University studies in microbiology might indicate an interest in public health, but it was more a desire to contribute to her community which brought about Mahony. May’s quarter of a century as a member and latterly chairperson of the Diamond Harbour and Districts Health Support Group, allowed the provision of a superior medical service by a dedicated team of doctors and nurses that is the envy of many other rural areas.

Districts Health Support Group was founded and incorporated to formally negotiate towards this end. A prime objective of the group was the establishment of a permanent, purpose-built Health Centre rather than the makeshift facilities such as private homes, the school dental clinic and even the veranda of the Community Hall. Gradually the DHDSG’s numerous submissions began to bear fruit. Banks Peninsula District Council set aside a site and offered a loan of $30,000. A fund-raising drive in the community brought donations averaging $100 from 92% of the households, the building was designed and an energetic team of 60 year olds set about constructing it, completing most of the task in just one day in November 1991. The building was officially opened the following January and has proved a real asset as a base in attracting medical practitioners to set up here and as also as a base for our invaluable district nurses and various other health professionals.

To quote Mahony (From Adderley to Bradley, M S-S, 2008):

The building of the Health Centre should be remembered as its (the Health Support Group’s) greatest success. This centre has allowed the provision of a superior medical service by a dedicated team of doctors and nurses that is the envy of many rural areas.

Mahony, the third chairperson of the Health Support Group, resigned at the annual meeting in December 2012, handing the reins to the very capable Jean Burford, under whose leadership the group will continue to manage the Health Centre on behalf of its owners, the community of Diamond Harbour.

Your subscription to the Health Support Group via the envelope attached to this issue of the Herald, will not only contribute towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Health Centre but will also entitle you to direct involvement in the group and its on-going activities.

In the meantime, Mahony, despite her considerable remaining commitments, is looking forward to having a little more time for herself – ‘I’ll be indulging in my passion, she assures me. ‘You’ll find me in my garden! And surely no-one could deny you have earned it, Mahony.

Elaine
Included with this, the first Herald of the year, you should find our 2013 voluntary subscription envelope. As with last year, this envelope gives you the opportunity to:

- subscribe to the Herald
- subscribe to any or all of the other local volunteer organisations listed on the envelope
- update (or add) your details (or adverts) in the local Diamond Harbour Phone Book/Directory

One cheque will cover all your subs — just tick the appropriate boxes. Helpful information about some of the organisations is given in the notices below.

Even if you do not wish to subscribe to any organisation or the Herald, you can still fill in the address part of the envelope and tick the Local Directory box to have your details added or updated in the new edition, this year.

Similarly, if you wish to advertise in the Directory, or update any club or organisation information, please include a note in the envelope.

Completed envelopes can be left in the Herald box at either the Post Centre or Church Bay Store.

They can also be posted to DHCA, PO Box 8, Diamond Harbour 8941. Thank you for your support

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Copies are also available for pick up at the Post Office, Chalfont Cafe and Church Bay Store.

Our contact details are appear at the bottom of the front page of every issue of the Herald and under Local Services in the DH Phone Book.

We thank you for your contribution and support

DIAMOND HARBOUR HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

Please see information in the article on page 1

Orton Bradley Park Update

The rebuilt playground is up and operating again; we have a bit of finishing work and landscaping to complete but it is all working.

Hunters Gully track and link to Magnificent Gully has been reopened, and most of the tracks have been cleared.

We have been offering public tent camping in the park for the first time this summer. This will remain open till February 6, so if you would like a night or two away from home without the hassle of a long trip in the car, come on down.

A list of numbered trees within the park has been posted on our website (follow the arboretum link) for those visitors who are interested in identifying the over 160 different species on display here.

This winter’s firewood is now on sale. Be prepared and stay warm this winter.

Check out our website for more details: www.ortonbradley.co.nz

Ian

Church Bay Neighbourhood Assn Inc. (CBNA)

A group for residents, bach owners and others who associate themselves with Church Bay. It’s aims are to support improvements to our district and encourage neighbourliness. CBNA became incorporated last year.

The Committee meets on an irregular basis when required. In 2012 our major event was a boat shed and beach cleanup, partially sponsored by Ecan, which removed approx 5 tonnes of rubbish from the area. This was supported by representatives from 98% of boat shed owners and other members and followed by our annual BBQ attended by over 60 people. Our most recent annual social gathering was held in December 2012.

We give Welcome Bags of info about the area to new residents and have given out 22 in the past 18 months.

We liaise with other Community Associations in the Harbour Area, are active in making submissions, following up on issues in, or affecting, our area and supporting local initiatives.

Our 2012/13 office holders are: Chairperson: John Shanks, Secretary: Pat Pritchett, Treasurer: Max Taylor

Information about CBNA can be found on the Diamond Harbour website www.diamondharbour.info

Stoddart Cottage News

Trust members met in December for lunch outside the cottage to farewell Brian Fowler and Chris Wood who have recently resigned from the Trust.

Brian, who has been a member for over seven years, has served as chairman, and secretary as well as often presenting the history of the cottage and period costume as Margaret Stoddart’s father, Mark.

Chris has been a member for five years, most recently as treasurer. Their contribution was acknowledged and in response they spoke of their enjoyment of their time with the Trust.

A resolution by the Trust to approach the Diamond Harbour Community Association about the Trust becoming a sub-committee of that association will be formally presented at the next DHCA meeting in February.

The City Council has listed Stoddart Cottage as Priority 2 for repairs. Assessments have now been completed and plans to repair or strengthen the cottage are being formulated. More information should be available in the next Herald.

The trust and community groups will be able to submit suggestions to speed up the repairs so they can be completed in time for the cottage’s 150th Anniversary which we are looking to celebrate at Labour Weekend this year.

To that end, the Trust is looking for memorabilia, paintings, letters, etc related to the cottage, and also for anyone interested in becoming a Trust member and/or assisting in the organization of this event. Donations towards the Anniversary would be gratefully received.

And we are, of course, excited about being the inaugural home base of the Diamond Harbour Menshed.

Adrian Te Patu, Chair
Sea ‘n’ Things

There were certainly plenty of things to see on the sea off Diamond Harbour last week. Not only did the very warm temperatures bring more bathers at our beaches, but there was also an increase in boating activity of all types.

