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Image: Corner Canterbury Street and Days Road
Taken by Bryan Shankland

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Lyttelton Harbour Review is a 100% voluntary community newsletter initiative developed after the February 2011 earthquake by local Professionals Real Estate Agent Lynnette Baird, and Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre Chairperson Wendy Everingham.

The objective of the Lyttelton Harbour Review is to help keep local residents informed with what is going on in the wider Lyttelton Harbour community. Of course the success of the Lyttelton Harbour Review could not be possible without the ongoing support and enthusiasm from the wider community. A big thank you goes out to everyone who sends information; is willing to be interviewed by a couple of amateurs; or lets us know what might be happening in the neighbourhood. The Lyttelton Harbour Review project would not be possible without you all.

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“Streets turned into rivers as the storm water system failed to cope with the torrential rain.”

Image: Jean Beltran

Mother Nature's Fury

Homes Evacuated as Storm Hits Lyttelton

Mother Nature released her fury on Lyttelton last week with the Metservice predictions of gale force winds and torrential rain coming true, all leaving a wake of destruction and several residents being evacuated from their hillside homes.

Tuesday unleashed continued strong winds as gusts of wind ranging between 100km and 120km per hour battered the port town for several hours. The Gondola was closed down after staff recorded winds of more than 160km on top of the Port hills. Operations manager Mark Forster said gales reaching 163.1kmh were recorded at the summit at 10.00am, but no damage had been reported. "It is the highest recorded speed we have had for many years," Forster said. "The big southerly's normally 120 to 130kmh, so 160 is pretty special." The attraction was automatically closed whenever wind speeds exceeded 80kmh, which happened "two or three" times a year, he said.

Diamond Harbour Ferry service was cancelled, with buses used in replacement taking residents the long way around to Lyttelton, and following damage to the floating pontoons at Lyttelton B-Jetty the Ferry service remained out of action for the rest of the week. Black Cat Cruises managing director Paul Bingham said "It's definitely the wildest weather we've seen since the big storm in 2000 when the marina fell apart. You can't do much about it."

Around in Cass Bay, the wind caused havoc with trees down, windows smashed and roofs lifting. Janet Smart was preparing a batch of scones when she heard a 'thump' outside. She had no idea it was bits of her roof being ripped off by the wind, until a neighbour knocked on the door and mentioned a piece of her roof had smashed through his window. As a Cass Bay resident of nineteen years, Ms Smart said "this weather is crazy. I've never seen anything like that here. I think if I was trying to walk up the road I'd probably get blown across the road. It's quite dangerous." Down the road further Malcom Hattaway was left surveying the damage to his home after high winds shattered windows in the sunroom, and set off a chain reaction inside.

By Wednesday, the persisting rain came. With 150mm of rain falling within twenty four hours, many residents were rudely awoken in the early hours of Wednesday morning to witness the havoc of unruly muddy flood waters gushing off the hills, washing through houses and flooding roads as the water found the shortest way down to the harbour.

Confronted with raging waters, Lyttelton residents report making numerous calls to 111 emergency services seeking assistance with sand bags and man power to save homes, but were told 'the fire brigade does not deal with flooding'. Other residents tried calling the Christchurch City Council, only to hang up the call after waiting more than half an hour for the Council to answer. In the end, it was Tracy, a helpful customer services representative from Fulton Hogan who enabled the delivery of some sand bags to Lyttelton – saving the day for a number of Canterbury Street and Exeter Street residents.

Then at 2.00pm on Wednesday the big call for help arrived, as a significant cliff collapse on Park Terrace forced the evacuation of nineteen homes in Cressy Terrace, Park Terrace and Brittan Terrace as a precaution in case of further slips, and in response to two fuel tanks having been damaged by the slip.

Lyttelton Port Company chief executive Peter Davie was reported to have said the slip had come down and punctured one of the fuel tanks below that was storing jet fuel for Mobil, with another having a "severe dent" in the structure. The slip dislodged the valve of the fuel bulk storage tank, allowing aviation fuel to leak into the containment bund surrounding the tank.

Emergency services were confident there was no danger to Lyttelton residents following the fuel leak, although fumes could linger for some time while it was dispersed by the wind. And police spokesman Stephen Hill said a couple of people living on boats in the marina had also been evacuated because of the fuel fumes.

Residents were evacuated to the council service centre in London Street, and some residents faced the prospect of not returning home. The Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre in association with the Lyttelton TimeBank and Lyttelton Harbour Basin Community Civil Defence started into action calling for help with local accommodation. By the end of the day, all evacuated families had somewhere to stay and no emergency welfare centre was required.

Around at Naval Point about ten houseboat residents in the Lyttelton marina had to find places to stay over the weekend as the cordon remained around the marina while the fire service pumped the highly flammable fuel out of a catchment pond into two nearby tanks. Naval Point Club Secretary Ken Camp said the houseboat owners were staying with relatives and friends citing safety concerns.

Meanwhile, Camp said salvage is about to begin on three boats that sunk during the storm. "We have three boats on the bottom of the harbour because of the storm, but haven't been able to get to them due to the fuel spill. The harbour master, salvage guy and various insurance companies have been down to look at them," he said. There was no evidence that the boats were leaking oil into the harbour.

As Thursday came around, Brittan Terrace, the main link between Lyttelton and Governors Bay remain closed, but Cressy Terrace was opened as a detour for light vehicles.

Firefighters were still pumping leaked jet fuel off the ground in Lyttelton, but about 1500 litres had leaked into the harbour. The leak was contained fire fighters continued to work with Mobil to pump the spilled fuel into other tanks at the terminal. About 40,000 litres of jet fuel was removed from the storm water system near the tank, and a boom had been placed in the Lyttelton Harbour around the storm water outlet to capture any more jet fuel that spilled in to the sea. It would then be removed with special equipment.

A spokeswoman said Environment Canterbury (ECan) had not received any reports of oil spills from other sources in Lyttelton Harbour, despite "some comment to this effect" being circulated. "Small amounts of a rainbow-coloured sheen of kerosene were observed in several locations which indicates that while kerosene is present, it is very thin and is dispersing naturally," the spokeswoman said.

ECan staff had been out on the harbour checking on wildlife. Several species of birds including caspian terns, white-fronted terns, shags and pied oyster catchers had been spotted, none of which found any sign of birds in distress. A second on-water assessment focused on Quail Island, finding no signs of jet fuel near the island.

