A piano, fine china, elaborate entertaining and precise etiquette were the norm.

By age seven, Annie was attending boarding school on the slopes of Mt Kilimanjaro, with the occasion trip home a full day’s bus ride alone along remote dusty roads. Thus she was quite well prepared at age eleven to travel alone to England to complete her education at a boarding school there and to be with her parents for only five weeks each year.

At the end of her schooling she remained in England to take up a nursing career, but despite her parent’s affinity with Britain and NZ, home for Annie was always the Tanzanian bush. During a trip to New Zealand to meet her relations, she found the NZ environment was close to that of her homeland and she duly immigrated to Christchurch, following in the footsteps of her great-great-grandfather who arrived at the Castle Eden, the next ship after Lyttelton in 1851 on the fabled first four.

After living for a while in Christchurch, Annie discovered the serenity of Purau, where, once settled in, she became fully immersed in the community. Her move to Oamaru is a continuation of her dream, and she plans to develop her business there using her many skills that the area may develop in a planned and sustainable way without losing the very special character is presently has.

Similarly, Annie, we wish you well in the pursuit of your dream and we thank you for sharing the past nine years with us. (See page 10 for Annie’s farewell)
Rebuilding Christchurch – Having Your Say

Lyttelton and Sydenham are to be the first suburbs to be rebuilt, and community consultation there is already underway. These two suburbs will act as pilot projects. It is not ‘one-size-fits-all’. We want the community, business sector and residents to be a part of the process and have their say. Engaging with those groups will be vital to the successful rebuild of the affected suburbs — CCC

After the Earthquakes – Session One

This series of four public discussion sessions was conceived by Ann Thornton as an opportunity for the local community to consider reconstruction issues for Christchurch, and closer to home, Lyttelton and the communities on our side of the harbour.

Adrian Te Patu, chairperson of the Diamond Harbour Community Association which undertook to sponsor the series, opened the first session. He was followed by Paula Smith (below), chairperson of the Lyttelton Mt Herbert Community Board, who will chair the four sessions and Christine Dann (opposite).

The Local Scene—Where to from Here? Paula Smith

Paula began by reflecting on the difficulty she experienced in determining how the Community Board should respond to such an unprecedented disaster as the February earthquake.

A professional disaster specialist (it seems that disasters are sufficiently frequent these days to require such experts) advised her to ask the community for their ideas – rather than wait for the government to lead. Failure to do this after Hurricane Katrina was later identified as significant in delaying the recovery process.

The Community Board organised a Public Meeting on Monday April 11 at the Lyttelton Recreation Centre. They were surprised at the size of the turnout and the eagerness of participants to contribute their ideas and concerns, which were collated into a 53 page document. Copies have been given to CERA, its minister, Gerry Brownlee, and the

Godley to Go

The news we all expected but didn’t want to hear has been released by the City Council. Godley House is now damaged beyond repair. Following the February 22 earthquake further significant damage was caused to the building. It has suffered major structural failure and has all but collapsed. Two independent reports from structural engineers recommend that the building needs to be demolished.

While there are no immediate plans for the site, we are promised that there will be public consultation. Mayor Bob Parker says, ‘...the surrounding area remains a valued destination for locals and visitors; future plans will see the site re-established as a strong, thriving and attractive community destination.

So let’s all get our thinking caps on to come up with some great ideas for the site, and get behind our proactive local groups, especially the Diamond Harbour Community Association and the Lyttelton Mt Herbert Community Board to make it happen.


Of the many and varied ideas which emerged from the public meeting, several key ideas found wide support:

A clear plan is needed for the renewal of the town centre

Public access should be restored to the inner harbour

Heavy vehicle traffic should be diverted from Norwich Quay

Lyttelton needs more gathering places – such as cafés – because so many have been lost

Rather than attempt to replace demolished heritage buildings in a fake heritage style, the architecture should be light and modern

The CCC has designated Lyttelton, along with Sydenham, as a model or prototype site for suburban recovery, which provides an opportunity for innovative ideas.

The Community Board intends to establish a Design and Advisory committee with the brief of reviewing individual plans for new buildings to ensure that they fit in with the overall direction of the Lyttelton rebuild.

Questions, Answers & Comments

Frustration was expressed at the perceived unwillingness of the LPC to take the concerns of Diamond Harbour residents seriously, when shaping their policies for future developments of the port.

Specific issues include the LPC plan to relocate the ferry terminal westwards; pollution of the harbour foreshore in March when demolition rubble was dumped into the harbour; and plans to use rubble from the CBD demolition for their reclamation project.