Lots of jet skis and pleasure craft made the best of the long summer evenings, a waka-ama crew were out training, a couple of kayaks braved the boisterous Nor-Wester and of course, as always, the big ships came and went.

In addition to its usual wide range of club events, the Naval Point Club hosted the NZ A Division Catamaran Association’s 2013 National Championships. This week-long event attracted thirteen competitors and involved a gruelling schedule of twelve races over five days. As well divisions for Juniors (under 24) and Veterans (over 55) were included with the open event. The youngest sailor was 19 years old Daniel Philpott of Christchurch who is following in the wake (but not always literally!) of his father Murray who was by far New Zealand’s most experienced A Class sailor competing in this event which he has previously won a remarkable ten times. Since joining the class in 1989, Murray has also taken part in almost all World Championships and a host of other international regattas. However the real veteran of the fleet in both age and time in the class was 66 years old Gavin Walter, also of Christchurch.

Lack of years of age or experience in the class proved no problem for 23 years old Blair Tuke of Northland. In addition to his great personal talent, this outstanding young sailor has also had the advantage of the NZ Yachting Federation’s excellent training and financial assistance for promising youngsters which was never available for the older generation of skippers. Blair has already won four World Championships in other classes and is the 2012 Olympic silver medallist with Peter Burling in the 49er class. Consequently it was not really surprising that he won 9 of last week’s 12 A Class races to comfortably take the title from Murray Philpott, who finished a clear second.

Mike Drummond who finished 5th is another sailor of considerable renown. Originally from Christchurch, he is the longest-serving member of Team New Zealand’s America’s cup squad, having been involved as a navigator and designer since 1987. His new, self-designed A Class was certainly different, although still within the rules of this development class.

Meantime, for those of us with a view up the harbour, the red lighting on the distinctive masts of Greenpeace’s new state-of-the-art Rainbow Warrior III was visible all week long as the ship was moored off Camp Bay awaiting access to the Lyttelton dry dock, the only one in NZ capable of taking this ship which is in need of a couple of days of routine maintenance before heading off to the sub-Antarctic Islands.

The unscheduled delay in entering the dry dock is said to be due to difficulties over negotiations with the Lyttelton Port Company and has meant the cancellation of the southern section of the ship’s tour of the country in protest of deep-sea oil drilling.

Elaine

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**Herald History — A Note from the Editor**

As foreshadowed last year, the Herald is now in its 61st year, and we celebrate over the next few issues by looking back at its long history and those who made it happen.

I had planned for several years to mark our 60th anniversary, only to recently find that I had missed it by about seven months. The keen-eyed among you may have already noted that in this issue we have corrected the Herald’s establishment date in the footer.

While I am disappointed at my blunder, in my own defence I hasten to point out that the footer was first introduced by members of the Herald’s old guard for my first issue at the helm. At that time I did not even know I was the editor let alone informed enough to question dates. Nevertheless I am somewhat amazed that not one reader in the ensuing three years has pointed out the mistake — thank you all for your tolerance!

Sincere thanks aplenty are also due to the many people who have contributed information and back copies about Heralds past, particularly Barley Washer and Meredith Stewart whose help with Part I has been invaluable.

As always, Mary Stapylton-Smith’s, Adderley to Bradley, is a great source of information for which I am most grateful. If you missed out on purchasing a copy of this detailed record of our local history, copies are still available from Colin McLeod (329 4119) for $40.

With an eye to Part 2 and beyond we would love to hear from anyone who can offer information or material about the Herald or its editors from 1956 on.

**Elaine Turner**

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**PART 1: HOW THE HERALD HAPPENED**

The Burgess’s Association of Diamond Harbour was the forerunner of the Diamond Harbour Community Association. From its inception, it was active in campaigning for the well-being of the residents and improvements to services. Between 1945 and 1955, the construction of a community hall as a war memorial was a high priority, and by mid-1952 the community of about 200 residents had raised £1800 (pounds) for this purpose.

A prominent resident of the time, Barley Washer, recalls, “Cake and vegetable stalls were held on Saturday mornings to raise money, and raffles were always popular. As well, galas were held in the New Year when the bands were full of holiday makers, who were roughly equal in number to the permanent residents, so it was a good time to get outside money.”

The target amount was roughly £3000 which was half of the estimated cost of the hall, the remainder to be contributed by the government pound for pound subsidy for such projects. About mid-1952, however, word was received that the subsidy was to be discontinued at the end of the following year, so the staunch community swung into action and a public meeting decided on a big fund raising campaign – The Royal Carnival. Three members of the royal family were appointed on the understanding that they would compete with each other in organising fundraising events for The Cause.

But how was the community to be informed of such events? Yolande Pritchett (Paul Pritchett’s mother) — is credited with proposing a monthly local newspaper be published, which is probably why this sketch, believed to be by Evelyn Hall, appears on page one of the first ever issue of the Diamond Harbour Herald, which also included the following introduction to THE ROYALS:

**KING** - Mr Norman Turner - sponsored by Burgess Assn. Turner Club and Win Fin Cottage owners.

Mr. Turner’s nomination is peculiarly appropriate as he is a war amputee who saw service in Greece, Crete and Libya with Freyberg’s famous 20ths. He is an active member of the Ch Ch Tini Hall Club and R.S.A He is a member of the War Amputee’s Assn. and a valued member of our Burgess Assn. and our Garden Circle. Being an Irishman green will be his distinguishing colour.

**QUEEN** - Mrs Yolande Pritchett - sponsored by the local branch of W.D.F.F. (Women’s Division of Federated Farmers) and the Trans-Harbour Women’s Community Club.

Again a happy choice Mrs Pritchett is the charming and popular President of the W.D.F.F. and an equally popular member of the Garden Circle. Generous and willing helpers in any local efforts, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett again and again have lent their lovely home for the Meetings of the many different organisations. Mrs. Pritchett has chosen gold as the Queen’s colour.

**PRINCESS** – Miss. Betty Agar – sponsored by the Home & School Assn. of the School committee and the Youth Club.

Our Betty – keen golfer – tennis player and dancer. “want something from Port” – No trouble to Betty and always with a smile too. She believes in the “Blue Bird of happiness” so her colour will be blue. Again Diamond Harbour’s choice is a delightful one.

