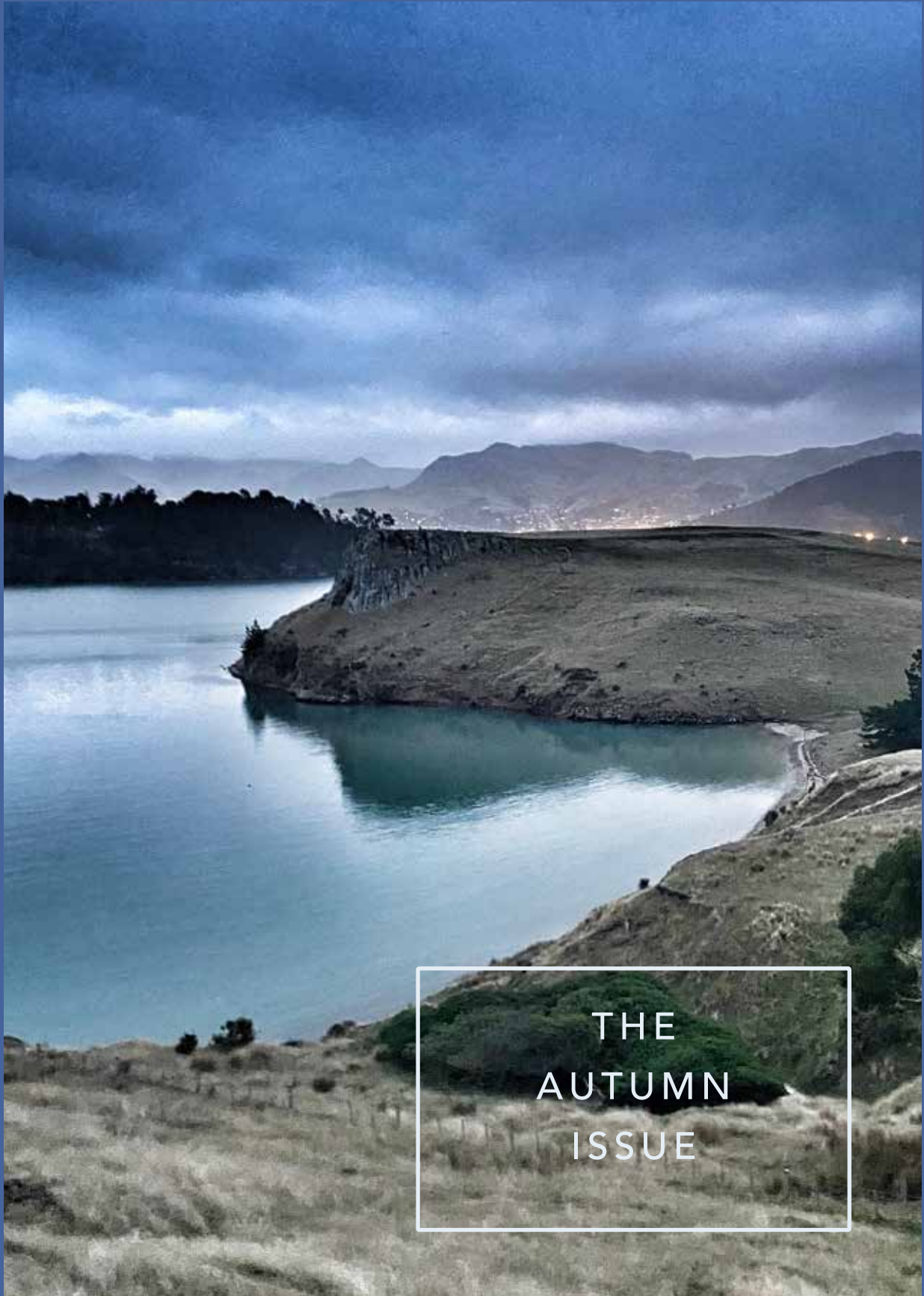


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May 20, cutter *Fly*, 22 tons, Cemino, from Wellington. Sundries.

Same day, Barque *Maria*, 470 tons, Plank, from Wellington. Sheep and Timber.

May 23, schooner *Rapid*, 20 tons, Williams, from the Wai-makiridi. Sawn Timber.

## SAILED.

May 17, cutter *Maria Josephine*, 20 tons, Walker, for Wellington.

May 12, cutter *Alpha*, 40 tons, M'Gregor, for Wellington.

## IN PORT.

Ship *Travancore*, 582 tons, Brown.

Barque *Maria*, 470 tons, Plank.

Schooner *Twins*, 41 tons, Davis.

Cutter *Fly*, 22 tons, Cemino.

Schooner *Rapid*, 20 tons, Williams.

## LYTTTELTON REGATTA.

At a Meeting held last night at the Mitre Hotel, the following boats were entered:

FIRST RACE. Vessels from 8 to 15 tons inclusive. Entry 11. 1s. with 5s. added for the first, and 4s. for the second Boat. To start at 10 o'clock.

*Hawk*, 13 tons, Longden and Le Cren. Pink with White Maltese Cross.

*William and John*, 10 tons, J. Hopper. Crimson and Purple.

*Flirt*, 10 tons, G. Day. White with Blue Cross.

*Palmer*, 10 tons, Grubb and Mc Neill. White.

