

The former Godley House and site was a fundamental part of the community. It housed many things in its history, and has given people life long memories.

In our consultation we wanted to make sure we respected the previous community feedback, but also understand what this site means to the community. We wanted to take on board what they want to use the site for and how it could be used in the future.

We know this project has been talked about a lot. The previous community consultation has helped us get a good primary idea of what could potentially be put here.

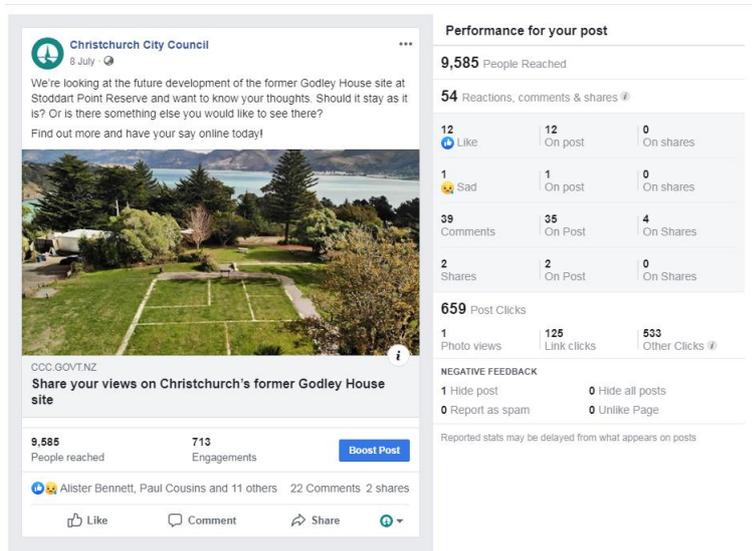
The engagement process had to be fair and not leading. We decided to leave the question open, and gather as much feedback as possible. As this is a very localised project we wanted to get feedback from a range of different people.

We delivered the consultation document to 856 households in Diamond Harbour and mailed 295 to absentee landowners. We also installed two signs, one at the Godley house site and one at the Wharf.

Social Media

We wanted to utilise social media channels as the Diamond Harbour Facebook page is very active. We posted three times on our own Facebook page then focusing on Diamond Harbour page, two Lyttelton pages and Governors bay page. The local community also took it upon themselves to encourage people to submit their feedback by posting on the Diamond Harbour Facebook page and sharing some of their ideas.

Social Media summary



CC Facebook post with Newsline story

Date: July 8

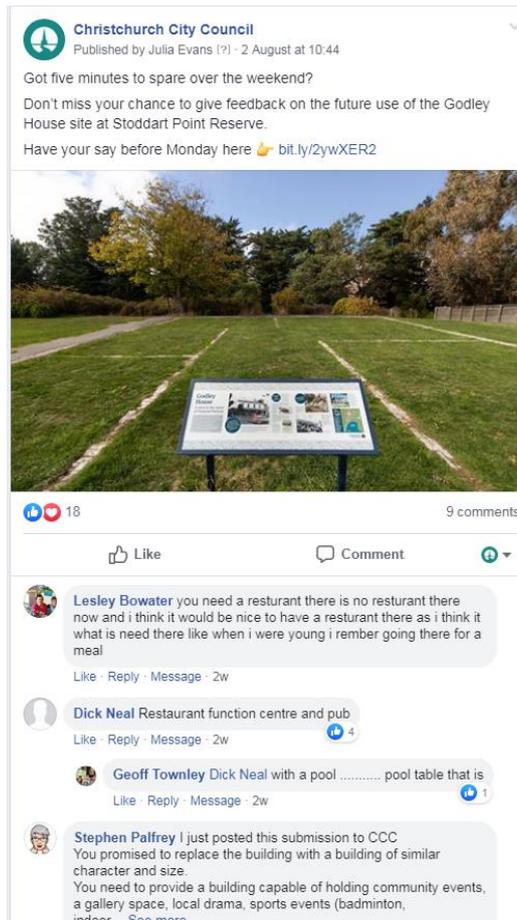
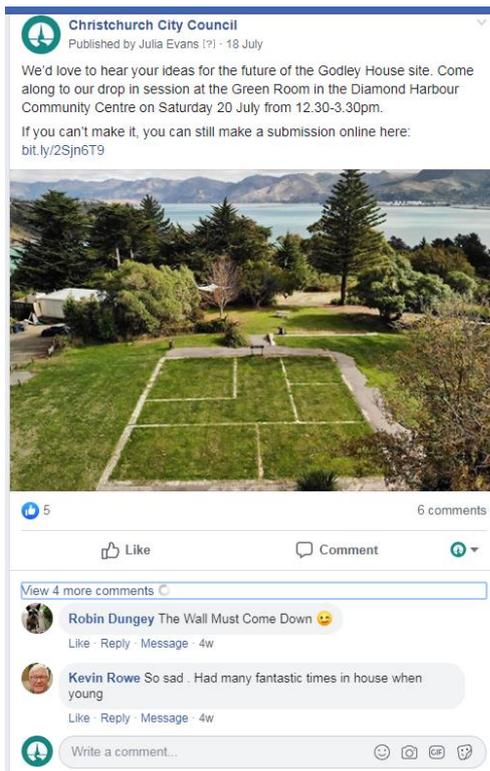
Engagement: 13 likes, 22 comments, 2 shares, 713 engagements and 125 link clicks.