Strong committees are backing up each of these three candidates for this final effort so Diamond Harbour put your hand deep down into your own pocket and into any other person’s when opportunity presents itself.

The cover of this inaugural Herald, dated July 19 1952, states it was Unregistered at the GPO Diamond Harbour for transmission by post as a newspaper and was Wholly set up, printed and published in Diamond Harbour by the Optimistic Diamond Harbour Publishing Co.

The innovative editor was Evelyn Hall who, with her husband Jack, had built their home at 15 Purau Ave in the mid-1940s. While she was known to her wider family as Edith, Jack regularly referred to her as Bobby because her maiden name was Robert – and it is as Bobby that she is remembered in Diamond Harbour for her many talents and her considerable contribution to the community, not only through the Herald, but also as member and chair of the Burgess Association and various other groups.

It was Bobby who initiated the construction of the proper path to Diamond Harbour Beach, who ran exercise classes for the community’s pregnant mums, and who said, “A piece of cake.” when she and Jack were asked in late 1948 to manage Godley House for several months between lessees. For this role, Bobby enlisted the paid help of a young Edith Washer to do whatever I asked of you – which turned out to include such things as bed making, bread-slicing and waitressing.

It seems Diamond Harbour folk may have a special affinity with nicknames, for Edith, even today, considers her Diamond Harbour name to be that given to her as a young child by her devoted father. He hailed from the centre of Scotland’s whiskey-producing area and clearly considered his little daughter to be the key ingredient in his being – just as Barley is to whiskey.

Barley was a skilled shorthand typist, having worked before her marriage in the offices of Fletcher Holdings’ Riccarton asbestos factory, and of Anderson’s of Barley. 

(Continued opposite)
Lyttelton, which was engaged in building, among other things, penstocks for the hydro electricity dams being constructed around that time.

Thus in July 1952, Bobby and Barley again teamed up, and the Diamond Harbour Herald was born. Bobby collated the material sent in by the enthusiastic community - notices and reports of local clubs and activity groups, as well as the Burgesses Association, the church and the school.

Births, deaths, marriages and advertisements were listed along with numerous humorous quotes and observations from various sources, including Bobby herself. She also did most of the illustrations, including a unique cover page for each issue. December 1952 below:

Barley of course was the one who typed the copy onto Gestetner stencils - very carefully, because there certainly were no Delete or Undo keys on the old portable typewriter she borrowed from her neighbour, Mr Jekyll, so any serious mistake could mean starting again from scratch. Each Herald page was half a foolscap stencil, and often up to eight full stencils were needed to cope with all the news of the month. A Christchurch printer and friend of Jack Hall supplied the paper. I got permission to use the school's Gestetner duplicator, Barley reflects, and it turned out to be the most difficult and frustrating piece of machinery to use, but it did do the job.

Wally Agar assisted with the final stages of publishing and Bobby's daughter, Meredith, recalls that she and her three siblings would walk round and round their large kitchen table, carefully laying out countless back pages, to be followed on subsequent laps by the other pages in reverse order.

Once carefully stapled, each Herald was sold for one shilling per copy by volunteer distributors going house to house. Since fund-raising for The Cause was always the aim, it was considered a crime to lend your copy to another person – Ask for their subscription instead, was the message. Advertising charges helped to pay for the production, but at the beginning of 1953 a notice in Issue No. 7 hinted of financial difficulties and asked the community the question which has been repeated by almost every Herald editor since – Do you want the Herald to continue?

The community's response was a resounding Yes! and within two months there were 60 pre-paid subscribers. However the monthly task, although rewarding, was an arduous undertaking for the two busy mothers. After issue No 10 in April, No 11 did not appear until June 13. The July issued followed but then there was a ten week gap until issue No 13 in October. By then, after a great deal of manual and financial effort by almost everyone in

Diamond Harbour, the target had been reached and a total of £3,556 was transferred to the Lyttelton Borough Council in good time to secure the government subsidy, and the Herald, having not only admirably served its purpose but also having directly contributed £150 to the fund-raising, announced in its editorial that it was ceasing production.

But not quite... In response to numerous requests from the community, Issue No 14 appeared in February 1954 proposing that the Herald would continue for a further six months. However it seems that didn't happen, as there is no record of further copies until Bobby and Barley combined just once more to publish a special issue on April 2, 1955, the day that the Diamond Harbour Community Hall was opened by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr. S.W. Smith and dedicated as a War Memorial by three clergymen from Lyttelton.

This photograph and caption appeared in a Christchurch newspaper the week prior to the event.

Bobby and Barley both continued to contribute to the Diamond Harbour community in other ways for many years. Bobby passed away in her Purau Avenue home in 1990, and in 2001, Barley reluctantly swapped her Waipapa Avenue home of 55 years for a small unit in Sumner, where recently, now in her 87th year, she provided me with coffee and biscuits, an original copy of every one of those first 15 Heralds, and several delightful hours of detailed Herald history.

Elaine

**Diamond Harbour on the Net**

The Diamond Harbour Community Association set up its website to support our local communities from Charteris Bay through to Port Levy.

Like the Herald, it is maintained by dedicated volunteers and the many local clubs, groups and individuals who provide the information which helps to keep our communities connected.

If you have something to go up on the website email info@diamondharbour.info or ph 329 3032.

[Website Link]
Music and Sculpture at the Point

Live at the Point and Sculpture on the Point are very much alive and well! We are now half way through our summer programme and have been receiving wonderful feedback from both locals and visitors alike (check out our Facebook page). The musicians have been fabulous and varied, as are the sculptures which continue to give pleasure to all those who come across them. Thanks to all of you who have been supporting these events and a big invite to any of you who have still to experience a lazy Sunday afternoon down on the lawns of the old Godley House site listening to great live music. We have averaged crowds of about 200 per event (over 500 people enjoyed The Eastern and Marlon Williams and Delaney Davidson saw over 300 people coming and going)! The Black Cat ferry attributes an average extra 100 passengers each Sunday to the music and sculpture which must also good for our wonderful cafés. This is great news as it supports our reasons for holding these events - to keep Diamond Harbour on the map as a metropolitan destination; to keep the Godley House site in people’s minds as a great community asset; to foster local community well-being; and support our local businesses.

