Claudia Reid – Confronting the Issues

I really love gardening, as it tells me. I used to show and sell produce, but now I’m so busy that I realise too late that the planting or picking season has already passed. I seem to have plenty of other interesting things to do — which is not surprising, for Claudia Reid is the sole Christchurch City councillor for Banks Peninsula, which is the largest Christchurch ward in terms of area, but obviously not population, which is how Council representation is determined.

It was quite a daunting challenge at first, not only to get to know many different people, but also to be the only voice presenting their case around the Council table. But at the same time it is a marvellous privilege. I am learning so much — from the different settlements, on the farms, at the marae, as well as in Council.

So who is Claudia Reid and what led her to become our Councillor?

Growing up in inner city Auckland, Claudia’s special times were the holidays spent in the family bach at Whangaparoa. The sea, the beach, rugged hills and sunshine are my childhood New Zealand.

As a young adult she worked as a secretary, but soon found she was far more interested in the issues contained in the documents which passed across her desk than in the mere typing of them. She began to see a need for greater challenges, especially in places encapsulating her childhood NZ.

In Nelson she worked in community arts and was a broadcaster for Radio Nelson. During that time she met a local newspaper reporter, Chris Moore. They were duly married in Nelson Cathedral in the mid 1980s and served as the local newspaper reporter, Chris Moore. They were duly married in Nelson Cathedral in the mid 1980s and served as a contributing part of the friendly community here in several voluntary roles, Chris being particularly involved with the Community Association, school fairs, and writing for the Herald and Merry Makers, while Claudia served on the school’s Board of Trustees, and, with Fran McFarlane, produced the Herald. Around this time, Diamond Harbour was undergoing potentially damaging change of which many local people were either blissfully unaware or apathetic. Housing development was haphazard, public services were diminishing, and the attitude of the Banks Peninsula District Council appeared somewhat inappropriate, all causing Claudia to ponder the issues and possible responses.

By the time Hester started secondary school, Bob Parker had taken over the BPDC reins and was advocating amalgamation with the city, something which many locals, including Claudia, were totally against. Faced with growing unpopularity of both himself as Mayor and the Council in general, Bob decided to employ and personally pay the salary of an assistant for the 2003 year. Claudia applied and was appointed. By the end of the year she was totally convinced that, unpopular as it might initially be, amalgamation would greatly advantage Banks Peninsula. So strong was her changed belief that, with the Mayor’s encouragement, she joined his team for the up-coming council elections, running on the promise of urgently facilitating amalgamation. Perhaps unexpectedly, the whole team was elected, with several, like Bob Parker and Claudia Reid continuing on to take their place on the enlarged Christchurch City Council.

Today, Claudia - and no doubt Bob too - is adamant that the change was beneficial, citing the fact that projects such as developing infrastructure to maintain the viability of small communities, removing waste water from the harbour, and enhancing the great environmental and recreational potential of Lyttelton Harbour and the peninsula are now future realities – albeit probably delayed by the recent earthquake – whereas in the past they were impossible dreams. Although she admits to having a real interest in the environment, art and culture, Claudia has no particular personal cause or lobby.

Every issue needs to be measured against all points of view and all the potential outcomes considered in detail. The key is to choose the best solution, even if it may not be the most popular at the time. The challenges of this strategic thinking and testing of ideas are what I so enjoy about my position as a councillor.

Elaine

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An enthusiastic welcome from excited junior members greeted Tu Umaga-Marshall (left) and Sonny Bill Williams when they visited the Diamond Harbour Rugby Club recently. Although bad weather prevented the planned practical session with the stars, it did not dampen the spirits of the assembled boys and girls. In the midst of a barrage of questions which followed introductory speeches, one enterprising lad asked which of the two was the better arm wrestler and a match was quickly instigated. When Sonny Bill called for referees, the contest became more like Stacks on the Mill as the children crowded around and the winner, it seems, was never quite determined.

Tu and Sonny Bill also cheerfully autographed hands, arms, faces, shoes, socks, shirts and even a couple of pieces of paper before posing for never-ending photographs with the youngsters, their parents and even the odd grandparent. Such things may be pretty ho-hum for Canterbury Rugby celebrities, but for Diamond Harbour Rugby youngsters it was a very special occasion which will be long remembered. Thanks to Sonny Bill and Tu, and the C R F U.