Mobil said its priority was to prevent any further release of fuel into the water and was working with authorities to repair the damage. "We apologise for any disruption or inconvenience that this is causing. Our concern continues to be the safety of our employees, contractors and the community," the company said in a statement. Mobil has a community information line for any residents with questions or concerns 0800 777 979.





Inquiry into Jet Fuel Leak Begins

Mobile to Investigate

Mobil is vowing to investigate why their catchment ponds failed to contain aviation fuel which spilled into Lyttelton Harbour.

The tank's catchment pond should have held all 1.2 million litres of the fuel, but it was damaged, said Mobil spokeswoman Samantha Potts yesterday. Fuel went into a nearby storm water drain and into the harbour.

Nineteen households on Cressy, Brittan and Park terraces were evacuated due to fumes. All of those residents were allowed back on Friday night, but ten houseboats still could not be accessed due to the cordon.

Potts said Mobil was unsure if the damage to the catchment pond was caused by the landslide, or existing, but "we will conduct a full investigation," she said. "We have already started gathering information but will need to wait until the catchment pond has been emptied."

Canterbury University senior lecturer environmental chemistry Dr Sally Gaw said the jet fuel in the harbour would evaporate quickly and was unlikely to pose a long term risk to marine life. Environment Canterbury reconfirmed there had been no impact on wildlife and the storm caused no other oil leaks.

Greens MP Eugenie Sage, who lives in Diamond Harbour, said authorities should urgently investigate the vulnerability of the tank farm in extreme weather events. "This is exactly what climate change is about," she said. "It is in a logical place close to port but we need to find out if further extreme weather events are putting the harbour at risk."

Article Source:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/hills-and-harbour/9805001/Leak-displaces-houseboat-owners>

Rapaki Places Rāhui on Whakaraupo

"As a result of the contamination issue in the Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke (Rāpaki Rūnanga) have put a Rāhui (a ban) on gathering kaimoana from Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour, effective from 4pm today (Friday March 7). This rāhui is to protect the wellbeing of everyone and Whakaraupō."

Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke are in constant communication with all the agencies involved with the spillage in particular Environment Canterbury and the Lyttelton Harbour Master.

We will keep everyone updated on progress and keep you informed on all health and safety messages. For any queries, please phone the Rāpaki Office on 03 328 9415."

Ngā mihi

June Swindells, Kaiwhakahaere, Te Hapu o Ngāti Wheke

Rāpaki Rūnanga

Geotechnical Teams Monitor Hill Areas

Geotechnical engineers are out across the Port Hills checking and monitoring known mass movement areas following heavy rain. Christchurch City Council has asked engineers to check these areas and immediately advise residents of any concerns about ground movement or slope instability.

The Council is asking people in hillside areas to be vigilant, and keep an eye out for any tell tale signs of mass movement, including:

- New cracking to land, buildings, driveways or paths
- Existing cracks that get longer, wider or deeper
- Leaning or bulging of retaining walls
- Rockfalls

If you notice any changes, or have any concerns, please phone the Council call centre on 941 8999 or 0800 800 169. If you believe there is a risk to life, call 111 and self-evacuate.



Canterbury Street Junction with Days Road. Image: Bryan Shankland



Canterbury Street Retaining Wall. Image: Treesa Green



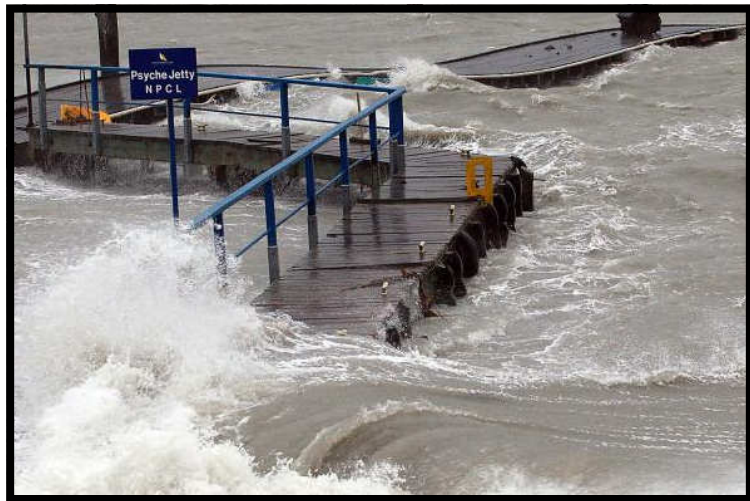
Exeter Street Flooding. Image: Lisa Swann



Canterbury Street Flooding. Image: The Press | Joseph Johnson



Cliff Collapse onto Tank Farm. Image: The Press | Daniel Tobin



Naval Point Storm Surge. Image: The Press | Stacy Squires



Cass Bay Roof Lifting. Image: The Press | Stacy Squires



Albion Square Pond. Image: Treesa Green

Local Calls for Sandbags

Residents Scramble to Save Homes

Local resident Rowena Laing is calling on Councillor Andrew Turner and the Lyttelton Mt Herbert Community Board to push for Lyttelton to get its very own stock pile of sandbags.

In the early hours of Wednesday morning last week, a number of Lyttelton residents awoke to streets that were turned into rivers. Of particular note was the water flow down Canterbury Street, Exeter Street, Hawkhurst Road, Voelas Road and Dalleys Lane. Some residents were left questioning if Lyttelton even had a functioning storm water system, given the volume of water gushing down their streets.

Rowena says that the most stressful thing about the flooding was that “we began phoning emergency services at 10.00pm on Tuesday night. Multiple times over a ten hour period, several home owners on Exeter Street phoned 111 and every time were told that the Fire Service doesn’t deal with flooding, they just refused to send any help and we were trying everything we could to keep the water out of the houses”.

At some point between 8.00am and 9.00am on Wednesday, Rowena managed to talk to a customer services representative at Fulton Hogan. Tracey worked within the sandbagging division, and it was this most helpful person who organised for a truck to deliver sandbags to Lyttelton. Residents pitched in alongside Fulton Hogan, and in no time at all sandbags, breeze blocks and iron sheeting were able to be used to divert the flood from Exeter Street.

Rowena expresses her gratitude to those who came to help that day. “Neighbours from along the road, up the hill, around the corner, and even strangers, were so fantastic in helping us and our neighbours when nobody else could or would help. These Lytteltonians should be proud of saving our houses from being flooded. Words cannot express our gratitude.”

