

# **Progress on actions of the Lyttelton Master Plan**

Progress as at June 2014 on actions from the Lyttelton Master Plan by both the Council and community-based project leaders (for more information contact Janine Sowerby, Senior Planner, ph 941 8814 or 0800 800 169, or email janine.sowerby@ccc.govt.nz unless otherwise specified below):

## **Economy and business**

- **(E1) Support for a Lyttelton marketing and attraction campaign:** With funding support from Recover Canterbury, the Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre has now completed five new brochures focusing on markets, events, picnic places, heritage and Antarctic attractions. Lyttelton's schedule of events now also features Project Lyttelton's new Summer Festival in February, including the Lyttelton Tea Party and the Big Pirate Picnic Beach Party. For more information contact Wendy Everingham, Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre (ph 328 9093 or email infocentre@lyttelton.net.nz).
- **(E2) London St Wifi:** Achieved in 2013 through Telecom's installation of more hot spots down London Street. Following this, the remaining unspent Lyttelton-related funding the Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre procured jointly with Sydenham Quarter Inc (the Sydenham business association) to achieve this action in both communities has, therefore, been applied to the installation of WiFi in Colombo Street, Sydenham.
- **(E3) Appointment of a Lyttelton case manager:** Janine Sowerby continues as case manager. Lyttelton town centre developers facing earthquake-related repairs and rebuilds can also obtain free design advice and regulatory assistance from Council's 'one-stop shop', Rebuild Central (663 Colombo Street, Christchurch, ph 353 0747, email rebuildcentral@ccc.govt.nz).
- (E4) Investigation for and use of Council property to accommodate business activities: See (C2) below.
- **(E5) Funding options and temporary support:** The case manager works with the community to identify options for funding and temporary support for earthquake-related business recovery, heritage retention and community projects as necessary. For example, funding advice has been provided for the re-establishment of the Lyttelton Historical Museum and the proposed Lyttelton amphitheatre.

#### Movement

- **(M1) Norwich Quay amenity improvements:** Not funded for implementation nor started during the 2013/14 financial year.
- (M2) Heads of Agreement to facilitate resolution of Port and inner harbour waterfront access-related issues: On 19 June 2014, the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery issued a Direction to Environment Canterbury and Lyttelton Port of Christchurch (LPC) to commence preparation of a draft Lyttelton Port Recovery Plan under the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act, the scope of which includes Norwich Quay.

LPC released its own Port Lyttelton Plan on 26 June 2014, which outlines its vision for the port, including public access to the waterfront at Dampier Bay. LPC is undertaking

consultation on that plan (until 22 August 2014) and this will be used to inform the development of the Recovery Plan, as will the Lyttelton Access Statement currently being prepared by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA), LPC, the Council and Kiwirail, to identify reliable, resilient access to the port and appropriate public access to the waterfront. The Council is, in principle, supportive of the Recovery Plan and welcomes the joint approach to addressing the range of issues facing Lyttelton. It is eager to make sure the Recovery Plan integrates well with Council-led projects such as the Lyttelton Master Plan. To help steer the Council through the development of the Recovery Plan an internal Council working party, comprising Councillors Andrew Turner (chair), Paul Lonsdale, Jimmy Chen and Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board members Paula Smith, Christine Wilson and Jane Broughton, has been established. The working party will report back to the Council via the Earthquake Recovery Plan. For more information contact Mark Rushworth, Senior Planner (ph 941 8803 or email mark.rushworth@ccc.govt.nz).

