

“ Lyttelton review ”

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A Year Worth Celebrating

2012 kicked off with raving reviews from Lonely Planet about how Lyttelton is the “essential foodie destination” and that the township was “bouncing back with remarkable community spirit”. As 2012 comes to a close the editorial team here at the Lyttelton Review are looking forward to a small break, but not before taking the opportunity to reflect on just some of the highlights throughout the year:

Freemans Dining Room re-opened; delicious pizzas, pastas, Italian fare and live jazz on Sundays; Plenty to Share initiative started as an opportunity for residents to swap extra produce and food; Gorilla artwork turns up on vacant sites and broken infrastructure to entertain and colour our world; SCIRT team worked continuously on repairing Lyttelton retaining walls; Harbour Co-Op, the first community co-operative food store in New Zealand is launched; Pirates of Corsair Bay brought summer laughter and fun to organisers and audience; Christchurch Relief Fund donated \$250,000 to the Loons to help with the huge repair and rebuild costs; Live Music Events in Lyttelton including Jackie Bristow; Black Orpheus; Johnny Possum; Hobnails; Don McGlashan and many more; Lyttelton Rough House Revival Tour with The Eastern, Lindon Puffin, Delaney Davidson, Marlon Williams; Lyttelton Urban Downhill event was a sporting spectacular, now scheduled as an annual Lyttelton event; Lyttelton resident Bettina Evans releases “The Shaken Heart” a book of earthquake experiences; Wunderbar opens [again] and stays open as an entertainment delight; Lyttelton secures funding for free public Wifi on London Street; Chalfont Cafe and Godley House Cafe open in Diamond Harbour offering a great escape and great food; Choice fresh take home meals started, located on London Street week days; Lyttelton Festival of Lights created a festival mood on London Street mid year; Saint Saviours Church to return to Lyttelton, a new home on the Holy Trinity Winchester Street site; Local resident Bill and Liz Baritompia open their home for Contra Dancing each week; LIFT Library film evenings began this year showcasing thought provoking topics and concepts; White land zoning decisions disappeared, turning most of Lyttelton green; Lyttelton Master Plan is adopted by Council beginning with the purchase of 44 London Street; Sno Clothes and Milly May returned to London Street; Living Springs stream enhancement project started; Lyttelton Toy Library reopened with the Council helping with location and space at 25 Canterbury Street; New Zealand Youth Choir performed for Lyttelton Residents at Naval Point Club; Lyttelton Antarctic Experience with guest speaker series and harbour cruises celebrating our connection to the Antarctic; Lyttelton Festival of Walking returned with two weekends of adventure and walks around the harbour basin; Everest Indian Restaurant opens offering spicy flavours, and is one of the best in Canterbury; The Irish Bar reopened on London Street, ideal for a Guinness and a great deck for views, food and more; Fisherman’s Wharf Restaurant on Norwich Quay reopened, offering from sea to table delights; Roots Restaurant opened on London Street celebrating fresh local produce and sustainability; Godley House memorial walkway opened using bricks and salvaged materials from Godley House; Lyttelton Farmers Market moved on to London Street with buskers and live entertainment every Saturday; Sir Miles Warren created the Ohinetahi Charitable Trust and donated Ohinetahi Gardens to the people; Lyttelton Volunteer Fire Brigade launched the fundraising book “the Brigade” insightful and honest record; Sculpture on the Point and Live at the Point brings art and entertainment together in Diamond Harbour.

And before we go, we would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to returning to your email inbox on Monday 14 January and sharing with you more news and events from around the harbour basin.

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Kiwi Ranger Experience

Making Memories on Quail Island

The newest Kiwi Ranger site is Otamahua|Quail Island in the Lyttelton Harbour, and is the first island site and the first Kiwi Ranger site close to a city. It's a perfect place for families to make memories together. Doc worker Sarah Mankelow shares her background and passion for the Kiwi Ranger programme:

My own strongest childhood memories are all of experiences in nature, thanks to my father who took me to lots of wild places. We balanced across a log bridge; played explorers by wading down a stream in the Kaimais; collected tadpoles and waved toi toi flags. These memories and experiences were a huge influence on the adult I am today, and I am trying to do the same for my own children. But in this increasingly urban and tech-driven world it's getting pretty hard. There are less "wild places" in cities. And we are competing with the TV, the computer, gaming devices, for their attention, and not always winning.

There is growing evidence that children are increasingly disconnected from that natural world. International surveys show that fewer children are experiencing nature directly, with many playing indoors rather than out. Research also shows that childhood experiences with nature plays a critical role in determining life attitudes, knowledge and behaviour towards the environment.

But how do we help families that may be disconnected from these opportunities, or who may not have had the same influences in their own lives, get reconnected?

Kiwi Ranger is one way. It is a network of experiential interpretation sites, designed to help families connect with key conservation places. At its core is a booklet of activities and a badge to collect each unique to each site, similar to the highly successful Junior Ranger in America.

Each booklet acts like a guide to experiencing our wild places, some of which are a bit daunting to families visiting for the first time. It helps them to stop and take a closer look, to make the most of their visit, so it is not just a nice walk, but an experience worth remembering and treasuring.

So far the Kiwi Ranger experience is only available in the South Island, but North Island sites are coming on board next year.

On Sunday 9 December the Department of Conservation officially launched Kiwi Ranger on Ōtamahua|Quail Island. The first lucky group had a sausage sizzle on the beach and they hope lots of other families will come along and become Kiwi Rangers too.

The Otamahu|Quail Island Kiwi Ranger booklet can be picked up from Black Cat Ferry, the Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre or from the Mahaanui Area Department of Conservation Office in Sockburn. Be sure to return your completed booklet to the any of the three locations above to claim your badge!

Black Cat Cruises will run to the Island twice a day in December and January. Departures are 10.20am and 12.20am and returns are 12.30pm and 3.30pm.

Article: Sarah Mankelow, Department of Conservation

Images: Sarah Mankelow, Department of Conservation, with thanks

Blog: <http://blog.doc.govt.nz/2012/12/05/making-memories-on-otamahua-quail-island/>



First lucky team to try Kiwi Ranger on Quail Island.



Maddie Harrison and William Webb at the Ships Graveyard on Quail Island.



ORTON BRADLEY PARK

Orton Bradley Park

New Camping Ground Facilities

Just a quick update about what is happening in Orton Bradley Park:

Campground – after many years talk the park is finally opening a public camping ground this summer. It will be open from December the 26 through until February 6, so that it doesn't clash with school camps, and will operate around the Outdoor Education Centre Kitchen Block.

Volunteers and staff have been busy getting the place ready, which has involved the installation of a reed-bed sewage treatment system, with the treated water being used to irrigate an Oak plantation. The kitchen block has been re-plumbed, lined [thanks to Ricky Hornsby of organising the polytechnic students and Winstones for the Gib], and painted inside and out. We have also installed permanent barbeques, and upgraded the water treatment system.

Over the summer months the cost of camping in the park will be \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child per night. Unfortunately we cannot offer a discount to friends of the park for camping. Please tell your friends.

Playground – we wish to apologise for the delays in getting the playground up and running again. We have had a number of delays, including sourcing fill, but the biggest has been that staff and volunteers have been busy on other projects. Once it is complete we hope that it encourages children of all ages to explore their physical abilities and creativity. Please watch the Orton Bradley Park website for when the playground is reopened.

Stone Cottage – as you may have seen the cottage was badly damaged in the earthquakes. This building will be rebuilt! We have just received the geo-tech report which is all good, and we now have an engineer working on the structural drawings. The Canterbury Earthquake Heritage Building Fund Trust has allocated funding towards the rebuild and combining this with the insurance payout and money raised by the Manson family and friends should see this building back to its former glory in the next few years.

Next Year's Projects – apart from the usual maintenance we are hoping to start development of the Mountain biking tracks. We will send out more information in the New Year for your comments and feedback. We hope to start with a beginner's loop that goes up under big rock and back, and then extend out from there.

Have a Happy and healthy Christmas, and hope to see you in the Park sometime.

Regards Ian

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Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre

Returning to Oxford Street Building

It has been a hive of activity at the Information Centre building on Oxford Street. The interior has been painted, new windows installed and the exterior is now getting a makeover. Project Manager Anne McCormick says the public toilets should be open for Christmas, and that the Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre can move in during January.

Volunteers at the Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre are delighted; it will once again be home for the Lyttelton Time Bank; a very handy drop in place for local residents needing advice or a chat; and a great visitor drop in centre.

That's a great Christmas present for Lyttelton! Thank you Christchurch City Council!

And lastly, a huge thank you to everyone for your continued support for the Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre over the past year. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you next year - back on Oxford.