*Fanny*, 12 tons, Strickland. White Ensign.

*Katharine Ann*, 15 tons, Reed, Red.

SECOND RACE. Rowing Match for 4-oared boats. Entry 5s. with 5s. added for the first, and 2s. for the second boat. To start at 11 o'clock.

*Happy-go-lucky*, H. Tulloch, Blue with Pink diamond.

*Lass of Erin*, E. R. Ward. Green.

*Shagroon*, W. Taylor.

*Queen of the Heathcote*, R. Taylor. White.

THIRD RACE. Rowing Match for five-oared Whale boats. Entry 5s. with 5s. added for the first, and 2s. for the second boat. To start at 12 o'clock.

*Frances*, W. E. Beresford. White with Scarlet cross.

*Flying Fish*, J. Bell. Red.

*Queen*, Solomon, Native.

*Capt Bailey*, Big Fellow, Native.

*Victoria*, Pohau, Native.

FOURTH RACE. The Godley Stakes, for Open Sailing Boats under 8 tons. Entry 5s., with 5s. added by J. R. Godley, Esq., for the first, and a Prize of 3l. for the second Boat. To start at 2 o'clock.

*Rattler*, Capt. Brown. Blue, and White Saltire Cross.

*Charlotte*, Hon. J. S. Wortley. White with Red Saltire cross.

*Louisa*, R. Pollard. White, Green centre.

*Margaret*, Mrs. Woods. Blue and White cross.

*Queen of the Heathcote*, R. Taylor. White.

FIFTH RACE. A Sculling Dingy Match. Entry 2s. 6d. with 3s. added for first boat; the second to save its stakes.

*William*, R. Pollard.

*Sarah Ann*, W. Bradley.

*Wizard of the South*, J. Phillips.

*Beetzebub*, Thomas Frith.

*Mary*, J. Hopper.

The entries for the second and third races were left open till ten o'clock this morning, to allow of other boats being entered.

The Umpires selected were Captain Plank, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Cass.

## The Lyttelton Times.

SATURDAY, May 24, 1851.

A Letter from a Colonist of the first body, which we publish in another column recalls us to the question of the

Pasturage regulations of our settlement. Every day this question is becoming of greater importance; every day the evil consequences of the unfortunate regulations in existence are becoming more apparent. The Government propose to let runs in the immediate neighbourhood of the Canterbury block, at the rate of one penny for each sheep by the year. Now if we allow one acre to a sheep, the rent required by Government will be equivalent to one penny per acre, that is, 8s. 4d. for 100 acres; but as one acre for a sheep is not sufficient, the rent is in fact much smaller than the sum we have named. The Canterbury Association are charging 20s. for the same quantity of pasturage. It is quite obvious that the result will be ruinous to this settlement. The Colonists have recommended that the rent in the Canterbury district shall be lowered to 10s for 100 acres. This alone will not allow the Squatters within the block to compete with those immediately outside it. The most important part of the colonists' recommendation is, that runs be secured to the squatters upon long leases, and that they shall be given a right of pre-emption to the soil as a security for those necessary improvements which the establishment of a station requires. The adoption of these recommendations, we conceive, is immediately necessary; and we have the greatest confidence that the Association will lose no time in acting upon the suggestions of the colonists.

There are three points in the pasturage report of the council which excite the extreme indignation of the *Wellington Independent*. First, the recommendation that the Canterbury block should be enlarged; secondly, that a part of the district should be set apart for the pasturage of the first body of land-purchasers; and thirdly, that the extent of pasturage shall be limited to 20,000 acres to each individual.

We confess we think that the *Independent* is not without good reasons in some of the objections which it urges on these points. If the present pasturage regulations of our district were to continue in force, it would be better that that district should continue as small as possible; but in the entire conviction that those regulations will be altered within a year, we do conceive that there would be a great propriety in allowing the same system of pasturage to extend over the whole district which is cut off by a natural boundary from the rest of the Island. There must necessarily arise great inconvenience from the existence of two sets of regulations over different parts of the same district, the whole produce of which may be shipped from the same port.

The objection of the *Independent* to the extension of the district, is, that the restrictive and high price system of our settlement has been a failure because 100,000 acres have not been sold. Really there is something very childish in bandying attacks of this kind. There is nothing to be gained by meeting the objection "You are a failure," with the answer "No we are not." The *Independent* and our correspondent of "the first body of colonists," may fight that matter out between them. One thing our antagonist admits, that we have undergone less difficulties and troubles of all kinds than any previous set of first colonists. They may laugh at us or despise us for this if they will, but they must admit that if we have paid dear for our land, we have bought the worth of our money. What is it but that very high price to which they object, which, by providing the means of making ample preparation for us before we arrived, has enabled us at once to get upon our land, without those difficulties which others have experienced. Whether the settlement will ultimately succeed and advance, time only can shew.

