

# THE BAY NEWS

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*Special points of interest:*

- *Community Association AGM Wed 29th July*
- *Community Service Award She Café on 17th June*
- *Pizza & Praise June 28th*
- *Women's Group 2nd July*

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## Kaitangata Twitch Filming draws to a close

Dear Governors Bay Community

Thank you so much for having us! It has been a truly wonderful experience filming Kaitangata Twitch here and we greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation during these 13 plus weeks.

Filming in the area where Margaret Mahy set his novel has added so much authenticity to this production. "We haven't had to fudge or cheat anything, everywhere you look you can see the story," says our production designer Gary Mackay. "Because this area is so beautiful with its historic houses; little cottages and the little community halls and libraries and so forth ended up making it much prettier than it probably would have been on first reading the script."



*Photo by Michael Draper*

"Shooting in Governor's Bay has been a fantastic experience. The locals have been amazing," adds our cinematographer David Paul. "Wherever you point the camera and get a frame it's like Wow! It's just stunning. I've really enjoyed the light down here. Most of the time we've had soft light, nice cloud cover or interesting light happening on

the mountains and the hills. We've been very well looked after."

"You point a camera at anything down here and it's just spectacular," says actor Charles Mesure (Cold Case, Bones). "In the morning I go and sit outside the pub and read my lines for the day, as the sun comes up. It's just an absolutely beautiful place to go to work. I've shot in Hawaii, in New York, in LA and all around New Zealand and I think this is probably the most beautiful place I've ever had to go to work."

Thank you to those who have hosted our crew in baches and houses in the area and a very special thank you to Jeremy and Clare of Governors Bay Hotel and the Governors Bay Community Association.

We have all greatly valued your enthusiasm and support for Kaitangata Twitch. It should air soon on Maori Television – and then prepare yourselves for the flock of new fans to Governors Bay.

— *Yvonne Mackay, Director and Chris Hampson, Producer Kaitangata Twitch*

## A Little More Thought...

In a "one size fits all" approach, the CCC is upgrading sewage pump control equipment around the Peninsula. As technology advances and electronics get smaller, one may have thought that the control cabinets could have been smaller and less intrusive but no, the increased size and placement of the new cabinets is giving rise to an eyesore in what are very picturesque spots.

At Sandy Bay, the positioning of the cabinet has removed car/boat parking and made the turning of trucks and cars with boat trailers more difficult.

Dayle Jones and John Sherriff attended a Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community meeting having heard at the last minute that the matter was to be discussed (but was not on the meeting agenda). Dayle

presented a petition protesting about the visual aspects of the new control cabinets and John spoke of the problems these structures were going to cause and the lack of consultation. Later, representatives from the CCC presented their side of the story. Board members seemed well up with the play but there appeared little compromise from the Council representatives.

The Council is looking at plantings to disguise the cabinets but that will compound other issues. In the meantime, installation work has stopped. Stuart Bould is following up on this matter for the GBCA and is currently waiting for a response from the CCC.

— *John Sherriff*

# Governors Bay Volunteer Fire Brigade Report

Call outs from 3/4/09 to 29/5/09 have been 9

- Four ambulance assist/medical.
- Grass fire 1
- False alarm 1 - call to assist police, but car could not be found.
- MVA 2
- Power pole across road 1

In addition we assisted the film crew on a couple of occasions - standing by when they blew up the billboard, and also "investigating" the same incident on film. This provided the highly unusual sight of several firemen in close proximity to the pub - but without a single beer between them!

On Tuesday 26th May the Fire Station hosted an event run by Age Concern and Wellbeing for 19 older members of the community, when speakers from the Police, Civil Defence, Neighbourhood Support, and NZ Fire Service gave information on services available within the community, as well as a meal being provided. Some of the Year 6 children

from Governors Bay School assisted, proving themselves to be competent wait staff.