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about the lyttelton review

Lyttelton Review is a community newsletter initiative developed by local Professionals real estate agent Lynnette Baird and Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre chairperson Wendy Everingham. The objective of the Lyttelton Review is to help keep local residents informed with what is going on in the wider Lyttelton Harbour community. Each week readers can read about community groups; businesses; events; and everything in between. If you have an event, topic, cause, or other, that you would like to share with the harbour community, then we would love to hear from you. Be heard, be seen, be informed - read it or offer it here.

Rubbish Turned Art at Roots

Article by Jose Gomez

Normally the people of New Zealand, and in particular Lyttelton people ask: what brought you here? Sometimes I say “the taniwha brought me here “ but for people in general, I simplify my history. I was living, practicing meditating, in the Himalayan mountains in Norwest of India for five years, before coming to New Zealand. The first place I visited in NZ was Waiheke Island, and I got there on the first day of my arrival, May 2006, it was night time and I felt the positive and creative energy. As a stone mason and landscaper myself I did a representation of a Taniwha out of recycling material: stones, horses shoes, a piece wood and anvil, for the place I was roofing. They asked me, did you see the Taniwha? I said no but I can feel it is here and they said you are right! You can feel but you can't see the Taniwha, so they called the local news and they made an article about what brought me to New Zealand. They said from now on you will have plenty of work and success, from the energy displayed from this Taniwha. It was true for five years I was living on Waiheke Island and working in creative projects so much that I could not have time to come to the South Island. But the Taniwha did keep me well over there for the time being.

Two years ago I came to explore the South Island and the first place I went too was Takaka Hill, to the Illuminate Festival. I said to myself this really resonates with me. I meet so many people from Christchurch and they invited me to come to visit them after the festival. On my way to the West Coast, before coming to Christchurch, the first earthquake took place so I was advised to postpone the visit to Christchurch. I was preparing to come and help for the restoration from the earthquakes and by the time I got every thing ready; the February 2011 earthquake took place. Again I was advised not to come until every thing is clear.

So instead I went to India to the Himalayas for few months to continue with my research, and preparation for a book that I would like to write in the future; about the perfection of understanding, based on Buddhist philosophy and my own experience from twenty five years of meditation. When I came back from India I went to Golden Bay to pick up my campervan and my belongings and then I thought now is the time to come to Christchurch and be of some help.



I travelled around the city for few weeks until I came to Lyttelton and the surroundings areas. One night while passing through Rapaki I got a special feeling, so the next day I went to explore the place and found it was full of refreshing and creative energy. I happen to meet a Maori man near the beach and he asked, what brought you here? And then I told that the night before I met him I was passing by and I got a special call that brought me here. He said ah! the Taniwha brought you here! Good well come brother, this is my land! I belong to here and all my ancestors are buried here. You can stay and share with me this place!

That was a nice symbolic good welcome to this area so here I am in Lyttelton. One day I thought to join the walking festival in Lyttelton to know the history of the place; it was the last day and I was the last person for the space available. The walk was being lead by Wendy Everingham and during the walk we passed to see the project of Roots, the organic restaurant of Giulio and Christy.

contact the lyttelton review

The team at the Lyttelton Review would love to spread the word about your community group, fundraising efforts, local heroes, business promotions, events and anything else that the local community would like to share. Deadline for any content: Friday before Monday publication date. Phone, Email, or Post: Lyttelton Review, PO Box 94, Lyttelton 8841.

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Rubbish Turned Art [continued]

I saw that Giulio was very happy to have his own organic restaurant and Wendy was very enthusiastic to have that new option for the community. When they showed us the backyard I realised the huge potential of that place, and also the huge amount of energy and time needed to get the place ready for people to come and enjoy the outside garden. So I said to Giulio that I can be helpful to him and he agreed and gave me the challenge to transform the back yard on my own way. Now the garden is available for the community to come and enjoy the display creativity and energy.



Jose Gomez' work at Roots Restaurant garden in London Street

By Christy, Roots Restaurant

Jose Gomez came to our life on a Sunday afternoon during the Walking Festival in November, after an explanation of what we are doing and what we want to achieve with our restaurant project he came to talk to me and told me an idea. After seeing some photos of his past projects and his motivation to create art from recycled material we told him, great! We really want to see what you can create with all these rocks, tiles, and pieces of rubbish as it was everywhere!

After a month of hard work, there is one word that can explain everything: AMAZING! We are so impressed with Jose and his skills, his ideas, his way of looking around and finding beauty where there is a disaster.

I will never forget his words: "I want to help you, this is the right time for me to be here and make this garden something special for you and all the community." Thanks to everyone who came with willing hands and open minds to learn, create and share a meal with us.

Now the garden is a magic place where the good energy and positivism is everywhere, you can really feel it. We will be open for lunch until sundown [and good weather] serving a tapas menu, good local beers, wines and kombucha.



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Cattle Jetty to be Demolished

On Monday 17 December work will commence on the demolition of the old Cattle Jetty, which is located in the southwest corner of the Inner Harbour. Working from a Flexi Float, Smith Crane & Construction crew and Civil Asset Maintenance manpower will complete the demolition, all from the water. No land based plant will be established in the vicinity of the Cattle Jetty. This work will not impact Port operations.

The 60m Cattle Jetty is one of the oldest structures on the Port and has not been in use for a number of years. In its heyday it was used in coastal shipping for the transfer of livestock and latterly transferring stock between Lyttelton and the Chatham Islands - hence its name.

The nature of the work will involve removal of old bunkering pipelines, and removal of the timber deck and capping beams. Timber piles will be cut at sea bed level by divers and lifted from the water. Our intention is to try and recycle as much of the timber from the structure as possible.

Demolition work is expected to take approximately two weeks. If you have any questions regarding this process, please email enquiries@lpc.co.nz

Article: Lyttelton Port of Christchurch | Advisory Notice 14 December 2012

Lyttelton Summer Cruise Season Underway

Wednesday 26 December signals the first cruise vessel in for the 2012-2013 season with the arrival of the *Crystal Symphony*. At a length of 238m this will be the longest cruise vessel we have accommodated at No.2 berth in the Inner Harbour. The vessel has 12 decks of which eight decks are accessible to the 922 passengers it can carry. Earlier this year the ship underwent a two-week extreme makeover done by 1,100 workers (including the crew) in Germany. This is part of a five-year plan to redesign every room aboard the award-winning vessel.

In October 2012, LPC announced the comprehensive review of the cruise berth development and enhancement plans around the Port was continuing and we were unable to accept bookings for the majority of cruise vessels for the 2013/2014 cruise season. However, we still cater for vessels that can berth in our Inner Harbour. LPC remains committed to the cruise industry, and we are currently working through options for cruise berth development, design, construction and funding.

The *Crystal Symphony* is one of four scheduled into Lyttelton for the season with the last cruise ship, the *Bremen*, arriving on 09 March 2013. For a full schedule of cruise ship visits please go to www.lpc.co.nz.

Article: Lyttelton Port of Christchurch | Advisory Notice 13 December 2012

Calling All Local Artists and Crafts People

Want an opportunity to be innovative and expose your work for the benefit of your community? The Council has funding for a transitional project to get people thinking about how they would like Lyttelton's new civic square site at 44 London Street to be designed and utilised [this project will complement other community consultation regarding the new civic square's final design].

It wants you, either individually or collectively, to create and trial the possible future design of street furniture, play equipment, public artwork, lighting, etc, and in a manner that is uniquely Lyttelton. The chosen trial design/s will complement the existing informal use of the new civic square site until permanent construction begins and could be relocated elsewhere within Lyttelton in future if not incorporated into the permanent design of the new civic square.

The deadline for the Council's Request for Proposals is 31 January 2013. Please contact Dennis Preston, Phone 03 941 8728 or email dennis.preston@ccc.govt.nz for further information and/or a copy of the Request for Proposals. As of 17 December 2012, the Request for Proposals will also be accessible: online at <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/thecouncil/policiesreportsstrategies/SuburbsRejuvenationProgramme/LytteltonWorkProgramme.aspx>; or from the Lyttelton Library or the Lyttelton Service Centre [now at 15 London Street].

Article: Christchurch City Council, with thanks

c'mon get involved

Lyttelton is known for its culture of volunteer activity and community participation. If you have ever had the thought that you would like to be more involved in the local community, but you are not sure where to go, or who to talk to? Start by having a conversation with the team at the Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre, as they can give you some advice on the many types of great volunteer organisations here in Lyttelton. If you are passionate about elderly care, sustainability, youth culture, harbour activities, heritage, radio, business development, fundraising, or just about anything - then there is a group who would love for you to be involved!

Lyttelton Transforming

Have you noticed the transformation of London Street? Sites are gradually coming to life. A small garden at the former Bakery site, street art at the former Harbour Light, a seat and planter box in the former fish and chip shop. A bit of paint here and there, a new flower, painted milk bottles and more. A big thank you to locals who have just made it happen, it really brightens the day and street up for many.



christmas cracker jokes

The Santa Claus at the mall was very surprised when a young lady about twenty years old walked up and sat on his lap. Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her, "What do you want for Christmas?" "Something for my mother, please." said the young lady. "Something for your mother? Well, that's very thoughtful of you," smiled Santa. "What do you want me to bring her? " Without blinking she replied, "A son-in-law!"