Ann Thornton closed the evening by thanking the Diamond Harbour Community Association for their sponsorship; and her co-organiser, Joy McLeod, especially, for her skilled and generous assistance as well as the Diamond Harbour Herald, the Historical Association, the postal system people and many others in the community.

See page 9 for details of upcoming sessions.

Full reports (including additional material provided by some speakers) are on the Diamond Harbour website at www.diamondharbour.info/postquake.aspx

Ron

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Building An Eco-Resilient City – Christine Dann

The two big earthquakes we have suffered in recent months focussed my mind on what the essentials of life really are, and made me wonder just how well-prepared Christchurch and surrounding areas are for surviving – not just such short emergencies (when aid can be flown in from around New Zealand and around the world) – but also for what has been termed the long emergency.

The long emergency concept covers the end of the Oil Age and the era which some scientists have dubbed the Anthropocene – the planetary era in which humans have more impact on planetary soil, water, vegetation, climate and evolutionary systems than usual natural processes, and cause major and damaging changes to those systems. It is a time in which we will have to live on less of just about everything – and in much more challenging climatic and other natural conditions. Those who survive and even thrive during these changes will be those who take steps to develop their resilience in the face of any sort of emergency, short or long. As individuals, households and members of civic and national communities they will have identified the essentials in life, and have developed ecologically-sustainable ways of providing them.

It was apparent during the earthquake emergencies that water, food, shelter and energy were the short-term survival essentials – and that our city is not well set-up or prepared for ensuring these are readily available in short emergencies – or in the coming long emergency. We have become far too reliant on oil-based, long-distance delivery systems, and most neighbourhoods can no longer provide for themselves. It is time to start an eco-retrofit of the city so that local survival resources are available for short emergencies, and can be developed for everyday use and enjoyment during the long emergency.

What needs to be done? I have developed a check-list of eco-resilience essentials. It looks at the downsides to the current systems of fresh water provision, waste disposal, domestic energy provision and the major changes that need to be made to those systems.

A checklist of eco-resilience essentials:

**Fresh water resilience**
- Current city system: piped water pumped from centralised sources.
- Short emergency downsides: vulnerable to rupture of pipes and reservoirs, pollution or siltation of pipes, loss of energy sources for pumping and/or loss of pumping sites, trucking or flying in water not always be possible.
- Long emergency downsides: in most reticulated water sites, trucking or loss of pumping plants, pollution or siltation of pipes, loss of energy sources for pumping and/or loss of pumping sites.

**Eco-Resilient Water Alternatives**
- Rain-water harvesting - on/under house rain water collection; back-up home water tanks; community wells within walking distance - in local parks and reserves; community bathing options - eg sports club buildings with their own wells and water heating systems.
- Grey water for other purposes on site eg garden watering.
- Home gardens; community/allotment gardens, orchards; small local grocers, greengrocers, butchers, etc selling basic foods; local food coops; neighbourhood food-sharing schemes; farmers markets that can set up anywhere.

**Waste resilience**
- Current city system: pipe away grey water and human wastes; truck away solid wastes.
- Short emergency downsides: vulnerable to rupture of pipes and lack of energy for pumping; or lack of energy, vehicles, roads for trucks to operate.
- Long emergency downsides: waste of potable water to flush away human wastes and water plants; loss of nutrients from wastes to the land and resulting over-fertilisation and chemical contamination of the sea and rivers, and/or concentration of pollution in dump sites; too much energy required to pump and filter waste water; no incentives to reduce waste; heavy transport and fossil fuel infrastructure needed for solid wastes.

**Eco-Resilient Waste Alternatives**
- Home composting organic/human wastes; public toilets in open spaces converted to composting toilets; community gardens composting organic wastes; re-use/recycling facilities in every community; zero-waste policies; use of grey water for other purposes on site eg garden watering.

**Food resilience**
- Current system: most people source fresh and other basic foods from supermarkets.
- Short emergency downsides: supermarket buildings (and staff) are vulnerable to earthquakes, floods, etc; essential stock quickly runs out; re-stocking disrupted by the emergency event; private cars are usually used for supermarket shopping and petrol may be in short supply/unavailable and/or roads may be impassable.
- Long emergency downsides: most fresh food in supermarkets is already transported long distances, at great eco-cost; the bulk of a supermarket’s food stock is non-essential, not very nutritious processed foods.

**Eco-Resilient Food Alternatives**
- Home gardens; community/allotment gardens, orchards; small local grocers, greengrocers, butchers, etc selling basic foods; local food coops; neighbourhood food-sharing schemes; farmers markets that can set up anywhere.

