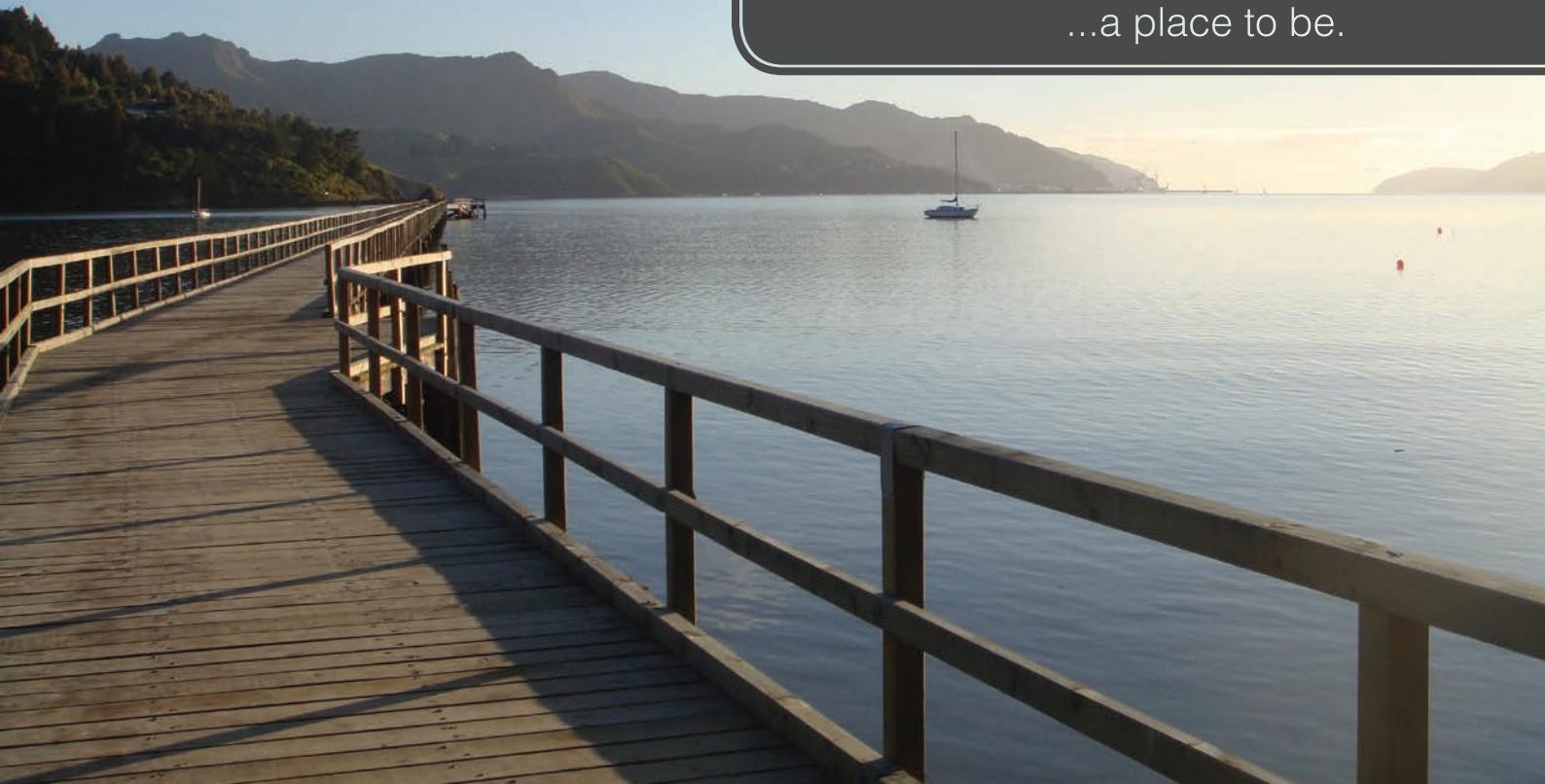
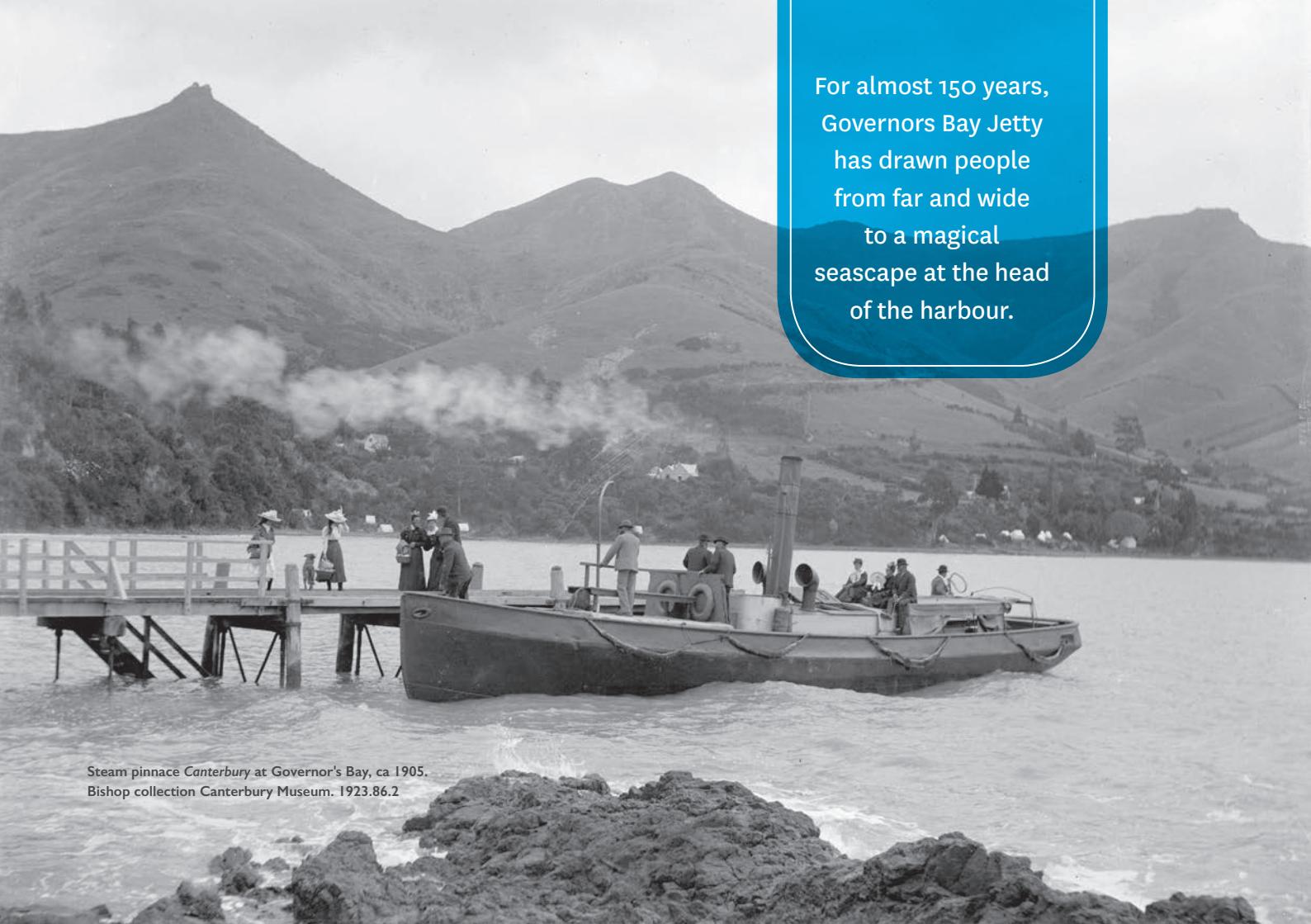