Business Christmas Hours

Bank of New Zealand	Closed public holidays.
Bells Pharmacy	Closed public holidays - Bealey Avenue 24 hour clinic is open for emergencies.
Coastal Living	Closed December 25 to January 7 - may be open Saturday mornings in between.
Coffee Culture	Closed December 25. Open 8.00am to 6.00pm public holidays.
Choice	Closed for two weeks from December 24. See Facebook for more information.
Everest Indian Restaurant	Check details on door signage.
Fishermans Wharf	Closed December 25, 26 and January 1, 2.
Freeman's	Closed December 25, 26 and January 1. Open from January 2nd, 3.00pm.
Himalaya by Design	Closed December 25, 26.
Irish Pub	Closed December 25.
London Street Dairy	Closed early December 19 from 7.45pm. Closed December 25 Open from 8.00am most public holidays. Open from midday January 1.
Leslies Bookshop	Closed December 25. Limited hours December 26, January 1, 2.
Lyttelton Bakery	Closed December 21 through to January 15.
Lyttelton Seafoods	Closed December 25.
Mondo Vino	Closed December 25. Open from lunch time opening other public holidays.
Porthole Bar	Closed December 25.
Portico	Check details on sign on window for more information.
Roots	Closed December 25, 26 and January 1, 2.
Samo Coffee	Closed December 25, 26 and January 1, 2. Check Facebook page for further updates.

Friends of the Tin Palace

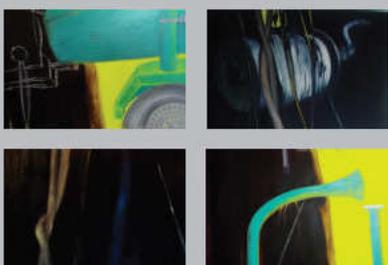
The Tin Palace has been home to my studio space for the past few months and this week I am making space for an exhibition of work by local painter Jennifer Rendall. I encourage you to take this opportunity to come and celebrate with us at the opening on Friday 21st December from 5:30 - 7:30 at 13a Oxford Street, Lyttelton.

The show will then open over two weekends only: The first is 22/12/12 - 23/12/12 } *hours 10:30-2:30* and The New Year weekend of 05/01/13 - 06 /01/13 } *hours 10:30-2:30*

As the title of the show "Comfy in Nautica" suggests, the name borrowed from a song by *Panda Bear*; Jennifer Rendall, who recently finished an MFA in painting at the university of Canterbury, has selected drawings and paintings for her show at the Tin Palace with imagery that for the most part, sits comfortably with and within the 'nautica' field of the port of Lyttelton, her home.

Seasons greetings and all the best for 2013 - Jenny Braithwaite

'Comfy in Nautica' Paintings and Drawings by Jennifer Rendall



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*You are cordially invited
to join the artist for drinks at
the opening night on
friday 21st December
from 5:30 - 7:30*

Open weekend of
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Hours: 10:30- 2:30



christmas cracker jokes

Saying a Prayer for the Christmas Meal: Lee, A seven-year-old boy, was asked to say thanks for the Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. Lee began his prayer, thanking God for his Mommy, Daddy, brothers, sister, Grandma, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the stuffing, the Christmas pudding, even the cranberry sauce. Then lee paused, and everyone waited ... and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the Brussels sprouts, won't he know that I'm lying?"

Children's Gardens Supported

Support from Meridian and Rural Women

Schools, early childhood centres and Cholmondely Children's Home have been benefiting hugely from a food project that sprang out of Project Lyttelton's Food Resilience project. A year ago Margaret Jefferies was successful getting a "Working Together More" grant that got these communities talking together and either beginning food gardens or improving existing ones.

The project has grown significantly since then. Department of Internal Affairs funding for the Harbour Basin Food Resilience project then enabled Robina McCurdy, a permaculturalist and educator to be contracted within the schools and for the past month and a half she has led a series of workshops at Diamond Harbour, Governors Bay and Lyttelton Schools with the students, teachers and parents helping them establish seed banks and permaculture gardens.

It was clear that the idea of helping children learn about food in the Harbour was something everyone was keen to achieve. Robina's helping hand enabled Diamond Harbour School to actually expand and create new gardens. Sarah Pritchard, a Diamond Harbour School parent said, "This was just the incentive they needed to get them going."

With the help of many committed parents and the students Diamond Harbour have a giant garden that supplies the school lunch programme and they have also designed twelve small classroom gardens. Every class will be able to tend to their own garden.

Governors Bay School had a very well established garden. Here they chose to expand the existing garden and create their own orchard.

In Lyttelton, the children at Lyttelton West started gardens at school and at Lyttelton Main gardens have been designed but are yet to be established. Early childhood centres are also at differing levels of progress.

Robina's work has really helped the school gardens move forward. To keep the momentum going Margaret Jefferies from Project Lyttelton saw a funding opportunity with Meridian and Rural Women and last week students representing Lyttelton Main School accepted a cheque on behalf of all the gardens for \$2000. The grant will enable all the schools to have more funds for garden extras. This grant was only one of two for the South Island.



With such enthusiasm the team are now planning a coordinator to work part time for three years to ensure all the school and early childhood centres have operational gardens that are filled with great learning and eating opportunities.

It is a credit to all involved that the project has taken off so quickly and with such enthusiasm. Bev Blanch from Rural Women's and the two representatives from Meridian were really happy to be able to support the project. Bev wants this generation to know about food and growing just as her generation did.

Article: Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre

Image: From left: Margaret Jefferies, Meridian Representative, Bev Blanch Rural Women, and students

Funding Available for Public Entertainment

Project Lyttelton has a small amount of funding available to sponsor public entertainment in Lyttelton over the summer. If you are interested then please email a brief description of your planned event and what you need funding for to Tim by 14 January 2013. Events should be open to all ages. Email: projects@littlelion.co.nz

plenty to share

In Lyttelton so many residents grow vegetables; or have fruit trees literally dripping with produce. Plenty to Share is about sharing any excess produce with the community. So if your lemon tree is yellow with goodness and you can't keep up with making lemon curd or drinking enough gin and tonics, bring those surplus fruits down to the organisers, where every Saturday the swapping of produce is well underway. If there is something on the Plenty to Share table that you would like to take home, then you are warmly invited to do so. You will find Plenty to Share on the corner of London Street and Canterbury Street.

Diamond Harbour Writers Group

December Author: Patricia Shannon

The Diamond Harbour Writers Group are an informal group that encourages members to develop their skills in writing prose and verse. New members are welcome, and you can be from anywhere in the Harbour region to join. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month, in the afternoon, at a private home. They also have a blog site: diamondharbourwriters.blogspot.co.nz which includes more their great work, and much more information about them. For more details simply contact John Riminton 03 329 4329 to enquire further.

A Special Christmas Delivery

Patricia Shannon

It was Christmas Eve. It had been particularly hot that day. Carol was tired. She stared out the window overlooking the street. Her husband had to work, leaving her to finish all the Christmas preparations by herself. She sighed. Her lips trembled. She pulled herself together. She had to go on in spirits. After all, it was Christmas, a time of family gatherings, lots of love and cheers.

She caressed her belly which by now looked like a big balloon. She felt the gentle kicking of her first child. It was due in the New Year. She smiled affectionately and spoke softly. "Just have a bit more patience little one. Only a few more weeks to go before I'll hold you in my arms and comfort you." It seemed as if her child wanted to respond. It began to kick more vigorously.

All at once, Carol felt the pains. It abruptly ended her daydreaming. Then another woe and another. "Oh no!" She panicked. "Not now! What am I going to do? Maybe it will pass." She hoped, she wished. "I have to lie down!" She managed to reach the bedroom. She glanced at the phone. More pain. Her lips tightened. She grabbed the phone, dialled 111. The pain rapidly increased. She didn't know how much longer she could hold on. "Oh if only John was here!"

A voice on the other side of the phone spoke: "111, can I help you?"

"Yes, quick," Carol gasped for air. "I think I'm having my baby. I'm all alone!"

"Alright Ma'am. Please try to calm down. What's your name?"

"Calm down? Calm down?" Carol shouted. "That's easy for you to say! I'm having my baby for God's sake. I need help!"

"Okay Ma'am," the voice replied. "I know you're upset. I understand. What's your name and address. We send someone over!"

Weakened Carol managed to give the information. Then everything went black. The phone slipped out of her hand. It dangled next to the bed. Meanwhile the ambulance team rushed to her address. They were just celebrating their Christmas party when duty called. No time to waste. When they arrived at the home, everything was locked. Mike, the team leader, smashed in one of the windows. With the others right behind him, he quickly located Carol. They gave her oxygen. Slowly she started to regain consciousness. She didn't know how long she'd been lying there. In a haze she saw a man with a white beard and red cloak. "I must be dreaming or in heaven," she decided. "This can't be right." Her eyelids dropped again.