Poets’ corner

Crusaders at Diamond Harbour

Paths

Far, far the distant mountain peak, beneath a burnished sky
My weary path wound upward, the laboured time went by.
Ah how I yearned to tread that crest and glory in the view
To rest my aching limbs at last, my energies renew.

Meantime my purpose drove me on toward that lofted goal
The part of reason quite denied by my impatient soul
With pounding heart and dogged step I scaled the rocky height
To try each bone and sinew, and stretch each muscle tight.

In some small sheltered crevice then I found a man at ease
Grey locked and with a flowing beard hat shivered in the breeze
With smiling face he bade me rest and share his simple meal
That I might spend a moment’s peace to let my body heal

Impatiently I shook my head, the day was fading fast
I must press on with all despatch before the light had passed
“Ah yes,” he said, “I see your need to tread your path with haste
In order to attain your goal, there is no time to waste.”

“But for my self I feel no need to reach some place or time
Life’s journey seems reward enough, a blessing quite sublime
To feel the sun, the gentle breeze, the warm and loving earth
With every sense attuned to test such everlasting worth.”

“For in the balance that I seek my soul must journey on
So let my body profit thus, until my spirit’s gone.
Let every mortal part enjoy this natural harmony.
To complement such loving grace with sweet divinity.”

I did not journey on that day to reach the mountain peak
But sat and listened carefully to hear the old man speak
Nor yet unto this very day have I achieved that aim
The needs that governed me before, I can no longer name.

Tony

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In the aftermath of the quakes, Mark and Lou (also an experienced chiropractic lecturer and clinical tutor with additional professional qualifications in acupuncture and nutritional medicine) were quick to offer their expertise free of charge to our local Civil Defence. In fact it was the advent of the recent disaster which prompted Mark and Lou to fast track their plans to set up a practice here in Diamond Harbour. Although Mark is still putting his considerable handyman skills to good use on the finishing touches to their renovated Te Papau Crescent home and the attached new practice rooms, already a number of local people are benefiting from their integrated treatments which, depending on each patient’s individual needs, can include joint mobilisation and manipulation, soft tissue release techniques, exercises for postural correction, rehabilitation and mobility, acupuncture for a wide range of health complaints, including stress, tiredness and insomnia, nutritional and dietary advice, food intolerance evaluation and more.

Mark and Lou can be contacted at 329 3254 or their website www.thrivenz.com.

Elaine
MISSING!

This large black water tank (approx 1000 litres) was kindly brought from Orton Bradley Civil Defence Welfare Centre at the church on February 22. It was taken off the back of the truck a few days later and left on blocks at the church door, providing fresh, potable water for our community. Someone removed it several days later but it was not returned to Orton Bradley Park. Do you know where it is? Please ask around – someone must know something.

The tank is needed to provide the emergency water supply for the Orton Bradley Outdoor Education and it is very important that gear on loan to our community in an emergency is returned to its owner. Plus - we may need to borrow it in the future!

If you have any information on the whereabouts of the tank please contact me.

Wendy Coles 329 4483

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Quality the keynote at Ken’s Kai

Matt Faigan and Marielle Hobeyn like fish and chips; but since September, travelling to Governors Bay to get them became a drag, so this enterprising couple decided to do something about it. After some careful research they devised a business plan for a mobile shop with quality as a top priority – If you are going to do fish and chips, says Matt, you have to do it right – and they have. Their custom-built van is fitted with efficient and hygienic equipment. We use fresh fish, preferably hawdor or elephant fish. We make our own batter and look with the best rice-bran oil. Always more fish than batter, and our prices are standard.

Marielle, originally from Holland, is a qualified nurse currently working part time at Christchurch hospital. She has lived in Diamond Harbour for the last ten years. Matt of course is known to many locals, having spent most of his life here and notched up over 100 games for the Diamond Harbour Rugby Club.

You can get your delicious fish and chips from Ken’s Kai which is stationed in the Community Hall carpark near the rugby clubrooms from 4-8pm every Friday, Saturday and Sunday*. Long term plans include expanding the food range - soups a likely priority. Marielle and Matt welcome feedback and suggestions from customers. The service is available for private functions (phone 329 3394) and attendance at market days and community gatherings here and around the city is planned.

When asked about the name of their business, Marielle responds with a chuckle. *Note: Ken’s Kai will not be operating between Sunday May 15 and Sunday May 21.