The Rural Fire Party has increased by one as we welcome Malcolm McBride - even more so as he is around during the day when many members are out of the Bay working. We still have room for more new members - if you would like to know more about the commitment involved, speak to CFO Andrew Norris Ph 32991533 or RFO Doug George 3299365.

House Numbering—Being a semi-rural area our letter boxes are not always placed at the end of our driveways - or even on the same side of the road! - which can make it difficult to identify a house correctly when emergency services are called out. Your Fire Volunteers' local knowledge can make things easier, but for both them and the other emergency services it is much better if house numbers are clearly marked at the beginning of driveways and, if possible, at your property boundary as well.

— Stuart Weaver, GBVFB

## Community Service Award

Congratulations to Viv Smith of Ernest Adams Drive, Governors Bay, who will receive the annual Lyttelton Mount Herbert Community Service Award from Christchurch City Council at a ceremony at 2pm at the She Café Governors Bay on 17th June.

— John Nicoll

## Massage volunteers

Massage volunteers required to fulfill the Home Practicum requirements for my Diploma of Massage Therapy during evenings at my home, bookings are essential. Please contact Jin 329 9004 if interested.

— Jin Flanagan

## Community Association AGM

**2009 AGM** is scheduled this year for Wednesday 29th July. Speaker is David Bundy who will talk on Gerald O'Farrell, the man who inspired Margaret Mahy's Kaitangata Twitch story and now a film.

The GBCA committee seeks to fulfil the objectives of the GBCA on the behalf of the community. Your support by being a member will help us to do that. A flyer will be sent out prior to the AGM inviting residents to become members of the GBCA.

**New committee members** are required. Retiring this year are our Secretary, Treasurer and Bay News Editor while a new chairperson is also required. Any takers for these positions?

— David Stemmer

## Rainfall

Rainfall Statistics				
2009			Avg since 1990	
Month	mm	Days	mm	Days
Feb 09	73.0	16	51.4	12.3
Mar 09	51.8	12	55.3	12.1
Apr 09	73.6	11	69.49	15.0
May 09	337.3	19	103.2	14.9

**April 09**—Autumn gave way to winter. Wet early and late in April with fine, predominately calm, sunny but cool mid portion of month. Nights cool. 3 light frosts recorded, 27th gusty conditions, 18th sea fog. Autumn leaves still to fall

**May 09**—Really wet, cold, overcast and little sun seen. Two series of southerlies early and mid month saw a record monthly rainfall result. Many overcast days, cold/cool temperatures with days struggling to reach 10°C. Mid month between southerlies saw a week of Nor-westerly conditions, sunny mild days. 3 light frosts. Two days snow and hail showers. Autumn leaves finally fallen by months end.

### Record Monthly Rainfall

May 09 with 337.3mm will go down as a record month for rainfall recorded at Governors Bay since 1990. Previous record was August 1992 which saw 301.8mm recorded. That was the big snowfall. This May saw no big daily rainfall total recorded, just many significant falls usually over a 10-14 hour period with nights seeing the heaviest falls come. (Up to May 27th. Forecast is for more rain this weekend)

— David Stemmer

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## Bus Service to Governors Bay

The Working Group for the GBCA presented a written submission to the Environment Canterbury LTCCP Public Consultation Process which was also delivered in person at the Public Hearing held on Monday 25th May 2009. The submission supported Environment Canterbury's goal "To provide accessible public transportation services and the levels of service indicated" in their LTCCP.

The Working Group requested that an additional Level of Service Indicator be added to this goal: "That public transport should be available to all communities zoned as small settlements within the Greater Christchurch Area.

Governors Bay is:

- zoned as a small settlement zone,
- has no access to public transport,
- is a growing community with a population of approximately 800 full time residents,
- is a community with a wide range of needs, older people, disabled residents, families with young children and teenagers, where public transportation should be available to all.

The Working Group presented a petition to Councillor Carole Evans and an E-Can Transportation

Planner, signed by representatives from over 150 households in Governors Bay, in May 2008.