As Rowena sees it, and the neighbours agree, many hands with an assortment of materials saved homes that day. “It is totally ridiculous that we haven't got emergency supplies here in Lyttelton, having to rely on them coming from Christchurch. If the tunnel is out of action, we'll be in deep [trouble]” Rowena exclaims.

Hence the concept for sandbags and emergency materials to be here in Lyttelton during these times of need has been raised. Rowena acknowledges that the number of sandbags would need to be the many hundreds, and it would be vitally important that they could be easily accessible to the public.

Banks Peninsula Councillor, Andrew Turner agrees “it seems logical that we make sure there is a stock of easily accessed sandbags which can be used by the community in future events. This in addition to considering that similar scenarios along Canterbury, Exeter, Voelas, Hawkhurst, Brittan and Simeon Quay do not recur the next time we get heavy rain.”

Community board member Christine Wilson adds “I completely agree about Lyttelton having its own stockpile of sand bags. I have already raised this at a meeting I attended last Friday and I will continue to advocate for this important resource.”

Julie Lee, former Lyttelton Harbour Civil Defence co-ordinator, exclaims “the Lyttelton community should continue to put plans in place so it can look after itself. Sandbags should be sourced and stored locally with a second plan about how and who will get them to those flood prone hot spots. It just needs a local person to champion the cause. We want it, we make it happen.”

If you agree too, write to the Lyttelton Mt Herbert Community Board:

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Adrian Te Patu	adrian.tepatu@ccc.govt.nz
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Volunteer Fire Brigade Keep Giving

Non Stop Calls for Help

During the height of the storm, and over just a few short hours, the Lyttelton Volunteer Fire Brigade responded to more than 30 calls for help from the local community.

Tired and thinking the worst of the day was over, they posted this comment “so now that things are settling down a little, and we hope people are getting things back to normal.”

And then the cliff above the tank farm collapsed. It was all hands on deck again. Unbeknown to many of the fire brigade volunteers, local residents got baking and dropped off treats for the boys and girls at the station. That night the brigade posts “five hours on scene in wet gear and back to the station for cold pizza, but the residents of Lyttelton have dropped off scones, cakes and other goodies (Stout and Choc cake was a real favourite) - you guys couldn't begin to imagine the moral boost we get from your generosity.”

Here's how the community responded:

- Your help in our community is much appreciated.
- Where would we all be without you guys; you are Hero's.
- Well done boys you do a great job.
- What a wonderful community, and what hard working fire fighters.
- Keep up the fantastic work.
- Yes, you folk are great, thank you.
- Big thank you for helping on Voelas Road this morning.
- You guys are awesome! Thank you for coming all the way up the hill.
- You poor buggers! Lyttelton owes you all a huge debt of gratitude!

Article: Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre

SCIRT Kept Busy

SCIRT Work Before, During and After the Christchurch Floods

It's been a massive week for Christchurch with extreme weather and SCIRT's infrastructure repair teams have also been busy.

“A huge thanks to everyone who worked in these conditions,” said SCIRT general manager Duncan Gibb. “We are very proud of the preparation work done to minimise damage and ensure people stayed safe. We are also proud to be working alongside the Christchurch City Council today to check on the structural integrity of structures like retaining walls and bridges.”

On Tuesday with the storm showing no signs of abating, SCIRT's traffic management teams were out ensuring sites were safely fenced with high winds and heavy rain in mind. The winds were so strong some of these teams had the doors blown off their four-wheel drive utes and trucks.

Wednesday, with parts of the city under water, SCIRT's Fulton Hogan and McConnell Dowell teams were available to help out Christchurch Hospital ensuring the basement was pumped out and equipment was able to operate.

Other crews continued to ensure sites were standing up to the wind and extreme rainfall.

Lyttelton's Canterbury Street, where a new SCIRT retaining wall was completed last year, was one of the main channels for flood water off the Port Hills. It was inspected by a SCIRT structural engineer and found to be safe.

Thursday and SCIRT crews are back at work, tidying up and getting on with where they left off before the storm slowed things down. Meanwhile the structural engineers working at the design hub of SCIRT are out working alongside the Christchurch City Council staff, inspecting retaining walls and bridges city-wide to ensure they are safe for the public.

Article: SCIRT, with thanks

Image: SCIRT, Lyttelton's Sumner Road new retaining walls were in the thick of it!





Shock for Home Owners

Council Determine Retaining Wall Responsibility

Is your home located below the level of the road? Or, is your home located up on one of Lyttelton's historic 'street side humps'? Then you may be in for a shock as the Council knocks on your door asking you to pay for retaining wall rebuilds.

Many of the retaining walls around Lyttelton were built by prison labour back in the late 1800s. Since first built, successive governing bodies have taken responsibility for these retaining walls. Repairing, maintaining and even rebuilding Lyttelton's decaying and often long neglected historic walls. But this is all about to change.

Christchurch City Council is presently contacting property owners around the Lyttelton area, with assistance in determining responsibility for retaining walls adjacent to Council assets.

Following the earthquakes the Council, along with Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT), has worked on retaining walls which posed a danger to public safety or blocked public access routes. The next step they are taking is to determine who is responsible for less-critical retaining walls. This will give clarity to residents about the responsibility for repairing them and what will happen next.

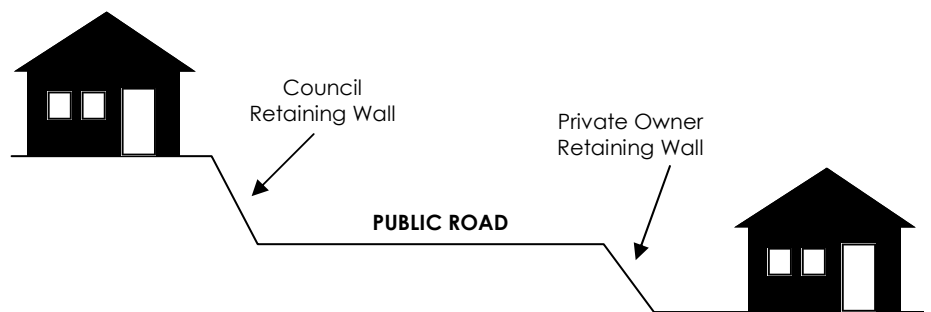
In cases where the Council is responsible for retaining walls, SCIRT will be responsible for their reconstruction and will inform households in the area well in advance of any construction work.