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New Neighbourhood Support Controller

Elaine Bryson is now our Neighbourhood Support Area Controller—see John Barry’s letter opposite. She writes:

While there are many NS groups functioning well around Diamond Harbour, there are also a number of people who know little about Neighbour Support and/or may consider it unnecessary. However the events of recent months have emphasised the importance of a structured format to ensure that everyone is kept safe and informed.

Under John’s direction, a secure database has been established and progress made in updating and expanding existing information and establishing new groups. It is my intention to continue this work with the aim of having a comprehensive database of contact information and an active NS group for every property in the Diamond Harbour NS area which is from Camp Bay and Port Levy up to (but not including) Teddington’s Wheatsheaf Hotel. As well as contacting everyone, especially existing and potential leaders, in the near future, I also hope to streamline the dissemination of information to and from NS HQ by the use of email, and possibly texting to those with these facilities. To this end, a Diamond Harbour Neighbourhood Support Headquarters email address—dhnshq@gmail.com—has been set up and both leaders and individuals are invited to use it.

Privacy and security of information are paramount. Other members of your NS group are informed of your name, street address, contact phone number, how many people generally live in your house and the name, relationship and phone number of a relative or friend who should be informed in an emergency.

At your request, other information such as names of family, medical conditions, etc, can be included. Similarly, email addresses, cell phone numbers, and any other relevant information you wish will be kept on the secure database and will be released only to Civil Defence, Fire Brigade or Police if requested during an emergency. Emails will not be archived. A backup copy of the database will be kept at a different location, but will only ever be accessed if the primary copy is damaged.

If you do not know whether you are in a NS group or your circumstances have changed recently or you just want to know more, please email dhnshq@gmail.com, text 021 1301156 or phone 329 4512 any time. Elaine

Letters

As Wendy Coles was away on a well-deserved holiday, I took her place in reporting to the DH Community Association on recent Civil Defence activities. As a result I was mistakenly identified as the local Head of Civil Defence in last month’s Herald. Hopefully most will know that this distinction belongs to Wendy. I am only a deputy.

I have been, however, the default Area Controller of our local Neighbourhood Support organisation. The search for a worthier Controller has been successful and I am happy to announce that as of April 21 Elaine Bryson has volunteered to head this important community network. Please give her your fullest cooperation.

John Barry

Amid the apprehensions following the February earthquake, wasn’t it wonderful to see how quickly the local community rallied and how the new church complex proved such a source of comfort and help for so many? And to see the water tanks and fire engine standing by beside the church on the main road was inspirational. Everyone deserves praise for their thoughtfulness and loving kindness in this crisis.

But isn’t it sad to see our beautiful Godley House so badly damaged, and Purau Cottage (built in 1853-54 of local stone) in such a sad state of disrepair too?

Mary Stapylton-Smith

To All the Good People...

So many good people offered and delivered assistance to the Civil Defence Post—and thus to the community—during the recent emergency that it is impossible now to name them all. While it is tempting to do so, there is the possibility of offence to those whose names might be accidentally omitted. Instead, let us list those many good deeds, with the wish that those who can identify with them will accept the thanks of a grateful community.

In no order of precedence, let’s remember: the water tanks offered or hijacked, the young people who monitored them, the clean rubbish bins offered as water storage, the offers of scarce potable water, the provision of transportable containers for water, the hot showers offered by those who had that capability to those who didn’t, the many, many, offers and delivery of: food, vegetables, fruit and baking, refugee accommodation and animal shelter; the laundry facilities made available, the bulk supplies of bread and fruit, the web information set up in a hurry, the uniting and morale-lifting response of our Firemen, the useful intelligence provided by community members, and, possibly, other laudable but unmentioned good works.

No doubt there are other thanks that will be conveyed by our Community Associations to the Army, Navy, and Coastguard.

John Barry

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Fit ‘n’ Well
Is exercise the right thing to be doing at the moment?

Although you may not have your usual enthusiasm for exercise at the moment due to ongoing stress after the quake, it is worth knowing that it will have a profoundly positive effect on how you are feeling. Exercise helps many things. Physically it releases hormones such as serotonin, dopamine, and norepinephrine which all have beneficial effects on your stress levels and health. These hormones will help you feel better. It will also help dissipate the not so good hormones – adrenaline and cortisol, which can have you feeling stressed and anxious.

