



\$250,000 for Mall

You might have noticed all the work going on at South City mall? That's because Mall owners, Contel Holdings Ltd, have committed to upgrading it at a cost of \$250,000.

Under the guidance of newly appointed local manager Trevor Thayer, the interior and exterior of the mall are getting a facelift, with new paint, some new roofing, a clean up of the steelwork and glass roof panels and other refurbishment. Two new shop fit-outs are also taking place.

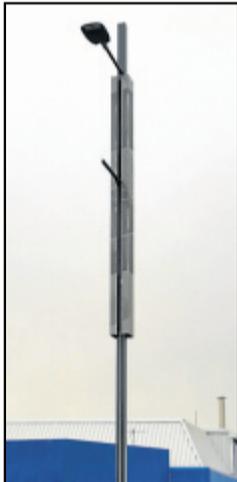


Trevor Thayer, Commercial Property Management Ltd

Robyn Hickman, South Alive Chair said the upgrade of the Mall would be fantastic, and would complement the \$840,000 upgrade of Martin St and Elles Rd currently taking place, as well as the community park South Alive had developed behind the mall and the 'Tale of Southland' sculpture to be erected on Elles Rd at Russell Square.

Mrs Hickman said that the perceptions of the South City shopping area had been very poor when South Alive began in 2012 and it was one of the highest priority issues identified at that time by the community. "As a result, one of our first goals was to tidy up the shopping area and we started by picking up rubbish and cleaning windows," said Mrs Hickman. "From there, we developed a goal of completely transforming the area and by 2013 we'd agreed a masterplan with the community. What's happening now, flows on from that," she said.

And we'll be revealing more exciting visual projects around South City in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!



Street Upgrade Project

One of the 10 new poles that will provide a light show at night via computer controlled LED lights through the perforated steel sleeve

Jackets for Operation Zero Rubbish



Many of you know our project, Operation Zero Rubbish. It was developed in response to residents telling us that one of the biggest reasons they felt a lack of pride in South Invercargill was that there was too much rubbish. So we came up with the idea of asking you to adopt your block, or your street – and some adopted neighbouring streets as well, or the local park – and Operation Zero Rubbish got started. All kinds of you are involved – kindies and childcare centres, schools, families, beneficiaries, elderly and well, all kinds of people. And now we have available these high viz, Zero Rubbish jackets. They are free for anyone that's a volunteer and would like one, so just give us a call.

We're also looking for more volunteers. As people move around or leave, streets come up again for adoption, so if you could spare as little as 10 minutes a week or more, we encourage you to get in touch with us – see our Contact details.



Some of our fantastic volunteers wearing their new jackets. Back row, left to right: Maurice Tucker, Tearri Toru, David Phillipot, Brian Anderson, Tony Weston, Gordon Hammond. Front row, left to right: Adrian Harris, Barbara Harris, Melva Tucker, Nicolette Phillipot

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Warwick Cambridge, Preston Russell Law – on-going legal advice and services to the Trust for which we are very grateful.

Digital Stock, Software and Website developers – for their on-going help in developing our website. Thanks guys!

New Trustees for South Alive

Will you put up your hand?

For organisations to achieve good things, they need people – and quite a few of them! With one of our trustees having moved away and a couple soon to retire on rotation, South Alive is looking for three new trustees to become involved in the Trust. Our primary goals are making South Invercargill look better and work better, and building community pride, participation and connection.

This is a chance to help make a huge difference in your community as well as have fun and meet a wide number of people. So, if you think you could be interested we would love to hear from you. Please contact our Chair, Robyn Hickman or our Coordinator, Janette Malcolm via our office to discuss.



Robyn Hickman, Chair of South Alive



This to that



We want to celebrate your hard work. If you have "done up" a house in South Invercargill, either by yourself or through employing someone, we would love to know. We want to inspire others and encourage them to give it a go. A few 'before and after' photos would be great along with your story - the good bits and the challenging parts. We can do all the writing for you if necessary. All you need to do is get in touch with us and we can get the ball rolling – see our Contact details.

The Sculpture

A huge hole has appeared on the corner of Dalrymple Street and Elles Road. But not to worry, it's another step towards installing our fantastic sculpture, 'Tale of Southland'. Donald Construction are excavating for the sculpture foundation.

Meanwhile, construction of the sculpture is progressing at the fabricator and we're still targeting July for the installation.



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What's On

Plant Propagation Workshop – Sat 30 May, 10am – 12 noon in the South Alive Hub (on the right as you enter South City Mall from back car park entrance). Gold coin donation. Bookings preferred – by phone or email (see our Contact details).

Action Group meetings this month – new members/potential members welcome to attend. Contact South Alive office for more information or just show up.

- **Dog Park Group** - Monday 1 Jun, 5.30pm, South Alive office
- **Arts Group** - Tuesday 9 Jun, 5.30pm, South Alive office
- **Housing Group** - Thursday 4 Jun 6.00pm South Alive office
- **Beautification Group** - Saturday 13 Jun, 10.00am, South Alive office
- **Fruit and Nut Group** - Monday 8 Jun, 7.30pm, contact Marie 027 207 8575

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

In brief

Free Plant Propagation Workshop

South Alive is putting on a free workshop to help people learn the techniques of multiplying plants – a great way to get free plants for your garden or to give away. You're welcome to bring your own cuttings to the workshop, or use the ones we'll supply. Our Beautification Group wants to help create beautiful plants for awesome South Invercargill gardens and everyone is warmly invited to come along. See 'What's On' for details.

Hot demand for blanket testing

Last month we organised for people to test their electric blankets. So what happened? Well, 57 blankets were tested, quite a few cups of tea handed out, lots of conversation – and four potential house fires averted when those electric blankets were rejected. So a great result, and all thanks to Paul Cade from South City Electrical & Security and the South Alive Housing group which organised the event. The project will be repeated next year.

Neighbourly.co.nz

South Alive is now registered on neighbourly.co.nz. This website is a great way to connect with your neighbours to stay informed about what other locals are up to and share important local information including upcoming events in South Invercargill. We encourage you to sign up!

Great Dog Park Projects

Our Dog Park group has identified four projects to focus on which are; additional seating, larger shelters, agility equipment and night lighting. The group will also look at ideas for regular events and activities at the park. Additional members of the group are most welcome – the more the merrier – and the more likely to get all these great additions underway. If you could be interested, come along to the next meeting, Monday 1st June, 5.30pm at the South Alive office.

Venues for Rent

For any group or individual wanting a venue in South Invercargill, whether for an hour, a day or longer or whether for an exhibition, a meeting or a workshop, we have our Hub and our Gallery spaces available. See <http://www.southalive.org.nz/Venues> for more information.



Contact details

- **Office:** Shop 6, South City Mall. PO Box 7055, South Invercargill
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