**Domestic energy resilience**
- Current system: mainly reticulated electricity, coming long distances and distributed from large sub-stations.
- Short emergency downsides: vulnerable to disruption/ destruction of pylons and sub-stations by earthquakes, storms, floods, snowfall; fallen lines can be dangerous.
- Long emergency downsides: significant if electricity is generated by burning fossil fuels - hence contributing to climate change, or from nuclear generation (which can also create extreme dangers in the short-term), although rivers that can (or should) be dammed for hydro power are also a limited resource to be carefully husbanded.

**Eco-Resilient Energy Alternatives**
- Domestic solar and wind power generation; domestic solar water heating; community wind power generation; wind-up and solar-powered appliances and lighting sources; well-insulated buildings; solar capture/release.

**Questions, Answers & Comments**
- The lack of public transport was a problem after the quake and is also a long-term issue.
- Cholmondeley in Governors Bay is seriously damaged. The children have been temporarily taken in by Living Springs. Cholmondeley needs financial help to rebuild.
- Damage to Stoddarts Cottage will be relatively easy to repair, however there are long term concerns about the future of the cottage because of the lack of funding and support. The trust which runs it is seeking greater community support and also input into the kind of future they see for the cottage and how it can be best used for the benefit of the whole community.
- Lou Warren asked those concerned about a sustainable rebuild to sign her petition at www.change.org.

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Rebuilding Christchurch – Having Your Say

Presentation by the Lyttelton Port Company


Damage to the port is substantial: the breakwater sank 1.5m, the lighthouse has been temporarily moved and the cool-store were demolished. The quake caused movement of 800mm downwards and 500mm to the east; the inner harbour suffered minor damage. The port insurance claim is the largest in New Zealand history.

The LPC has requested approval through CERA by Order in Council to fill 10 hectares of the harbour to enable relocation of some activities from other areas and wharves that require a more sheltered environment. The fill is to be clean, uncontaminated hard-fill rubble from CBD demolitions and there will be a 3m surcharge to allow for compaction.

The use of the haul road and quarry extraction will be as and there will be a 3m surcharge to allow for compaction. Noise will be monitored and reported from Ly

The baseline of fauna in rocky foreshore and water has been established and will be checked annually. Noise will be monitored and reported from Lyttelton and DH sites.

Dump in Haste... and Repent at Leisure?

At the recent LPC presentation in Diamond Harbour, concern was expressed that approval of the expansion project was being fast-tracked under the CERA legislation, thus preventing public submissions and the scrutiny and safeguards of the resource consent process. 

Peter Davie said that since the 10ha project (about the size of 10 rugby fields) incorporated many of the features of their former larger coal-yard expansion project which was subjected to public submissions and had been scrutinised by ECAN and other authorities (but not considered by the Environment Court) there was no need to submit the new project to the same lengthy procedure.

However, there are a number of significant differences: The proposed coal yard expansion was to begin with the construction of a wall and be filled with conventional quarried material; whereas in the new 10ha reclamation proposal there will be no containment wall and the material to be dumped in the harbour will consist mostly of rubble from the demolition of the Christchurch CBD. It will be a mixture of stone, bricks, tiles, aggregates, concrete, asphalt, glass, and general rubble. It may also include up to 5% gb and plaster board, timber, metals, carpet, plastic, and electrical cables. The CBD rubble is to be overlaid with gravel, quarried from Christchurch Bay beneath Sumner. A skirted boom will be deployed to prevent debris escaping the dumped rubble and settling on the harbour floor or washing up on its beaches (as happened in March).

The LPC explained that the boom used in the March dumping was unsuited to the task and will be replaced by a different type.

Presumably, most of the buildings to be demolished in the CBD are red-stickered, making it dangerous/impossible to thoroughly inspect them or remove proscribed toxic materials prior to demolition. These include: asbestos, cement, organics, liquids/semi-solids, chemicals, fine-grained material, contaminated soil and other hazardous substances. But to accurately identify and remove such materials after a building has been reduced to a pile of rubble and pulverised debris – in situ in a CBD under demolition – would seem impossible.

Up to 200 truck-loads a day will be despatched by CERA from the CBD to Lyttelton, where the LPC will check them before dumping them into the harbour. How is possible to identify the constituent parts of a pile of mixed rubble by simply looking at it?

The LPC expressed concern that approval of the expansion was under the CERA and not the Environment Court for both projects.

The LPC expressed confidence that this process would be safe, and that there was no danger of an environmental catastrophe or long-term damage to marine and other life forms in and around the harbour. But how can they be certain – and what if they are mistaken? How often has a demolition been dumped into a harbour? When departing from the tried and true, without the benefit of experience and the mistakes of others to learn from, it is prudent to tread carefully.