With respect to the privileges which the pasturage report recommended should be secured to the first body of colonists, we differ entirely from our correspondent, and we conceive the *Independent* has taken the right view of the matter. The pasturage report does not, as our correspondent states, only recommend the maintenance of privileges which are matters of contract between the Association and the first body of colonists. It recommends new privileges to the first body, namely, that a large tract of country shall be set aside for the exclusive benefit of that body to use as pasturage. All that the first body can claim from the Association is the use of five acres of land as pasturage for every acre purchased at the rate of 16s. 8d. per hundred acres, and the pre-emptive right over the same. That and nothing else is a matter of special contract between the Association and the first colonists. But the colonists themselves recommend that the pre-emptive right be extended over the whole district, to all parties without distinction, and that the rent be lowered to 10s. This is a most wise suggestion; but to add that, in order to keep up the distinctive privileges of the first colonists over all others, an enormous tract of country shall be set apart for their especial use as pasturage, is to ask for that which could not be maintained, in the face of the jealousy and opposition which it would awake on the part of the rest of the community, and we hope that the colonists will lose no time in reconsidering their recommendation on this point.

The last objection, that runs shall be limited to 20,000 acres to each squatter, we really think is one of little importance. It might do some good, by preventing the wasteful occupation of country, which may be advisable in a limited district; but it is a regulation which could of course be very easily evaded.

## JOURNAL OF THE WEEK.

The present week commenced with holiday making in rare style, in the shape of a pic-nic party on Monday last at Rhodes' Bay, given by Mr. Templar and our other friends from New South Wales, to a select number of the Canterbury Colonists. We regret that press of matter prevents our giving a detailed account of the proceedings of the day.

We understand that a large punt has been launched, and is ready to ferry cattle over the Heathcote.

The road operations on the plains are progressing satisfactorily. A bridge has been completed over the swamp at Riccarton. The Church at Christchurch is roofed, and otherwise completed on the outside.

Arrangements have been made between the Association and the settlers at Akaroa, for the establishment of a school there, and a schoolmaster has already proceeded thither.

We must not omit to record an accident which happened during the past week to Mr. Morrison, Master of the "William and John," cutter, who fell from a rock at Pigeon Bay, on Monday last, and is still, we believe, insensible from the shock.

It will be well to direct the attention of the public to the fact made known in our advertising columns, that a portion of the Rural Land still in the possession of the Canterbury Association, will be open to intending purchasers after the 16th of next month, in blocks of fifty acres and upwards. We are assured that many who have come out here, being now convinced of the capabilities of the soil, regret their not having entered the ranks of Land Purchasers. Such persons will feel interested in the announcement referred to.

# A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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Kia ora, e te whānau.

Welcome to our autumn edition.

And just like that, the March equinox is just around the corner heralding a change in season. I've noticed a few more chimney's smoking on those cooler days and certainly noticed a nip in the air on the school run. How lovely to welcome back Campbell's Apples back to the Farmers Market though. Judging by the queues by their stall, they are always a firm favourite with many.

March is a busy month for Lyttelton with our first SailGP event held over 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March. I was lucky enough to be invited to the pōwhiri at Rāpaki and was mightly impressed and proud to be able to witness the strength, the pride and the warmth of our tangata whenua. Watching the waka flotilla welcome our manuhiri on Whakaraupō was a moment that held everyones full attention. Such a powerful and considered way to welcome our guests. To hear the sounds of the pūkaea signalling that rituals were beginning was something I found to be particularly moving. And then to hear the karanga, the calls by the women, gaving a feminine side to the preceding masculine beginning. The korero about our connection to our land, to our ancestors, with special mention to Uncle Joe who returned home that day and the purpose of the gathering, tied everything together so beautifully and whilst not fluent in Te Reo, it was easy to get swept up in its melody. I respect how the Māori culture envelopes the environment in its entirity and I think we can all learn a lot from it.

Wishing all teams the very best for this leg. But especially the New Zealand team. How lucky are we to be their home crowd.

Noho ora mai rā,

Rushani

The Lyttelton Harbour Review is a Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre initiative designed to keep our community informed with what is going on 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 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 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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# 'Haydn Rawstron believes that Lyttelton's importance in the foundation of Cantabrian identity can not be underestimated'

Haydn Rawstron - Lansdown Homestead

It is wonderful to read that Lyttelton 'will come to life' with a regatta, the inaugural ITM New Zealand Sail Grand Prix - "SailGP" - Christchurch, on 18-19 March 2023. It is to be hoped that the event at the same time can beam light on Lyttelton's rich maritime contribution to Cantabrian history, its cultural history as 'cradle' of the Canterbury settlement and its special place in relationships between Maori and Pakeha.

Only 6 months after the 'First Four' Canterbury Association ships arrived at Lyttelton, the new



*Charlotte Godley, 'First Lady' of Canterbury.*

Canterbury settlement held its first ever sporting event, a Regatta in Lyttelton Harbour. The Regatta was held on Saturday, 24th May 1851, Queen's Birthday, marking the 32nd birthday of Queen Victoria.

History has passed down to us a delightful account of that eventful day, recorded at length in Charlotte Godley's letters from Lyttelton to her mother in Wales. Charlotte writes that the day was actually 'too lovely, not a breath of wind all day, so that the sailing boats never started!' And so the Regatta consisted solely of 'boat-races'.

The first match was for 'five-oared whale boats', four of which were Maori boats-and-oarsmen. 'Only one white crew pulled against them' and it was easily beaten. The Maori accomplished the feat 'in remarkably short time and came in very fresh, and in great delight'. Charlotte continues effervescently: 'The Victoria won, belonging to a chief, who did not go in her, but walked up and down, telling people he was just like Mr. Godley, and only looked on.'

