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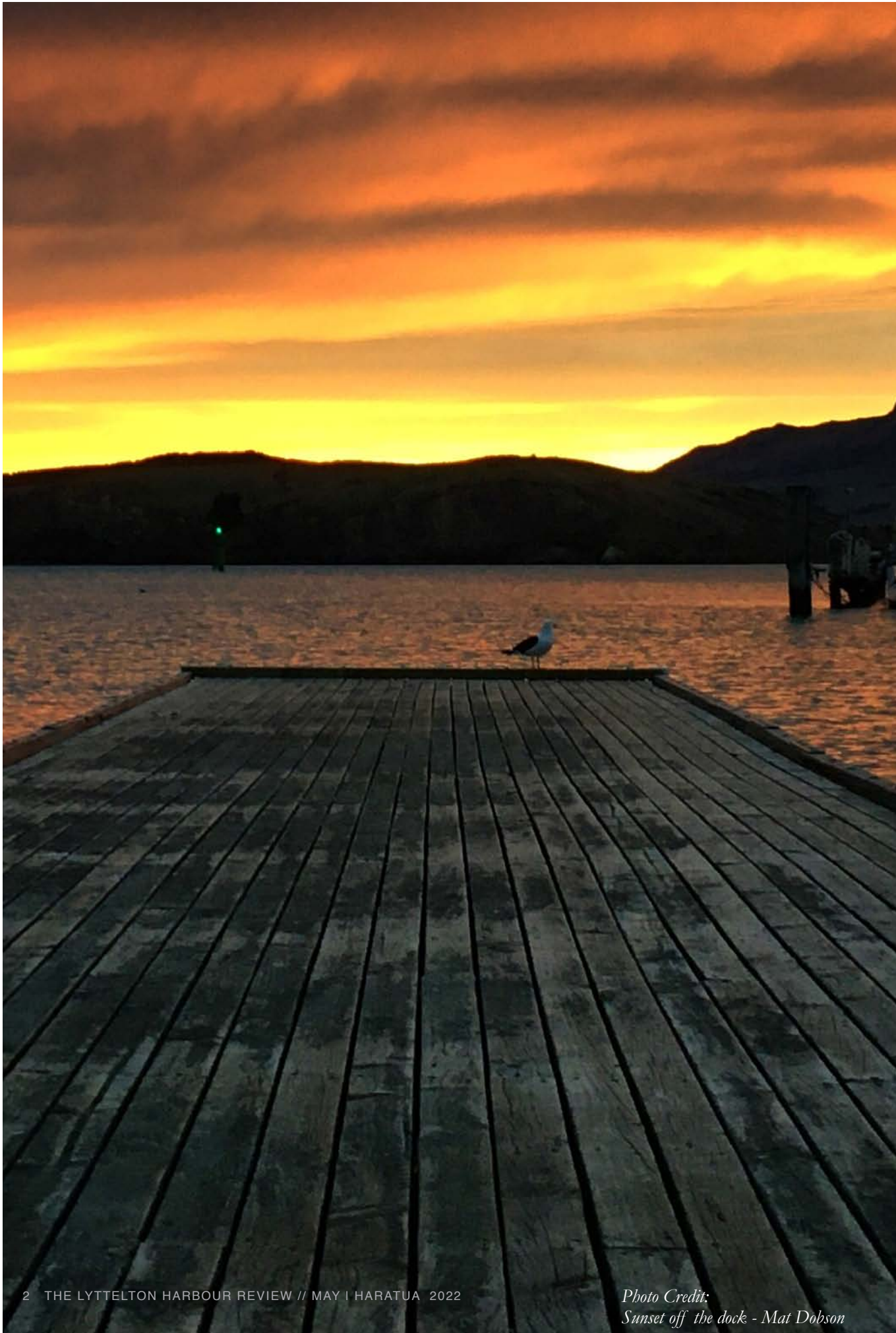
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# A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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Kia ora, e te whānau.

It has been a few months in the making and we have finally arrived. Welcome to the first, revised edition of The Lyttelton Harbour Review.

Our new Review will feature regular columns from the many different threads that make up our wonderfully rich tapestry that is Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour. It is my sincere wish that this helps us feel connected to what is happening in our own backyards, inspiring us to continue being community focused for the wellbeing of all who live here.

If the past few months are anything to go by, it is clear that 2022 is the unplannable year. With so much disruption to our local businesses, it is easy to feel discouraged and disheartened. As we move into the cooler and darker months, our resilience and ability to band together will continue to be important. We've done it before, and we can certainly do it again.

I'd like to thank you for the patience you have shown whilst we rework and reimagine what we wish our community publication to showcase. A big thank you to the Lyttelton Port Company for sponsorship to help us get off the ground, and also to our advertisers for their support. Most importantly, I'd like to thank Wendy Everingham and the many people who have helped her over the years in either starting The Review, assisting, researching, designing or editing. I appreciate the opportunity to take this wonderful resource through to a new chapter.

We are always happy to have feedback. Please send your thoughts or suggestions through to the email opposite. This is your publication, so if you wish to be a contributor, please also contact me. I'd love to hear from you.

Mā te wā,

Rushani

The Lyttelton Harbour Review is a Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre initiative designed to keep our community informed with what is happening around the harbour. It is also an opportunity to showcase the people and places that otherwise would go under the radar. Our community connections ensure we know what's going on in the wider community, and we can share the news with you all. A big thank you goes out to all the contributors and our funders: Lyttelton Port Company, Rata Foundation, and Christchurch City Council Strengthening Communities who will enable the hard copies to be printed each edition.

**If you have any local events, news or stories you would like included, we'd love to hear from you.**

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Send your nominations of local heroes to [office@lytteltoninfocentre.nz](mailto:office@lytteltoninfocentre.nz) with the subject Cake for Greatness Nomination. Be sure to include why you think they deserve a Cake for Greatness.

*A small selection of recipients.*

*From top left clockwise; Lyttelton Volunteer Fire Brigade, Lyttelton Library Staff, Caine Taunbare, Flo MacGregor, Scott Farmer, Laura Hopper, Evelyn Fields, Juliet Adams.*

# Cake for Greatness Reboot

Rushani Bowman

2012 saw the birth of Cake for Greatness. It's been lying dormant for a few years now and I feel it is time for a reboot with a community twist.

But first a little background. The inspiration for Cake for Greatness came after the earthquakes. Whilst walking through the city towards the wooden temple that was going to be transported to Motukarara to be burned, Burning Man style, I remember passing some road workers. Here they were, on a hot and dusty Canterbury Sunday working tirelessly to fix a small stretch of the many broken roads our region had. I couldn't help but feel that those men and women deserved to have sit down with a slice of cake and cuppa.

Upon returning through the tunnel to Lyttelton, it dawned on me that there are many people within our community that also do incredible work that deserves recognition. Hence Cake for Greatness was born.

The idea behind Cake for Greatness was that the community would nominate a special community group, local business or individual who work hard for the betterment of the Lyttelton Harbour community. At that stage I had a small market stall every fortnight at the Lyttelton Farmers Market, so on my 'week off' I thought to bake a cake for someone in our village. Initially receiving nominations through the Lyttelton TimeBank and on social media, readers would put forth their suggestions on who they felt deserved special recognition and a well-deserved treat with their morning cuppa.

Nominations flooded in for businesses and individuals including the volunteer firemen, Stark Bros, the Lyttelton Health Centre and the Lyttelton Library to name but a few. Opposite you will see just a small selection of the 35 recipients of Cake for Greatness.

Due to a change in business as well as the imminent arrival of a small human, Cake for Greatness stopped momentarily. But it's time to bring it back and make it better than ever.

A concept like this requires a little stoking and a whole lot of love to keep its momentum going so I am looking for some help by way of nominations and bakers.

Send your nominations of a local hero who deserves some recognition for their good deeds to [office@lytteltoninfocentre.nz](mailto:office@lytteltoninfocentre.nz) I'm looking forward to seeing how this new chapter develops.



*Recipient #32 Ruth Targus for Sewing Fairy contributions*



# UNITY is bringing communities together

Noraini, Crile and Cathy

15th March 2022 marked three years on from the mosque shootings in Christchurch. This year the families chose to focus on UNITY Week which ran from 14th-21st March.

Partners worked with the Sakinah Community Trust (SCT) to promote the “Unity Is...” campaign. SCT – a women-led trust formed by families of March 15th – initiated and led Unity Week. One of the major partners was Noraini Abbas Milne. She lost her youngest son, Sayyad Abbas Milne, age 14. Sayyad was a student from Lyttelton Primary School (LPS). On March 15th, teachers and children from LPS wore yellow t-shirts to remember Sayyad by wearing his favourite colour. They collected kohā and supported Temel’s Walk for Peace, which Temel Atacocugu did from Dunedin to Christchurch. Temel was shot nine times by the terrorist.

There were three UNITY events held in and around Lyttelton, organised by Noraini, who set up her initiative on Sayyad’s birthday.