This is one project which should not be fast-tracked, but subjected to all the checks and balances of a full resource consent process and the scrutiny of a range of experts. It is difficult to understand why CERA considered this project urgent enough to warrant fast-tracking. While the LPC gave an account of the significant damage they suffered in the earthquakes, and described the scale of ongoing repair work at the port, no compelling argument was advanced as to why this 10ha reclamation project was essential to Christchurch's recovery.

Once the CBD demolition is in full swing, with a truck of rubble being despatched to the port every two or three minutes, it will be difficult or impossible to slow or pause the process if doubts arise about the quality of the material arriving; and the pressures of the process may not allow sufficient time for adequate checking.

A far sounder option would be to take the material destined for the port to Burwood for temporary storage. This would allow time for the full resource consent process, and a full-scale pilot to be undertaken at the port, with a comprehensive impact assessment on the harbour. It would also allow time and space for proper recycling and correct chemical and sorting processes to ensure that all the rubble dumped in the harbour was guaranteed clean and free from foxins and contaminants.

Ron

A diagram of the LPC expansion can be viewed by going to www.diamondharbour.info and clicking on Future Developments and then on location plan under Sustainable Christchurch Rebuild.
Neighbourhood Notes
News from Neighbourhood Support Network

At a bus stop recently, a man sat down next to me, took out an object about the size of an exercise book and proceeded to check out Trade Me. ‘It’s an iPad,’ he explained in response to my query. It connects to the internet using mobile broadband, just like a mobile phone. I could do the same on my smartphone, but I prefer the larger screen.

No cables, battery powered – this is technology today. By the end of that day I had discovered that Neighbourhood Support Canterbury also use mobile broadband to connect their main computer, a laptop, to the internet as well as their phone — which operates like a landline, but without cables or physical connections. This of course means they can be fully operational anywhere, anytime, regardless of the state of power and phone lines — and amazingly, at a lower cost than that of normal phone and internet charges.

Now I am even more convinced that we, in the greater Diamond Harbour area, need to have a Neighbourhood Support communication network that works for today and for the not-too-distant future when fully wireless communication will be the norm. In addition to completing the database, email contact and a telephone tree are my priorities at present.

What can you do to help?

• Simply ensure that your property details (including, where appropriate, email and cell phone details) are on the NS database and advise any changes, or if you are moving out of the district. You can do this by advising your NS group leader or by contacting me directly via email: dhnshq@gmail.com or ph 329 4512.

• Knowing your neighbours, being aware of any unusual activity in your vicinity and knowing who to contact in an emergency are all integral parts of Neighbourhood Support.

• You may also choose to become a sector co-ordinator where your input can be as little as agreeing to relay messages to a pre-arranged small group of neighbours in the event of an emergency and/or occasionally for important community notices.

What about privacy? Your street address, name and phone number are automatically given to other members of your immediate NS group — ie your neighbours. You may optionally provide other information which can, at your discretion be held on the database for release only to the proper emergency services and only when specifically required in an emergency. If you so choose, some of this additional information can also be made available to your NS group members.

Don’t want to get too involved? Once your basic details are received and you are assigned to a group, your level of participation in any meetings or social activities is entirely voluntary.

Don’t want to be involved at all? NS respects your right to remain anonymous. The existence of your property will be acknowledged on the database with the street address and the word UNLISTED. No further contact will be made unless you initiate it. While you would never be denied assistance because of your non-involvement in NS, in an emergency, priority may be given to those who have facilitated the process by providing information.

For further information etc, email dhnshq@gmail.com or ph 329 4512 or text 021 130 1156.

Elaine Bryson, Diamond Harbour Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator

STOP PRESS: Just before going to print, we were informed that Diamond Harbour Neighbourhood Support has been asked to help facilitate a CERA welfare initiative. To this end, all NS group leaders will be contacted as soon as possible. Further details are available from Elaine (as above) or see page 12.

Car Boot Sale Report

In March I went over to Lyttelton to have a look at all the buildings. I was amazed. After seeing all the devastation that the earthquake had caused, I decided to raise some money. And that is how I came up with the car boot sale idea.

I decided to make an advert to let people know that the car boot sale was happening. I put the advert in the country store, one at the garage, another in the Diamond Harbour Herald and the last in the School News. The advert even went home to with all students for parents.

The car boot sale was on Sunday May 15 at Diamond Harbour School. We were surprised that all fourteen car booters showed up, because in the first hour of the car boot sale it was raining! But soon the rain stopped.

There were sausage sizzles, home-made cupcakes (thanks to Annie Baxter for these) and coffee.