Another great reason to get back to it is that warming your muscles through exercise and then stretching and relaxing will give relief from the muscular tension that may be present in your body right now - especially in your shoulders and neck.

Exercising with others is also a great way of feeling connected; it provides a chance to talk and share experiences. If you train outdoors, wrap up with gloves, a hat and a light jacket. The right gear makes colder mornings no problem. So now is your opportunity and enjoy the beautiful autumn days we are having.  

Mike

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Love the Natives ———
A dramatic cabbage tree

The broad-leaved or mountain cabbage tree, also known as toiī or Cordyline indivisa, is the best cabbage tree to plant to create a touch of drama in the garden, and a conversation point for those who have never seen it growing in the wild.

You have to be fit to see it in its natural habitat, which is over 450 metres up a hill or mountain. Even then, it has to be the right hill or mountain, for where the bush has been cleared, and/or stock have access to it, you will not see this interesting tree. Sadly, it is therefore almost entirely absent from the hilltops of Banks Peninsula, except where it is being nurtured in reserves like Hinewai.

If you live in or are visiting Wellington, however, you don’t have to go very far from the city to see toiī in the (semi) wild. The popular walk up Mt Climie on the edge of the Rimutaka Range, close to State Highway 2, provides great views from the top and also lots of close-up encounters with toiī trees alongside the track.

Luckily for those of us who spend most of our time at sea level, and garden there as well, the toiī does not mind joining us there. One planted in our little valley-floor forest in Port Levy has grown to over two metres tall in six or seven years, and may one day reach the optimum height for this species of eight metres. It has not flowered yet, and that is something to look forward to, as the flowers cluster in much thicker, tighter bunches than the common cabbage tree, C. australis. Even without flowers, however, toiī is a handsome and distinctive tree, and with its slow-growing and compact habit, it is ideal for small gardens. Colour photos of toiī can be seen on my blog, ecogardenernz.blogspot.com

Christine Dann

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With winter seemingly hurtling towards us, it’s time to stoke the fire (if yours survived the earthquakes) or turn up the heat pump and enjoy quaffing these gems.

Last savvie for a while - promise! The 2010 Astrolabe Awatere Sauvignon Blanc is one of the best I’ve had with capsicum and gooseberry up front, passionfruit and minerality on the back. OK, it may be over $20 but it’s in a class above most. In the same price bracket I’ve also enjoyed the 2009 Blackenbrook Pinot Gris. Pear, quince and spice; but it’s the gorgeous texture in the mouth and lingering dry finish that impresses. Fans of oaked whites should hunt down the 2009 Ata Rangi Petrie Chardonnay. An elegant wine, it has grapefruit and stonefruit aromas and with food you get that biscuit meal and oaked butterscotch thing. Top notch stuff for under $30.

Now for some big reds and you better brace yourself for the 2008 Penfolds Kalimna Bin 28 Shiraz. This is a rich dark brooding beast with blackcurrant, plum and pepper spice. It’s still a baby so whack it in the cellar or chew with red meat but an absolute bargain when discounted below $20. More approachable now is the 2008 Serafino Shiraz for around $25. It offers sumptuous ripe fruit with plum and spice predominating then dark chocolate on the finish courtesy of the oak mix typical in Aussie reds. More in the savoury style is the 2009 Te Mata Awatea. Maybe even better than the 2007, this Bordeaux blend offers cassis, plum and blackberry but has years ahead of it. A powerful and elegant Hawke’s Bay red, worth every cent of its $30 price tag. Enjoy! The Godfather

Recipe

Capuns - a very old speciality of the Swiss Alps

This simple farmers’ recipe, which is believed to date back to 1742, is enjoying a renaissance with European chefs who are using new ingredients for the filling. Though the name Capuns means stuffed rooster, chicken meat is not used in these tiny parcels, just simple ingredients from the larder and garden. Try to make them as small as you can. This is the original Capuns recipe:

**Ingredients:**
- 60g of chorizo (originally 3 different dried meats) chopped in tiny pieces
- 150g flour
- 50ml milk
- 2 eggs
- pinch of salt
- small leek, chopped
- small onion, chopped
- 10g butter
- rosemary, parsley and basil
- 1 tbsp butter
- 200ml good stock
- 100ml cream
- 40 young leaves of silverbeet (or cabbage leaves)

**Method**
Put flour and a little salt in a bowl and slowly add eggs whisked in milk, while beating dough heavily. Beat until bubbles appear, then set aside for 30 mins. Melt butter and add onion, leek, and chorizo pieces; simmer lightly.