In September 2008 Environment Canterbury requested submissions be made on the Bus Service Review of the No. 28 Rapaki/Lyttleton Service. Through the GBCA Newsletter and flyers, residents were urged to make submissions on this service or alternative transportation services to Governors Bay.

Councillor Carole Evans and Councillor Eugenie Sage assured the Working Group that a consultant would be employed to undertake a feasibility study on the provision of public transportation services to small communities. There has been no confirmation from Environment Canterbury that this work is being undertaken, or even acknowledgement of the signed petition and submissions made by residents to their September 2008 Review. At the Hearing, the Working Group requested written confirmation from Environment Canterbury, indicating their intent and progress on their goal "To provide accessible public transportation services" to small settlements within the Greater Christchurch Area, including Governors Bay.

— *Jenny Moore and Anne Mackay*  
*Bus Service Working Group*

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## Yoga a Panacea for life

As winter takes over and outdoor activities become less appealing or attainable, it's easy to sit around and eat too much, feel more slothful and become more sluggish. It's an ideal time to try a practise in the warm indoors which will enhance your quality of life.

Often people arrive in a yoga class with a specific problem, a bad back quite often, or an inability to relax or to sleep or age taking its toll with arthritis, osteoporosis, overweight, underweight high or low blood pressure, or over tight limbs brought on by running, cycling, rugby, the list is endless. The amazing thing is that yoga can and does help all these problems and many more besides. It is such a vast and complete practise that whatever needs to be addressed can be helped by yoga whatever your age or level of fitness.

Like anything else the more you put in the more you get out but from your first class benefits will be felt, maybe you'll feel more relaxed, have a better nights' sleep and/or feel more alive both can happen at the same time), having given yourself a tune-up physically and mentally. Yoga asanas or postures affect not just the muscular and skeletal systems but also the endocrine system, the circulatory system, the internal organs in fact every system in the body not least the little grey cells of the brain.

Yoga is the only exercise that works directly on structure, the way we use our joints, bones and muscles. It addresses our posture, how we stand and move, in every other activity as well as our yoga practise. At least it does that when we have devel-

oped our awareness of what we do and how we do it and our ability to concentrate on the body and breath; but most importantly on and in the present moment. We learn to watch the mind and be aware when it skitters off from what we are doing now to what's for dinner or what happened at Aunt Maud's birthday party or any other irrelevant and unimportant topic your mind might jump to, apart from what it should be concentrating on, The Present Moment. It is the only thing that is important, the past has gone, the future depends on what happens now, the present and we spend a large part of our lives not being aware of it and not taking full advantage and enjoying it because our minds have taken us off elsewhere.

Once we start to take control of body, breath and mind and keep our awareness and concentration a little more steady (because it always does keep skittering off but we learn to notice that it's gone), then everything, mind, body and spirit works better, the world (and our yoga practise) becomes brighter, more intense, more enjoyable. That is why the present is called that, it is a gift. Yoga helps us to take that gift and use it to full advantage. It can change lives and only for the better!

Rosie Needham is an experienced and qualified Yoga teacher from the UK. She is taking over Adrian's classes at Diamond Harbour (Monday evening and Friday morning) and Governors Bay (Wednesday evening) whilst he is in Europe. For more details phone 329 4029.

— *Rosie Needham*

## Tui Restoration on Banks Peninsula

The Governors Bay Community Association decided to become a Bronze Sponsor of the Banks Peninsula Tui Restoration Project which aims to restore Tui onto Banks Peninsula.

The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust was formed in 2001 with the goal of promoting sustainable management and conservation on the Peninsula. Achievements to date include working with landowners to protect and enhance numerous areas of bush or other ecologically significant areas, excellent progress on feral goat eradication on the Peninsula, newsletters, an active restoration group, workshops and field days to name but a few!

There is a high level of interest in seeing tui back on the Peninsula as demonstrated by the large number of people attending tui restoration planning meetings, sending donations, attending talks and information evenings .