Sentiment:

This post (above) had the reasonable engagement, with a high number of comments from local residents with ideas for its use.

Generally, the comments were quite positive that work was being planned and people were giving feedback on the post itself.

However, on the next page the posts did better on the targeted community groups. There were more likes, shares and comments across the board when they were aimed at the local communities such as Diamond Harbour, Governors Bay and Lyttelton.



Facebook targeted posts

Date: July 18

Reach: Lyttelton - Ain't No Other Place I'd Rather Be, Lyttelton, Governors Bay Community and Diamond Harbour Community Facebook groups.

Engagement: 28 likes, 20 comments

Date: August 2

Reach: Lyttelton - Ain't No Other Place I'd Rather Be, Lyttelton, Governors Bay Community and Diamond Harbour Community Facebook groups.

Engagement: 19 likes, 10 comments

Content	Website Views	Source
Stoddart Point Reserve - Future of former Godley House site	441	159 (36.05%) - Google 118 (26.76%) - Facebook 88 (19.95%) - Direct

Drop in

We held a public drop in session on Saturday 20 July at the Community Centre in Diamond Harbour. We wanted to be able to talk to people in a relaxed environment, that's why we decided to have information and staff available instead of a 'town hall meeting'. In the three hours we were there, between 60 and 80 people come through, majority being locals, asking an array of questions, and sharing their ideas.

Feedback

We received 241 submissions including feedback from:

- Diamond Harbour Community Association
- Church bay Resident Association
- Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga
- Diamond Harbour & Districts Historical Association

The original Godley House gave Diamond Harbour that sense of community and was a wonderful place to meet and greet friends and new friends. (submission #27126)

The overarching theme from the feedback was that the community want Somewhere to gather and socialise.

Common themes

1. Cafe/restaurant/bar/accommodation/venue incl. Displaying art etc. (132 comments)

The Diamond Harbour community are in need of a café to meet demand of the influx of visitors. We had a number of people saying that the café which is there at the moment can not cope with the amount of people visiting, and that tourists are asking where they can get a meal in vicinity of the Wharf.

I feel, without doubt, our harbour needs another venue. Preserved does the best job they can with the resources and available space they have, but it's just not enough! The site where Dark Star was should be developed officially as another venue. I've been in Diamond Harbour 10 years and the changes here have been staggering. Tourism his soared, and at the same time the local population has risen significantly. Everyone that I know has commented similar thoughts. Just this morning (Thursday) I walked past Preserved and saw 10 tourists/locals standing outside because, for some reason, it wasn't open. Rich, who manages the Black Cat ferry, confirmed my observations about the increase in numbers and explained their intentions to get a bigger ferry in the near future! Christchurch and the surrounds are seeing Diamond Harbour as an accessible day out to walk, enjoy the views, get a coffee or a beer, and some food. We are at capacity now and it's mid winter. Summer (which last year invariably filled both of our venues) is going to horrendous for both locals and tourists if we don't get another hospitality venue to offer choice, seating, shelter/shade, food, and companionship/connection to others. (submission #26317)

I'd like to see an allowance for a hospitality venue and would suggest that the area where the "Dark Star Cafe" was located be rezoned. Alternately that the CCC commits to allowing a lease of that area

for a cafe/bar. The greater area where Godley House was located should remain a reserve. (Submission #26463)

I would like to see either a replacement restaurant and pub to Godley house or a new purpose-built building for the library with an attached cafe and outdoor playground for the kids. (Submission #26385)

2. Open reserve area for events/markets/BBQs/ seating (59 comments)

Diamond Harbour has a great summer concert on the reserve and it is also used for people who picnic and play. These submitters want to keep the open space, but it to be utilised a little better with seating and maybe some BBQs.