Among the other rowing matches, Charlotte records with similar relish the 'four-oared' event won by the boat of the popular and highly talented young Irishman, Edward Ward. 'He won very easily, in the midst of tremendous applause from the jetty; my husband loudest of all, for all that is Irish in him comes out on such an occasion.' Charlotte relates more, much more, about this day of mutual celebration, spirit, games, feasting and dancing - a day for everyone, in which Maori and Pakeha played equal roles as participant and spectator, for the entertainment and enjoyment of all : Charlotte summed up, 'in short it was very successful, and

everyone thoroughly tired next day', no one more so than her little son, Arthur. Models and stories of



*'Little' Arthur was obsessed with boats.*

boats were central to his life in Lyttelton.

The Regatta of 1851 is something of a revelation in terms of early race relations between Maori and Pakeha, shaped surely by the cauldron-like reality of Lyttelton Harbour and by the fact that Lyttelton at that time was the centre of Canterbury social life. Constant daily contact between the two cultures; the positive empirical experience of the Pre-Adamite families that lived in the cauldron and its off-shoots, such as the 'Rhodes of Purau' and 'Sinclair of Pigeon Bay' families; and the liberal, enlightened attitudes of first settlers such as Godley, FitzGerald and the Cholmondeleys at Port Levy (to mention but a few), each of these helping mould together the native and the newcomer in this infant Canterbury, in a way that was never again so well emulated, once 'Canterbury' departed over the hills and far away. It is a fundamentally interesting point in the history of

Canterbury, which has great relevance for today. It is also another very good reason why a permanent spotlight should be placed on those formative years in Lyttelton, for the historian, the tourist and, ultimately, for Cantabrian identity.

The movingly open, all-inclusive communal celebration of the 'Queen's Birthday' which inspired 'regatta day' in 1851, lays down an excellent challenge for Lyttelton (town and harbour) to do likewise in March 2023.

In the same month co-incidentally, one can also celebrate the 175th anniversary of the choosing of names for the new settlement and its principal town: 'Canterbury' and 'Christchurch'. In March 1848, the names for our province and its city were chosen at the first management committee meeting of the London-based Canterbury Association, for which Association John Robert Godley was soon to act as Agent-General and 'founder' of the settlement. Education was utterly central to the vision for



*John Robert Godley, 'Founder of Canterbury'.*

Canterbury, as was moral responsibility, and these qualities inspired the choice of the names.

At the time of that March 1848 meeting, the total membership of the Canterbury Association consisted of 50 Lords and Gentlemen, an extraordinary collection of responsibility, education and culture. All fifty of them were reformers in various fields, but bound together in the Association by a common interest in colonial reform. Their contribution to the aura of Canterbury's first generations is commemorated in many names within the Lyttelton cauldron: Lyttelton Township, Mt Cavendish, Godley Head, Adderley Head, Charteris Bay and Cholmondeley Children's Home. The majority of them are however in Lyttelton itself: Simeon Quay, Godley Quay, Coleridge Terrace, Sumner Road and memorials in the principal street names to the eight incumbent bishops who were among those initial 50 members of the Association: the Archbishops of Canterbury and Dublin, and the Bishops of Exeter, London, Oxford, Ripon, St David's and Winchester.

Two other Lyttelton-related anniversaries grace the

year 2023. There is the 175th anniversary of the arrival (in Purau Bay) of the Canterbury Association's trio of surveyors: Thomas Cass, who immediately begins the first detailed survey of Lyttelton Harbour; his boss, Capt. Joseph Thomas, who immediately begins his survey for the town of Lyttelton, and his assistant, Charles Torlesse.

Finally, the year 2023 is the 150th anniversary of The University of Canterbury's founding. The name 'Lyttelton' also appears in this celebration, since the same Lord Lyttelton of Hagley Hall in England, who acted as Chairman of the Canterbury Association's Managing Committee for most of its five-year existence, also plays a seminal role in the establishment of The University.

What a year of Lyttelton celebration, and how fitting that it is marked by a regatta, and such a one as is promised on 18-19 March 2023!

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# What's going on

## Busy C's

Kia ora from Busy C's,

We have been lucky enough to have had a digger and construction workers in our car park which made for plenty of excitement and entertainment. Tamariki got to know the workers through the fence and cheered with excitement when they heard big noises or movements from the digger. This entertainment encouraged further play with the toy diggers and more stories around construction. With this we have seen many construction sites in the making in the sandpit, along with plenty of language around the different parts of a digger such as the “cab” and “rollers”. To say whakawhetai / thank you to our new construction worker friends tamariki got busy making banana muffins. In return we have heard that when they come back they welcome us to have a closer look at the digger!

To get to know our community more the nursery tamariki went on a walk to Albion square. There was lots of pointing to all things nature insight including the birds/manu and putiputi/flowers. We made sure to not miss a photo opportunity with the putiputi! On our way back some lovely locals walked with us back to preschool and asked tamariki all about their adventure. We nurture the value of Whanaungatanga (forming and maintaining relationships with our community). When we explore Ōhinehou/ Lyttelton tamariki make connections and build relationships further with people and the whenua/land. Through tamariki enjoying these connections they build a greater respect for our community and the people in it.

Mā te wā.