"Carol, Carol, stay with us!" She heard the man in red. "You're having your baby. You need to work with us. We need to get it out! Breath in, breath out. Now push Carol, push!" Still very weak but understanding that she had to save her child, she instantly obeyed. "Yes, good girl!" Mike stimulated her. "We're getting there. Now a little bit more. Just a little bit more. Okay! You've done it Carol! He cheered. "You've done it!"

Everybody laughed, relieved all went well. She heard the first cries of her child.

"Congratulations! It's a girl. A very healthy, beautiful girl. You've been lucky, the two of you." Mike smiled down at her. Carol now saw who was standing in front of her. It was Father Christmas! She gazed at him. Mike noticed her astonishment. He quickly realized why she stared at him. "Oh!" He said. "I completely forgot I still wore this," pointing at his costume. "You see, you just caught us in the middle of a Christmas party." He took off his beard and hat, showing a handsome face and smile.

"Well Tara," Carol smiled down at her daughter. "You were a special delivery. A real special Christmas gift, delivered by Santa Claus himself! Isn't that something" Wait till Daddy hears about this!" She kissed the tiny head. It would be a wonderful Christmas after all.

what did you hear

Here at the Lyttelton Review we love receiving your stories and notices about events. Keeping it local and keeping it relevant has resulted in the growth of the Lyttelton Review. One page at a time we are all working together to help connect residents around the Lyttelton Harbour. We couldn't produce the Lyttelton Review each week with your contribution. So here's a big Thank You from the editorial team to everyone who receives and continues to contribute to the success of the Lyttelton Review - your views, ideas and stories are appreciated and always welcomed.

Naval Point Club News

Golden Girls Visit Naval Point

Olympic Gold Medallists paid a visit to Lyttelton last Saturday. Jo Aleh and Polly Powrie spent the best part of Saturday around the Club. Around 200 youngsters plus lots of adults took the opportunity to chat with them and get an autograph or two. Members of the other Christchurch yacht clubs were also invited along and many of them took up the opportunity. The girls presented medals to the winners of the Canterbury trials to select the Starling and P Class representatives at the respective National championships.

Article: Naval Point Club



Sail Training comes to Christchurch

Royal Yachting Association

Learn2Sail Christchurch has recently been accredited as a Royal Yachting Association [RYA] Sail Training Centre; the first in Christchurch. Dudley Jackson owner of Learn2Sail said "I've been wanting to offer RYA courses given their international standing and popularity. The RYA sail cruising scheme is seen as the pre-eminent training course worldwide. It shows people how to learn to sail on a cruising yacht in a safe and professional manner."

There will be two 5 day Royal Yacht Association Competent Crew courses offered commencing January 21 and February 18. The sailing instructor for these courses, David Kennett, has run RYA courses in New Zealand and Australia. In a private capacity he has also cruised his own yacht around the South Pacific, East Coast of Australia and even to Stewart Island.

David says "I want people to enjoy their experience learning to sail around the wonderful Banks Peninsula. We'll sail around to Akaroa during the week visiting various bays learning as we go. If we're lucky we'll even spot Hector's Dolphins, seals and penguins. The course is hands-on and participants will learn to steer, basic navigation, how to tie knots and how wonderful being on the ocean can be."

To find out more visit www.learn2sail.co.nz. The courses will be run on the 45 foot luxury cruising yacht "Ocean Blues" owned by local yachtie Andrew Whiteside.

Contact:

Dudley Jackson Owner Learn2Sail Phone: 0800 SAILING (0800 7245464)
David Kennett RYA Instructor Phone 021 1737359



dare to care

Dare to Care, enables all New Zealanders to easily identify and buy Christchurch made products and services. By buying these branded items you can help businesses, families, communities and the city rebuild. Campaign creator, Declan Scott of She Chocolat says "seismic events in Christchurch have given local businesses a renewed sense of purpose and have seen the need to take a more active and involved part in supporting the community." To learn more visit: www.daretocare.co.nz

Festive Season in Lyttelton

Thursday December 20

Carols in Governors Bay, from 6.30pm at Waitahuna. Gold coin donation to support Saint Cuthberts. Alternative venue to at the Govenors Bay Hotel if it is wet.

Saturday December 22

Christmas Farmers Market on London Street. There will not be a twilight market for Christmas shopping, so come early to ensure you get your special treats. Lyttelton Farmers Market Manager Lottie Harris has lots of extra things to tempt you over to Lyttelton for the morning. Fun activities for children, a Christmas wrapping service, carols, great buskers and local musicians. On top of that there will be loads of yummy Christmas items to be tempted with. Cherries and strawberries are now in season, plus new potatoes, asparagus, and other delicious vegetables to go with festive meats and fish. There should be something that you'll be tempted with for your Christmas table.

There are many opportunities to buy gifts as well. Visit some of the community fundraising stalls for gift ideas at the Farmers Market. The Lyttelton Information Centre and the Lyttelton Volunteer Fire brigade have locally produced books for sale. Not only will you delight the receiver but you'll also add a few extra dollars into local fundraising initiatives.

The Grassy Market and the Garage Sale in Oxford Street will also provide opportunities for Christmas cheer as well as the infamous Lyttelton pop up and don't forget we have some fabulous retail shops on London Street too for quality and interesting gifts.

Monday December 24 - Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve in Lyttelton will be celebrated with the now traditional family gathering at the new town square on the corner of London Street and Canterbury Street. This event was such a success last year. And this year the headline act is The Eastern with performances from Lindon Puffin, Devilish Mary and the Holy Rollers, and the Johnny Cash Tribute. Starting at 5.00pm this will be a great time to celebrate the festive season as a community.

Monday December 31 - New Years Eve

The Lyttelton Club will be featuring a live band. You don't need to be a club member to enjoy the live entertainment.

Black Cat Dinner Cruise

Black Cat Cruises have seats available on a harbour dinner cruise scheduled for Thursday 20 December, 7.00pm to 10.00pm. Dinner features a spit roast meal. Tickets are \$50 per person. Ideal opportunity for anyone wanting to do something before Christmas, or may be a company that has not organised a staff function yet. Phone Alison Fleming at Black Cat Cruises 03 384 0621.

Torpedo Boat Museum

The Torpedo Boat Museum will be open 1.00pm to 3.00pm every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday for the summer season.

Child Care Over Holidays

Available for child care over the holidays. I am a recently graduated high school student with a good reputation looking after children in the Lyttelton area. I have a good reference which i available on request. My contact details are 027 380 0841 or 03 328 7730 or alternatively you can email me at retro.raro@gmail.com Thank you and look forward to hearing from you.

pass it on, spread the word

Not everyone receives these news letters, so please pass them onto anyone you think would be interested. We can also arrange printed copies for interested parties - just let us know. A big thank you to everyone who emails us with what is happening in their part of Lyttelton Harbour paradise. If you have news, or belong to a community group, own a business - get in contact with us, we would love to promote or share your story with the Lyttelton Harbour district. Errors, Omissions and Typos are all part and parcel of a volunteer service. These quirky additions are offered free for your amusement. But, if we have "got it wrong" - please just let us know.

Christmas Carols: Wednesday 19 December

Save the Date

The Council Waiata group will be singing carols in Lyttelton at 10am on Wednesday 19 December. The Council Waiata group was originally a library staff initiative, meeting weekly to practise, and had been performing at library functions for a number of years. In more recent years other council colleagues have joined the group. Each year at Christmas the group travels around the Christchurch libraries to sing carols and seasonal songs.

This year the group plans to assemble in front of the Lyttelton Library, on Wednesday 19 December at 10am.

Article: Annette Williams | Community Team Leader: Libraries and Information Unit

Christmas Services for Lyttelton

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Anglican Parish

Sunday 23rd December	10.00am	Holly Communion with Carols	Union Church, Winchester Street, Lyttelton
Christmas Eve	11.15am	Carols	Union Church, Winchester Street, Lyttelton
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Union Church, Winchester Street, Lyttelton
Christmas Day	9.30am	Family Christmas Service	Union Church, Winchester Street, Lyttelton
Sunday 30th December	10.00am	Holy Communion	Union Church, Winchester Street, Lyttelton

Italian Cooking Classes

Lyttelton West School

December 20; January 3,10,17. Classes to be held every Thursday at 1.00pm for 2 hours. \$25 per lesson with \$5 per student as a fundraiser for the school. For more information call Francesca 021 0818 1217 or email: ronifrancesca@gmail.com.