- **(M3) Pedestrian linkages:** Being achieved in part by the Commercial Chapter provisions of the District Plan Review, which include provisions in support of the desired linkages. See (B1) below.
- (M4) London Street public realm enhancements and public event opportunities: Not funded for implementation nor started during the 2013/14 financial year.
- (M5) Parking investigations: Being achieved in part by the Transport Chapter provisions of the District Plan Review. See (B1) below. Development within the Lyttelton town centre is currently required to provide one on-site car park per 10sqm or 50sqm, depending on its nature. The Transport Chapter proposes that small (including residential) developments in the Commercial Banks Peninsula Zone will no longer be required to provide on-site parking. The amount of parking provided for larger developments ('high trip generators', such as a retail development with a gross leasable floor area of more than 250m<sup>2</sup>) will be assessed for their impacts on on-street parking through an Integrated Transport Assessment (ITA) under Rule 7.2.3.10 of the Transport Chapter. Residential units in all other zones in Lyttelton will be required to provide one car park per residential unit (instead of two), unless the gross floor area of the unit is 150m<sup>2</sup> or larger, in which case two car parks per unit will be required. There are also reduced parking requirements proposed for social housing. For more information contact David Falconer, Senior Policy Planner Transport (ph 941 8440 or email david.falconer@ccc.govt.nz).
- (M6) Access to & from Lyttelton: The Council has completed geotechnical investigations to define the works required to address geotechnical hazards affecting Sumner Road, which is currently closed due to rock fall hazards and damaged roading assets. The Council is currently working with NZTA and CERA to consider the options for the potential reopening of Sumner Road, or utilising an alternative route for freight from Lyttelton and the port to Christchurch City, as part of the Capital Rationing process. At this stage we expect to have a recommendation for funding in October 2014. For more information contact Peter McDonald, Senior Technical Engineer Road Assets (ph 941 8668 or email peter.mcdonald@ccc.govt.nz).

#### **Natural environment**

• **(N1) A new civic square:** Site clearing works started in January 2014, removing surplus out buildings and soil from the site. The transitional artworks previously on site have either been relocated and/or stored off-site for reinstallation on-site in early October. Since January 2014, the design team has completed the detailed design, documentation and public tendering for construction of Albion Square. The cenotaph reconstruction works have also been designed and funding (for earthquake repairs) secured. The main contractors commenced on site in April. As of mid June 2014, the contractor had completed the cenotaph foundation, central concrete core, top terrace retaining walls and pergola foundations. Off-site restoration of the cenotaph stone and construction of the new toilet block and steel pergolas has progressed well. On 27 June 2014 the RSA had a small ceremony re-laying the cenotaph's time capsule behind the

date stone of the cenotaph. The time capsule includes the original glass time capsule and contents, WWI-related mementos and documentation backgrounding the development of Albion Square. The new play area equipment has been ordered and is due on site in late August. The Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board and the Council have agreed to associated short-term (P10) car parking being provided on Canterbury Street in anticipation of the Square's completion in October 2014, which will also achieve a number of the other actions in whole or part, including (N6), (C4), (C5), (C7) and (C10). For more information contact Adrian Thein, Project Manager (ph 941 8805 or email adrian.thein@ccc.govt.nz).

- **(N2) Pool garden off-season access:** Replacement of the swimming pool, the changing rooms, the office plant and equipment, and repair of the site retaining walls, began in late June 2014. For more information contact Stuart Graham, Places and Spaces Manager (ph 941 8687 or email stuart.graham@ccc.govt.nz).
- (N3) Rooftop park between, or on a combined, Lyttelton Library and Service Centre: Not started nor funded for implementation during the 2013/14 financial year.
- (N4) Head to Head Walkway: Over the last six months, the three (of twenty) sections of the Head to Head Walkway which the Council owns Naval Point to Pony Point, Māori Gardens to Allandale and Hays Bay to Purau have been scoped for the upgrading and signage required. Council staff have been working with the established Head to Head Working Party and have formulated the new Head to Head logo and Development Plan. The Development Plan has prioritised all twenty sections of track into workable packages. The priorities will be completed in the order listed in the Development Plan, with the Council having confirmed \$142,000 funding to complete the first two sections noted above. For more information contact Lizzy Farthing, Junior Project Manager Greenspace (ph 941 8376 or email lizzy.farthing@ccc.govt.nz).
- **(N5) Temporary landscapes:** The transitional artworks not being incorporated into the permanent construction of Albion Square have been relocated as follows:
  - The oversize lounge suite onto the Council land at 50 Voelas Road, where it can take advantage of the amazing views without compromising use of the existing picnic tables and flatter part of the grassed site.
  - Mosaic solar light/garden to the community garden at 54C Oxford Street, where it can provide much needed light at night for the well-used path through the community garden.
  - 'Plenty to share' stall to 38 London Street, where Project Lyttelton will care for and make it available for continued community use.
  - Listening post to The Auricle, a sonic art gallery in New Regent Street managed by the Borderline Ballroom Collective, when not being used in Lyttelton for short-term installations when opportunities arise.