The first event was on 14th March when Sow a LYTTEL Seed (SALS) teamed up with Rebecca from Giving Seeds of Love (GSOL) to organise the Healing Hearts Growing Together workshop. It was an invite-only event due to Covid-19 restrictions. The drop-in workshop involved making seeded hearts from mixed paper – some reworked from the memorial wall by the museum – and sprinkling wildflower seeds representing diversity. This session created meaningful conversations and connected new friends. Tamara played beautiful music on her flute during this workshop.

The second event was on 15th March when SALS partnered with Mainland Football and Canterbury Cricket to organise an afternoon of futsal matches. Hussain Hanif, the organisation’s diversity and inclusion manager, was great at coordinating this through all the Covid restrictions, replacing players and getting fill ins. Nathan from The Lyttelton Recreation Centre was also a very supportive partner for hosting the futsal matches. Young players came from Lyttelton school, Mainland and Ferrymead Bays clubs. Futsal was a great event to remember our young Shuhada and to play the sport that they all loved. The teams wore different coloured t-shirts to

represent the young Shuhada. An exhibition futsal match was also played by the team of Sayyad from Cashmere High School. After the futsal matches the teams had a packed kai and drink.

Post-futsal, Temel chatted with the players to inspire them to be kind, keep active and not give up. International sporting athletes Dan Carter (All Blacks), Roy Krishna (NZ professional footballer), Ajaz Patel (Black Caps) and Francis de Vries (All Whites) sent videos to acknowledge and remember the young lives lost. MP Tracey McLellan also sent kind messages and so did Mr Mushababa Aiban from Muslim League Australia, NZ and the South Pacific. Delaney Davidson sang Peace Train by Yusuf Cat Stevens. We shared tears, we remembered, and Maui closed our event with so much aroha.

The third and final event happened on 20th March when SALS organised a seed and seedling planting session at Pony Point alongside the Cass Bay Reserves Committee. Thank you Jenny and team, and to all the Cass Bay residents.

These were our UNITY events in Lyttelton for 2022.

Thank you for your support, Lyttel Women, Supervalu, Rāpaki marae, Flo and Vicki (Davinas)

Ngā mihi,

Noraini, Crile and Cathy (Sow a LYTTEL Seed)



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# Ode to Queenie

Rushani Bowman



There was once a cat whose story I will try my best to tell. For it is a story of great tales, character and humour. Now that this cat has passed over the rainbow bridge to continue his reign into the afterlife of all animals, we owe it to him to memorialise him as he looks over Lyttelton from his hillside grave.

Queenie the cat had quite the personality. His first owner named him Frederick, after Frederick Street in Waltham, which was presumably his first home. When his owner moved to Lyttelton into a Reserve Terrace flat, Frederick decided he was not particularly fond of the resident dog so began the search for his new family. His search ended when he came across the lovely Cassels family.

The children named him Queenie and the name stuck. When the children were toddlers, if they were being too loud or having a tantrum, Queenie would help the parents by way of a friendly hiss or gentle clawless swipe. Obviously very fond of his new family, he didn't like to be left without them, so would accompany them on family walks around the village.

Like all cats, Queenie had a clockwork routine. Firstly

waiting at the bus stop in the morning, getting pats and talking to strangers until everyone got on the bus. He would laze in the sun until lunchtime and then pay a visit to the school across the road in the hopes of being fed. It would seem he had a particular fondness for goldfish, potentially being the culprit responsible for the disappearance of the school's goldfish and that of the Cassels' neighbours.

London Street became Queenie's second home for he knew the best spots to get exactly what he needed. The Harbour Co-op was his milk stop, meat from Civil and Naval, pies from the pub, pats from Lyttelton Coffee Company, he'd sit with customers at Everest whilst they ate their meal, and visiting the gift shops for a chat.

He was even known to visit the supermarket staff room after trying to bat the cat food off the shelf.

This cat had attitude plus, evident by the very slow strut across the road so cars would have to wait for him. Most dogs feared him but Queenie was not bothered by them in the slightest. The family that belonged to Queenie have even witnessed a bus

driver, a rubbish truck worker and many, many cars get out of their vehicles to move him.

As age started to slow him down, his favourite spot became outside his home on Oxford Street. For hours he would lay there in the sun, waiting for people to talk to. Once he found the perfect spot in the sun, it was his. He used to sit on the roof of the Cassels car, as if it were his throne.

He was everyone's friend, everyone would stop to chat and pat him and he truly was one in a million. Not just a treasured family pet to his chosen family, but a furry, four-legged community icon that touched many lives over his long feline life.

Whether you knew Queenie as Horse, Sausage, Frederick, Smokey or The Mayor of Lyttelton, he was a majestic, social, fearless and regal cat. One of the most popular, calm and courageous characters that this town has ever seen. Old age got the better of him and on Saturday 29 January 2022, at the grand age of 18, he passed away peacefully surrounded by his family.

Rest in Peace Queenie.

*"It would seem he had a particular fondness for goldfish, potentially being the culprit responsible for the disappearance of the school's goldfish".*



# Is one squirt really enough?

Chris Brown

Brenda stood at the sink in her ‘somewhat in need of a makeover’ kitchen doing the washing up and read again the label on the bottle of washing up liquid and wondered how they did indeed know that ‘one squirt is enough’. Despite being a bit strapped for cash, she thought she’d try one of the upmarket brands as a special treat, instead of the usual ‘supermarket’s own label’ that had a strong smell of wallpaper paste.

She glanced up at the kitchen clock; it was ten o’clock on a grey, cold, blustery and bleak Monday morning. Brenda thought she’d quickly wash the breakfast dishes before she headed out. Her latest self-help book told her that ‘clutter creates chaos, stress builds in a messy home and you can’t be refreshed surrounded by mess’. She has this mantra posted on her fridge door, next to a selection of fridge magnets quoting passages from the Bible and postcards sent by church friends from exotic places when travel overseas was possible.

She again pondered the label on the washing up bottle for a moment and agonised if indeed ‘one squirt would be enough’. What if the pots and pans were extra dirty, surely one squirt wouldn’t be enough then, would it she wondered? Fortunately there were no pots or pans to wash, who would still have pots and pans sitting on the bench top from last night’s meal? Brenda comforted herself with the knowledge that her postcode and her up bringing didn’t allow such behaviour.

Anyway, how did they know? Just to be sure she used two squirts of the amber coloured liquid; Honeysuckle and Rose according to the label, and the floral fragrance took Brenda back to her early childhood and long summer days spent looking for fairies at the bottom of the garden of the family home. Her mother, a very strict, God-fearing woman, soon put a stop to such nonsense, telling her the only fairies at the bottom of the garden were Frank and Johnny, the neighbours, and insisted that their names not be spoken.

Brenda had always wanted a dishwasher but her husband Trevor refused to buy one, claiming that it was no trouble for her to do the dishes—and besides, money was tight and they couldn’t afford one. She also remembered her mother saying, ‘The devil makes work for idle hands to do,’ so she put all ideas of a labour saving device out of her head. She put a lot of



ideas out of her head, thanks to her mother.

Trevor is no longer on the scene, leaving Brenda to live with Barnaby on a lifestyle block on the West Coast, living off the land, selling vegetables, unpasteurised milk at the gate and wind-dried organic garlic at the local farmers market. It took Trevor many years to realise that he was in fact, waiting at the wrong bus stop.

Brenda keeps in touch with Trevor’s mother and once a month visits for a glass of sherry, Griffins

Snax crackers followed by, in the words of Trevor’s mother, ‘a little light supper’. On a good day this might be a ‘heat and eat’ reduced for quick sale at the end of the day. Brenda never understood why this was ‘supper’ as the meal was usually over by seven o’clock.

Trevor and Brenda, since they got married, went to church every Sunday. Trevor didn’t believe in a higher power and only went along to please Brenda, anything for a quiet life he thought. During the winter months, after the late morning service Brenda would go home to prepare Sunday lunch. It was somewhat of a ritual: a roast, vegetables from the garden and a dessert, usually a pavlova or berry crumble with vanilla ice-cream. It was always vanilla, Brenda wasn’t one to experiment or live life on the edge.

Thinking back, as she washed the breakfast cups with her dishcloth carefully chosen to match the green colour of the china cups, deep down Brenda, looking back, wondered why it took Trevor so long to sweep up the crumbs from the communion wafers and to do a stocktake on the half empty bottles of red wine, ready for the evening service. Why was he always late home from work on a Tuesday and Thursday, red faced and often in need of a Milo before bed to settle him?

Barnaby was the churchwarden — a role he’d had since leaving his job as a waterslide tester in Florida and a stint as a professional mourner. Barnaby wore floral shirts (that reminded Brenda of wallpaper from mothers home) and high-waisted pleated trousers.