There were talented violinists playing.

We raised $270. All of the money will be split between the Diamond Harbour School’s emergency kit and Project Lyttelton.

Everyone enjoyed the car boot sale and I hope to organise another one soon!

James Goodchild, aged 8 yrs

James presenting a cheque to Sue Ellen of Project Lyttelton

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On our home page we highlight important news, upcoming events and the latest on the earthquake recovery.

If you have news or events to publicise email events@diamondharbour.info.

To get to the right website remember the .info on the end — or bookmark us!

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Peruvian ground apples growing here

Last winter I was given some unprepossessing-looking brown tubers to grow. I left them lying around for a couple of months, which meant they were a bit shrunken and wrinkly when I finally placed them in the ground in spring. I put them in a sunny but rather stony spot, waited for a month or so before some leaves started to show, then watered them when I watered the peas on one side and the potatoes on the other. They grew fine heads of large and furry light green leaves. By April I began to wonder if they had grown any extra tubers as well.

I pulled one up and found that they were indeed producing tubers, and I took the photo of one cut in half (left). In May I harvested the rest of the crop, and then set about finding out what exactly it was, and how to eat it.

The yacon is a vegetable from South America, where it is known to have been consumed a thousand years ago. (Yacon are depicted in the marvellous ceramics of the Moche people, who lived in northern Peru from around 100-700 CE) It is a crunchy, juicy and slightly sweet vegetable. The taste has been likened to a water chestnut, a melon, and a pear (with a hint of celery). An English name for it is Peruvian ground apple, and yacon is supposed to mean water root in the Inca language. Its scientific binomial is Smallanthus sonchifolius, and it is part of the great big daisy (Compositae) family of plants.

It is believed to have fabulous therapeutic qualities, especially for diabetics, as both the roots (the juice from which can be made into syrup) and the leaves (which are made into tea) have a special form of sugar which is not digested. They also have prebiotic properties – ie they support a friendly gut flora. The yacon was traditionally used therapeutically to help control blood sugar and improve digestion, and more recent scientific studies suggest that there is potential for developing this use. So far, so amazing – but are they good to eat, and how does one prepare them? They are good in just about any kind of salad, peeled and sliced, chopped or grated – but add them at the last minute and/or dress with lemon juice as the white flesh goes brown if left exposed to air. They can be added to stir-fries, curries and other mixed dishes. Since they are a bit bland, they make a good foil to stronger flavours, such as blue cheese and rocket in salad.

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Christine
WINE SPEAK

Pinot Bargains
Before it gets really cold, I thought I might focus on some great value Pinots around at the moment, both red and white and all around the $20 mark (when on special of course)!
From Central Otago comes the 2010 Mt Difficulty Roaring Meg Pinot Gris. Awarded a trophy at the recent Royal Easter Show Wine Awards, this gem offers fruit cocktail flavours with pear predominant, on a spicy mineral palate finishing just off-dry. Slightly sweeter is the 2010 Terrace Edge Pinot Gris from the Waipara Valley. This is quite a fleshy, oily wine but not at all cloying. Think spicy pears in baked pie crust courtesy of the stint on oak. Both wines pair nicely with savoury pork dishes.
I couldn’t believe my luck when I found the 2009 Mud House Swan Pinot Noir from Central Otago for under $20 at Pak n Save recently. This is a gutsy wine that beckons gamy meats with sweet cherry and plum in the mouth counterbalanced by a herbal savoury back palate finishing dry. Lighter but even smoother is the 2009 Pencarrow Pinot Noir from Martinborough. This is Palliser Estate’s second label so you know there’s class behind the wine making; this has good depth of cherry, plum and spice flavours but it’s the silky texture on fine tannins that will have you reaching for another glass. Lovely with or without food, it also picked up gold at last year’s Air New Zealand Wine Awards. Cheers!

RECIPE

Pasta and Bean Winter Soup
This month I have adapted a recipe from a wee good cooking book (Hot Food by Murdoch books) recently purchased for $1 at a flea market. I love cooking books for inspiration, but always somehow adjust little things to my own taste buds – or because I don’t have all ingredients at home.
Ingredients
200g dried borlotti beans (soaked overnight)
60ml olive oil
90g bacon (leave out for a vegetarian alternative)
1 onion, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 celery stalk sliced
1 large carrot sliced
1 parsnip sliced (optional)
pumpkin chopped in cubes (optional)
1 bay leaf
1 rosemary sprig
1 bunch of flat leaf parsley
400g of can chopped tomatoes
1.8 litres of good vegetable (or beef) stock
freshly grated Parmesan cheese
150g small dry pasta, tiny macaroni or Risonis (a pasta that looks like rice)