Sculpture Purchase for Our Community?

As all the sculptures are for sale and there has been such a wonderful response from the community to having them here, SPRIG has been in discussion with the DH Community Association regarding the possible purchase of one of them. The sculptures range in price from $18,000 to over $100,000. There has already been some discussion amongst a number of locals about the possible purchase of the fabulous sculpture by Alison Erickson out on the point of the woman and child for $18,000 (at right). To have this fabulous artwork which sits so perfectly on this site become a permanent placement would be a wonderful thing.

After discussion with the DH Community Association a number of options presented themselves which we would like the community to consider:
1. the DHCA purchase the sculpture on behalf of the community
2. a benefactor be found who is willing to purchase the sculpture on behalf of the community
3. the sculpture be purchased for the community through personal donations from the wider community
4. a combination of the above

The DHCA will be calling a meeting to lead the discussion regarding this very soon but in the meantime we welcome your ideas on these options – please email Tracey Ower tyola@xtra.co.nz. As the exhibition finishes on February 24 we would need to have reached a decision before this time.

Other Actions

SPRIG continues to pursue the actions which came out of the community consultation held last year. Keep up to date by checking our website www.sprig.org.nz. Tracey

SPRIG Business Expo

The idea for a business expo sprouted from the community consultation: one of the pink stickers suggested it, a few people added their voice to the idea and away we went. Because much of the community consultation showed a general call for more services locally, we, in SPRIG wondered whether the services that already exist were as well known and patronised as they deserved to be. Hence the idea for a business expo. It would provide an opportunity for businesses to profile themselves to the community and network amongst each other.

However, on the whole, request for expressions of interest from businesses has met with a very subdued response. Not enough to warrant the organisation of a business expo at this stage anyway. But, on the plus side, we have noticed that there are other initiatives for businesses, driven by local businesses in the pipeline. So watch this space... SPRIG is a conduit for community initiatives and ideas, we feel we need to reflect the enthusiasm in the community so we have decided to defer the business expo (for the time being anyway). The idea of enhancing the profile of the area is very much alive. Godley House provided a unique and very visible drawcard for Diamond Harbour, with the attendant business for the ferry, accommodation providers etc. The concert and sculpture exhibition will finish at the end of February, so the idea is to keep the momentum going by reminding the wider Canterbury area of Diamond Harbour and the Bays as a destination.

SPRIG, at the moment, is a relatively small group of people, we would love more people to join us. So any one who has a great idea for what we can do here in Diamond Harbour, please join us and see if we can help turn your good idea into a reality!

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The Sculpture—and the Poem

Lady Looking

Lady, Lady looking
For something that will last
Is she looking to the future
Or remembering the past

Looking to the distance
Or close behind her eyes
Does she see the city
And mourn it’s sad demise

Or is she merely being
With her child and staff in hand
Taking time to wonder
A woman of this land

Of peace and yet a warrior
Determined to do right
Protective on her outcrop
Through the day and night

Morph into a spirit
Which reminds us to stand tall
And keep right on going
Despite our losing all

We love her very presence here
Guarding near the wharf
Her spirit strong yet gentle
Will her mana morph

She’s a woman of our village
But belongs to all the earth
Encourages serenity
And enriches worth

We hope that she can stay with us
For a little while
For the place will seem quite empty
Without her enigmatic smile

Written Jan 10th 2013 Jan Cole
Student Design Exercise

If you happen to notice students with cameras and sketchbooks in the neighbourhood through February and March, it will be a class of fourth year Lincoln University Landscape Architecture students who will be engaging in an exciting (hypothetical) exercise.... Their task - to design a vibrant, resilient and viable village centre at Stoddart Point. Their brief asks that their design be sympathetic with the site’s history and existing topography, and integrated with current and projected functions and circulation patterns. We will endeavour to exhibit their final work upon completion.

If you happen to come across an inspired student sketching away in their book, say hello and feel free to contribute!

Nancy Vance

Morgan’s Gully Petition

The continuation of Morgan’s Gully, between Marine Drive and Bay View Road, either side of the Mt Herbert Track is an area of what was once pasture but is now gorse, broom and other weeds constituting a fire hazard that threatens Waipapa and Whero houses.

Over the last 15 years the weed growth has become so bad it is useless for grazing, and what was once a pleasant ramble beside a rocky stream is now a walk through a corridor of dense gorse. But there are moves to make this a native plant reserve. Using the gorse as a nursery plant as has been done at Hinewai, it may become a haven for indigenous species. What is needed is for the council to change the current status of the land and put a fence from Whero Avenue to Bay View Road.

Planting, seed bombs and other methods will encourage the growth of native plants.

Liz Garson from the CCC, and Robyn Russ from Ecan are looking into amendments to grazing leases and putting it all before the community board for approval, but they would like to see what level of support there is in the community for this project, and if there is long term interest in keeping the regeneration going once started.

If you think this is a good idea, please send expressions of support to Dave Hammond at 28 Waipapa Ave, RD 2, Diamond Harbour 8972, or Dumpy@xtra.co.nz.

Please add your name to the petition which can be found in the local shops and Post Office.

Dave Hammond

Future-Proofing our Jetty

Have you ever rushed down to the jetty’s car park only to find that it is overfull – and then, with the approaching ferry in your rear vision mirror, scooted back up the dangerously narrow hillroad, down to the Stoddarts Point car park, locked your car, loped down the path to the jetty only to find the ferry half-way back to Lyttelton? Who hasn’t!

The main culprit in this is the invisibility of the jetty car park. For most residents, save those few whose homes provide a view of it, getting a park at the jetty is literally an exercise in blind optimism. But it doesn’t have to be like this.

One day Diamond Harbour will have grown sufficiently for some savvy entrepreneur to see that a local bus service would be justified. Obviously, its main terminus would be the jetty. It could discharge city-bound passengers at the jetty and return them to local bus stops. What would be necessary (for a large bus) would be to take the hairpin bend out of the jetty road.

Having done that why not continue the road past the jetty, replacing those steps with a one way road? A one-way road would be making a virtue out of necessity. The present road is barely wide enough for two cars anyway.