Brenda and Trevor’s daughter Jane — an awkward op shop cardigan wearer with small feet and no friends (other than the checkout operator, June, the lady with the knitters’ hands, a head band and costume jewellery)—lives at home with Brenda. As a teenager Jane aspired to being the weather girl on the TV, or a flight attendant, but this wasn’t to be.

With bad acne, more halitosis than her pet cat, poor dress sense and ginger hair it seemed her only options were in fast food or telemarketing, but by a sheer stroke of luck her friend June got her a job as a taxi dispatcher.

With Uber being the ride of choice for millenials, corporate women with inappropriate night time shoes, and male executives doing after work drinks on ‘No Tie Friday’ (that seemed now to apply to any

work day), she wondered if regular taxis may soon be as rare as telephones with a dial, she applied for a job as a corrections officer.

Brenda spent a long time at the kitchen sink, from here she got a birds-eye view of the comings and goings in the suburban street. Brenda, still not sure that even two squirts were sufficient, added a third, and then she spotted her new neighbour. A tall lady with unfriendly hair wearing a Fedora hat and a designer beige trouser suit got out of her car and quickly walked up the garden path to her house. Brenda felt sure the new neighbour was from Auckland; they wear Fedora hats in Auckland she was reliably informed by the Woman’s Weekly magazine in the doctor’s waiting room. Brenda hadn’t yet met her new neighbour and intended to ask her in for coffee and a piece of homemade feijoa and coconut slice. If she is from Auckland, Brenda thought to herself, perhaps it should be something with avocado — they eat avocados north of the Bombay Hills.

Brenda frantically tried to catch the woman’s eye and wave, but she was too late, the new arrival had already got to her front door, putting the wicker basket down so she could open the door.

Both her hands were full, one of them carrying a very large bouquet of yellow and pink roses. ‘Yellow and pink’, Brenda thought to herself ‘yellow and pink — that’s surely an Auckland thing’. She quickly decided there and then that when her turn on the roster came around to do the church flowers, they would be yellow and pink. Brenda found inspiration in many places, not just the good book.

The new neighbour was now the focus of the washing up ritual as Brenda had all but given up trying to be friends with the woman on the other side — a short woman with badly cropped hair and body piercings, besides she wasn’t sure if she wanted to get closely acquainted with a female that could reverse a trailer. It just seemed wrong.

Brenda did notice the new neighbour had fat calves and did a quick Hail Mary for thinking such unkind thoughts. Now that Trevor had left Brenda to live happily ever after with Barnaby she was lonely and desperate to find someone or something to fill the void.

To fill the gap in her life she went to evening classes in ‘Rug Making on a Budget’ and ‘Soap Carving for

# Mental health and living with Covid

Rushani Bowman

In this dynamic and ever-changing time we find ourselves in, it can feel challenging to keep up with the latest news regarding New Zealand's response to Covid-19. For up-to-date information please check out the Government's website [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)

Regardless what coloured light setting we are at, our mental health is an area we must ensure we continue to take care of. How does this look during a time of uncertainty and change. What is mental health and how can we support friends and whānau?

We have our physical health, the bricks and mortar that is our body. Then there is our mental health, our emotional, social and psychological well-being. Whilst understanding physical health is clearer and better understood, mental health is an area gaining more traction for it affects how we think, feel and act. How we handle stress, relate to others and make choices are based around our mental health.

Talking about mental health is very important for it helps improve our communities by making it more acceptable for those suffering from mental illnesses to seek help and learn how to cope. After all mental health isn't just about mental illnesses, but about maintaining a positive state of wellbeing. With that in mind, how do we stay positive when needing to self-isolate because one of the kids caught Covid at school? Or an adult in the family came back with a positive test? Whether isolating on your own or with others, with children or flatmates, the days of self-isolation can seem like a very long time. Moments of feeling over it, overwhelmed, hōhā or a bit frustrated are totally ok. It's also all right to feel grateful, lucky or relieved.

Remember that a pandemic is not an easy thing to live through, but if we stick together we will find that we have what we need to get through this.

We all understand the importance of staying active. This is particularly important for those self-isolating, and you can exercise outdoors in your neighbourhood, just not at any shared exercise facility such as a swimming pool or gym. Don't forget to socially distance yourself and take your mask with you. How fortunate are we then, to be able to access the hills of the harbour and have the plentiful space

and unparalleled views whilst we boost our feel good factor. For those days when getting outside isn't an option, what about 'the floor is lava' with the kids or 'keepy uppy' with a balloon? (Thanks Bluey).

Sticking to your routine or starting a new one, both of which are good for our mental health. Try to wake up and go to sleep at the same time, eat your meals at regular times and have regular Zoom meetings with work colleagues or virtual coffee dates with friends. Explore different ways to relax. Perhaps it's lighting a scented candle, switching off with a good book, journaling or watching a movie. Finding things that help us switch off helps re-energise our minds and bodies. Be aware of how much news you are following. Take notice of how it makes you feel and set time limits or restrictions on your news sources, if need be.

Beginners' but neither of these really ticked the box and the rug she made she donated to The Sallies; it was still in the shop and the scraps of soap she carved into models of Kiwis and assorted Biblical characters were wrapped in tissue paper ready to be given as Christmas gifts.

Wanting to widen her horizons, Brenda went to the local church hall for French lessons, given by the brother of the vicar's wife. The class was held in the church hall and followed on from an AA meeting. Brenda recalled that the room always had an aroma of peppermint mouthwash (probably to disguise the fact that the attendees were still drinking) and she would arrive early and spray the air with a can of air freshener from home — apricot and lavender. The French classes, unfortunately, were cancelled after two weeks as the teacher was deported for overstaying and the nearest Brenda got to anything French was a croissant from the bakery down the road.

Brenda, after finishing the wiping up, hung the tea towel over the oven door handle. The phone rang; Brenda went into the hall to answer it. There was no one there — this was happening a lot lately. Brenda put the supposed wrong numbers or silences down to the fact that the phone has a dial. She locked the door, said goodbye to the cat and headed off to the bus stop.

Brenda arrived after at the café one hour, three buses and a long walk later. Brenda hadn't been to this café before, it only opened a month ago, and she thought she might become acquainted here with more than a croissant. The café had seating indoors and out — not such a good idea today — with small round tables, plenty of wood panelling and red and black décor. Brenda had read, again in a Woman's Weekly on one of her all too frequent visits to the doctor's, that French café culture is for people who like to be seen and to people watch. Brenda looked around for quiet book readers, romantic couples, business meetings and animated groups of friends sharing a bottle or two of wine. There were only two other people in the café, ignoring each other and staring at their mobile phones. Perhaps it was too early, perhaps it was because it was a Monday, whatever the reason Brenda felt misinformed and deflated — much like she did when she found out that the Briscoes lady actually had grey hair.

Brenda sipped her café au lait, agonised if she should try a canelé or a macaroon and looked at her watch. It was 11:45. Perhaps they've got held up, maybe she'd got the day or time wrong, or indeed got confused with the name of the café.

Amongst a travel pack of tissues, hand sanitiser, hair elastic, breath mints, a healthy snack and a water bottle she found the letter she'd carefully folded and placed there earlier. She slowly read each and every handwritten word, accompanied by watery eyes and a wobbly chin.

After a further fifteen minutes Brenda decided that they weren't coming, paid the bill and headed off to the bus stop. It was raining hard and her plastic foldaway rain hat did little to keep the driving rain off. Arriving home, she put the jug on, took off her wet clothes and sat at the kitchen table. From the very bottom of her handbag she pulled out a small brown paper bag containing a green perfectly formed macaroon and placed it on a plate that matched the teacup. She poured herself a cup of tea and took a bite of the French deliciousness and wondered if perhaps macaroons would be more suitable. Perhaps she doesn't like avocados.

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# Jetty Rebuild will Start in August 2022

After 7 long years, the trust responsible for saving the 300-metre-long jetty at Governors Bay has announced the rebuild will start in August and is scheduled to be finished by the end of February 2023.

HEB Construction will be rebuilding the jetty, with Australian hardwood supplied by LMA Timber for the sub-structure. Most of the deck and all of the balustrades are locally sourced hardwood from Little River.

Chair of the trust, Prue Miller, says “The timber has been ordered and is due to arrive in early August. The rebuild will commence 1 August and is scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2023. The total project cost is \$3.5 million, of which the trust has already secured almost \$1.9 million.”

A Christchurch City Council-facilitated line of credit has allowed the trust commit to a commencement date of 1 August, and to fix the prices to avoid escalating construction costs. The Trust has submitted a bid to the Council for funding to be provided during the rebuild on a 50% cost-sharing basis. However, the trust needs to continue fundraising at least a further \$820,000 before August to avoid drawing on the Council-facilitated line of credit. It is calling on everyone to be part of this amazing journey and has recently partnered with the Christchurch Foundation.