Method
Heat the oil in a large saucepan, add bacon, onion, garlic, and the rest of the vegetables and cook over a medium heat for 5 min.
Season with black pepper; add bay leaf, rosemary, parsley and tomato, stock and beans (drained and rinsed) and bring to boil.
Reduce heat and simmer for 1½ hours, or until beans are tender, adding more boiling water if necessary to maintain liquid level.
Optionally purée 250ml of the soup with a blender and then return to the saucepan for a creamier soup.
Add pasta and cook until al dente (around 7 min).
Remove from heat and set aside for 10 min.
Serve with grated parmesan. Buono apetito!  

Franziska

It’s hard to believe, but it’s true! Local stalwart Ian Boyd became an octogenarian last week. True to his modest nature, Ian tried - fairly unsuccessfully - to keep it all to just a small family celebration, but the Diamond Harbour Bowling Club decked out the clubrooms in his honour at its meeting last Thursday. Besides being President of the Club and a very keen competitor, Ian regularly turns his hand to keeping the green in pristine condition. His other passion is rugby. In his role as secretary and custodian of the local Rugby Club, he handles all the club bookings, including setting out the furniture, and with the help of his wife, Rata, does all the cleaning as well. His practical contributions to both clubs are too many to list, and Rata says that on the odd occasions when he is at home, he does a bit of maintenance and gardening around the house as well. Congratulations on your 80th birthday, Ian, and thanks from all those who benefit from your very busy lifestyle.

Elaine

VETERINARY SERVICES

NOW IN DIAMOND HARBOUR

Vetlife will be holding weekly clinics in the Community Center from 2pm on Wednesday afternoons.
We look forward to seeing you and your pet!
Large animal calls and house calls can also be arranged.

Please phone 3251006 to book an appointment.

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Earthquakes and Upheavals

You may recall that just after September’s earthquake I resigned from Vetlife and have since been doing short term locum work, mainly in Christchurch. This was a good opportunity to gain perspective, be exposed to new ideas, and consider the future. It was also a stressful time of learning new names and routines every few weeks, and I realised how much I missed working on the Peninsula.

Just after the devastating February earthquake, I, along with my wife, Heather, and my previous veterinary assistant, Jo Stuart, launched Little River Veterinary Services. This is an independent, locally owned and operated business that allows the people and animals of Paul Williams' Veterinary Update

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TUESDAY CLINICS IN DIAMOND HARBOUR

PENINSULA WIDE-- CALL PAUL OR JO

News from Living Springs

Living Springs Trust has served as a restorative haven for many quake-affected organisations in the past few months. Not only has it been a camp, conference and event destination but also a temporary home for those whose facilities were damaged including Cholmondeley, Halswell Residential College and Canterbury University groups.

CEO Denis Aldridge says: We have been privileged to have these groups staying with us in this season of recovery and rebuilding. We are very thankful that our facilities, property and outdoor programmes stood up well and have enabled us to have an ongoing involvement with people and organisations that needed a place of respite and retreat in this time. This really is a restorative haven and we hope that all who come here leave strengthened, revived and better for having been here.

Living Springs as a Charitable Trust will celebrate forty years of service in 2013. The genuine community partnership between Cholmondeley and Living Springs enabled both organisations to assist one another and proactively respond to community needs after the February quake. The Trust wishes to reassure the community of the openness to partner with groups and organisations looking for a place for post-quake retreats, functions and other sorts of events.

Lina Leitane

This very special part of the world a choice in veterinary service providers. We offer a personal caring service for all creatures great and small. We realize prevention is better than cure and so aim to be proactive in offering primary health services, animal health planning for all species, targeted vaccination, internal and external parasite control programs, correct nutrition, de-sexing, and prophylactic dental treatment among others. We realize the Peninsula is unique and is not comfortable with the one size fits all approach, so we try to be flexible in our thinking.

We are open 8am to 6pm weekdays, and 10am to 12 noon Saturdays. We cover the whole peninsula for farm visits, and offer an after-hours emergency service. I am also in Akaroa on Mondays and Thursdays and in Diamond Harbour on Tuesdays.

While we are looking for a site in Little River, we are working from home and have set up our operating theatre and hospital in our cottage, so we can offer a full service. We provide the latest in anaesthetic and monitoring equipment to make our clinic as safe as possible. Until we have our own building there is no travel charge for house calls anywhere on the Peninsula.

