

Lyttelton News

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Lyttelton Rocks! Festival of Lights great success

You had to be there. It's Friday night and cars from the city are streaming nose to tail through the Lyttelton Tunnel to experience the Festival of Lights.

And what an experience it was. From Dublin Street walking down toward the London Street junction with Canterbury Street, you could feel the excitement building.

Passing the Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre port-a-com, the white angel in the window brought a smile to faces.

At the Fire Station people paused to marvel at the irony of the flashing lights and smoke machine pumping away inside the building, and across the road the crew at St Johns were admired for parking the ambulance on the road with all the lights ablaze.

What a year these two hero organisations have had.

It was heart-warming and poignant to walk to the festival past these two displays of unity with the community.

Reaching central London Street and the vibe on the street was lively, inquisitive and at the same time, relaxed.

People were here to have a good time, and the months of hard work by organisers had ensured the people were not disappointed.

Street vendors of all varieties, combined with London Street business owners, offered a variety of delectable food and drinks.

In behind the Volcano Cafe stall, braziers were glowing away in the dark offering a warm reprieve with a mug of their famous mulled wine in hand.

Families discovered the Lyttelton Petanque Club on the corner Albion site, now creatively presented with tables, chairs and green plantings.

Once again the Lyttelton Port Company organised and sponsored the much anticipated event of the evening, the Lyttelton Port of Christchurch Fireworks Extravaganza.

And what a display it was. Delighting the crowds, young or old, the annual fireworks display received a chorus of appreciation from the thousands of people attending the Festival of Lights.

With empty building sites turned into visual displays, and Lyttelton's home-grown

musicians and performers giving it everything on the London Street stage, the brief rain showers through the night failed to dampen the spirits as the crowd celebrated, laughed and danced the night away.

Congratulations to Project Lyttelton for organising another successful event, while giving Lyttelton and Christchurch visitors alike a reason to celebrate both life in Canterbury, and to bring a smile to earthquake weary

faces. Lyttelton Festival of Lights would not be possible without the support of the local volunteer network and generous contributions from Canterbury Community Trust; Christchurch City Council; Lion Foundation; Lyttelton Engineering; Lyttelton Port of Christchurch; Project Lyttelton; Southern Trust; and many other businesses who all make this event possible.

- Lynnette Baird



*Festival of Lights
photographs
by
Gillian Taylor*



Timeball taken apart with care

by Jamie Douglas of the Historic Places Trust

Work to dismantle the Timeball Station is progressing amid continuing aftershocks that are rendering the remainder of the building and some areas around the site increasingly unstable, says the New Zealand Historic Places Trust (NZHPT).

NZHPT Heritage Destinations General Manager Priscilla Pitts says wherever possible dressed stone, stone blocks, whole bricks and timber are being salvaged, recorded and stored off site. It is hoped that some of this material can be included in any future building on the site.

"The mechanism and timeball, which were badly

damaged in the 13 June quake, are also being stored off site and a metal detector may be used to locate any pieces missing in the rubble," says Ms Pitts.

Once the building has been taken down, the site will be made tidy and damaged retaining walls repaired.

The NZHPT has created a Timeball Station Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lyttelton-Timeball-Station/499921890240>) for up-to-date information on the dismantling work of the Lyttelton landmark. The history of the Timeball Station can be read on the NZHPT's website (www.historic.org.nz)



The timeball mechanism is carefully removed from the Timeball Station in Lyttelton on Monday. Picture: NZHPT



Inspecting the remains.



Salvage work underway.



Careful sorting of the salvaged material.

HOUSESITTERS

Trustworthy family of 4 are looking for housesitting in Lyttelton from mid-late October for at least 6 weeks. We are tidy, respectful and are willing to reciprocate by doing work around the house or take care of pets. Email Gunter at gunter@paradise.net.nz if you are interested.



PROJECT LYTTELTON
the soul of a sustainable community

Project Lyttelton is establishing a new project "Food Security in the Harbour Basin"

This is a three year crown funded project.

Applications are invited for two part time positions (25 hours and 15 hours) for

Community Development workers

These roles are for developing and implementing schemes that encourage and enhance food security. Applicants should have:

- Broad knowledge and experience on sustainability issues, especially around food
- Good communication skills
- Local knowledge - the environment and networks
- The ability to be a team player

The applicant will be:

- Willing to learn about co-operative systems
- be a self starter with a proven ability to manifest a community vision

Applications with CV can be sent to Project Lyttelton, PO Box 74, Lyttelton by 19 August

For further information contact Margaret Jefferies 328 9260
Project Lyttelton is a values based organisation.

Lyttelton St John donor

Evans Shipping Ltd, an international shipping company based in Tauranga, organised a special appeal amongst their international branches following the 22 February earthquake.

The campaign raised \$25,000, which has been donated to St John in Lyttelton for specialised medical equipment, enabling St John in Lyttelton to respond from the Lyttelton Ambulance Station in the event of another major incident in the town, or if the town be isolated as it was following the 22 February earthquake.

Pete Dawson, St John Banks Peninsula Area chair, says the donated equipment includes two defibrillators, five hand held radios, and a marine VHF radio.

"This is one of the biggest donations that Banks Peninsula Area Committee has ever received and we're incredibly thankful that Evans Shipping Ltd are supporting us in this way and helping us to care for the Lyttelton and Banks Peninsula communities."



Michael Evans, Managing Director of Evans Shipping Ltd, with some of the donated equipment.