Secretary of the trust, Louisa Eades, says “Every donation helps! Donations of \$25 or more can go into the ‘lucky plank draw’ and donations of \$600 or more are recognised as plank sponsors and have the



*Signing (left to right): Martin Thompson (LMA Timber), Adrian Blok (HEB Construction), Simon Mortlock (Patron, Governors Bay Jetty Restoration Trust)*

option to get their name or short message etched on a plank on the new jetty. There are also opportunities to sponsor a front plank, a bench, a ramp, or even a platform!”.

For more information, see [www.savethejetty.org](http://www.savethejetty.org).

## Background information

The jetty in Governors Bay was built in 1874 as a short jetty and was used to moor steamships that transported people and goods between Lyttelton and the head of the harbour. It was extended to 300 metres in 1913 due to silting of the bay, which restricts access to the water outside of high tide.

Once Dyers Pass Road made access a lot easier, the jetty took on a new purpose. It provided a unique place for recreation – walking, swimming, kayaking, boating, and jetty jumping and connected the land and the people to the sea. When the 2011 earthquakes struck, the jetty was owned by Christchurch City Council. It was closed in July 2011 after it was deemed unsafe and has remained closed ever since. Governors Bay Jetty Restoration Trust (a group of local volunteers) was formed in 2015 when Christchurch City Council said that rebuilding the jetty at an estimated \$7.8 million was not economic and it would remain closed indefinitely. The community was determined that this was not the end of the jetty and stepped up to the challenge of running and fundraising for the rebuild, with support and part-funding from Council. The trust took over ownership of the jetty from Council for a dollar in 2019. Since then, it has gone through the design and consenting process and went to tender in July last year. Covid-19 caused delays, but after a thorough selection and negotiation process, the trust ordered the timber supplies in March 2022 and finalised the construction contract with HEB Construction last week. With fixed pricing now secured, the trust can confirm a total project cost of just \$3.5 million. The trust has requested the Council to fund this on a 50/50 shared basis. If the Council agree, the cost to the Council will be just 22% of their original rebuild estimate.

On completion of the rebuild, the trust will then transfer the jetty back to Council ownership (again for a dollar) for the enjoyment of all Christchurch residents and visitors to the area.

# A cup of tea with Rowena Laing-Odering

Rushani Bowman

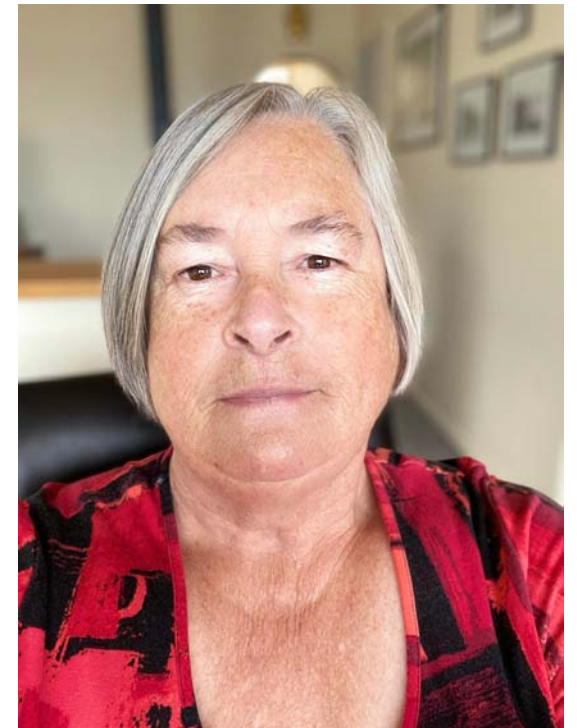
Rowena Laing was born in Lyttelton at the maternity hospital in 1958. Her father was also born here in the ‘Casualty Ward’ which is where Sutton Reserve is now. 90 Oxford Street and 18 Randolph Terrace were two of her homes, and after getting married she stayed in Lyttelton.

Eventually she moved through to Christchurch; however, after 3 years she missed knowing the people and so came back home and has been here ever since. In fact she and her husband were able to buy their house on Exeter Street because the price was dropped for them, purely for being locals.

Some of Rowena’s memories include when the road tunnel opened, as before they had to travel over Evans Pass to Sumner and onwards to Papanui to visit grandparents, a trip they did once a month. As children they would play and make huts amongst beautiful spring flowers in the Anglican cemetery on Canterbury Street. She also spoke very fondly of the Lyttelton rules, the unwritten but always obeyed rules that ruled the roost. Common courtesy things like if someone smiles at you, acknowledge them and smile back. Some streets are one-way and no, we don’t need a sign to tell you that and you always give way to a car travelling up a hill. If there was a job that needed doing, you get it done without passing the buck. If you see something happen you never turn a blind eye. Going “up the gully” means to go up Hawkhurst road and “go down the street” refers to London Street. Most importantly, you look after others as your own.

The biggest change Rowena has seen in Lyttelton over the years is that there is now a better blend of people. Before there were predominately blue collar folk who were very staunch locals and she feels that now there is more of a mix of people which allows greater diversity. She has also noticed that now children have the option to go to different schools and adults often work in Christchurch, which can take away from the true village life she remembers as a child and young adult.

After the earthquake in 2011, she really noticed how it helped people mesh together again, feeling once more like the village that had the true community spirit she remembers so fondly. Of course many people left after the earthquakes, including some locals. Many older people found it hard to adapt to the changes. The many demolished buildings were sad to



witness, but the devastation to the Timeball and Holy Trinity was “like a death” for they were a beautiful old buildings of significance to Lyttelton. “Each time a building was demolished it was like going to a funeral”.

Rowena and her husband have recently decided it is time to leave their beloved home and have moved to be closer to their family and grandchildren. She is looking forward to visiting Lyttelton regularly and knows she will slot right back in again, for it will forever be home.

Her hopes for Lyttelton’s future is for crime to reduce, for the village feeling to come back as she felt was apparent when the earthquakes hit, and also after Robyn and Fraser’s recent house fire. She hopes people continue to give away what they don’t need, and perhaps adopt an old gravestone and keep it clean as a sign of respect for what was. She feels there needs to be more a police presence in Lyttelton, and CCTV. And advice from Rowena? “If you’re in a rush, still acknowledge people for they may be dead soon”.

Wishing you all the best with the move. The kettle will be on for your regular visits back home.



# Snippets

## Introducing a subscription service

Don't want to miss out on your monthly copy of The Lyttelton Harbour Review? A limited number of each edition are printed and if you would like to support the ongoing work of the Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre whilst securing your monthly copy, please contact us for our subscription rates. [review@lytteltoninfocentre.nz](mailto:review@lytteltoninfocentre.nz)

## Rotten Radio

A community-based radio station in Lyttelton. We transmit 24/7 within the crater rim on 107.7FM with an open door policy. A wide array of DJ's play an eclectic mix of music to upset even the most discerning ear. We've been broadcasting for eight golden years now with much thanks to everyone who has either volunteered, housed us or stayed at home glued to the wireless.

Extra special thanks to the Loons Club for letting us hoist our antenna. Apparently we will be streaming online soon to a worldwide audience, but I'll believe that when I see it.

Contact us through Facebook or [radiatorotten@gmail.com](mailto:radiatorotten@gmail.com)

S. Rotten  
CEO



JB Revivalist and Mix Master Minchos at the Studio

## Sail GP Dates Announced

SailGP is live action sailing as you've never experienced it before. It has to be seen to be believed.

Watch huge 2-tonne hydrofoiling catamarans fly weightless across the water at electrifying speeds; 15 meters long yet vying for glory that comes down to inches at the finish.

Witness the thrills, spills, daring manoeuvres and near misses as the boats push their limits racing through Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour.

From ten teams over nine countries there can be only one winner. And the stakes have never been higher. The New Zealand Sail Grand Prix is the last event before the grand finale in San Francisco. Watch the athletes lay it all on the line and be there to cheer on Kiwis Peter Burling, Blair Tuke and the New Zealand SailGP Team.

The New Zealand Sail Grand Prix will be hosted in the vibrant city of Christchurch. Racing takes place in the spectacular Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour, on the side of an ancient volcano under the guardianship of Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke Rāpaki. March 18-19, from 4.00pm each day.

## Draft Coastal Hazards Plan is open for feedback.

We're proposing a range of changes to our District Plan to provide for our continued growth and prosperity. We need to avoid increased risk of harm to people and property from coastal hazards such as flooding, tsunami and erosion. Population growth, housing issues - including housing affordability - and climate change are prompting a re-think of some of Ōtautahi-Christchurch's planning rules.

Open for feedback until 13-May 2022. <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/haveyoursay/show/504>

## Draft Heritage Plan change is open for feedback.

We're proposing 11 new Residential heritage Areas across the city and adding around 65 buildings, items and building interiors to the Schedule of Significant Historic Heritage, to recognise Ōtautahi-Christchurch's special identity. One of the proposed residential heritage areas is in the Lyttelton Township.