# Governors Bay Jetty

...a place to be.





For almost 150 years,  
Governors Bay Jetty  
has drawn people  
from far and wide  
to a magical  
seascape at the head  
of the harbour.

Steam pinnace *Canterbury* at Governor's Bay, ca 1905.  
Bishop collection Canterbury Museum. 1923.86.2

## The people's Jetty

The Jetty lies in a shallow bay within a dramatic hillside landscape, dotted with rocky outcrops and native bush. It's an enchanting setting that has drawn people from all walks of life for over a century. The Jetty is a defining feature of the bay, a remarkable 300 metres long – the longest Jetty in Banks Peninsula and of similar length to New Brighton pier.

As early as 1877, a regular steam boat service ran from Lyttelton to Governors Bay carrying picnickers and visitors to the Pleasure Gardens at the Ocean View Hotel, now known as Governors Bay Hotel.

Despite the passage of time, the Jetty has never lost its appeal and has continued to provide a space where friendships have been enriched, souls have been refreshed, memories have been made, and life has gained perspective.

It may look like just a jetty, but it is so much more than that.

The Jetty is a place for fun, for fishing, for boating. A place to walk, to reflect, to connect with the enchanting surroundings.

It is a place to go when you feel happy or when you feel sad. A place just to be.

A place for children to learn about the sea, to feel the wind, to watch the waves, to jump from the deck and to just be children.

The Jetty is an iconic feature in the breath-taking backdrop to a walk in the Bay on a summery Saturday morning, as immortalised by Margaret Mahy's popular children's book.

## Saved by the community

Over the years, as time and tide have taken their toll, the very future of the Jetty has been under threat.

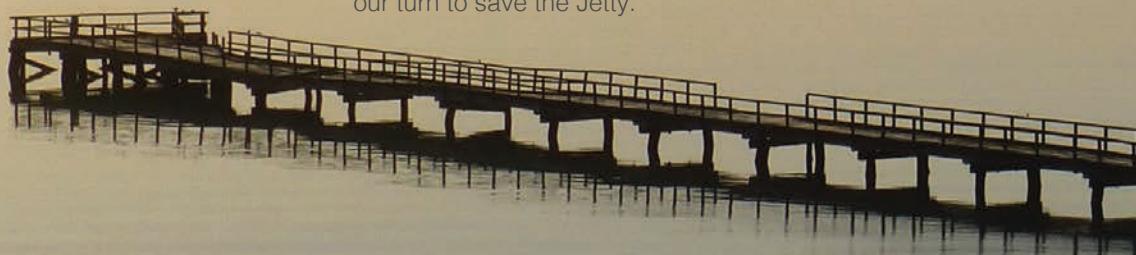
The first near-closure came in 1910 when the Lyttelton Harbour Board decided to close the Jetty as an “economy measure”.  
*(Press, Volume LXVI, Issue 13885, 9 November 1910, News Of The Day)*