In cases where home owners are responsible for a retaining wall, they will need to work with the Earthquake Commission and to contact their insurer to check whether their insurance policy covers retaining walls.

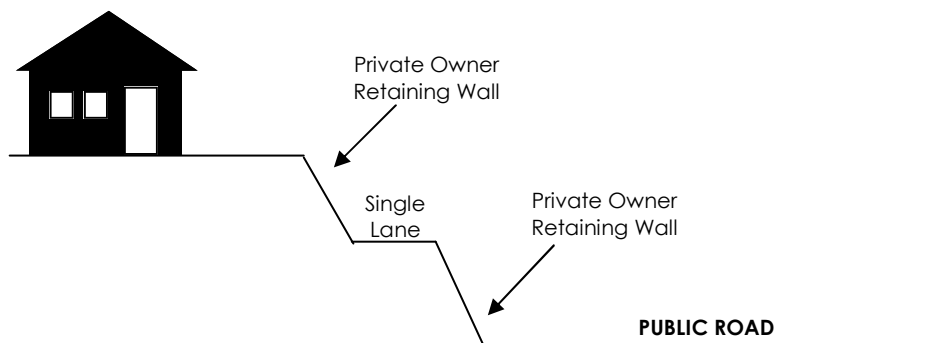
To assist with this process the Christchurch City Council have produced a booklet detailing common scenarios: [Determining responsibility for retaining walls](#).

If you require further information or assistance, please contact the Christchurch City Council Call Centre on 03 941 8999 or 0800 800 169. Alternatively, the Council is hosting, albeit under very short notice, a drop in session at the Lyttelton Club on TUESDAY 11 MARCH from 10.00am to 6.30pm.

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Lyttelton Museum

Update March 2014

President's Note

2013 was a huge year for the Museum, with some major achievements, and some big challenges ahead for 2014. In case you need reminding, the high points of last year include:

All of our collection now safely stored at the Cultural Collections Recovery Centre at Wigram.

A full collection triage completed, telling us that very few objects have suffered significant earthquake damage, and we are the caretakers of as many as 10,000 historical treasures and photographs.

In early 2014, we're busy presenting our Strategic Plan to interested parties, and the committee will forge ahead with a Feasibility Study to determine the where's, how's and what's of the museum's future. This will take time and involve a lot of consultation, but we hope to have a firm concept for our future in place later this year.

Keep an eye out for museum displays in and around Lyttelton this year. We have several exciting projects planned, and the first of our distributed displays (i.e. exhibitions outside of a museum building) will be unveiled in the next couple of months.

Museum's Strategic Plan

With the help of Ray Sleeman from the Canterbury Leisure and Tourism Group, we have finished our strategic plan, outlining our three main projects for the next few years.

This document will guide our work and help us communicate to others what we want to achieve and how we will achieve it.

The strategic plan is forming the basis of meetings with a number of interested parties to get conversations going about the future of the museum. So far, Kerry, Ray, and Peter have met with Christchurch City Council Heritage and Planning staff, and the Community Board. Meetings are coming up soon with Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism and the Historic Places Trust. The response has been very positive, everyone is keen to keep talking and do what they can to support our work.

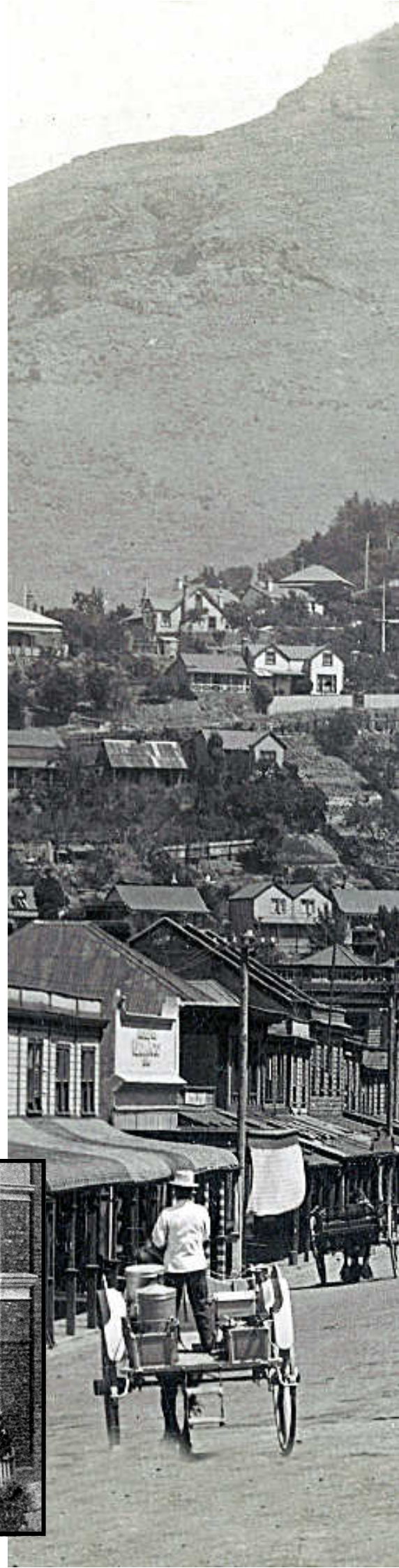
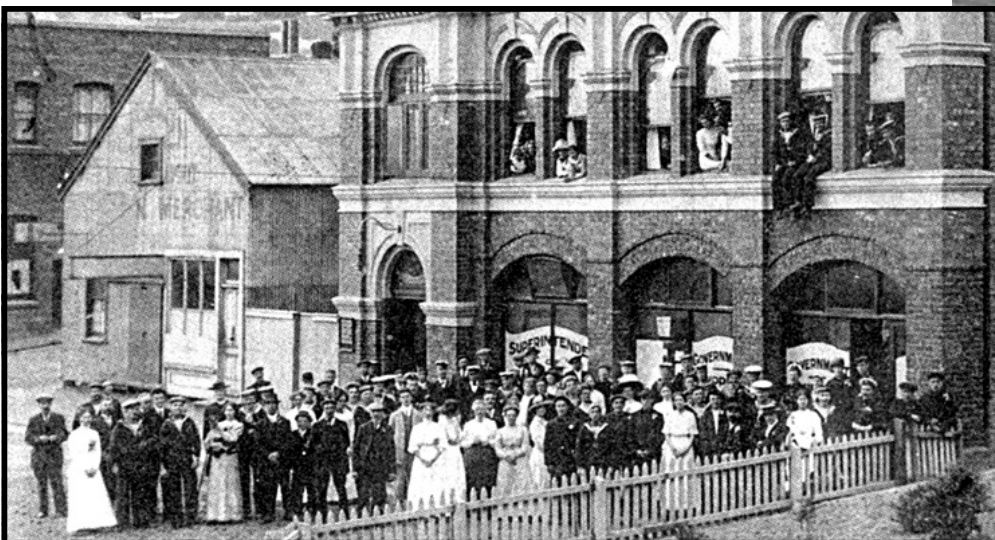
If you would like a copy of the strategic plan, contact the museum at lytteltonmuseum@xtra.co.nz. We can e-mail a copy to you or send it out on paper if you'd prefer.