Open for feedback until 13-May 2022. <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/haveyoursay/show/506>

## Half-price fares for public transport

Following the Government's announcement on 14th March that public transport fares across Aotearoa New Zealand are to be temporarily reduced for a three-month period, Environment Canterbury is delighted to announce that half-price fares for all Metrobus services and the Diamond Harbour ferry service in Greater Christchurch have come into effect as of 1 April 2022.

The temporary fare reduction aims to help ease the financial burden for Kiwis as the cost of living increases. Customers are advised to board services and pay for their journey as they normally would, and they will automatically be charged the new discounted fare. "We're pleased that customers will be able to enjoy the benefits of discounted fares over the next few months" said Stewart Gibbon, ECan's General Manager of public transport. "For example, travel by bus within Christchurch is now reduced to \$1.30 with a Metrocard, or \$2.10 with cash".

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# What's going on

## Lyttelton Volunteer Fire Brigade

What has the Lyttelton Volunteer Fire Brigade (LVFB) been up to recently? In the amphitheatre that is Lyttelton, where the siren might sound like it's right outside your window, do you have a nose to look for smoke or to see where the flashing red lights are off to?

This column in the Lyttelton Harbour Review will do its best to keep you posted, something newspapers over the past 149 years used to do on a regular basis.

That's right, 2023 will be a momentous year - the 150th anniversary of a brigade adaptable in the face of several unique difficulties.

Topography—spare a thought for the guys who had to hand haul a large wheeled hose reel up to Brenchley Road or the current brigade drivers who have to squeeze their way along Cunningham Terrace..

Isolation—when the telegraph wasn't manned messengers had to be sent through the rail tunnel.

Water supply—that might sound weird in a harbour town but early on water was a real problem.

Not to mention the unique complications and risks of a working port (on more than one occasion the only sensible solution to a ship on fire was to sink it.) You only have to look back at 150 years of newspapers to see the LVFB had a sterling reputation that all of today's members are proud to maintain. The brigade is in great heart with an almost full membership, though of course we have also had to be adaptable in these unusual Covid times. Like separate training nights and duty rosters, to reduce the risks by splitting the brigade down the middle. So far this year call numbers are well up on the monthly average.

Preparations for the 150th anniversary on Labour Weekend next year include the production of a book. Much research has already been done but there is no doubt there are gaps in our knowledge. If you or your family have any stories that relate to the LVFB from 1873 to the current day we would love to hear from you. And photographs, especially photographs. We want to make the book both readable and interesting for everyone. Please send to [gee.walker@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gee.walker@xtra.co.nz).

So, next time the siren rattles your brain at 2.00am, please spare a thought for the volunteers - all 150 years of them - and their 'commendable promptitude' as the papers 150 years ago would have said.

*Glen Walker*

## Stoddart Cottage Peninsula Women Exhibition

In May, Stoddart Cottage Gallery is excited to present Peninsula Women, the first solo exhibition of work by Charteris Bay-based social documentary photographer, Nicola Thorne. In Peninsula Women, Nicola shows women living in the Banks Peninsula undertaking everyday activities at home and work: from midwife and arborist, to sheep farmer and mechanic.

Focusing on the historic, cultural and social dynamics of everyday people, these documentary photographs reveal some of the diverse roles that women hold in our unique geographic environment. Nicola's thoughtful and intelligent black and white images capture and celebrate women of varying ages and backgrounds who are both ordinary and extraordinary, who achieve but are seldom recognised.

Nicola graduated with a BFA(Hons) in Photography from the University of Canterbury, Ilam School of Fine Arts in 2018. It was during her university studies that she developed a strong passion in researching and documenting contemporary New Zealand women. She builds relationships with those she photographs, documenting the historical, cultural and social dynamics of everyday New Zealanders with an appreciation of their lifestyles.

Peninsula Women exhibition dates:  
6th–29th May 2022.

Stoddart Cottage Gallery, 2 Waipapa Avenue,  
Diamond Harbour

Opening event: Saturday 7th May, 3.00–5.00pm - all welcome following Covid-19 Protection Framework protocols

Open Friday-Sunday plus most public holidays,  
10.00am–4.00pm.

*Dr Jo Burzynska*



*The photo was taken by Denver Lee (a volunteer) on Saturday 9th April during the Canterbury Jet Sports club ride.*

## Coast Guard

Coastguard Canterbury needs a new building!

Coastguard Canterbury was founded in 1977 by a group of volunteer boating enthusiasts who wanted to provide support to the community of Te Whakaraupō. Today we continue that honour by being on call 24/7 to those who need us, be it a struggling windsurfer becoming hypothermic, or a boatie broken down 26nm offshore near the Hapuku hole. Our 31-strong volunteer crew train on a weekly basis to better our skills in search and rescue operations.

We've been kept busy this past year with organising fundraising events and offering on-water safety support for Garden City Helicopters, Arawa Canoe Club, and most recently the Canterbury Jet Sports Club to name a few! But to keep operating safely and efficiently we need a new whare.

As a result of the Christchurch earthquakes in 2011 our building was damaged but we continued to occupy it until it was demolished last year in preparation for SailGP. Our base is presently temporary portacoms located next to the boat ramp whilst we fundraise for our new building. We have a limited budget from Coastguard NZ and are currently seeking funding for our new build so we can continue to support our community saving lives at sea.

*Oonagh Daly*



*The NPCL Finn fleet crossing the start line for a race during the Club Champs.*

## Naval Point Club

Based down near the recreation grounds in the basin of Whakaraupō, Naval Point Club Lyttelton is the home to our local sailors, whether that be youth beginning to learn to sail and furthering their sailing ventures, or those who have been around the ocean a few more times in boats big or small. During the summer months there are Learn to Sail and training programs for our youth, and twice-weekly racing for anyone with a dinghy, trailer yacht or keel boat, whether that be a cruising boat or racing boat with a variety of short races in the harbour and longer races which explore Pegasus Bay.

We are not only the home to sailors, but many waka paddlers with a variety of different waka. You would typically see paddlers out most days utilizing the beautiful surrounds of Lyttelton Harbour, as well as surf life savers, ocean swimmers, ocean water polo and power boat enthusiasts who all share the same passion for the water.

Recently, Naval Point Club Lyttelton hosted the annual Cholmondeley home charity race day. A raft of businesses and keel boat owners came together for an afternoon of racing out on the harbour, greeted by a gentle breeze, many people partook in their first sailing and racing experience. A successful day was had supporting a local charity.

*Amanda Norris*



# What's going on

## Lyttelton Port Company

Kia ora koutou. This is the Lyttelton Port Company's first column where we have the chance to engage directly with you, the Lyttelton Harbour community.

So, for the first column, we want to give you an update on what's been happening at LPC, and an insight into some of the projects you can probably see from your house.

Firstly, the dry dock's new amenities building. We're upgrading from the building, which was so old that at the end of its life it was missing parts of the roof and ceiling. It will be a more than welcome addition for our domestic and international crews who use the dry dock in their stay at Lyttelton.

The new upgraded facility will include new toilets and showers, and is nearing completion. Once that's done, we'll be looking to add internationally recognised wayfinding signage, to help find and use the building.

In other news, we blessed the site of a new maintenance workshop build with a karakia and traditional blessing of the land. This included the placing of mauri (life force) stones, which will be placed at the north, south, east and west of the site, representing wayfinding and seafaring.

Hawkins are now setting up on-site and are ready to start the one-year project. The new workshop features a 23m high service bay for four straddles; workshop spaces, offices, breakrooms, and bathrooms.

The blessing of the site also commemorated the closing of the Empty Container Yard at Lyttelton Port, which was opened in 2012, and helped the container terminal ease congestion and increase capacity for container storage.

We've also said goodbye to a few of our longest serving staff recently. Neil McLennan had been with LPC's engineering team for 47 years when he retired last week. We also said goodbye to crane driver, Ray Spain, after 42 years' service, and to Bobby Murray, who finished up after 42 years in logistics.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to those men for their tremendous efforts. Your work here has been crucial to our success. We wish you and your whānau all the best in your retirement.

If you have a question for us, or would like to suggest a topic for us to discuss in our monthly contributions to the Review, please get in touch with us by emailing

LPCcommunications@LPC.co.nz.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Fraser Walker-Pearce



*The dry dock's amenities building, where construction is nearing completion.*

## Te Ūaka - The Lyttelton Museum

A bold new building to explore Lyttelton's past and inform Lyttelton's future

In 1969, led by the inspirational Baden Norris, a dedicated team of local volunteers opened the first Lyttelton Museum in the former Shipping Company Headquarters on Hawkhurst Road. In 1980 came a move to the old Merchant Navy Centre on Gladstone Quay, which was the Museum's home for thirty years.

Sadly, the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes caused significant damage to the premises, forcing the Museum's closure and necessitating demolition. However, the Lyttelton Volunteer Fire Brigade and Air Force Museum staff were able to rescue the precious artefacts, which are now in safe storage at the Air Force Museum at Wigram.