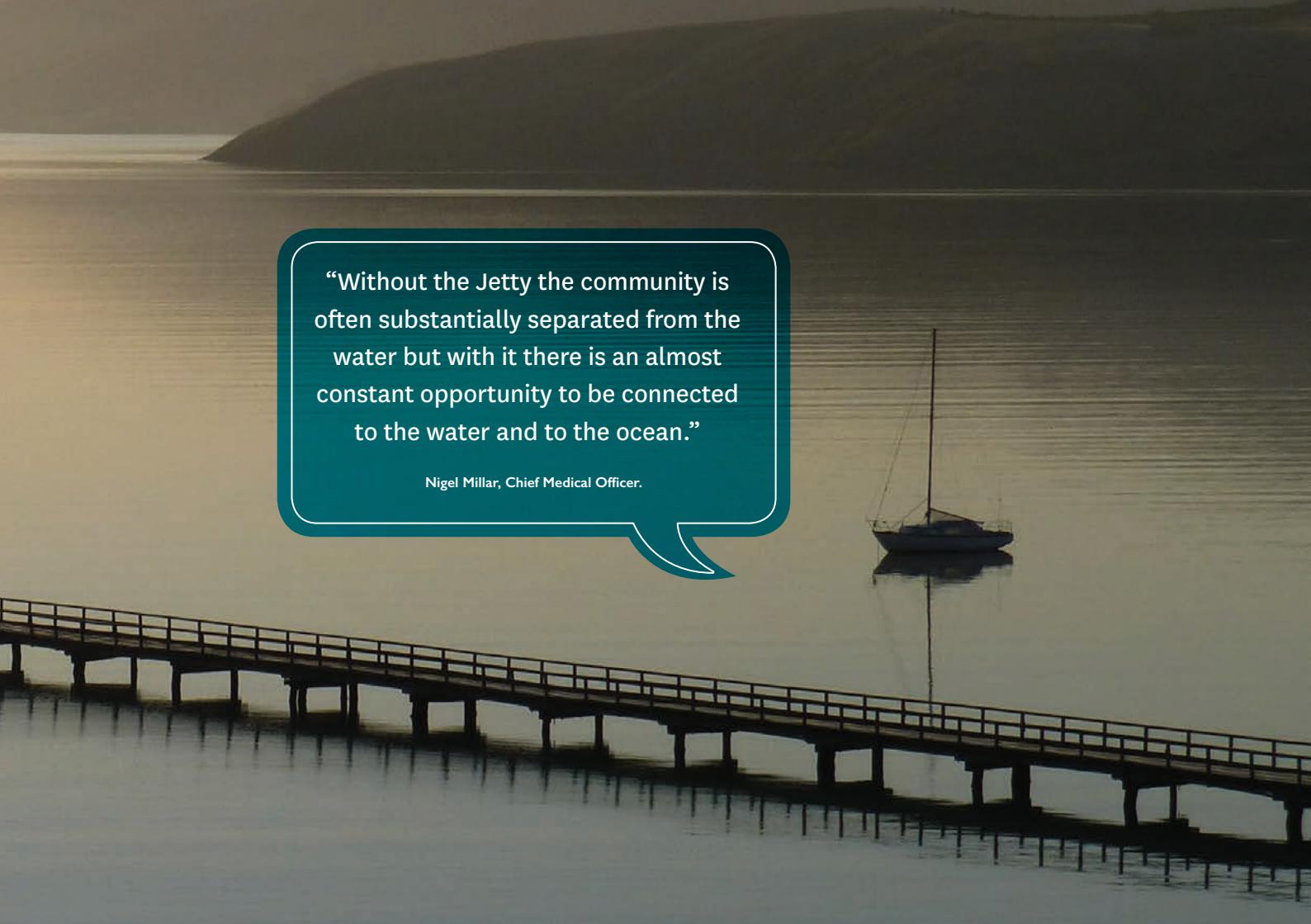
A petition opposing closure was signed by residents and a deputation was made to the Board. The Jetty was saved as a result.

In 1927, the Jetty again faced an uncertain future due to harbour silting that made access by launches dependent on the tides, and an extension was built.

In 1997, the Jetty was repiled with the help of the community, and further repiling was carried out in 2010 after the Darfield earthquake.

After February 2011, engineering inspections found the Jetty to be unsafe and it was closed to the public. It is now our turn to save the Jetty.





"Without the Jetty the community is often substantially separated from the water but with it there is an almost constant opportunity to be connected to the water and to the ocean."

Nigel Millar, Chief Medical Officer.

## A place for people

The Jetty is no ordinary jetty. The 300 metre long platform provides a unique dimension in the bay where people come to eat, walk, and play.