Next Museum Meeting

Our next general meeting will be held on Wednesday March 26th at 7.30pm at Lyttelton Main School (committee meets before). Come along to hear what the museum has been up to since the last meeting. All welcome.

Article: Lyttelton Museum, with thanks

Image: Baird Private Collection, London Street early 1900s | Lyttelton Museum, date unknown





Lyttel Gallery

Art at the Information Centre

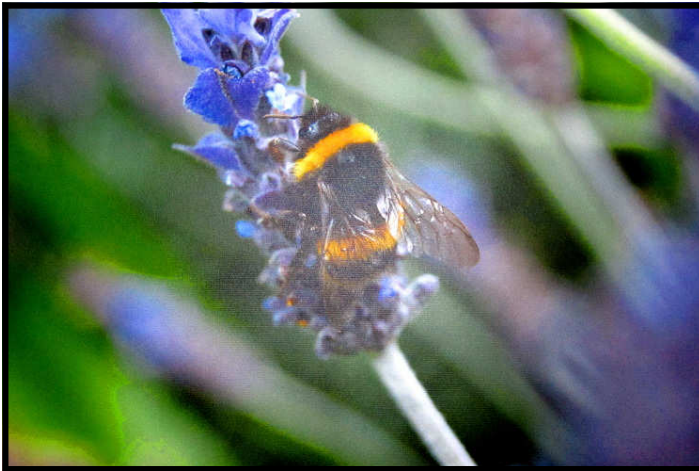
Debbie Robin has lived in Lyttelton for twenty two years. She has always enjoyed taking photos. Recently she purchased a new camera and she's delighted with the results. After chatting with the Lyttel Gallery Curator Reuben Romany, Debbie decided that she would like to share her works with the community. Her photos have been printed onto canvas and the results speak for themselves. Her photography exhibition runs all of March.

Opening Hours: 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Saturday

11.00am to 3.00pm Sunday

Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre
20 Oxford Street
Lyttelton

Article and Images: Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre



Rateable Values Move Upward

New Rates Struck for 2014 Rating Year

The Christchurch City Council has a statutory obligation to carry out a rating revaluation every three years. This revaluation sets the capital value, or rateable value, on properties across the city (also often referred to as the Government Valuation or GV). The capital value is used to determine how much property owners pay in rates each year and is normally reviewed every three years.

The last revaluation was due to take place in late 2010, however this was delayed by the earthquakes and the Government allowed the Council to continue using 2007 valuations as a basis for rates.

The use of six year-old data is no longer tenable and the Council has contracted Quotable Value to carry out the 2013 revaluation. Property owners will receive their new valuations in March 2014 and they will then have six weeks to object. The new valuations will apply to rates from 1 July 2014.

Some residential properties in the north-western suburbs of Christchurch have jumped between 20 and 30 per cent in value, according to first city-wide revaluation done since 2007.

Here in the Lyttelton and Peninsula region the average capital value is likely to change by -5% to 1%. Individual valuations will be posted to ratepayers on Wednesday, March 12.

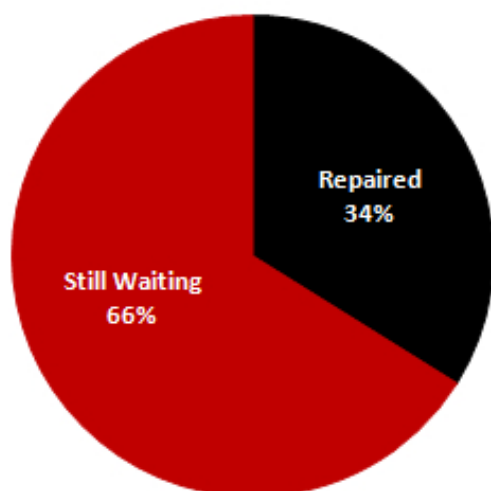
Local Professionals real estate agent, Lynnette Baird says "residential dwelling sales across Lyttelton fluctuate greatly. In any given year homes here in Lyttelton could sell anywhere between \$200,000 and \$800,000. This will always make it difficult to set generalised rateable values. As a general view, of the 33 dwellings that sold via the open market last year, the median sale value rose about 6.18% above the median rateable value. The proposed 1% rateable value rise across the township, looks fairly reasonable on the surface, albeit the Council are excluding earthquake damage from their rating assessments".

Lynnette would also like to remind people that the Rateable Value should never be used as an indication of market value, nor used for insurance purposes. For insurance purposes the replacement value of your home is the actual cost of rebuilding. An estimate of replacement value usually includes demolition and consent costs associated with rebuilding. Such costs are not included in a Rating Valuation.

Article Source: <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/thecouncil/newsmedia/mediareleases/2014/201403101.aspx>

Home Owners take EQC to Court

EQC Repair Progress



More than 120 fed-up homeowners will take the Earthquake Commission to court over its handling of Canterbury's rebuild. Law firm Anthony Harper last year began signing up homeowners who wanted to hold EQC to account under the Earthquake Commission Act.

Anthony Harper partner Peter Woods today confirmed more than 120 households had committed to a group action, giving the firm enough numbers to proceed with the case. "We'll start working on the formal proceedings now," he said.

The firm aimed to file the case with the High Court within eight weeks. "We would like to have more people because that will share the costs," Woods said. "It's not too late - people could continue to join for probably the next month, in fact we had more people sign up today."

Concerns included the amount of money EQC was offering as settlements and the work it planned to undertake. Participants hoped the High Court would issue a declaratory judgement confirming the repair standards the commission was required to meet.

