

Imagine Lyttelton 2007 (June 8)

June 4th 2007 was a significant day for the Lyttelton Harbour Community. Under the facilitation of "Imagine Chicago" creator Bliss Browne seventy nine engaged citizens spent their Queens birthday public holiday getting to know one another and articulating their desires for the future.

A series of activities were held to create the scene:

1. The first was getting into groups of eight. Four people in the middle and four people around the edge. The task was for the outer circle to draw the person in front, ask a question of the person and then after 2 minutes pass the portrait to the next person. This continued until four people had each asked one question of the person in front of them and a sketch had been drawn. This created a physical record of the people who attended plus an insight into their values, traits and why they love Lyttelton Harbour.
2. The second activity was more intimate. Over an hour we worked with a person we hadn't known before. Each person interviewed the other to find out what things they had done in the community, what had worked well, what was the key to their success, what were their dreams for the future, what did a sustainable community mean. It was a chance to really find out what made the person tick.
3. We then divulged our favourite place. Where is the spot that you love around the harbour? This activity gave us an insight into where people had come from. A significant proportion of the group came from Lyttelton township. Others came from Purau, Governors Bay, Cass Bay, Rapaki, Corsair Bay and some came from outside the district. Our conversation had included most groups, however noticeable gaps was no representation from Diamond Harbour, the Lyttelton Port Company, old Lyttelton and our youth.
4. The next activity resulted in groups of eight getting together and summarizing the individual interviews. We had to create dream trees for the future. We articulated what we wanted to reach for. Some common themes emerged. An interest in the environment, development, energy, better democracy, local housing affordability, alternative currencies, rationalization of existing schools and a concern for youth.(see summary below)
5. Participants who felt passionately on issues that emerged throughout the day hosted focus groups. 10 groups were formed and we were invited to join a groups that interested us. From these brainstorming sessions the groundwork for special community groups have been established. (see summary below)
6. The day finished with us all summarizing what we had got out of the workshop. For PPL it was a chance for more of the community to see how our group operates. The collective mind is so much better than a small group. If we all work together we can create the type of place we want to live in. A place that has heart and soul and where we can all contribute and be valued.

The next stage in this exciting process will focus on community forums where we can map out clear paths to achieve the outcomes we desire.

The outcomes for the day have been briefly summarised below and represent the first stage of collating the experiences as well as planning our way forward.

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A SUMMARY OF THE COLLECTIVE DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE OF LYTTELTON HARBOUR

Statement: Weaving together our strengths to realise our dreams: Let everyone's star shine.

The values we aspire to:

Peace
Social respect
Harmony
Good communication
Accountability
Common vision
Hope for a better future
Maintaining the heart
Inclusiveness
Coordinated approach
Village culture
Shared values
Integrity
Honouring one another
Caring
Spiritual awareness, wellbeing

Our Desires/Dreams:

SUSTAINABILITY

New sustainability model
Sustainable development
Limits to growth
Sustainable environment

ENVIRONMENT/LAND

Revitalised environment, regeneration of native vegetation
A place for future generations
Limited development, rational controlled residential development, sustainable development, user friendly development, controlled corporate development, sympathetic development, not infill
An enhanced natural environment
Clean harbour, clean swimming water
Limits on housing growth
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Healthy environment
Clean beaches
Car free days
More trees on reserves
Better ventilation in the tunnel
Biodiversity restoration
Waste water out of the harbour
Preservation of a beautiful place
Section sizes
Development controls

CULTURAL

History is important, preservation, historical plan for town centre, better knowledge of the past to understand how the community has been shaped, Acknowledgement of our special history.
Heritage restoration project
A creative place
Maintaining a bohemian culture
Outrageous street art works
Building our creative community
More concerts and shows to finance PPL
Locally defined culture
Youth art exhibition

ECONOMY

A green dollar economy
Using local resources and skills
Employment
Stabilise the local economy, a local economy, local control
Innovation Lyttelton dollars
Economy of place
Community owned resources
Local food production
A creative economy

RECREATION

Recreation area for camping
A soccer club
Longer pool opening hours
Bigger better skate park
Gate to playground
Goal posts on the grassy area
A cycle tunnel to Christchurch

LYTTELTON VILLAGE

Better access to port/wharfs
Trucks off Norwich Quay
No marina
Not Merrivale
Gateway (The Gritty Gateway)
Growth in originality not just coffee!
Entertainment areas
Car free London St
Child friendly
Locals need to benefit from the marina, must be integrated into Lyttelton
Retain character
Impact of events and farmers market on the community
Spray free Lyttelton

VISITORS

Careful marketing
Balanced impact visitors vs locals
Cruise ships – corridor use- benefits for locals
Manaakitanga

HOUSING

Affordability
Affordable housing, rental, ownership, incentives

COMMUNICATION

Communication via local newspaper and directory
Community broadband
Community telephone directory

CITIZENS

Youth important, services for youth, safe places for youth, youth involvement
Leadership opportunities for young people
Cherish older people, nurture the young
Empowering people to dream
Diversity of community
Bridge generation gaps
Hospitality conversation

ENERGY/WASTE

Energy independence, better energy sources, alternative energy
No plastic bags
Composting
Train
Public Transport

SCHOOLS

Education outreach
Integrated child centred education
Rationalisation of schools

COMMUNITY DEMOCRACY

Careful review of district plan
Engage with bureaucracy
Community driven planning/democratic process/involvement
Organic community model
Future proofing
Wisdom council
Key people in council roles
Treaty based future
Making our voices heard
Community meeting house
Private/corporate harmony
Ensure CCC sees our vision
More consultation in relation to change
Deeper community model
Residents group representation

BUSINESS

Port critical for employment, support and community outcomes
Affordable business rents
More interaction with port and local community
Community /port company working together now

Planting the Dreams:

Participants created a series of key focus groups from the community dreams.

- ◆ How can we create affordable housing?
- ◆ Our own harbour basin currency
- ◆ Effective pest control
- ◆ How do we achieve a Treaty based future for our harbour?
- ◆ How do we facilitate strong healthy democracy?
- ◆ How do we generate, conserve, fund, become self sufficient with energy?
- ◆ How do we get better access to the port and remove trucks off Norwich Quay?
- ◆ Housing - growth of & affordability
- ◆ Should we rationalise our schools?
- ◆ Support Youth