Currently, we have two campaigns running that may be of interest. Firstly, our annual vaccination run takes place in Diamond Harbour at 12 noon on Wed June 8. This is a great opportunity to get your dog or cat’s vaccinations up-to-date at bargain rates, and to boost the Peninsula’s herd immunity! Please phone us to discuss your pet’s requirements and to book your place. Our special focus this year is on intranasal kennel cough vaccines for dogs.

Secondly, after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, less than 2% of lost animals were reunited with their owners. By contrast after our February earthquake owners of 85% of microchipped animals were able to be contacted within an hour of their pet being found! We are promoting this service after seeing its worth proved so dramatically. Even if your pet is already chipped, but not yet on the national database, we can get them on.

Our phone numbers are 325 1940 and 027 374 5492.

Pick of the Pics

Graeme Keeley
DH Camera Club
Diamond Harbour Herald — Local Events and Community Activities

Diamond Harbour & Districts Historical Assn
The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday June 14 in the Stage Room. Adrian Te Patu’s talk is entitled Parihaka: the story so far. All welcome. Jan Studholme

Diamond Harbour Ukulele Band
The Diamond Harbour Ukulele Band will be meeting each fortnight for a strum-along on Thursdays. This month’s dates are June 2, 16 and 30. If you are interested in coming along phone Christine 329 3033. Christine

After the Earthquakes
Information and Discussion Sessions
Contemporary Issues for the Harbour Basin and Christchurch
The Diamond Harbour Community Association is sponsoring a series of information and discussion sessions, The final two sessions will consider:

June 6: Urban Design 101: Nancy Vance will introduce concepts relating to The Design of Public Spaces.

June 13: Being Heard: How do we as Diamond Harbour residents envisage post earthquake development in the Harbour Basin and Christchurch; 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 at 7.30-9pm
Diamond Harbour Rugby Clubrooms — There is no charge
All Welcome

For further information email thornton@snap.net.nz or phone Joy 329 4119 or Ann 329 4943 — or check Mainland Press or the Diamond Harbour website www.diamondharbour.info

New Computers at the Library
The Library now has three public computers. One gives you access to the library catalogue, your library account, reading lists, new titles, reviews and all sorts of topical information. The other two computers are internet computers and are free for you to use.

If you need to be set up with an email account just come and ask — we can help you.

Did you know that you can reserve items from home? All you need is a pin number for your library card (which we can set for you) to log in to

www.christchurchcitylibraries.com

Matariki Storytime at the Library
On Tuesday June 21 at 2pm we will be having a special Pre-School Storytime at the Library. This is to celebrate Matariki – Maori New Year. Tania will be coming from town to present this session.
Everyone welcome.

Music Month in the Library
On Saturday May 21 Helen Webby, principal harpist of Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, performed music from her CD The Golden Strand, plus some surprises, in the Library. A real treat!

The Great Library Easter Egg Hunt
Ten Easter Eggs to find - ten riddles to answer - and the winner is... Ella Watson (right)
Well done Ella!
Christine

Festival of Song
The TWO CHOIRS CONCERT is back!

7:30pm Saturday July 2
Diamond Harbour Hall

$12 entry - includes supper - Children Free

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Come Along to Harbour Basin Community Get Together Saturday Jun 11th @ Living Springs

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For more information see:
www.livingsprings.co.nz or call 03 3299788

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Diamond Harbour Store
Waipapa Ave.

We will text you with contact details of others travelling at similar times close to your destination.
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Diamond Harbour Camera Club
The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday June 21 in the Stage Room. Vida Watson will present travel photos from China, followed by a pre-recorded short course on Travel Photography by Karl Taylor. Guests $3 donation. All welcome. Rouke Bakker

Diamond Harbour Ballet
Saturdays at the Community Hall
We have places available for children 5-7 years and would be delighted to welcome you.
We also have places for older children who have already studied ballet.
Email diamondharbourballet@gmail.com or call 329 4821 evenings – Georgina Gaunt

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Church Notices

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www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx

Regular Services
Anglican - Methodist - Presbyterian:
Sunday 8am Communion, 1st and 3rd Sundays only.
Sunday 10:30am Communion.
Catholic Mass every Saturday at 6:30pm.

Home Groups
Two home groups meet on 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 can be made 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.
June 14 & 28 and July 12 & 26

City Shopping Van
The fortnightly shopping van to South City mall runs on:
June 1, 15 & 29 and July 13 & 27
The van does pick-ups from home around 9:30am and
drops people back home around 1pm. 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
**Community Notices**

**Sponsor a Key Fundraiser for Diamond Harbour School**

Last July we held a Music Evening at the Community Hall to launch *Sponsor a Key* to raise funds for our new School Piano. Of the 88 keys on a piano, around a third had been sponsored when our fund-raising was interrupted by the earthquakes. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us by sponsoring a key. We plan to resume our fund-raising soon.