Bringing back tui will not only help restore the native eco system and bring much pleasure but it will also restore a lost taonga to the local tangata whenua. Restoring tui may also inspire landowners

to help create habitat linkages across the Peninsula. By restoring habitat for tui, many other species will benefit and healthy forests mean healthy streams, fish, insect populations, birds and lizards

If you would like more information on this exciting and valuable project you can visit the website [www.tuisong.org.nz](http://www.tuisong.org.nz) or if you would like to know how to encourage tui to remain on the Peninsula you can get a copy of "Tui Tucker" which will tell you how to provide tui with food and habitat, which plants will encourage tui and how to build a sugarwater feeder. You can also learn how to control pests that threaten tui and how to report sightings of tui.

Contact Heidi Stevens [info@tuisong.org.nz](mailto:info@tuisong.org.nz) or visit the website for further information.

Me he korokoro tui

How eloquent is he /she who has the throat of a tui

— Susie Park

## What's Happening on Dyers Pass Road?

Safety improvement works were identified and prioritised from the Harbour Basin Road Strategy Study Report completed in August 2002 for the former Banks Peninsula District Council. The works being undertaken include:

- Installation of guard rails on the downhill side of Dyers Pass Road, starting at the 50km sign and connecting to the existing guardrail.
- Widening of the road and traffic lanes by constructing a new gabion wall on the downhill side and some minor widening of the existing bank.
- Construction of a pedestrian walkway outside the guardrail and on top of the gabions. This will be connected to the existing walkways further down Dyers Pass Road.
- Reinstatement of the three driveway accesses on

the uphill side, this will include the removal of the existing culverts, shaping of the concrete channel and installing a steel chequer plate crossing.

All work will be undertaken on Council land. The contractor will endeavour to keep the road open during the works with appropriate traffic management and signage in place at all times. There may be some minor traffic delays as the road will be down to one lane at times.

During the construction of the new driveway accesses, there will be short term access restrictions to properties. The Contractor will contact residents directly affected at the time to organise access arrangements.

— Extracts from CCC notice

## Bay News Editor Tribute

This issue is the last one our current editor John Sherriff will produce. On behalf of the present committee and residents alike, I would like to express my special thanks to John for an excellent job of constantly producing a first class newsletter for Governors Bay over the last 6-7 years. This bi-monthly publication has been a definite read for all. One of the annoying problems in its publication is that notified items don't always arrive on time while new items come in late thus causing a rejig of the issue.

Thanks John for a quality newsletter

— David Stemmer

### The Editor replies

Thank you for your kind words David. It should be noted that the newsletter is very much a team crea-

tion and I would like to acknowledge and thank others involved in the process.

- Contributors to the newsletter – without you, there would not be a newsletter.
- Sponsors - Bruce Luke (who runs our rural mail service) delivers the newsletter for free and Min Sarginson covers the printing costs. It should be noted that both of these sponsors help our community in ways other than just the newsletter.
- My Family for proofreading and the folding of around 40,000 pages over the years.
- And last but definitely not least, you the readers, because without you, we would be wasting our time.

Thank you all.

— John

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## On the Market

We are not exactly in a buoyant market at the moment but property transactions are still happening where sellers accept where the market is at. There are many and conflicting articles on investment; shares verses property, home ownership verses renting, money in the bank or under the mattress. More than ever before. Anyone just coming into the time of their life when these decisions need to be considered must be totally confused.

I know nothing about the share market. I am currently reading a little book titled "Panic" The Story of Modern Financial Insanity based on the share market collapse of the 80's and later compiled by Michael Lewis which he describes as "the most panicked about panics". For an amateur it makes hard reading with constant referral to the glossary to sort out puts, margins, short positions, long positions, ninja loans and liar loans, bulls, bears and perma -bears...not to mention The Invisible Hand.

But having put it aside for a while it further confirms my opinion that these people can no more anticipate the future when it comes to the financial markets than my black cat Laura. He says "the only thing that can be predicted is our constant inability to predict anything". If I come to invest in anything other than property I will go to a clairvoyant.