SCIRT Works Notice Update

Cunningham Terrace Retaining Wall Repairs

The crew working on the retaining wall along Cunningham Terrace will be taking a break for the festive season. The site will be inactive for two weeks from Friday 21 December 2012 until Monday 7 January 2013. During this period the road needs to remain closed for safety and efficiency. The anticipated completion date for the retaining wall is March 2013. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and cooperation while we repair this critical piece of infrastructure.

Diamond Harbour Ferry

Don't forget about the adjusted schedule between Christmas and the New Year.

Summary:

Christmas Day = Sunday Timetable with last ferry leaving Lyttelton at 5:50pm and Diamond Harbour at 6pm.

26th Dec - 2nd Jan = Saturday Timetable (except Sunday 30/12 which is a Sunday Timetable).

We hope you all have a happy and safe Festive Season!

looking for reading material

A book swap has been operating from the Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre for some time. Thank you to all the lovely residents who keep dropping books in. This service is available to all local residents, simply just pop in, choose a book, and then return it or another when you are finished. Borrow or swap - it's your call. If you are looking for reading material on economics, the transition movement, sustainability, alternative currencies and community development then check out the LIFT Library that has recently started. Contact Juliet Adams on 328 8139 for more information.

LIFT Library

L=Living Economies, I=Inspiration, F=Facts, T=Transition

I guess the build-up to Christmas is keeping you fully occupied, with little time to read – but you will be able to borrow books, DVDs and magazines from the LIFT Library right throughout the holiday period, when you do get time to relax. I won't be absent from Lyttelton for long periods of time.

LIFT Library Out in Public

You may have noticed that last Saturday I had a table in the middle of the Farmers Market in London Street. I hope to stick with that, as it's good to have shelter from the weather, and I was able to chat with more members, and visitors, than when at the Petanque Court. I may not always be able to stay until the end of the market, though. So if you have things to return to me, or know of things you'd like to borrow, contact me to arrange it at one of these times.

New Books

Just one this week – another kind donation from Nina. I haven't been selecting fiction, actually, but this one is special; a light read, good for children too.

The Runaway Settlers

Author: Elsie Locke

First published in 1965, this is now a classic of New Zealand fiction, based on fact. It is the story of a mother and six children who arrive in Canterbury in 1859, to begin a new life. And it's a hard life, as pioneers in the Lyttelton Harbour Basin, at Governor's Bay. Eventually they grow food to sell in Lyttelton - a forerunner of our Harbour Food Resilience Project!

And finally, if you are interested in ideas about becoming less dependent on our damaging money system, try this website for ideas – a new one. BanklessTimes is an online news site looking to change the world of finance and return financial power to people. There's plenty to watch and read: <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/40051212/bankless-times-a-hub-for-the-new-economy>

And today's quote:

Past the seeker as he prayed came the crippled and the beggar and the beaten. And seeing them...he cried, "Great God, how is it that a loving creator can see such things and yet do nothing about them?"...God said, "I did do something. I made you."

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Find us on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/LIFT-Library/334943396599142?ref=hl>

Check out book reviews and more here:

<http://www.lyttelton.net.nz/grow-local/library>

Are you a member of Timebank? Would you like to read a LIFT book, write a review, record the number of hours spent on it, and get those hours credited to your account? Choose something you're interested in and let me know. If you're not a Timebanker – join up with that! It's worth it, for lots of reasons.

To become a member of the LIFT Library, based right here in Lyttelton, contact Juliet Adams on 03 328 8139 or mobile 021 899 404, for more information.

lyttelton harbour network

For news, events, and what is open or closed around the Harbour Basin, don't forget to visit:

Diamond Harbour Information www.diamondharbour.info

Governors Bay Information www.governorsbay.net.nz



Kayak Fun

Corsair Bay, Lyttelton Harbour
Thursday 27 December to Sunday 6 January
11.00am – 5.00pm

\$5

*Then every weekend Saturday and Sunday
from 12 January to 17 February*



You can be confident that you are in good hands with Adventure Specialties Trust at Corsair Bay this summer.

They have over 20 years experience providing adventure and wilderness experiences on New Zealand rocks, rivers, mountains, caves and coast.

For more information phone
Adventure Specialties on 379 9130
or Christchurch City Council 941 8999

Kayak Fun

Hire a sit-on-top Kayak and have plenty of fun with your friends and family in a safe restricted area of Corsair Bay.

- Ages:** Suitable for ages eight and above.
Price: \$5.00 per hour including Lifejacket
Time: 11.00am – 5.00 pm.
Bring: Togs, towel, sunscreen sun hat, shirt/suntop.
Register: On the day at Corsair Bay. First come first served.
Getting There: Phone Metro buses for bus times 366 88 55.
Parking: Please use designated parking areas, avoid main road parking.



suburban papers available

Do you know that each week at the Lyttelton Information Centre you can collect most of your local newspapers? We get weekly editions of the Lyttelton Review and Coastal Mail, plus fortnightly issues of the Bay Harbour News, and the Akaroa Mail. We also have local events advertised in our windows plus many brochures for events happening in the greater area.

Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw, Handbook and Master Plan

Christchurch City Council Consultation Starts

Public consultation has started on a proposal to significantly revamp the way Christchurch City Council administers the cemeteries under its control. The Council administers 27 cemeteries in the Christchurch district area and is looking to streamline their operations, as well as develop a long-term strategy for them.

Mayor Bob Parker says: "Cemeteries are an important focal point in our lives, especially as a place for families remembering their loved ones and as a place for reflection. The changing demographics of the city and the increasing need to cater for the growing diversity in our community warrants a good relook at the way we administer these cemeteries so that everyone is comfortable in using and visiting them. The consultation is about working out a set of efficient and economical management practices in line with the changing needs of families, groups and the whole community," he says.

The Mayor is urging residents, groups and other stakeholders to study the proposals well as there are several new conditions that require good feedback from residents and interested parties.

The documents to be consulted are:

- (i) the **draft Cemeteries Bylaw 2013** for the Christchurch City district which consolidates and replaces three existing district cemetery bylaws;
- (ii) the **draft Christchurch City Council Cemeteries Handbook** which includes the conditions for the usage of the cemeteries based on the Bylaw; and
- (iii) the draft **Cemeteries Master Plan** which sets the strategic direction for the development and management of these cemeteries for the next 50 years.

The purpose of the proposed Bylaw is to allow the Council to set rules for the operation and management of cemeteries it owns or administers. These rules are laid out in the Cemeteries Handbook. The Bylaw will not apply to any other cemetery, crematorium, burial ground or urupa that is under the control of another organisation.

Key issues for Christchurch cemeteries

An aging population and the demand for burial sites with limited land available for cemeteries; The recognition of diverse cultural, religious and ethnic beliefs and the ability of the diverse groups to fulfil their customs associated with burials and disposals of ashes; A growing demand for eco-burials and a location for these burials; The need to coordinate and integrate the planning for cemeteries as public open space across the district; To include in decision-making the relationship of Māori, their culture and traditions, water, waahi tapu, fauna and flora, and other taonga; The management of historic cemeteries recognising their heritage and conservation values; The review of the Christchurch City Council Cemetery Bylaw to include all the council-owned cemeteries in the District under one Bylaw; Provision to accommodate a mass burial, such as a pandemic; Rezoning the Banks Peninsula cemeteries to align with the zoning of the Christchurch City cemeteries; The planning, operation and maintenance of the cemeteries are consistent throughout the District (including Banks Peninsula); Recognition of the significances of the historic, cultural, spiritual and religious values of each cemetery and need to protect and conserve these; Planting on graves; Grave decoration; Maintaining plants on graves; Mature trees damaging graves.

The public consultation period is from 14 December 2012 to 19 February 2013.

Submissions need to be made separately on the draft bylaw, the draft handbook and the draft master plan. You can make a submission through the Council Have Your Say website, or email your submission to: cemeteriesbylaw@ccc.govt.nz; or via mail to Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw, CCC Democracy Services, PO Box 73013, Christchurch 8154.

The full set of documents can be viewed on the Council website or at Council libraries and service centres.

lyttelton market town

Saturday mornings are never dull in Lyttelton! Enjoy the local markets including the Lyttelton Farmers Market for fresh produce, meat, fish, eggs, honey and yummy baked goods. Head up to the Grassy Art and Craft Market for bargain items or unique art items from creative local artists. Also be sure to check out the Community Garage Sale located up the driveway behind the swimming pool. The Garage Sale is a fundraising activity for any Lyttelton community group; so if you're not buying, feel free to donate items instead.

Red Zoned, or Section 124 Notice

Please see below a note from IAG (State, NZI, IAG Banks) regarding insurance payouts for people who have red stickers on their homes. Most of you will already have this information so our apologies for that but for others please read though this as it does affect your insurance claim and your Red Zone offer from CERA.