The lava-flow steps have been deconstructed, as they weren't relocatable. Council staff have provided advice in support of Project Lyttelton's plan, through Life in Vacant Spaces, to transform the former Bells Pharmacy and Empire Hotel sites at 3-9 London Street into a multi-use outdoor amphitheatre, complete with stage and technical facilities, until such time as the new owner is able to rebuild. The proposed amphitheatre will be able to be utilised in conjunction with Albion Square. Project Lyttelton has successfully applied for \$15,000 from the Council's Transitional City Projects Fund towards its establishment.

• **(N6)** Local landscape and heritage interpretation: Council staff have been working with the Lyttelton Historical Museum Society to identify potential sites for reestablishment of the Lyttelton Historical Museum and to support its interim engagement with the public.

### Community wellbeing, culture and heritage

- (C1) Improved utilisation of the Lyttelton Recreation Centre: The Council has committed funding to repair, strengthen and improve this facility. The start of this work is imminent. For more information contact Stuart Graham, Places and Spaces Manager (ph 941 8687 or email stuart.graham@ccc.govt.nz).
- (C2) Investigation for and use of Council property to accommodate community

**and cultural activities:** While repairs to the Norman Kirk Memorial Pool occur, the Council building at 25 Canterbury St has been made available for Project Lyttelton's weekly garage sale, which is a significant fundraiser for the community. The incorporation of community meeting space has been considered in the scoping of repairs to the Lyttelton Recreation Centre and Library/Service Centre.

- **(C3) Combined Lyttelton Library and Service Centre redevelopment:** The Council approved demolition of the service centre building at 33 London St, the preparation for which is underway. Preliminary work also started on replacing the retaining wall at the front of the site. Architects have completed initial concept options for including the service centre facilities in the library building next door. For more information contact Mark Penrice, Project Manager (ph 941 6400 or email mark.penrice@ccc.govt.nz).
- **(C4) New public amenities in the town centre:** Included in the development of Albion Square. See (N1) above.
- (C5) Lyttelton War Memorial Cenotaph relocation investigation and reinstatement: Included in the development of Albion Square. See (N1) above.
- (C6) Naval Point amenity improvements and redevelopment: Not funded for implementation nor started during the 2013/14 financial year. However, following Council allocation of \$15,000 in June 2013 to enable a community working party to progress a project to improve the breakwater and boating safety at Naval Point, a report has been prepared by Ocel Consultants that outlines options for breakwaters and associated structures. This report is available on the Council's website here:

http://www.ccc.govt.nz/cityleisure/recreationsport/sportsrecreationguide/boatramps.aspx #navalpt

Members of the Boat Security and Safety Association presented a discussion document to the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board in May 2014. This will be considered as the Council works with the stakeholders on the proposed redevelopment of a joint Naval Point Club/Coastguard Canterbury building and nearby land. Any development will be subject to available funding and Council approval. Planning work will be used to inform the next Long Term Plan.