**"The Jetty has been an integral part of Governors Bay for generations, and the backdrop to many memories.**

**It has been the venue for many weddings, photo shoots, many first dives, many 'first fish' caught, many 'Jetty jumping' sessions and the occasional skinny dip.**

**"I can remember at least a dozen dinghies stored at the end of the Jetty in its heyday. It's too much a part of Governors Bay to be allowed to deteriorate further."**

Bruce Gebbie, Governors Bay resident.

The Jetty is used by residents of Lyttelton Harbour and Banks Peninsula, as well as visitors from greater Christchurch, all around New Zealand, and overseas.

The Jetty is a focal point of the foreshore walkway between Allendale and Sandy Bay, an experience enjoyed by all. It is a notable feature along the Head to Head walkway.





## ...a place for learning

Before the Jetty was closed, schools in Christchurch would bus children over the hill to experience an environment that's often very different from what they're used to.

The Jetty was much loved and used by the nearby Cholmondeley Children's Centre, which provides respite care and education for children.

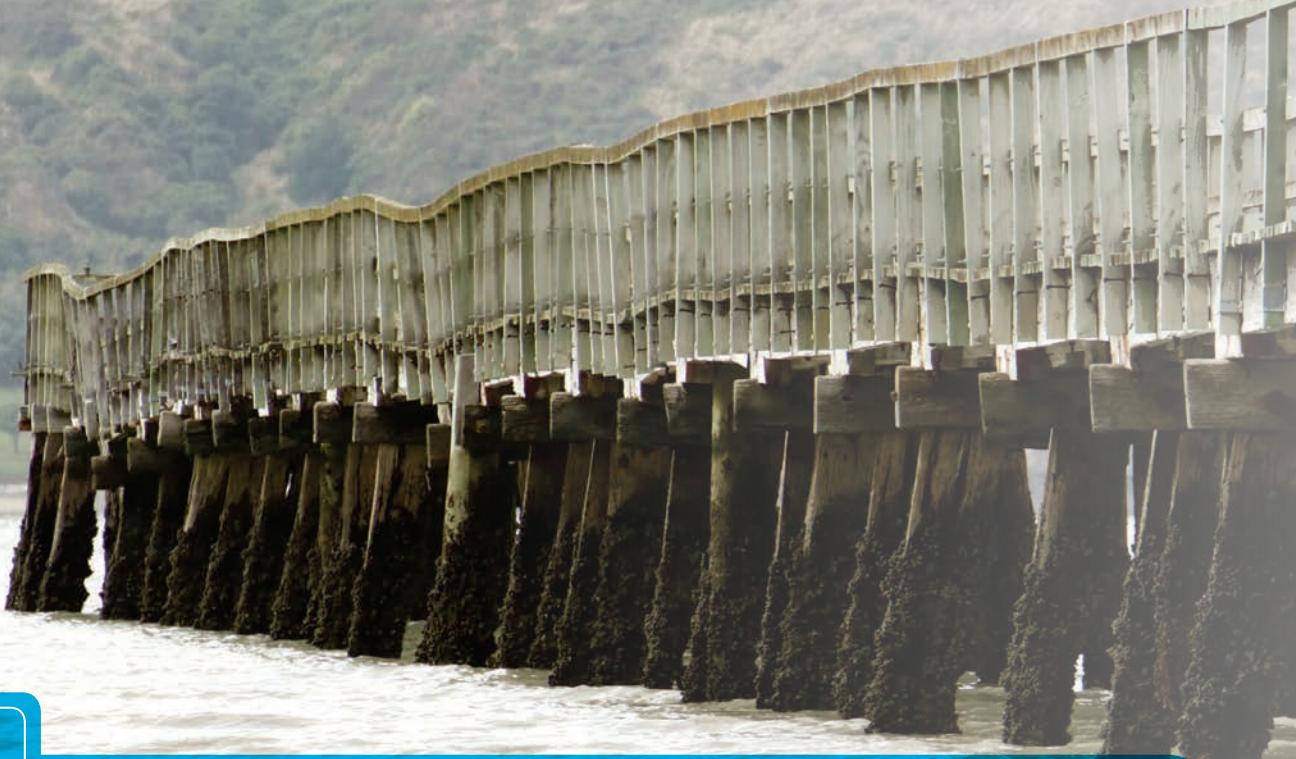
**"We strongly support the rebuild and repair of the Jetty at Governors Bay. This would give us the opportunity to enhance the children's experiences. A new Jetty would be perfect for fishing and jumping off... It would fit with the knowledge that we share with the children about the historical and cultural context of this unique area."**

*Edwina Poynton, Cholmondeley Children's Centre.*

Living Springs camp, which attracts children from all over Christchurch, also used the Jetty for education and recreational activities.

Governors Bay School, established in 1868, took generations of children down to the Jetty and proudly displays the Jetty on its school emblem.

