



THE 2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

EXHIBITIONS

- Heritage Month photographic exhibition by South Alive
- Tale of Southland – Murihiku: A photographic exhibition documenting the making and installation of the sculpture, and an exhibition of some of the artist's other works
- Second South Invercargill Artists' Exhibition showcasing 30 works from 16 local artists

COURSES/CLASSES

- Art class series for adults including lead lighting, jewelry making, handmade paper, acrylics, book making and basic carpentry
- Plant propagation workshop
- Seed sowing workshop
- Soft business skills for youth – pilot of six classes
- Community Engagement Seminar- 55 attendees from 20 organisations

EVENTS

- Summer concert in community park
- Sculpture, Tale of Southland – Murihiku installed and unveiled in formal opening
- Community concert and procession for the launch of the sculpture
- Street party to celebrate the completion of the South City Upgrade
- The first Ukulele Jam held in the Mall Atrium
- Two parties to thank volunteers

COMPETITIONS/AWARDS

- Summer Garden competition
- Tenant of the Year
- Neighbourhood Project Fund launches another round
- Scarecrow and decorated basket competition

FUNDRAISING/FUNDING

- Planted and sold a potato crop
- Raffle for side of pork
- Quiz night raises \$1,000
- 'Tale of Southland' t-shirts made for sale
- South Alive won a funding grant from Dept. of Internal Affairs
- Team barbecues at local shops throughout the year

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Automatic watering system installed in community garden
- New hanging baskets hung on Elles Rd
- Our Hub space is finished. In addition to South Alive exhibitions and courses, we hosted six exhibitions for other groups incl. Maori Women's Welfare League, Kids Art Bluff, David Russell Dance photographs, Breastfeeding Awareness, Aurora Korowai, Number 10; two drawing courses of four classes each, a life drawing group as well as providing a venue for many business and other groups to meet

- Fruit and Nut group bagged and distributed 20 m3 of donated mulch for their orchards and got new yellow gumboots imported from the Netherlands
- Housing group ran an electric blanket testing service
- Dog park group developed a plan for park enhancements – night lights, agility equip, seats
- Seniors Friendship group started
- We attended seniors 'Have a Go' day at the stadium, SIT market day for students, Newfield Park School fair and Eco Fest
- A beautifully painted piano was donated
- 11 organisations, many of them pre-schools, have adopted 13 of the garden boxes in the community garden

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Mall owners have spent \$250,000 upgrading the mall and undertaking all deferred maintenance
- South Alive appointed two new trustees, Jodi Conway and Steve Jo
- Our research tells us that 82.5 per cent of local residents now feel a sense of pride in how South Invercargill looks and feels – up from 35 per cent three years ago.
- The same research tells us 92 per cent think South Alive is making a positive difference

Thanks to our great volunteers

A big salute to all our volunteers. We only have projects because of your participation and the many hundreds of hours of your time which you give to the community. Thank you all so much for your contribution which is making us all so proud of where we live.

Thanks to Invercargill City Council

Our achievements are also due to the strong and generous support of the Council – which is partly (and crucially) about funding, but also about other support and advice. We'd especially like to thank the members of the Urban Rejuvenation Committee; Crs Neil Boniface and Rebecca Amundsen and Venture Southland Chair, Trevor Johnston. We'd also like to thank a huge number of Council staff; secretaries Rae Dorricott and Jan Jennings for their friendly and always generous support; Michael Hartstonge from Building Consents who's part of our team; Roading Manager Russell Pearson for his outstanding support on some of our key projects, John Youngson and his staff for their willingness to work with the community and address key concerns; Directors Pamela Gare and Cameron McIntosh for their mentoring and belief in our goals, and the Mayor and other Councillors for continuing to support South Alive and attend events.

Thanks to our donors, supporters and sponsors

Our heartfelt thanks go to all the companies, organisations and individuals who have supported us with products and services throughout the year. Our events and projects would not be possible without you.

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- **Opening Hours:** Tue 11.30am – 1.30pm; Wed 11am – 3pm; Thu 3.30pm – 5.30pm; Fri 12pm – 2pm.
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