In 2016 Lyttelton Historical Museum Society members voted to proceed with plans for a new Museum. Our goal is to provide a contemporary space in which to preserve, celebrate and share the taonga and stories of Ōhinehou—Lyttelton and Whakaraupō—Lyttelton Harbour.

Our application for resource consent is currently under review. Meanwhile we are keeping the Collection alive through our fascinating weekly historical narratives, based on six themes: Mana Whenua, Antarctica, Colonial Canterbury, Maritime, Lyttelton Local and Lyttelton by Nature.

You can find these articles on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TeUakaTheLytteltonMuseum>, our website <https://www.teuaka.org.nz/news-events> or in the Bay Harbour News.

Sarah Lamont

*The Museum Cabin is located on the proposed building site at 35 London Street - land gifted to us by the Christchurch City Council in a significant show of support for our vision. The Cabin is staffed on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am to 2.00pm - you are welcome to visit to chat about plans and how you might be able to get involved.*



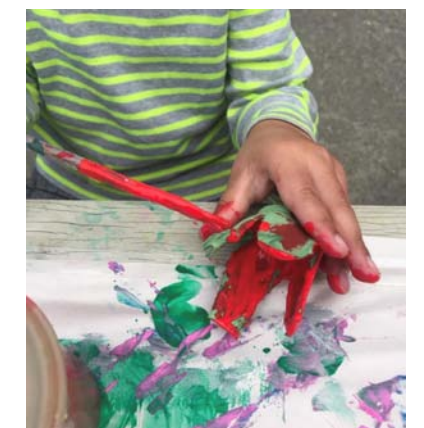
## Busy C's Preschool

Ngā mihi o Te Aranga—Best wishes for a happy Easter break, from Busy C's Preschool

We are closed for the statutory holidays only and otherwise open always from 7.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

Anzac Day is commemorated each year with the Busy C's tamariki creating a wreath to be presented at our local cenotaph, remembering the brave soldiers that kept our country safe.

Ka maumahara tonu tatou ki a rātou—We shall remember them.



*Clockwise from bottom left: Roma the Lion, Cohen and Alex reading, Anzac poppy painting, Fox and Arlo building a city*



# What's going on

## Community Board

I'm a member of the Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board, grateful to have been elected to represent Lyttelton alongside Tyrone Fields. Our role is to bring local decision making to a community level, providing residents with the opportunity to be involved in the decision-making process for the issues that affect us all.

The idea of this regular column in the Lyttelton Review is to provide an update of local issues coming to the Community Board. My hope is that it will allow for greater engagement and input, and ultimately better outcomes.

Recently we have consulted on actions we can take to make Lyttelton safer for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. This has seen a reduction in the speed limit in Port to 40kmh. We are currently reviewing feedback on various proposals to make London, Oxford and Canterbury Streets safer for pedestrians, especially with so many local children walking to school.

We've also had lots of feedback that our public toilets in Port were terrible. They were. A temporary facility is now in place on the corner of Oxford St and Sumner Road whilst a new facility is designed and built adjacent to the Lyttelton Information Centre. It's also hoped that the capacity of our toilet facility in Albion Square can be increased.

Making sure we get the basics right ensures Lyttelton continues to be a great place to live, and that we can be proud to welcome visitors.

Your feedback to the Community Board is critical to making sure we can do this.

As we move towards more familiar times, and a world where we are less restricted by the risks associated with Covid-19 it is good to know that our regular Community Board meetings will once again happen in person, allowing for the public to attend and participate.

One positive legacy of the pandemic meeting model is that our meetings will continue to be live-streamed, making it easier for people across the Peninsula to take part. I am looking forward to this forum, in the reimagined Lyttelton Review providing the opportunity to regularly update and connect with you.

Ngā mihi  
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## Leslie's Bookstore

Another month of retailing in the Covid-19 environment for Lyttelton retailers dealing with all the issues that running a retail business involves in this environment – friendly staff, customer service, communication skills – seems to be second nature to most of the retailers in Lyttelton.

A certain retailer below a well-known coffee shop is trying to learn about that word that begins with W (Work Thing?) – Can someone please tell me what it means? I don't understand the concept, I just look in magazines, oh, and talk to the occasional customer who, this week, bought an Italia Magazine. Trying to learn customer service/communication skills, whatever that means???

We try to sell the very occasional book or magazine, or if we are really lucky, might even sell a pencil. But most people who come down the stairs seem to enjoy the interesting experience of retailing that Leslie's is known for – a different type of customer service/communication skill.

It's been a tough month for everybody dealing with Omicron, and life issues, and we hope everybody keeps safe and looks after each other. In these times you need friends who understand you, on the good days and on the not so good days.

### Paul's magazine picks for the month:

Art NZ ( Number 181/Autumn 2022):  
A great NZ art magazine with always great NZ art articles.

NZ Geographic ( March/April ) Issue 174:  
Always has fantastic articles and the photos are incredible.

Rum ( International Edition):  
A Scandinavian magazine of design & interiors

### Paul's Book Picks for the month

Steam Trails - Life Viewed From the Guards Van:  
All you railway fans will love it.

Lavericks Bay—The History & Its People:  
A great Banks Peninsula Story.

Bill Hammond—Across The Evening Sky:  
A stunning book about a lovely fantastic Lyttelton person who also was a great NZ artist. The articles and art work in the book are brilliant, but to me the best part of the book is Jane's photo of him. Lovely.

Paul Leslie

## Community House

A new year with lots of changes for Lyttelton Community House.

We welcome a new permanent chef for our meal delivery service, Joy Hammond.

We sadly farewelled two dedicated volunteer drivers, Barbara Kaye and Jill Hammond, and two outstanding and long-standing chefs, Karen Matoe and Rohan, and volunteer Pauline Goodfellow. We also farewelled and wish well for Chris Haywood, our community worker.

We welcomed Sally and Steve and Toni as new volunteer drivers doing a really good job delivering meals.

Our Diamond Harbour volunteer meal delivery drivers continue their mahi. Thank you.

The last morning tea with speaker Juliet Neill was enjoyed by many at Lyttelton Community Church in January. Thank you all for your mahi.

We have temporarily stopped the morning teas and Seniors days due to Covid. Our community van outings on a Thursday continue.

Our Tuesday community lunches continue, as does the Foodbank. Thanks to the many donations of fruit and vegetables and lunches for the community foodbank.

Volunteer driver wanted!  
Sally and Steve are returning to the UK so in April we will need a new volunteer driver to deliver meals on a Wednesday Starting between 2.00pm.–3.00pm. If interested, phone 741 1427

Companion volunteer also needed on a Tuesday to enable a woman to walk to her hairdresser. More info if you call me. Phone 741 1427

Woodys pine cones and kindling available cheap at \$5.00 a bag.

Claire Coveney  
facilitator@lytteltoncommunityhouse.org.nz  
741 1427

## The Recreation Centre

If you're looking for a venue to host a social event, the Trinity Hall kitchen now has a new oven and dishwasher making this space more user-friendly and functional for various community social gatherings.

Previously, there has been a ban on the consumption of alcohol at the facility; however, this was recently reviewed by the Lyttelton Recreation Centre Trust (who now manage the facility) in consultation with the Christchurch City Council.

Following on from the review process, a decision was made to lift the alcohol ban and allow alcohol to be consumed at the facility but only with the pre-approval of the Lyttelton Recreation Centre Trust. Any event or activity where alcohol is required will need to be approved by the LRC Facility Manager.

This will involve a site visit to ensure care, responsibility and management is properly adhered to.

For any booking enquiries, please contact the Facility Manager at manager@lrct.org.nz or 021 111 6069

Nathan Manger



Kitchen facilities at The Recreation Centre



# What's going on

## Project Lyttelton

Welcome to “The PL Pages”. For those of you who don't know us, we are a Lyttelton based community organisation who run projects focussed on sustainability, fostering connections between individuals and community, and looking at ways we can all live a little lighter on our planet.

The Project Lyttelton Eco-System



Our projects run each week so come and join us:

- Host The Lyttelton Farmers Market on Saturdays (come rain or shine!) We support local growers to bring fresh, seasonal produce into our community each week.
- Deliver every Wednesday fruit and veg boxes with the Affordable Fruit and Veg team - \$15 for a full bag and \$7.50 for a half bag – just need to organise to pay the week before.
- Recycle pre-loved donated goods at the Garage Sale, reducing the amount of waste going into landfill, and “renewing, re-inventing, refurbishing”.
- Repair and upcycle with The Mending Group who look at innovative ways to reduce the mountains of textile waste happening worldwide.
- Reduce carbon with the Community Carbon Coach. Together we can look at what we can all do to make the changes we need to reduce our individual, community and national carbon footprint.
- Build community resilience through the Lyttelton Harbour Timebank where the currency is time. There is no need for money as community

members exchange skills with each other for time bank hours.