*The Busy C's Team*





# What's going on

## Project Lyttelton - 40 Winchester

It's been a busy 6 months bring together "40 Winchester" our new project with a vision for community activation of what was The Lyttelton Community Church on 40 Winchester Street. The building has reverted to its original name of Union Chapel which continues to honour the history of this property and its consecrated nature.

Skye our Time Bank and Events Coordinator is based here, and in the process of shape shifting Time Bank while creating fabulous events for community to share skills and connect with a Repair Café being hosted on March 11th 40 Winchester.

Skye is also the Toy library Coordinator and we have received funding for one of two proposed portable storage sheds needed to establish the Toy Library at 40 Winchester. If any would like to be a Toy Library volunteer to support Skye please make contact. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the second shed don't hesitate to get in touch.

The Grass Labyrinth is now finished, and we will be officially open the space on the 21st March, the Autumn Equinox celebration. The labyrinth is a serpentine walking meditation path, dating back as far back as 3000 years, that connects the left and right hemispheres of our brain and are used worldwide as a way to quiet the mind, calm anxieties and recover balance in life. We envision our labyrinth for community ceremony and available for group and solitary experience.

A big thank you to Bunnings in Shirley for a 50% discounted battery lawnmower to maintain the grass labyrinth, and to Lottie and Olive for the support in fundraising for other 50%.

The gardens at the Chapel are flourishing with the support of our two volunteers Sunny and Aran, as well as neighbours Darren, Kathy and Patrick ... we are slowly creating spaces to sit in the shade, planting more food crops, eradicating weeds and discovering more of the volcanic stone that came from the demolition of the original church.

The vision for the garden is as another place of harvest for the community as well as sanctuary for the birds, bee's, insects and micro-organisms. A seed swap will be held at the chapel on the first Saturday of the month 10-11am.

Repairs have been made to the roof and windows and soon the new guttering and down pipes will be installed.

We have several groups and individuals that inhabit the chapel during the week on a regular basis over the past months as well as Theatre nights, Story Telling evening, Birthday Parties, Art workshops and a family ceremony to honour their mother ashes. There are still spaces available if anyone wishes to rent the space,

You are welcome to join us on a Wednesday afternoon 1.30 till 3.30pm to explore your creative self, bring some art that you are developing or try something new and share ideas with others. Once a month Jan holds Art Dance offering an opportunity to explore and express what is alive within your body and Louise from Creative Imagination Academy is introducing a teenage group this year as well the regular Creative Movement and Art for the children aged 6 to 9.

Join the community choir on a Monday night, or the music jamming on Thursday evening, share conversation at the Community House monthly morning teas, book in to have your feet and nails tended to by the Nail Clinic and starting this month our new group is Sing Along lead by Helen with her specially designed song book for all the old favourites songs in BIG print.

The Lyttel Sew and Sews are also providing us with boxes of clothing that have been donated to The Garage Sale these will be available for free and cover a range of ages. On the 25th March we have a clothes swap, as part of the lead up to the Festivals of Action.

Appreciation to all of you that support the developing 40 Winchester to be a safe and nurturing place for our community, whether a cheery hello while walking by, watering gardens in the summer holiday time, donated plants, volunteer for fruit and veg boxes, made cushions and curtains, fixed leaking taps, hold space for young mothers, keep an eye out on security of the building, fund this vision, and share in the excitement of co-creation.

*Jacqueline Newbound*

## LIFT Library Autumn

Autumn is the season when we feel we have passed the intensity of heat and can enjoy being outside, benefitting from the chance to work in our gardens, gather and enjoy our produce, and spend time somewhere in nature to simply appreciate it.

I have chosen three New Zealand books that give plenty of ideas and well-supported information and illustrations to help you be productive in this season and to also relax and love the beauty we have around us.

*Cottage gardening in New Zealand* by Christine Dann, our famous local author.

She writes: “Rich in produce and perfume, riotous in colour and variety, and undeniably romantic was the traditional English cottage garden. But is this tradition relevant or appropriate to twentieth-century New Zealand? In this book I argue that it is, but that we must make changes in the tradition to make it fit our time and place.”

This book features examples of early and modern gardens, and includes more than 400 beautiful colour photographs. Blending practicality and inspiration, description and do-it-yourself advice, it is the first book to put cottage gardening within a New Zealand context – a marvellous source and a delightful read.

*Pickles and preserves for the New Zealand kitchen* by Ariane Maddison

Whether your aim is to stock your pantry shelves with exotic pickles, spicy sauces, rich jams, delicate jellies and attractive candied flowers, or simply to store your surplus fruit and vegetables for out-of-season eating, this book is an essential addition to your cookery library. The author has lived and worked in India, Portugal, Spain, Australia and Fiji before coming to New Zealand, so there are many influences.

*Nature and wellbeing in Aotearoa New Zealand: exploring the connection* by Catherine Knight

“This ground-breaking book argues for the restoration of ‘neighbourhood nature’ – places that all New Zealanders can freely access, irrespective of socioeconomic or other factors. Our experience of the coronavirus pandemic underscores how

important these local oases of nature are – and how vital they are to our wellbeing. Richly illustrated throughout, this book tells the stories of a wide range of New Zealanders, who – either individually or through organised initiatives – have experienced the wellbeing benefits gained through connection with nature. Their stories are varied but each one is authentic, personal and moving.”