Meanwhile here in the harbour we are still getting enquiry from buyers looking for second homes. The difference now is that the home will be used for their own enjoyment while it is available for holiday and short term lets as well. A good combination which suits this leaner time when a break close to home has great appeal, and the luxury of an asset being only used a few times a year has less.

In the harbour market trends are the same as elsewhere, and today's real estate people must be aware of the different demands of a different market. We are now in a global property phase. The property market in the US affects us here. The property market in the UK affects us here. Anecdotal things seem to be moving in the UK and for the same reasons as here. Sellers need or want to move on and so do the business and get on with it. Opportunities are very much available. Whether you are faced with a nightmare or an opportunity depends which way you look at it, but you can make it an opportunity before it becomes your nightmare.

Where ever you are and whatever you are doing when it comes to property you need a reliable real estate consultant you know you can trust, who will tell you how it really is, not what they think you want to hear.

— Min Sarginson, MREINZ

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*"Prepare yourself and your family"*

## Civil Defence

Fortunately, the swine flu hasn't yet resulted in the predicted pandemic, but we must always be prepared for such an event. The following 'CHIRP' will help you remember the key parts of pandemic preparedness.

In a Civil Defence Emergency the Sector Post will be opened at Governors Bay School. Phone and fax facilities will be utilised, so if you become isolated during a pandemic ring Civil Defence on the school phone number (3299 854) for help or information

The Civil Defence Team will be meeting on Tuesday June 23rd 7pm at 24 Sandy Bay Road. This meeting will cover procedures for opening up the sector post, training options, scheduled exercises and an overview of pandemic procedures.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Debbie Sherriff phone 3299 049.

<b>C</b>	<b>Cover your cough and sneeze</b> Use tissues, dispose of them properly and then wash your hands
<b>H</b>	<b>Have healthy hands</b> Wash your hands often and well
<b>I</b>	<b>Isolate yourself</b> Maintain personal space of 1.5m. Stay at home if you become ill
<b>R</b>	<b>Reduce germs in your home and workplace</b> Regularly disinfect common surfaces like phones, remote controls, door knobs, light switches, toys etc
<b>P</b>	<b>Prepare yourself and your family</b> Get vaccinated annually and create an emergency plan and kit for yourself and your family

— Debbie Sherriff

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Community Association**

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**GBCA Committee**

Chairperson	position vacant
Secretary	Frances James Ph 3299 560
Treasurer	David Stemmer Ph 3299 638
Committee	
Brenda Moore	Mike Harris
Decklan Scott	Nick Preston
Ghazala Anwar	Ray Vickers
Helen Chambers	Stuart Bould
John Sherriff	Susie Park
Kate Bould	Eric Vermaat

**Local Service Groups**

**Civil Defence** — Sector Post  
Supervisor Debbie Sherriff

**GB Volunteer Fire Brigade**

Chief Fire Officer Andrew Norris  
Deputy Chief Jeremy Talbot

**Lyttelton Harbour Issues Group**

Representative Kate Bould

**Lyttelton Harbour Wastewater**

**Working Party** —Rep Stuart Bould

**Community Centre**

The Community Centre is available for use by the community. A charge of \$5 per hour is made to cover costs. Contact David Stemmer phone 3299 638 for bookings.

**GBCA Meeting**

Next meeting Monday 29 June  
7.30pm in the Community Centre.

**GBCA Newsletter**

The Bay News is produced bi-monthly. Next deadline for copy is unknown. Would you like to be the Editor? Please give John Sherriff a ring ph 3299 049.