EQC's Scorecard March 5

Total claims received: 468,775 Total claims closed: 158,819

Article Source: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/9803025/Homeowners-to-take-EQC-to-court>

Residents Against Southern Response

Lyttelton couple Katherine and Glen Walker have had enough. Three and a half years since the September 2010 earthquake, and they still have no idea if or when their home will be rebuilt. Enough is enough they say, and plenty of other Southern Response customers are joining them in taking class action against the non-responding insurer.

Christchurch earthquake damage claimants tired of unnecessary delays has announced plans to take a class action against their insurer, Southern Response. This today on the back of another group confirming they are taking a class action against EQC.

A spokesman for the Southern Response claimants group, Graham Bloomfield, says the group has engaged the services of lawyer Grant Cameron and will seek a declaration regarding unacceptable delays in the settlement of their claims for damage from the Canterbury Earthquakes. "A class action involving many Southern Response claimants is appropriate given the very large number of people being denied their insurance policy rights."

"We believe the delays people have faced, and are still facing, are unreasonable and unacceptable. It is now over three and a half years since the first earthquake. There are still people living in severely damaged houses and other people whose houses have been demolished who have no time frame from Southern Response for repair or rebuild. People are being told to effectively put their lives on hold for six years. We simply do not accept that that is fair and reasonable but Southern Response continues to delay."

The group believes that it is time that the Government undertook a public and independent review of the delays that Southern Response is causing and the flow-on that is undermining the rebuild of Christchurch. The group will also seek substantial damages from Southern Response for each member of the class action.

"The additional costs people have incurred must be recouped," says Bloomfield. "We will seek damages for the immense stress and health issues this insurer has caused for hundreds of their clients. There must be consequences for this kind of behaviour."

The group was formed as a result of the protests late last year which were organised by Southern No Response.

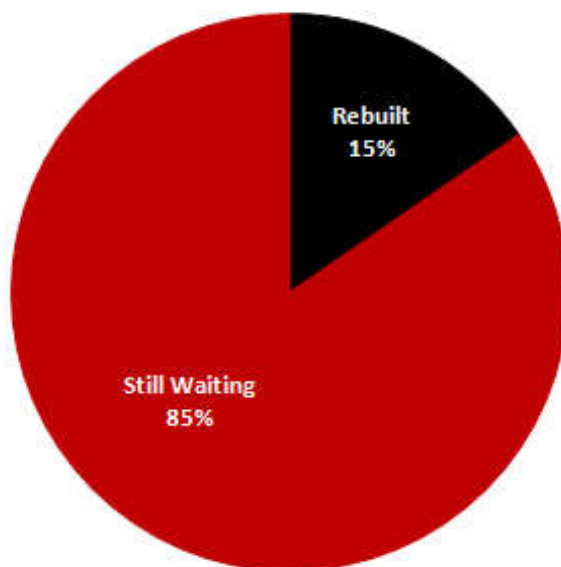
All Southern Response claimants interested in being a part of the class action will meet at 7pm on Thursday 13th March at the Westpac Business Hub, 55 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington. The meeting is strictly for Southern Response Claimants only. You need to register on www.eventbrite.co.nz and search for "SR Class Action".

For more information please contact Graham Bloomfield on email: g.bloomfield@extra.co.nz

Article: Graham Bloomfield, with thanks

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Total Insurers Rebuild Progress



Lyttelton Urban Downhill Postponed

New Date: Sunday November 30

Organisers have reluctantly postponed the third Lyttelton Urban Down Hill, that was scheduled on Sunday 9 March. Postponement is always a heart wrenching decision, says main race organiser, Andrea Murray. " Our race transport route is up Canterbury Street and down Cornwall Street, which is now under repair and closed. Even the road repair crews were getting bogged in their own repair work. Road works aside, our main worry is around the unseen hazards; erosion and rock fall, that we cannot manage nor can we guarantee athlete and spectator safety for the day "

"With Down Hill Mountain Bike events, we accept there are heaps of risks, most of them are manageable. The Lyttelton Urban course has many man made features, which are easy to manage the risk on, because we control it. This year is the first time we have had to have all our structures over 1.0m consented and engineered to full fill our Christchurch City Council event permits. Safe as houses as they say."

The only positive thing to come from an early cancellation is the riders can adjust their plans and the expensive items and time consuming set up has not been wasted. Lyttelton is a town that is not scared of adversity, but we want Lyttelton to have another year of world class down hill mountain biking, now booked for November 30th, 2014.



District Plan Review

Pre Notification Public Engagement Begins

The District Plan Review team have now completed the drafts of the priority chapters (see Chapter subjects below) and pre-notification engagement will begin with the community today.

These priority chapters will be notified later this year and the remaining chapters will be completed in 2016.

The five-week pre-notification public engagement programme will include community meetings for each ward, as well as directed affected areas (areas close to key activity centres or areas where the Council are considering new growth or development) and key stakeholders.

People can provide feedback by attending community meetings, emailing dpreview@ccc.govt.nz or taking part in an online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B5HG57S>.

The chapters are:

- o Strategic Directions
- o Residential (part)
- o Commercial
- o Industrial
- o Subdivision and Development (part)
- o **Natural Hazards (part - Chapter scheduled to be released 15 March 2014)**
- o Transport
- o Contaminated Land, and
- o Maps, definitions and appendices associated with the above.

There will be a public meeting in Lyttelton on March 12, 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Lyttelton Main School to discuss the proposed changes to the District Plan.

For more information visit www.ccc.govt.nz/districtplanreview .

Freemans: Staff Wanted

Front of house person required to join our team. Must be professional, experienced and love working in hospitality. The role will involve nights and weekend work. Excellent pay for the right applicant. For an interview contact Sarah Freeman on 027 655 9828

Yoga for You

Early morning yoga classes: Tuesday and Thursday, 6 - 6.50 am. Mid -morning gentle yoga class; Friday 9am - 10am. Diamond Harbour Stage Room next to the library. \$5 or donation. enquiries contact Jacinda: cins@paradise.net.nz

Homes Wanted: Lyttelton

Mature part-time musical director seeking warm, self contained studio/unit or home. Would consider shared accommodation if mostly self contained with own space/lounge. Long term house sits also a possibility. I run a community choir in Lyttelton and would love to return here to live. Contact Jillie on 021 152 8068.