I have been a Diamond Harbour resident for 14 years. I feel the local community and the wider community would benefit from an outdoor concert venue/ theatre. I think there should also be toilets, drinking fountain and a concession stand that could be operated by local groups as a fundraising opportunity (submission #27266).

I would like it left as is or native bush planted on it. Please keep the status of 'reserve' intact on it. Perhaps a cafe on the actual site where the former Dark Star was? Thanks (submission #27238).

3. Replica of Godley house incl. what it was used for/modernised version (44 comments)

People would like to see the former Godley House rebuilt to keep the history in the area. As I read these the majority of people who asked for a new house, wanted the restaurant/ bar back rather than an actual replica of the house.

A Godley House replica! A beautiful building that has a bar, fish and chips and family meals from a restaurant as well as a function centre area (weddings) and accommodation. Just like what we had. (submission #27233)

I would like to see a replica of Godley House built with space for accommodation for visitors and an areas provided for live music both indoors and outside and a cafe for food and drinks (submission #27265).

4. Library/expand current library incl. postal services/incl café (41 comments)

The library in Diamond Harbour is located next to the community hall and rugby club rooms. It is a small library compared to some of the other libraries in the bays.

A new Library: Our current library is getting cramped with the increase in population. And the extended hours will make this a more usable facility, hence increasing the need for more space. Cafe and Bar to replace the one built on this site after the earthquakes on a temporary plan. This could be part of the library building and with a large partly covered deck would attract a variety of use from local and visiting customers, and performers like the the bands who currently perform on Stoddart Point over the summer. Having two very popular venues in one site would create a very attractive asset for our community A modern and upgraded Playground adjacent to the Library and Cafe is an obvious complement to this community hub. (Submission #27279).

I think that this site should be used for a new library and a cafe complex as well as an area that can be used for recreational activity such as music events and community gatherings. The whole area needs to be tidied up and what work was done regarding the recent Village Plan seems to have only been part completed. Maybe it will be the same with this activity, more words but stalled action. I note the some people want Godley House reinstated. Why? Its only value was historic and a watering hole for a few locals. Once it was demolished it's historic value ceased. I understand that only \$300,000 was paid out to the CCC from insurance. I think any rebuild or construction activity that could be planned and actioned for this site would be well over that figure. Anything worth doing would be around the \$3 Million mark. Maybe fixing the roading system in the area should take precedence over this activity, in-conjunction with finishing off what was agreed in the Village Plan a couple of years ago. Smoke and mirrors? (submission #27254)

5. Children's play area (40 comments)

The Children's play area currently is between the Medical Centre and Stoddard Cottage. It only really caters to young children. Some of the feedback would like a larger play area, which can accommodate equipment for younger and older children.

Diamond Harbour has NO decent playground at all for children, I think the area could be both a cool play area with water play similar to Sumner and then also replace Godley House with a smaller building, that had a big outdoor garden bar that you could sit in and take in the spectacular view. We have so many friends that come across on the ferry that scan't believe there is playground for the kids. So many of Even if they area in front of Godley House that is the reserve area/ car park had one there. That area in Sumner is horrible, you can't get a car park when you want to catch a ferry or use the toilet as it is filled with freedom campers, who leave behind mass amounts of rubbish and use the toilets as bathrooms! When yourself or your a child needs to use the toilet you are stuck waiting while someone is brushing their teeth or having a wash, it is actually disgusting. The toilet block needs a MASSIVE upgrade. There is a massive green space there that could also be utilised a lot better. (Submissions #27219).

Not commercial. Would like to see it kept as a reserve or park with a children's public play ground. (Submission #26894)

6. Multifunctional building incorporating library, café etc. incl post office/commercial space/artists (30 comments)

From the feedback, some people would like to have a multi-purpose building which would be able to house a post shop, art, café etc. some of the submitters also would like a new library but incorporate a service centre and café in the same complex.