The key points of the notice are: If you are red zoned/red stickered and insured with IAG you should hold off accepting the Governments offer to purchase your house and land until better information is available (perhaps everyone should do this as other insurance companies are still assessing this also); If you have already accepted the governments offer then IAG will look to top up your payment to the rebuild amount if that is the outcome for other red stickered houses. Please note that this top up MAY NOT apply if you accept the governments offer from here on forward; You should have already heard from your IAG claims handler but if not please contact the helpline and tell them you want to speak to someone about red stickered houses in the Port Hills; If you are Red Stickered and Green Zone please contact IAG immediately and or email us with your details; in order to advance your situation you should contact the CCC and request all the geotech information regarding your property, IAG will need this and cannot get it from the CCC due to privacy concerns; This process does not affect your application to the CCC to have your red sticker removed as this is a separate process, nor does it impact on your application to CERA for a area zoning change if you have already done that.

IAG's Notice

IAG has advice that just over 100 customers' properties in the Port Hills red zone may be permanently subject to a section 124 notice under the Building Act 2004, due to the risk of rock fall, cliff collapse or other life-risk issues. IAG has proactively sought its own legal opinion on this issue, which has resulted in advice that red zoned properties permanently subject to s.124 notices may be constructive total losses under the terms of the respective insurance policy. We understand a number of other insurance companies are now seeking their own legal opinions. Southern Response has one already that lines up with IAG's.

IAG's position: The advice IAG has received is that where these dangers cannot be effectively addressed and the s.124 notice cannot be removed, it permanently deprives those customers of the use of their properties. The advice is that these properties should be treated as a constructive total loss under the terms of the respective insurance policy. This response is due purely to the life risk issues that exist in the Port Hills, as deemed by the Council. Section 124 notices are imposed by the Council under the Building Act 2004. Properties that are red zoned but not subject to s.124 notices are not subject life risk issues, and therefore constructive total loss provisions cannot apply under the terms of the insurance policy.

IAG understands that some notices and zonings have been challenged and expects some s.124 notices may still be removed, and that the properties subject to s.124 notices may still change (i.e. potentially some added, some removed). IAG has sought information from the Council to verify which properties are subject to the notices, and the geotechnical information supporting their imposition to confirm the danger cannot be adequately addressed and the notice removed. IAG were required to request this information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, and at time of writing, have not had a response. IAG will need to work through each of these claims on an individual basis. It is notifying customers of this issue through claims case managers.

Once IAG receive the geotechnical information for the s.124 red zone Port Hills properties, this will further inform views about Green Zone Port Hills properties with section 124 notices. IAG response to questions about potential mitigation allowing customers to remain: Policies may respond to risk mitigation in certain circumstances. Issues that would need to be understood include feasibility and other parties impacted or tied to mitigation. A number of the risks present in the Port Hills are not located on the homeowners property, making remediation complex and potentially out of the affected homeowners' control. IAG would need to work through these on a case-by-case basis. If the red zoning remained in place, IAG would look at paying out the equivalent value of the remediation (potentially in addition to Crown Offer option two) rather than remediate. We told the Press that IAG's role is to assist customers to get their maximum entitlement under their policy and that what they do with it is up to them.

To read the full article visit: www.sumnercommunity.org.nz

combined church service

Since the deconstruction of Lyttelton's historic churches you may not have heard that Lyttelton hosts a combined church service every Sunday morning at 10.00am at the Union Church in Winchester Street, Lyttelton. All residents welcomed.

Sunday 10am : Union Church, Winchester Street

Banks Peninsula Zone Committee Focuses on ZIP Feedback

The Canterbury Water Banks Peninsula Zone Committee will meet for its final monthly public meeting for the year on Tuesday, 18 December, in Little River. The committee will begin the meeting by offering members of the public a chance to contribute to the meeting before receiving an update from the Regional Committee, which considers regional issues of environmental restoration and repair; land use impacts on water quality; as well as water storage, distribution and efficiency options.

At the meeting, a key focus for the committee will be on considering the community and stakeholder feedback it received on its draft Zone Implementation Programme (ZIP) for water management. Public meetings were held around the zone in late October to give locals a chance to have their say. People were also able to submit feedback on-line.

Some of the key points raised at the community meetings included sediment control, drinking water quality, how to build a resilient water supply, and the impact of tourism on the local water resource. The Banks Peninsula draft ZIP includes ten chapters, with each chapter focussing on a different priority area for water management. Its recommendations are designed to enable present and future generations the greatest environmental, cultural, social and economic benefits from the region's water.

Once community feedback has been considered the ZIP will be updated and presented to councils as the basis for work programmes and for drafting regional plans.

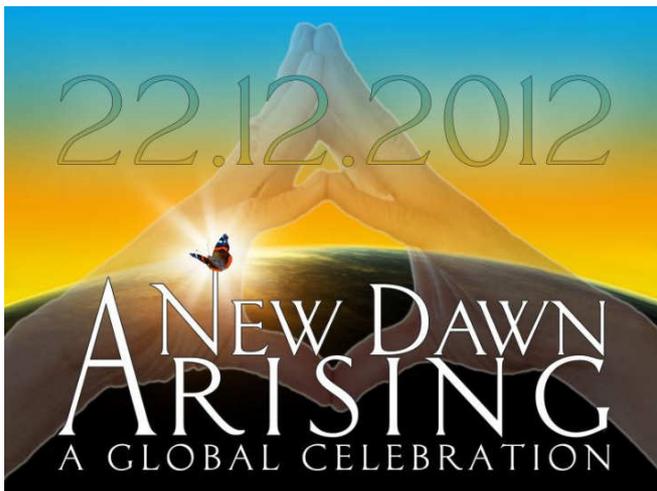
The committee will finish the meeting by outlining a programme of work for meetings in 2013. In February the committee will look at finalising its draft ZIP, and a key focus for the year will be on working towards a Sub-Regional chapter for Lake Wairewa that will feed in to Environment Canterbury's proposed Land and Water Regional Plan. The Banks Peninsula Zone Committee typically meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Zone Committee meetings are open to the public.

Meeting details

Banks Peninsula Zone Committee meeting

4pm, Tuesday, 18 December.

Little River Rugby Clubrooms, Main Road, Little River



Christchurch Leads Global Initiative - Birth

Christchurch will be part of an ambitious global initiative involving 1% of the world's population - 100 million people. The two-day Birth 2012 event launches on Friday 21 December, in Cranmer Square. People are invited to come together and share in a universal movement for unity between 9pm and 1am in a vigil to greet a new era for humanity.

The following day, as groups unite and celebrate all over the world in the internationally acclaimed Birth 2012 event, a fiesta and picnic at Rudolf Steiner School will provide an opportunity for people of all ages, political, spiritual, religious beliefs and cultural backgrounds to come together to celebrate the first ever planetary birthday party. Birth 2012 is an initiative of the Shift Network in the USA and in a historic display of global unity,

the goal is to mobilise people to commit to a positive future. A 33-hour live global webcast will enable audiences all over the world to share the occasion.

Planning for the global celebration has been underway for many months and Birth 2012 has attracted interest from world leaders as well as a variety of individuals, performers and groups motivated by a desire to make the world a better place. Major events worldwide include a three day celebration in Byron Bay, Australia, events in India, Jerusalem, Mexico and a huge gala finale in Los Angeles involving leading authors, musicians, inspirational speakers and special award nominees.

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power of the smile

A smile costs nothing, but gives much- It takes but a moment, but the memory of it usually lasts forever. None are so rich that can get along without it, and none are so poor but that can be made rich by it. It enriches those who receive, without making poor those who give -It creates sunshine in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is of no value unless it is given away. Some people are too busy to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as goodness knows that no one needs a smile so badly as he or she who has no more smiles left to give. - Anon

Christchurch Leads Global Initiative [continued]

Internationally, Birth 2012 is seen as a chance to celebrate the birth of a new era in creating a world where the problems that threaten extinction – war, pollution, poverty and starvation – can be addressed by a change in attitude. The event is designed to raise international awareness of the fact that people have the capacity to reduce the problems that threaten to destroy our world. In bringing people together in a spirit of creativity, cooperation, wisdom, love, unity, diversity and enlightenment, there is great potential to contribute to a better future; a future geared towards evolution rather than extinction.

Earthquakes have created attitude shift

Christchurch-based groups She Chocolat and Bernie Prior Foundation have been a driving force in spreading the word and planning a hallmark event on behalf of New Zealand, the first country to greet the new era. “We have been working on plans to mark the occasion; how to celebrate and connect to the world. In the wake of our experiences together as a devastated city following 10,000 plus earthquakes over the last two years, this is an amazing opportunity to connect,” says spokesperson Declan Scott.

The change in attitude and shift in consciousness prompted by the earthquakes has also been the catalyst for a more open, spontaneous and inclusive approach to life for many. It is this willingness to embrace, welcome and adapt to change that has encouraged Scott to call on his fellow Cantabrians, and New Zealanders, to participate in Birth 2012.

“Certainly, there has been a shift in consciousness here; an awakening of sorts. Anything is possible and there is opportunity for anyone. We are at the forefront of not only birthing a new humanity but integrating and living a new reality. We have to make it conscious,” Scott says.