Looking for accommodation in Lyttelton even just a room is fine. Contact Nathan.Aliz@gmail.com

Mature single guy looking for a room and ensuite. Call 021 033 7171

Mature Gentleman requires a room in a quiet, non smoking environment. Happy to help with house chores and maintenance negotiable. Phone Ludovic 021 033 7171.

Flatmate Wanted: Lyttelton

Room available in a nice house in Lyttelton. Fully furnished. Has a Queen bed and walk in wardrobe. Has a view of the port. Suit tidy single or couple. Share with one lady - owner of the house. \$250 per week or \$60 per night. Phone Michelle 328 8020 or 027 416 0625.

Lyttelton Temporary EQC Accommodation Solutions

OPTION ONE: Randolph Apartment. Private two bedroom, fully furnished, modern apartment with superb views across Lyttelton is available for short terms stay while your home is being earthquake repaired. Provide insurance quotes for EQC accommodation requirements. Apartment features private spa pool, off street parking and all the mod-cons including Wifi. Tariff from \$135 per night, with minimum three night stay. Phone Heather 03 328 8584 or 03 328 8585 or email heather@millymay.co.nz

OPTION TWO: Accommodation/house fully furnished available end of February 2014. Short term but would consider long term. Would suit EQC orphans. Home looking out over Corsair Bay. Bus stop at the bottom of section. Four double bedroom, two living areas, two toilets and double garage with off street parking. Sorry no fences, but pets okay by negotiation. Fully furnished. \$900/wk (power not included). Phone connection and broadband incl. Call Heather on 027 211 7205 for details.

OPTION THREE: Lyttelton home to rent. Ideal for those with homes needing earthquake repairs. Fully furnished. Garage and off street parking. Large garden. Living and lounge with stunning harbour views. Four bedrooms. One bathroom. Two heat pumps. Pets negotiable. Please phone Camilla on 027 332 4321.

OPTION FOUR: We have rental accommodation available in the Lyttelton area for Earthquake Repairs. Short or Long term, fully furnished, pets negotiable. Please phone Betsy on: 03 377 4939 or 021 994 297.

OPTION FIVE: Short term rental in Lyttelton. Lovely three bedroom character home, heat pump, log burner, drive on access, stunning views, pets OK \$600 per week. Negotiable. Phone 021 060 2316.

OPTION FIVE: If you are having trouble finding accommodation in Lyttelton while earthquake repairs are being done, this might be an option for you on Sullivan Avenue, Opawa. Beautiful Villa, available for short or long term fully furnished accommodation. Lovely maintained gardens. Fully fenced. Great family home three bedroom, one bathroom, off street parking for two cars, power, phone, television, broadband, and gardener provided. Sleeps up to five people. Pets negotiable. Please phone Sue 027 456 7011.

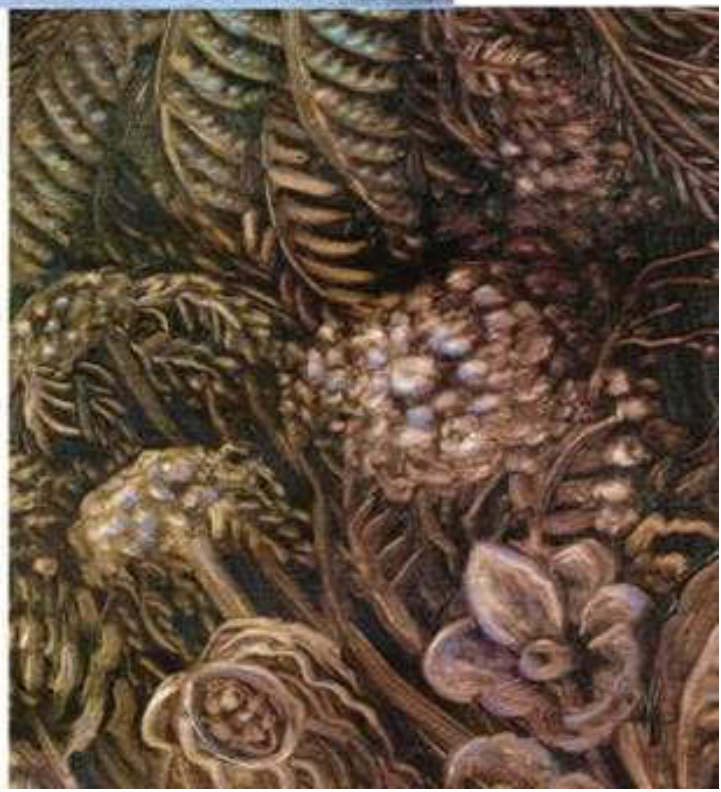


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an exhibition
Frankie A Bakker
Rebecca Harris
Michael springer**

**Opening
3 - 5pm
Sunday
9 th
March**



**Roots
Restaurant
8 London st
Lyttelton**



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Find out more about Qigong at the

South Island Qigong Open Day

Papanui High School,

30 Langdons Road, Papanui

Saturday 15 March

10am – 3pm

Entry and all activities are free of charge

Learn & experience the power of Qigong,
the ancient Chinese art of self healing

- Qi healing • Workshops
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Further information at www.qigong.org.nz



What is Qigong?

Qigong is a general name for any method which involves the exercise of Qi (Chi).

Tai Chi and Kung Fu developed from Qigong, which has always maintained the aim of health and well-being. Thousands of forms of Qigong have developed over the last 5000 years in China.

Qigong uses easy-to-learn movements to guide the mind to draw in and replenish Qi. The movements increase flexibility, balance and coordination, the Qi heals and energises, and the whole activity brings deep relaxation and a calm and focused mind.

For further information you can contact the following Qigong Open Day coordinators.