Photo by Ewan Sarginson

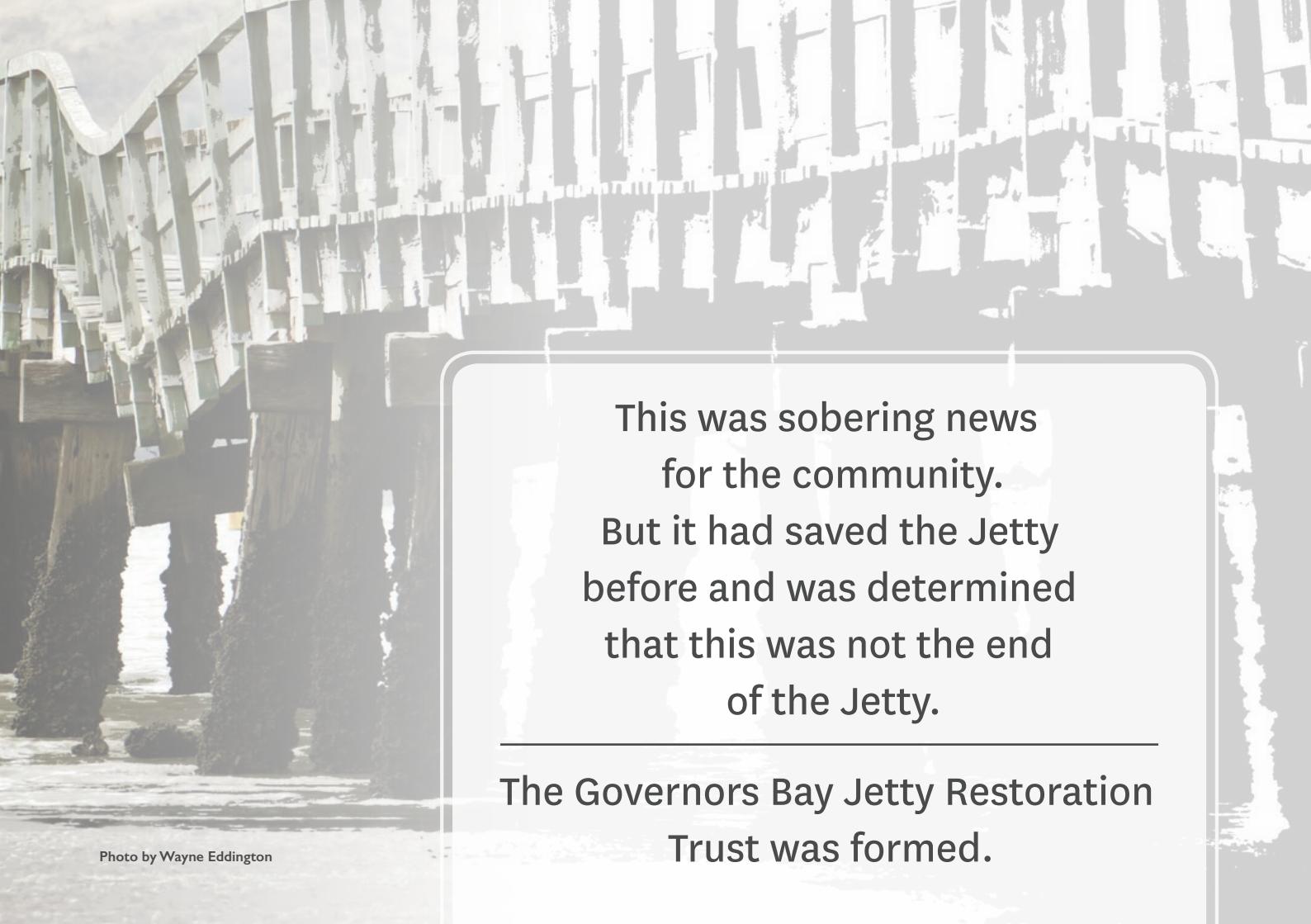


### The catalyst

An inspection triggered by the February 2011 earthquake revealed the deteriorated state of the Jetty.

A barrier was erected to keep people off while the future of the Jetty was determined.

After almost four years of uncertainty, Christchurch City Council attended a public meeting in February 2015 and made an announcement – there was no money to repair the Jetty. It would be closed indefinitely.



This was sobering news  
for the community.  
But it had saved the Jetty  
before and was determined  
that this was not the end  
of the Jetty.

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The Governors Bay Jetty Restoration  
Trust was formed.



## The community awakens

The Trust is made up of Governors Bay locals who are contributing their time, effort, professional and personal skills, and money. In April 2016, The Trust made a submission to the Council's long term plan proposing a collaborative approach to restoring the Jetty. This proposal was supported by a petition signed by over 750 people

from Governors Bay, Christchurch, and beyond. The Trust's commitment to the project and the skill set on offer gave the Council the confidence to reconsider and in June 2015, the Trust learned that restoration of the Jetty was in the Council's long term plan.