Christchurch’s recent nomination as one of the world’s top 10 cities by respected travel guide Lonely Planet is a powerful international endorsement and reflects the vibrancy and positive attitude of the local population. The recognition supports Scott’s firm belief that the Canterbury community is well positioned to lead the world in an awareness campaign dedicated to making the world a better place, despite – or perhaps because of – the adversity and catastrophe brought about by the quakes.

“We felt so connected to the whole world as we went through devastation and heartache collectively and the inevitable ‘shift’ that took place within all of us. The past few years have been an emotional rollercoaster, but we are all more conscious of what is going on in our lives. We are more open and willing to commit to working in a new way. The energy of the city is evident in so many ways, all around us,” Scott says.

Picnic with a purpose

Plans for the Christchurch event called “New Dawn Arising” include an evening in Cranmer Square, on Friday 21 December. People are invited to unite, quietly reflect and share in a guided universal movement for unity in a night vigil from 9.00pm until 1am. On Saturday a multi- cultural fiesta of music, performance and the arts at Steiner School in Opawa, will provide a chance to celebrate in a more expressive way with music, food and entertainment all part of the ‘picnic with a purpose’. Both the evening vigil and the all day picnic are alcohol, drug and rubbish free events.

Scott is keen to involve anyone in any way to extend on the ideas proposed to ensure the weekend’s events are a reflection and celebration of a community keen to make a contribution to a better world. “We welcome any ideas or suggestions from interested groups or individuals. This city has gone through such a journey over the past two years. Our population has been transformed and transitioned on many levels. There’s a hunger and an enquiry for meaning plus a renewed passion for life. We want to embrace and connect the globe as part of this event and make a contribution to a new and improved world. We call on everyone in Christchurch to be part of the impact.”

Christchurch, with “A New Dawn Arising”, will be the first city on the planet to greet the new dawn and will be a hub to connect to the rest of the world with a live stream to other Birth 2012 events.

“c'mon get involved”

December 2012

Lyttelton Harbour

Community Garage Sale

All donations of good used, or new, household items greatly accepted at Project Lyttelton 54a Oxford Street. Please do not donate items that cannot be sold, as this increases our costs trying to take unwanted items to the charity barn, or worse still the rubbish depot.

Governors Bay Pre-School Music

Preschool music classes run on Thursday mornings during school term, 9:15 - 10am in the Governors Bay School library. Come and join us for singing, dancing and musical games. Cost \$3.50. All under 5s welcome, please bring a grown-up with you. Contact Mel Dixon 3299 908

Lyttelton Community Association

New members welcome. As an issues based organisation, we do not hold regular meetings. If you would like to be advised of when the next meeting will be held, or have an issue to discuss, please email us at LCAsn@vodafone.co.nz or phone Ken Maynard 03 328 9553.

Lyttelton Community House

Meals for the elderly continue to be prepared and delivered daily. If you know of any elderly residents who need this service, or would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Christine or Courtenay 03 741 1427.

Lyttelton Harbour Basin COMMUNITY Civil Defence

New members welcome. Meet second Monday of every month, 7.00pm St Johns Ambulance Station, London Street. To become involved contact the Area Co-ordinator Julie Lee on 03 328 7779 or 027 739 1832.

Lyttelton Harbour Business Association

For more details visit: www.lytteltonharbour.co.nz

Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre

Monday to Friday 11.00am to 3.00pm; Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm; Sunday 11.00am - 2.00pm.

Lyttelton Harbour/Whakaraupo Issues Group

For details of the next meeting please contact Melanie Dixon 329 9908 or see our website: www.ecan.govt.nz/lhwig.

Lyttelton Lions

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Community House at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in becoming involved, or anyone who would like to learn more about this organisation, is most welcome. Contact Mary Jamieson 03 328 8523.

Lyttelton Historical Museum Society

Lyttelton Museum committee is developing a concept plan for the re-building of Lyttelton Museum. Meetings held once a month. New members, donations or any other support is welcomed. Lyttelton Museum, PO Box 95, Lyttelton. 328 8972 lytteltonmuseum@xtra.co.nz

Lyttelton Reserves Management Committee

Reserves Committee meets on a regular basis to make decisions about the management of the reserves. It organises weed control and planting programmes that include public and schools planting days. To be involved email the group at reserves@lyttelton.net.nz.

Lyttelton Time Bank

Either Bettina or Lottie will be at the Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9.00am to 11.00am. Phone: 021 806 406 or email the team at timebank@lyttelton.net.nz

Lyttelton Toy Library

Now at 25 Canterbury Street. Sessions every second Saturday 10.00am to 12noon. Range of 500+ toys for children aged 0-5 years. Toys large and small, ride-ons, puzzles, games and dress-ups to borrow. Join anytime \$42.00 per year. Toy Librarian: Roz Jenkins 328 8552.

Lyttelton Volunteer Fire Brigade

Meets for training and maintenance every Thursday night from 7.00pm at the temporary station in the Lyttelton Port Company admin building car park, 56 Norwich Quay. If you are interested in joining, then pop on in. Russ Barron, Brigade Secretary.

Lyttelton Youth Centre

Youth Centre/Community House, 7 Dublin Street, Lyttelton. Contact Christine 03 741 1427 for further details.

Plunket Playgroup

The Plunket Playgroup can be found at Lyttelton Main School, every Monday and Wednesday, 10.00am to 12noon. 50 cents donation and everyone is welcome. Contact Lisa York-Jones 03 328 8918 for more information.

Project Lyttelton

The Portal, 54a Oxford Street, Lyttelton [located behind the Swimming Pool]. Office 03 328 9243.

Volcano Radio

Currently - Off Air. Fundraising t-shirts available from Portico, 48 London Street.

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Abbraccia Bellydance	41 Voelas Road [West School]	03 328 8883	Paige 021 999 848
Acupuncture Therapy	18 Oxford Street	03 328 9053	Robin Kerr
Alexander Technique	Private Address	03 328 8968	Belinda Walker
Alterations and Ironing Service	Oxford Street	Private No.	Wendy De Backer 021 0288 1466
Bank of New Zealand	56 London Street	0800 80 04 68	Trish, Kelly, Donna
Banks Peninsula Accounting	PO Box 83, Lyttelton	03 328 7231	Chris 021 280 0086
Beauty by Carly	Private Address	Private No.	Carly 021 294 5676
Bells Pharmacy	50 London Street	03 328 8314	
Body Kinetics - Gym Fitness	Oxford Street	03 328 7002	Jen 027 204 1224
Choice Take Home Dinners	20 London Street	03 328 8784	Available 5.00 - 6.00pm
Christchurch Council Service Centre	15 London Street	03 941 8999	Debbie/Patricia
Christchurch Yoga	Private Address	03 328 8889	Rebecca 021 071 0336
Coastal Living / Picture Framers	34 London Street	03 328 7350	
Coffee Culture	18 London Street	03 328 7080	
Dandy Designs - Web Business Develop	Private Address	03 328 8646	dana@dandydesigns.co.nz
Diamond Harbour Ferry	B Jetty, Lyttelton Wharf	03 328 9078	
Dockside Apartments	22 Sumner Road	03 325 5707	Grant / Kathy
Everest Indian Restaurant	2 London Street	03 328 8185	Parminder Singh
Fishermans Wharf	39 Norwich Quay	03 328 7530	
Freemans Restaurant	47 London Street	03 328 7517	
Frog Web Works	14 Winchester Street	Private No.	Graeme 027 473 5018
Four Seas Restaurant	23 Dublin Street	03 328 8740	
Ground Gourmet Foods, Catering	Lyttelton Farmers Market	Private No.	Jenny 022 476 8633
Harbour Co-Op	12 London Street	03 328 8544	
Hands on Health Nutrition Massage	Private Address	Private No.	Rebecca 027 494 6349
Himalaya Design	20 London Street	03 328 7600	Wed-Sun 10.00am - 4.00pm
Home Based Child Care	Private Address	03 328 7217	Marcia 021 236 1682
Irish Pub	17a London Street	03 328 8085	Ross, Janet, Roger and Sandy
Jack Tar Sailing	West Side, No.7 Wharf	03 389 9259	Mike Rossouw
Land Arch Landscape Architects	13 Exeter Street	03 328 8882	dan@landarch.co.nz
London Fish and Chips	34 London Street	03 328 8819	
London Street Books	48 London Street	03 328 8088	Thurs-Sun
London Street Dairy	34 London Street	03 328 7358	Open 7 Days
Leslies Bookshop	18 Oxford Street	03 328 8292	
Lyttel Beauty	32 Voelas Road	03 328 7093	www.lyttelbeauty.co.nz
Lyttelton Bakery	6 Norwich Quay	03 328 9004	
Lyttelton Builders Limited - Office and Yard	16 Canterbury Street	03 328 9305	Peter Tocker 021 862 537
Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre	65 London Street	03 328 9093	
Lyttelton Library	35 London Street	03 941 7923	
Lyttelton Health Centre	18 Oxford Street	03 328 7309	
Lyttelton Physiotherapy	18 Oxford Street	03 328 8111	
Lyttelton Recreation Centre	25 Winchester Street	03 941 5656	
Lyttelton Sea Foods	6 Norwich Quay	03 328 7628	
Lyttelton Service Station	1 Canterbury Street	03 328 8749	
Lyttelton Shuttle	Airport, Tours, Anywhere	Private No.	Linda 021 254 4986