The one-way road could become a route to the Stoddarts Point car park and continue on up to the burgeoning CBD of Diamond Harbour. Our DH bus could then drop off and pick up passengers and continue on. Locals could do the same. By all means retain those invisible jetty carparks, but give the tardy a sporting chance of getting to their ferry.

What are the fish hooks? At the moment none. Cars will still be parked as they are now – in two car parks. In time, more parks might be necessary at Stoddrats Point. But, with a bus service running, not necessarily.

Of course, where is the money coming from? Ah well. But we are talking of the future here. Apart from taking the kink out of the jetty road, I would suggest that the cost of making it a one-way road may not be huge. Especially when weighed against a congestion problem that will only grow with the influx of new residents.

I guess I’ll never see it, but at least the next generation has something to think about with regard to our community’s most convenient route to the city.
Recipe

Hot Summer Chocolate Ice Cream
Sharing an ice cream recipe is easy. You can google a million options online too, but please try this simple one, before getting further into ice cream making. It is very easy and rewarding.

This year I am experimenting with different coffee ice creams. Not iced coffee, but creamy ice cream with a coffee taste. When serving it to children as well, I use strong decaf coffee for flavouring.

You can make it with or without an ice cream machine.

The French call this kind of semi-frozen soft-textured dessert a parfait. The important thing to getting that perfect soft texture is the proportion of sugar to cream/fat, so keep to the exact measurement of ingredients.

Chocolate Ice cream with Orange Sauce

Ingredients
- 300ml cream
- 4 egg yolks (very fresh)
- 4 tbsp sugar
- 100g dark chocolate (preferably 70% cocoa)
- 2 tbsp Grand-Marnier (if you have a bottle)

Sauce:
- 4 oranges
- 4 tbsp sugar (60g)
- 4 tbsp Grand-Marnier (Orange liqueur)

Method
Whip cream in a large cold bowl (whip by hand for greater volume that will be better retained if refrigerated). Whip egg yolks and sugar in blender, till white and fluffy. Add chocolate (that has been melted slowly with either a couple of spoons of water or Grand-Marnier).

When all is cooled down, fold in cream.

Pour into an ice cream machine or a glad wrap lined cake tin (approx 600ml), put it into freezer for at least 6 hours. Pour into an ice cream machine or a glad wrap lined cake tin (approx 600ml), put it into freezer for at least 6 hours.

Fillet the oranges (segments free of white skin) use a bit of the juice, or extra orange juice. In a separate pan caramelise the sugar and add the juice, simmer till sugar is dissolved. Add Grand-Marnier, then add orange fillets and allow to cool.

Serving: Lift glad wrap with log of ice cream out of tin and slice. You can add on a few chocolate chips if you like.

Bon apetit.

Franziska

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Wine speak

Happy New Year folks and it’s nice to see plenty of sun for a change. We spent part of our holiday break in Sydney with family and I’ve had ample occasion to sample some lovely wines below. Below is mandatory deck quaffing wine for the rest of the summer!

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The Godfather
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**Ron**

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Grave Changes Proposed

Have your say!

Christchurch City Council is proposing a new Cemeteries By-law, Handbook and Master Plan which will affect the Diamond Harbour Memorial Garden Cemetery for the next 50 years.

Come to the DH Community Hall on Tuesday Feb 12 between 3.30 and 7pm to discuss the issues with CCC staff.

Important issues:

1. The Master Plan contains a number of significant changes to the layout and function of the Diamond Harbour Cemetery, and a totally new landscape plan. All this has been produced without any local input or consultation.

2. The Master Plan and Handbook require no specific engagement with local communities, residents associations or community boards. Do you think that is OK?

3. The Master Plan specifically mentions investigating the possibility for eco-burials in the DH Cemetery. This is the opportunity to demonstrate support for this.

4. The Handbook and Master Plan mention a preference for just one main eco-burial site for the whole of Christchurch. The preferred site is Le Bons Bay, some 94km, 1.5 hours drive from Christchurch. Do you think this makes sense?

Have your say by:
• coming to the DH Community Centre
• lodging a submission at www1.ccc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay
• using the editable pre-written submission at www.diamondharbour.info/future-developments.aspx

Public submissions close on the 19th of February.

Authorised by the D.H. Community Association. Feb 2013
The Eco Gardener’s Patch

How to Cook from the Garden

It’s midsummer and my garden is producing an ample sufficiency of lettuce, caulis, broccoli, green beans, silverbeet, potatoes, cucumbers, sweet corn and zucchini, plus the first cherry tomatoes and new carrots.

Now is the time to stop thinking What would I like for dinner tonight? and start thinking What would the garden like to offer me for dinner tonight? It’s a big switch to go from making shopping lists with certain menus in mind to walking into the garden at dinner preparation time every day and developing a menu from what is there. But it’s a very enjoyable switch once one gets the hang of it. It’s so much more satisfying to stroll through a garden running through a repertoire of dishes in one’s mind than to trudge along the supermarket aisles not seeing anything really fresh and tasty.

It’s also easy to do if you follow these three shortcuts to cooking from the garden. You need recipes to deal with the three main categories of choices you have to make when it comes to selecting what to cook and how to cook it. I call these choices A little bit of everything, Too much of a good thing and With frills on.

A little bit of everything dishes are the ones you make when no one vegetable is producing enough to be the main ingredient in a dish. Stir fries and salads are classic examples, as are mixed vegetable pies, flans and frittatas. There are no hard and fast ingredient lists, and you can mix and match whatever you have that goes well together. Too much of a good thing dishes are the ones you make when there is a surplus of one vegetable, and you make it the main feature in a dish. Cauliflower cheese is a good example. Likewise a salad based on just cooked cauliflowerets, a couple of sliced spring onions, and heaps of finely chopped herbs (chives, parsley, dill) in a cider vinegar and light olive oil vinaigrette dressing (tip the warm cauliflower into the dressing and herbs in the salad bowl, mix well and let it marinate in the fridge until needed) is another one - and one that is better suited to summer. Fritters made of one key vegetable (eg zucchini, potato, eggplant) are also a good way to turn an over-performing vegetable into a treat.

With frills on are the dishes you make that add some strong extra tastes to a side dish vegetable which might otherwise be a bit dull. Roasting potatoes with fresh rosemary sprigs and sliced garlic is an example of this, as is roasting cauliflower with sage leaves and a handful of olives.