Come and browse the LIFT shelves.

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# What's going on

## Lyttelton Volunteer Fire Brigade



As I write this, the devastating news of the death of 2 volunteer firefighters from Muriwai has rocked the Lyttelton Volunteer Fire Brigade. Our hearts go out to the families of the 2 men and to the Muriwai Brigade. It doesn't matter to us that they are way up north, the death or serious injury of people we regard as colleagues is shattering.

The LVFB knows only too well the stresses and strains of a natural disaster, the decisions and the judgement calls that are made by those in charge and those on the ground.

11 years ago during the aftermath of the Feb 22nd earthquake there were occasions when the rule book went out the window, to be replaced by personal responsibility and initiative.

With the brigade's 150th anniversary this year, there's been a lot of research into our history. That includes a reread of the excellent book that was produced not long after the earthquakes.

'The Brigade' is full of poignant and personal stories from each of the Lyttelton firefighters who attended more than 400 calls for assistance in the month following February 22nd. It's also a tribute to the brigade families who knew what their loved ones had to do. A very tough call, but they understood.

"The Brigade' is well worth a revisit. It puts into perspective what all volunteers and their families sacrifice to help their communities.

It's still available, with its fire engine red cover, at Lyttel Kiwi in London Street.

*Glen Walker*

## Coastguard

The Christchurch earthquakes damaged our building at Naval Point, Lyttelton in 2011 and since then we have spent considerable funds repairing the damaged building as best as we could so that we could continue search and rescue operations.

In preparation for SailGP, our building had to be demolished and the Christchurch City Council arranged temporary accommodation and portacoms for us near to the water's edge, located at the Naval Point public jetty. This has continued to be the home for us at Coastguard Canterbury for the past three years.

Over the last decade, we have been working with the Council, Ngāti Wheke and the local community on a location and design of a new building. After a lot of hard work, we are now at a point that we can start the building work in the next 6-9 months.

To support the Unit fundraising for the new building the Royal New Zealand Navy are hosting a cocktail party on the weekend of SailGP, Saturday 18 March onboard the HMNZS Manawanui. This is the ship that recently seized 3 tonnes of illegal drugs worth an estimated \$500 million from the Pacific Ocean.

Tickets were on sale now for \$750 as an early bird special until 27 February; enjoy a \$100 cocktail party while making a \$650 donation (CC30649) to Coastguard Canterbury.

Any donations are appreciated, and every bit counts. We pride ourselves in serving the community and helping to save lives at sea.

If you wish to make a donation the please visit <https://www.coastguard.nz/donate-now/> and enter

'Coastguard Canterbury' in the comments box to ensure your donation is received by us.

*Carolyn Tapley*

# What's going on

## Stoddart Cottage

*Stoddart Cottage Sails Close to the Wind*

Coinciding with Sail GP, March sees Stoddart Cottage Gallery's group exhibition navigate a marine theme. In *Close to the Wind*, artists Jo Ewing, Jane McCulla and Jan Valentine Priestley, and mapmaker Paul Arnold take creative risks and emerge in full sail.

For thirty years, Jo Ewing has been portraying "things of the land" as a respected botanical watercolourist. However, in this exhibition she explores her long-held passion for the sea, which includes meticulous paintings of classic sailing boats asea in historic maps of the regions from which they hail.

Award winning ceramicist, Jane McCulla presents a series of pieces that suggest elements of ship design with their blue print cyanotype imagery, a sense of the vast sea and a ship's enduring priority to remain seaworthy. These ceramic vessels also reference two of Jane's family members whose lives revolved around ships.

Jan Valentine Priestley has a long history creating works with a maritime theme, which have been exhibited the North and South Hemispheres. Jan's work uses photo imaging on paper clay, collaging sepia images of historical maps, old drawings of sea creatures and calligraphy onto sculptured boats, life-buoys, floats, plaques and bowls.

Paul Arnold owns the Antique Print Gallery. He presents historic maps that include a hand-coloured reproduction of Cook's original chart of New Zealand that includes errors such as Banks Peninsula as an island.

Stoddart Cottage Gallery, 2 Waipapa Avenue,  
Diamond Harbour

Normal Hours: Friday-Sunday plus most public holidays, 10.00am-4.00pm

Exhibition dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

Opening Event: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023, 5.00-7.00pm  
– all welcome

*Dr Jo Burzynska* | [www.stoddartcottage.nz](http://www.stoddartcottage.nz)

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# What's going on

## Leslie's Magazines

On Stunning Summer days  
We are so lucky to stroll around Christchurch/  
Lyttelton.  
Celebrating Street Art In the city,  
With a growing art scene.  
Christchurch Is earning a strong reputation  
As a home of street art.  
Explore the Inner City reveals colourful art works  
from a range of artists.

## Now On to Pauls book picks are

### *Launching Dreams*

Percy Vos

The Boats & His Boys

A Pictorial & Historical Record that celebrates the  
life of Auckland Businessman & Renowned boat  
builder & the people who worked with him.

### *The Logans - NZ Greatest Boatbuilding Family*

By Robin Elliot & Harold Kidd

The Logans is illustrated throughout with more than  
100 photos & plans of their yachts & Launches  
Of every know logan vessel.  
A stunning book.