- Welcome new households into our community with a Welcome Bag, a handmade bag of goodies and community information for anyone moving into our community. We want Lyttelton to feel like home so let us know if you know of anyone new to our area.
- Inform (when Covid allows) on issues around the environment, climate change and sustainability through The Learning Exchange, Community Conversations, and the LIFT Library.



This month we are highlighting the beautiful Lyttelton Community Garden and celebrate the amazing group who gather every Wednesday to grow the abundance of food produced in the garden this summer.

We had a bountiful crop of purple peaches this year and managed to get creative with ways to enjoy them. Together we ate them fresh off the tree and preserved a lot in the forms of fruit leather, fruit powder, cordial and chutney (using Kate McRae's roasted nectarine chutney recipe from Harbour Kitchens!). Yum!

Spending time in the garden also offers the chance for reflection now that the produce has been harvested and days are getting shorter. What did I enjoy growing this season? What grew well? What will I try next year? Plenty of winter evenings sitting by the fire eating pumpkin soup should help with contemplating these questions.

Volunteers meet in the Community Garden every Wednesday anytime between 9.30am and 3.30pm with a break for lunch at 12.30pm. Gloves, tools and a cup of tea are available. Wear sturdy shoes.

Everyone is welcome. If you are new to gardening, come to learn new skills, and if you have been

gardening all your life, please come to share your knowledge.

## Project Lyttelton Community Carbon Coach

This month Project Lyttelton is excited to introduce our Lyttelton Community Carbon Coach. This role has been established to help households, business, and the wider community to look at their carbon footprints and discover ways to create a pathway towards reducing our collective footprint together; everyone's actions make a difference.

New Zealand is at a turning point, and we need to change how we think about and use transport, energy, water, and waste. This year Helen (our Community Carbon Coach) will be organising a series of discussions, workshops and events around Community Resilience, Food, Transport, Energy, Water and Waste. She is also available to meet with individuals and groups to talk about individual carbon footprinting journeys. Get in touch with Project Lyttelton if you're interested in being part of a community conversation around reducing carbon in Lyttelton or wanting to look at what you can do to reduce your footprint. You can also see Helen's article on Healthy Homes in the next Review

We would love to see you at the Portal (our Office at 54a Oxford Street) Wednesday to Friday. New volunteers are always welcome, as are any community-minded ideas and initiatives you may have.

If you'd like to find out more about Project Lyttelton, check out [www.projectlyttelton.org](http://www.projectlyttelton.org) or contact Project Lyttelton at 328 9243 or [info@projectlyttelton.net.nz](mailto:info@projectlyttelton.net.nz)

*The Project Lyttelton Team*

## LIFT Library

The LIFT Library, one of Project Lyttelton's initiatives, has had various homes since starting up in 2011. It was established with enthusiasm and huge assistance by Margaret Jefferies and Helen Dew of Living Economies, after the first ever nationwide Timebank conference, held in Lyttelton. Firstly it was in my home, with public presentations on a little table at the Project Lyttelton space at the Saturday Farmers Market.

Most of the books, DVDs and magazines were provided by Project Lyttelton and Living Economies, until members' joining fees (\$20 for lifetime

membership, never increased!) enabled the purchase of newer books too. Over the years members and friends have continued to donate books, so the library has kept growing. Occasionally books that were less relevant to the themes were given away – that will probably continue.

The themes of LIFT are basically “Let's improve our world”.

The broad topics are:

- Food and Garden
- Environment (including climate change)
- Community (emphasising local strengths)
- Economics and politics (presenting alternatives)
- Health (mind and body)
- Local (Lyttelton, Christchurch, Banks Peninsula)
- Young Readers (and pre-readers)

When, in 2018, Project Lyttelton took over the management of the Recreation Centre, I was thrilled to have four big cupboards provided in the foyer, where I could introduce the library to people passing through – so the membership and numbers of books increased. In 2020 the management was handed over to a Trust.

In early February 2022, Rushani Bowman invited me to move the library to a little room at the Info Centre, where there is more focus on local activities. On 15th February LIFT's big shift happened. Now I am happily on duty at the front desk for all visitors twice a week, Wednesday afternoons and most Sundays, and often at various times in the LIFT room as well. Other volunteers on duty can also help people to use, or join, the library. This move to the Info Centre has had a great effect, as now more members are returning and borrowing items. And because there is such a strong team of volunteers on the front desk, I don't have to be on duty so often, and will be able to contribute to the community in other ways, such as assisting Lyttelton's Climate Coach.

## LIFT

L= LE (Living Economies)

I= Inspiration,

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# What's Cooking?

The juicy stone fruits of late summer have gone, now replaced with new season apples, pears and quince. Walnuts will soon be falling from the trees and who is lucky enough to have a feijoa bush in their backyard? As the weather starts to cool and days shorten, we turn to warming foods like soups, stews, curries or crumbles. The whiff of chimney smoke is starting to waft around our neighbourhood as we buckle in for autumn.

## Roasted Feijoa and Manuka Chutney | Peter Gordon

If you have a recipe perfect for mid-winter, Matariki celebrations and the winter solstice, send it in for our June edition.

The roasting process and the mix of spices makes this an unusual chutney, with a nice smoky flavour thanks to the cardamom. The spices are well worth hunting out, easily found at an Indian supermarket or online.

3 kg feijoas, peeled and roughly chopped  
1½ kg red onion, peeled and thinly sliced or chopped  
8 large green chillies, stems removed and julienned  
8 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped  
150 gm ginger, peeled and grated  
4 lemongrass stems, discard outer 2 layers and base of the stem, then thinly slice the bottom 12cm  
1 kg soft brown sugar  
2 tbsp sea salt  
2 pieces Manuka branch, 10cm with leaves attached (can substitute rosemary if needed)  
300 ml cider vinegar  
5 large lemons, juiced and zest julienned  
1 cinnamon quill, broken up roughly  
6 green cardamom pods, crushed  
6 black cardamom (can substitute 3 star anise if needed)  
6 star anise  
2 tbsp coriander seeds  
1 tbsp dried chilli flakes

Mix the first 10 ingredients (from feijoa to vinegar) together and leave in a covered nonreactive bowl overnight.

Next day, mix in the remaining ingredients then place in a wide nonreactive roasting dish (or two), in an oven preheated to 180C.

Cook the chutney for 2 to 3 hours, stirring from time to time. It's ready when the liquid has mostly evaporated, and the onions and fruit have started to caramelize.

Taste for seasoning, then spoon into very hot sterilised jars and seal. Let them cool down, then store in a fridge or very cool room away from the sun.

Leave for at least a week before using.



## Jenny's pumpkin, parmesan and thyme scones | Jenny Garing

A recipe I found in Harbour Kitchen's of Jenny Garing of Lyttelton's much loved and missed, Ground Deli.

200 gm pumpkin, small pieces  
drizzle of olive oil  
salt and black pepper  
225 gm self-raising flour, plus extra for dusting  
40 gm cold unsalted butter, diced plus extra for greasing  
25 gm parmesan cheese, grated  
leaves from 2 sprigs of thyme, finely chopped  
nutmeg, freshly grated  
60–100 ml buttermilk (or milk)  
milk, for brushing  
pumpkin seeds, to garnish

Line a baking tray with baking paper and preheat oven to 200C.

Spread the pumpkin pieces in a roasting tray and drizzle with a little oil. Season with salt and pepper. Roast for 20–25 minutes until tender. Mash the pumpkin then leave to cool completely.

Sift the flour and 1/2 teaspoon of salt into a bowl and add the butter. Using your fingertips, rub the butter into the flour until the mixture resembles bread crumbs. You can also use a food processor here.

Use a table knife to mix the mashed pumpkin into the flour mixture. Mix in the parmesan, thyme, and a good grating of nutmeg. Add just enough of the buttermilk to bring together and make a soft dough.

Turn out onto a lightly floured work top and form the dough into a ball, then pat out to approx 3 cm thickness. Cut out scones, or use a 6 cm fluted cutter. Gather up the trimmings and knead them together to make more scones.

Arrange the scones on the baking tray. Brush the tops with milk. Bake for about 12 minutes until risen and golden. Transfer to a wire rack to cool and garnish.