A building that is flexible enough to respond to the community's and visitors changing needs over time, This might include:

- a combined library and makerspace, which could offer craft , technology and learning/development opportunities to local schools, individuals, companies, including evening classes.*
- partly a commercial space for a food/beverage outlet, esp for summer picnic trade;*
- somewhere that could leverage the local environment - for example highlighting the work done by locals with native planting, identifying local birds/sea wildlife, so an information centre*
- a performance space as the Live at the Point is really popular.*

*We would be less supportive of a fixed, inflexible investment, eg swimming pool, skatepark.
(Submission #27223)*

7. Toilets/shower block (27 comments)

Rebuild sanitary toilets down at the Domain below where the carparks are. (At present a seeping sewer and 2 inadequate porta loos exist). Add in pay as you go showers for the many freedom campers and boaties to utilise and provide us with some income. Also re make the carpark to state clearly that only 4 parks are available to freedom campers... this is what they do at Snells Beach near Warkworth. Money from the showers can go back into the upkeep and costs of the building renovations. (From submission #27236)

Ensure there are toilet facilities separate to the building which are well serviced, you could then decommission the leaking toilets further down. The foundation stones should be uplifted and turned into a fitting monument /sculpture. (From Submission #27186)

8. Park/gardens/ Picnics/accessible to all/seating (18 comments)

Leave the Godley House site as a park/ garden, but add toilets, wheelchair pathways and some form of low open stage for the fabulous outdoor SPRIG concerts to continue. More outdoor seating, park benches and leave it open and mostly grassed. (From submission #27236)

*We would like to see the site remain as it is, as an open space, with native planting and seating.
(Submission #26405)*

9. Amphitheatre (16 comments)

I would like to see the Godley House foundations remain with signage about the history of the area. As for the remainder of the site, I think an amphitheatre with covered stage would best serve the community. How this materialises is open for discussion. It could just be a covered stage and people sit on the lawn as is. It could be terraced into the grass bank for better viewing (still grass). This would allow for weddings, fundraising events, summer concerts, outside movies, school productions, etc. When an event is not on, the site is still accessible for picnics, dog walkers, and weekend visitors to sit and enjoy the view. If space allows, a more developed children's playground towards the cemetery end of down below the agapanthus towards the upper car park would be appreciated by many, especially if this can be viewed from the comfort of the deck at our new pub. (From submission #27286)

1. My suggestion is a grass amphitheatre for outdoor events such as music, shows and plays plus could suit fetes, produce sales, whatever would suit a large grass flat with surrounding seating refer my attached which shows similar projects. Would need to think thru covered area(s) utilising sail cloth / sun shades.

2. Because i do not think it is 'now' possible to replace Godley house (my preferred option for a village missing its centre piece and tourist attraction), rezone the old dark star site and sell for a modern bar/restaurant type establishment. (Submission #27237)

10. Basketball courts/mountain bike jumps/skate & scooter facility or park/bmx (9 comments)

I would like to see the a playground, skate /scooter facility and green space for community events on the site. No more pubs please. (Submission #27193)

An adventure playground/ basketball hoop/ Picnic area/BBQ area. Outdoor area for performing. What happened to all the stone and demolished materials from the building.? If it is available it should be used in any structures.

If the foundations are historic could some of them be exposed and protected and allow people to see them along with a display of the history of Godley house. (Submission #27115)

11. Info boards/history/culture/museum (9 comments)

An improved venue for outdoor performances and events. An amphitheatre or similar. Relevant infrastructure to attract visitors and strengthen the link between Ōhinehau, Ōhinetahi and Te Waipara. Information to share the history and stories of Whakaraupo from Tangata Whenua. A promotion point for visitors to support a deeper understanding of Whakaraupō and the immediate and adjacent surroundings. (submission #27208)

Will be good to have a museum component with restaurant. The place is such a beautiful area and there should be a balance of conservation at the same time a bit of leisure e.g. nice restaurant. The area has a very limited choice to dine. (Submission #27127)

There were a few other ideas too, including:

- Sculpture garden
- Dog park
- theatre café
- Remove foundations
- Long term lease/commercial lease
- Info boards/history/culture/museum
- Parking and one-way road extension along east of site/better parking/freedom campers
- Markets under cover/farmers, general markets
- Enhance Stoddart Cottage

And a few unique ideas:

- Lookout tower
- Rocket launching pad
- A replacement two story building with a casino on the bottom & massage parlour on top

School visit

On Wednesday 31 July I visited the Diamond Harbour School. I wanted to get some of their ideas of what they would like the site to be used for.

We ideas ranging from a building which could be used as a science lab, to swimming pools, to cafes to skates parks to a zoo.