## Pauls Magazine Picks

### *Seahorse International Sailing*

Is a Magazine Which is dedicated to international  
sailing written by some of the finest writers & Some  
of the finest Players of the sport.

### *Yachting World*

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*Paul Leslie*



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## Lyttelton Port Company

*Whakaraupo Lyttelton Harbour Set for Sail GP*



*New Zealand SailGP Team helmed by Peter Burling wins the race at Denmark Sail Grand Prix in Copenhagen. Photo / Chloe Knott for SailGP*

In March the Lyttelton Port Company is excited to play its part in the global action-packed fleet racing event and has worked closely with SailGP and ChristchurchNZ.

Hannah Fyffe, LPC Project Manager, said the Lyttelton Port Company fully supports the world-class event.

“Despite challenges hosting an event of this nature within a working port, we have been working hard to help the event go as smoothly as possible,” says Hannah Fyffe.

Alongside Christchurch City Council, LPC has helped with hosting the event, providing land for the grandstand site, which is the main spectator area along the front of naval point and assisting with the delivery of two new pontoons which have been installed at Naval Point. LPC also provides areas for off-water activities, such as space for lifting the SailGP chase boats into the harbour from the wharves.

Karl Budge, Head of the New Zealand SailGP event says delivering Christchurch's first major sailing event has been a real privilege for SailGP.

“Staging an international mega event in a busy, working port is no easy feat, and we've been enormously grateful for the support of Lyttelton Port Company along the way,” said Karl Budge.

“Thanks to the team's collective efforts, the stage is set for a pretty amazing showcase on Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour,” he added.

With the main race days on Saturday and Sunday,

there will be plenty of activity in the harbour basin and changes to operations at the port.

No bulk cargo vessels will be berthed in the inner harbour from the Wednesday before racing until the following Tuesday.

Hannah Fyffe said no container ships will be moving on race days when there is action out on the racecourse a few hours before the race starts and then a few hours afterwards just to make sure that the water is clear.

“We're going to shut down shipping during the middle of the day, over three days, so that they can safely host the sailing and get their exclusion zone set up, have the sailing event and then have everyone leave at the end of the day,” says Hannah Fyffe.

In the week leading up to the event, the inner harbour will host SailGP support vessels, the NZ Police, NZ Customs Service, and the Royal New Zealand Navy HMNZS Manawanui.

Cruise Ships will continue to berth over the SailGP weekend, and will be tied up at Cashin Quay West.

After racing has finished on Sunday, port operations will begin to return to normal, but the inner harbour will not open until midnight the following Tuesday.

Lyttelton Port Company is excited to be part of the upcoming action-packed weekend.

*Hamish Clark*



*The SailGP fleet in action at the Demark Sail Grand Prix in Copenhagen. Photo / Felix Diemer for SailGP*

# What's going on

## Te Ūaka, The Lyttelton Museum

*An Update on our Resource Consent Application*

We recently acknowledged the twelfth anniversary of the 22 February 2011 earthquake which had a devastating impact on the people and environment of Ōhinehou Lyttelton and Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour.

Along with the Museum's old home at 2 Gladstone Quay (originally the Seamen's Institute <https://www.teuaka.org.nz/news/a-poignant-anniversary>), many of Lyttelton's iconic buildings were damaged beyond repair and required full demolition. In the twelve years since there have been wonderful examples of repair to some surviving places, however not a single new building has been constructed in the heart of the township on London Street between Canterbury and Oxford streets.

At the time of writing we are eagerly anticipating news of the outcome of our application for resource consent. We would be very happy, along with our partners Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke, to be the first to build at our site at 33 London Street.

Our Collection began in 1965 when volumes of "The Lyttelton Times" were found by the Museum's first curator, Baden Norris, to contain a few hastily-stashed takeaways! It has grown to include more than 20,000 objects, photographs and resources donated by the people of Lyttelton, the wider harbour community, and beyond.

Following the vision of Baden Norris and respected previous President, Dr Kerry McCarthy, the new museum will weave together stories unique to our special region under six key themes; Mana Whenua, Colonial Canterbury, Lyttelton Local, Maritime, Antarctic, and Lyttelton by Nature.

We look forward to sharing our next update on progress!

#TeŪakaTheLytteltonMuseum

*Sarah Lamont*



*Photo credit: View down London Street in the 1890s.  
Te Uaka The Lyttelton Museum ref 14985.80  
<https://www.teuaka.org.nz/online-collection/1136086>*

## Lyttelton Library

As I write this it's teaming with rain and the temperatures have taken a marked drop from this time last week. The team here at Lyttelton is currently preparing for our brief closure to allow the installation of a much needed HVAC system and the removal of the old pellet burner - which has been very unreliable in recent years. We are all looking forward to a winter free of the necessity for wearing coats and scarves INSIDE the building and the ability to cool the building in the summer – a first for us. Working with internal temperatures of 30 degrees is no fun!

Whilst we were closed the Mobile Library visited Lyttelton twice per week. We are looking forward to re-opening on Saturday 18 March when all services and programming will resume as normal.

Meanwhile what has everyone been reading?

