

## **Governors Bay Jetty Restoration Trust**

### **Annual Report August 2019**

The last twelve months have seen significant milestones achieved. There are six important areas to report.

#### **The Council**

The Trust made further submissions to Council seeking confirmation of funding. Council have approved funding now totalling \$935,000, and we are grateful for the support of the deputy mayor Andrew Turner.

The formal agreement whereby Council transfers ownership of the jetty to the Trust is currently being completed, and we expect that to be settled in September/October 2019.

#### **The Volunteers**

The Trust has had meetings with eight Governors Bay residents who will head up the volunteer support teams. Several have had extensive knowledge from previous work on the jetty, replacing piles and carrying out general repairs. Their skill set and enthusiasm are impressive.

We have also learnt from the residents of Robinsons Bay in the restoring of their jetty; and from Paul Devlin, the head Park Ranger of Banks Peninsula who oversaw their work.

#### **The Engineering Solution**

We are well advanced in preparing plans and specifications. This required a cone penetration test to assess the ground conditions as to suitability of piling. We sort advice from persons experienced in marine constructions including from the city engineer and can now plan with a good degree of confidence.

#### **The Selection of Contractor**

This remains a work in progress as we assess the role that the contractor will play in the deconstruction and sourcing of materials. We are grateful to the contractors who have each provided helpful input and await us now providing

them with completed plans and specifications to requote on. We would expect the selection progress to be completed in September/October.

### **Buy Our Own Trees**

We received advice from Mark Belton that there was a plantation of Eucalyptus Globoidea trees on Banks Peninsula which was planted in the early 1900s that would be suitable timber for the main jetty structure and decking. We are very grateful for the introduction. We are currently in the process of completing agreements to purchase the trees, to contract logging and milling to meet the standards and specifications required for the jetty construction. Given the commercial sensitivity surrounding this agreement it is not appropriate to provide any further details at this stage.

We have also sourced the timber required for the piles independent of the contractor both of which will lead to significant savings while recognising the additional work involved from the Trustees.

### **Raising funds**

Once there is confidence that the jetty rebuild can begin shortly we are hopeful that raising funds will commence in earnest. Today we can say we are confident that this point has now been reached with deconstruction commencing in October/November, and reconstruction beginning in February /March.

The Trust need to further fundraise from the community within Governors Bay, throughout Lyttelton Harbour, and from Christchurch, a total of \$400,000.

These funds will be mainly sourced from

- Multiple events
- Sale of timber, furniture etc sourced from the jetty
- Business sponsorship and cash donations
- Further sponsorship of planks

The residents of Governors Bay now have the opportunity to further support the Trust by helping organise, and participating in, each of these activities.

It's premature to say we have now achieved our goal but it is in sight after a marathon four and a half years. I would like to thank all the Trustees while recognising the very special contribution that Louisa Eades has made. The Trust thanks those people who continue to support us, in particular Stuart Bould, and those persons who provide pro bono services – Eliot Sinclair, Walker Davey Searell, and Mortlock McCormack Law. This time next year we will have a whole lot more people to thank.

**Simon Mortlock**

Chair, Governors Bay Jetty Restoration Trust