

PLANTING THE DREAMS

Participants created a series of key questions from the community dreams

1. How can we create affordable housing?
2. Our own harbour basin currency
3. Effective pest control
4. How do we achieve a Treaty based future for our harbour?
5. How do we facilitate strong healthy democracy?
6. How do we generate, conserve, fund, become self sufficient with energy?
7. How do we get better access to the port and remove trucks off Norwich Quay?
8. Housing - growth of
9. Should we rationalise our schools?
10. Youth

We would like those who led the discussions for 8,9 &10 to get in touch so we can add these to the summaries below.

1. How can we create affordable housing? Discussion led by Brian Rick and Judith Kohler

Group participants: Margaret Jefferies, Sue-Ellen Sandilands, Wendy Everingham, Helen Hobson, Joseph Burston, Kerry Absonby, Doug Craig, Juliet Neill

- ◆ Find out what other groups trusts are doing in NZ and Overseas (Margaret Jefferies)
- ◆ Get LPC to set up a capital fund – interest to go to local housing
- ◆ Negotiate with CCC re council owned land
- ◆ Lobbying with central government
- ◆ Identify problems- why is housing unaffordable?
- ◆ Social housing public private partnerships
- ◆ Investment into first home buyers
- ◆ PPL – community lending money at no interest
- ◆ Change the way we think about houses ie stand a lone home, apartments, communities
- ◆ Set our community as a model
- ◆ What is affordable housing? Land in trust and only pay for house, sharing land communally, co-housing, alternative building materials, vetting developers, council to design different types of housing, rent to buy options, sustainable energy efficient housing
- ◆ Capital gains tax on non-family home
- ◆ Limits on what non residents /non citizens can buy
- ◆ Low interest grant for people building affordable and eco friendly housing
- ◆ Commitment by developers to a proportion of affordable housing
- ◆ Put land into trusts and only pay for a house
- ◆ Sharing land communally
- ◆ Co-housing
- ◆ Alternative building materials ie more straw bale homes, yurts etc
- ◆ Rent to buy options
- ◆ Sustainable energy efficient housing
- ◆ Capital gains tax on the non family home
- ◆ Nurturing the types of people we want in Lyttelton
- ◆ Limiting private development
- ◆ Socio-metric argument

2. Our own Harbour Basin currency. Discussion led by Margaret Jefferies

Group Participants:

- ◆ Time bank is one example of a different currency now
- ◆ Seeding idea. Very early stages of possibilities
- ◆ Identify groups that might be interested

3. Effective pest control. Discussion led by Sally Trip

Group participants: Nick Groves, Ray Vickers

- ◆ The environment is the biggest winner with this initiative
- ◆ Less weeds means a healthier bush
- ◆ A key thing is to trap animal pests. This requires funding for traps. The general community would need to be involved
- ◆ Old Man's Beard is a severe problem. We require funding for herbicide to kill the roots. The community and professional groups would need to be involved with this.
- ◆ This work requires a very dedicated person and someone who has the tenacity to maintain the project
- ◆ The group identified Gary Broker as a key person

4. How do we achieve a Treaty based future for our harbour? Discussion led by Wendy Everingham

Group participants: Noeline Allan, Dawn Kottier, Claire Goodwin, Tiri , Doug Craig, Colleen Eason, Chris Twemlow

- ◆ We looked at what this means for a Community Board. It definitely doesn't mean having "nice slogans"
- ◆ There should always be a Hui on the Marae with the Community Board
- ◆ Maori plans and practices should be incorporated in plans and ceremonies
- ◆ There needs to be a regular form of dialogue
- ◆ We need to examine what stops the free flow of ideas.
- ◆ It was suggested that all candidates for the next election should be asked how they would facilitate a Treaty based future.
- ◆ What does it mean for the wider community? There needs to be sessions where the local community can understand the processes. This can only happen over time. Dawn said one way this happens now is an annual Christmas party held by Henri Couch
- ◆ Dawn offered PPL a Hui at Rapaki. Dawn would help us learn the protocols
- ◆ We need to identify projects that we can work on together. Two suggestions were made: the cultural health index and waterways

5. How do we facilitate strong healthy democracy? Discussion led by Noeline Allan

Group participants: Steve Lowndes, Jillian Frater, Chris Twemlow, Geoff Fraser

- ◆ The key activity is selecting the best people as candidates
- ◆ You need to identify the need, what is required – education,
- ◆ Identify good people- often fear puts people off
- ◆ Provide support
- ◆ People often step up around one issue
- ◆ Gauge people various roles
- ◆ Steps
- ◆ Make sure right people step up. Head hunt people and allocate tasks
- ◆ Issue not ?????? (can't read writing)
- ◆ Important to have an election
- ◆ Run a campaign, a team of people with a broad base of skills
- ◆ Be part of community groups. Aid submissions to Annual Plan

- ◆ Community need to meet regularly with the Community Board. They need to be held accountable

6. How do we generate, conserve, fund, become self sufficient with energy?

Discussion led by Helen Hobson

Group participants:

- ◆ Generation issues – establish identity as the first community to be self sustaining
- ◆ Affordable/accessible to make homes energy efficient
- ◆ Wind Farms/Wave Power look at options, farms, sea, on individual homes
- ◆ All new homes to have solar hot water heating and access to funds to implement
- ◆ Retrofitting to be subsidised
- ◆ Rain water collection
- ◆ Grey water systems
- ◆ Conservation issues
- ◆ Use less
- ◆ Composting
- ◆ Education/promotion/discussion
- ◆ Get a speaker to ECCA
- ◆ Find out what has been passed in assistance to fund solar hot water heating
- ◆ Create a Lyttelton Harbour incentive group – access for funding under umbrella group
- ◆ Encourage facility for bikes on buses
- ◆ Community Energy Action – Community Services Card can access retro fit
- ◆ Encourage “Energy Matters” to further their good work and get info to interested parties and facilitate funding and subsidies
- ◆ Look into generation and conservation

7. How do we get better access to the port and remove trucks off Norwich Quay?

Group leader Ken Maynard (highlighted that this was a major issue for the Community Association RE Kirsty McNab)

Group Participants: Sam Strati, Sean Fergus, Tiri Pharazyn, Bob Parker plus four others

- ◆ Get a petition going to show that there is wide community interest in getting lorries off Norwich Quay so that it can be re-integrated into the township.
- ◆ Build on the support and action of the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board members.
- ◆ Lobby Councillors, MP and candidates to encourage their support.
- ◆ Contact Transit to express our view (since Norwich Quay is part of SH74).
- ◆ Seek ECan support.

We didn't discuss the loss of access to the port area to any great extent because of lack of time, other than to bemoan the general loss of amenity, and the gradual diminishing of access to the port area by stealth and edict from LPC.

There was general approval to the following notion. LPC should be required to justify its denial of access to the foreshore by the community on security grounds to an independent body. This body would be responsible for satisfying both security matters and freedom of access.