**Newsletter Sponsors**

Thanks to Bruce Luke who runs our rural mail service for delivering the newsletter. (Van Ph. 021 910 524)  
Thanks also to Min Sarginson for covering the printing costs of the newsletter. Phone 328 7273, website www.min-seascapeproperty.co.nz



**Governors Bay Youth Club**

Some of the youth and their Mums have just completed a self defence course run by 'Positive Action'. Here are some comments from the children:

- "It was lots of fun. The teacher was really helpful and encouraging and I managed to flip her over. I have already had to put one thing she taught me into practice."  
*Kate Stanley*
- "Self defence was really cool. The instructor taught us great ways to protect ourselves & she told us many stories about others. We learnt our voice is a very powerful weapon and also techniques on how to kick and punch, but only to use physical defence when absolutely necessary! I would recommend this course to everyone."  
*Christopher Bannock*
- "The course was pretty awesome! Everything we learnt was cool. I enjoyed practising the kicks and punches and stuff!!!"  
*Will Smith*

Thanks to CCC for funding via the Small Projects Fund. Some of the money allocated to us for 'Training' was used to subsidise the children's fees for this course. Some of the Youth Club were asked to be extras in the filming of 'Kaitangata Twitch' and the outcome of this was a donation of \$800 for which we are most grateful. As a group we will have to decide what this will go towards.

There is a timetable for Terms 2 and 3 so if you are not on the e-mailing list but are interested please contact Viv on 3299670 or hobnobsoe@yahoo.co.nz

— Viv Smith

**Garden Club**

The Garden Club is in recess during the winter months and resumes meetings in September.

Terina Smith is the new secretary and she will email you details of meetings. Terina's email address is terina.smith@justice.govt.nz

— Margaret George

**St Cuthbert's Church**

We welcome all to worship which is held at 9.00am each Sunday morning (unless it is the 5th Sunday of a month when locations vary). St Cuthbert's is a co-operating congregation with services held variously in the Anglican, Methodist, and Presbyterian traditions, and we invited people from all denominations to join us.

Contact person for Governors Bay is Derek Truscott (3299 884). Parish Office phone is 3294 790.

— Gail Weaver

**Pizza & Praise/SOUP**

The cold weather has prompted us to revise our menu for the next few months (mainly so we don't have to carry food across a carpark in the rain!). All are invited to join us for home made soup and bread, followed by informal, multi-denominational worship with a group of warmly welcoming people.

These evenings will be on the fourth Sunday of each month, starting at 5.30pm (be in early so your soup is hot!) The next few dates are: June 28th; July 26th; August 23rd.

For more details contact Gail on 3299 212.

— Gail Weaver

**Mulching Service**

A local Steve Dasler has brought a chipper machine and will come usually within a week. Price OK. Phone 3299 060

— David Stemmer

**Women's Evening Group**

We ended up having the last meeting at very short notice so, unfortunately, many of you were unable to come. However a small group enjoyed an informal talk with Miranda Harcourt who spoke about Kaitangata Twitch and other projects she has been involved in recently.

Our next event is on Thursday 2nd July, 7.30pm, at the Fire Station when our speaker will be Bridget Nicoll. Bridget has had a varied life, working in several countries, and as both an educator and an analytical therapist, and will be very interesting to hear.

The talk will be followed by light refreshments. Gold coin donation invited. All women in Governors Bay are most welcome.

RSVP's requested, but not essential. Contact Gail (3299 212) or Vanessa (3299 802)

— Gail Weaver

**Clubs and Activities**

- Pre-school music group Friday 9.15am – 10.00am (term time) in the Community Hall. Contact Melanie Dixon 3299 908.
- Port Hills Ensemble Musical group. Contact Laurence or Lyn 3299 084
- Parents group with pre-schoolers. Meets fortnightly on a Tuesday 10.00am – 12 noon. Contact Vanessa Ross Ph 3299 802.
- Social scrabble group. Contact Nicky Sarson 3299 697 or sarson@xtra.co.nz
- Sunday morning men's tennis group. 8.00am. Just turn up. Very casual – all abilities welcome! Contact Mike Smith 3299 670.

Any additions or changes, please contact Anne on 3299 589 or anne\_mackay@xtra.co.nz.

— Anne MacKay