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The Trust sprang into action. By June 2016, the Trust had:

- Secured commitment from the Council that they will contribute at least \$538,000 towards restoration of the Jetty
- Reviewed the Council's engineering report and spoken to the author
- Completed a 3D scan and full survey of the Jetty
- Spoken to ECan and the Lyttelton harbour master about resource consent implications
- Consulted a landscape architect about the interaction of the Jetty with its surroundings and received concept designs
- Initiated consultation with local iwi
- Started a dialogue with engineers from Lyttelton Port Company who are happy to share their knowledge of marine structures
- Obtained the views of several engineers and contractors on repair vs rebuild and the different construction methods
- Issued a request for information to three well-established contractors with experience in marine structures and received estimates of costs
- Reached an agreement with the Council that gives the Trust authority to own the restoration project
- Set up a Facebook page, a website ([www.savethejetty.org](http://www.savethejetty.org)), and a givealittle page

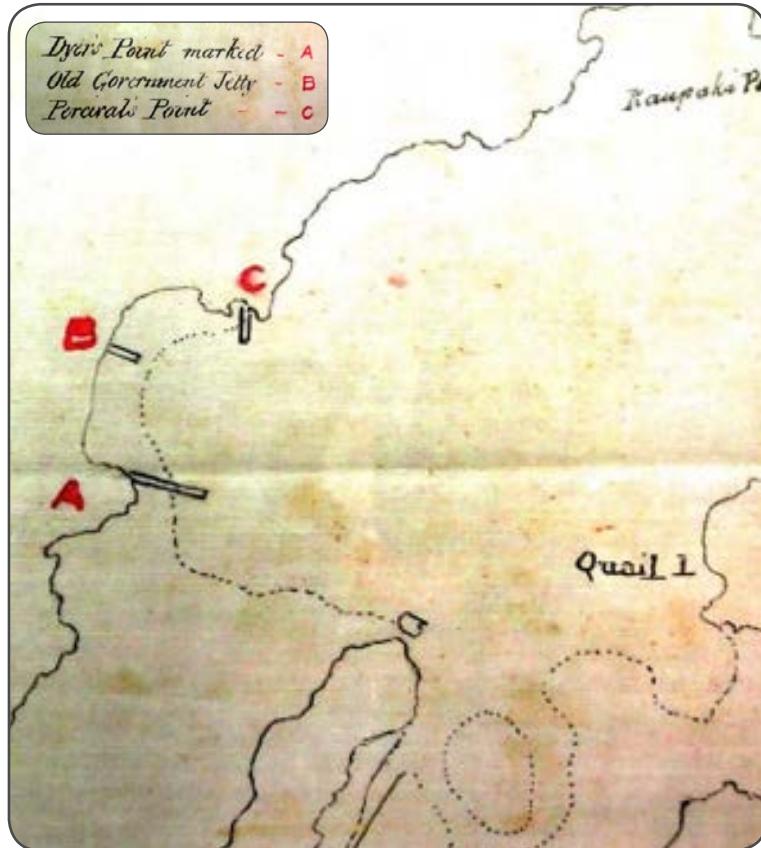


Diagram presented at a meeting in March 1874 to decide on the location of a new jetty in Governors Bay. Archives New Zealand / Te Rua Mahara o te Kawanatanga, Christchurch Regional Office, R8420896 CAAR 19946 CH287 CP297 / ICPW 632/1877

## Time line

- 1874: The Jetty (A) was built for the princely sum of £242
- 1910: Harbour Board planned to close the Jetty
- 1927: Jetty extended to its present length
- 1989: Ownership of Jetty transferred from Lyttelton Harbour Board to Banks Peninsula District Council
- 1997: Twenty piles replaced with the help of our community
- 2009: Children's drama Kaitangata Twitch filmed on and around the Jetty
- 2011: Jetty closed indefinitely
- 2015: Trust established and campaign launched to restore the Jetty
- 20???: Grand re-opening of the Jetty



“It brings so much joy, not just to locals but to people from all over the city and visitors from abroad ...Simple little things like a stroll along all of the peninsula jetties during sunrise, sunset, on rainy days or fine. It brings the magic.”

Raymond Clarke, Hoon Hay

The Jetty is Governors Bay and Governors Bay is the Jetty. An integral infrastructure in our community where people meet to socialise or just enjoy the solitude of the surroundings, encased by water – away from it all.

The Jetty has long been a playground for our young. ‘Jetty jumping’ a top sport at high tide. Later in life, the Jetty features in many family photos. A favourite for wedding photos.

Whether one is looking at the Jetty or from the Jetty, it is a central pivot to our community and we need it to be repaired – very much. Its loss would be traumatic. It is part of our family life and it is dearly treasured.

Pam Jones, Governors Bay resident



Photo supplied by Denis Aldridge



**canopy**  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Concept drawings  
by Gabe Ross

## The project

Restoration of the Jetty is a major project. It involves removal of non-viable piles, bents, and decking, piledriving of around 120 new piles deep into the sediment, and construction of the bents before the platforms can be built, decking laid and handrails erected.

The design and construction will be carried out by experienced, professional contractors and engineers with the oversight of the Trust. The Board of Trustees possesses a range of professional skills, including engineering, law, surveying, logistics, charity management, and communications.

Design will ensure compliance with construction standards and will maximise the amenity value of the Jetty. At the

seaward end will be a platform designed with the user in mind, with options for kayak mooring, kids fishing, picnicking and Jetty jumping.

At the land end, concept plans include landscaping that will weave the Jetty into the Head to Head walkway, with seating, car parking, native plantings, and access to rock pools.

Costings supplied to the Trust are for a full like-for-like restoration using Australian hardwood for the piles – a durable material that will withstand the harsh marine environment. The Trust will engage professional advice on the design and present the options and costs to the community.



Initial concept designs include possible shade option.