Good books to consult for inspiration for cooking from the garden are the Kiwi classics, The Cook’s Garden series, by Mary Browne, Helen Leach, and Nancy Tichbourne, and A Vegetable Cookbook by Digby Law. Also wonderful for stretching one’s knowledge and skills is Cooking from the Garden, by American master gardener Rosalind Creasy.

To find out what I made for dinner from my harvest basket (in the photo above), go to:
www.ecogardenernz.blogspot.co.nz/2013/01/how-to-cook-from-garden.html

Christine Dann
The Eco Gardener www.ecogardenernz.blogspot.co.nz
No failure – only feedback
My field of psychology - NLP (Neuro Linguistic Programming) is built on a number of presuppositions, or assumptions, which give us a framework upon which to understand ourselves and others and which, when used, allow us to be more successful and happier in the world. In future columns I will be exploring these ways of thinking, to allow you to examine your own ways of thinking about and operating in the world, and to open up the possibilities of new ways of thinking.

One of the presuppositions of NLP is: There is no such thing as failure, only feedback. When things don’t go as we hope in the world, we can interpret it in one of two ways – we can look upon it negatively as a failure, or we can view it simply as feedback which gives us information about what we can do next.

Consider for a moment, an plane travelling across the world. If we were to look at the route the plane takes, we would find that it does not travel to its destination in a perfectly straight line. Instead, the course of the plane is constantly being corrected, as weather, flight zones, and other planes are taken into account. That means that for most of the journey, the plane is actually heading in the wrong direction. At no stage though, do the pilots look at the direction they’re travelling in, realize if they keep going that way, they’ll miss their destination by hundreds of kilometres and simply give up. Instead, they simply correct their course to get themselves going in the direction they want once more.

We can use the same sort of system in our lives. When we take an action, we often expect a certain kind of response. If we don’t get the response we want, instead of viewing that response as a failure, we can choose instead to view it as feedback, and realize that we need to do something differently to get the response we want. Viewing that response as feedback gives us power and choices as to what we do next, as opposed to failure, which is a dead end, leaving us feeling negative and less likely to pursue a similar endeavour in the future.

Feedback is positive. Failure is negative. Failure makes us feel bad, gives us a poor self image and can lead to low levels of achievement. Feedback on the other hand gives us the information we need to make new choices, to adjust our behaviour, and to try new strategies.

If we habitually keep this presupposition in mind – that there is no such thing as failure, there is only feedback – we cannot fail. We just learn and improve, therefore increasing our chances of being who we want to be in the world.

Robyn
Weather Watch

Summer as it should be?

For the last couple of months the summer seems to have been much as we always think it should be, with a run of warm, sunny days. Venture down to the beach at Purau, or what other favourite place you have, and the water is agreeably warm. Not tropical warm, of course, but pleasant enough to entice you to stay longer, or come back another day. The Press has shown yet more pictures of happy Cantabrians playing in the surf, lounging on beaches, or picnicking by rivers with never a sweater in sight. True, there has been the occasional chill, and it has rained, but mostly it’s been a summer to remember.

Average temperatures for December and January have been within the same range as in some other years. A value of 16.75°C for December is higher - just - than that for other years since 2001, (the earliest year for which I have records), but the 17.25°C for this January to date has been equalled and even exceeded in the past, notably in 2004 when the value was 18.2°C. We may yet achieve that value by the end of the month. At 5pm today (Jan 23) it reached 29°C. Sunshine, as recorded at the airport, has been much higher than usual for the year to date, by about thirty hours. Whether the harbour received quite as much is a matter for speculation. There were one or two days in when the inevitable easterly developed and brought in clouds which dropped our temperature well below that experienced in the city. On the other hand, the city on a few occasions had cloud and rain which mostly passed us by. Where a difference between temperatures this season and previous seasons seems to lie is in the overnight temperatures. For a time we had a run of warm nights, and these have kept up the average.

While the garden has needed steady watering, the rainfall figures for December and January are not particularly low. In December I recorded 49mm. The only trouble was that almost all of it fell in one 24 hour period, on the 7-8th of the month. With the sunshine hours, and therefore the evaporation rates, we were also receiving, this welcome watering was rather rapidly cancelled out. Similarly in January, the rainfall of 43mm to date has been counterbalanced by the long sunshine hours. Since no rain has fallen on most days, but the evaporation has been inexorable, there has been a constant moisture deficit, only partly met by the use of the hose and sprinklers.

It looks as if the warm dry weather is likely to continue for a week or two at least. February usually has the highest average temperatures, so we can reasonably anticipate more days at the beach, counterbalanced by the constant need to water those peas, beans and other garden produce. Let’s enjoy it while it lasts - but please also take care! Keep an eye and a nose out for smoke. Everywhere is so dry even a small fire can become dangerous, as several Canterbury examples show.

Jane Soons
You can come too — Local Events and Community Activities

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Rouke Bakker

Our Library
Happy New Year to you all from the Diamond Harbour Library.

Did you make a New Year’s resolution?
Maybe to join the Library? Now’s the time to do it!
Perhaps you have decided to take it easy and chill out more this year? What better way to relax than to sit down with a good book, magazine or DVD from your Library.

It is not true we have only one life to love, if we can read, we can live as many lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish.
(S.I. Hayakawa)

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Thursdays: 10am-2pm
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Pre-School Storytime Tuesday February 19 at 2pm - come and join in the fun - all welcome.
Christine Turner

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Do You Love to Sing?

Maybe used to be in a choir - or always wanted to be in one?
The Harbour Singers welcome new members for 2013

The Harbour Singers like to celebrate members’ birthdays and other special occasions as well as sing.

You are very welcome to roll up to the Stage Room at the back of the Diamond Harbour Community Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday February 13 and join the first practice of the Harbour Singers for 2013.
The first two practices are free for newcomers.
If you want to join the choir but feel you need some tuition in group singing first, then please call Christine on 3294 588 or email her at christine@horomaka.org.
If enough people express an interest in this, our conductor Rachel Bayliss will be able to arrange group singing for beginners classes for you.
She will also be offering an entry level choral workshop in Diamond Harbour in March or April, so watch this space...