- **(C7) Art in public places:** Being included in the development of Albion Square, in the form of the permanently incorporated transitional artworks (the nautical pillars, mandala and mosaic seat), the carved waharoa and tukutuku paving on the lower terrace, and the retaining wall behind the cenotaph being constructed in anticipation of the possible future installation of artwork there. Council staff are also working with a representative of the New Zealand Antarctic Society (Canterbury Branch) to identify the most suitable site for a bronze husky to be commissioned by the Society for Lyttelton, to recognise Lyttelton and Quail Island's association with the movement of sled dogs to and from Antarctica in the 20th Century.
- **(C8) Performance/film venue:** Repair and restoration of The Loons is well underway, following the receipt of insurance money and various grants and donations from the Council, other organisations and members of the community. Almost all of the structural work is done, the roof is on and the heating system is being installed. The internal fit out can proceed once the external walls are on. The reopening date is dependent on the further fundraising of around \$300,000 for the work still to be done. If necessary, the Lyttelton Recreation Centre, once repaired, will be able to be used as a performance/film venue until such time as the new theatre anticipated in the longer term is established by either the Council or a private developer.
- **(C9) Emergency preparedness:** Existing networks have been strengthened via increased Timebank membership for both individuals and community groups. The local Civil Defence team is currently revisiting the Lyttelton Harbour Community Response Plan in accordance with the intention to update it yearly. For more information contact Wendy Everingham, Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre (ph 328 9093 or email infocentre@lyttelton.net.nz).
- **(C10) Tangata whenua relationships, values and aspirations:** Collaboration with Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke is ongoing and they have project input on a case-by-case basis. The waharoa (entranceway, named Ōhinehouroko) and tukutuku paving pattern is a reflection of the consultation with them for the design of Albion Square.

#### **Built environment**

- **(B1) Rebuild and recovery-supportive amendments to the Proposed Banks Peninsula District Plan:** The first stage of the District Plan Review (DPR), comprising the earthquake recovery-focussed chapters, was the subject of further community consultation in February/March 2014. The resulting Strategic Directions, Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Transport, Contaminated Land, Subdivision and Development, Natural Hazards and Definitions Chapters were signed off by the Council and reviewed by the Ministers for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery and the Environment in June 2014. The Council has subsequently considered the Ministers' comments and associated recommendations from staff regarding changes to the chapters, prior to their public notification on 27 August 2014. The Commercial Chapter, in particular, gives effect to Action (B1). Review of the remaining chapters (stage two) has started and these are expected to be publicly notified in mid 2015.
- **(B2) Design and character guidance:** See (B1) above. The draft design guidelines applicable to the existing Town Centre/proposed Commercial Banks Peninsula Zone form Appendix 15.8 to the draft Commercial Chapter that was subject to community consultation in February/March 2014. The design guidelines applicable to the Residential Conversation Zone (no name change), in which there was less earthquake damage and where the buildings remain largely intact, have been separated out and will be revised in phase two of the DPR.
- **(B3)** Local input into design and appearance: In accordance with a Council decision in October 2012, the design and appearance of relevant development proposals have been considered by the Urban Design Panel, guided by the Lyttelton design guidelines (Appendix X of the Banks Peninsula District Plan). Local input into the future design and appearance of modified and new buildings within Lyttelton's town centre has been provided via further community input into the revision of these guidelines in February/March 2014, as part of the District Plan Review. The local community, including its design professionals, continue to have input into other Lyttelton Master Plan actions when they occur. For example, the draft concept designs for the development of Albion Square were peer reviewed by a panel of local design professionals.
- **(B4) Identify and assist retention of remaining built heritage:** Red scoria stone from earthquake-damaged retaining walls in Lyttelton is being reused on the surface of walls retaining the upper terrace of Albion Square. The Council's Heritage Team continues to assist, through:
  - $\circ$  providing heritage planning, conservation and grant advice as required to:
    - heritage building owners, Fletchers EQR, consultants and contractors, with respect to temporary protection, scopes of work and repair strategies and methodologies for listed dwellings;
    - LPC, as part of their Port Noise Mitigation Plan process;
    - the Ministry of Education, for the redevelopment of the Lyttelton Main School and Gaol sites;
    - SCIRT, on the red rock retaining walls, including around the discovery and retrieval of a memorial plaque on Simeon Quay;
    - consultants looking at options to retain the remaining facade of the Harbourmaster Building and facilitate its redevelopment;
    - Grubb Cottage Heritage Trust regarding repairs following a leaking roof; and
    - a prospective purchaser of the Masonic Lodge.
  - paying a Heritage Incentive Grant of approximately \$26,000 for conservation and repair works to a property on Oxford Street.
  - monitoring the conservation, alteration and upgrade works on St Saviours at Holy Trinity Church.

Heritage New Zealand (formerly the NZ Historic Places Trust) has started preparations and fundraising to restore the main Lyttelton Timeball tower, mechanism and flagstaff, using as much of the original material as possible, by autumn 2016.