## Project phases

Engineers and contractors with experience in jetty repair and construction have recommended a full restoration. The scope of works is divided into phases:

**Planning phase:** Design, community consultation, obtaining building and resource consent, and fundraising.

**Preparation phase:** Procurement of materials, such as hardwood timber for piles and bents, marine grade fixtures, and treated timber for decking and

handrails. Erection of a staging platform and logistic planning for transport and storage of materials during construction.

**Construction phase:** Construction from the land using the Jetty as a platform for pile-driving machinery.

**Grand opening to the public!**

## Project cost

Costings from contractors put the price of full restoration in the order of \$3 million. Full restoration will allow the Jetty to be future-proofed for generations.

Initial maintenance needs will be minimal and the deck height will be raised to allow for predicted sea rise caused by climate change.

The Council has committed at least \$538,000 towards restoration of the Jetty, to become available in the July 2018 financial year. This contribution means that we have a solid foundation to build on. It represents the first 50 metres of the 300 metre Jetty.

The Council has publically expressed its confidence in the Trust and the Jetty restoration project and cited it as an example of community involvement and resilience.

The restoration will mean that our grandchildren and great grandchildren will be able to experience the magic of the Jetty because if one thing is for sure, the water and the hills that the Jetty connects will be here for millennia to come.

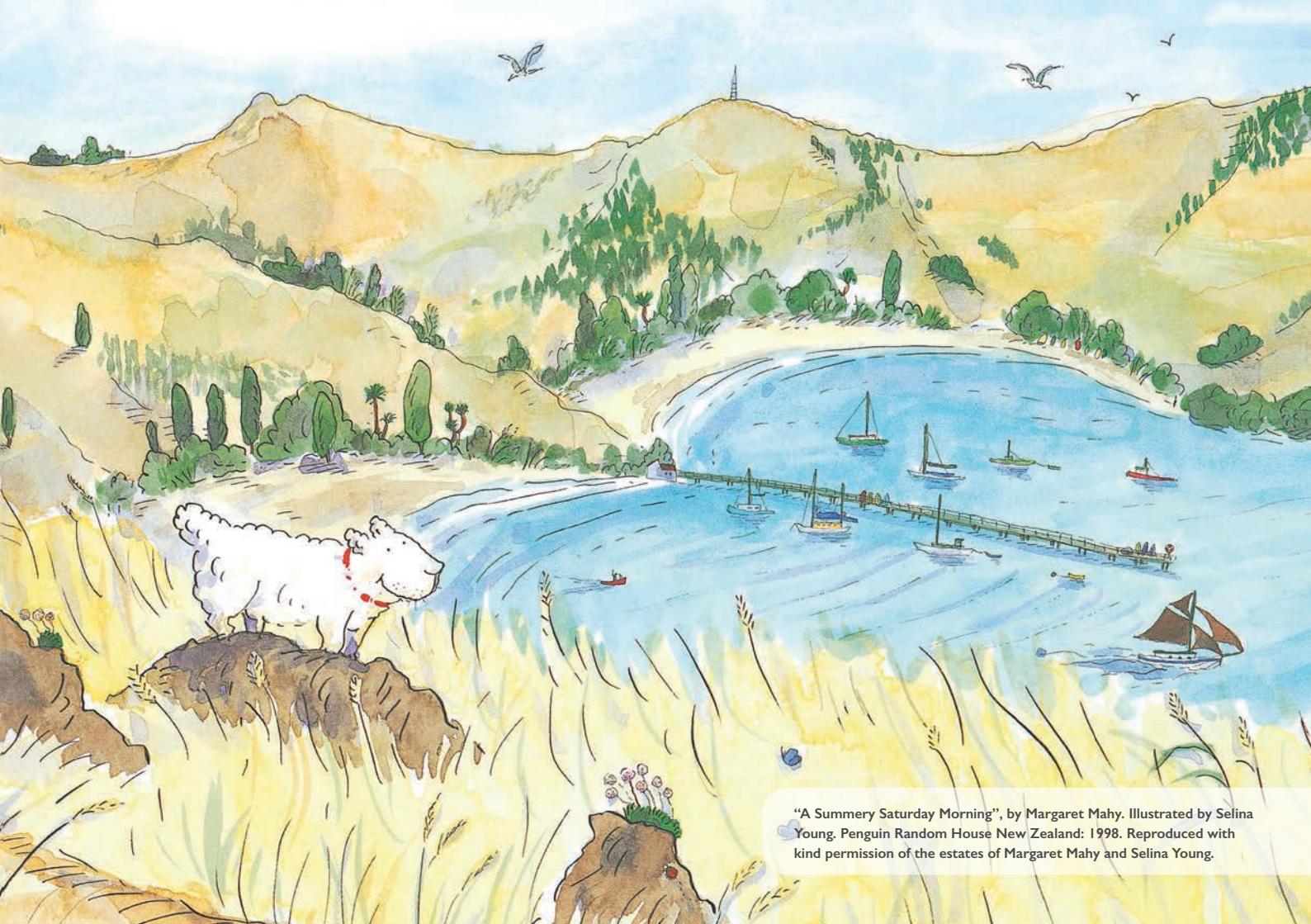
Investment in this project is more than an outlay in timber and metal. Rather, it is a significant contribution to helping people from Canterbury and beyond keep their spirits free amidst the challenges of life.