Christine Dann

Diamond Harbour Tai Chi Group

Invites new members to new term starting
February 14

We are practising the ancient martial art of Tai Chi Chuan as a series of mind/body exercises, performed in a slow, focused and flowing manner, which is designed to keep the body in constant motion and promote serenity. Scientific studies have found that regular practice of Tai Chi can improve brain function, reduce stress, anxiety and depression. It will improve general well-being and flexibility in older adults, provided it is practised on regular bases.
We are very fortunate to be able to practice in the DH Community Hall where we have space, a nice wooden floor and even a pleasant view. The course fee is $30 for a term of 8 weeks. This is very reasonable as similar courses in town cost $70 or more.

A member says: Experience Tai Chi and reap the benefits!

Have you resolved, even vaguely, to take better care of your body in 2013, but don’t want anything too vigorous, expensive or time consuming? Have you considered Tai Chi? I can personally recommend it. I have been doing Tai Chi here in DH for nearly 3 years and I’m sold on it!
One of the big pluses I have found is a much improved sense of balance. So whilst I may still be learning Tai Chi, I already get the physical benefits in my normal everyday life. Please call 329 4835 to book or get more information.
Thursdays 11am-12noon: Tai Chi for Health. Beginners & Intermediate. Sundays 5-6pm: Yang style Tai Chi for those with some experience.

Peter Fischer
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Downhill Road into Allendale

For 23 years I have driven down and up that bumpy, corrugated road from Governors Bay leading into the Allendale valley. I thought over the years that the corrugation was meant to be like that for perhaps reducing the slipperiness of the surface... The view adjoining this part of the road was of the old hut and old sheep. The hut must have disintegrated in the earthquake and I guess the sheep ran away???. The quake-damaged bit of the road at the bottom of the slope was fixed some time ago but not the slope. The road was still rough until recently and I am sure all the Diamond Harbour commuters got a pleasant shock to be able to drive up a nice smooth surface which must have been on the Council repair list for some time and of course it is possible the repair order was made 23 years ago or more but maybe it was at the bottom of a list and surfaced end of last year. But we who drive that road regularly really appreciate the improvement.

BDM

Cut It Out, Cat!

According to a piece in the Forest and Bird magazine, the wrecking of the Rena caused the death of about 1500 birds; some say it was New Zealand's largest environmental disaster. Much of the population was aghast.

But let us say there are only 30 cats in the Diamond Harbour area, and suggest that those cats kill only one bird a week – that makes 1560 birds a year – more than a Rena disaster every year in this area alone, and we do not even notice. Every year an estimated 26 million native New Zealand birds are lost to mammalian predators. We also lose many skinks, geckos and insects to these cute carnivores. Think about that before you buy a kitten, or let the cat out.

Dave Hammond

Thanks EQC and All!

Lots of horror stories have been floating around the Diamond Harbour grapevine regarding the many errors made and drama caused by quake repairers working on local houses. I have read only one good story in the Herald and want to comment on my good story. A great job was done by Shaun and his team from Bluegroup Tauranga with the backup of Paul from the Fletchers Hub in Lyttelton who hovered around frequently. My Ranui Crescent house is 3 levels and scaffolding had to be erected inside to cope with the high ceilings and walls. The guys did a great job and all was finished in three weeks and cleaned up to perfection. And the three sturdy blokes from World Moving and Storage had the house emptied of 23 years of junk within four hours. So maybe I was lucky? My thanks to all involved.

BDM
Church Notices

Catholic Masses
Diamond Harbour: First Sunday of the month at 5.30pm
Lyttelton (21 Exeter Street): Monthly third Sunday 5.30pm
Other Sundays: A SCAP service (Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest) in Diamond Harbour at 9am.

Anglican - Methodist - Presbyterian
Sunday 10:30am Communion and Wednesday @ 9am

Wednesday @ 9
Wednesday mornings 9-9:30am This service is relaxed and reflective. A great place to drop into after the kids are at school or for you have had your morning walk. We would love to see you and offer a time of friendly fellowship and a mid-week breathing space.

Women’s Community Breakfast
Saturday 9 February at 8:15am at the Church Hall.
Guest Speaker: Prof Phil Bagshaw, Chairman of the Christchurch Charity Hospital Trust.
Koha to cover the cost of the breakfast is appreciated. There also will be an opportunity to donate to the work of the Charity Hospital Trust.
RSVP: Parish Office 329 4790 or Ruth Willis 329 4243 or sign up in the Church foyer.

Men’s Community Breakfast
Saturday 16 February at 7:45am for 8am breakfast at the Church Hall.
The Story of Living Springs. Koha towards costs please.
For catering purposes please advise attendance to Ross Fountain 329 4202; Errol Walker 329 4477; or John Palmer 329 4341 or Wendy Coles 329 4483.

Home Groups
Two home groups meet on alternate Monday evenings at 7:30pm.
Group 1: in the Church (contact Ross Fountain 329 4202).
Group 2: in the home of John and Margaret Somerville (contact the Somervilles 329 4713).

Baby and Toddler Group
A baby group for infants 0-36 months and their care givers is held at the Diamond Harbour Church Hall on Tuesdays fortnightlyly 10 am to 12 on:
February 12 & 26; March 12 & 26
Please ring Wendy Coles 329 4483 - Babies or Kate Leech 329 4924 - Toddlers.

Bible Discussion Group
Wednesday afternoon fortnightly at the Diamond Harbour Church Hall. Contact Anne Boyd 329 4444.

City Shopping Van
The fortnightly shopping van to South City will be running on Wednesdays:
February 13 & 27; March 13 & 27
The van does pick-ups from home around 9am and drops people back home around 1:30pm.
A contribution towards fuel of $10 per shopping day is expected. To book an occasional or regular ride ring Nicky Palmer 329 4341 or Wendy Coles 329 4483.

City Mission Basket
The church has a basket for non-perishable food and grocery items for the City Mission.
Many families are dependent on the support of agencies like the City Mission as jobs dwindle and money fails to stretch to meet basic outgoings. We also collect Small Change for the Small Room, with the coins being spent on toiletries and personal hygiene items which are distributed by the City Mission and St Vincent de Paul.

