Stormwater Drainage Survey
Over the next few months, Council contractors will be checking out the Port Hills stormwater network to assess the impact of land damage with a view to prioritising and making repairs. Teams of two are carrying out the survey in residential areas from Lyttelton to Governors Bay and may need to enter private properties to check drains, culverts and watercourses. The findings will help prioritise work to reduce any risk of erosion and flooding arising from damage to the network. Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board recommended this assessment be carried out in the Lyttelton Community Recovery Plan Volume 2 and repairs to the network will contribute significantly to the Board's objective “Lyttelton Harbour catchment water quality steadily improving” by helping reduce the volume of sediment entering the harbour.

Strengthening Communities Fund Decisions Made
Difficult decisions were made by Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board at its August meeting where applications for community projects totalling $132,220 had to be considered from a pool of just $38,398. After some discussion, $8,100 of funding was allocated to Lyttelton Community House, $4,000 to Naval Point Club, $7,578 for Stoddart Point Regeneration, $8,100 to the Youth Council, $1,000 for Treaty training for Project Lyttelton Staff and $5,000 for the Walking Festival. The Board also set aside smaller amounts to fund Neighbourhood week at the end of October, our On Board newsletter and next year's Anzac ceremonies in Lyttelton and Diamond Harbour. The Whakaraupo Carving school got $15,000 from a Metropolitan Fund in recognition of the fact that many of its students come from other parts of the city. The Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Small Grants Committee met on 23 August 2012 to allocate $11,946 to local projects needing funding up to $5,000.

Transport Matters
It is transport planning season. The Board has recently made submissions on the Regional Public Transport Plan and the Christchurch Transport Plan. In general the Board supports maintaining or improving bus services, investigating the use of the existing rail infrastructure for a commuter link between the port and town and, as always, we stress the importance of the Diamond Harbour Ferry for the social and economic wellbeing of both Lyttelton and the communities on the south side of Lyttelton Harbour. All Board submissions can be viewed on the Council’s website. In a briefing to the Board, staff from Environment Canterbury reassured the community no changes to the Diamond Harbour ferry service were planned at this stage.

Community Board Clinics
Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board members hold a regular informal “clinic” session at the big table in the Lyttelton Library. Come and meet us to discuss any issue of community interest or concern. Board members answer questions and provide updated information on Community Board business. The clinics are usually held on the second Thursday of each month from 5pm until the Library closes at 6pm. If the agenda for our formal meeting the following week is available by that day, the clinic can also provide an opportunity for people to talk with us informally about future agenda items. Upcoming clinics are on Thursdays 13 September and 11 October. See you there!

Community Board Meetings
The Board has altered its meeting schedule for the remainder of 2012, so that it now meets on the Thursday of the third week of the month at 1.30pm. Meeting dates to the end of 2012 are:

Thursday: 20 September, 18 October, 15 November, 13 December - 1.30pm