nichol St. Inquires 027 207 8575.
- **Arts Group** - Tuesday, July 22, 5.30pm, South Alive office
- **Beautification Group** - Saturday, July 26, 10am South Alive office.
- **Housing Group** – Thursday, August 7, 6pm South Alive office.

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



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