It gives them a way to build a resilient community where people can grow by being part of restoring something that is dear to them after having lost so much during the earthquakes.





Long grass grows on the edge of the sea,  
The edge of the sea, the edge of the sea.  
The wind is blowing wild and free  
On a summery Saturday morning.



"A Summery Saturday Morning", by Margaret Mahy. Illustrated by Selina Young. Penguin Random House New Zealand: 1998. Reproduced with kind permission of the estates of Margaret Mahy and Selina Young.



## The Journey

This project isn't just about the Jetty. It's about the journey. A journey that will bring people together, build resilience, help our recovery.

"The International Committee of the Red Cross has recognised the importance of communities taking an active role in leading their own recovery and finding the things that they value and find important. People who live in a location for an extended period have a sense of place which is rooted in the features around them and the personal attachments they make with the environment.

"The Jetty, as a cardinal feature of the Bay, is for many the lynchpin of the place they call home. Supporting the active movement that is rapidly developing in the Bay to restore the Jetty will provide a substantive impetus to its psychosocial recovery through the recovery of what is familiar and the strengthening of connectedness between the residents."

Nigel Millar, Chief Medical Officer

## From the children of Governors Bay School

We the children of Governors Bay Community have heard about our jetty might get demolished and we really want to save it.

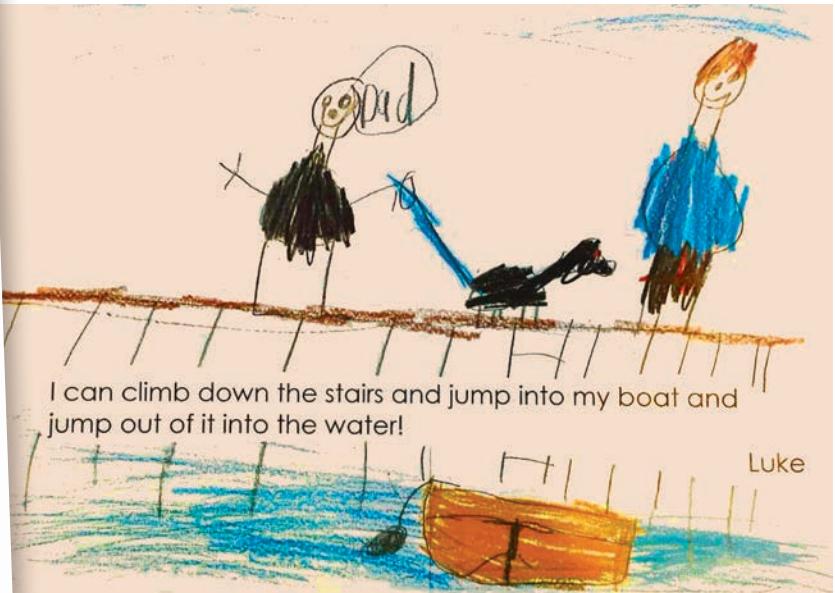
We know the jetty hasn't come to the end of its life and can still be used if we just put a bit of time and effort into it. It was no ones fault that it is wrecked and so we need help in rebuilding it.

It helps attract tourists from around the world which brings in money to Christchurch. Without the income Governors Bay would become a lonely little town. But not to forget the best of all, the shear beauty. If we took it away Governors Bay would have no symbol and would just look like a normal town. We don't want to be normal we want to stand out from the others and look amazing in every way.

It also is our community playground and we would love to have it so we can go fishing, jump of it into the clear blue water and go riding a bike across it in a tsunami. You can have a picnic on it, you can throw rocks off and watch them splat into the mud.

The jetty is 150 years old and is the biggest heritage attraction in the bay, it also symbolizes everything in the bay, from uniforms to famous pictures.

The jetty is our icon.  
From Tristan and Alastair



## Tax-effective giving

The Governors Bay Jetty Restoration Trust is a registered charity, which means a 33.3% tax rebate might apply to donations.

Donation	Tax rebate	Net cost to donor
\$100,000	\$33,300	\$66,700
\$50,000	\$16,650	\$33,350
\$10,000	\$3,330	\$6,670
\$5,000	\$1,665	\$3,335
\$1,000	\$333	\$667

For example:

Some donors prefer to manage their giving by making a pledge of monthly payments over the space of a year. We welcome this approach.

The Governors Bay Jetty Restoration Trust Charities Commission number is CC52478.

For further information on whether your donation will qualify for the 33.3% tax rebate, we recommend you consult a qualified financial advisor.





## Donate Now

The Jetty was built in a world where the horse and cart ruled and steam ships cast their lines to moor alongside. It has seen a lot of history and has been saved before.

The Jetty has reached the stage where it needs the attention and help of the next generation. We need your help now.

We invite you to be part of the next chapter of the Jetty's history.

To donate, email [savethejetty@gmail.com](mailto:savethejetty@gmail.com), go to [www.savethejetty.org](http://www.savethejetty.org) or phone Louisa on 021 129 5133 or Nick Harwood on 021 896 360.

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To find out the latest on the project or read our blog, visit [www.savethejetty.org](http://www.savethejetty.org).

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