Add herbs and then add the mixture to the dough. Blanch silverbeet leaves, then cool in icy water and dry carefully.

Put a teaspoon of dough into each leaf and carefully roll it, using a toothpick to close it. You can either fry them carefully in butter and add stock and cream; or (to avoid these delicate parcels falling apart) put them in a baking dish, add the stock, and bake it in the oven (middle heat for 20 mins).

Serve hot, sprinkled with tasty cheese if you like. I like to serve them with a good salad.

Capuns make a wonderful autumn dinner on a budget – but it needs a bit of preparation time (around 1½ hours). A faster alternative is to use cooked mashed potatoes instead of the dough – but with all the other ingredients. Enjoy!

Que Cera, Cera?

(with abject apologies to Doris Day)

I must confess that I had never actually pictured Charlie as an adornment to the musical world, although he did remind me of Wagner in a bad mood occasionally, when he hadn’t had a haircut. I would have put his voice as somewhere between a basso profundo and a castrati, but I’d prefer not to put it anywhere, if I could possibly avoid it. So you can imagine my horror the other day when he cornered me (in the supermarket if you please!) and announced that he’d like to sing me a little ballad, which he’d composed. I tried to draw away and examine which he’d composed. I tried to draw away and examine a soaking cabbage but he hung on relentlessly. Listen Fred, you’ll like this. I’ve called it ’The Ballad of Tearaway Terry.’ He burst into what could loosely be described as song.

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Welcome back to the Library

On Saturday April 2 we had a Welcome back to Diamond Harbour Library party to welcome the community back to the library. There were plenty of yummy cake, biscuits, and balloons for the children. Lou Warren played the harp, creating a lovely atmosphere. Lots of people came along and everyone had a good time.

Storytime at the Library

Storytime will be happening at the Library at 2pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, the next is on Tuesday May 24. Come along at 2pm and join Christine for stories, rhymes and songs with your pre-schoolers. All welcome.

May is Music Month

Principal harpist of Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, Helen Webber, will be performing music from her CD The Golden Strand - plus some surprises on Saturday May 21 at 11:30am-12:30pm in the Library. All welcome. Christine

Sing for Joy!

A fun WORKSHOP with Auckland choir leader Max Maxwell on May 28 and 29

Sing for Joy! is coming to Diamond Harbour on May 28 and 29. Suitable for both beginners to choral singing and experienced choristers alike, Max's workshop will include music from around the world, and across the centuries.

The workshop fee of $60 ($45 students) includes all tuition, refreshments, and Saturday night dinner.

On Saturday night there will be informal musical performances, and on Sunday afternoon a public performance by the workshop participants.

To register call Christine 329 4588 or email christine@horomaka.org

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Coffee and sausage sizzles on sale
All proceeds will go to improving Diamond Harbour School’s emergency survival kit and to Project Lyttelton.

Diamond Harbour Ukulele Band

Would you like to come along for a strum along? Or maybe just to check us out to see if we’re right for you? Our ukulele band meets every two weeks at various venues. If you would like to join us for some light hearted singing and playing feel free to come along.

Don’t worry if you’re a beginner as we have people at all levels of expertise. Our next practices are on Thursday May 5 and 19 at 7.30 pm. All welcome. For more info ph Christine 329 3033.

Diamond Harbour & Districts Historical Assn

AGM followed by a talk from Margaret Mahy entitled Changes: the development of children’s literature in NZ. All welcome.

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Information and Discussion Sessions

Contemporary Issues for the Harbour Basin and Christchurch

Following the recent Japanese earthquake and tsunami, the Japanese Prime Minister writes that their government will dedicate itself to reconstruction based on three principles: create a regional society that is highly resilient to natural disasters; establish a social system that allows people to live in harmony with the global environment; build a compassionate society that cares about people, in particular the vulnerable.

To provide an opportunity for us, as a local community, to consider reconstruction issues in Canterbury, the Diamond Harbour Community Association is sponsoring a series of information and discussion sessions related to such topics as:

1. The local scene: Paula Smith, chairperson of the Lyttelton Herbert Community Board, will speak on current thinking from Lyttelton meetings. Christine Dann will outline issues involved in creating sustainable/resilient environments and communities.