### *Top fiction titles:*

Haven Emma Donoghue

The marriage portrait Maggie O'Farrell

Still life Sarah Winman

All the broken places John Boyne

All our shimmering skies Trent Dalton

Hidden in plain sight Jeffrey Archer

A single thread Tracy Chevalier

The sleeping and the dead Ann Cleeves

Dawnlands Philippa Gregory

### *Top Non-fiction*

Come back to Mona Vale Alexander McKinnon

Landlines Raynor Winn

The beautiful game John Andrews

365 days of colour in your garden Nick Bailey

Lost cities: beauty in desolation Julian Beecroft

DIY dog grooming Jorge Bendersky

Jungalow : decorate wild Justina Blakeney

Big love Brooke Blurton

The gluten-free cookbook Cristian Broglia

*Debbie Fox*



# LYTTELTON RECREATION CENTRE – REGULAR PROGRAMMES TERM 1, 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Trinity Hall	<p>Bosman Ballet Flow 11am - 12pm</p> <p>Te Reo Māori Lessons 6 - 7pm 7 - 8pm</p>	<p>Strength &amp; Balance 10:30 - 11:45am</p>	<p>Jikyojutsu 10:30 - 11:30am</p> <p>Tai Chi (WEA) 1:30 - 2:30pm <b>* Refer to cwea.org.nz for term dates</b></p>	<p>Bosman Ballet Flow 6 - 7pm</p>	<p>Christchurch Yoga 9:30 - 11am</p>	<p>Harbour Yoga 9 – 10am</p>	<p>Crafternoons (WEA) <b>*Dates vary Refer to cwea.org.nz</b></p>
Sports Hall		<p>Bujinkan Martial Arts 6:30 - 8pm</p>	<p>Old Boys Indoor Football 6:15 - 8:15pm</p>	<p>Lyttel Tumblers 9:30 - 11am</p> <p>Ladies Catchball 5:30 – 7pm</p>	<p>Dance Fitness 10:30 - 11:30am</p> <p>Youth Group Year 7-8 3:30 - 5:30pm</p> <p>Youth Group Year 9-13 6:00 - 8:00pm</p>		
Squash Courts Area			<p>Lyttelton Men's Squash 7 - 9pm</p>			<p>Toy Library 10am - 12pm (Fortnightly) <b>*Now based in downstairs changing rooms</b></p>	

# Calendar

## Rāhina—Monday

### Community Choir

7.30pm at 40 Winchester Street  
School term only. All welcome

### Lyttelton Rotary Club

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

### Lyttelton mother4mother

Breastfeeding support group. 10.00am–12.00pm  
Andrea Solzer andrea.solzer@web.de

### Lyttelton Scouts

6.00pm–7.30pm  
Ruth Targus 021 259 3086

### Open Adults Ballet

11.00am–12.00pm Lyttelton Rec Centre

## 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

6.00pm–7.30pm Contact Ruth Targus 021 259 3086

### Lyttelton Garage Sale

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

### Lyttelton Harbour Fruit and Vegetable Collective

Trading between 12.30pm–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 021 047 6144

### Lyttelton Playgroup

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

### Library of Tools and Things

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

### Stoddart Cottage Artisans group

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

### Tai Chi

1.30pm–2.30pm Lyttelton Recreation Centre  
Bookings via WEA

### Art Afternoons - Explore your creative self

1.30 - 3.30pm. The Chapel, 40 Winchester Street \$5

## Rātu—Tuesday

### Community House

12.00pm for shared lunch  
7 Dublin street. Make new friends

### Harbour Yoga

6.00pm 105 Bridle Path Road  
Jules Marchant 021 882 403

### Lyttelton Library Story Times

11.00am–11.30am

### 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

### Seniors Strength and Balance

10.30am - 11.45am Lyttelton Recreation Centre. \$3

### Music Box - Toddlers Music Sessions

9.30am - 10.15am (school terms). The Chapel, 40  
Winchester Street. \$5

## 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  
Jules Marchant 021 882 403

### Lyttel Tumblers

9.30am–11.00am Lyttelton Recreation Centre  
25 Winchester Street

### Introduction course to Ballet for Adult

6.00pm–7.00pm Lyttelton Recreation Centre

### Lyttelton Garage Sale

10.00am–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 Library Babytimes

10.30am–11.00am

### Lyttelton Strollers

10.30am start at the Lyttelton library London Street.  
Contact Reuben for information 028 400 1036

### February Schedule St Saviours at Holy Trinity

5 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	Morning Prayer
12 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	Eucharist
19 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	Eucharist
26 <sup>th</sup> February	6.00pm	Contemplative Eucharist

17 Winchester Street Lyttelton  
All welcome

## Rāmere—Friday

### Dance Fitness

10.30am Recreation Centre

### Lyttelton Garage Sale

10.00am–4.00pm 54a Oxford Street Lyttelton

### 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\*

10.00am–1.00pm Lyttelton Harbour Information  
Centre

### Harbour Yoga

9.00am Trinity Hall Lyttelton Recreation Centre  
Jules Marchant 021 882 403

### Lyttelton Farmers Market

10.00am–1.00pm London Street

### Lyttelton Toy Library

Second and fourth Saturday of every month (school  
term only). Lyttelton Recreation Centre downstairs  
changeroom \$45 or \$65 annually. No lending fees.

## 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, between  
10.00am - 3.00pm, providing a volunteer is available for duty at the  
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