# Calendar

## Rāhina—Monday

### Community Choir

7.30pm at 40 Winchester Street  
School term only - all welcome

### Lyttelton Rotary Club

7.00pm 2nd and 4th Monday of each month  
Lyttelton St Johns Station London Street  
New members welcome  
Robyn Struthers 027 433 6875 for details

### Lyttelton mother4mother

Breast-feeding support group 10.00–12.00pm  
Andrea Solzer andrea.solzer@web.de

### Lyttelton Scouts

6.00–7.30pm  
Ruth Targus 021 259 3086

### Open Adults Ballet

11.00am–12.00pm Lyttelton Rec Centre

## Rātu—Tuesday

### Community House

12.00pm for shared lunch  
7 Dublin street - make new friends

### Harbour Yoga

6.00pm 105 Bridle Path Road

### Lyttelton Library Story Times

11.00–11.30am ON HOLD

### Diamond Harbour Bridge Club

1.00pm in the Hall Committee Room  
Social games and learners welcome

### Lyttelton St John Youth Division

St John Ambulance Station 52 London Street  
youth@stjohn.org.nz

## Rāapa—Wednesday

### Diamond Harbour Bridge Club

6.30pm Bowling club off Purau Ave  
Table money is \$5 includes supper  
Visitors very welcome

### Diamond Harbour Singers

7.00pm in the Green Room - all welcome  
Margie Newton diamondhbsingers@gmail.com

### Lyttelton Community Garden

10.00am every Wednesday - meet at the garden behind  
the Lyttelton Pool on Oxford Street  
For more information 328 9243

### Lyttelton Cubs

6.00–7.30pm Contact Ruth Targus 021 2593086

### Lyttelton Garage Sale

10.00–4.00pm 54a Oxford Street Lyttelton  
Second hand bargains and more

### Lyttelton Harbour Fruit and Vegetable Collective

Trading between 12.30–4.00pm. \$7.50 and \$15 bags  
of vegies. Pay online a week in advance. The Lyttelton  
Recreation Centre. 25 Winchester Street Lyttelton  
Contact Wendy Everingham 0210476144

### Lyttelton Library Knit and Yarn

10.00–12.00pm

### Lyttelton Playgroup

12.30pm–2.30pm Kidsfirst 33 Winchester Street  
328 8689 for more information

### Library of Tools and Things

5.00–7.00pm 25 Canterbury Street (in garage)  
Contact lytteltonlotts@gmail.com

### Stoddart Cottage Artisans group

4.00pm Meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday  
Secretary Christine Davey kcjoynt@xtra.co.nz

### Tai Chi

1.30–2.30pm Lyttelton Recreation Centre  
Bookings via WE

## Rāpare—Thursday

### Diamond Harbour Tai Chi Group

11.00am Community Hall  
88daruma@gmail.com for more information

### Governors Bay Volunteer Fire Brigade

7.00pm Governors Bay Fire Station  
Weekly training - new members welcome

### Harbour Yoga

6.00pm 105 Bridle Path Road

### Lyttel Tumblers

9.30–11.00am Lyttelton Recreation Centre  
25 Winchester Street

### Introduction course to Ballet for Adults

6.00pm–7.00pm Lyttelton Recreation Centre

### Lyttelton Garage Sale

10.00–4.00pm 54a Oxford Street Lyttelton  
Second hand bargains and more

### Lyttelton Volunteer Fire Brigade

7.00pm Lyttelton Fire Station  
Weekly training - new members welcome

### Lyttelton Strollers

10.00am start at the Lyttelton library London Street.  
Contact Community House for information 741 1427

## Lyttelton Recreation Centre

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## Rāmere—Friday

### Dance Fitness

10.30am Recreation Centre

### HarbourYoga

9.30am 105 Bridle Path Road

### Lyttelton Garage Sale

10.00–4.00pm 54a Oxford Street Lyttelton

### Lyttelton Library Fridays Babytimes

10.30–11.00am ON HOLD

### Lyttelton Yoga

9.30am–10.45am 25 Winchester Street  
Lyttelton Recreation Centre  
Rebecca Boot 0210710336

## Rāhoroi—Saturday

### Library of Tools and Things

10.00–1.00pm 25 Canterbury Street (in garage)  
Contact Lytteltonlotts@gmail.com

### LIFT Library\*

10.00–1.00pm Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre

### Harbouryoga

9.00am Trinity Hall Lyttelton Recreation Centre

## Rātapu—Sunday

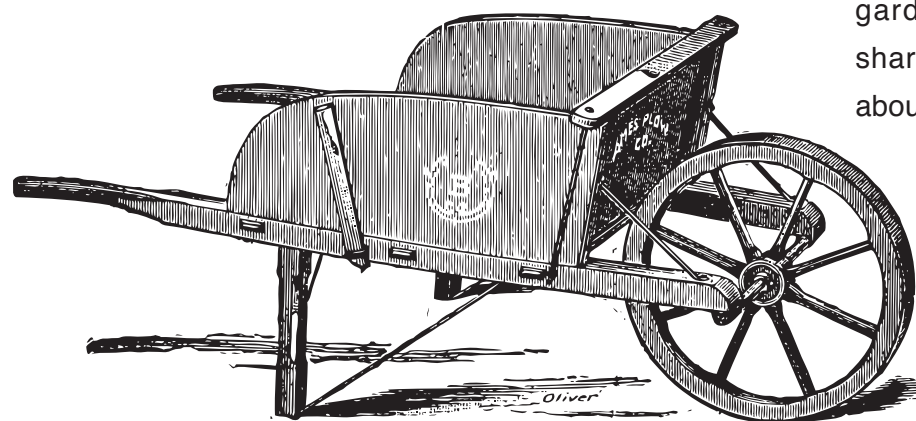
### St Saviours at Holy Trinity

9.30am Service with Holy Communion  
17 Winchester Street Lyttelton  
All welcome

\*Please note that LIFT Library is available 7 days a week, 10.00am–3.00pm, providing a volunteer is available for duty at the Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre.



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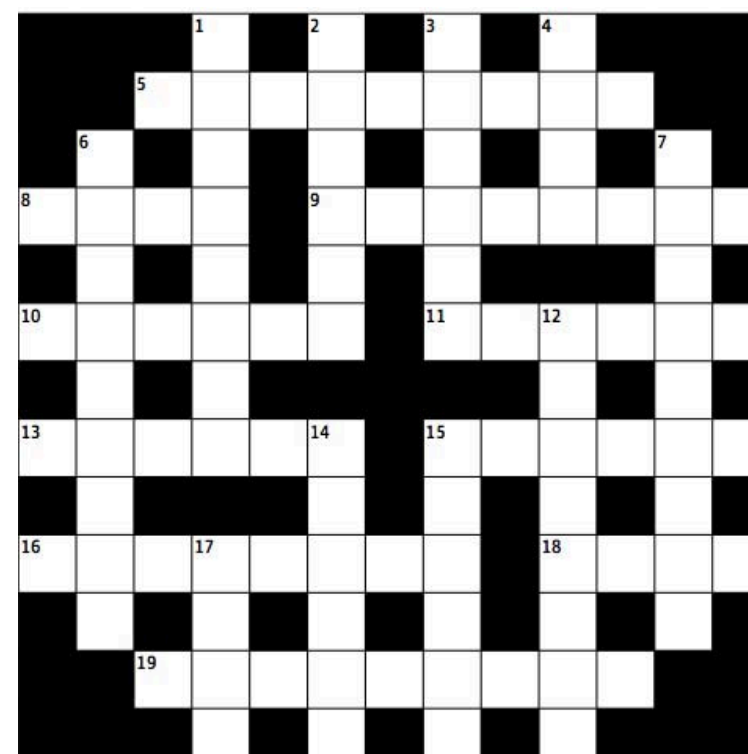
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# Puzzle Page



## Clues

### Across

- 5 Fine — 1971 David Bowie Album (5,4)
- 8 Slope connecting two levels (4)
- 9 19th-century establishment serving drug users (5,3)
- 10 Performer (6)
- 11 Without a struggle (6)
- 13 First-born (6)
- 15 Inform (6)
- 16 Venting of emotion (8)
- 18 Highest quality (4)
- 19 An overdue (anag) — attempt (9)

### Down

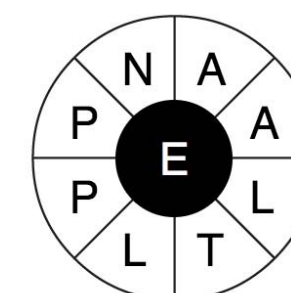
- 1 Unanticipated occurrence (8)
- 2 Live from day to day with hardship (3,3)
- 3 Counsel (6)
- 4 Pack to capacity (4)
- 6 Chatty (9)
- 7 Sea creatures with stinging tentacles (9)
- 12 Begin (3,5)
- 14 Event that fails badly (6)
- 15 The Return of the \_\_\_, 1878 Thomas Hardy novel (6)
- 17 Bete noire (4)

## Kids Quiz

1. What colour is māwhero?
2. What is the highest mountain in Aotearoa New Zealand?
3. What do you call animals that are awake at night?
4. What species of tree is Tāne Mahuta?
5. What native New Zealand bird is on the \$5 note?
6. If you ran around a 300 metre track four and a half times, how far have you run?
7. The earth is mostly covered by ...?
8. Aotearoa New Zealand is located in which ocean?
9. What is the name of the water which separates the North and South Island?
10. What is the longest river in New Zealand?

## Word Wheel

How many words can you make using the central letter?



Pink  
Aorangi/Mt Cook  
Nocturnal  
Kauri  
Hoio  
1350 metres  
Water  
Pacific  
Cook Strait  
Waikato River







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