2. The ground beneath us: The geology of Canterbury and Banks Peninsula and the implications for where and how we can safely rebuild.

3. Urban Design 101: Nancy Vance will introduce concepts relating to The Design of Public Spaces.

4. Being Heard: How do we, as Diamond Harbour residents, envisage post earthquake development in the Harbour Basin and Christchurch; and how can CERA and the consultation process facilitate (or frustrate) our voice being heard?

This session will be introduced by City Councillor, Claudia Reid and Garry Moore, former Mayor of Christchurch.

Monday evenings May 23, 30 and June 6, 13 at 7.30-9pm
Diamond Harbour Clubrooms — There is no charge

All Welcome

For further information or to register interest (not compulsory) email thornton@snap.net.nz or phone Joy McLeod 329 4119 or Ann and Jim Thornton 329 4943 — or check Mainland Press or the Diamond Harbour website www.diamondharbour.info

Diamond Harbour Camera Club

The Diamond Harbour Camera Club invites all members and visitors to its AGM (with wine and nibbles) on Tuesday May 17 at 7.30pm in the Stage Room. Bring your camera. All welcome.

Rouke Bakker

GOLF — GIVE IT A GO

Charteris Bay Golf Club is offering 6 free golf lessons with Chris Brodie (a senior woman golfer) for interested future members. Clubs are available.

These sessions will commence mid-May on Sunday mornings.

Register your interest with Joe Haley 329 4687 or jbhaley@xtra.co.nz

Church Notices

For latest details of all church news, visit...
www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx

Regular Services

Anglican - Methodist - Presbyterian:
Sunday 8am Communion, 1st and 3rd Sundays only.
Catholic Mass every Saturday at 6:30pm.

Home Groups

Two groups meet alternate Monday evenings at 7:30pm.
Group 1: in the Church (contact Ross Fountain 329 4202).
Group 2: in the home of John and Margaret Somerville (contact the Somervilles 329 4713).

Bible Discussion Group

Wednesday afternoon fortnightly at the Diamond Harbour Church Hall. Contact Anne Boyd 329 4444.

Rainbow Music

Weekly sessions at 9:30am each Friday during term time. All preschoolers are welcome. $3 for one child or $4 per family. Inquiries to the Parish office on 329 4790.

Rainbow Music is now being led by parents/caregivers on a roster basis. There is a single session commencing at 9:30am with morning tea at 10:15am when hospitality is offered by women of the church.

Baby Group

A baby group meets regularly at Diamond Harbour Church for parents’ mutual support and encouragement. The groups are fortnightly on Tuesdays from 10am-noon for parents with a child aged between 0 and 16 months. Please ring Wendy Coles 329 4483 for dates and other information. May 3, 17 & 31 and June 14 & 28.

City Shopping Van

The fortnightly shopping van to South City mall runs on: May 4 & 18 and June 1, 15 & 29.
The van does pick-ups from home around 9am and drops people back home around 1:30pm. A contribution towards fuel of $10 per shopping day is expected. To book an occasional or regular ride to South City, ring Nicky Palmer 329 4341 or Wendy Coles 329 4483.

City Mission Basket

The church has a basket for non-perishable food and grocery items for the City Mission. Many families are dependent on the support of agencies like the City Mission as jobs dwindle and money fails to stretch to meet basic outgoings. We also collect Small Change for the Small Room, with the coins being spent on toiletries and personal hygiene items which are distributed by the City Mission and St Vincent de Paul.

Mount Herbert Parish Magazine

Please email contributions to mt.herbertparish@xtra.co.nz. You can read the current issue of the magazine at www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx.
Community Notices

Flu vaccinations
Flu vaccinations are available at the Diamond Harbour Surgery. Please ring 329 4402 to make an appointment with the nurse.
Joy

Part Time Practice and District Nurse
Diamond Harbour has a small but busy general practice and we do our own district nursing.
We need another nursing team member initially for Mondays and Fridays with some on call once experienced. Use of own car is required. Training is available and we have a very supportive team.
Post CV and letter to Practice Manager, Diamond Harbour Medical Centre, 2c Waipapa Ave, RD2 Diamond Harbour 8972
Phone enquiries to Sue (03) 329 9616

Flu vaccinations
A meeting of the Diamond Harbour Community Association committee was held on April 18, 2011.