Mount Herbert Parish Magazine
Please email contributions for the next issue to mt.herbertparish@xtra.co.nz.
You can read the current issue of the magazine and back copies at www.diamondharbour.info/church-notices.aspx.

Points to Ponder
We are into the second month of the calendar year and it has been a time for me when I have been challenged to think about my habits and routines and what new ones I want to pick up in 2013 and what I want to achieve through them. I am talking about good habits... maybe I will deal with my bad habits next month!
I read somewhere that it takes 40 times doing something for it to become a routine and therefore a part of ones life... that seems a long time! I am sure that I didn't have to eat chocolates 40 times for it to become part of my day! But I sure bet it will take 40 times of eating carrots for that food! Oh well... I am a work in progress!
This year I am joining the gym... that is a routine I am kind of looking forward to and kind of not looking forward to... I know I need to do my motivation is to feel fitter, look fitter and be fitter!
I love painting but something can always distract me from doing it, so my conclusion is that I can't be that into it if I am so easily distracted from doing it. I have come to the realization that while I am passionate about painting I need to get into the habit and routine of setting time aside on a regular basis and let nothing distract me from it... this is also exactly the same for reading my bible.
I am a person who likes routine and order, but the flip-side of is that I am easily distracted from my routines if they are ones that are not fully a part of my daily life. I think I need more discipline in my life and I am the only one that can instil and enforce that.
So my new habits and routines for this year are... and the outcomes I wish to achieve are
Go to the gym once a week; lose 10 kilos.
Paint 3 mornings a week; sell 10 paintings this year.
Read my bible every day; know more about God and His purposes.
I need to be accountable so please ask me if I am on track to achieving these! What new habits and routines are you going to form this year?
Life is a journey, not a destination. Anna Pickersgill-Brown

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DH Community Association

Meeting Held Monday December 17

Sculpture
Consideration was given to the wish that one of the sculptures be purchased for the community. Alison Erikson’s bronze sculpture of an adult and child looking out to sea is available.
A discussion considered vandalism, money-raising from donors or people wanting a memorial to family members etc. It was agreed that a hold be placed on the sculpture and that the committee assess support for the proposal over the coming months. Money held from Art and Crafts would be appropriate for this use (see SPRIG report p6).

Green Burials
The Green Burials group recently held a meeting with Eric Banks of CCC concerning possibilities for eco burial or scattering of non toxic ashes in the Memorial Garden area. Problems have been identified regarding drainage etc and a higher area might be preferable to the lower two tiers. The Christchurch City Council Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw and Handbook has been received by the committee and submissions are due by February 19. A public consultation meeting will be held in Diamond Harbour on February 12 and it was felt that the Community Association should prepare a submission around the beginning of February and information go out before the meeting giving clear direction on the issues.
While Le Bons Bay Cemetery is the preferred site for full eco burials at this stage, as a result of the Diamond Harbour group’s meeting with the council, consideration of a form of Green Burial in Diamond Harbour has been included in the document now under consideration. A discussion considered vandalism, money-raising from local businesses through publicity etc. There is a role to play here by the Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre.
The DHCA committee congratulates Sprig on the months of organising by Tracey Ower and others and the excellent publicity created by Wayne Eddington which resulted in the series getting under way with large numbers of people enjoying the sculpture and music.

General Business
In the new year we should push for the whole Godley House area to be covered with a platform so that the fences can come down and better use made of the site. The Stoddart Cottage Trust should be incorporated as a sub committee of the DHCA.
Next meeting 7.30 pm, February 18.

Karen

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Classifieds

Cleaner required for DH Playcentre
Starting Feb 8. 1½ hours after each session on Mon, Wed and Thurs, plus ½ hour laundering tea towels etc at own home (total 5 hours per week.)
We are open to older teenagers applying for this role.
Phone Karen on 329 3273.

Nanny/Childcare Position
Church Bay family seek fun loving, nurturing carer for 4 year old and 20 month old. Preferably with a clean driver’s license and some Playcentre experience.
16-27 hours/week between 8am and 4.30pm, Mon-Thurs.
Contact Lou on 329 4489, 021 078 0032 or B10ndy24@hotmail.com.

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Contact Jane on 329 4983 or abbeyway07@yahoo.com.

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Wanted to Rent
Quiet living couple seek flat in Diamond Harbour area. Immaculate references. Please contact Neville at zarathustra@ihug.co.nz

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Art Group: Weds, 9.30am-12noon, Church Hall
Bowling Club: Tues, Thus, Sats, 1.15pm
Bridge Club: Weds, 7pm, DH Bowling Club, 329 4094
Camera Club: Tue Feb 19, 7.30pm, Stage room. See p14
Charteris Bay Ladies Golf: See page 14
Church Activities: See page 17
Community Assn: Mon Feb 18, Committee Rm. P18
Croquet Club: Weds 2pm, Sats 10am
Farmers Market: Sats Feb 9 & 23, 9am, Village Centre. P14
Film Society: Thus, 7.45pm, Stage Room
Green Burials - CCC Meeting: Tue Feb 12, 3.30pm. p10
Harbour Singers: Weds, 7.45pm, Stage Room. p15
Insight Meditation: Tues, 6.30pm, 7A Whero Ave
Kayak Fun at Corsair Bay: Sats & Suns to Feb 17
Ladies Probos: Mon Feb 11, 10am, Church Hall
Library Story Time: Tue Feb 19, 2pm. p15
Mens Probos: Thu Feb 7, 10am, DH Rugby Club
Plenty to Share: Sats, 11am, Village Centre. P14
Quilting Group: Mon Oct 29. Ph Rosie 329 4646
Road Cycling Group: See page 14
Rugby Club: Bar open Fri & Sat evenings
Running Group: Suns 8am. P15
Shoppers Van: Weds, Feb 13 & 27. p17
SPRIG—Sculpture on the Point: Sats till Feb 24. p15
SPRIG—Live at the Point: Suns till Feb 24. p15
String Players: Tues, 7pm. Ph 329 4536.
Tai Chi: Thurs 11am-12noon, Suns 5-6pm, Com Hall. p16
Tennis Club: Suns, 9.30am. Waipapa Ave Courts
Toy Library: Sats 10am-11am, Community Hall
Woolfun at Bergli: Sat Feb 9. p14
Yoga Classes: Mons & Weds, 7pm. p14

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