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Lyttelton 'Top' Club	23 Dublin Street	03 328 8740	
Mac Todd Solicitors	50 London Street	03 328 9992	Ray Blake 021 43 66 50
Maid of Ink	31 London Street	03 328 9263	Basement Level
Min Sarginson Real Estate	53 London Street	03 328 7273	Min Sarginson 027 432 0327
Mondo Vino	42 Norwich Quay	03 328 7744	
Orbit Architecture	5 Norwich Quay	03 328 9294	Neil Aitken 021 155 5601
PedalOn Bicycle Service	2 Exeter Street	03 328 9246	021 055 6865
Port Electric	Private Address	03 328 8099	Ken 021 117 6848
Port Hills Auto Centre	42a Norwich Quay	03 328 9980	
Porthole Bar	40 London Street	Private No.	Mike 021 328 977 [Tue-Sun]
Portico	48 London Street	03 328 8088	Tue-Sun 10am - 4pm
Professionals Real Estate	36 London Street	03 328 7707	Lynnette 021 224 6637
Project Lyttelton Office	54a Oxford Street	03 328 9243	Sue-Ellen
Pynenburg and Collins Architects	PO Box 80, Lyttelton	Private No.	Simon 021 163 7193
Ray White Real Estate	47 London Street	03 331 6757	Marie Daisy
Roots	Private Address	Private No.	Christy Guilio 021 120 8083
Rossouw Window Cleaning	Private Address	03 389 9259	Mike 0274 355 239
SAMO Coffee	3 Canterbury Street	Private No.	Open 7 Days
Sno Clothes and Milly May	8a London Street	03 328 8584	Heather
Special Branch NZ Arborist	Private Address	Private No.	Tim 022 091 9202
Storm Hairdressing	34 London Street	03 328 8859	Sally Kat
Tailored Portraits Photography	Cressy Terrace	03 328 7122	Gillian Taylor 021 047 4415
Thea Mickell Services Ltd Fundraising	Private Address	03 384 7547	Thea 027 607 7282
The Mindful Body	Private Address	03 328 9923	Janet 027 368 6515
The Rookery	Ross Terrace	03 328 8038	Angus Rene
Time to Resolve Mediation Service	Private Address	03 328 8219	Chantal 022 618 8532
View Hairdressing	Private Address	Private No.	Megan 027 488 5173
Volcano Radio	Private Address	03 328 8566	
World Organics Skincare	Private Address	03 328 7446	Nicki 027 423 9455

Diamond Harbour

Bronwen Jones- Writing and PR Services	Rawhiti Street	03 329 4303	www.bronwen-jones.com
Chalfont Cafe D.Harbour Country Store	2 Waipapa Avenue	03 329 4854	Open 7 Days till 5.30pm
Diamond Harbour Ferry	Waipapa Avenue	03 328 9078	
Diamond Harbour Medical Centre	2a Waipapa Avenue	03 329 4402	
Godley House Cafe	2e Waipapa Avenue	03 329 4880	www.godleyhouse.co.nz
Orton Bradley Park	Marine Drive	03 329 4730	
Snowdrop Cottage Children's Store	Waipapa Avenue	03 329 4464	Open 7 Days 9.00am - 5.00pm
Shunyata Retreat Day Spa	10 Rawhiti Street	03 329 4773	Contact Paru
Thrive: Chiropractic, Acupuncture, Nutrition	Private Address	03 329 3254	Mark and Lou Warren

Governors Bay

At Home Childcare Limited	18 Bay Heights	03 329 9970	Neave Ross-Wallace
Governors Bay Hotel	52 Main Road	03 329 9433	
She Chocolat	79 Main Road	03 329 9825	
Living Springs	Bamfords Road	03 329 9788	

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- **Canterbury Street Apartment.** Fully renovated one bedroom apartment ideal for short term or holiday stay accommodation. Completely self contained with separate living space, kitchenette, bedroom and bathroom. Spread over two floors this furnished apartment will feel like a home away from home. Tariff from \$120 per night. Phone Gloria 03 328 7065 or mobile 022 073 0014.
- **Dockside Apartments.** Three private apartments enjoying harbour views, now open and available for casual holiday or short term occupancy. Scenic and so close to London Street, this is an ideal option for friends or family to stay. Options range from studio; one bedroom or two bedroom apartment. Tariff from \$90 - \$120 per night. Phone Grant or Kathy on 03 325 5707 or view more details online www.dockside.co.nz.
- **No.1 Apartment.** Warm two bedroom apartment with magnificent harbour views available for holiday or short term accommodation. Undercover parking. Tariff \$120 per night with minimum three night stay. Longer rates available on enquiry. Phone Linda 03 328 9128 or 021 254 4986.
- **Randolph Apartment.** Private two bedroom modern apartment with superb views across Lyttelton and inner harbour is now available for holiday or short term accommodation. Apartment features private spa, bar-b-que area, off street parking for one vehicle, and all the mod-cons including WIFI and MySky television. Tariff from \$120.00 per day, with minimum three night stay. Longer term rates available. Phone Heather 03 328 8585 or 03 328 8584.
- **The Rookery.** Built in 1866 The Rookery Bed and Breakfast is one of the oldest surviving local cottages, with wonderful panoramic views of the historic port town of Lyttelton, the main harbour, Quail Island, surrounding hills and volcanic cliffs. Three beautifully renovated rooms are available; one with ensuite facilities. Tariff from \$115 - \$160 per night. Phone Angus or Rene Macpherson on 03 328 8038 or view more details on line www.therookery.co.nz.

Diamond Harbour

- **Diamond Harbour Lodge** is the perfect place to relax, enjoy and unwind. Offering harbour sea views, spacious rooms, TV/DVD, CD player, large selection of books, board games, free wireless internet, fridge, toaster, jug, microwave, sink, selection of tea, complimentary cookies, electric blankets, underfloor heating in bathroom, heated towel rail, linden leaves toiletries, towelling bath robes. Robyn and Pete Hedges 3 329 4005 or visit www.diamondharbourlodge.co.nz
- **Manaaki Eco Farmstay Purau** offers self contained ensuite accommodation. One or two bedrooms with spacious fully equipped kitchen/living in a beautiful rural setting overlooking Purau Bay. Holiday (min 2 nights) or longer term rates available. Contact Wendy ph 329 3202 or view us online www.ecofarmstaypurau.co.nz
- **Mt Evans Bed and Breakfast** offers accommodation in two self contained cottages. Quiet rural setting only 500m from the beach. For further information contact Pauline 03 329 4414 or visit www.mtevansbnb.co.nz
- **The Old Exchange Bed and Breakfast** right in the heart of the Village at 2 Waipapa Avenue. Two queen sized bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, own private entrance, sea views and within walking distance of the Ferry. Contact Jill 03 329 4275 or mobile 027 482 6014.
- **Orton Bradley Park** offer self contained camper van sites for overnight stays. Services include 15 powered sites; treated drinking water; toilet blocks and dump site, with the golf club and tennis court next door. Fees start from \$15.00 per night for two persons, with additional adults at \$6.00 per night. Contact 03 329 4730.

Governors Bay

- **Governors Bay Bed and Breakfast** offers a place to relax and rejuvenate on nine acres to bush side paradise beside the harbour. Enjoy breakfast on the deck while listening to the native bird song. Furnished room with ensuite bathroom and separate sitting area also available for short term rent for those seeking emergency accommodation. For more details contact Eva on 03 329 9727, or view on line www.gbbedandbreakfast.co.nz.
- **Governors Bay Hotel** has been restored to it's former glory and offers six guest rooms located on the first floor level. All rooms recently renovated with 32 inch flat screen televisions, queen size beds, free wifi broadband, heaters, electric blankets and vanities. Four of the rooms have direct verandah access through French doors opening out onto a balcony with wonderful views over the Lyttelton harbour. Contact the Governors Bay Hotel on 03 329 9433 or view more details on line: www.governorsbayhotel.co.nz.
- **Living Springs** offer an array of accommodation options from fully service private rooms, studios, twin rooms, shared bunkrooms to outdoor camping. Also available are some powered caravan sites. All rooms are clean, comfortable and well maintained for your relaxation. Contact Living Springs on 03 329 9788 or view more details on line: www.livingsprings.co.nz.