Public Forum
A proposal from Ann Thornton that the DHCA sponsor a series of information and discussion sessions on Rebuilding Christchurch was accepted. Joy and Ann volunteered to plan the sessions which will be on Monday nights in the Stage Room and feature local speakers on specialist topics including:

- An introduction from Paula Smith (Community Board) with information from the recent Lyttelton meeting.
- Geological/technical information about ground issues and predictions.
- Sustainable building and people friendly cities.
- Town planning for a new city with some ideas from Lincoln University.
- How to make our voice heard in the planning and implementation process with advice from our CCC representative, Claudia Reid.

See page 9 for details.

Submissions
Lyttelton Port Company (LPC) Reclamation
Richard has indicated that the DHCA will submit to the Environment Court hearing on land reclamation at the port. However, because of damage sustained in the earthquakes, the LPC has requested that the Environment Court put their application for a hearing on hold.
It was noted that fill has been placed in the harbour from earthquake damage, resulting in waste material being washed up in other parts of the harbour. It is disputed whether permission given to LPC by EQC included the use of mixed rubble or whether written permission was received.
A properly formed reclamation plan is needed to protect harbour life. It was agreed that planning at the port must be done in conjunction with the rebuild of Lyttelton township with the aim of improving the whole area.
At the 4 April meeting it was disclosed that LPC now wants 30 hectares of harbour rather than 20 and that CERA is being approached.
A draft proposal for community engagement was received and it was agreed that Richard will reply, endorsing the proposal but also suggesting that a working group with real participation is needed to properly inform LPC of the community’s views.

Waste Water
We have been asked to sign a consent order and memorandum to the planned discharge of waste water and sewage from the Bromley plant by 2021. By this date no waste water is to be discharged into the harbour.

Hall Report
CCC has given a verbal OK to the changes proposed by the Toy Library to the space they use. Damage to the Hall in the earthquake has been assessed and a green sticker was given but repairs are needed to lighting and other areas of the building.
A small gift of a local book has been provided for Annie Baxter’s farewell to be held on Saturday May 28 at 4pm. See page 8 for details.

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Chook in the Bush
A large grey/black chicken has taken up residence in the bushes on the north west corner of Marine and Whero.

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Herald Calendar

After the Quakes: May 23, 30 & Jun 6, 13, 7pm, Rugby Club. (p9)
Annie’s Farewell: Sat June 4, 5pm, Community Hall. See p8
Art Group: Weds, 9.30am-12noon, Church Hall
Bridge Club: Weds, 7pm, DH Bowling Clubrooms
Camera Club AGM: Tue May 17, 7.30, Stage Room. See p9
Car Boot Sale: Sun May 15, 10-12noon, DH School. See p8
Choral Concert: Sun May 29, 3pm, Community Hall. See p8
Church Activities: See p9
Community Association: Mon May 16, 7.30pm, Comm Room
Diamond Harbour Singers: Weds, 7.45pm, Stage Room
Film Society: Thus, 7.45pm, Stage Room
Historical Assn AGM: Tue May 10, 7.30pm, Stage Room (p8)
Insight Meditation: Tues, 6.30pm, 7A Whero Ave
Ladies’ Probus: Mon May 9, 10am, DH Church Hall
Library Harp Performance: Sat May 21, 11.30, Library. See p8
Library Story Time: Tues May 24, 2pm, Library. See p8
Men’s Probus: Thu May 5, 10am, CB Golf Club
Orienteering: Sun May 8, 10.30am, Orton Bradley Park. See p8
Purau Produce Market: Sats, May 14 & 28. See p9
Quilting Group: Fris, 1pm, Community Hall
Rugby Club: Clubroom Bar open Fri & Sat from 5pm
Shoppers Van: Weds, May 4 & 18; Jun 1, 15 & 29. See p9
Sing for Joy Workshop: May 28 & 29. See p8
String Players: Weds, 8pm. Ph 329 4536
T’ai Chi: Thurs 10.30, 11.15, 12.50, Community Hall
Toy Library: Sats 10am-11am, Community Hall
Ukulele Band: Thurs May 5 & 19, 7.30pm. See p8
Woolfun Day at Bergli: Sat May 14, 10am Bergli
Yoga Classes: Mons, 7pm, Stage Room. Ph 329 3395

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