If anyone would like to sponsor a key, please contact me at pauljill@xtra.co.nz or 329 4754.

*Jill Rice*

**Flu vaccinations**

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

Note: vaccinations are free for those under 18.

*Joy*

**URGENT! CERA Wants to Know:** If you have problems created by the earthquakes, such as damage to your home heating, plumbing, food or clothing supply, the CERA Welfare Team can provide urgent help. A number of people in the wider DH area have already benefited, and so can you. Contact Elaine (Neighbourhood Support) on Ph 392 4512 for more information.

**DH Community Association**

The meeting held May 16 included a public forum at which LPC presented an overview of the impact of the earthquakes on their infrastructure and future reclamation plans. This was well attended and raised many questions. The full report is on page 3.

**Post Earthquake Seminar Series**

Ann Thornton gave an update on the series which will have Mark Yetton as the speaker on geophysical factors. Cholmondeley Home has been badly damaged and is in need of assistance. This and other needs may be brought to the attention of those attending.

**Community Hall**

A Request for Service for the broken Stage Room window, hall lights, and the hole in the floor in the Stage Room will be made. A 2.4kW convection heater has been purchased for the committee room.

**Submissions**

It appears that the signing off of the Agreement on Waste Water Discharge will not be possible on Wednesday because of matters outstanding. It was agreed to support the completion of the mediation to reach agreement.

**General Business**

Concern about wilding pines on Port Company land was raised. It was suggested that we enquire in a few months about progress.

The next meeting will be on Monday June 20 in the Committee Room at 7.30pm.

*Karen*
**Classifieds**

**Indoor Garage Sale.** Sunday Jun 19 at Rugby Clubrooms. 10am-4pm Something for everyone.

**Ride-share to Mt Pleasant**

Ride sought for child Mon-Wed from Lyttelton (8:15 ferry) to Mt Pleasant School; return after 3pm. Willing to take turns driving. Ph Roger 420 1979 or 027 357 7934.

**Orton Bradley Firewood for Sale**

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**Law Discussions**

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**Please Contact**

Could the driver/owner of the red four-wheel drive vehicle CPE896 which reversed into another car following the meeting at the Rugby Clubrooms on Mon May 23 please phone Robin Williams 329 4775 evenings.

**Yoga Classes**

Mondays 7pm Stage Room. Ph Adrian 329 3395 or email diamondyoga@slingshot.co.nz.

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**Found**

Small red metal tool box on Marine Dr. Ph Jenny 332 7818.

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**Herald Calendar**

**After the Quakes**

Mon June 6 & 13, 7.30pm, Rugby Club. See p9

**Amy Adams in Diamond Harbour**

Mon June 13. See p12

**Annie’s Farewell**

Sat June 4, 5pm, Community Hall. See p10

**Art Group**

Wed, 9.30am-12noon, Church Hall

**Black Velvet @ Living Springs**

Sat, June 11. See p9

**Bridge Club**

Wed, 7pm, DH Bowling Clubrooms

**Camera Club**

Tues, June 21, 7.30, Stage Room. See p10

**Church Activities**

See p11

**Community Association**

Mon June 20, 7.30pm, Committee Room

**Diamond Harbour Singers**

Wed, 7.45pm, Stage Room

**Festival of Song**

Sat July 2, 7.30pm, Community Hall. See p9

**Film Society**

Thurs, 7.45pm, Stage Room

**Historical Assn**

Tue June 14, 7.30pm, Stage Room. See p9

**Insight Meditation**

Tues, 6.30pm, 7A Whero Ave

**Ladies’ Probus**

Mon June 13, 10am, DH Church Hall

**Library Matariki Story Time**

Tue June 21, 2pm. See p9

**Lyttelton Festival of Lights**

Sat June 11, 6-10pm. Lyttelton

**Men’s Probus**

Thu June 2, 10am, CB Golf Club

**Quilling Group**

Fris, 1pm Community Hall

**Rugby Club**

Clubroom Bar open Fri & Sat from 5pm

**Shoppers Van**

Wed, June 1, 15 & 29. See p11

**Swimming Club**

Wed, June 8, 12 noon, Community Hall

**Ukulele Band**

Thurs June 2, 16 & 30, 7.30pm. See p9

**Veteran Vaccination**

Wed June 8, 12 noon. See p8

**Wooden Day at Bergli**

Sat June 11, 10am Bergli

**Yoga Classes**

Mons, 7pm, Stage Room. Ph 329 3395

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