Gabrielle Euteneuer	027 225 1646
Ollie Clifton	027 333 9252
Geraldine Parkes	027 644 4455
Dave Thew	021 0237 5700

“business directory”

support our local businesses

March 2014

The Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre would like to say “thank you” to the following business for their continued support in helping to keep the Information Centre open. If your Lyttelton Harbour business or organisation would like to join this group we offer a membership of \$50 for Not For Profits and \$165 per year for businesses. Contact the Information Centre for more Information contact Wendy Everingham on 03 328 9093 or email infocentre@lyttelton.net.nz

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DOCKSIDE APARTMENTS

22 Sumer Road, Lyttelton

Phone: 03 325 5707
Grant and Kathy
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Phone: 03 329 9727
Eva
www.gbbedandbreakfast.co.nz

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52 Main Road, Governors Bay

Phone: 03 329 9433
Jeremy and Clare
www.governorsbayhotel.co.nz

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10 Bridle Path Road, Heathcote Valley

Phone: 03 384 0310
www.welcomeaboard.co.nz

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Phone: 0274 355 239
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Open Seven Days

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what's on around the harbour this week

March 2014

Monday

Lyttelton Play Group	10.00am	Lyttelton Main School	All Welcome. Andrea Solzer 328 9346
Pilates Class, Term One	7.00pm	Naval Point Club	Contact: Jennifer Rice 027 204 1224
Meditation Group	7.30pm	Project Lyttelton, Oxford Street	Teacher: Buddhist nun Kelsang Luma
Community Choir	7.30pm	Union Chapel, Winchester Street	All welcome. Jillie 021 152 8068 \$10 \$15

Tuesday

Story Time	11.00am	Lyttelton Library, London Street	Stories, Rhymes, Activities 2-4yr olds
Lyttelton Health Qigong for Seniors	10.15am	Union Church, Winchester Street	\$5 Geraldine Parkes 03 328 7284
Community House Shared Lunch	12.00pm	Comm.House, 7 Dublin Street	Make new friends
Science Alive!	3.30pm	Lyttelton Library, London Street	Free Range of Interesting Scientific Topics
Lyttelton St John Youth Division	6.00pm	St John Ambulance Station	52 London St, Lyttelton
Belly Dance - Beyond Beginner	6.30pm	Lyttelton West School	Rachael 022 010 7140 \$15 p/session
Belly Dance - Beginner Foundations	7.30pm	Lyttelton West School	Rachael 022 010 7140 \$15 p/session

Wednesday

Knit and Yarn Group	10.00am	Lyttelton Library, London Street	All Welcome. Bring your next project.
Lyttelton Play Group	10.00am	Lyttelton Main School	All Welcome. Andrea Solzer 328 9346
Community Garden	10.00am	The Portal, 54a Oxford Street	Shared lunch from 12.00pm
Lyttelton Cubs	6.30pm		Contact Mark Brabyn 027 281 6180
Bujinkan Martial Arts	7.00pm	Union Church, Winchester Street	Conact Shaun 027 231 6881 \$10 p/session

Thursday

Governors Bay Pre-School Music	9.15am	Governors Bay School Library	All Under 5s Welcome with Adult \$3.50
Walking Group, On the Flat	12.30pm	Lyttelton Community House	Contact Maureen 741 1427
Lyttelton Volunteer Fire Brigade	7.00pm	Lyttelton Fire Station	Weekly Training New Members Welcome
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Contra Dance Night	7.30pm	Private Address, Cass Bay	Contact Bill 03 328 8985 \$5

Friday

Baby Time	10.30am	Lyttelton Library, London Street	Stories, Rhymes, Activities Under 2yrs old
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Saturday

Lyttelton Farmers Market	10.00am	London Street, Lyttelton	Fresh produce; Live Music; Buskers and More
Lyttelton Garage Sale	10.00am	The Portal, 54a Oxford Street	Second Hand Bargains and More
Harbour Bazaar Market	10.00am	Lyttelton Main School	Local Artists, Bric a Brac and More
Plenty to Share	-	Cnr London and Canterbury	Bring, Exchange and Share Food

Sunday

Combined Church Service	10.00am	Union Church, Winchester Street	All Welcome
St Josephs Worker Catholic Church	5.30pm	21 Exeter Street, Lyttelton	All Welcome

Monthly Community Events

Lyttelton Lions Second Tuesday Each Month	7.30pm	Lyttelton Community House	Contact Mary 03 328 8523
Lyttelton Mt Herbert Community Board Third Wednesday Each Month	9.30am	Lyttelton CCC Service Centre	Meetings Open to the Public
Lyttelton HBC Civil Defence Governors Bay Civil Defence Third Wednesday Each Month	7.00pm 7.00pm	Lyttelton Main School Governors Bay Fire Station	Contact Wendy Everingham 03 328 9093 Contact Frances James 03 329 9560
Lyttelton Garden Club Fourth Monday Each Month	1.30pm	Union Parish, Winchester Street	Dot 332 3283 or Ann 328 8917
Dance Workshop Fourth Thursday Each Month	7.30pm	Lyttelton West School	Contact Jan 03 328 8977 \$10p/session
Lyttelton Museum Historical Society Last Saturday Each Month	10.00am	Lyttelton Main School	Contact Liza Rossie

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for events and performances

March 2014

11 Tuesday

Artist Showcase Open Mic Night 7.30pm Wunderbar, London Street Free Event

12 Wednesday

Porthole Bar Live Music 8.30pm Porthole, London Street Free Event

13 Thursday

Podocarp 8.30pm Porthole Bar, London Street Free Event
Devlish Mary and the Holly Rollers 9.00pm Civil & Naval, London Street \$10 cocktails

14 Friday

DJ Bones 7.30pm Porthole Bar, London Street Free Event
Super Dirt Cello/Electro/Line Wunderbar, London Street
T54 and the Hex Waves Tommy Changs, London Street \$5 Door Sales

15 Saturday

Vinyl Salvation Buy Sell Trade 10.00am Tommy Changs, London Street Bring your vinyl, buy sell trade
Al Park and Adam Hattaway 8.30pm Porthole Bar, London Street Free Event
Eden Mulholland Wunderbar, London Street

16 Sunday

Governors Bay Fete 10.30pm Free Event
Afternoon Jazz with Carmel and Friends 3.00pm Freemans, London Street Free Event
Sunday Afternoon Jam Session 3.30pm Porthole Bar, London Street Free Event | Charlie the Blues Man

20 Thursday

Adam Page Wunderbar, London Street

21 Friday

Tami Neilson with Band 9.00pm Wunderbar, London Street Pre-Sales \$17 | \$20 Door Sales

22 Saturday

The Johnnys with Runaround Sue 8.00pm Naval Point Club \$25 at door
Tami Neilson with Band 9.00pm Wunderbar, London Street Pre-Sales \$17 | \$20 Door Sales
Jayne Freeman and Adam Piggot LIVE Tommy Changs, London Street

Lyttel Gallery “Debbie Robin Exhibition - Nature’s Photography”

Can be viewed Monday to Saturday from 10.00am to 4.00pm and Sunday 11.00am to 3.00pm at the Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre, 20 Oxford Street, Lyttelton.

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